

AGENDA

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 08 April 2024

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River 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.

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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.

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE COMMITTEE 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.

APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: COM008-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager


Matter Type: Previous Minutes

COM008-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2024, be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

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MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 11 March 2024

6:00 PM

**Dragon Room
Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville**

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

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PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir (ex-officio member), Councillor Ashvini Ambihapahar, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager - David Tuxford, Acting Director Community and Culture - Justin Yeomans, Director Environment and Planning – Meryl Bishop, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Coordinator Traffic and Transport – Henry Huynh, Team Leader Technology Business Support - Mark Tadros, Executive Services Officer - Marisa Severino, Personal Assistant to the Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services - Billie Johnson and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture - Franziska Mintus (Minutes).

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 6.03pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM006-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024
(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM007-24 Resident Parking Permit Scheme Policy for Adoption
(Report by Manager City Life)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council adopts the Resident Parking Permit Scheme Policy, and
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the policy, if required.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.11pm.

Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: COM009-24 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024

Author: Coordinator, Programming and Operations

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Committee Reports

COM009-24

RECOMMENDATION:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report details Lease and Licence agreements executed within Georges River Council's Community Property portfolio for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.
2. During the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024, there were one (1) Lease renewal and one (1) Licence renewal executed by Council by way of delegated authority to the General Manager as the term and/or facilities where outside of the General Manager's delegations (CCL101-23, CCL112-23).

BACKGROUND

3. Council manages a portfolio of sixty-four (64) community properties under a community Lease or community Licence.
4. There are thirty-seven (37) community facilities in the community property portfolio, which are divided into forty (40) separate tenancies (Table 1 - 6 in the attached Community Property Register - 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024).
5. There are twenty-six (26) community/sporting amenity buildings in the community property portfolio which are divided into thirty-one (31) separate licensable areas. One licensable area is shared seasonally between two different tenants (Table 7 in the attached Community Property Register - 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024).
6. During the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024, there was one (1) Deed of Licence agreement and one (1) Option Lease executed:
 - a) Jubilee Community Services, being Part Jubilee Park Community Centre, 2B – 2C Boundary Road, Mortdale – Renewal by exercise of Option Licence. The term is for seven (7) years from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2029 with a further seven (7) years Option Period from 1 July 2029 to 30 June 2036.
 - i. On 1 April 2015, the former Hurstville City Council resolved via COW044-15 to grant a Deed of Licence to Jubilee Community Services Incorporated which commenced on 1 July 2015, for a term of seven (7) years with two (2) renewal Options for seven (7) years each.
 - ii. In accordance with Council resolution (CCL065-22) dated 2 August 2022, Council resolved to delegate authority to the General Manager to enter Leases for terms (including any period of renewal) not exceeding 10 years.

- iii. As the potential total Licence term of up to twenty-one (21) years, including two (2) renewal Options, and is above the General Manager's delegated authority, a confidential report was presented at the 27 November 2023 Council meeting seeking approval from Council to delegate authority to the General Manager to enter a renewal Option Licence with Jubilee Community Services Incorporated for Part Jubilee Park Community Centre, 2B-2C Boundary Road for a period of seven (7) years, for the term 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2029 (CCL101-23, COM038A-23).
- b) Kingsway Community Care Inc, undisclosed location – Renewal by exercise of Option Lease. The term is for one (1) year from 23 December 2023 to 22 December 2024.
 - i. As the property is identified on the list of properties specified within Clause 4 of the Georges River Council Instrument of Delegation of Functions to General Manager, a confidential report was presented at the 18 December 2023 Council meeting seeking approval from Council to delegate authority to the General Manager to enter a renewal Option Lease with Kingsway Community Care, Crisis Accommodation (location undisclosed) (CCL112-23, COM057A-23).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. Council's Community Property portfolio is forecast to receive a total annual income of \$119,476 (excluding GST).
8. An annual rental subsidy of \$1,052,466 (excluding GST) is applied across Council's community property portfolio based on current market rental rates. Subsidies are determined in accordance with Council's Community Lease Policy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

9. A failure to enact the Leases and Licences in accordance with Council's Community Lease Policy could have a negative reputational impact on Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

10. Community engagement was undertaken in accordance with the Council's Community Lease Policy.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/42591

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Attachment 1 Community Property Register - 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024



Attachment 1 Community Property Report - Community Properties Listing

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1 January 2024 – 31 March 2024

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Table 1 - Scouts and Girl Guides

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Oatley Girl Guides Hall 61 Neville Street, Oatley	Girl Guides Association NSW	\$20	TBC	30/06/2009
2	Prairievale Reserve Girl Guides Hall and Scout Hall 61 Terry Street, Blakehurst	Girl Guides Association NSW and The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$20	TBC	15/08/2004
3	Beverly Hills Scout Hall 30 Kooemba Road, Beverly Hills	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$115	TBC	30/11/2003
4	Glen Road Scout Hall 2A Glen Road, Oatley	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$115	TBC	18/08/2002
5	Kingsway Scout Hall 74 Barnards Avenue, Hurstville	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$1	TBC	31/12/2021
6	Kyle Bay Sea Scouts Hall 161 Kyle Parade, Connells Point	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$20	TBC	24/10/1996
7	Lugarno Scout Hall 18a Lime Kiln Road, Lugarno	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$1	TBC	31/12/2021
8	Oatley West Scout Hall 117D Woronora Parade, Oatley	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$1	TBC	31/12/2021
9	Oatley Sea Scouts Hall 16 Annette Street, Oatley	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$20	TBC	9/01/2000
10	Peakhurst Park Hall 7a Hedley Street, Riverwood	Vacant	\$0	N/A	N/A
Total:			\$333	\$0	

Table 2 - Community Centres

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Mortdale Community Centre 2B-2C Boundary Road, Mortdale	Jubilee Community Services	\$0	\$99,034	30/06/2036
2	Kingsgrove Community Centre 30 Morgan Street, Kingsgrove	Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre Inc.	\$0	\$48,080	30/06/2025
3	49 English Street, Kogarah	Kogarah Community Services	\$9,112	\$22,088	17/08/2025
4	Riverwood Community Centre 31 Thurlow Street, Riverwood	Riverwood Community Centre Ltd.	\$508	\$11,242	31/12/2023
5	Pole Depot, Part 23 and 25, St Georges Road, Penshurst	3Bridges Community Ltd.	\$1	\$104,999	4/09/2037
6	Norm and Beryl Butters Senior Citizens Centre 161 Hurstville Road, Oatley	3Bridges Community Ltd.	\$5,200	\$11,600	30/06/2021
Total:			\$14,821	\$297,043	

Attachment 1 Community Property Report - Community Properties Listing

Table 3 - Baby Health Centres

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Kingsgrove Baby Health Centre 30 Morgan Street, Kingsgrove	NSW Dept of Health	\$0	\$5,000	N/A
2	Oatley Baby Health Centre 26 Letitia Street, Oatley	NSW Dept of Health	\$0	\$45,000	N/A
3	Riverwood Baby Health Centre Cnr Keppel Avenue and Short Street, Riverwood	NSW Dept of Health	\$0	\$16,500	N/A
4	South Hurstville Baby Health Centre 1a Allen Street, South Hurstville	NSW Dept of Health	\$0	\$28,000	N/A
Total:			\$0	\$94,500	

Table 4 - Community Sports

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	163 Kyle Parade, Connells Point	Connells Point Sailing Club	\$561	\$32,339	29/04/2027
2	12 Merriman Street, Kyle Bay	Blakehurst Bowling Club Inc	\$578	\$4,622	18/09/2026
3	Hurstville Oval 30 Dora Street, Hurstville	St George Cricket Club Inc.	\$2,295	\$12,005	30/04/2029
4	Olds Park Sports Club 1 Olds Park Lane, Beverly Hills	Olds Park Sport Club	\$17,160	\$8,580	28/03/23
Total:			\$20,594	57,546	

Table 5 - Community Gardens

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Hurstville Community Gardens 63 Wright Street, Hurstville	Hurstville Community Gardens Association	\$1	TBC	31/03/2011
2	Carss Park Community Gardens 72 Carwar Ave, Carss Park	Carss Park Gardens Group Managed by Georges River Council	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total:			\$1	\$0	

Table 6 - Miscellaneous

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Penshurst Park Youth Facility 643-643A King Georges Road, Penshurst	3Bridges Community Inc.	\$56,307	\$209,068	31/12/2026
2	25 Cook Street, Mortdale	Mortdale Men's Shed Inc.	\$483	\$35,917	31/10/2022

Attachment 1 Community Property Report - Community Properties Listing

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
3	Carss Cottage 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park	Kogarah Historical Society	\$508	\$22,892	12/12/2026
4	76 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park	St George Men's Shed Inc.	\$321	\$14,679	01/05/2026
5	5 Bryant Street, Narwee	Narwee Pre-School Kindergarten Inc	\$15,516	\$130,734	17/08/2033
6	Level 1, 84 Railway Parade, Kogarah	Radio 2NBC	\$1	\$46,499	31/07/2022
7	Pole Depot Part 23, St Georges Road, Penshurst	St George Creative Arts Society	\$1,392	\$24,858	31/12/2023
8	Crisis Accommodation Undisclosed location	Kingsway Community Care Inc.	\$0	\$45,455	Undisclosed
9	16 Gray Street, Kogarah	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust	\$1,000	\$39,000	10/12/2089
10	Kogarah School of Arts 10 Bowns Road, Kogarah	St George Concert Band	TBC	TBC	TBC
11	Cnr Crofts Street and Cross Street, Hurstville	Vacant	\$0	N/A	N/A
12	27 Railway Lands, Kogarah (Opposite 134 Railway Parade, Kogarah)	Vacant	\$0	N/A	N/A
13	1a Allen Street, South Hurstville	Vacant	\$0	N/A	N/A
14	Kempt Field Storeroom 75 Durham Street, Hurstville	Vacant	\$0	N/A	N/A
Total:			\$75,528	\$569,102	

COMMUNITY/SPORTING AMENITY BUILDINGS

Table 7 - Sport Amenities

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Lower Gannon's Park Storeroom	Hurstville All Breed Dog Training Club Inc.	\$776	\$2,224	30/09/2027
2	Poulton Park Netball Storeroom 9 Morshead Drive, Connells Point	Connells Point Netball Club	\$539	\$261	10/12/2024
3	Peakhurst Park Touch Football Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 5a Hedley Street, Riverwood	Head Licence St George Touch Football Association Sub Licence Peakhurst Touch Football	TBC	TBC	TBC
4	Beverly Hills Park Rugby League Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 199 Vanessa Street, Beverly Hills	Head Licence St George Junior Rugby League Inc. Sub Licence Kingsgrove Colts	TBC	TBC	TBC
5	Renown Reserve Rugby League Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 28 Mountbatten Street, Oatley	Head Licence St George Junior Rugby League Inc. Sub Licence Renown United Football Club	TBC	TBC	TBC

Item: COM010-24 Outgoing Sponsorship request Georges River Local Business Awards

Author: Coordinator Events and Sponsorship

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. On 4 March 2024, Council received a sponsorship request from Precedent Productions for \$10,000 to be a major sponsor of the 2024 Georges River Local Business Awards.
2. This Outgoing Sponsorship request has been assessed and Council approval is recommended in accordance with Clause 2.4 of the Georges River Council Sponsorship Policy (2023).

BACKGROUND

3. Council has provided sponsorship support to Precedent Productions for the George River Local Business Awards, previously named the St George Local Business Awards for over 12 years. The program generates strong local business interest and participation.
4. Council provided Outgoing Sponsorship of \$10,000 towards the 2023 St George Local Business Awards. Funding for the event was from the 2023/24 financial year budget and the Awards presentation evening was held on Wednesday 5 July 2023, at the Southern Sydney Event Centre.
5. The 2023 Awards received 14,454 small business nominations with 331 finalists and 32 winners selected. The awards presentation evening was attended by 540 small business representatives with Georges River Council acknowledged as a major sponsor and the Mayor and Councillors representing Council on the night.
6. In previous years the St George Local Business Awards spanned the Bayside and Georges River Council local government areas. In June 2023, Precedent Productions advised Council that the program would be split with a separate program being run for each local government area. Councillors were advised of this upcoming change via the Councillor Information Bulletin on 4 July 2023.
7. On 17 July 2023, the Bayside Local Business Awards program launched, and the first Bayside Local Business Awards presentation evening was held on 17 October 2023.
8. On 1 March 2024, Precedent Productions formally advised Council that the previously named St George Local Business Awards would be changing its name to the Georges River Local Business Awards. This name change would align the program to accurately recognise the geographical scope and local government area boundaries of business participation.

9. On 4 March 2024, Council received a sponsorship request from Precedent Productions for Council to become a major sponsor for the 2024 newly named Georges River Local Business Awards, valued at \$10,000.
10. The 2024 Georges River Local Business Awards presentation night will be held on Wednesday 3 July 2024 at the Southern Sydney Event Centre located in Hurstville.
11. In accordance with the Sponsorship Policy (2023), Council officers reviewed the proposal to assess potential sponsorship benefits to Council and the local business community if Council were to sponsor the 2024 George River Local Business Awards.
12. The benefits to Council and the local business community for being a major sponsor of the 2024 Georges River Local Business Awards include:
 - a) Access to the contacts of the list of finalists and winners.
 - b) Sponsorship recognition through digital and print media including digital screens at the event.
 - c) Logo recognition on event collateral.
 - d) Logo recognition on post-event Facebook campaign.
 - e) Tickets for ten Council representatives to attend the presentation evening.
 - f) The opportunity for a Council representative to address the audience in a keynote speech and participate in the Awards presentation to winners; and
 - g) Support for the Awards demonstrates Council's recognition of the value small business bring to our community in providing local services and local jobs.
13. It is recommended that Council sponsor the 2024 Georges River Local Business Awards to the value of \$10,000 given the benefit provided to Council and the local business community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. Should Council approve Outgoing Sponsorship for the 2024 Georges River Local Business Awards to the financial value of \$10,000, funding will be allocated from the 2024/25 financial year budget account 402002.6000.64804 as the event is hosted next financial year.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

15. Council has an extensive history of sponsoring the St George Local Business Awards on an annual basis. Given the significant local community interest in the event, there may be a reputational risk to Council in becoming disassociated from the event which would be contrary to expectations amongst both business and community members.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

16. On 24 July 2023, Council approved the revised Draft Sponsorship Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
17. Community engagement was undertaken in the development of the Sponsorship Policy (2023).
18. The Sponsorship Policy (2023) was adopted by Council on 23 October 2023 (CCL091-23).

FILE REFERENCE

D24/49557

ATTACHMENTS

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COM010-24

Item: COM011-24 **Georges River Council Public Art Policy**

Author: Coordinator Cultural Services

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

- (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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Georges River Council Public Art Policy (the Policy) provides a framework for the acquisition, assessment, development, and management of public art in the Georges River local government area.
2. The revised draft Policy includes changes that make the document easier to read and understand, in line with Council's commitment to customer experience and accessibility. The revised draft also includes new content to ensure the Policy remains consistent with other recent policies, as well as providing an effective framework for engaging artists and community members to create meaningful public art outcomes, including appropriate consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

BACKGROUND

3. Council adopted the Create Georges River Cultural Strategy on 23 September 2019 (COM034-19 / CCL058-19). The strategy identified the need to create a Public Art Policy to guide the development of public art throughout the Georges River local government area (LGA).
4. Council adopted the Georges River Council Public Art Policy (the Policy) on 20 April 2020 (CCL016-20). The Policy applies to ephemeral, temporary and permanent art of any medium that is located, performed, or staged in public places in the Georges River area either by Council or property developers.
5. Council led public art projects are delivered through the Public Art Program and through inclusion in capital works projects. Developer led public art projects are delivered as part of a Development Application, as outlined in the Georges River Council Development Control Plan 2021. Implementation of developer led projects and understanding of the Policy is supported by the Georges River Council Public Art Guidelines for Developers.
6. In accordance with the Policy, the Georges River Council Public Art Advisory Panel (the PAAP) was established in July 2022 to provide best practice advice regarding permanent public art initiatives valued at over \$50,000. Membership of the PAAP includes up to seven external cultural sector specialists as well as Council officers who represent the areas of Strategic Placemaking, City Strategy, Technical Services, Operational Services, and Cultural Services.

7. Council has implemented a series of successful public art projects under the Policy including murals, sculptural works, and temporary activations. The public projects are summarised in Attachment 1.
8. The Policy was reviewed in consultation with Council officers from Strategic Placemaking, City Technical Services, Community Capacity Building, Governance and Risk, and Development and Building. Consultation was also conducted with two key stakeholder groups, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee and the Public Art Advisory Committee. The revised draft Policy is included in Attachment 2.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

9. In accordance with Council's commitment to customer experience and accessibility, the revised draft Policy includes minor changes that make the document easier to read, understand and implement. These changes have simplified the text but have not changed the purpose, operation, or effect of the existing policy.
10. Following consultation with identified stakeholders, the amendments listed below have been included in the revised draft:
 - (a) The 'Definition of Terms' section includes the following new definitions:
 - (i) Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP)
 - (ii) Access to the arts
 - (iii) Deaccession
 - (iv) Integrated public art
 - (v) Place-making
 - (vi) Public space
 - (b) Section 1.4 was updated to include the following policy documents which were developed by Council, State or Federal Government since 2019:
 - (i) Georges River Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2022-2026)
 - (ii) Georges River Council's Social Justice Charter (2022-2026)
 - (iii) Revive: Australia's Cultural Policy (2023-2028)
 - (iv) NSW Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy - Creative Communities (2024-2033)
 - (v) NSW Public Art Toolkit (2023)
 - (c) Section 2.3 was updated to include the term 'respect' and establishes a framework for engagement between artists and the community. This key principle will ensure public art is relevant to its location and meaningful to the community.
 - (d) Section 2.7 was added to ensure opportunities are provided for artists of all levels and to support capacity building within Georges Rivers' creative community.
 - (e) Section 2.8 was added to ensure public art initiatives are accessible and inclusive in accordance with Council's Disability Inclusion Access Plan 2022-2026 and the Social Justice Charter 2022-2026. This key principle identifies the priority of engaging with Traditional Custodians to increase the visibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in Georges River.
 - (f) Section 3.7 was added to explain how Council may remove, relocate, alter, or deaccession public art if it is deemed unsuitable for the current use of the site, is unsafe to the public, has deteriorated beyond repair or to the point where it is no

longer representative of the artist's intent, or where the artwork's integrity cannot be maintained.

- (g) Section 4.14 was amended to clarify Council's responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of Council led public artworks.
- (h) Section 4.15 was added to comply with the requirements of Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP). This new section establishes a framework for effective consultation with Traditional Custodians to ensure the protection of the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, regarding their traditional arts and culture - including songs, music, dances, stories, ceremonies, symbols, languages, and designs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11. The public art program is delivered within budget allocation. The revised draft Policy maintains the existing funding thresholds and processes for public art related to capital works programs and development in Georges River:
 - (a) Council capital works projects valued at \$1 million or more require a minimum one per cent of total costs being allocated to public art and these projects are subject to existing budget approval processes.
 - (b) All commercial, public administration, retail and mixed-use property developments valued at \$5 million or more require a minimum of one per cent of total costs being allocated to public art.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 12. An operational risk was identified regarding inconsistent interpretation or application of the Policy leading to unauthorised or inappropriate public art. The revised draft Policy reduces this risk by providing clauses that are easier to read, understand and implement.
- 13. A reputational risk to Council has been identified should Council not approve the revised draft Policy for public exhibition. Council's commitment to deliver public art projects to create socially and culturally connected communities is included in Pillar 1 of the Community Strategic Plan as well as the Create Georges River Cultural Strategy.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 14. The original development of the Policy in 2019 followed community engagement through consultation workshops, online surveys, and a social media campaign.
- 15. The revised draft Policy has been developed in consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee and the Public Art Advisory Committee.
- 16. Should Council approve the revised draft Policy, it will be placed on public exhibition on Council's Your Say website for a period of no less than 28 days.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/72833

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Council-led Public Artworks - 2020 onwards



Attachment [↓](#)2 Revised Draft Public Art Policy 2024



Item: COM012-24 Adoption of the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy

Author: Coordinator, Programming and Operations and Manager City Life

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Committee Reports

COM012-24

RECOMMENDATION:

- (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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy (The Strategy) provides high-level direction for the provision of community centres, libraries, open space, sport and recreation facilities, athletics and aquatic facilities in the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA) (**Attachment 1**).
2. The purpose of the Strategy is to build on the 2019 Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy. Updating benchmarks with 2021 Census data and growth rates, the Strategy nominates existing and future gaps in supply and identifies acquisition target areas for investigation to meet demand through to 2036. The Strategy provides strategic guidance around open space and community facility provision with a focus on the identification of gaps in provision at a local government and local area level. Previous Council strategies have investigated in detail how much and what type of community infrastructure is required. Conclusions from this study focus on spatial analysis to indicate where this provision might be best targeted for future provision.
3. On 18 December 2023, Council endorsed the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy for the purpose of public exhibition for the period of no less than 60 days (CCL111-23).
4. Throughout the public exhibition period from 22 December 2023 to 20 February 2024, Council received 818 visits to community consultation platform, 'Your Say', with a total of 434 submissions received, along with one direct email from a Member of Parliament and two Councillor submissions.
5. A summary of submissions received as part of the public exhibition of the Strategy is provided within this report with the detailed feedback attached to this report (**Attachment 2**).
6. Following a review of community feedback, no amendments to the Strategy were required as all actions recommended within this technical report are subject to further detailed investigation by Council officers, allocation of future budget and subsequent Council approval.

BACKGROUND

7. Consistent with the previous report on the 2019 Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy, this Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Strategy considers demand for the following facility types:
 - Aquatic facilities;
 - Athletic facilities;
 - Community centres;
 - Libraries;
 - Open space; and
 - Sports and recreation facilities (inclusive of fields, courts for netball, tennis, basketball and indoor courts).
8. The Strategy provides guidance around open space and community facility provision with a focus on the identification of gaps in provision at an LGA level.
9. The Strategy weighs up both population pressures and distribution patterns to understand areas of greatest need more holistically. The analysis ranks areas most suitable for asset acquisition along a comparative spectrum based on the existing condition, acknowledging that additional opportunities would arise through land use restructuring. The Strategy does not seek to nominate specific lots for acquisition, instead it maps zones of preference, providing the strategic underpinning to streamline future site identification through additional studies.
10. Although the Georges River population is not growing as rapidly as the LGAs around it, the Strategy outlines that apartments now account for one third of the housing stock across Georges River, increasing the significance of public open space and shared community spaces.
11. Further, the Strategy highlights an uneven distribution of existing facilities across the LGA. While open space, sports fields, and courts are more evenly spread, this disparity creates pressure on other assets serving both local residents and the wider community.
12. For each asset type, the required floorspace and/or number of facilities was calculated for the current population and projected future population in 2036 as outlined in the table below:

Facility type	Benchmark	Current Provision	2021 Need	2021 Gap	2036 Need	2036 Gap
Athletics track	1 per 250,000 people	2 tracks	1 track	1 track	1 track	1 track
Aquatic facilities	Local: 10,000 - 40,000 people District: 40,000 - 70,000 people Major: 70,000 - 100,000 people Regional: 100,000 - 150,000 people	1 District 1 Regional 1 Local (committed) Total capacity for approximately 260,000 people (assuming upper limit capacity)	Total capacity catering to 152,274 (2021 population)	107,726-person capacity	Total capacity catering to 177,000 (2036 population)	83,000 person capacity
Community centres	80sqm per 1,000 people	8,008sqm	12,181sqm	-4,174sqm	14,160sqm	-6,152sqm Equivalent of approximately five and a half centres similar to Mortdale Community Centre
Libraries	28sqm per 1,000 people, plus 20% for circulation space	6,201sqm	5,116sqm	1,085sqm	5,947sqm	254sqm
Open space	23.4sqm per person	4,103,625sqm	3,563,212sqm	540,413sqm	4,141,800sqm	-38,175sqm (3.8 ha)
Sport and recreation—sports fields	1 sport space (covering AFL, Rugby, Soccer, Cricket) per 4,000 - 5,000 people	43 sports fields	31-38 sports fields	5-13 sports fields	35-44 sports fields	-8 - 1 sports fields
Sport and recreation—courts	Netball: 1 court for every 3,000 people	21 courts	51 courts	-30 courts	59 courts	-38 courts
	Tennis Courts: 1 court for every 2,500 people	15 courts	61 courts	-46 courts	71 courts	-56 courts
	Basketball Courts: 1 court for every 3,000 - 4,000 people	7 courts	38-51 courts	-31-44 courts	44-59 courts	-37--52 courts
	Indoor Courts: 1 court for every 17,000 - 33,000 people	3.5 courts	5-9 courts	-1-6 courts	5-10 courts	-2--7 courts

13. Recommendations pertaining to facility provision based on current and future demand have been provided by facility type, prioritised by expected level of impact of the proposed actions to meet future demand pressures for those community facilities as identified in the benchmarking analysis.
14. A high-level summary of 22 recommended actions is provided in the table below:

Facility Type	Actions		Expected Impact
4. General	5. G1	6. Monitor population changes and benchmark provision.	7. Low
	8. G2	9. Expand existing facilities where possible.	10. High
	11. G3	12. Complete 'fitness for purpose' analysis of existing assets.	13. High
	14. G4	15. Design flexible spaces.	16. High
	17. G5	18. Co-locate new facilities.	19. High
	20. G6	21. Create a centralised system for facility access.	22. High
23.	24. G7	25. Advocate for repurposing/ declaration of well-positioned and surplus State Government assets for community use.	26. Medium
27. Community Centres and Libraries	28. CL1	29. Create new asset cluster in the west to improve equitable distribution. 30.	31. High
32. Community Centres	33. C1	34. Promote incorporation of community centres in mixed use buildings in high density areas.	35. Medium
	36. C2	37. Review community hall hire agreements.	38. Low
39. Libraries	40. L1	41. Explore library siting options in target areas with no existing local provision.	42. Medium
43. Open Space	44. O1	45. Complete a quality audit of open space.	46. High
	47. O2	48. Promote open space provision as part of developer contributions particularly within housing investigation areas and sites identified for densification.	49. High
	50. O3	51. Explore partial reclamation of golf courses for active open space.	52. Low
53.	54. O4	55. Explore repurpose/ acquisition of carparks for community facilities and or open space.	56. Medium

57. Sport and Recreation	58. S1	59. Remediate/ provide stormwater management upgrades for existing sports fields.	60. Medium
	61. S2	62. Upgrade lighting at competition grade sporting fields.	63. Medium
	64. S3	65. Cluster new sport and recreation assets with existing facilities.	66. Medium
	67. S4	68. Identify new proposed school infrastructure for use as community assets after hours, including library use and sport and recreation hire.	69. Low
	70. S5	71. Explore partial reclamation of golf courses to deliver large lot size recreation assets such as sports courts or indoor sports centres.	72. Low
	73. S6	74. Explore options for 'informal' recreation through management of open space, enhancing connections through and between open space to expand the network of passive 'informal' recreation.	75. High
	76. S7	77. Re-position Jubilee Stadium as a multi-use asset.	78. Low

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15. The Strategy provides further recommendations:

- i. The need for Council to gather asset-specific and financial information as part of a broader asset strategy process;
- ii. The need to consider Council budgets and funding options; and
- iii. The examination of the financial implications of any asset adjustment over time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

16. No budget impact for this report.
17. Should Council adopt the Strategy, further detailed investigations on the recommendations within the Strategy will be subject to further detailed investigation by Council officers, allocation of future budget and subsequent Council approval.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

18. If this Strategy is not adopted and recommendations are not implemented, Council will not have the strategic direction on what is required to meet current and future demands in open space, recreation and community facilities for the Georges River local government area.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

19. Following the resolution of Council in December 2023 (CCL111-23), the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy was placed on public exhibition from 22 December 2023 to 20 February 2024 and public submissions were sought via 'Your Say'.

20. A total of 818 visits to the community consultation platform, 'Your Say' were identified, with a total of 434 submissions received, along with one direct email from a Member of Parliament and two Councillor submissions.
21. The community were informed of the public exhibition period through the fortnightly Your Say newsletter and email notifications to Council's database of community and sporting organisations.
22. Information on the public exhibition period and findings of the Strategy were also presented to the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee on 1 February 2024.
23. Of the 437 submissions received, 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 in within the LGA. Noting this community sentiment in relation to golf courses, no amendments to the Strategy were required as all actions recommended within this technical report are subject to further detailed investigation by Council officers, allocation of future budget and subsequent Council approval.
24. A summary of community feedback received during the public exhibition period is outlined within the table below. Note: some submissions provided comment on more than one facility type.


Facility Type	Number of Submissions	Summarised Community Feedback
Athletics	1	The feedback did not agree with the information provided on the Athletics fields within the LGA.
Aquatics	2	Feedback received recommends the need for better aquatic facilities.
Community Centres	2	Feedback supports addressing the provision gap for community centres. Topics included exploring co-location and shared use of facilities and community need in Lugarno area.
Libraries	2	The feedback did not agree with Mortdale as a target area for library services and that decision-making should be based on suburbs and wards.
Open Space	433	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 in within the LGA. One submission was in favour of partial reclamation of golf courses, with conditions. One submission suggested a court wall within a park. One submission requested bike lanes within the LGA suggesting a bike with neighbouring Councils.
Sport and Recreation - Courts	3	Three submissions were in support of addressing the identified shortfall in the provision of sport and recreation with specific comments relating to the upgrading of Netstrata Jubilee Stadium to increase multi-use and upgrading of facilities at HV Evatt Memorial Park.


25. The details of community feedback received during the public exhibition period, 22 December 2023 to 20 February 2024 is attached as **Attachment 2**.

FILE REFERENCE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1  Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Strategy

Attachment [↓](#)2  Details of Community Feedback Received – Public Exhibition Period, 22 December 2023 to 20 February 2024

