

# **AGENDA**

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## **Assets and Infrastructure Committee**

**Monday, 10 March 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Waratah 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.

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.

## **ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE 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**

#### **REQUEST TO JOIN VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

#### **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

#### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Item:** ASS007-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025

**Author:** Manager Office of the General Manager

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025, be confirmed.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025



ASS007-25

## MINUTES

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### Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, 10 February 2025

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar (Chairperson), Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos and Councillor Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Manager City Technical Services – Tom Heath, Manager Strategic Placemaking – Hayley Barnes, Coordinator Engineering – James Magee, EA to the Director, Assets and infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath (minutes) and Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos and Chris Stojanski– Technical Support.

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Ambihaipahar, opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

That an apology be accepted for Deputy Mayor Liu, Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun.

**MOTION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Anzellotti

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

## **REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

There were no requests to join via Audio Visual Link.

## **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

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

## **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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

## DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

## PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### ASS001-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024, be confirmed.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

### ASS002-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2024

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Wang

That the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2024, are submitted to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee for consideration and to Council for adoption.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

### ASS006-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2025, be confirmed.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ASS003-25 Water Splash/Play Pad in the Georges River LGA

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Mort

That the report identifying suitable locations for a future Water Splash/Play Pad in the Georges River local government area is received and noted.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

### ASS004-25 Verge Maintenance Seaforth Avenue off Gungah Bay Road Oatley

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Wang, Councillor Anzellotti

(a) That Council note that on 22 January 2025, one-time maintenance was undertaken on the verge of Seaforth Avenue and Gungah Bay Road, Oatley.

(b) That Council officers contact the resident of 12 Gungah Bay Road and support them to connect with any appropriate community services that provide assistance in maintaining verge/nature strips.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

### ASS005-25 Oatley Park Baths Amenities Building Upgrades

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

(a) That the report outlining the design options and costings for the Oatley Baths Amenities Building Upgrades is received and noted.

(b) That a future budget bid for the detailed design of the Oatley Park Baths Promenade, Seawall, Wharf, Swimming Area and Amenities Building, known as the Oatley Park Baths Precinct, be included in the 2026-2027 Capital Works Program.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort, 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 7.10pm

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Chairperson

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**Item:** **ASS008-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2024**

**Author:** Executive Assistant to the Director Assets and Infrastructure

**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2024, be confirmed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1 Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 6 November 2024



ASS008-25

## MINUTES

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### Beverley Park Steering Committee

Wednesday, 06 November 2024

12:00pm

Team Meeting

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## **PRESENT**

### **Members**

Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg (Chair)  
Councillor Thomas Gao  
Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos (apology)  
Andrew Latta – Director, Assets and Infrastructure  
Luke Coleman – Manager Premium Facilities  
Danielle Parker – Director Business and Corporate Services  
Shaun Smith, BPGC – General Manager  
Joe Bondin, BPGC – President (apology)  
Dan Siely, BPGC – Treasurer  
Daniel Metcalfe, BPGC – Course Superintendent

### **Georges River Council Staff Participants**

David Tuxford – General Manager  
Luke Galle – Head of Events and Operations  
Rachelle McGrath – Executive Assistant to Director Assets and Infrastructure  
Nickie Paras – Executive Services Officer  
Vicki McKinley – Manager Executive Services  
Sue Matthew – Executive Assistant to the General Manager

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, opened the meeting at 12.00pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There was an apology from Councillor Stratikopoulos and Beverley Park Golf Course President Joe Bondin.

## **ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

This meeting is being held online by Teams Meeting and mobile phones must be turned to silent during the meeting.

## **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

The order of business is as shown in the agenda.

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### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**Mayor, Councillor Borg** disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in all items **BPSCC011-24 to BPSCC015-24**, for the reason that she lives in Beverley Park nearby the Beverley Park Golf Course. Mayor, Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in the considerations on these items.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **BPSCC011-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2024**

(Report by Executive Assistant to the Director Assets and Infrastructure)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2024, be confirmed.

Note: The previous minutes from 19 June 2024 be updated in the committee members list that Shaun Smith was the only Beverley Park Golf Course representative present at this meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **BPSCC012-24 Beverley Park Golf Course Plan of Management Update**

(Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee receive and note the update on the progress and timeline for the Plan of Management for Beverley Park Golf Course.

**ACTION:** That the Director A&I Circulate brief to committee members.

#### **BPSCC013-24 Public Rounds Report**

(Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee receive and note the public rounds report to September 2024

#### **BPSCC014-24 Beverley Park Golf Club Finance Report**

(Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the committee receive and note the signed Audited Accounts and finance report to September 2024 for Beverley Park Golf Club Pty Ltd

#### **BPSCC015-24 Storm Water Harvesting**

(Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the committee receive and note the information relating to discussions between the Beverley Park Golf Club and Council in regard to the prospect of re-purposing the existing water reclamation plant.

- (b) That Council engage a consultant to do a review of the existing system and suitability for re-purposing of stormwater harvesting. That will require an operational budget bid 25/26 in order to progress designs.
- (c) That Council engage a quantity surveyor to inform the costs of re-purposing once technical review is complete.
- (d) That Council officers and Beverley Park Golf Course meet to determine suitable funding sources to progress this project.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Shaun Smith, General Manager congratulated Councillors on their election to office and extended an invitation to visit Beverley Park Golf Course.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 12.25pm.

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Chairperson

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Item:** ASS009-25 Draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025**Author:** Manager City Operational Services**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure**Matter Type:** Committee Reports**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That Council endorses the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025.
- b) That Council places the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for community consultation.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The adoption of a Graffiti and Posters Policy demonstrates Council's commitment towards the management of graffiti and unauthorised posters on both public and private property with the Georges River local government area.
2. Recommended amendments to the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 include the referral of customer requests associated with utility owned power pole graffiti and posters to the relevant utility owner/provider.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Council receives approximately 1500 customer service requests relating to the removal of graffiti each year. The placement of unauthorised posters, on power poles and Council is also identified as an ongoing issue across the local government area.
4. The draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 aims to manage graffiti and unauthorised posters in the Georges River local government area. The policy includes:
  - (a) The removal of graffiti and unauthorised posters from public and private property.
  - (b) Working with New South Wales Police and other relevant agencies to keep track of and prosecute graffiti vandals.
  - (c) Working with residents, business and community groups for effective and prompt graffiti removal and unauthorised posters.
5. The service levels for graffiti removal remain unchanged, and include:
  - (a) Graffiti that is racist, defamatory, offensive or obscene will be removed within 24 hours of notification.
  - (b) Graffiti on war memorials and other monuments of significance will be removed within 24 hours of notification.
  - (c) Graffiti other than the above will be removed within 5 working days of notification or receipt of written permission from the private property owner.
6. The proposed amendments to the policy are minor in nature and are summarised as follows:
  - (a) Requests for graffiti removal and unauthorised posters on utility owned power poles will be redirected to the relevant utility provider for removal.

- (b) Typographical corrections.
  - (c) A change in the title of the policy owner.
7. Under the Electricity Supply Act 1995, it is prohibited and against the law to attach any materials to electrical assets. The referral of graffiti removal and unauthorised posters to the relevant utility owner is due to safety concerns held by Ausgrid and Council in terms of suitably qualified officers being able to remove graffiti and posters from live power poles.
  8. The proposed updates ensure the policy remains current and consistent with Council's operational procedures and practices.
  9. If endorsed, the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 will supersede the Graffiti and Posters Policy 2017. Placing the draft policy on public exhibition for community consultation aligns with Council's commitment to transparent and participatory governance.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. No budget impact for this report. The proposed public exhibition and consultation of the Georges River Council Community Engagement Policy will be conducted using existing resources.

### RISK IMPLICATIONS

11. Strategic Risk 7: Reputation. 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.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

12. Upon endorsement, the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 will be made publicly available for comment and feedback for a minimum period of 28 days.
13. Community engagement will be conducted including:
  - a) Draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 will be made available for viewing and feedback from the community:
    - (i) Online on Council's Your Say platform
    - (ii) Printed copies at Georges River Libraries and Centres
  - b) Submissions on the Policy will be accepted online, via email, mail or in person at Georges River Libraries and Centres.
  - c) Mixed promotional activities (social, email, print) will be distributed across the public exhibition period to create awareness and seek community participation.

### FILE REFERENCE

D24/211326

### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Jan 2025 - Draft Graffiti and Posters Policy



Attachment [↓](#)2 Jan 2025 - Draft Graffiti and Posters Policy -Track Changes Version





# Graffiti and Posters Policy

Draft Version - January 2025

## POLICY ADMINISTRATION

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Dates</b>                        | Policy last approved 3 July 2017<br>This policy is effective upon its approval.<br>Policy is next due for review in May 2029  |
| <b>Approved by</b>                  | Council Meeting 24/02/2025<br>Council Resolution CCLXXX-XX  |
| <b>Policy Type</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Policy<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Policy   |
| <b>Policy Type</b>                  | Council Meeting 24/02/2025<br>Council Resolution CCLXXX-XX  |
| <b>Exhibition Period</b>            | 3 March 2025 and ending on 30 March 2025  |
| <b>Policy Owner</b>                 | Manager City Operational Services, Assets & Infrastructure Directorate  |
| <b>Related Documents</b>            | Nil   |
| <b>References &amp; Legislation</b> | Graffiti Control Act 2008 No 100 (NSW)<br>Graffiti Control Amendment Act 2014 (NSW)<br>Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)<br>Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 No 41  |
| <b>Document Identifier</b>          | Policy #: Pol-014.01<br>Doc #: D17/118130   |
| <b>Breaches of Policy</b>           | Breaches of any policy will be dealt with and responded to in accordance with adopted codes and/or relevant legislation.  |
| <b>Record Keeping</b>               | All documents and information obtained in relation to the implementation of this policy will be kept in accordance with the NSW State Records Act 1998, Georges River Council's Corporate Records Policy and adopted internal procedures. |

### Purpose

To manage graffiti and posters in the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA). This includes:

- The removal of graffiti and unauthorised posters from public and private property
- Working with New South Wales (NSW) Police and relevant agencies, to keep track of and prosecute graffiti vandals
- Working with residents, businesses and community groups for effective and prompt graffiti removal and unauthorised posters.

### Scope

This Policy applies to the management of graffiti and unauthorised posters on both public and private property within the Georges River LGA.

It applies to all senior management and staff involved in the management of graffiti.

### Definition of Terms

| Term                           | Meaning   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Graffiti Implements            | Spray paint, marker pen or any device designed or modified to produce a mark that is not easily removable.  |
| Property                       | Includes buildings, structures, poles, trees.   |
| Infrastructure                 | Includes fences, junction boxes, footpaths, roads, cabinets, and poles owned by agencies such as Ausgrid, Jemena, Telstra, and Council.                                     |
| Bill Posters and Placards      | Visual items that have been placed on walls, fences, poles, and the like, advertising a message.  |
| Political Posters and Placards | Visual items that support a registered candidate and/or political party in a local, state or federal election, with an electorate or part thereof in the Georges River LGA. |

### Policy Statement

#### 1. Graffiti

##### 1.1. Where Graffiti Will Be Removed From

1.1.1. Council removes graffiti from the following at its own cost:

- Council buildings and facilities

- Council owned signage
- Street furniture on the road reserve
- Playgrounds and other assets in parks and recreation areas.
- War Memorials and other monuments/sites of significance
- Other government agency assets such as bridges, walls, and signs
- Private property (if the graffiti is visible and accessible from a public place)

1.2. Where Graffiti Will Not Be Removed From

1.2.1. Council will not remove graffiti from the following:

- Any location where a risk assessment determines that the health and safety of Council staff/contractor is placed at an unacceptable risk.
- Where Council is of the opinion that any graffiti removal would damage private property, in which case Council will provide advice to the property owner.
- Utility owned power poles. Requests for graffiti removal will be redirected to the relevant utility provider for removal.

1.3. Service Levels for Graffiti Removal

1.3.1. The following Service levels apply for the removal of graffiti once Council has received notification:

- Graffiti that is racist, defamatory, offensive or obscene will be removed within 24 hours of notification.
- Graffiti on war memorials and other monuments/ sites of significance will be removed within 24 hours of notification.
- Graffiti other than above will be removed within 5 working days of notification or receipt of written permission from the private property owner.

1.4. Notification of Graffiti Removal Work - Private Property

1.4.1. Council is not legally required to notify the owner or occupier of private land of its intention to carry out graffiti removal work on private land as long as the graffiti is visible and accessible from a public place.

1.4.2. As a sign of courtesy, Council will however, make an attempt to notify the owner or occupier of private land of its intention to undertake graffiti removal work (where this is reasonably practicable).

1.4.3. Council will give written notice to the owner or occupier of private land that graffiti removal work has taken place within a reasonable period following the completion of this work.

1.5. Graffiti Register

1.5.1. Council will operate a graffiti register, where all incidences of graffiti are recorded with location information and photographs. This database of information will be made available to the NSW Police as and when required.

1.6. Point of Sale of Graffiti Implements

1.6.1. Council will engage with shopkeepers to ensure they limit access to spray- cans and other graffiti implements, and that they abide by the relevant clauses in the Graffiti Control Act 2008 (No 100), in particular Part 3, Section 10 – ‘Display by retailers of spray paint cans’.

**2. Posters**

2.1. Council, at its discretion, will remove bill posters and placards from any premises or infrastructure (excluding utility owned power poles which will be referred to the current utility provider) that can be viewed from a public place, unless the person has obtained the consent of the property owner.

2.2. Service Levels for Removal of Bill Posters & Placards

2.2.1. Generally, the following service levels apply for the removal of bill posters and placards once Council has received notification:

- Where bill posters and placards have racist, defamatory, offensive or obscene content, they will be removed within 24 hours of notification
- Where bill posters and placards present a risk to public health and safety, they will be removed within 24 hours notification
- Where consent has not been provided for the erection of bill posters and placards, these will be removed within 5 working days.

2.2.2. Temporary bill posters for small local activities (such as for garage sales) will be considered to have consent provided they are safe and removed within 3 working days of the event.

2.3. Political Posters & Placards

2.3.1. Council supports the democratic process in elections and considers political posters and placards as an inherent part of this process. Council will not remove any political posters and placards that are within 40 days of a Federal, State, or Local Government election. Candidates will have 7 days to remove their political placards and posters thereafter. Generally the following service levels will apply:

- Where political posters present a risk to public health and safety, they will be removed within 24 hours notification to Council or in the case of

utility owned power poles, will be referred to the current utility provider within 24 hours.

- Where political A-Frames or other standalone structures are placed and left unattended on Council footpaths or other civic areas, they will be removed within 24 hours notification to Council.
- Political posters that have been installed on any Council infrastructure will be removed within 24 hours notification to Council.
- Where political posters are outside the 40/7day inclusion period they will be removed within 24 hours notification to Council or in the case of utility owned power poles, will be referred to the current utility provider within 24 hours.

### Responsibilities

| Position                           | Responsibility  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Councillors                        | To refer any requests or removal of graffiti and / or posters to the Manager City Operational Services. |
| Director Assets and Infrastructure | Implementation of and review of this Policy in accordance with graffiti legislation.                    |
| Director Environment and Planning  | Ensure local shopkeepers abide by the Graffiti Control Act 2008 No. 100                                 |

### Version control and change history

| Version | Amendment Details  | Policy Owner                             | Period Active       |
|---------|--|--|---------------------|
| 1.0     | New Georges River Council Graffiti and Posters Policy              | Executive Manager Engineering Operations | 3/07/2017 – ongoing |
|         | Draft Policy placed on public exhibition - 4 May 2017- 31 May 2017 |  |                     |
|         | Policy adopted by Council CCL133-17                                |  |                     |
| 2.0     | Minor changes proposed to existing policy                          | Manager City Operational Services        | Ongoing             |



# Graffiti and Posters Policy

[Draft Version - July-January 2025](#)

## POLICY ADMINISTRATION

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Dates</b>                        | Policy last approved 3 July 2017<br>This policy is effective upon its approval.<br>Policy is <del>next</del> due for review in <del>July 2024</del> <u>May 2029</u>   |
| <b>Approved by</b>                  | Council Meeting <del>0324/0702/2017</del> <u>25</u><br>Council Resolution <del>CCL133CCLXXX-XX</del>  |
| <b>Policy Type</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Policy<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Policy   |
| <b>Policy Type</b>                  | Council Meeting <del>0324/0702/2017</del> <u>25</u><br>Council Resolution <del>CCL133CCLXXX-XX</del>  |
| <b>Exhibition Period</b>            | <del>4 May 2017 and ending on 31 May 2017</del> <u>32 September</u> <del>September</del> <u>March 2025</u><br><del>and ending on 29-30 September</del> <u>March 2024</u> <u>5</u>   |
| <b>Policy Owner</b>                 | Manager City Operational Services, Assets & Infrastructure Directorate  |
| <b>Related Documents</b>            | Nil   |
| <b>References &amp; Legislation</b> | Graffiti Control Act 2008 No 100 (NSW)<br>Graffiti Control Amendment Act 2014 (NSW)<br>Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)<br>Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 No 41  |
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## Scope

This Policy applies to the management of graffiti and unauthorised posters on both public and private property within the Georges River LGA.

It applies to all senior management and staff involved in the management of graffiti.

## Definition of Terms

| Term                           | Meaning   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Graffiti Implements            | Spray paint, marker pen or any device designed or modified to produce a mark that is not easily removable.  |
| Property                       | Includes buildings, structures, poles, trees.   |
| Infrastructure                 | Includes fences, junction boxes, footpaths, roads, cabinets, and poles owned by agencies such as Ausgrid, Jemena, Telstra, and Council.                                     |
| Bill Posters and Placards      | Visual items that have been placed on walls, fences, poles, and the like, advertising a message.  |
| Political Posters and Placards | Visual items that support a registered candidate and/or political party in a local, state or federal election, with an electorate or part thereof in the Georges River LGA. |

## Policy Statement

### 1. Graffiti

#### 1.1. Where Graffiti Will Be Removed From

1.1.1. Council removes graffiti from the following at its own cost:

- Council buildings and facilities

- Council owned signage
- Street furniture on the road reserve
- Playgrounds and other assets in parks and recreation areas.
- War Memorials and other monuments/sites of significance
- Other government agency assets such as bridges, walls, and signs
- Private property (if the graffiti is visible and accessible from a public place)

1.2. Where Graffiti Will Not Be Removed From

1.2.1. Council will not remove graffiti from the following:

- Any location where a risk assessment determines that the health and safety of Council staff/contractor is placed at an unacceptable risk.
- Where Council is of the opinion that any graffiti removal would damage private property, in which case Council will provide advice to the property owner.
- Utility owned power poles. Requests for graffiti removal will be redirected to the relevant utility provider for removal.

1.3. Service Levels for Graffiti Removal

1.3.1. The following Service levels apply for the removal of graffiti once Council has received notification:

- Graffiti that is racist, defamatory, offensive or obscene will be removed within 24 hours of notification.
- Graffiti on war memorials and other monuments/ sites of significance will be removed within 24 hours of notification.
- Graffiti other than above will be removed within 5 working days of notification or receipt of written permission from the private property owner.

1.4. Notification of Graffiti Removal Work - Private Property

1.4.1. Council is not legally required to notify the owner or occupier of private land of its intention to carry out graffiti removal work on private land as long as the graffiti is visible and accessible from a public place.

1.4.2. As a sign of courtesy, Council will however, make an attempt to notify the owner or occupier of private land of its intention to undertake graffiti removal work (where this is reasonably practicable).

1.4.3. Council will give written notice to the owner or occupier of private land that graffiti removal work has taken place within a reasonable period following the completion of this work.

### 1.5. Graffiti Register

1.5.1. Council will operate a graffiti register, where all incidences of graffiti are recorded with location information and photographs. This database of information will be made available to the NSW Police as and when required.

### 1.6. Point of Sale of Graffiti Implements

1.6.1. Council will engage with shopkeepers to ensure they limit access to spray- cans and other graffiti implements, and that they abide by the relevant clauses in the Graffiti Control Act 2008 (No 100), in particular Part 3, Section 10 – ‘Display by retailers of spray paint cans’.

## 2. Posters

2.1. Council, at its discretion, will remove bill posters and placards from any premises or infrastructure (excluding utility owned power poles which will be referred to the current utility provider) that can be viewed from a public place, unless the person has obtained the consent of the property owner.

### 2.2. Service Levels for Removal of Bill Posters & Placards

2.2.1. Generally, the following service levels apply for the removal of bill posters and placards once Council has received notification:

- Where bill posters and placards have racist, defamatory, offensive or obscene content, they will be removed within 24 hours of notification
- Where bill posters and placards present a risk to public health and safety, they will be removed within 24 hours notification
- Where consent has not been provided for the erection of bill posters and placards, these will be removed within 5 working days.

2.2.2. Temporary bill posters for small local activities (such as for garage sales) will be considered to have consent provided they are safe and removed within 3 working days of the event.

### 2.3. Political Posters & Placards

2.3.1. Council supports the democratic process in elections and considers political posters and placards as an inherent part of this process. Council will not remove any political posters and placards that are within 40 days of a Federal, State, or Local Government election. Candidates will have 7 days to remove their political placards and posters thereafter. Generally the following service levels will apply:

- Where political posters present a risk to public health and safety, they will be removed within 24 hours notification to Council or in the case of

utility owned power poles, will be referred to the current utility provider within 24 hours.

- Where political A-Frames or other standalone structures are placed and left unattended on Council footpaths or other civic areas, they will be removed within 24 hours notification to Council.
- Political posters that have been installed on any Council infrastructure will be removed within 24 hours notification to Council.
- Where political posters are outside the 40/7day inclusion period they will be removed within 24 hours notification to Council or in the case of utility owned power poles, will be referred to the current utility provider within 24 hours.

### Responsibilities

| Position                           | Responsibility   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Councillors                        | To refer any requests or removal of graffiti and / or posters to the <u>Executive Manager Engineering City Operational Services.</u> |
| Director Assets and Infrastructure | Implementation of and review of this Policy in accordance with graffiti legislation.   |
| Director Environment and Planning  | Ensure local shopkeepers abide by the Graffiti Control Act 2008 No. 100  |

### Version control and change history

| Version | Amendment Details  | Policy Owner                             | Period Active       |
|---------|--|--|---------------------|
| 1.0     | New Georges River Council Graffiti and Posters Policy<br><br>Draft Policy placed on public exhibition - 4 May 2017- 31 May 2017<br><br>Policy adopted by Council CCL133-17 | Executive Manager Engineering Operations | 3/07/2017 – ongoing |
| 2.0     | <u>Minor changes proposed to existing policy</u>   | <u>Manager City Operational Services</u> | <u>Ongoing</u>      |

**Item:**            **ASS010-25    Douglas Cross Gardens Oatley - Repurposing of Fountain Area**

**Author:**         Manager Strategic Placemaking

**Directorate:**   Assets and Infrastructure

**Matter Type:**   Committee Reports

ASS010-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) Council receive and note the options for repurposing the Douglas Cross Gardens Fountain, including cost and feasibility as outlined in this report.
- (b) Council considers an Operational Budget increase for the 25/26 financial year of \$4,900 to deliver option C, converting the upper fountain pond for additional planting and to install new planting and dry creek in lower pond, as well as an ongoing Operational Budget increase of \$1,000 to support the sites ongoing maintenance.
- (c) Council officers monitor the existing bicycle parking arrangements at Oatley Station to determine if additional parking infrastructure is required in the future.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. On 24 February 2024, Council resolved NOM018-24: *That the General Manager provides a report detailing the cost and feasibility of:*
  - a. *Converting the disused upper fountain pond under the railway concourse to bicycle parking, garden, seat or a combination of these; and*
  - b. *Recommissioning or replacing the former fountain and lower pond.*
2. This report outlines options to address NOM018-24 and provides a recommendation for the future of the site. Options explored include:
  - a. Converting the upper fountain pond for bicycle parking
  - b. Converting the upper fountain pond for seatings
  - c. Converting the upper fountain pond for additional planting
  - d. Converting the upper fountain pond for seatings, bike parking and garden bed
  - e. Recommissioning entire water feature
3. Council Officers recommend option C for the following reasons.
  - a. Planting will complement the existing character of the site.
  - b. Minimal intervention required as the fountain structure can be retained.
  - c. Support the natural drainage of the location through natural rocks.
  - d. The elevated fountain edge can be use as incidental seating.
  - e. Low cost to deliver and maintain.
4. A complete breakdown of the options, including capital expenditure and ongoing maintenance operating expenditure, '*Douglas Cross Gardens Options Report*' is provided in the attachment.

**BACKGROUND**

5. Douglas Cross Gardens is a small park located at the corner of Oatley Parade and River Road in Oatley. Officially opened on May 10, 1969, by the Hon. R.W. Askin, then Premier

of New South Wales, the gardens were designed and constructed by the staff of the Council of the Municipality of Kogarah.

6. Pedestrians use the garden as a through-way to reach the Mulga Road pedestrian subway. The landform in this area slopes sharply to the north and has been landscaped with a path, fountain, garden beds and ornamental plantings.
7. The fountain within Douglas Cross Gardens has not been functional since approximately 2020. The key reasons for its isolation and draining were existing leaks, high water bills, the cost of water treatment and cost of ongoing maintenance and repairs.
8. Attached to this report is an options analysis for the future of the site. Council officers recommend option C Converting the upper fountain pond for additional planting and a simple dry creek style landscaping in the lower pond, which is in keeping with the character of the site and sensitive to ongoing maintenance.
9. The recommendation is to undertake reed style planting and natural rocks at the lower pond to create a dry creek aesthetic. This is recommended as the lower pond has been known to experience wash outs during a rain event and will support the directing of water into the existing pit.
10. There is currently 1FTE allocated to the maintenance of Oatley Gardens. Should Council resolve option C the maintenance of this new planting and dry creek will form part of the Council officers' responsibilities, noting the additional operational funding required.
11. An additional recommendation is for Council officers to review the current bicycle parking infrastructure at Oatley Station and determine if additional parking is required.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. If Council endorse the Council officer recommendation of Option C, Converting the upper fountain pond for additional planting, additional non-budgeted funds of:
  - a. \$4,900 in the Parks Maintenance Operating Budget 2025/26 for the installation of new planting to the upper pond.
  - b. \$1,000 in Parks Maintenance Operating Budget 2025/26 and ongoing annually.
13. The capital expenditure and operating expenditure for each option is provided in the attachment, *'Douglas Cross Gardens Options Report'*. Should an alternate option be endorsed by Council, the corresponding capital expenditure and operating expenditure would be required for inclusion in the 2025/26 Budget.

## RISK IMPLICATIONS

14. Strategic Risk 3 Assets and Infrastructure identified. The risk that Council's infrastructure may not meet the evolving needs or expectations of the community, particularly in terms of quality, capacity, and resilience. This includes failure to develop and maintain infrastructure that can withstand the impacts of climate change and severe weather events, potentially compromising the ability to provide high-quality services.
15. This strategic risk is mitigated through the consistency to the character of the site and an ongoing maintenance allocation.

## FILE REFERENCE

D25/17974

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Douglas Cross Gardens Options Report



Douglas Cross Gardens options report

| <b>Option A. Converting the upper fountain pond for bicycle parking</b>   |                 |                      |  |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Works required</b>   | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Cost estimate</b> | <b>Comment</b>   |
| Demolition of existing upper pond   | 30m2            | \$5000               | Lump sum   |
| New paving to old pond area   | 30m2            | \$6300               | \$210/m2   |
| Retaining wall to support new paved area  | 7m              | \$3000               | Keystone wall  |
| New bike rails  | 10              | \$5000               | With this additional 10 rails, Oatley Station will have total of 20. |
| <b>Lower pond</b>   |                 |                      |  |
| Simple dry creek style landscaping  | 15m2            | \$900                | Some rock materials may be available from Council's depot.           |
| <b>Operational expense – Annual</b>   |                 |                      |  |
| Increased landscape maintenance<br>Incl. watering and occasional pruning  |                 | \$500                | For lower pond provisional item                                      |
| <b>Total</b>  |                 | <b>\$20,700</b>      | Include 1 yr operational   |
| Remarks: This option will require high capital fund. Additional bike parking and numbers should be validated to understand demands and/or usage rate on existing rails. |                 |                      |  |

| <b>Option A. Converting the upper fountain pond for bicycle parking</b>                           |   |
|---|---|
| Pros  | Cons  |
| More available bike parking   | High capital fund required to complete works prior to installing new bike parking |
| The provision of additional bike parking may incentivise higher uptake of this mode of transport. | May require Sydney Train approval – potential delay in delivery time frame        |
|   | Construction vehicles may impede access to railway or its concourse bridge.       |

| <b>Option B. Converting the upper fountain pond for seatings</b>   |                 |                      |  |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Works required</b>  | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Cost estimate</b> | <b>Comment</b>   |
| Demolition of existing upper pond  | 30m2            | \$5000               | Lump sum   |
| New paving to old pond area  | 30m2            | \$6300               | \$210/m2   |
| Retaining wall to support new paved area   | 7m              | \$3000               | Keystone wall  |
| Seating bench  | 3               | \$3000               |  |
| <b>Lower pond</b>  |                 |                      |  |
| Simple dry creek style landscaping   | 15m2            | \$900                | Some rock materials may be available from Council's depot. |
| <b>Operational expense – Annual</b>  |                 |                      |  |
| Increased landscape maintenance<br>Incl. watering and occasional pruning   |                 | \$500                | For lower pond provisional item                            |
| <b>Total</b>   |                 | <b>\$18,700</b>      | Include 1 yr operational                                   |
| Remarks: This option will require high capital fund. Seating in this nook may attract unwanted loitering at late hours |                 |                      |  |

| <b>Option B. Converting the upper fountain pond for seatings</b> |   |
|--|---|
| Pros   | Cons  |
| Additional seating opportunity                                   | High capital fund required to complete works prior to installing new seatings.                                |
|  | Seating in this location does not offer meaningful viewpoints, given the proximity of fencing and plant room. |
|  | The secluded area may attract unwanted loitering at late hours and potential graffiti                         |
|  | Construction vehicles may impede access to railway or its concourse bridge.                                   |

| <b>Option C. Converting the upper fountain pond for additional planting (recommended)</b>  |                 |                      |  |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Works required</b>  | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Cost estimate</b> | <b>Comment</b>   |
| Install new planting to upper pond   | 30m2            | \$4000               | The raised pond edge can be used as 'incidental seating'.  |
| <b>Lower pond</b>  |                 |                      |  |
| Simple dry creek style landscaping   | 15m2            | \$900                | Some rock materials may be available from Council's depot. |
| <b>Operational expense – Annual</b>  |                 |                      |  |
| Increased landscape maintenance<br>Incl. watering and occasional pruning   |                 | \$1000               |  |
| <b>Total</b>   |                 | <b>\$5,900</b>       | Include 1 yr operational                                   |
| Remark: This option is the least cost to Council. New landscaping will complement the existing character of the Douglas Cross Gardens. |                 |                      |  |

| <b>Option C. Converting the upper fountain pond for additional planting (recommended)</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Pros  | Cons  |
| Additional vegetation will complement the site character. Increase biodiversity.          | Additional maintenance of planting for onsite fixed staff. Plant species are to be low maintenance variety. |
| The fountain structure remains, and no demolition required.                               | Construction vehicles may impede access to railway or its concourse bridge.                                 |
| The elevated fountain edge can be use as incidental seating.                              |   |

| <b>Option D. Converting the upper fountain pond for seatings, bike parking &amp; garden bed</b>                     |                 |                      |  |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Works required</b>   | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Cost estimate</b> | <b>Comment</b>   |
| Seating bench   | 1               | \$3000               |  |
| New bike rails  | 3               | \$1500               |  |
| Install new planting to upper pond  | 30m2            | \$4000               | The raised pond edge can be used as 'incidental seating'   |
| <b>Lower pond</b>   |                 |                      |  |
| Simple dry creek style landscaping  | 15m2            | \$900                | Some rock materials may be available from Council's depot. |
| <b>Operational expense – Annual</b>   |                 |                      |  |
| Increased landscape maintenance<br>Incl. watering and occasional pruning  |                 | \$1000               |  |
| <b>Total</b>  |                 | <b>\$10,400</b>      | Include 1 yr operational                                   |
| Remark: This option may create a clutter affect to this small area and may attract unwanted loitering at late hours |                 |                      |  |

| <b>Option D. Converting the upper fountain pond for seatings, bike parking &amp; garden bed</b> |  |
|---|--|
| Pros  | Cons   |
| More diverse offerings  | Clustering of new assets in a small area may interfere with Station Staff operations.                          |
|   | The secluded area may attract unwanted loitering at late hours with additional bike parking and bench seating. |
|   | Greater complexity in maintenance required   |

| <b>Option E. Recommission entire water feature</b>  |                 |                      |  |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Works required</b>   | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Cost estimate</b> | <b>Comment</b>   |
| Investigate leakage and fix problems  |                 | \$5000               |  |
| Reapply waterproofing   | 70m2            | \$2100               | \$30/m2  |
| Repairs reticulation system   |                 | \$2000               |  |
| Construct new transition trough linking upper and lower pond  | 10m2            | \$5000               | \$500/m2   |
| Make good existing drainage and overflow  |                 | \$2000               |  |
| Pressure clean capping stones & repaint surface as required   |                 | \$1000               |  |
| <b>Operational expenses – Annually</b>  |                 |                      |  |
| Water   | 2500L           | \$6675               | Ongoing cost. Was estimated to be consuming 10,000L/yr @ \$2.67/klitre |
| Electricity   |                 | \$1000               | Ongoing cost   |
| General maintenance incl. removing rubbish and debris, repair pumps, water treatment etc                                    |                 | \$2000               | Ongoing cost   |
|   | <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$26,775</b>      | Include 1 yr operational   |
| Remark: This option will require capital funding and higher increase in operational budget to facilitate ongoing operation. |                 |                      |  |

| <b>Option E. Recommissioning entire water feature</b> |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Pros</b>   | <b>Cons</b>   |
| Provides visual amenity                               | The most capital-intensive option, both current and for renewal                                     |
| Historical significance                               | Require an increase in the operational budget for ongoing maintenance and utility usage.            |
|   | In the past the Fountain would be vandalised with spuds which would impact the surrounding gardens. |



**Item:** ASS011-25 Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study Outcomes

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**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council receive and note the outcomes of the Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study.
- (b) That as required, future reports be provided to the Local Traffic Advisory Committee to progress recommendations contained in this study.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. Georges River Council (GRC) engaged traffic consultants WSP to prepare and provide an updated traffic study for the Hurstville School Precinct (the Precinct) as an ongoing commitment to the safety of the Precinct.
2. The study (attached) was finalised in November 2024, with the recommendations categorised into six priority areas for clarity and understanding with a total of 34 identified safety issues with the majority of risks as medium and negligible.
3. The range of recommendations are also supported by combining mode shift opportunities of reducing vehicle use and increasing public transport as well as encouraging positive and safe behaviours in collaboration with schools through parent education programs and information campaigns.
4. Recommendations are classified as:
  - Priority 1: Safety improvements with easy implementation and provide high degree of benefits.
  - Priority 2: Safety improvements that deliver a high degree of benefit but may be more difficult to implement.
  - Priority 3 Safety improvements that are easier to implement but have lower benefits.
5. Georges River Council, Bayside Council and Transport for NSW have started working together to progress the recommendations provided in this report. The parties, including a representative from the schools, will form a technical working group for purpose of ensuring action is taken in an appropriate and timely manner.
6. Georges River Council is aware that Transport for NSW is exploring the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge along Forest Road Hurstville. Council will be a stakeholder in this work as required. This recommendation is ID D2.3 in the study and was highlighted on numerous occasions by the participants of the study.
7. Recommendations A1.1, A4.1, A4.2, B2.1 listed as Bayside Council will be updated as part of the technical working group to Georges River Council actions.

**BACKGROUND**

8. The purpose of the Precinct traffic study is to provide an updated list of road safety recommendations based on the 2017 study which consider implemented recommendations to date, stakeholder feedback and site visit observations.

9. The recommendations are driven by key strategies and visions including George's River Council's 2040 target toward Vision Zero and improving safety in the area and to enhance perception of safety in the area.
10. The Precinct is located within the Georges River Council and directly adjacent to Bayside Council (toward the east) and is composed of six schools:
  - Hurstville Public School
  - Hurstville Adventist School
  - Georges River College – Hurstville Campus
  - St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic School
  - Bethany College
  - Sydney Technical High School
11. The traffic study assessed and made recommendations based on the following data:
  - Existing conditions, which included historical crash data, traffic surveys, pick up and drop off areas, parking, school bus and public transport network, active transport network, travel behaviour and mode choice.
  - Site inspection findings
  - Consultation results, which included meetings with Georges River Council Staff, discussions and meetings with individual schools and the Department of Education, and
  - Future growth and development considerations.
12. Key themes emerged from consultation with schools:
  - Safety of students crossing Forest Road
  - Enforcement of non-compliant parents
  - Narrow footpaths and enhancing pedestrian crossings
  - Pick up drop off activity, congestion, and queuing
  - Conflicting vehicular turning movements
13. Recommendations also considered the results of the 2017 traffic study prepared by Bitzios Consulting, *Hurstville Public School and Other Nearby Schools Traffic Study Findings* (November 2017).
14. The 2017 study was an independent traffic study to review the pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and parking arrangement at Hurstville Public School and other nearby schools including Georges River College Hurstville Campus, Bethany College, St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic School, Hurstville Adventist School, and Sydney Technical High School. The study included a list of short- and long-term recommendations in addressing road and safety concerns. Actions for this study are listed in Appendix A of the attached study.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

15. No budget impact for this report.

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

16. Strategic Risk Assets and Infrastructure identified. This study will support Council to meet the evolving needs and expectations of the community in relation to road safety while also supporting accountability for risks outside of Councils control.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

17. Community engagement was conducted including: Council officer workshop, School consultation, school context questionnaire, staff questionnaire and parent student questionnaire
18. Community engagement will be undertaken on a case-by-case basis, informed by the traffic and transport community engagement guidelines.

**FILE REFERENCE**

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**ATTACHMENTS**Attachment [↓](#)1 HurstvilleSchoolPrecinct 2024









































































































































































































































































