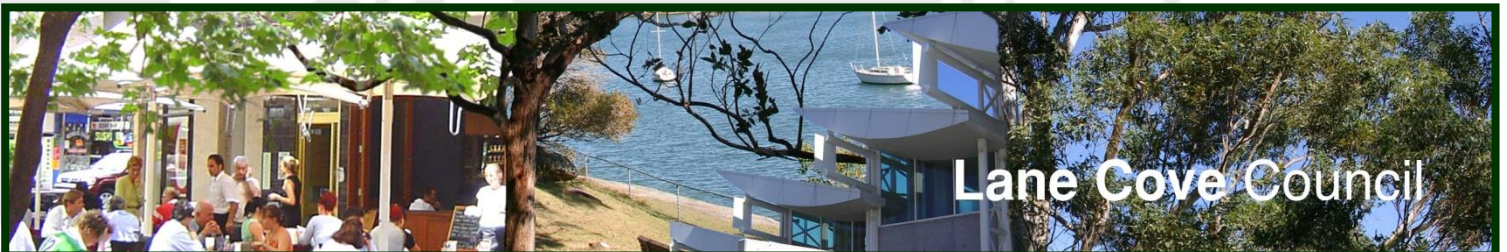


# Agenda Ordinary Council Meeting 20 July 2023

Council will commence consideration of  
all business paper agenda items at 7.00 pm.



## Notice of Meeting

Dear Councillors,

Notice is given of the Ordinary Council Meeting, to be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 20 July 2023 commencing at 7:00 PM. The business to be transacted at the meeting is included in this business paper.

In accordance with clause 3.26 of the Code of Meeting Practice Councillors are reminded of their oath or affirmation of office made under section 233A of the Act, and of their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

Yours faithfully



Craig Wrightson  
**General Manager**

## Council Meeting Procedures

The Council meeting is chaired by the Mayor, Councillor Andrew Zbik. Councillors are entitled to one vote on a matter. If votes are equal, the Chairperson has a second or casting vote. When a majority of Councillors vote in favour of a Motion it becomes a decision of the Council. Minutes of Council and Committee meetings are published on Council's website [www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au) by 5.00 pm on the Tuesday following the meeting.

The Meeting is conducted in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice. The order of business is listed in the Agenda on the next page. That order will be followed unless Council resolves to modify the order at the meeting. This may occur for example where the members of the public in attendance are interested in specific items on the agenda.

The Public Forum will hear registered speakers from the Public Gallery as well as online using the web platform Zoom. All speakers wishing to participate in the public forum must register by using the [online form](#) no later than midnight, on the day prior to the meeting (Wednesday, 19 July 2023) and a Zoom meeting link will be emailed to the provided email address of those registered as an online speaker. Please note that the time limit of three minutes per address still applies, so please make sure your submission meets this criteria. Alternatively, members of the public can still submit their written address via email to [service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au). Written addresses are to be received by Council no later than midnight, on the day prior to the meeting. (500 words maximum).

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY**

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

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**Subject:** Notice of Motion - 5G Cell Towers Request for Information  
**Record No:** SU6110 - 40660/23  
**Division:** Lane Cove Council  
**Author(s):** Councillor Katherine Mort; Councillor Scott Bennison

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### **Executive Summary**

This Notice of Motion seeks further information in relation to the possible risk to the health of our residents, in particular children from the installation of 5G Cell towers in close proximity to children's playground areas and schools.

### **Background**

5G is the most recent new technology employed to allow increased speed and efficiency of telecommunications. In contrast to previous technologies 5G uses a significantly higher frequency with shorter wavelengths and higher potency over smaller distances requiring more antennas and cells to be placed closer together than 3G and 4G antennas and cell towers.

The World Health Organisation has previously stated "As yet, no health risks have been causally linked with exposure to wireless technologies however more research is required."

Current safety standards in Australia have been developed by the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPNSA). The calculation of maximum safe Electromagnetic Energy (EME) levels is based on accepted principles of physics and an advanced understanding of how electromagnetic waves travel and spread.

The physics is not disputed. However, there has been limited recognition of the effects of those waves on human tissue raised by academics with expertise in the fields of human biology, biophysics, and medical research.

There is a growing body of evidence including peer review studies that supports the conclusion that increasing exposure to electromagnetic radiation affects the central nervous system including an increased risk of some neurodegenerative diseases. This includes altered brain activity, biomedical changes, neuro-behavioral effects, and DNA changes which may further contribute to an increased risk of chronic disease. Ref The Lancet Planetary Health, Dec 2018.

### **Discussion**

Government health policies play a crucial role in shaping the healthcare landscape and promoting the well-being of the population. However, the influence of industry funding on these policies can introduce fragility and contribute to their failings. Bias and conflicts of interest can cloud objectivity and industry-funded research can be limited with a focus on specific issues resulting in neglect of broader health concerns. This is illustrated by the recent prescription opioid epidemic in the USA. Insufficient transparency in industry funding further undermines public trust.

Governments have at times been slow to regulate or enforce regulations and slow to investigate new concerns highlighted by the scientific researchers and medical community.

Industry has prioritised profits over the health and downplayed health concerns as exemplified by the actions of the tobacco industry for many decades.

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Monitoring of the telecommunications industry and adherence to the regulations set by ARPANSA is largely regulated by the telecommunications industry.

Installation of 5G towers is permitted under Federal legislation without a Development Application and the requirement to consult with community members is relatively limited.

The peak Australian body is the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA) who have published the Guide to Mobile Phone Base Deployment Code. Ref. AMTA Guide to Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code.

Adherence to the regulations is largely overseen by the Australian Telecommunications and Media Authority (ACMA) and Communications Alliance (CA) both of which are listed as independent bodies although CA has strong industry links including with Telstra, Optus and Vodafone therefore it would be reasonable to conclude their findings could be biased.

Based purely on compliance with the code, the AMTA has declared publicly that 5G is safe although this in no way acknowledges the published concerns of numerous scientists and the relatively short time period over which research has been collected and investigations carried out.

It would be prudent for Lane Cove Council to acknowledge the safety concerns initially raised by residents and seek more information about the risks of 5G exposure to human health.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Call on the Federal Government to fund an investigation with an independent assessor to measure exposure to electromagnetic radiation in a number of sample sites in Lane Cove, including but not limited to; The Canopy, 79-83 Longueville Road, and 3 Rosenthal Ave overlooking the playground area in The Canopy. The investigation is to include the production of a report and include an evaluation of the health impacts on the human body of the levels of electromagnetic radiation identified in these areas;
2. Write to Ms Kylea Tink MP, Member for North Sydney, requesting her support to lobby the Commonwealth Government to undertake the investigation outlined in 1., to ensure community safety in relation to the rollout of 5G technology, such as restriction of cell towers in close proximity to schools and residences;
3. Seek Information from Randwick Council by formally requesting they provide copies of any officer reports, community submissions, and related correspondence concerning their decision to not support the installation of TPG cell towers. Additionally, seek clarification on the reasons behind their decision;
4. Contact Telstra, Optus, TPG and Vodafone to obtain:
  - a. Comprehensive product information regarding the new 5G technologies, including the process for testing air quality and radiation once towers are installed;
  - b. Details of how tower placement is determined, what factors are considered, and how they consult with businesses and residents;
  - c. Details about the types of radiation emitted by the infrastructure, their levels, installation guidelines for contractors, the ability to adjust radiation emissions, methods for measuring emissions, ongoing monitoring practices, and infrastructure lifespan; and
  - d. A full inventory of existing infrastructure locations and planned locations, including the less obvious and concealed cell towers and antennas.
5. Write to ARPANSA (Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency to confirm the types of radiation emitted by 5G technology, established emission levels at safe distances from humans, research sources relied upon to assert the safety of 5G

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technology (including authorship and publication dates), whether non-thermal impacts on human health are considered in the research, methods for measuring the safety levels of emissions from 5G infrastructure, associated costs of obtaining measurement equipment, and the responsible authority for industry regulation ensuring adherence to safety and health standards; and

6. Receive a report on the outcomes of Parts 1-5.

Councillor Katherine Mort  
**Councillor**

Councillor Scott Bennison  
**Councillor**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>AT-1</b> <a href="#">View</a>	Guide to Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code	3 Pages	Available Electronically
<b>AT-2</b> <a href="#">View</a>	The Lancet Planetary Health, Dec 2018	3 Pages	Available Electronically

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**NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF A  
FIRST NATIONS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT**

**Subject:** Notice of Motion - Council Support for Constitutional Recognition of a First Nations Voice to Parliament  
**Record No:** SU862 - 40655/23  
**Division:** Lane Cove Council  
**Author(s):** Councillor Kathy Bryla; Councillor Merri Southwood; Councillor David Roenfeldt; Councillor Andrew Zbik; Councillor Rochelle Flood; Councillor Bridget Kennedy

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### **Executive Summary**

This Notice of Motion asks Council to confirm its support for constitutional recognition of the Voice to Parliament.

### **Background**

Lane Cove Council's Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples is articulated in Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.

In this Statement of Commitment, Council recognises the valuable contribution to National, State and local communities made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and undertakes to work towards a present and future of mutual respect and harmony.

In 2017 the First Nations National Constitutional Convention issued the Uluru Statement from the Heart which calls for support of constitutional recognition of a First Nations Voice to Parliament. This call for constitutional recognition is consistent with the principles set out in Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.

LGNSW supports the establishment of a First Nations Voice to Parliament:-

#### **Uluru Statement from the Heart**

The [Statement from the Heart](#) was issued at the 2017 First Nations National Constitutional Convention at Uluru and supports the principle of the Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Australia is one of the few developed nations with a colonial history that does not recognise its Aboriginal population in the Constitution.

The establishment of a First Nations Voice to Parliament, enshrined in the Constitution, and the establishment of a Makarrata Commission for the purpose of treaty making and truth-telling, will build stronger relationships of trust and mutual respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. <https://lgnsw.org.au/Public/Public/Policy/The-Voice-to-Parliament.aspx>

In December 2022 Mayor Andrew Zbik, in a personal capacity, joined with 37 Mayors across Australia in a joint statement *Mayors for the Voice to Parliament Public Statement* in support of constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people through a Voice to Parliament. <https://lgnsw.org.au/Public/Public/Policy/The-Voice-to-Parliament-build-support.aspx>

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**Conclusion**

With the passing of the Constitution Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) 2023 Bill, it is appropriate that Council confirms its support for constitutional recognition of the Voice to Parliament.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Affirms its support for constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a Voice to Parliament;
2. Affirms its support for the actions proposed in Resolutions 67/2023 and 68/2023;
3. Authorises the display of on-line and free promotional materials (consistent with legislative requirements) in support of a Yes vote in the forthcoming referendum on constitutional change to give effect to the Voice to Parliament;
4. Endorses the Mayor to authorise any material that requires authorisation, subject to any applicable legal obligations;
5. Notes that Council may be required to report and declare any financial assistance provided in accordance with the applicable legislation from time to time; and
6. Participates or partners with other LGAs to hold community information events on the referendum.

Councillor Kathy Bryla  
**Councillor**

Councillor Merri Southwood  
**Councillor**

Councillor David Roenfeldt  
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Councillor Andrew Zbik  
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Councillor Rochelle Flood  
**Councillor**

Councillor Bridget Kennedy  
**Councillor**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**TENDER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A HEAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR FOR THE**  
**LANE COVE SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY**

**Subject:** Tender for the Appointment of a Head Construction Contractor for the Lane Cove Sport and Recreation Facility  
**Record No:** SU9227 - 39423/23  
**Division:** General Managers Unit  
**Author(s):** Craig Wrightson; Sebastian Stivala

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### **Executive Summary**

Council conducted a Selective Tender process in accordance with its Tender and Quotations Procedures for the appointment of a Head Construction Contractor for the Lane Cove Sport and Recreation Facility. Council invited five contractors to tender following the initial Expression of Interest process (Stage 1) and ultimately received three submissions in response to the Stage 2, Request for Tender.

This report provides details on the tender process conducted and recommends that Council decline to accept all tenders as none of the tenders received were within the construction cost allowance for Stage 2, included within the overall \$75 million project budget. Further, the General Manager be authorised to undertake negotiations with the highest ranked contractor according to the selection criteria, being ADCO Group Pty Ltd, to enter into a contract that aligns with Council's nominated budget. The negotiation process shall finalise the scope, include design development of appropriate value engineering proposals to reduce costs, remove pricing exclusions, finalise the terms of the contract, and confirm program and delivery methodology.

### **Background**

Council at its meeting of 20 April 2023, resolved:-

*"That:-*

- 1. The report be received and noted;*
- 2. Council reaffirm its decision of 23 March, 2023 to proceed to tender for Stage 2 Construction Contractor (Major Works), with 80% design documentation and ADCO Group, AW Edwards, Grindley Construction, Prime Constructions and Richard Crookes Constructions be invited to tender;*
- 3. A Councillor Workshop be conducted in May 2023, outlining the 80% detailed design development for the Sport and Recreation Facility, including QS Report and the design's compliance with dark sky principles and light spill based on Ecologically Sustainable Development best practice;*
- 4. Council Include in the tender documents for a 200kW net Solar PV array system and pricing for the Maximum Solar PV system (Circa 500kW) and option for the battery storage system to meet the power needs of the facility. Council understand that this ambition to achieve the operation energy demand on site by 100% renewable energy supply should be a priority in order to meet our emission target goals however it will be reviewed in line with the commitment to remain on budget for this project once tenders close and pricing is reviewed;*
- 5. Council to research the opportunities available to utilise the Solar PV capacity beyond the operational energy demands of the building in order to provide additional green energy that may be of community benefit eg: use as a solar farm/garden for uptake of solar into apartment buildings in the local area;*

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6. Any proposed changes to the design arising from the May Councillor workshop be submitted to the next Council Meeting for consideration, and if adopted, issued as addendums to the tender documents; and
7. Council publish on the Sport & Recreation Facility page on the Council website a detailed explanation of measures implemented by Lane Cove Council responding to recommendations identified in the PriceWaterhouseCoopers report referenced in the North Sydney Council agenda for the Meeting on 26th April 2023.”

The current program for the project is as follows.

Activity	Council Res. Req'd	Start	Finish
Tender Period 2 – Construction (80% design)		May-23	Jun-23
Work Commencement - Demolition, Bulk Earth Works and Sediment Control (Per Resolution, Tenders must be within budget)		Jun-23	Jul-23
Tender Evaluation, Tender Award 2 – Construction	Yes	Jun-23	Jul-23
Detailed Site Investigation Stage 2 and Clearance		Jul-23	Jul-23
Work Commencement - Construction		Aug-23	Jan-25
Commissioning		Feb-25	Mar-25
Opening (excluding rain delays)		Apr-25	

Per the program, Tenders for construction were called on 16 May 2023 and closed on the 26 June 2023. In line with Council’s March 2023 resolution, as the tenders were not within the construction cost allowance in the overall \$75 million project budget, Stage 1 Early Works, which includes demolition and bulk earthworks did not commence before 30 June. Council formally notified the Office of Sport of the delayed commencement of the project, and they have advised that a formal variation is not required at this stage.

## Discussion

### Tender Scope

The project is generally described as a new sport competition and training facility that meets the community and leisure needs of the Lane Cove Local Government Area and Lower North Shore. The site is located 180 River Road, Northwood. The project scope is generally summarised as:

- Four (4) indoor multi-sport courts including two (2) show courts.
- Four (4) outdoor multi-sport courts (tennis / netball) including terraced seating.
- Four (4) flexible program spaces totaling more than 700m<sup>2</sup> for recreation and leisure.
- A sustainable building that aligns with good practice design principles of local and international environmental standards as specified by consultants Steensen & Varming.
- Activities, functions, and events spaces (including a “golfer’s lounge” and provision for dance floor).
- Performance stage located on the stadium / show courts.
- Meeting Room.

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- Kitchen, bar, and outdoor dining area.
- Reception, office, and administration.
- Golf and tennis pro-shop.
- Accessible toilets, changing places amenity, and male / female change rooms.
- Underground (naturally ventilated) car park.
- Enhanced pedestrian and bicycle access on the site
- Total project budget of \$75M.

Tender Process

Council conducted a two stage Selective Tender process which commenced with an open Expression of Interest (EOI) process in accordance with Council’s Tender and Quotations Procedures. A total of seventeen (17) submissions were received for the EOI. A Tender Review Panel (TRP) was formed and evaluated EOI submissions on the categories of experience, personnel, financial strength, and methodology. Council at its 20 April 2023 endorsed the recommendation of the TRP to invite, in alphabetical order; ADCO Group Pty Ltd; AW Edwards Pty Ltd; Grindley Construction Pty Ltd; Richard Crookes Construction Pty Ltd; and Prime Constructions Pty Ltd to proceed to the Request for Tender (RFT) stage of the project.

The Request for Tender (RFT) documentation outlined the tender conditions and the scope of works to be priced. The RFT documentation was prepared by Council’s Project Management consultant, Forge Venture Management and included 80% design documentation developed by AJ+C Architects and their sub-consultant teams. The tender documentation was issued to the shortlisted five Contractors from the EOI stage on the 16 May 2023 and tenders closed on the 26 June 2023 following a six-week tender period. Council ultimately received three tender submissions from, in alphabetical order; ADCO Group Pty Ltd; Grindley Construction Pty Ltd; and Prime Constructions Pty Ltd.

Tender Evaluation Criteria

The tender evaluation criterion was agreed by the Tender Evaluation Panel (TRP). The tenders were evaluated against the following weighted criteria:

<b>RFT - Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Price	50%
Value Engineering	10%
Program & Methodology	20%
Personnel & Experience	20%
Work Health & Safety	Mandatory
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Assessment by Tender Evaluation Panel

The Tender Evaluation Panel (TRP) consisted of:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
Sebastian Stivala (Chair)	Lane Cove Council	Director of Major Projects
Martin Terescenko	Lane Cove Council	Executive Manager Open Spaces & Urban Services
Trevor Marinovich	Forge Venture Management	Senior Project Manager
Jason Richards	Forge Venture Management	Senior Project Manager

The TRP were advised by the following independent advisors:-

1. AJ+C Architects to review the merits of the value engineering submissions received.
2. Mitchell Brandtman Pty Ltd as the Quantity Surveyor to assess costs.
3. Colin Biggers & Paisley lawyers to assess exclusions on the contract.
4. Noble Shore as probity advisors.

Tenderers were assessed in two (2) parts:-

- a. Non-Commercial submissions including value engineering, methodology, program, and proposed personnel; and
- b. Price.

The Tender Evaluation Panel assessed the non-commercial portion of the submissions first without knowing prices, to not inflict bias on the assessment of the non-price criteria. Once finalised, the prices were brought into the evaluation matrix following assessment by Mitchell Brandtman, before finalising the weighted scores.

A copy of the Confidential Tender Evaluation Panel report has been circulated separately to Councillors. The following provides a summary of the tender assessment: -

<b>RFT - Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>ADCO</b>	<b>Grindley</b>	<b>Prime</b>
Price	50%	Preferred		
Value Engineering	10%		Preferred	
Program & Methodology	20%	Preferred		
Personnel & Experience	20%	Equal Preferred		Equal Preferred
Work Health & Safety	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Preferred</b>		

Following detailed consideration of the submissions, the TRP recommends that Council decline to accept all tender submissions as none of the tenders received were within the construction cost allowance for Stage 2, included within the overall \$75 million project budget. Further, the General Manager enter into negotiations with ADCO Group Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer, with the aim of entering into a contract that aligns with Council's nominated budget. The negotiation process shall finalise the scope, include design development of appropriate value engineering proposals to reduce costs, remove pricing exclusions, finalise the terms of the contract, and confirm program and delivery methodology.

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The TRP has indicated that they do not believe there is any merit in calling for new tenders on the basis that the current submissions have been reviewed under a competitive tender process and the preferred proponent is suitably qualified and can demonstrate capacity and capability for the project. ADCO Group Pty Ltd were the head construction contractor for The Canopy, and the majority of the key personnel which undertook that project have been nominated for this project. Further, based on the value engineering proposals identified, via a post-tender negotiation process, Council's nominated budget and Principal Project Requirements can be achieved.

Regarding the method of Contract to be used for construction, to date Council has pursued, in accordance with Council's resolutions, the use of a Lump Sum Price arrangement utilising a modified AS4000 lump sum contract, having gone to tender with 80% completed design documentation. This method of contracting prioritises a focus on design, with the construction contractor accepting no risk for the 'buildability' of the design. This scenario means that throughout the construction process, Council carries the cost risk for any design-related issues. This scenario was highlighted as a key cause of the issues associated with the review of the North Sydney Pool project by PWC. The following extract is relevant:

*"Typically, in Local Government, councils enter novation agreements to reduce the risks associated with assuming responsibility for performance management and coordination of two separate but inter-reliant contracts. Such agreements often result in increased cost of contract, but significantly reduce the financial risks associated with managing separate contracts."*

Council, through the tender process, attempted to address this issue by introducing the concept of a 'buildability' clause within the standard AS4000 lump sum construction contract framework to shift some design risk onto the construction contractor. All tenderers did not accept the modified AS4000 lump sum construction contract as proposed, in particular, the conditions in relation to design and more specifically the 'buildability' clause.

On this basis, given Council's commitment to a project cost of \$75m, the TRP recommends that Council seek to mitigate cost risk for the project by switching to a form of contract that is more widely used as a cost risk mitigation measure, being the AS4902 lump sum design and construct contract. This change is also supported by the Project Control Group for the project which includes the project managers for the project, Forge Venture Management, the architects for the project AJ+C (Refer **AT-1**), and Colin Biggers & Paisley lawyers (Refer **AT-2**). AJ+C will remain the project architect throughout the construction phase until completion of the project. With 80% design completed, this will be included in the Principal's Project Requirements in the contract to ensure the design as currently proposed is delivered, but within a framework where design risk is included in the lump sum contracted price.

As part of the further design development and cost reduction process, the following principles will be adhered to (in no particular order):-

1. The facility spaces and capacity within the design will be retained;
2. The design aesthetics of the building design will be retained; and
3. The project will retain a sustainable building design that aligns with good practice design principles of local and international environmental standards as specified by consultants Steensen & Varming.

#### Construction Program

Council has appointed Rainbow Constructions Pty limited to undertake the Stage 1 demolition, bulk earth works and sediment control works. Their submitted program of works was for a six-month

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period which finished in January 2024. With the delay in the commencement of their works, it will ultimately impact on the head construction contractor's program.

All tenderers for the head construction contractor nominated a program which would have seen the project completed by the December 2025 deadline under the Office of Sport grant. This will be impacted by the delay in the commencement of Stage 1 Early Works, therefore if they can commence as soon as the negotiations are completed, it will assist in ensuring the timetable can still be met, despite the delayed commencement. It should be noted that all contractors committed to the early handover of the golf pro shop and associated parking spaces to allow normal golf course operations to return by January 2025 (subject to weather delays).

Project Funding

The following funding model is proposed for the project.

Source	Amount	Notes
General Funds	\$33,500,000	Proceeds from 266 Longueville Road Long-Term Lease Income
s7.11 funds available	\$25,000,000	The balance of s7.11 funds (not including the St Leonards South precinct separate funds) is \$26,684,642 as at 30/6/2023.
Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund	\$5,000,000	Council has been successful in obtaining the Grant, \$2.5M has been received to date.
TCorp 10yr Loan (with subsidised interest)	\$10,000,000	Council has been successful in obtaining the Loan (which has been drawn down) with an effective interest rate of 2.2% fixed for 10 yrs.
Sustainability Levy	\$1,500,000	Current Balance of Reserve plus 6 yr, \$200k pa. commitment
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000,000</b>	

Pending the commencement of construction, Council invested the \$10 million loan funds at an interest rate of 4.6%, more than offsetting the loan's interest rate of 2.2%. Funding for the loan repayments will be from revenue from Council's commercial property portfolio, which includes tenancies at The Canopy.

Other Matters Relating to Council's April Resolution

Enhanced Solar PV and Battery

The existing project includes a 200kw system which will supplement the energy needs of the facility. As part of the tender process, per Council's April resolution, Council sought prices for expansion to 500kw of panels and a 200kwh battery, which would cost an additional, circa \$600k-\$700k. Council's sustainability team has been investigating further options in relation to the expansion of the existing 200 kw system within the project, which can be summarised as follows:-

Upfront Capital

- Community funding through a Community Energy Group (e.g. [Solar Garden model](#)) with virtual plots offered to residents (with a financial return through the renewable energy generated). This is best delivered post-construction once the energy demands of the facility's own operations are known through actual data rather than modeling, to identify what capacity would be available for use by others.

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- Through a third-party finance provider, whereby they fund the upfront capital costs of the solar and battery system and the finance is repaid through either saving on energy costs at the facility and/or the on-selling of the energy to residents/businesses through a Virtual Power Plant or peer-to-peer trading platform.
- Grant Funding options include the Commonwealth Government, [ARENA](#) has 2 funding streams that may be of use - the Advancing Renewables Program (funding of \$100,000 to \$50 million, for projects that involve a renewable energy technology or technologies that increase the supply of, or improve the competitiveness of, renewable energy in Australia) noting that this stream requires matched funding from the applicant, and the Community Batteries funding (Round 2) which may be offered for battery projects with longer lead times if all funding from Round 1 is not expended. Council will need to discuss the suitability of the project with ARENA, which is in progress.

*Operational Options*

- On selling to local residents/businesses through a partner retailer/or multiple retailers via a Virtual Power Plant.
- On selling to local residents/businesses through a peer-to-peer trading platform
- On selling to local businesses through a Power Purchase Agreement

In terms of the next steps, if Council wishes to utilise the capacity for a 'solar garden' model, it is important that the facility's actual operations be known first, to identify what capacity would be available for use by others. From Council's research, on this basis, it isn't uncommon for solar PV and batteries to be installed 12 months after occupation. It is therefore proposed to continue to investigate the most suitable funding and operational models and seek grant funding options during construction including via [ARENA](#), and should Council be unsuccessful during the construction period, commit to expansion of the system (project design to include suitable provisioning) within 18 months post-occupation once accurate facility usage data is available.

*Councillor Workshop and Measures implemented by Council responding to recommendations identified in the PriceWaterhouseCoopers report on North Sydney Pool*

A Councillor Workshop was held in May 2023 and was circulated to Councillors prior to tender, however no adjustments to the plans were required as a result.

Council staff prepared and have included on [Council's website](#) a commentary on the matters that have been identified in the PwC external review of the North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project from the publicly available information. In providing the commentary, Council in no way is commenting on or passing judgment on the matters identified, but rather to outline the actions taken in relation to the management of the project in respect of the issues identified. With the recommended change use of a modified AS4902 lump sum design and construct contract for the Head Construction Contractor, the website information will need to be updated.

*Progression of Installation of Traffic Signals*

Included as **AT-3** is the program for obtaining approvals and construction of the traffic signals for entry and exit to the site, which is part of the overall project funding of \$75m. As outlined in previous reports, Council has obtained in-principle support for the signals from TfNSW. Council has appointed an experienced external project manager for the project and a full program has now been developed targeting the signals becoming operational in November 2024.

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## **Conclusion**

It is recommended that Council decline to accept all tenders as none of the tenders received were within the construction cost allowance for Stage 2, included within the overall \$75 million project budget. Further, the General Manager be granted delegated authority to undertake negotiations to enter into a contract with the highest ranked contractor according to the selection criteria, being ADCO Group Pty Ltd.

The negotiation process shall finalise the scope, include design development of appropriate value engineering proposals to reduce costs, remove pricing exclusions, finalise the terms of the contract, and confirm program and delivery methodology. Upon reaching agreement, Council will commence Stage 1 Early Works and enter into a contract utilising a modified AS4902 lump sum design and construct contract for the Head Construction Contractor within Council's adopted \$75M project budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Decline to accept all tender submissions as none of the tenders received were within the construction cost allowance for Stage 2 included within the overall \$75 million project budget;
2. Not call fresh tenders as the tender process has identified a suitable field of contractors who can complete the project and the current submissions have been reviewed under a competitive tender process and the preferred proponent is suitably qualified and can demonstrate capacity and capability for the project. Further, based on the value engineering proposals identified, via a post-tender negotiation process, Council's nominated budget and Principal Project Requirements can be achieved via more appropriate contractual arrangements;
3. Enter into negotiations initially with ADCO Group Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer, with the aim of entering into a contract that aligns with Council's nominated budget;
4. Delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into negotiations with ADCO Group Pty Ltd as they are the highest ranked in the selection criteria. If no suitable outcome is achieved, undertake negotiations with the two other tenderers, and upon reaching an agreement, enter into a contract utilising a modified AS4902 lump sum design and construct contract for the Head Construction Contractor, within Council's adopted \$75M project budget. The negotiation process shall finalise the scope, include design development of appropriate value engineering proposals to reduce costs, remove pricing exclusions, finalise the terms of the contract, and confirm program and delivery methodology;
5. Adhere to the following principles in the design development and cost reduction process:-
  - a. The facility spaces and capacity within the design be retained;
  - b. The design aesthetics of the building design be retained;
  - c. The project retain a sustainable building design that aligns with good practice design principles of local and international environmental standards as specified by consultants Steensen & Varming;
6. Delegate authority to the General Manager to proceed with Stage 1 Demolition, Sediment Control, and Bulk Earthworks contractor (Early Works) works once the negotiations have been finalised and it has been determined that the project can proceed within the project budget and Councillors have been advised;
7. Pursue expansion of the 200kW net Solar PV array system included within the project to

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the Maximum Solar PV system (Circa 500kW) and provision of a 200kw battery via a grant from ARENA, and if unsuccessful during the construction period, commit to expansion of the system (project design to include suitable provisioning) within 18 months post-occupation, once accurate facility energy usage data is available; and

8. Receive a further report on the outcomes of the negotiations for information.

Craig Wrightson  
**General Manager**  
**General Managers Unit**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>AT-1</b> <a href="#">View</a>	AJ+C Architects Response - Method of Construction Contract	1 Page	Available Electronically
<b>AT-2</b> <a href="#">View</a>	Colin Biggers Paisley Lawyers - Method of Construction Contract - Main Works	2 Pages	Available Electronically
<b>AT-3</b> <a href="#">View</a>	Lane Cove Sport and Recreation Centre - LCSRC - River Road Traffic Signals Program	5 Pages	Available Electronically

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NEWLANDS PARK**

**Subject:** Proposed Partial Closure of Canberra Avenue - Proposed Extension of Newlands Park  
**Record No:** SU1326 - 36134/23  
**Division:** Open Space and Urban Services Division  
**Author(s):** Sashika Perera

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### **Executive Summary**

In April and July 2022, Council assessed the traffic impacts of construction and post construction traffic with respect to the partial closure of Canberra Avenue. The reports concluded that the proposed partial closure would have no noticeable impact on the road network in both scenarios.

The resolution from the July 2022 Council meeting deferred the commencement of the closure process subject to a further report outlining the process of the closure including associated community consultation and proposed design of the Duntroon Avenue/Canberra Avenue intersections be received by Council.

As per the above resolutions, this report outlines the process to consider a road closure, the consultation process and proposed design of the Duntroon Avenue/Canberra Avenue intersection.

It is recommended that Council now commence the process for closing Canberra Avenue between the proposed cul-de-sac to be located south of the Duntroon Avenue/Canberra Avenue intersection and River Road, integrate the land into Newlands Park and construct a roundabout at the Duntroon Avenue/Canberra Avenue intersection. This closure will provide an additional 4,400m<sup>2</sup> of open space to Newlands Park, which combined with the existing open space, will be the largest passive open space park in the Local Government Area (LGA).

### **Background**

In May 2020, Council resolved as part of the adoption of the St Leonards South Local Environmental Plan amendment, to commence the process to close part of Canberra Avenue, between River Road at its intersection with Duntroon Avenue to integrate the land into Newlands Park.

Subsequently, in February 2022, a Notice of Motion was passed to defer the closure of Canberra Avenue until further work was undertaken, namely assessing the cumulative impact of construction and post construction traffic on the closure of Canberra Avenue.

A report to Council in April 2022 outlined the cumulative impact of construction and post construction traffic with the partial closure of Canberra Avenue. The report outlined an overarching approach to managing concurrent construction sites and indicated that the closure of Canberra Avenue will have minimal impact to the road network once Area 7-11 construction is complete. Further to this, it was confirmed that Duntroon Avenue will not be permitted for use by construction traffic accessing the St Leonards South precinct.

A further report to Council in [July 2022 Council report](#) assessed the post construction traffic impacts with respect to the closure and concluded that the traffic impacts would be minimal and it was resolved that:-

1. *“Council receives a further report once construction of projects in Canberra Avenue have commenced, outlining the process to consider a road closure, including the associated*

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*consultation processes and proposed design/configuration of the Duntroon Ave/Canberra Avenue intersection; and*

2. *Council affirms Item 6 of resolution 23/2022, that no action will be taken in respect of any future closure of Canberra Avenue without a further resolution of Council to commence the road closure process.”*

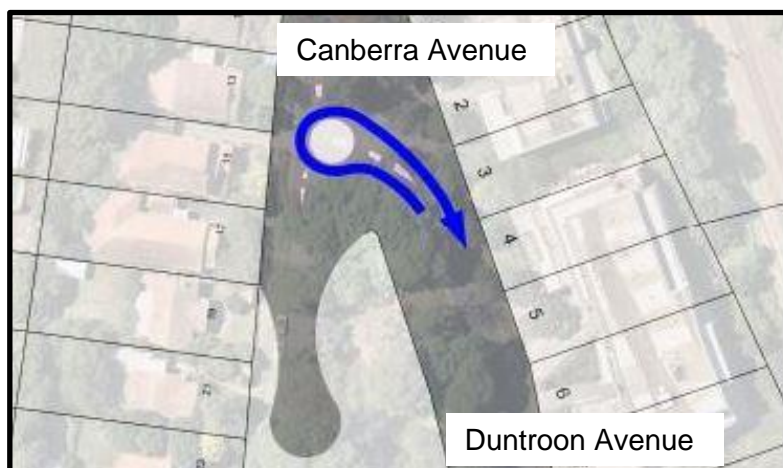
**Discussion**

The closure of Canberra Avenue between River Road and Duntroon Avenue will result in the expansion of Newlands Park. Originally, the closure of Canberra Avenue was estimated to result in an additional 3000m<sup>2</sup> of open space. However, the configuration of the approved Development Application for Areas 7-11 indicates that the closure will now result in an additional 4,400m<sup>2</sup> of open space. This will increase the current area of Newlands Park from 10,119m<sup>2</sup> to 14,519m<sup>2</sup>, creating the largest passive open space park in the Local Government Area (LGA). The extent of the park and its area are shown in the Concept plan in **AT-1**.

As identified in the April 2022 Council report, the construction works associated with the closure of Canberra Avenue will take place near the completion of construction of Areas 7-11, circa late 2025. Should the closure ultimately proceed, the developer of Areas 7-11 will construct under a Voluntary Planning Agreement, a cul-de-sac and a basic conversion of the road pavement to park lands, incorporating a shared user path. Council would, leading up to the closure, undertake further design work with the community to develop a Masterplan for the park for implementation.

When the original proposal for closure was developed, there was some concern from residents that live on the southern side of River Road between the railway line and Russell Street, that if Canberra Avenue is partially closed, they will have difficulty accessing their properties when travelling from a westerly direction. Currently, some of these residents when travelling east on River Road use Canberra Avenue and Duntroon Avenue as a route to do a U-turn and return onto River Road in a westerly direction. This allows them to turn left into their driveways off River Road.

To address this concern, Council has proposed the provision of a roundabout at the intersection of Duntroon Avenue/Canberra Avenue, refer Figure 1. This roundabout will facilitate U-turns for these vehicles so they can maintain their current practice. It also has the added benefit of acting as a traffic calming device for vehicles travelling along Canberra Ave and Duntroon Avenue.



*Figure 1 – Proposed roundabout at the Duntroon Avenue/Canberra Avenue intersection*

The current route and proposed route for residents living south of River Road are shown in **AT-2** and **AT-3**.

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The advantages and disadvantages of the closure is as follows:

<u>Advantages</u>	<u>Disadvantages</u>
Larger green space (additional 4,400m <sup>2</sup> of open space to be created)	When coming from the west, some residents cannot use Canberra Avenue to facilitate a u-turn
Driveway access to Top Springs located further away from River Road	
Improved pedestrian and Bike access	
Reallocation of existing road space to open space	
Provision of a roundabout at Duntroon Avenue as opposed to give way control intersection	

Process for the Road Closure

The relevant sections of the *Roads Act 1993* to commence the closure process are as follows: -

**38A** When council may close council public road

A council may propose the closure of a council public road for which it is the roads authority if—

- (a) the road is not reasonably required as a road for public use (whether for present or future needs), and
- (b) the road is not required to provide continuity for an existing road network, and
- (c) if the road provides a means of vehicular access to particular land, another public road provides lawful and reasonably practicable vehicular access to that land.

**38B** Notification of proposal to close council public road

(1) A council that is proposing to close a council public road must cause notice of the proposal—

- (a) to be published in a local newspaper, and
- (b) to be given to—
  - (i) all owners of land adjoining the road, and
  - (ii) all notifiable authorities, and
  - (iii) any other person (or class of person) prescribed by the regulations.
- (2) The notice—
  - (a) must identify the road that is proposed to be closed, and
  - (b) must state that any person is entitled to make submissions to the council with respect to the closing of the road, and
  - (c) must indicate the manner in which, and the period (being at least 28 days) within which, any such submission should be made.

**38C** Public submissions and formal objections

- (1) Any person may make submissions to the council with respect to the closing of the road in the manner and within the period specified in the notice published under section 38B.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), a notifiable authority in relation to the road may include a statement in the authority's submission to the effect that the authority formally objects to the closing of the road. The authority may withdraw the objection any time by written notice given to the council.

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**Community Consultation**

Statement of Intent

The consultation is designed to inform nearby residents and authorities of the proposed partial closure of Canberra Avenue St Leonards. Any comments received will be reviewed and evaluated to determine whether to proceed with the partial closure.

Method

As resolved by Council in February 2022 the consultation area will be bounded by Pacific Highway, North Shore Railway Line, River Road (including Wollstonecraft residents fronting River Rd, opposite Newlands Park and in Boronia St) and Greenwich Road. The consultation area is shown below in Figure 1.

<b>Level of Participation</b>	Consult	Consult
<b>Form of Participation</b>	Open	Targeted
<b>Target Audience</b>	Lane Cove Community	Properties resolved by Council
<b>Proposed Medium</b>	Enewsletter, Website Exhibition, Survey	Letterbox drop and signage on site
<b>Indicative Timing</b>	August 2023 - 6 weeks	August 2023 - 6 weeks

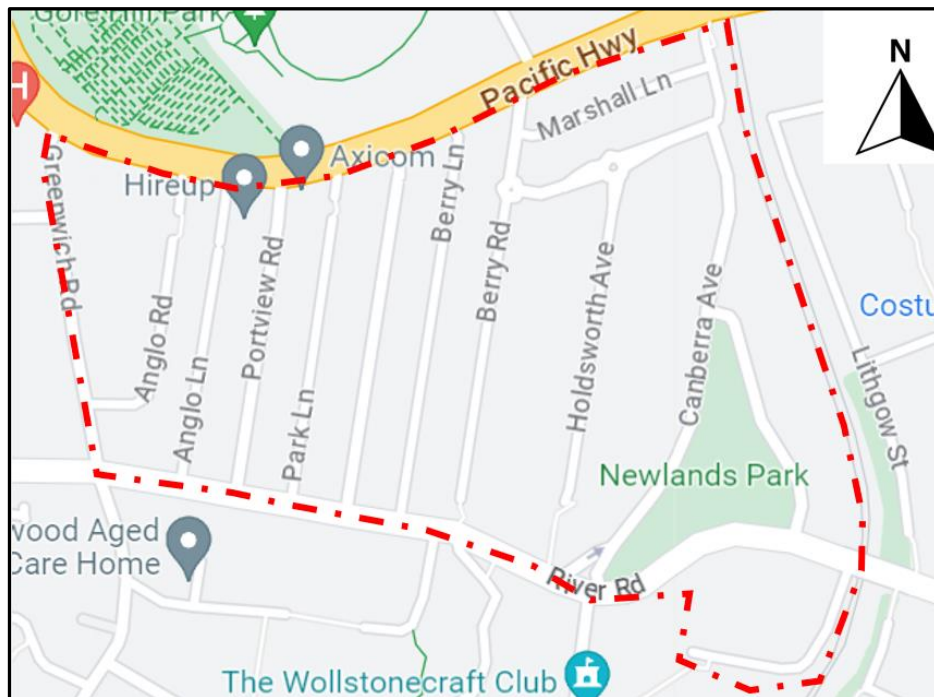


Figure 2: Consultation Area for the Canberra Avenue Closure

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## **Conclusion**

Council plans to commence the process for closing Canberra Avenue between River Road at its intersection with Duntroon Avenue to integrate the land into Newlands Park. This will result in an additional 4,400m<sup>2</sup> of open space, creating the largest passive open space park in the LGA.

The Canberra/Duntroon Avenue will include the provision of a roundabout to ensure that residents living south of River Road and heading west can still access their properties.

The construction works for the Canberra Avenue closure will take place near the completion of construction of Area 7-11.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. The report be received and noted;
2. Undertake Community Consultation and public notification for the partial closure of Canberra Avenue between River Road at its intersection with Duntroon Avenue to integrate the land into Newlands Park, as outlined in the report; and
3. A further report on the outcome of the Community Consultation be submitted to Council for a decision on the road closure by Council.

Martin Terescenko

**Executive Manager - Open Space and Urban Services**  
**Open Space and Urban Services Division**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>AT-1</b> <a href="#">View</a>	Canberra Avenue Additional Open Space	1 Page	Available Electronically
<b>AT-2</b> <a href="#">View</a>	Canberra Avenue - Current Flow	1 Page	Available Electronically
<b>AT-3</b> <a href="#">View</a>	Canberra Ave - Proposed Traffic Flow	1 Page	Available Electronically

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**INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REVIEW**

**Subject:** Investment Portfolio Review  
**Record No:** SU3038 - 28605/23  
**Division:** Corporate Services Division  
**Author(s):** Sarah Seaman

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### **Executive Summary**

This report has been prepared in response to a Council Resolution to investigate options to invest Council funds with financial institutions that have stated they do not lend to organisations within the coal and gas sectors and to outline a plan for divestment. It is recommended that if council wishes to proceed, alterations will be required to Council's investment policy to facilitate implementation of the revised investment mandate.

### **Background**

At the April 2023 Council Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved the following:

*“To report back on our current investment exposure with the coal and gas sector, options to invest cash with institutions that have statements on not lending to coal and gas sectors and outline a plan for divestment.”*

Council's investment portfolio, as at 31 March 2023, was made up of the following:

Fossil Fuel Lending Authorised Deposit Taking Institution	88%
Non-Fossil Fuel Lending Authorised Deposit Taking Institution	9%
Socially Responsible Investments	3%

Council's independent investment advisor, Prudential Investment Services Corp, were engaged to prepare a 'transitioning to a non-fossil fuel / socially responsible investment portfolio' discussion paper outlining the key matters to consider in such a transition. It should be noted that due to the limitations in the current adopted Investment Policy, Council is unable to transition to a 100% non-fossil fuel lending strategy without an amendment to the adopted Investment Policy. This is primarily due to the existing credit rating limitations that apply to financial institutions that are non-fossil fuel lenders.

However, Council could divest its investment portfolio into a combination of Socially Responsible Investments and non-fossil fuel aligned institutions by amending the credit risk profile of its adopted Investment Policy.

Socially Responsible (or Green) Investments are where the proceeds of the bonds are associated with specific Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) projects such as wind farms, solar power and low carbon transport options.

A copy of the report prepared by Prudential Investment Services Corp is provided as **AT-1**.

## **Discussion**

In order to transition to a non-fossil fuel and socially responsible investment portfolio, the following matters would need to be considered;

### Update the Investment Policy

Essentially, there are 2 fundamental changes required to the current adopted Investment Policy.

1. Update the portfolio limits within our adopted Investment Policy as advised by Prudential Investment Services Corp (Prudential) which would allow Council to invest more funds with non-fossil fuel aligned institutions such as Suncorp Bank and Bendigo/Adelaide Bank.

For example, at present, there is a portfolio maximum limit of 20% that applies to all BBB rated financial institutions in our adopted Investment Policy. Prudential has suggested this maximum limit be itemised as follows:

BBB+ Institutions - increased from 20% to 35%  
BBB Institutions – reduced from 20% to 15%  
BBB- Institutions – reduced from 20% to 0%

Whilst there have been some recommended portfolio limit reductions relating to BBB and BBB- institutions, the recommended increase in BBB+ institutions from 20% to 35% does present a fundamental change in Council's credit risk profile. Put simply, Council would be exposing itself to an increasing number of institutions that do not have same capacity to meet its financial commitments as A, AA or AAA rated institutions.

2. Incorporate a Non Fossil Fuel / Socially Responsible Investment strategy or statement into the Investment Policy. Possible wording is provided below:

#### *Socially Responsible and Non Fossil Fuel Investments*

*When making investment decisions, Council will give preference to green investment options and to institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry.*

*Socially responsible and non fossil fuel investment considerations will be part of Council's overall risk management process to best meet its investment strategy objectives while ensuring compliance with prevailing legislation and this Investment Policy.*

*This Policy acknowledges the long term strategy of Council is to identify those investments that are socially responsible, benefit the community and progress society toward a more sustainable future.*

#### *Fossil Fuel Vs Non Fossil Fuel Aligned Institutions and Socially Responsible/Green Investments*

Where possible, Council would invest in Socially Responsible/Green Investments or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. However, it should be noted there may be constraints in the current investment market that might make this difficult, including the availability of investment products offered at any given time, the prudence of maintaining a diverse portfolio that minimises the risk to Council's capital investment, and ensuring that Council can comply with its own Investment Policy parameters.

For example, there may be occasions where there are no Socially Responsible Investments available and/or the non-fossil fuel institutions are not accepting new investments, or we have reached our policy limit with the individual non-fossil fuel lending institution.

Yield Tolerance

Council is currently receiving very good interest on investment income returns which is assisting Council fund its recurrent operations and new initiatives. It is recommended that consideration be given to a 'Investment Return Yield Tolerance' of not more than 10 basis points (0.10%) so as to not forego a more financially attractive investment product the market may be offering at the time.

To give some sort of indication into what a 10 basis point differential means in the context of Council's current investment portfolio, a 10 basis point differential on a \$122,000,000 investment portfolio balance equates to \$122,000 in interest on investment returns per annum.

No Break fees

It is strongly recommended that Council not incur break fees by divesting in current Investments before they mature. All of Council's current term deposits would need to progressively mature over the next 12 months.

**Conclusion**

This report outlines the exposure council currently has with fossil fuel aligned institutions and the key matters to consider should Council wish to transition to a non fossil fuel and/or a socially responsible investment strategy.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receive and note this report, together with the investment advice received from Council's Investments Advisor, Prudential Investment Services Corp; and
2. Determine whether it wants to pursue an Investment Portfolio that either wholly or partly preferences the placement of investments with non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions and socially responsible investments, noting that a revised Investment Policy incorporating the matters raised in this report and the investment advice would need to be drafted and brought back to Council for its consideration.

Steven Kludass  
**Executive Manager - Corporate Services**  
**Corporate Services Division**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

AT-1 [View](#) Investment Strategy Analysis

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**INTRODUCTION OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION AREAS**

**Subject:** Introduction of Wildlife Protection Areas  
**Record No:** SU4914 - 29648/23  
**Division:** Open Space and Urban Services Division  
**Author(s):** Jeff Culleton

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### **Executive Summary**

Council is proposing to list its bushland reserves (areas zoned as C2 under the Local Environment Plan) as Wildlife Protection Areas (WPA's) under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 to manage the impact of introduced predators on native wildlife.

It is recommended that this proposal be put on public consultation for the period of 6 weeks.

### **Background**

A fauna survey conducted in 2020 as well as resident and staff reports found that domestic and feral animals are preying on native wildlife in bushland reserves. These findings are backed by wildlife rescue organisations.

Under the NSW Companion Animals Act (1998), domestic cats are permitted to freely roam onto any property, regardless of its ownership or function. The only exceptions to this provision are public areas where food preparation facilities are provided (i.e. park picnic/BBQ areas) and places designated by a Council as Wildlife Protection Areas.

Councils typically designate significant bushland reserves or wetlands as "Wildlife Protection Areas" (WPA's) to provide increased protection to native wildlife from the harmful effects of cat predation. Domestic (owned) cats are not allowed to enter Wildlife Protection Areas, so cat owners have a responsibility to prevent their cats from entering these areas. Council is still proposing to allow dogs in bushland areas as long as they are on a leash.

Other Councils in the Sydney-North region, including North Sydney, Ryde, Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Northern Beaches and Willoughby have already declared WPAs in their local bushland reserves. By adopting this proposal Lane Cove Council would fall in line with surrounding councils that have already endorsed wildlife protection for bushland. Furthermore, Lane Cove would contribute significantly by adding valuable protected habitat for vulnerable and endangered fauna species.

### **Discussion**

The ability for bushland reserves to support viable, long-term populations of native wildlife is compromised by the intrusion of feral animals and uncontrolled domestic pets. Studies show that predation of native wildlife by cats (both feral and domestic) can have serious implications for the viability of native species, particularly small birds and reptiles in urban bushland.

Since the implementation of regionally coordinated fox baiting which started over 20 years ago, wildlife such as Long nosed Bandicoots, Swamp Wallabies and Brush Turkeys have naturally re-colonised bushland reserves on Sydney's lower north shore including Lane Cove's bushland reserves.

Council's adopted strategic plans of management including Bushland Plan of Management, Dog Strategy, Sustainability Action Plan and Community Strategic Plan have recommended that Council's bushland reserves be declared as Wildlife Protection Areas.

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This report proposes an integrated approach to managing cat predation of native fauna whereby bushland reserves are declared as WPA's, legally requiring owners to prevent their cats from entering these reserves.

For Council to have the legislative powers to remove domestic cats from its bushland reserves they need to be declared WPAs under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998. It is recommended that Council declare all areas zoned as C2 Environmental Conservation (Bushland) under the Local Environment Plan within Lane Cove Local Government Area as Wildlife Protection Area's under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 section 30 (1.b).

Active management of cats in bushland is most successfully carried out through targeted education of local residents and strategic trapping programs in WPA's. It is intended to reunite owners with any cats that have been caught in our bushland reserve.

An outdoor cat faces daily dangers, including the risk of getting hit by a car, fighting with other cats, being poisoned or harmed, encountering roaming dogs, getting lost, contracting diseases such as Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, or being dumped.

This declaration, in coordination with community education encouraging responsible behaviour and equipping pet owners with the necessary information, will assist them to understand the impact their cat is having on wildlife and what impacts roaming outdoors has on cats, ensuring our native fauna is protected whilst increasing the life expectancy of pet cats. Research shows that the average lifespan of a cat that live indoors exceeds that of a cat that is allowed to roam outdoors by 10 years.

Taking into consideration our neighboring Council, North Sydney has similar bushland ecology, size and fragmentation from National Parks it is recommended that Council follow the same Wildlife Protection structure, which is to ban cats in its bushland reserves, whilst allowing dogs on leash.

It is considered that the current arrangement for dogs being allowed in bushland reserve on leash should continue as this is a long-standing arrangement in the LGA and has minimal impact on our fauna.

## **Community Consultation**

### Statement of Intent

The consultation is designed to seek feedback from the community for the proposal to declare Lane Cove Council's Bushland reserves as Wildlife Protection Areas. Any comments received will be reviewed and evaluated to determine whether any revisions are required to the proposal prior to adoption.

### Method

<b>Level of Participation</b>	Consult	Consult	Consult
<b>Form of Participation</b>	Open	Targeted	Targeted
<b>Target Audience</b>	Lane Cove Community	Relevant Council Advisory Committees	Local Community groups
<b>Proposed Medium</b>	Website Survey, eNewsletter and Social Media.	BMAC	Notification Letters eg Lane Cove Bushland and Conservation Society
<b>Indicative Timing</b>	June – July 2023		

### **Conclusion**

It is recommended that the proposal to declare all areas zoned as C2 Environmental Conservation (Bushland) under the Local Environment Plan within Lane Cove Local Government Area be as Wildlife Protection Area's under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 section 30 (1.b) be put on public consultation for a period of 6 weeks commencing June – July 2023.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Council undertake community consultation on the proposal to declare its bushland reserves as Wildlife Protection Areas under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998;
2. Council undertake community consultation for a period of six (6) weeks as per the consultation strategy outlined in the report; and
3. Following the consultation period, a report on any submissions received and any proposed amendments, be reported to Council.

Martin Terescenko  
**Executive Manager - Open Space and Urban Services**  
**Open Space and Urban Services Division**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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PROPOSED REVIEW OF WARD BOUNDARIES**

**Subject:** Proposed Review of Ward Boundaries  
**Record No:** SU821 - 33027/23  
**Division:** Corporate Services Division  
**Author(s):** Stephen Golding

### Executive Summary

Council is required under Section 211 of the Local Government Act, 1993 to monitor and review Ward Boundaries to ensure the number of electors in the respective Wards does not vary by greater than 10%. The NSW Office of Local Government, [Council Circular 23-05](#), advised that Councils must review their Ward Boundaries and notify the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) of any changes to Ward Boundaries and/or Names by 5 October 2023.

Due to the population growth that occurs throughout Lane Cove, there is a variation of greater than 10% in the number of electors in each of the three Wards. Therefore, as a result, this report proposes various revised Ward Boundaries options, with a preferred option, as (Option 3) indicated in **AT-1** to this report, that addresses the current population variance trend occurring in the three Wards with consideration to the growth in electors due to developments being undertaken in West and East Wards, to be endorsed for community consultation purposes.

### Background

Under Section 211 of the Local Government Act 1993 ("The Act"), councils are required to review their wards and alter them if the number of electors in one ward in its area differs by more than 10% from the number of electors in any other ward in its area.

Council last resolved to alter its Ward Boundaries at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 2 December 2019, to ensure the variation in Wards was less than 10%. That adjustment saw boundary changes to the West and Central Wards with a shift that decreased the West Ward and increased the Central Ward, resulting in no individual Ward having a greater variance of 10%.

### Discussion

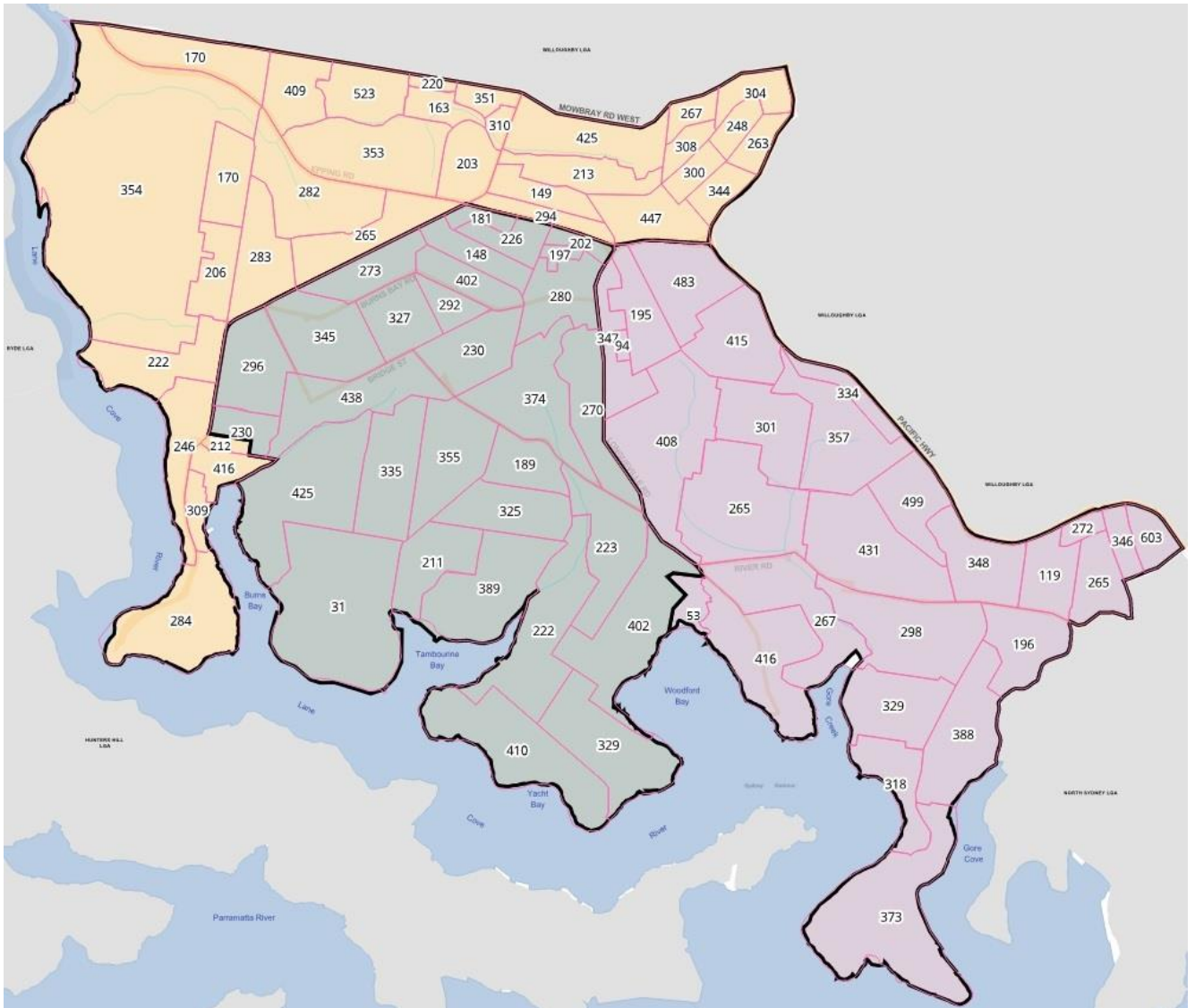
The NSW Electoral Commission Information supplied [Enrolment by Variance of Wards](#), as of April 2023, shows Lane Cove Council having a variance of 10.8%

Ward	Number of Electors	Variation
Central	8,526	10.8%
East	8,659	9.1%
<b>West</b>	<b>9,449</b>	<b>Highest</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,634</b>	

The current status of the variance in Council's Boundaries based on the [Enrolment Council Area statistics](#) (**AT-2**) as at 20 June 2023 is as follows;

Ward	Number of Electors	Variation
Central	8,557	11.2%
East	8,720	9.1%
<b>West</b>	<b>9,513</b>	<b>Highest</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,790</b>	

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As a result of this variation, a review has been undertaken of the Ward Boundaries to ensure there is a no greater than 10% variation in the number of electors in the three (3) Wards, which would ultimately apply for the next Ordinary Election of Council, scheduled for Saturday 14 September 2024.

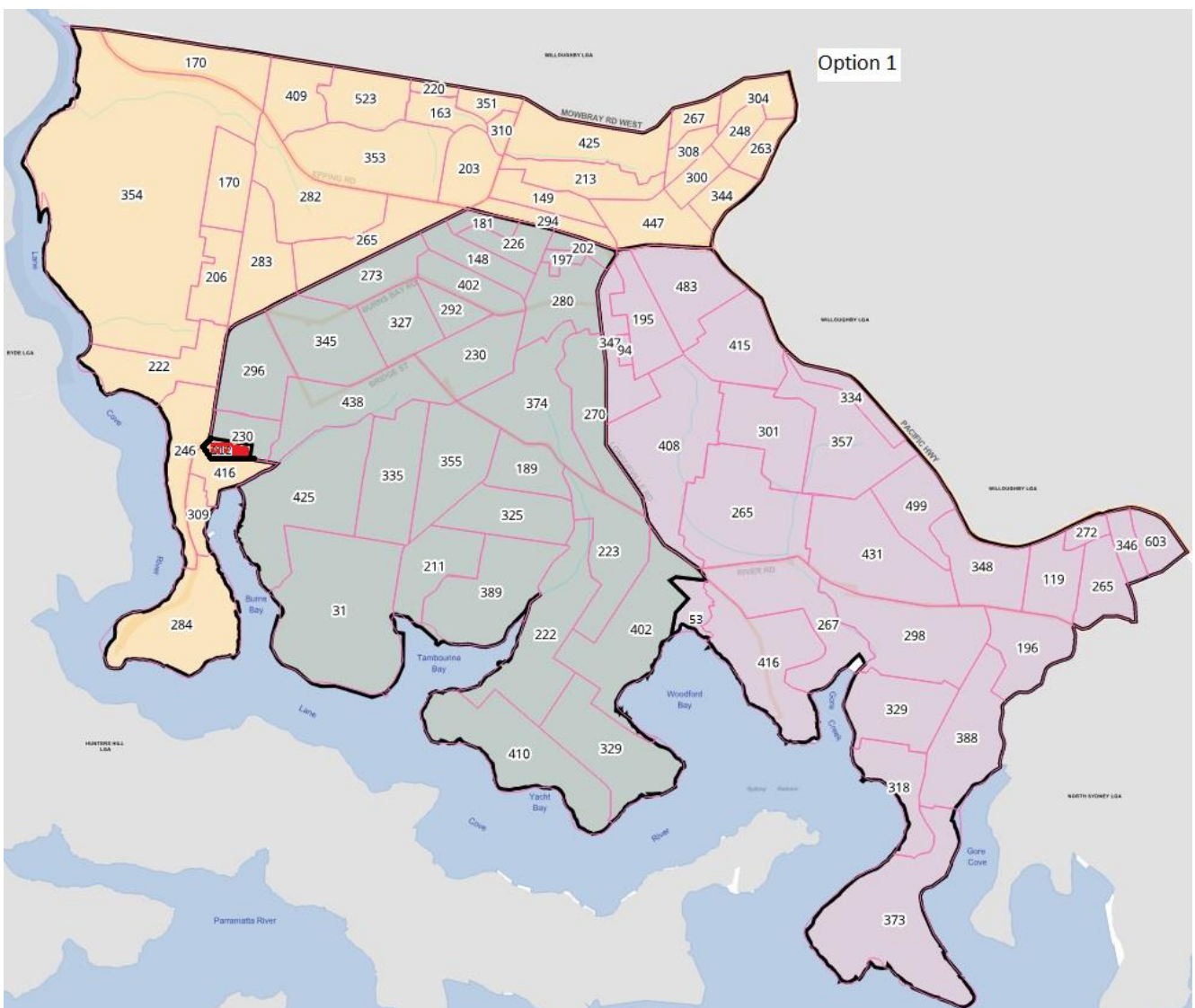
The review has focused on reducing the number of electors in the most populous Ward, that being West Ward. Upon review, the following options were considered;

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**Option 1**

That 212 electors from the area generally east of Burns Bay Road, north of Water View Drive Street and west of Hartman Hill Reserve be transferred from West Ward to Central Ward (**AT-3** SA1 Reference 1-2101-1686-05). This option provides a balanced variation of Central and East Wards when compared to West Ward. (**AT-4** and **AT-5**)

Ward	Number of Electors	Variation
Central	8,769	6.1%
East	8,720	6.7%
West	<b>9,301</b>	<b>Highest</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,790</b>	

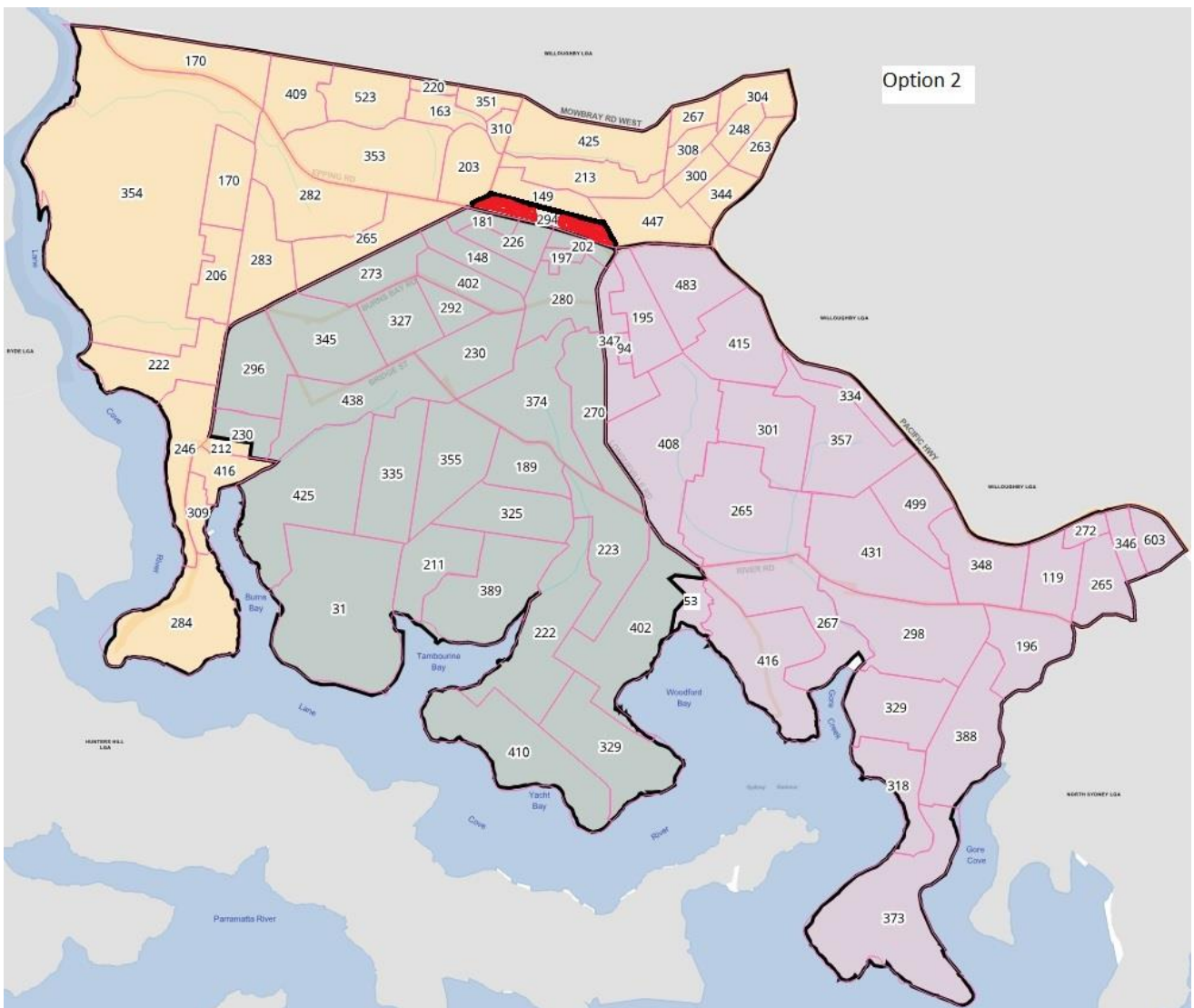


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**Option 2**

That 294 electors from the area generally bounded by Landers Road, Centennial Avenue, Parklands Avenue and Epping Road, be transferred from West Ward to Central Ward (**AT-3** SA1 Reference 1-2101-1399-37). Whilst this is a legitimate option in terms of the outcome (the resultant figures) it achieves, it does not take into consideration the main road boundary being Epping Road that clearly distinguishes the West Ward from the Central and East Wards for our citizens. (**AT-6** and **AT-7**)

Ward	Number of Electors	Variation
Central	8,851	4.2%
East	8,720	5.7%
<b>West</b>	<b>9,219</b>	<b>Highest</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,790</b>	



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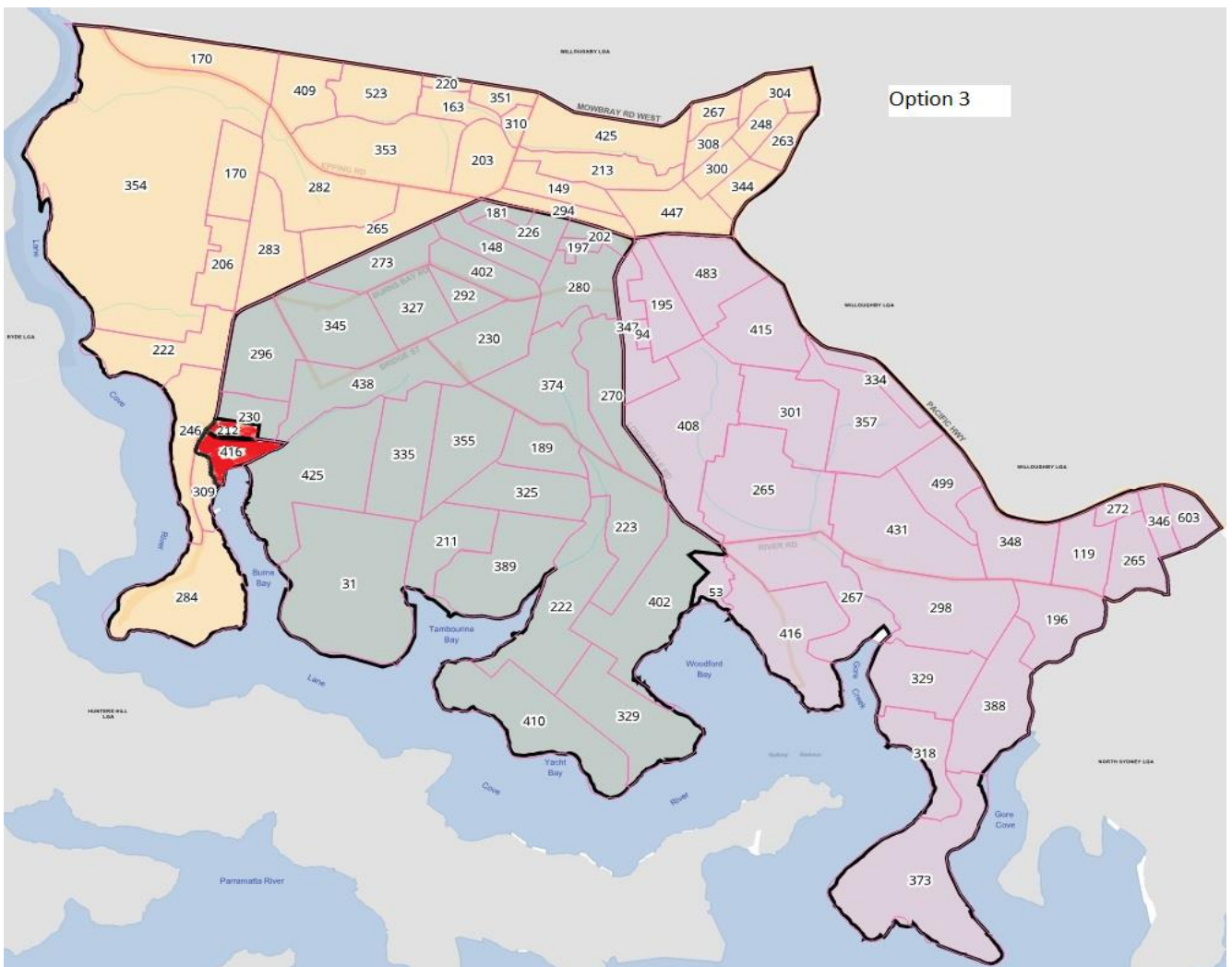
**Option 3**

That 628 electors from the area generally east of Burns Bay Road, south of Waterview Drive, and north west of Burns Bay foreshore and Burns Bay Reserve be transferred from West Ward to Central Ward (**AT-3 SA1 Reference 1-2101-1686-05 and 1-2101-1686-33**).

This is the preferred option, as it;

- Addresses the geographically odd shaped interface between West Ward and Central Ward;
- Addresses the recent trend of electoral growth occurring in East and West Wards, relative to Central Ward; and
- Has regard for the likely impacts of development occurring in the LGA in the immediate future which are primarily in West and East Wards.

Ward	Number of Electors	Variation
<b>Central</b>	<b>9,185</b>	<b>Highest</b>
East	8,720	5.3%
West	8,885	3.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,790</b>	



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## Community Consultation

Prior to adopting the revised Ward Boundaries, Council is required to place the preferred option on exhibition for 28 days and, concurrently, allow 42 days for public submissions. The NSW Electoral Commission requests Councils align, where possible, Ward Boundaries with State and Federal Electoral Boundaries and SA1s.

### Statement of Intent

The consultation is designed to seek the community views on Council's proposed changes to the Ward Boundaries and will take place for the required period. Comments received will be considered on the suitability of the proposed boundaries, having regard to the Council's obligation to have Wards, in terms of the number of electors, within a 10% range of each other as required by Section 211 of the Local Government Act.

### Method

<b>Level of Participation</b>	Inform	Consult	Consult
<b>Form of Participation</b>	Open	Targeted	Open
<b>Target Audience</b>	Lane Cove Community	Impacted Residents	Lane Cove Community
<b>Proposed Medium</b>	- Website - eNewsletter - Social Media	- Notification to impacted residents	- Website Exhibition with Survey - Written Submissions
<b>Indicative Timing</b>	21 July 2023 to 3 September 2023		

## Conclusion

The three options provide a basis for achieving the rebalancing of the numbers of electors within each Ward. Option 1 achieves the rebalance with logical main road boundaries but has limited capacity to accommodate the anticipated growth of electors in West and East Wards due to developments. Option 2 achieves the rebalance but doesn't maintain logical main road boundaries and also has limited capacity to accommodate the anticipated growth of electors in West and East Wards due to developments. Option 3 is the preferred option as it achieves the rebalance with logical main road boundaries and provides greater capacity to accommodate the anticipated growth of electors in West and East Wards due to developments.

## RECOMMENDATION

That:-

1. The information be received and noted;
2. Council place on public exhibition the proposed new Ward Boundaries (Option 3), as depicted in **AT-1**, in accordance with the consultation strategy outlined in the report; and
3. Following the consultation period, the outcomes be reported back to the September Council meeting for determination of the new Ward Boundaries prior to the 5 October 2023 deadline.

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Steven Kludass  
**Executive Manager - Corporate Services**  
**Corporate Services Division**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>AT-1</b>	<a href="#">View</a>	Draft - LCC Ward Boundaries Option 3	1 Page	Available Electronically
<b>AT-2</b>	<a href="#">View</a>	Draft - LCC Ward Boundaries Option 3 - Aerial	1 Page	Available Electronically
<b>AT-3</b>	<a href="#">View</a>	Lane Cove Council - Electoral Statistics per Ward as at 20 June 2023	1 Page	Available Electronically
<b>AT-4</b>	<a href="#">View</a>	Draft - LCC Ward Boundaries Option 1	1 Page	Available Electronically
<b>AT-5</b>	<a href="#">View</a>	Draft - LCC Ward Boundaries Option 1 - Aerial	1 Page	Available Electronically
<b>AT-6</b>	<a href="#">View</a>	Draft - LCC Ward Boundaries Option 2	1 Page	Available Electronically
<b>AT-7</b>	<a href="#">View</a>	Draft - LCC Ward Boundaries Option 2 - Aerial	1 Page	Available Electronically

**Ordinary Council Meeting 20 July 2023  
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - MAY 2023**

**Subject:** Traffic Committee - May 2023  
**Record No:** SU1326 - 39298/23  
**Division:** Open Space and Urban Services Division  
**Author(s):** Sashika Perera

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### **Executive Summary**

The Lane Cove Traffic Committee has met and has submitted recommendations for Council's consideration. It is recommended that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

### **Background**

The Lane Cove Traffic Committee is a requirement of Transport for NSW and is primarily a technical review committee, which provides advice to the Council on matters referred to it by Council. These matters must be related to prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities for which Council has delegated authority. The Committee makes has no decision-making powers, it makes recommendations for the Council to consider, but Council is not bound by the advice.

### **Discussion**

The Lane Cove Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, 23 May 2023. The Agenda is included as **AT-1**. The Traffic Committee recommendations are shown in the Minutes of the Meeting, included as **AT-2**.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the recommendations of the Lane Cove Traffic Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 May 2023.

Martin Terescenko  
**Executive Manager - Open Space and Urban Services**  
**Open Space and Urban Services Division**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>AT-1</b> <a href="#">View</a> Traffic Committee Agenda - May 2023	7 Pages	Available Electronically
<b>AT-2</b> <a href="#">View</a> Minutes - Traffic Committee - May 2023	5 Pages	Available Electronically

**Ordinary Council Meeting 20 July 2023**  
**IPART- DRAFT REPORT ON THE RATE PEG METHODOLOGY REVIEW**

**Subject:** IPART- Draft Report on the Rate Peg Methodology Review  
**Record No:** SU914 - 39505/23  
**Division:** General Managers Unit  
**Author(s):** Craig Wrightson

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### **Executive Summary**

IPART has recently released its draft report on the review of the rate peg methodology. The draft report proposes changes to the way IPART calculates the rate peg to address concerns regarding the current rate peg methodology.

Council has been requested to submit its feedback to IPART, and the submission deadline was on 4 July 2023. Since the submission deadline preceded the next Council meeting, a submission was lodged by Council staff by the closing date.

Overall, the new approach is welcomed and supported. IPART's draft recommendation offers improvements over the existing methodology and should be implemented without delay. It is recommended that Council endorse the lodged submission.

### **Background**

The rate peg refers to the maximum percentage by which a council can increase its annual rates income. IPART, acting as a delegate for the Minister for Local Government, sets this percentage annually. The current rate peg methodology uses the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) to measure the change in all councils' base costs, providing an average annual cost change across NSW.

The rate peg serves two main purposes:

- It enables Council to annually increase rates income to align with the estimated increase in the cost of providing the current services and service level to the community while maintaining our financial sustainability.
- It sets a limit on rate increases, preventing Council from raising rates income beyond the estimated cost changes determined by IPART. Any further increase to fund additional services, service improvements, or population growth must be approved by IPART through a Special Rate Variation (SRV) process and necessitates engagement with the community.

In recent times, stakeholders have raised concerns about the determination of the rate peg, particularly regarding how changes in councils' cost base are measured. In response to these concerns, the NSW government has requested that IPART conduct a review of the current rate peg methodology. The aim is to develop an improved methodology that enables councils to annually adjust their general income, considering forward-looking factors such as inflation, other external influences, and population growth. The goal is to create a more comprehensive and responsive approach to ensure the financial sustainability of councils while considering various factors that impact their revenue and expenditure.

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**Discussion**

The Draft Report suggests improving the existing rate peg methodology through the implementation of the following recommendations:

- a. Measure the annual change in councils' base costs by three groups instead of one, divided into metropolitan, regional, and rural councils. This is intended to better account for the diversity of councils' base cost patterns.
- b. Use a new Base Cost Change (BCC) model to measure the annual change in costs. The proposed new model would comprise three components measuring changes in:
  - i. Employee costs (including wages and superannuation)
  - ii. Asset costs
  - iii. All other operating costs (including administration, utility costs, and insurance)
- c. Use 'forward-looking indicators' to estimate the change in each BCC component.
- d. Use financial information reports in Councils' Financial Data Returns (FDR) from the most recently reported 3-year period to calculate the weighting for each of the BCC components.
- e. Make a council-specific adjustment for the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) contributions changes.
- f. Make additional adjustments to capture costs driven by external factors.
- g. Improve the accuracy of the population factor by only deducting the increase in residential supplementary valuations.

IPART is proposing to implement the improved methodology in a staged process, with some changes implemented in the 2024-2025 rate peg, and the remaining changes in 2025-2026.

Financial Implications

The draft review and recommendations are currently in their preliminary stage, however staff have modelled as a comparison the historic Rate Peg indexation vs the proposed Rate Peg Indexation methodology, refer the table below. The modelling shows that due to the inadequacy of the current methodology, Council has effectively forgone \$2.68M since 2016/17. During this time Council did receive \$2.98M from new dwellings, which has effectively been absorbed (bar \$300k) by the Rate Peg not adequately addressing the increased costs faced by Council to maintain existing services.

	Original Yields						Revised Yields with Preferred BCC							Diff' erence \$000
	Existing Yield \$000	New Dwelling \$000	Total Yield \$000	Rate Peg %	Rate Peg \$000	Income \$000	Existing Yield \$000	New Dwelling \$000	Total Yield \$000	Rate Peg %	Rate Peg \$000	Income \$000		
2016-17	21,804	533	22,337	1.8	402	22,739	1,804	533	22,337	2.8	625	22,962	223	
2017-18	22,739	0	22,739	1.5	341	23,080	2,962	0	22,962	2.5	574	23,536	456	
2018-19	23,080	318	23,398	2.3	538	23,936	3,536	318	23,854	2.4	573	24,427	491	
2019-20	23,936	398	24,334	2.7	657	24,991	4,427	398	24,825	2.3	571	25,396	405	
2020-21	24,991	600	25,591	2.6	665	26,257	5,396	600	25,996	2.1	546	26,542	285	
2021-22	26,257	31	26,288	2.0	526	26,813	6,542	31	26,573	1.7	452	27,025	211	
2022-23	26,813	293	27,106	2.0	542	27,649	27,025	293	27,318	2.1	574	27,891	243	
2023-24	27,649	812	28,461	3.7	1,053	29,514	27,891	812	28,703	4.1	1,177	29,880	367	
Total Yield new Dwellings								2,985	Total Yield Forgone				2,681	

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Ultimately, implementing an improved rate peg methodology could have both short-term and long-term financial implications. The changes in the methodology will impact the annual rates income for Council, potentially allowing for better alignment with the cost of providing services and maintaining financial sustainability.

While Council welcomes the review and supports IPART's recommendations for changes to the rate peg methodology, it is important to highlight that the rate-pegging system severely compromises Council's ability to meet residents' expectations. The current system significantly contributes to the financial challenges faced by the council. Considering the practices across the rest of Australia, the best course of action would be to eliminate rate pegging entirely. This approach would demonstrate genuine trust in local government from the state government and provide an appropriate remedy to the ongoing financial difficulties experienced by the local government sector.

### **Conclusion**

Overall, the proposed changes to the rate peg methodology offer a more comprehensive and responsive approach to address concerns raised by stakeholders. By incorporating multiple factors and improving the accuracy of cost measurement, the new methodology has the potential to better align rates income with the cost of providing services. Council's endorsement of the submission included as **AT-1** will demonstrate its support for these improvements and contribute to the ongoing discussion on enhancing the financial sustainability of local government.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the attached submission lodged with IPART.

Craig Wrightson  
**General Manager**  
**General Managers Unit**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>AT-1</b> <a href="#">View</a>	IPART Review of the Rate Peg Methodology - Submission on Draft Report	3 Pages	Available Electronically
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**AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) - DRAFT CHARTER AND**  
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR NEW INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL MEMBERS**

**Subject:** Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) - Draft Charter and Expression of Interest for New Independent External Members

**Record No:** SU740 - 33171/23

**Division:** Corporate Services Division

**Author(s):** Stephen Golding

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## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Draft Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Charter (**AT-1**) and inform Council that expressions of interest are about to commence in relation to procuring three (3) independent external members to the ARIC.

## **Background**

In 2008, the Office of Local Government first released Guidelines to encourage councils to establish an Audit Committee, risk framework and internal audit functions. Council, at its meeting of 20 April 2009, resolved to establish an Audit Committee in accordance with the Guidelines and the Committee has continued to operate since that time.

In 2019, the NSW Government proposed changes under the Local Government Act, 1993 that each Council have an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC). Under the ARIC Guidelines (not yet legislated), councils and joint organisations are not required to establish a risk management framework and internal audit function that complies with the Guidelines until 30 June 2024. However, councils and joint organisations should start taking steps to establish a risk management framework and internal audit function or to transition their existing risk management and internal audit arrangements to comply with the Guidelines.

The Guidelines set out membership requirements for ARICs. Councils and joint organisations are not required to comply with these requirements until June 2024. This allows for a transition period for the membership requirements of Council's existing Internal Audit Committee to comply with the new requirements. The Office of Local Government has indicated that the key components of the ARIC Guidelines will be legislated later in 2023.

## **Discussion**

### Draft ARIC Charter

Over the past 12 months, Council's Internal Audit Committee has turned its mind to transitioning to a fully-fledged ARIC by June 2024. The Draft ARIC Charter, developed in accordance with the ARIC Guidelines and the model template contained within the Guidelines, has been endorsed by the current independent members of the Committee and speaks to the expanded role the Committee has in relation to audit, risk and improvement.

The Draft ARIC Charter, attached as **AT-1**, includes the following:

- Objectives of the Committee
- Composition and Tenure
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Code of Conduct
- Reporting
- Decision Making and Deliverables

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Attention is drawn to the 'Composition and Tenure' section of the Charter where it is stated that the ARIC comprise three (3) independent external members with voting rights. Councils have the option of appointing one non-voting councillor member to their ARIC who meets the eligibility criteria for councillor members.

It should be noted that the Mayor cannot be appointed as a Councillor member on a council's ARIC. This is consistent with the Circular issued by the OLG (Circular 22/21 issued on 20 July 2022 (refer to link below). As the Mayor is currently nominated as an alternative member to Councillor Bennison, it is appropriate Council nominate a new alternative.

[22-21 Update on membership requirements for audit, risk and improvement committees - Office of Local Government NSW](#)

This circular also outlines the criteria by which independent external members should be assessed as part of their appointment to the ARIC.

#### Expression of Interest

Council is required to have three (3) independent external members on the ARIC. An Expression of Interest for three (3) independent external members will be released in late July with recommended appointments to be presented to Council for consideration at either the September or October 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting. The Expression of Interest will include the criteria (ie the expected credentials of interested applicants) as prescribed by the OLG.

The above timeframe should provide sufficient time for the newly appointed independent external members to familiarise themselves with the new ARIC Charter in readiness for the June 2024 legislative commencement.

#### **Conclusion**

The Draft ARIC Charter is consistent with the Model Charter developed by the OLG and is in a position to be adopted by Council ahead of an expression of interest process whereby Council will be seeking applications from suitably qualified independent external members.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Adopt the Draft Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Charter (**AT-1**);
2. Authorise the General Manager to commence an Expression of Interest process to recruit three independent external members to the ARIC;
3. Nominate an alternative Councillor for the ARIC; and
4. Receive a report back on the recommended independent external members of the ARIC for Council's final determination.

Steven Kludass  
**Executive Manager - Corporate Services**  
**Corporate Services Division**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**AT-1** [View](#) Draft Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Charter 9 Pages Available Electronically

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**DRAFT MANAGING CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS FOR COUNCIL-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS**  
**POLICY - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOMES**

**Subject:** Draft Managing Conflicts of Interests for Council-related Developments Policy - Community Consultation Outcomes

**Record No:** SU6840 - 36574/23

**Division:** Corporate Services Division

**Author(s):** Stephen Golding

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### **Executive Summary**

At the May 2023 Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved to consult with the community on its Draft Managing Conflicts of Interests for Council-related Developments Policy.

The purpose of this policy aims to manage potential conflicts of interest and increase transparency at all stages of the development process for council-related development and meet the legislative requirements of Section 66A Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

This report advises that as a result of the 28 day public consultation period Council received two written submissions.

It recommends that the Draft Managing Conflicts of Interests for Council-related Developments Policy be adopted by Council, as attached to this report (**AT-1**).

### **Background**

Following the May 2023 Ordinary Council meeting, Council placed the Draft Managing Conflicts of Interests for Council-related Developments Policy on exhibition from 25 May to 25 June 2023.

Consultation methods utilised included Website Exhibition and an eNewsletter sent to approximately 7,000 recipients.

### **Discussion**

Council received two (2) submissions in response to the public consultation of Council's Managing Conflicts of Interests for Council-related Developments Policy. A copy of the full submissions have been circulated separately to Councillors.

A summary of the matters raised in the submissions are that:

- a. An independent assessor can only be appointed once;
- b. The policy lacks rigour;
- c. The Manager Development Assessment is not the appropriate person to undertake the risk assessment;
- d. Certifiers should be removed from this process entirely; and that
- e. Council demonstrates the process of Part 5 Assessments.

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**POLICY - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOMES**

The matters raised are addressed as follows:

- a. Council will endeavour to rotate the independent assessors as much as practicable. It must be noted that the services of an independent assessment officer may be sought more than once given the availability of independent assessment officers at the time and/or the related development application.
- b. The policy is considered comprehensive and is the Model Policy put forward by the Department.
- c. The Manager Development Assessment is considered the appropriate professional officer to make the risk assessment. It should be noted that the risk assessment is reviewed and endorsed by the Executive Manager - Environmental Services and the General Manager.
- d. The jurisdiction and role of Certifiers is legislated in the EP&A Act. The Private Certification system has been endorsed by the NSW State Government.
- e. The intent of the subject policy is to regulate the development application process. Part 5 approvals have not been included by the Department as they relate to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.

### **Conclusion**

Having given consideration to the matters raised in the two (2) formal public submissions received, it is recommended that Council adopt the Draft Managing Conflicts of Interests for Council-related Developments Policy and publish it on Council's website.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the Draft Managing Conflicts of Interests for Council-related Developments Policy (**AT-1**) and publish it on Council's website.

Steven Kludass  
**Executive Manager - Corporate Services**  
**Corporate Services Division**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>AT-1</b> <a href="#">View</a>	Draft Managing Conflicts of Interests for Council-related Developments Policy	8 Pages	Available Electronically
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**REVISED FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICY AND STRATEGY**

**Subject:** Revised Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and Strategy  
**Record No:** SU6840 - 37145/23  
**Division:** Corporate Services Division  
**Author(s):** Steven Kludass

**Executive Summary**

A review of Council’s Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and Strategy has been undertaken in light of information that has been released by both Standards Australia and the NSW Audit Office. The revised Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and Strategy is submitted for Council’s consideration with a view to undertaking community consultation.

**Background**

In 2022, Council reviewed its Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and Strategy to incorporate new fraud and corruption controls as issued by Standards Australia (AS8001:2021). In reviewing the Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and Strategy it was also considered prudent to consider the ten (10) key attributes that the NSW Audit Office developed to improve the prevention, detection and response to fraud and corruption.

**Discussion**

The 2022/23 Internal Audit Plan identified a need to review Council’s Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and Strategy. The Policy and Strategy had previously been reviewed in 2017. Whilst the existing Policy and Strategy is still relevant in terms of their commitment and intent, the work that Standards Australia and the NSW Audit Office has since developed presented an ideal opportunity to review both documents.

Australian Standard 8001:2021, *Fraud and corruption control*, supersedes the previous version, Australian Standard 8001:2008 and includes notable inclusions of requirements to enable users to claim conformance to the standard. Initiatives outlined in this standard are aimed at preventing and detecting fraud and corruption, as well as guidance on how to respond to those events that have already occurred.

The ten (10) key attributes that the NSW Audit Office identified are now referenced in the Revised Draft Fraud and Corruption Prevention Strategy and are outlined in the table below.

<b>Attribute Reference</b>	<b>Attribute Description</b>	<b>Theme</b>
Attribute one	Leadership	Prevention
Attribute two	Ethical framework	Prevention, Detection, Response
Attribute three	Responsibility structures	Prevention, Detection, Response
Attribute four	Policy	Prevention
Attribute five	Prevention systems	Prevention
Attribute six	Fraud awareness	Prevention, Response
Attribute seven	Third party management systems	Prevention, Response
Attribute eight	Notification systems	Detection, Response
Attribute nine	Detection systems	Detection
Attribute ten	Investigation systems	Response

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**REVISED FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICY AND STRATEGY**

In developing a revised Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and Strategy, it was also considered prudent to develop an Action Plan which will help guide Council in the ongoing management associated with Fraud and Corruption Prevention.

The Draft Plans have been endorsed by the Internal Audit Committee and two staff training sessions have subsequently been conducted by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), both of which occurred in May 2023. The ICAC used the Draft Plans to raise staff awareness and cross reference materials during the training sessions and offered practical ways in which staff can prevent, detect and respond to fraud and corruption in the workplace.

The internal audit review of Council's Fraud and Corruption Prevention documents and practices has now been scheduled for October 2023 and will feature not only an audit of documentation and practices but an assessment of staff awareness of the Policy and Strategy and their understanding of the measures they can implement to prevent fraud and corruption in the workplace.

## **Community Consultation**

### Statement of Intent

The consultation is designed to gather feedback from members of the public with respect to the revised Draft Plans. Any comments received will be reviewed and evaluated to determine whether or not changes are necessary to the Draft Plan.

### Method

<b>Level of Participation</b>	Consult
<b>Form of Participation</b>	Open
<b>Target Audience</b>	Lane Cove Community
<b>Proposed Medium</b>	Website, eNewsletter, Written Submissions
<b>Indicative Timing</b>	August – September 2023

## **Conclusion**

The Revised Draft Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and Strategy have been reviewed in light of changes in Australian Standards as they relate to fraud and corruption and information that has been developed by the NSW Audit Office.

A report will be prepared for Council's consideration following a 6-week community consultation process as outlined in this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Revised Draft Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and the Draft Fraud and Corruption Prevention Strategy for the purposes of public exhibition; and
2. Receive a community consultation evaluation report on the matter following the public exhibition period.

Steven Kludass

**Executive Manager - Corporate Services**  
**Corporate Services Division**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>AT-1</b> <a href="#">View</a>	Draft Revised Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy	7 Pages	Available Electronically
<b>AT-2</b> <a href="#">View</a>	Draft Revised Fraud and Corruption Prevention Strategy	17 Pages	Available Electronically

**Ordinary Council Meeting 20 July 2023**  
**PROPOSED VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR AREA'S 13, 14 AND 15 - ST LEONARDS SOUTH PRECINCT**

**Subject:** Proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement for Area's 13, 14 and 15 - St Leonards South Precinct  
**Record No:** SU8525 - 37994/23  
**Division:** General Managers Unit  
**Author(s):** David Stevens

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### **Executive Summary**

Council undertook community consultation on the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for 14 and 16 Marshall Avenue, 5-9 Holdsworth Avenue and 2-10 Berry Road, St Leonards (Areas 13, 14 and 15 at the St Leonards South Precinct) between 20 May and 19 June 2023. The VPA provides for the construction and dedication to Council of Infrastructure and public benefit supporting the St Leonards South Precinct as outlined in the Lane Cove Development Control Plan Part C – Residential Localities – Locality 8, for which no Section 7.11 Contribution offset is available. No amendments to development standards are provided by this proposed VPA. The purpose of this report is to outline the results of the consultation and recommends that Council enter into a VPA with the proponent(s), Marshall Land Pty Ltd as trustee for Marshall Land Unit Trust and Holdsworth Land Pty Ltd as trustee for Holdsworth Land Unit Trust.

### **Background**

At the Council Meeting of 7 December 2020, Council resolved in part to grant delegated authority to the General Manager to exhibit in conjunction with relevant Development Applications, VPA's received in respect of the precinct whose incentives accord with Council's previously adopted incentives contained in the DCP for each Area and then be reported to Council for consideration.

Marshall Land Pty Ltd as trustee for Marshall Land Unit Trust and Holdsworth Land Pty Ltd as trustee for Holdsworth Land Unit Trust, propose to undertake a development at Areas 13, 14 and 15 (14 and 16 Marshall Avenue, 5-9 Holdsworth Avenue and 2-10 Berry Road, St Leonards) comprising three (3) multi-story residential flat buildings containing 187 apartments and underground parking which is compliant with the Lane Cove LEP 2010 and Lane Cove Development Control Plan, Part C – Residential Localities - Locality 8. The Development utilises Part 7, Additional local provisions - St Leonards South Area under Lane Cove LEP 2010. No amendments to these development standards are provided by this proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement.

### **Discussion**

From a public benefit perspective, subject to the granting of development consent, in addition to the S7.11 Developer Contributions to fund precinct wide community infrastructure, the development at Areas 13, 14 and 15 will deliver:

1. The dedication in perpetuity the parcel of land identified as 10 Berry Road and comprising Lot 34 in Section 2 DP 7259 in Area 15 as part of a 15m wide pedestrian and bicycle link connecting Berry Road and Holdsworth Avenue.
2. Dedication in perpetuity of one (1) affordable housing dwelling in Area 13, and dedication in perpetuity of two (2) affordable housing dwellings in Area 14, where each dwelling (total of 3) shall comprise an internal area of at least 70m<sup>2</sup> (plus storage) and one car space.

The VPA was placed on public exhibition for community consultation until 19 June 2023, no submissions relating to the draft planning agreement were received.

**Ordinary Council Meeting 20 July 2023**  
**PROPOSED VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR AREA'S 13, 14 AND 15 - ST**  
**LEONARDS SOUTH PRECINCT**

**Conclusion**

The proposed VPA will benefit the community and future residents of the proposed development of Areas 13, 14 and 15 in the St Leonards South Precinct via the construction and dedication (free of cost) to Council of: a new 15m wide pedestrian and bicycle link connecting Berry Road and Holdsworth Avenue; and three (3) affordable housing dwellings. No amendments to these development standards are provided by this proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement.

It is therefore recommended that Council proceed with the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement for Areas 13, 14 and 15 (14 and 16 Marshall Avenue, 5-9 Holdsworth Avenue and 2-10 Berry Road, St Leonards).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Council enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement with Marshall Land Pty Ltd as trustee for Marshall Land Unit Trust and Holdsworth Land Pty Ltd as trustee for Holdsworth Land Unit Trust in respect of the development of Areas 13, 14 and 15 (14 and 16 Marshall Avenue, 5-9 Holdsworth Avenue and 2-10 Berry Road) at the St Leonards South Precinct as outlined in the report; and
3. The General Manager review the trustee assignment provisions of the VPA and be authorised to finalise the wording of the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement and sign the Agreement on behalf of Council.

Craig Wrightson  
**General Manager**  
**General Managers Unit**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no supporting documents for this report.

**Ordinary Council Meeting 20 July 2023  
COUNCIL SNAPSHOT JUNE 2023**

**Subject:** Council Snapshot June 2023  
**Record No:** SU220 - 39711/23  
**Division:** General Managers Unit  
**Author(s):** Craig Wrightson

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Attached for the information of Councillors is a review of Council's recent activities. This report provides a summary of the operations of each division for June 2023 at **AT-1**.

Included at **AT-2** is Council's Resolution Tracker showing the progress of Council's resolutions.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and noted.

Craig Wrightson  
**General Manager**  
**General Managers Unit**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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<b>AT-2</b> <a href="#">View</a> Council Resolution Tracker	38 Pages	Available Electronically



**Council Snapshot – June 2023**



## **CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **GOVERNANCE**

#### **Community Consultation and Engagement**

During June 2023, Council consulted with the community, via various methods, on the following matters:

- Council's 2023/24 Draft Plans, Budget, Fees & Charges, this consultation commenced on 26 April and closed on 07 June 2023;
- Proposed Community Assistance Grants to Community Groups 2023/23, this consultation commenced on 23 May and closed on 20 June 2023;
- Draft Managing Conflicts of Interests for Council-related Developments Policy, this consultation commenced on 25 May and closed on 25 June 2023;
- Liveability Census, this consultation closed on 30 June 2023;
- Draft Bushfire Management Plan, this consultation commenced on 23 May and will close on 18 July 2023;
- Sustainability Review of Council's Development Control Plan, this consultation commenced on 03 July and will close on 13 August 2023; and
- Bus Service Disruption in Lane Cove, this consultation is ongoing.

#### **GIPAs**

No formal GIPA applications were received, and no Notices of Decisions were issued during the month of June 2023.

#### **Tenders**

No Tenders were advertised or awarded during the month of June 2023.

The Request for Tender for the Head Contractor of the Lane Cove Sport and Recreation Centre closed on 26 June 2023 and is now under assessment.

#### **Complaints**

No complaints were received during the month of June 2023.

#### **Councillor Conferences and Training/Professional Development**

The Mayor attended the National General Assembly 2023 (Australian Local Government Association) in June 2023. The reimbursement of \$295.77 for transport and accommodation costs was approved by the Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Councillor Payment of Expenses and Facilities Policy.

## FINANCE

## Investments as at 30 June 2023

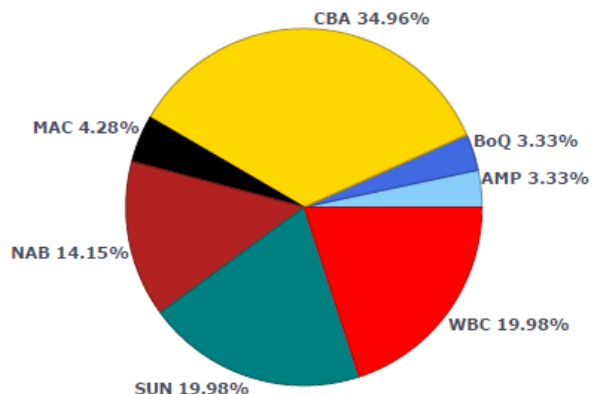
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 121,942,944.87
Actual Interest Return for the Month of June 2023	\$ 402,655.00
Return on Investments for the Month of June 2023	4.14 %

## Investment Holdings Report – June 2023

Cash Accounts				
Monthly Return (%)	Fund Name	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)
3.878%	Macquarie Bank	5,000,000.00		5,145,826.17
		<b>5,000,000.00</b>		<b>5,145,826.17</b>
	<b>Cash at Bank</b>	<b>1,942,944.87</b>		

Term Deposits								
Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Current Rate (%)	Institution	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	
6-Jul-23	4,000,000.00	3.8600%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	4,000,000.00	6-Jul-22	4,152,284.93	!
12-Jul-23	10,000,000.00	0.6500%	National Australia Bank	AA-	10,000,000.00	12-Jul-21	10,063,041.10	!
19-Aug-23	9,000,000.00	4.0000%	Westpac Group	AA-	9,000,000.00	19-Aug-22	9,042,410.96	!
21-Aug-23	6,000,000.00	3.9800%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	6,000,000.00	19-Aug-22	6,206,741.92	!
31-Aug-23	2,000,000.00	4.2500%	AMP Bank	BBB	2,000,000.00	31-Aug-22	2,070,794.52	!
18-Oct-23	3,000,000.00	4.6000%	Suncorp Bank	A+	3,000,000.00	19-Apr-23	3,027,600.00	!
3-Nov-23	5,000,000.00	4.5500%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	5,000,000.00	3-Nov-22	5,149,589.04	!
16-Nov-23	10,000,000.00	4.3600%	Westpac Group	AA-	10,000,000.00	17-Nov-22	10,269,961.64	!
23-Nov-23	5,000,000.00	4.4400%	Westpac Group	AA-	5,000,000.00	24-Nov-22	5,133,200.00	!
13-Dec-23	10,000,000.00	4.6000%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	10,000,000.00	15-Dec-22	10,249,534.25	!
14-Dec-23	5,000,000.00	4.5400%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	5,000,000.00	14-Dec-22	5,123,761.64	!
5-Jan-24	3,000,000.00	4.7900%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	3,000,000.00	6-Jan-23	3,069,290.96	!
13-Feb-24	10,000,000.00	4.9200%	Suncorp Bank	A+	10,000,000.00	17-May-23	10,060,657.53	!
20-Feb-24	4,000,000.00	4.9100%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	4,000,000.00	20-Feb-23	4,070,488.77	!
20-Feb-24	8,000,000.00	4.9300%	Suncorp Bank	A+	8,000,000.00	18-May-23	8,047,544.11	!
22-Feb-24	4,000,000.00	5.0500%	National Australia Bank	AA-	4,000,000.00	22-Feb-23	4,071,391.78	!
9-Apr-24	3,000,000.00	4.5000%	National Australia Bank	AA-	3,000,000.00	6-Apr-23	3,031,808.22	!
17-May-24	2,000,000.00	5.1000%	AMP Bank	BBB	2,000,000.00	18-May-23	2,012,295.89	!
11-Jun-24	4,000,000.00	5.4100%	Bank of Queensland	BBB+	4,000,000.00	8-Jun-23	4,013,636.16	!
14-Jun-24	5,000,000.00	5.4700%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AA-	5,000,000.00	15-Jun-23	5,011,989.04	!
18-Jun-24	3,000,000.00	5.5400%	Suncorp Bank	A+	3,000,000.00	19-Jun-23	3,005,464.11	!
	<b>115,000,000.00</b>	<b>4.2916%</b>			<b>115,000,000.00</b>		<b>116,883,486.57</b>	

**Total Cash and Investments \$ 121,942,944.87**



### Legal Matters

Legal costs for the month of June 2023 were as follows:-

Firm/Matter	Previous Costs	Current	Total	Status	Category
<b>Marsdens Law Group</b>					
LEC 2022/00167608 30 Landers Road Lane Cove	\$236,884.30	\$15,938.08	\$ 252,822.38	Ongoing	Legal Advice
<b>HWL Ebsworth Lawyers</b>					
Advice on waste/ rubbish 4 Banksia Street Lane Cove	Nil	\$ 5,044.05	\$ 5,044.05	Ongoing	Legal Advice
Advice on St. Leonard's South DA	Nil	\$ 770.66	\$ 770.66	Final	Legal Advice
Class 4 Proceedings (Stop Work Oder) – 3 Second Ave Lane Cove	Nil	\$ 1,615.94	\$ 1,615.94	Ongoing	Legal Advice
<b>Schmidt- Liermann Pty Ltd</b>					
General Advice	\$ 85,291.57	\$17,689.66	\$ 102,981.23	Ongoing	Legal Advice

**Total Legal Expenses for June 2023: \$ 41,058.39**

<b>Legal Expenses Budget Impact</b>				
<b>General Ledger Account Details "Legal"</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Budget 2022/23</b>	<b>Actual 2022/23</b>	<b>Budget Available</b>
Environmental Operating Expenses	50019.2000.2106	\$ 515,000	\$ 579,146	(\$64,146)
Development and Health Operating Expenses	50020.2000.2106	\$ 15,000	\$ 915	\$14,085
Planning Operating Expenses	50035.2000.2106	\$ 100,000	\$ 119,075	(\$19,075)
Human Services Operating Expenses	50080.2000.2106	\$ 7,900	\$ -	\$ 7,900
Urban Services Operating Expenses	50163.2000.2106	\$ 28,000	\$ 35,589	(\$ 7,589)

**PEOPLE & CULTURE**

**Staff Establishment**

Equivalent Full-time Staff	207
Total number of positions	230
Total Headcount	245

**Staff Turnover**

Staff Turnover – June 2023	1.52%
Staff Turnover – Year to Date	18.18%
Staff Commenced – June 2023	5 Permanent
Staff Separations – June 2023	3 Permanent
Current Vacancy Rate – June 2023	9%

## GENERAL MANAGER UNIT

### Wadanggari Park (formerly *St Leonards Over Rail Plaza*)

Delivery of playground tower 2 and commencement of the “stamen” installation brings to life the vision of the banksia play towers with tower 1 already installed. Tower 3 will be delivered to site early July and will be ready for the public by early August. The surrounding sandstone block walls were completed, and all paving areas have been cleaned, and sealed and the stone set leeching detail around the metal garden edging, poured. The soft-fall flooring and footings for smaller play equipment has also commenced. Both park lifts have now been commissioned and are ready for use.

The main scaffold along Canberra Ave has been removed following completion of façade panel installation to the lift and western abutment wall. Work is ongoing in the Comms and Electrical Rooms with permanent power connected and NBN now operational.

Lithgow Walk is scheduled to reopen early July.

St Leonards Over rail Bridge – Indicative Programme	
Temp Closures – Canberra Ave (between Pacific Hwy and Marshall Ave)	Nov 2021 - Aug 2023
Completion of Construction Main Works (PC)	Aug 2023

### Lane Cove Sport & Recreation Precinct

The Demolition, Sediment Control and Bulk Earthworks contractor (Early Works) Request for Quote (RfQ) was released to a select group from the Procurement Panel Contractor List and closed on 23 May. The Evaluation Committee selected Rainbow Group on 23 June. A formal Request for Tender (RfT) document set was issued on 16 May (closing 26 June) including 80% detailed design to the 5 selected tenderers for engagement of the Stage 2, Head Construction Contractor. Please see the current project timetable below:

Activity	Start	Finish
Tender Period 2 – Construction (80% design)	May-23	Jun-23
Work Commencement - Demolition, Bulk Earth Works and Sediment Control (Per Resolution, Tenders must be within budget)	Jun-23	Jul-23
Tender Evaluation, Tender Award 2 – Construction	Jun-23	Jul-23
Detailed Site Investigation Stage 2 and Clearance	Jul-23	Jul-23
Work Commencement - Construction	Aug-23	Jan-25
Commissioning	Feb-25	Mar-25
Opening (excluding rain delays)	Apr-25	

Demolition works did not commence on 30 June as upon receipt of the pricing, none of the tenders received were within the construction cost allowance for Stage 2, included within the overall \$75 million project budget.

## COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

### Leases

- Macquarie University – Council and UMQ are due meet again on 4 July to agree actions (for each party) for the design and delivery of a sea wall at the site. UMQ have committed to contributing \$75k of funding and Council has purchased sea wall tiles from monies held in the Sustainability Levy.
- VIVA Pipeline – Council's revised Community Land Plan of Management (Crown Reserves with Council Manager) was taken to the October Ordinary Meeting whereupon Council resolved to adopt the Plan.

The following actions were completed:

1. Includes on the first page of the *Lane Cove Community Land Plan of Management 21 October 2019* a notation that the plan does not apply to land that is included in the *Lane Cove Community Land Plan of Management - Crown Reserves with Council Manager*
2. Upload the above two documents to Council website
3. Includes both documents on council's Open Space Plan page

Council provided a thorough and detailed update to VIVA on 17 March 2023, in return Council have received two responses requesting (in particular) copies of title searches, the 1989 Deed and subsequent Variation of Deed dated 2007. Council awaits further action from VIVA having followed up with them again twice in the month of June receiving an interim response "the matter is currently under review with our legal team" promising to respond more formally week beginning 3 July.

- Council has issued a draft lease and sub-licence to the 12 Foot Skiff Club to enter into a new long-term arrangement. Council and the Club have agreed a tiered (transition) rent structure in recognition of a deterioration in membership numbers since 2018. Council's Deed of Licence (Licence) has been agreed with TfNSW and is ready for execution. Council is attending to some minor changes in the draft lease requested by the 12 Foot Skiff Club which are largely facility maintenance related.
- Greenwich Baths – Council staff have drafted a Request for Commercial Arrangements (operation and management) document for release in July 2023 which will be released on Tenderlink, [commercialrealestate.com.au](http://commercialrealestate.com.au) and Council's website. Bluefit have confirmed their capacity and willingness to continue management and operation of the site up to and beyond the summer season opening on the October long weekend.
- Council has completed market valuations for the two Kindergarten Union (KU) sites at Osborne Park and Greenwich, commercial terms (five-year term) have been agreed and the lease documents are currently with KU's legal representative for a final review.
- Council and Montessori engaged an independent valuer to asset the rental value of the Montessori Academy Early Achievers site at 23-25 Stokes St in Lane Cove North. The report has been received by both parties, each of which are bound by the valuation and commercial terms have been agreed. Lease (and licence) documents are in the hands of Montessori's legal representative for a final review.
- Council has been in regular discussion with two kayak share providers, one commercial operation and one entirely community-based. Council has agreed on a location and commercial arrangements (operator to construct and install storage unit) for the

commercial operator in Burns Bay Reserve and is finalising documentation. The community-based model is proposed to be at the Greenwich Sailing Club site, the group has not responded to Council despite committing to funding the cost and installation of a structure to store the kayaks.

- Lane Cove Gift Card activity saw an increase in redemptions during the month of June of \$1,578 via 34 transactions.

#### **Voluntary Planning Agreements**

- Public exhibition of the draft VPA for Area's 13, 14 and 15 closed on 19 June 2023 and a Report has been prepared for tabling at the July Council Meeting. No submissions were received.

#### **Customer Experience**

- Recruitment for new positions in Council's dedicated customer contact team has commenced, with expectations of new staff onboarding through July and August.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

#### Planning Proposals - Snapshot

Summary of Current Projects						
Project	Preparation of Plan and/or Report to Council	Advice from Local Planning Panel	Gateway Approval	Public Exhibition stage	Final decision by Council	Finalisation by NSW Planning & Environment
Planning Proposal – Car Wash site in St Leonards	On Public Exhibition.	Design Review Panel only	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sustainability Review of the DCP	On Public Exhibition	Design Review Panel 25/7	n/a	(3 July – 11 Aug)	21 Sept.	n/a

#### Planning Proposal - Proposed Strata Sub-Division of Dual occupancies

Council received Gateway determination, placed the proposal on public exhibition, and was endorsed at its April Council meeting. The Department of Planning has signed off on the amendment, and Parliamentary Council has come to an agreement with Council on the wording of the legislation, which should be gazetted shortly.

#### Planning Proposal #39 – Car Wash site in St Leonards

On 22 March, 2023, Council received another Planning Proposal for the site in St Leonards. On 11 April 2023, it was reviewed by Council's Design Review Panel and again not supported. The applicant is considering proposing a third amendment for submission to Council.

#### Sustainability amendment to Lane Cove Development Control Plan (DCP)

Council has proposed a range of amendments to the DCP, covering most parts of the document. Most changes are grammatical or of a structural nature, but several are wide-ranging policy changes/additions. For example, a completely new Sustainability Part is proposed, and major changes are proposed to Bushland (Part H) and Landscaping (Part J). Public exhibition is between 3 July 2023 and 11 August 2023.

**Councillor Information Sessions for Development Proposals as at June 2023**

Date	Proposal Type	Address
13 June 2023	<b>State Significant Development Application</b>	46-52 Nicholson Street & 59-67 Christie Street, St Leonards
13 June 2023	<b>Planning Proposal</b>	448-456 Pacific Highway, St Leonards (The Car Wash Site)

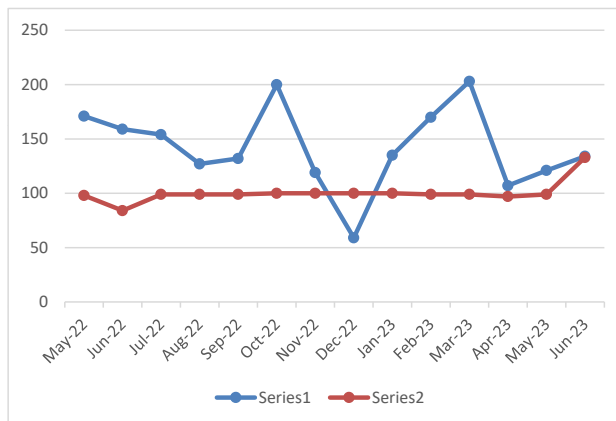
**Section 10.7 Certificates (Property Certificates Stating Zoning etc)**

The total number of Section 10.7 Certificates lodged with Council provides an on-going indicator for property sales and demand within the Local Government Area.

The total number of certificates processed was lower compared to the previous period last year, although the percentage of online certificates was higher. Approximately 99 per cent of all applications are processed within 2-3 working days. There is a continuing use of online certificate ordering.

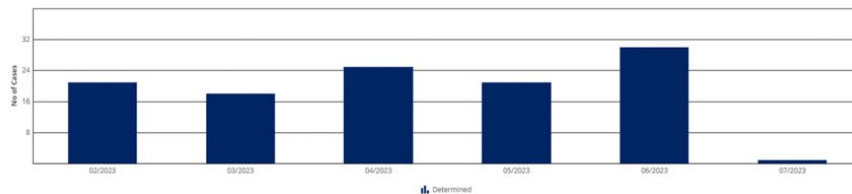
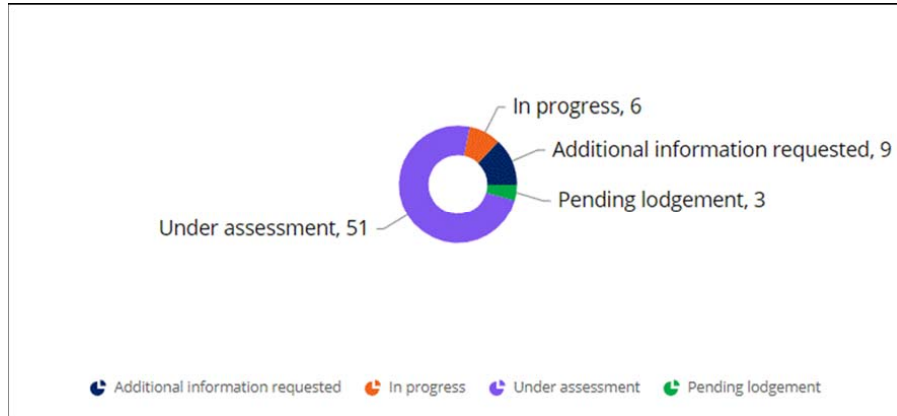
Total and Online Figures

	April-22	May-22	Mar-23	April-23	May-23	June-23
Total number	126	171	203	107	121	134
Online %	99	98	99	97	99	133



**DEVELOPMENT**

**Development Applications Determined and Outstanding as at end of June 2023**



**Average Processing Days YTD = 75**

**Median Processing Days YTD = 53**

**Clause 4.6 Variation to LEP Development Standards**

The Department of Planning and Environment requires a report to Council each quarter advising of variations to development standards approved by Council using Clause 4.6 of Lane Cove LEP 2009. A 4.6 variation seeks to vary an LEP height and/or floor space development standards. This report details Development Applications approved in the period of 1 April to 31 June 2023 with a Clause 4.6 variation:

DA No	Address	Description	Extent of variation and standard varied	Justification of variation	Delegation and date of determination
DA6/2023	72 Helen Street, Lane Cove North	Residential Flat Building	Height 20.50%	No impacts	Local Planning Panel 6 June 2023
DA27/2023	53 Sutherland	Dwelling House	Height 20.21%	Acceptable impacts	Local Planning Panel 6 June 2023

DA No	Address	Description	Extent of variation and standard varied	Justification of variation	Delegation and date of determination
	Street, Lane Cove				
DA53/2023	22B Haughton Street, Linley Point	Dwelling House	Height 32.63%	No impacts	Local Planning Panel 21 June 2023
DA163/2022	1A Epping Road, Lane Cove	Serviced apartments	Height 7.50%	Acceptable impacts	Local Planning Panel 21 June 2023

#### Lane Cove Local Planning Panel

The Lane Cove Local Planning Panel met in June to determine the following applications:

Address	Description	Determination
53 Sutherland Street, Lane Cove - DA27/23	Alterations and Additions	Approved 6 June 2023
26-50 Park Road, 27-47 Berry Road and 46-54 River Road, St Leonards - DA23/23	Demolition of 31 dwellings and associated structures	Approved 6 June 2023
72 Helen Street, Lane Cove North - DA6/23	Residential Flat Building	Approved 6 June 2023
22B Haughton Street, Linley Point - DA53/23	Construction of a roof terrace, fourth floor and access	Approved 21 June 2023
1A Epping Road, Lane Cove – DA163/22	Demolition and construction of 70 room serviced apartments	Approved 21 June 2023
13-19 Canberra Avenue, St Leonards - DA23/21	Alterations and additions to an approved mixed-use development	Refused 21 June 2023

#### The Sydney North Planning Panel

The Sydney North Planning Panel met on 21 June 2023 to discuss:

Address	Description	Determination
13-19 Canberra Avenue, St Leonards - DA23/21	S4.55 Modification of Consent	Refused 21 June 2023

#### Court Appeals as at 30 June 2023

Address and DA number	Date Lodged	Solicitor	Type of Appeal	Issues	Stage
1 Gatacre Avenue and 5 Allison Avenue, Lane Cove	24 September 2021	HWL Ebsworth	Appeal against determination	Height, SEPP 65, amenity of dwellings, setbacks	LEC Hearing 29/11/22 – 1/12/22 Awaiting decision.
30-32A Landers Road, Lane Cove DA24/22	9 June 2022	Marsdens Law Group	Deemed refusal appeal	Carparking and pedestrian safety	Hearing: 8-9 May 2023 Decision - Upheld
1A-3 Bridge Street Lane Cove	8 February 2023	Marsdens Law Group	Deemed refusal appeal	Tree removal, deep soil landscaping, roof top terraces	Directions Hearing 24/3/2023 Hearing: 21 & 22 August 2023
2-4 Merinda Street and 24-26 Mindarie Street, Lane Cove North	14 March 2023	Marsdens Law Group	Appeal against Lane Cove (LPP) determination	Boundary wall acoustics	Conciliation Conf 28 June 2023, Awaiting decision
19 George Street DA34/2023	25 May 2023	Marsdens Law Group	Appeal against determination	Excavation and basement	Directions Hearing 16 June 2023. SF&C - TBA Conciliation Conf TBA
12-20 Berry Road & 11-19 Holdsworth Avenue St Leonards South NSW	30 June 2023	TBA	Appeal against Sydney North Planning Panel determination of Refusal.	Number of storeys	Listed for mention 28 July 2023 SF&C to be prepared – 28 July 2023 Conciliation Conf – TBA <b>Hearing : TBA</b>

#### Development Applications determined as at June 2023

DA/CDC No	Address	Description
DA31/13	9 Gamma Road, Lane Cove	S4.55 Amendment deletion of swimming pool
DA15/18	22 Mary Street, Longueville	S4.45 Modification of consent
DA116/19	5 Wharf Road, Longueville	S4.55 Modification of consent
DA129/20	27 Seville Street, Lane Cove	S4.55 Modification of consent
DA158/20	8 Yarrandi Place, Longueville	S4.55 Modification of consent
DA43/21	16 Mars Road, Lane Cove West	S4.55 Modification of consent
DA99/21	21-41 Canberra Avenue, St Leonards	S4.55 Modification of consent
DA144/22	15 Orion Road, Lane Cove West	S4.55 Modification of consent
DA149/22	21 Mann's Avenue, Greenwich	Alterations and additions

DA/CDC No	Address	Description
DA163/22	1A Epping Road, Lane Cove North	New Service Apartment Development
DA6/23	72 Helen Street, Lane Cove North	Demolition and new residential flat building
DA11/23	13 Arabella Street, Longueville	New dwelling house and swimming pool
DA20/23	15 Johnston Crescent, Lane Cove North	Swimming pool and deck extension
DA23/23	26-50 Park Road, St Leonards	Demolition and Minor Stormwater Works
DA27/23	53 Sutherland Street, Lane Cove	Alterations and additions
DA31/23	30 Pengilly Street, Riverview	Alterations and additions and swimming pool
DA32/23	88 Christie Street, St Leonards Shop G4-5	New grocery store, change of hours and signage
DA33/23	10 Penrose Street, Lane Cove	Front fence
DA41/23	39 Carranya Road, Riverview	Construction of double storey dwelling
DA46/23	9 Glenview Street, Greenwich	Alterations and additions
DA47/23	14-16 Orion Road, Lane Cove West	Strata subdivision of approved warehouse and self-storage development
DA51/23	87 Mars Road, Lane Cove West	Change of use to gymnasium
DA53/23	22B Haughton Street, Linley Point	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling stairs to roof and balustrade
DA54/23	160 Epping Road, Lane Cove West	Removal of existing fitout and installation of new office fitout
DA55/23	16 Lucretia Avenue, Longueville	Alterations and additions
DA57/23	2 Carisbrook Street, Linley Point	Refurbish existing pool, add spa & pavillion swimming pool and landscape works
DA62/23	4 Sirius Road, Lane Cove West	Storage of liquor.
DA64/23	1 Yethonga Avenue, Lane Cove West	Demolish existing carport and construct new one

#### Unauthorised Work for June 2023

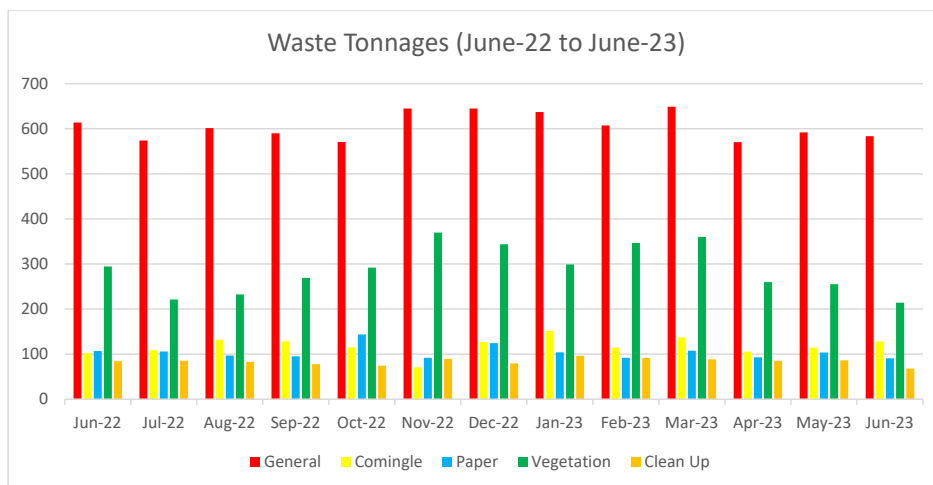
Address	Complaint	Action
31 Austin Street, Lane Cove	Development not in accordance with consent (swimming pool - CDC)	Refer to Principal Certifier
4 Northwood Road, Lane Cove	Development not in accordance with consent (Traffic Management)	PIN Issued
13 Gore Street, Greenwich	Development not in accordance with consent (Stormwater)	Written Directions
13 Gore Street, Greenwich	Development not in accordance with consent (Encroachment)	Stop Work Order
27 Arabella Street, Longueville	Development not in accordance with consent (Retaining Wall)	Written Direction
4 Banksia Close, Lane Cove West	Breach of Development Control Order & Breach of Local Government Act Order	Demolition Order

Address	Complaint	Action
23A Mars Road, Lane Cove West	Development without consent (GFA increase)	Refer to Strata Manager
156 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove	Activity without consent (Animal Boarding)	Written Directions
2 Apollo Place, Lane Cove West	Activity not in accordance with consent (Aircon Usage)	Refer to NSW Planning
62 Kallaroo Road, Riverview	Activity not in accordance with consent (Pool pump Usage)	Written Directions
1 Birdwood Avenue, Lane Cove	Development not in accordance with consent (hours of operation)	Written Directions
4 Northwood Road, Lane Cove	Development not in accordance with consent (Traffic Management)	Refer to Ranger
56 Austin Street, Lane Cove	Development not in accordance with consent (Sediment Control)	Refer to Principal Certifier
95 Riverview Street, Riverview	Unauthorised Signage	Written Directions
210 Longueville Road, Lane Cove	Public Safety (Retaining Wall)	Refer to Strata Manager

**Infringements Issued – Development & Building Compliance, as at June 2023**

13-19 Canberra Avenue	\$6000	Development Consent – no dust control in place
2-4 Merinda Street	\$6000	Development Consent – breach of hours of operation
19 Tambourine Bay Road	\$3000	Development Consent – no Stand Plant permit
9 Fourth Avenue	\$3000	CDC– no adequate tree protection
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19 Tambourine Bay Road	\$3000	Development Consent – no Stand Plant permit
28-34 Mindarie Street	\$6000	Development Consent – breach of TMP.
19 Cullen Street		Development Consent- no adequate tree protection
682 Mowbray Road	\$3000	Development Consent – no Stand Plant permit
14-16 Orion Road	\$6000	Development Consent – no Stand Plant permit
37 Nundah Street	\$3000	Failure to comply with requirement of investigation officer
211 Longueville Road	\$3000	Development Consent – no Stand Plant permit
23 Phoenix Street	\$3000	Development Consent- no adequate tree protection
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21-41 Canberra Avenue	\$6000	Development Consent- no adequate tree protection
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**WASTE MANAGEMENT**



Council collected 583 tonnes of general waste (red bin), 128 tonnes of mixed containers (yellow recycling bin), 91 tonnes of paper/cardboard (blue recycling bin), 214 tonnes of vegetation (green recycling bin) through our kerbside bins over the month of June. A further 68 tonnes of clean-up materials was collected through the bulky waste collection service.

Monitoring of illegal dumping found 3 instances of illegal dumping investigated in June, with all 3 removed at Council's expense.

**Apartment Waste Improvement Program**

In the month of June 2023, 4 complexes participated in the program, engaging 128 individual units. Follow up meetings were also undertaken for 3 buildings to the measure success of the interventions from the initial consult. From the follow-ups, contamination rates in the paper and recycling stream have reduced to <10%.

**Launch of Compost Revolution**

Compost Revolution was launched in mid-June 2023, offering residents, businesses, and schools a variety of compost bins, worm farms and bokashi bins at 50% off. Since the launch, 12 residents have applied for the program. Face-to-face workshops are planned for Spring to help beginners set up and solve common problems they may experience.

**Recycle Smart**

A total of 654 pickups for clothing, soft plastics, e-wastes and other tricky-to-recycle items were completed in June, diverting 2,079kg from landfill.

**SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE**

**Sustainability Collective – Collaboration Group**

Forty-two residents are now members of the Sustainability Collective group and six (6) attended the second meeting on 19 June 2023. The Group received information about the current state of emissions and the inventions that create a pathway to net zero. The Group workshopped what is working well and not working well in our materials (waste) and carbon (emissions) systems. The Group also received inspiration from other community models such as Ku-ring-gai's Net Zero

Champions, Town Team Movement, Zero Emissions Sydney North and Inner West Community Energy Group. The Group will meet again on 7 August.

#### **Community Renewables Program – Rebates and Bulk Buy Initiatives**

The Sustainability Rebates program was launched on 1 June 2023, allowing residents to apply for Pre-Approval for rebates for Sustainability Products installed after the Commencement Date (20 April 2023). Nineteen (19) Pre-Approval applications have been received and fourteen (14) have received Pre-Approval totalling \$9,408.60. This has leveraged community sustainability investment of \$137,252.12 at an investment to rebate ratio of \$14.59.

Renewable energy consultants, Sourced Energy were engaged to provide independent expert advice on the selection of a preferred supplier to deliver the Community Renewables Program. An inception meeting was held on 21 June 2023, and responses to the RFQ were received from all 5 shortlisted proponents from the initial RFP by the closing date of 23 June 2023. Assessment of these proposals will continue through July.

#### **ARENA Community Battery Funding**

Investigations continued into the possibility of applying for funding under Round 1 of the ARENA funding for community batteries. Under this Round, proposals must incorporate the deployment of at least 5 batteries sized between 50kW and 5,000kW, with applications expected to be in the range of \$3- \$20million. Council is continuing discussions with ZEN Energy, who were exploring the opportunity to deploy batteries across several Council areas.

#### **Sydney Water Activation - The Wonders of Water**

The Canopy hosted an educational van to educate residents about water issues such as efficiency. Sydney Water promoted Council's newly launched rebates program which includes a Rainwater Tank rebate.

#### **Movie Screening and Panel - Greenhouse by Joost**

A hybrid event was held at the Alcott and online. The event included networking before the movie and a panel of speakers afterwards included Jo Taranto, Laura Hamilton-O'Hara, Adam Byrne and John Austin. Sixty-six (66) attended at the Alcott and fifty (50) attended online. Cllr Bridget Kennedy announced the Sustainability Rebates program at the event.

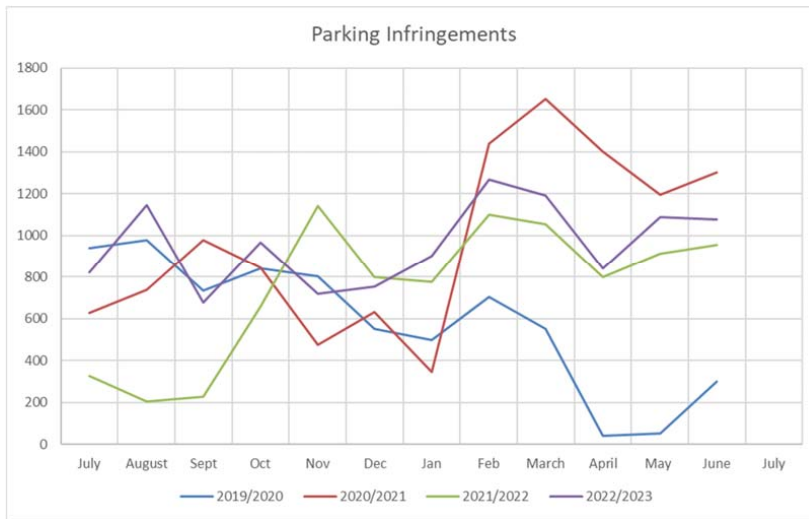
#### **Business Networking and Chamber of Commerce Event**

The Commercial Operations team coordinated a networking evening for business with guest speaker Therese Tarlinton. Thirty (30) registered for the event and seventeen (17) attended. At the event, Council's Sustainability Coordinator presented the Rebates program for businesses and highlighted the Solar for Business and Compost Revolution programs.

#### **EV Charging - Ausgrid**

Council commenced discussions with Ausgrid in June regarding the trial of on street EV charging utilising Ausgrid power poles. Ausgrid have nominated a total of 8 potential sites, and letters have been sent to residents surrounding those sites for their feedback.

**PARKING CONTROL**



**Comparative Data (4 Years) Infringements Issued Per Month**

*Note: The level of enforcement is equivalent to the level of the previous years.*

Food Safety Inspection Report					
# of Inspections	Business Details	Reason for Inspection		Outcome	
	Type	Annual	Complaint	Result	Follow Up
6	Restaurants	Annual		5 Satisfactory	Not required
				1 Unsatisfactory	Yes
7	Takeaway	Annual		5 Satisfactory	Not Required
				2 Unsatisfactory	Yes
2	Cafes	Annual		1 Satisfactory	Not Required
				1 Unsatisfactory	Yes
4	Convenience / Grocery	Annual		4 Satisfactory	Not required
				0 Unsatisfactory	Not required
<b>Total: 19</b>					

**News:**

EHO Observations:

Generally the overall food safety conditions of the premises were satisfactory, however some procedures needed improvement were noted such as re-training staff when required, detail cleaning in hard to reach areas and record keeping of temperatures.

Unsatisfactory observations were noted as lack of detailed cleaning, proper food storage and labelling food.

Food premises that were identified as unsatisfactory in the May 2023 report have been reinspected and found to be satisfactory.

## HUMAN SERVICES

### LIBRARY SERVICES

#### Library Loans

Items lent	June 2023	June 2022	Jul 2022 – June 2023	Jul 2021 – June 2022
Lane Cove Library	41,355	40,027	486,363	352,047
Lane Cove LTYD (includes Librarian's Choice)	5	7	77	4,279
St Leonards Library	2,255	n/a	3,035	n/a
Greenwich Library	1,497	1,287	17,410	11,207
The Yarn, Hunters Hill	611	635	7,069	4,719
Hunters Hill LTYD (includes Librarian's Choice)	14	2	93	512
eResources	4,794	4,353	56,491	56,047
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,531</b>	<b>46,311</b>	<b>570,538</b>	<b>428,811</b>

In June 2023, Lane Cove Libraries lent 4,220 or 9.1% more items than the previous June. For the period July 2022 - June 2023 Lane Cove Library lent 141,727 more items than the previous year.

#### Library Visits

Visits	June 2023	June 2022	July 2022 – June 2023	July 2021 – June 2022
Lane Cove Library	29,395	27,204	339,041	177,233
St Leonards Library	2,701	n/a	3,556	n/a
Greenwich Library	762	496	7,889	4,442
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,858</b>	<b>27,700</b>	<b>350,486</b>	<b>181,675</b>

In June 2023, 5,158 or 18.6% more people visited Lane Cove Libraries compared to the previous June. For the period July 2022 – June 2023, 168,811 more people visited Lane Cove Libraries compared to the previous year.

Please note that due to COVID-19 health measures Lane Cove Library was closed July – September 2021 (first quarter) and Greenwich Library was closed July – October 2021.

#### Local Studies

During June Local Studies staff answered 43 information requests and 243 visits were made to the Reading Room.

Local Studies hosted a military history talk, Doughboys and Aussies together in WW I: A mistake or enduring partnership? by Dr David Dacey.

Four boxes of archives were processed and another 15 were destroyed in line with the Destruction Schedule. Archives received a donation of community archive material from an executive committee member of the Lane Cove Art Society covering the period 2006-2010.

### Outreach Services

The Home Library Service currently has 118 individual clients and eight institutional members in the Lane Cove and Hunters Hill Local Government Areas. The Home Library Service made 159 visits and lent 1,240 items during June.

### Volunteers

There are currently 28 volunteers at Lane Cove Library. This includes:-

- 20 Duke of Edinburgh student volunteers;
- Four young adult volunteers from LUZ Abilities Centre;
- Two volunteers that conduct English Conversation Classes;
- One volunteer that conducts Learn to Love Your Laptop workshops; and
- One volunteer in Local Studies.

### Displays and Exhibitions

- Winter, World Environment Day @ Lane Cove
- Digital Technologies @ St Leonards (display cabinets)
- Award Nominated Reads @ St Leonards
- Reconciliation Week, Cosy Crime @ Greenwich

## LIBRARY EVENTS

### June Library Events

Date	Event	No. of events	No. of attendees
<b>Children &amp; Youth Programs (numbers include children and carers)</b>			
6, 13, 20, 27 June	Lane Cove Baby Bounce	4	300
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June	Lane Cove Storytime	5	225
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June	St Leonards Baby Bounce	5	373
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June	St Leonards Storytime	5	199
5, 19, 26 June	Greenwich Storytime	3	24
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June	Hunters Hill Baby Bounce	5	96
7, 14, 21, 28 June	Hunters Hill Storytime	4	33
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,250</b>
<b>Other Programs</b>			
2 June	Dash Bot Discovery @ St Leonards	1	12
28 June	Osmo Playspace @ Lane Cove	1	11
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>

Date	Event	No. of events	No. of attendees
<b>Class Visits</b>			
	Currambena Preschool	1	19
	Currambena Primary	3	76
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>95</b>
	<b>Total Children's Programs</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,368</b>
<b>General Library Programs</b>			
1 June	Knit-in @ Lane Cove	1	1
2 June	Digital Discoveries @ Lane Cove	1	8
6, 13, 20, 27 June	English Conversation Classes	12	210
9 June	Tech Savvy Seniors – Smart Phones @ St Leonards	1	8
13 June	Crafternoon Tea @ Greenwich	1	3
13 June	Military History Talk – Doughboys and Aussies together in World War II: Mistake or Enduring Partnership	1	55
20 June	In Conversation with Sarah Martin, <i>Dear Psychosis</i>	1	42
22 June	Digital Technology Open Night @ St Leonards	1	5
26 June	Poets in Residence	1	8
27 June	Ben's Book Club: Joan Sauers, <i>Echo Lake</i>	1	24
28 June	Moments in Music – Verdi and Puccini	1	26
28 June	Crafternoon Tea @ The Yarn, Hunters Hill	1	4
29 June	Script Writing Workshop with Sonal Moore	1	5
29 June	Writers in Residence	1	4
30 June	3D Printing Design: Stencil Art	1	5
	<b>Total Adults Programs</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>408</b>
	<b>Total Library Programs</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,776</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
<b>Children &amp; Youth Programs</b>	
18, 25 July	Baby Bounce @ Lane Cove
6, 13, 20, 27 July	Storytime @ Lane Cove
21, 28 July	Baby Bounce @ St Leonards
7, 14, 21, 28 July	Storytime @ St Leonards
7, 24, 31 July	Storytime @ Greenwich
21, 28 July	Baby Bounce @ The Yarn, Hunters Hill
5, 12, 19, 26 July	Storytime @ The Yarn, Hunters Hill
3 July	Chinese Storytime
3 July	Osmo Playspace @ Greenwich
4 July	Ozobot Mazes
4 July	NAIDOC Week Craft
5 July	Stickers by Numbers for Teens @ The Yarn, Hunters Hill
6 July	Dash Bot Discovery
7 July	Aunty Storytime
7 July	Osmo Playspace @ St Leonards
7 July	NAIDOC Week Craft @ The Yarn, Hunters Hill

Date	Event
10 July	Foam Fun Craft @ Greenwich
11 July	Holiday Movie: Super Mario Bros. Movie
11 July	Paper Pal Creations
12 July	Dash Bot Discovery @ St Leonards
13 July	Stickers by Numbers for Teens
14 July	Osmo Playspace @ The Yarn, Hunters Hill
14 July	Foam Fun Craft @ St Leonards
26 July	Osmo Playspace @ Lane Cove
7 July	Aunty Time @ Lane Cove (Gai-mariagal Festival and NAIDOC Week event)
<b>General Library Programs</b>	
6 July	Knit-in @ Lane Cove
6 July	Short Story Writing Workshop with Jo Henwood
6 July	Decorate Your Library Bag @ St Leonards
7 July	Digital Discoveries @ St Leonards
11 July	Crafternoon Tea @ Greenwich
13, 20 July	Learn to Love Your Laptop
18, 25 July	English Conversation Classes
14 July	Learn to Solder Mini Desk Lamp Ornament
20 July	Digital Technology Open Night
21 July	Crafternoon Tea @ St Leonards
25 July	Ben's Book Club: Deidre Macken, <i>Growing Grapes Might be Fun</i>
26 July	Moments in Music – The Savoy Operas
26 July	Crafternoon Tea @ The Yarn, Hunters Hill
27 July	Poetry & Techniques Workshop with Judith Beveridge
27 July	Writers in Residence
27 July	Mini Laser Cut Creations! @ St Leonards
31 July	Poets in Residence

**COMMUNITY SERVICES BRANCH**  
**Current Programs and Projects**

**Lane Cove Connection June Newsletter;** 273 hardcopies posted 26 May. The newsletter was emailed to 823 subscribers on 31 May and 52.85% (427) people opened the email.



The June newsletter promoted Lane Cove as an age friendly community including promoting:-

- Men's Health Week with Council activities – Men's Cooking and a free intro to weightlifting;
- Scam awareness including local workshops and a link to ACCC "Little Black Book of Scams" which is available in 10 different languages;
- Other Council events including the Hearing Bus and Refugee Week: A Dialogue with Afghan Women;
- Low cost and free activities and events in Lane Cove tailored to healthy living and social connection;
- Library events, environment news, transport assistance and cost of living tips;
- Significant occasions such as National Reconciliation Week and Refugee Week to encourage understanding in the community; and
- Parking in Lane Cove to highlight options available to seniors and an explanation of the difference between seniors parking and mobility parking permits.

#### **The Hearing Bus Thursday 8 June**

- Total screened: 22
- People referred for further test with Hearing Australia: 9
- People referred for further test with local Lane Cove audiologist: 5
- Feedback from the hearing team indicated that most participants heard about the bus visit by way of Council advertising in the Lane Cove Connection and posters on the touch screen digital notice board. It was noted that 2 people visiting the service spoke Mandarin and were happy that one of the team could speak Mandarin with them. The bus is booked again for Thursday 9 November.

#### **Men's Health Week – Free intro to Weightlifting at BlueFit**

5 attendees

As part of Men's Health week, Lane Cove Council partnered with Bluefit to deliver this introduction to weightlifting session for local men over the age of sixteen. The session went well, and all participants had a positive experience, leaving with smiling faces. Personal Trainer Nick presented an informative and fun session with plenty of variations and practice of lifts.



#### **Men's Community Cooking Group**

We welcomed one new participant on 1 June, and 3 new participants on 15 June for our Men's Health Week promotion. The focus this month has been to include more vegetables and fruit in the recipes, and even add a meat free entrée without causing too much alarm! One of the most popular recipes was the garlic and herb sourdough bread. Quite a few men said they would be trying this at home to take to BBQs and lunches. The pumpkin and miso soup were another favourite. Other new recipes included Chilli Con Carne with steamed rice and Donna Hay's apple

crumble. Signage to promote future events and cooking equipment were purchased for the Living and Learning Centre through a grant from the RSL.

#### **Different Degrees Theatre workshops**

The group is making good progress with the Lane Cove Festival performance in September. The self-devised script is taking shape, with our participants learning their lines and movements. Several participants have joined on Zoom due to colds (with our regular Zoom participant) which works really well, keeping them engaged and the in-person participants safe. We are planning to edit the video "Imaginarium" to a 3-minute film, for entry in a Short Film Competition.

#### **Elder Abuse Awareness Day – information morning with Police in Lane Cove Plaza**



Police officers from the North Shore Local Area Command were at the Plaza on the morning of 15 June to meet local community members and provide information as part of Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The officers spoke to more than 80 people over the course of the morning.

#### **Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting**

The meeting was held on Wednesday 21 June and included guest speaker Sarah Hirst from Guide Dogs NSW/ACT who spoke about the challenges and issues facing people with low vision or blindness and also about the work of Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.

#### **Stepping On**

At the final session of each *Stepping On Falls Prevention* program a guest presenter from Council is invited to speak to the group. As part of this presentation each program participant receives a copy of the *Living at Home and Staying Connected* booklet and a copy of the Lane Cove Connection monthly senior's newsletter with an explanation on how to sign up to receive an emailed or hard copy.

A brief outline of upcoming Council programs and events is provided with an explained of where people can find this information via Council's website and social media.

To help clients maintain their levels of physical activity and engagement, information is provided about the services and programs on offer at Sydney Community Services, Lane Cove Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Lane Cove Bowling Club, North Sydney Local Health District and surrounding areas. Participants are invited to ask questions and given contact details for Community Development Officer Seniors, Disability and Social Inclusion. Ten participants out of the twelve enrolled attended the session on Wednesday 7 June 2023.

#### **Highlight of the month**

##### **Refugee Week – A Dialogue with Afghan Women**

Refugee Week 2023 ran from 18 to 24 June and this year's theme was 'Finding Freedom'. Thirty-two (32) people attended Council's Refugee Week event held in the Lane Cove Library meeting room.

Refugee Week is coordinated by the Refugee Council of Australia and Rebecca Langton, Manager of the Refugee Council, spoke briefly about Refugee Week and the work of the Refugee Council.



Rebecca Langton, Manager of the Refugee Council of Australia

The evening's first speaker was Shahrnaz Rafi who grew up in Afghanistan before migrating with her family to Pakistan and then returning to Afghanistan where she studied law. A scholarship to complete her Master's degree at Sydney's University of Technology brought her to Australia after which she returned to Afghanistan to participate in the country's reconstruction and to work in a law firm in Kabul. The withdrawal of international troops from Afghanistan in 2014 created a security crisis and Shahrnaz sought protection in Australia which she has called home ever since.



Guest Speaker Shahrnaz Rafi

Following Shahrnaz's talk, everyone enjoyed light refreshments provided by 'Afghan Women on the Move' a charity set up to support newly arrived Afghan and multicultural women to thrive in Australia. The audience then heard about the individual journeys of Sonia Amiri and Gul Rafiqi who fled Afghanistan and eventually migrated to Australia. Sonia and Gul, also spoke of the work that Afghan Women on the Move does to support Afghan and other multicultural women in Australia. Of special note is the swimming and driving lessons offered by this organisation to build skills and confidence of the women they support.



Guest speakers Sonia Amiri and Gul Rafiqi from Afghan Women on the move

Throughout the evening the audience asked many questions and thanked Council for hosting this important event.



#### **Youth Services**

##### **Child Protection Policy Review:**

As part of its commitment to child safety, Lane Cove Council is reviewing its child safety policies and procedures. Lane Cove Council has engaged ChildSafe Ltd as a consultant to assist with this process. Lane Cove Council is also forming a Child Safe Working Group to implement any changes to policies or procedures deemed necessary to create a more child focused organisation.

##### **Joint Council Project - Gamble Aware Webinar:**

Lane Cove Council is collaborating with Councils from across the Northern Sydney Region to provide a Youth Gambling Awareness Webinar for parents in July. This Webinar is being hosted by North Sydney Council with a presenter from Gamble Aware NSW.

##### **Need a Lift Photography Competition:**

Lane Cove Council is participating in the 'Need a Lift' Photography competition again in 2023. This competition, which is held across Northern Sydney, encourages young people to take photos of things that "give them a lift". Finalists are posted in lifts across the region. The Community Development Officer – Youth is a member of the Need a Lift Steering Committee. The Need a Lift competition is scheduled to open on 17 July.

##### **Synergy Youth Centre**

Drop-in Numbers: 544

Female: 202

Male: 339

Gender Diverse: 3

Drop in Ages:

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown
5	56	139	188	149	33	6	6	0

**Schools that accessed our space**

Most of the young people who came to Synergy Youth Centre in May were from Hunters Hill High School or Lane Cove Public School (for the younger cohort). The other schools that young people came from included:

**Primary Schools:** Belrose Public School, Greenwich Public School, Mowbray Public School, Lane Cove West Public School (LCWPS).

**Secondary Schools:** Chatswood High School, Epping Boys High School, Holy Cross College, Knox Grammar School, Monte Sant'Angelo Mercy College, Naremburn School, Normanhurst Boys High School, North Sydney Boys High School, Saint Pius X High School, Terrigal High School, Trinity Catholic College.

**Combined Primary and Secondary Schools:** Arden Anglican School, Barker College, Lindfield Learning Village, Marist Catholic College North Sydney, Newington College Lindfield, St Aloysius Catholic College, St Ignatius College Riverview, St Joseph's College, Sydney Church of England Girl's Grammar School.

**Other Educational Institutions:** Luz All Abilities

**Program activities**

The **Friday Night Cook-up** continues to bring young people to the Youth Centre. Young people are asked for suggestions of what to cook and are then encouraged to help in the preparation of the meal. Friday evenings have been barbecues up until the end of the month when it got too cold and dark, and for the last Friday in June the young people helped prepare pasta with ham and cream sauce.

**Program Numbers and Engagement**

Date	Event	Venue	Participant Total
09/06/23	BBQ and Chill	Synergy Youth Centre	44 (13F, 31M, 0O)
13/06/23	Aunty Time Session 2	Synergy Youth Centre	6 (4F, 2M, 0O)
14/06/23	Warm Drinks and Snacks	Synergy Youth Centre	28 (11F, 17M, 0O)
16/06/23	Friday Night Cook-up	Synergy Youth Centre	45 (19F, 26M, 0O)
20/06/23	Aunty Time Session 3	Synergy Youth Centre	6 (3F, 3M, 0O)
21/06/23	Warm Drinks and Snacks	Synergy Youth Centre	37 (15F, 22M, 0O)
23/06/23	Friday Night Cook-up	Synergy Youth Centre	40 (21F, 18M, 1O)
28/06/23	Warm Drinks and Snacks	Synergy Youth Centre	(4F, 3M, 0O)
30/06/23	Friday Night Cook-up	Synergy Youth Centre	(6F, 4M, 0O)

**Highlight of the Month:****Aunty Time:**

The Gaimaragal Group ran the two workshops at Synergy Youth Centre in June. Aunty Time is a program initiated by The Gaimaragal Group and The Gamariagal Festival which provides young people with the opportunity to chat with First Nations elders, engage in ceremony, and do a range

of craft activities. This is a joint initiative with youth centres from across the Northern Sydney Region. Seven young people (2 male, 5 female) participated in the session on 13 June. The session included an ochre ceremony, a wellbeing check-in, and a short poetry exercise. 6 young people (3 male, 3 female) participated in the session on 20 June. The session started with the ochre ceremony and wellbeing check-in. After this, young people learnt how to weave wellness bracelets and create decorated woollen message sticks. This month, Synergy held two additional sessions of Aunty Time following the first one in May.

Young people participated in a series of creative and wellbeing workshops at the centre, where they learned about First Nations people and culture through arts and crafts. Additionally, Synergy introduced a new weekday event called "Warm Drinks and Snacks" on Wednesdays, which received positive feedback. Furthermore, participants engaged in Friday cooking by assisting the staff in cutting up ingredients, stirring, and preparing meals. The youth worker also discussed potential future collaborations with the youth librarian.

#### Events/Programs/Activities

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance
1	Men's Cooking	Living & Learning Centre	9
7	Different Degrees Drama Group	Living & Learning Centre	10
8	Hearing Bus	The Plaza	23
14	Different Degrees	Living & Learning Centre	9
15	Men's Cooking – Men's Health Week promotion	Living & Learning Centre	11
15	Elder Abuse Awareness Day	The Plaza	80
16	Weight lifting Instruction – Men's Health Week	Lane Cove Aquatic and Leisure Centre	5
21	Different Degrees	Living & Learning Centre	10
22	Refugee Week – a Dialogue with Afghan Women	The Library Meeting Room	32
28	Different Degrees	Living & Learning Centre	9

#### Meetings attended

Date	Meeting	Attending staff
6	Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting - Senior police officers from North Shore Police Area Command provide an update on current trends and target areas for crime in the North Shore region.	Community Development Officer Youth
7	Stepping On – Guest talk about council services, contacts and next steps available in the local area	Community Development Officer Seniors, Disability & Social Inclusion
7	Lower North Shore Youth Interagency meeting - Presenters from the NSW Police Hate Crimes Unit and the NSW Countering Violent Extremism Community Engagement and Support Unit provided information about the services they provide to communities.	Community Development Officer Youth
8	Meeting with Sydney Community Services Media Manager	Community Development Officer Seniors, Disability & Social Inclusion, Seniors & Disability Program Officer
8	North Shore CDAT (Community Drug Action Team) Discuss upcoming programs and	Community Development Officer Youth

	initiatives to address drug and alcohol misuse in North Shore region	
9	Meeting with new Contract Manager from Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)	Manager Community Services, Community Development Officer Youth
20	TAFE NSW and Community Engagement Partnership Event - To learn how TAFE NSW can partner with communities to deliver programs tailored to the needs of community members.	Community Development Officer Youth
21	Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting	Manager Community Services, Community Development Officer Youth
21	Cool Centres planning meeting with Sydney Community Services – working on creating 'Cool Centres' for vulnerable to attend during extreme hot weather events	Manager Community Services Resilience Coordinator

#### Upcoming events/Programs/Activities

Date	Event
3 July	NAIDOC Week Staff event – For our Elders – presentation from the Aboriginal Heritage Office
3 – 14 July	School Holiday program at Synergy Youth Centre
17 July	Need a Lift Photography Competition Open Date
19 July	Gamble Aware Webinar
20 July	Get that Job! – Workshop to support adults re-entering the workforce or seeking a career change

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### eNewsletter stats

10 campaigns sent to 21,450 email addresses  
Open rate = 50.5%

##### New followers:

Facebook: 324  
Instagram: 35  
LinkedIn: 44

##### LinkedIn stats

Page views: 272  
Unique visitors: 127

##### Facebook stats

Page reach: 69,123  
Like and comments: 2,112  
Comments: 196  
Shares: 96  
Link clicks: 1,108

**Top Facebook posts (organic reach & engagement):**1. [Missing dogs](#) – 8 June 2023

Reach: 14,558  
 Engagement: 3,245  
 Reactions: 83  
 Comments: 15  
 Shares: 21

2. [Hughes Park Community Garden](#) – 21 June 2023

Reach: 8,865  
 Engagement: 504  
 Reactions: 104  
 Comments: 8  
 Shares: 4

3. [Meet Your Neighbours wrap-up](#) – 23 June 2023

Reach: 7,340  
 Engagement: 1,137  
 Reactions: 105  
 Comments: 4  
 Shares: 2

**CULTURAL**

Events Held		
1 June	<b>Children's Voice for Reconciliation:</b> 11 participating schools/ preschool celebrated the 27th Lane Cove's Children's Voices for Reconciliation through music, storytelling and performances inspired by the Reconciliation Week theme 'Be a Voice for Generation'.	300
2 June	<b>First Fridays: Scienza Viva</b> In celebration of World Environment Day, Scienza Viva supplied a workshop looking at marine organisms.	100
10 June	<b>Saturday Sounds: Majazzter Duo</b> Ermanno entertained plaza-goers with a free live performance	100
21 June	<b>Citizenship Ceremony</b> Over 60 Lane Cove residents officially became Australian Citizens at this special monthly ceremony. Families enjoyed a photo opportunity with the Mayor and celebrated their new citizenship.	150
24 June	<b>Animals of the Dreaming:</b> The Animals of the Dreaming program delivered an engaging experience, this included storytelling, music and introduced	200

	unique Native Australian animals.	
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Meetings Held	
15 June	<b>Lane Cove Festival Advisory Committee Meeting</b> Committee met to discuss Lane Cove Festival
22 June	<b>Rotary Fair Meeting</b> Staff met to discuss the Rotary Village Fair

Upcoming Events	
7 July	First Fridays, Lane Cove Plaza
8 July	Saturday Sounds, Lane Cove Plaza
26 July	Citizenship Ceremony, Terrace Function Room

#### KINDY COVE

During the past month, Nursery has been exploring and learning about their five senses. The exploration started through a small group interaction in the sand pit where a mud kitchen had been created. The sensory concept was introduced through the educator encouraging the children to engage in the sense of touch throughout their play, using their fingers and hands to explore the sensation of the sand. The Nursery has also been promoting family engagement by inviting families to visit the centre and share a favourite story.

In the Blue room, they have been exploring emotions and feelings. The children have been learning how to identify different types of emotions and how to react to their feelings safely. This is helping the development of the children's social skills, in late June one of the little girls was busy playing and when asked to transition inside she explained "I am feeling frustrated, I want to draw" when asked to head inside.

In our preschool room, the little scientists have been busy exploring their natural environment to expand on their mathematical and scientific concepts. The children started this month growing some broad bean seeds learning what is required to help the plants grow and early mathematical concepts were introduced as they monitored the growth of the plants.

Through our connection to the community, several children shared their interest in their visit to Vivid. To extend their learning an exploration of light and shadows was introduced to the children. Using recycled materials, a light projector was made, and the children were invited to create a little shadow puppet show for their peers. They also were able to explore the light band through the use of a light table and translucent blocks.

After 4 years, the Peter Woods magic show returned to thrill the children with some amazing magic tricks. Peter Wood has training in Child Care and in Theatre allowing him to be able to keep the kids entertained, with lots of magic, surprises, and fun.

We have also had some internal transitions in the rooms with movement depending on their age and readiness.

Our occupancy at the end of June was 95%.

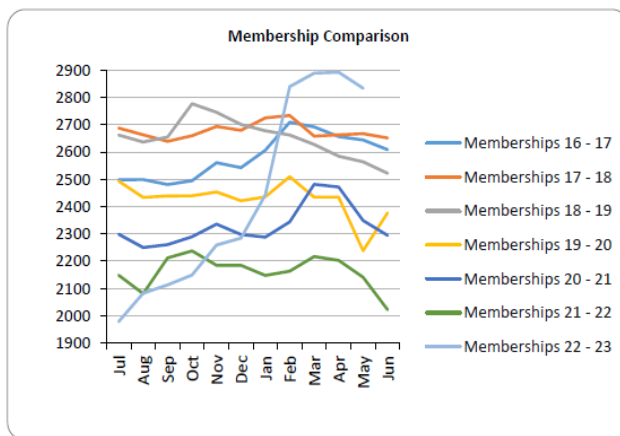
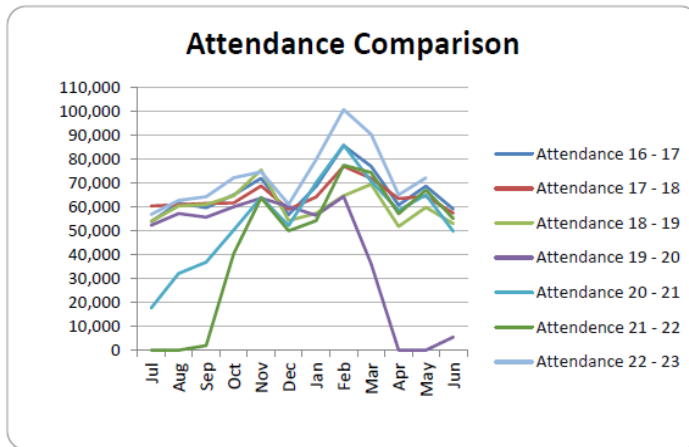
#### **COUNCIL FACILITY REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN AND PLANNED**

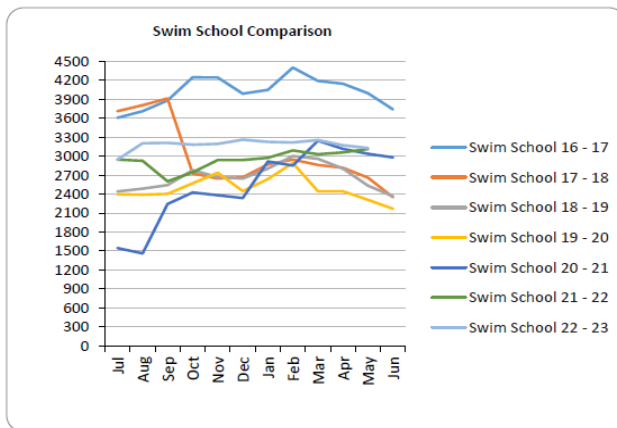
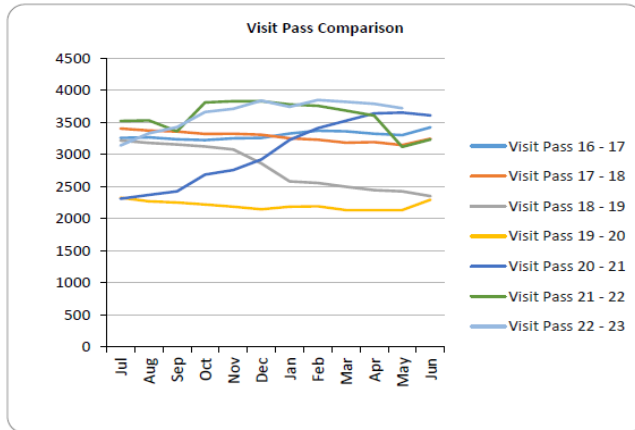
Completed Adhoc Work: Contractors

<b>Site</b>	<b>Works request</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Civic Centre	Replaced gutter in courtyard area outside staff room	Completed
Meeting House	Re secured gutter; camera and waterjet investigation of Stormwater lines	Completed
Kindy Cove	Replaced A/C unit in nursery	Completed
Lane Cove Library	HVAC service agreement 12 <sup>th</sup> month period	Completed
Kindy Cove	Replaced broken glass panel in nursery room external door	Completed
Carisbrook thresholds	Reconstructed Thresholds	Completed
Greenwich Seniors Centre	Roof repaired new sarking	Completed
KU Osborne Park Pre school	Repaired decking	Completed

#### **AQUATIC CENTRE ACTIVITY REPORT – MANAGED BY BLUEFIT**

Casual swimmers	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	June-23
Casual swim	18,357	16,971	13,723	8,758	6,271	4,758
Fitness passport	3,469	2,859	3,140	2,419	2,839	2,074
Visit pass	8,993	9,563	9,727	6,274	8,198	7,916
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,819</b>	<b>29,393</b>	<b>26,590</b>	<b>17,451</b>	<b>17,308</b>	<b>15,030</b>





## OPEN SPACE AND URBAN SERVICES

### OPEN SPACE

#### Rainfall

- There was 48 mms of rain recorded in Lane Cove during June.

#### Bob Campbell Oval

- The Landscape Architect and Natural Turf specialists have commenced documentation.

#### Henningham Playground Upgrade

- All equipment has been installed. Turfing and sofffall mulch is scheduled for June.

#### Alder Ave Swings

- New swings and park bench installed.

#### Sports Grounds

- All ovals showing usual winter wear but still in good condition.
- Blackman B3 & B4 suffering a lot of dog damage through holes being dug in the field.

Bushland Activities	Outcomes June 2023
Bushcare Volunteer hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bushcare hours = 186.90</li> <li>• Bushcare sites worked = 21</li> </ul>
Community Nursery activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of volunteers = 65</li> <li>• Number of volunteer hours = 212.25</li> </ul>
Community Nursery production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of seed trays prepared = 29</li> <li>• Number of plants potted = 1860</li> <li>• Number of outgoing plants = 1517</li> </ul>
Backyard Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 new Backyard Habitat consultations</li> <li>• 1 Follow up Backyard Habitat consultations</li> <li>• 82 native plants planted in wildlife corridors on private land</li> </ul>
Bush Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 supervised Bush Friends sessions (3 nature strips and pocket parks, 14 Bush Friends)</li> <li>• 74 supervised Bush Friends field hours (incl. nature strips) (14 nature strips and pocket parks, 60 Bush Friends)</li> <li>• 218.5 unsupervised Bush Friends hours were recorded (recorded biannually)</li> <li>• 4 new Nature Strip volunteers</li> <li>• Worked across 9 different bushland reserves and 3 verges/parks.</li> <li>• 68 plants installed across nature strips and reserves.</li> </ul>
Bushcare Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shared Voices: Walk and Yarning Circle: 12 people</b> attended this event with guide Karen Smith from the AHO. Walk through Aquatic Park followed by yarning circle, morning tea and discussion next to emu carving at Longueville Park.</li> <li>• <b>Growing Ferns and Groundcovers: 9 people</b> learnt about local ferns and herbs and how to grow them at this workshop.</li> <li>• <b>Woodford Bay Nature Day: 11 people</b> joined the Bushcare group for planting, weeding and a bushwalk. Two new volunteers recruited for the Woodford Bay group.</li> <li>• <b>Burns Bay Corporate Day: 9 volunteers from Santec</b> helped prepare the site at Burns Bay for the upcoming National Tree Day event.</li> <li>• <b>Battlers for the Bush: 7 people</b> took a day tour co-ordinated by North Sydney Council. Norma from the LCBCS and Michelle from LCC led the Lane Cove leg which included a talk and tour of Bushland Park.</li> </ul>

Bushland Activities	Outcomes June 2023
Bush Kids Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were 4 activities delivered in June with a total of 75 participants. Activities were held at Gore Creek Reserve and Blackman Park.</li> <li>• The program continues to attract new families attending activities and feedback has been very positive and appreciative that such a program exists.</li> <li>• We have 1410 Followers on our LCBK Facebook page.</li> </ul>
Every Child a Bush Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lane Cove Public School excursion to Blackman Park for Local Aboriginal Studies. This excursion was partially funded by Council, with ECBE funds are now fully spent.</li> </ul>
Harbourcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 HarbourCare volunteers active this month</li> <li>• 11 kgs or rubbish collected (10kg landfill, 1 kg recyclable)</li> </ul>
Neighborhood Bushland Encroachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of encroachment letters issued in June = 0</li> <li>• Number of Bushland educational brochures distributed = 0</li> <li>• Number of encroachments under investigation = 0</li> </ul>

#### Lovetts Reserve Remediation Area

- The walking track is now open on Council & Sydney Water lands. Most of the Bushland staff have been inducted to site with long term Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EMP sets out guidelines for safe work on site and procedures for unexpected finds.

#### Ventemans Reach Remediation Area

- As part of the Development Application EIS process, the planning consultants and Council have received the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) from the Department of Planning & Environment. Council has engaged consultants to carry out the following studies; Flood, Bushfire, Biodiversity, Noise & Vibration, Heritage, & Aboriginal Due Diligence. #

**Trees**

- The tree assessment process is currently running on a three-week turnaround from application to inspection. There were 0 referrals to the Independent Tree Review Expert Arbiter (ITREA) during June 2023.

<b>Applications Processed</b>	<b>June 23</b>
Total Number of applications processed	69
Total Number of 'Fast Track' applications processed (included in figures above)	8
Total Number of trees processed within the applications	182
Total number of trees processed for removal	106
Total number of trees processed to be pruned	76
Number of trees permitted to be removed (including additional trees requested at time of inspection)	100
Number of trees permitted to be pruned (including additional trees requested at time of inspection)	119
Number of trees refused removal and/or pruning	29
Number of removals processed as 'Fast Track' (included in figures above)	7
Number of pruning's processed as 'Fast Track' (included in figures above)	3
Number of non-compliant 'Fast Track' applications	18
Street and park trees trimmed	57
Street and park trees removed	12
Street trees planted	44

**URBAN SERVICES**

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Segment</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Oscar St	Carlotta St to Greenwich Rd	2nd	Dec-22
Birriwa Pl	Northwood Rd to dead end	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mar-23
Bridge St	River Rd to Ross Smith Pde	2nd	June 23
Gordon Cres	Elizabeth Pde to Girraween Ave	2nd	Oct-22
Elizabeth Pde	Gordon Cres to Centennial Ave	3rd	Oct-22
Mowbray Rd	Lynvale Close to Ralston St	1st	Oct-22
Figtree St	Centennial Ave to Burns Bay Rd	3rd	Moved to next year
Flaumont Ave	Romani Ave to Dead end	3rd	Mar-23
Johnston Cres	Epping Rd to Johnston Cres	2nd	Dec-22
Northwood Rd	Cliff Rd to Point Rd	4th	Mar-23
Nicholson St	Christie St to Oxley St	3rd	Feb-22
Christie Street	Nicholson St to dead end	3rd	Feb-22



