

# COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Strathfield Municipal Council

**Tuesday 4 June 2019**

6:30pm  
Council Chambers  
65 Homebush Road, Strathfield

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HENRY T WONG  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# MINUTES

**Council Meeting**

**7 May 2019**

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 7 May 2019, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 6:30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Matthew Blackmore  
Councillor Antoine Doueih  
Councillor Maryanne Duggan  
Councillor Nella Hall  
Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis  
Councillor Karen Pensabene  
Councillor Gulian Vaccari

**STAFF:** Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer  
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place & Civic Services  
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment & Urban Services  
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director – Corporate and Financial Services  
Jenny Nascimento, Executive Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer  
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance  
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. **OPENING:** The Prayer was read.

2. **RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Karen Pensabene.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Mrs Le Strange addressed the meeting to discuss St Patrick's College – Public Right of Way.

5. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 2 April 2019, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

**MOTION:** (Doueihi / Hall)

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 2 April 2019 be amended to remove the wording 'The Motion when Put with voting being equal the Mayor exercised his casting vote Against the Motion and declared it lost' under Item 14.2 Climate Change.
2. That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 2 April 2019 along with the correction in point 1, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

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**RESOLVED:** (Doueihi / Hall)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **7.1 Strathfield Shows Support for the Victims of Terror in Sri Lanka**

**62/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari / Hall)

That Council:

1. Observe a minute of reflective silence be held to show our solidarity for Sri Lanka and victims of terrorist violence everywhere.
2. Write to the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka expressing community's condolence to the people of Sri Lanka.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

Mr Siva addressed the meeting to thank Council for its support.

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

**63/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Doueihi / Blackmore)

That Standing Orders be Suspended to allow consideration of the following matters:

GM1 Strathfield Council Community Strategic Plan 2019-2020

CS1 Investment Report as at 31 March 2019

CS2 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 March 2019

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**GM1 Strathfield Council Community Strategic Plan 2019-2020**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Adopt Strathfield Council's amended Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030' which includes revised Resource Strategies and Operational Plan 2019-2020, Revenue, Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019-2020.
2. Respond in writing to the parties who made submissions to the above plans during the Public Exhibition period.
3. Make the rates and charges as follows for 2019-2020:
  - a. An Ordinary Rate (Residential) of 0.059549 cents in the dollar be made for the year 2019-2020 on the land value of all rateable land in the Local Government area categorised as Residential in accordance with S.516 of the Local Government Act 1993, with a Base Rate in accordance with section 548 of the Local Government Act, 1993 of \$415.
  - b. An Ordinary Rate (Business) of 0.268363 cents in the dollar be made for the year 2019-2020 on the land value of all rateable land categorised as Business in accordance with S.518 of the Local Government Act 1993, within the centre of population defined with the Strathfield Municipal areas, with a Base Rate in accordance with Section 548 of the Local Government Act, 1993 of \$415.
4. In accordance with the provisions of S.566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 adopt the maximum interest rate as advised by the Minister for Local Government for outstanding rates, domestic waste management services and annual charges, being 7.5% per annum in respect of accrual on a single basis.
5. In accordance with S.496 of the Local Government Act 1993 that an annual charge of \$740 per annum be made for the year 2019-2020 for each domestic waste management service rendered to all properties categorised residential or non-rateable residential for each once weekly 120 litre MGB (or equivalent) service, a 240 litre recycling bin and a 240 litre green waste bin (fortnightly);

6. In accordance with S.502 of the Local Government Act 1993, that an annual charge of \$740 per annum be made for the year 2019-2020, for each additional 120 litre domestic waste management service rendered to owner occupied single occupied occupancy residential dwellings (excluding green waste and recycling service).
7. In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Local Government Act 1993, the following annual Stormwater Management Service Charge be made and levied on all developed rateable land categorised for rating purposes as follows:

Land categorised as Residential	\$25.00	For a single residential dwelling
Residential strata lots	\$12.50	For each strata unit
Residential flats, community title, tenants-in-common residential units	\$12.50	For each flat/unit
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Business Strata Lots, Business Company Title	\$5.00	Minimum \$5.00 or the relevant portion of the maximum annual charge that would apply to the strata scheme if it were a parcel of land subject to the land categorised as business charge \$200.00

8. That the recommendations for changes to draft fees and charges be adopted as outlined in the report.

**MOTION:** (Vaccari / Blackmore)

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8. The recommendations for changes to draft fees and charges be adopted as outlined in the report.
9. Increase the temporary ground anchor fees from \$622 to \$1,000 in Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019-2020.

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**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari / Blackmore)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil



**CS1 Investment Report as at 31 March 2019**

**65/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Kokkolis)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 March 2019 noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**CS2 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 March 2019**

**66/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Kokkolis)

That the Budget Review Statement as at 31 March 2019 be received and adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**Resumption of Standing Orders**

**67/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Doueihi / Kokkolis)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT**

Nil.

**9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

**9.1 Mayoral Minute No 04/19 Electric Vehicles Charging Stations**

I MOVE:

1. That a report be provided to the June 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting on the feasibility of providing 2 electric vehicle charging stations within the Strathfield LGA.
2. That the report include but not be limited to:



- a. Possible locations
- b. Likely budgetary implications
- c. Likely implementation timeframes
- d. Proposed usage costs for users, including any proposed subsidies
- e. Likely sources of grant funds to assist with the initiative

**MOTION:** (Vaccari / Duggan)

WE MOVE:

1. That a report be provided to the July 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting on the feasibility of providing 2 electric vehicle charging stations within the Strathfield LGA and the report include but not be limited to:
  - a) Possible locations
  - b) Likely budgetary implications
  - c) Likely implementation timeframes
  - d) Proposed usage costs for users, including any proposed subsidies
  - e) Likely sources of grant funds to assist with the initiative
  - f) Inclusion of EV/hybrid vehicles in the Council fleet
  - g) Potential avenues for priority parking
2. That the topic be discussed at a June 2019 Councillor Workshop and prior to a report being submitted to the July 2019 Council Meeting.

**68/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari / Duggan)

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  - g) Potential avenues for priority parking
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **9.2 Mayoral Minute No 05/19 - Council to Seek a Meeting with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces**

I MOVE:

That Council seek a meeting with The Hon. Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to discuss Strathfield's land use planning challenges.

**69/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari)

That Council seek a meeting with The Hon. Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to discuss Strathfield's land use planning challenges.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**9.3 Mayoral Minute No 06/19 - The Review of the Cost of Conducting Local Government Elections by IPART**

I MOVE:

That Council, in response to the Cost of Local Government Election Review by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW, make a submission to reduce the cost of holding elections by shortening the Pre Poll period from two weeks to one week.

**70/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari)

That Council, in response to the Cost of Local Government Election Review by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW, make a submission to reduce the cost of holding elections by shortening the Pre Poll period from two weeks to one week.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)**

Nil.

**11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil.

## **12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **12.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 16 April 2019**

**71/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Doueihi)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 16 April 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

Mrs Le Strange addressed the meeting to discuss Item 6.3 of the Traffic Committee – Churchill Avenue, Strathfield Square Enhance Lane Separation Device.

### **12.2 Report from Community Access Committee meeting on 27 March 2019**

**72/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Hall)

That the minutes of the Community Access Committee meeting held on 27 March 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

### **13.1 Climate Change – Councillors Pensabene, Duggan and Blackmore**

**WE MOVE:**

That the Council:

1. Be provided with a report on the potential impact of climate change in the Strathfield Local Government Area, in particular any risks associated from:
  - Urban heat island effect
  - Heat waves – particularly for the elderly, isolated and disabled residents
  - Inundation
  - Extreme weather events
2. Be advised of any action required to mitigate risks including incorporating climate change policy into relevant council planning documents.

The item will be deferred to the June 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

### **13.2 Illegal Dumping – Councillor Blackmore**

I MOVE:

That a report be prepared for the July 2019 Council Meeting in relation to illegal dumping across the Strathfield LGA. The report includes but not limited to the following:

- Details of the most impacted areas in the Strathfield LGA
- Address what Council is currently doing to combat this issue
- Investigate preventative measures including permanent or temporary CCTV
- The current cost for managing illegal dumping
- Budgetary implications for the implementation of a CCTV trial in illegal dumping hotspots

**MOTION:** (Blackmore / Duggan)

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  - Details of the most impacted areas in the Strathfield LGA
  - Address what Council is currently doing to combat this issue
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  - The current cost for managing illegal dumping
  - Budgetary implications for the implementation of a CCTV trial in illegal dumping hotspots
2. That the topic be discussed at a June 2019 Councillor Workshop.

**73/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Duggan)

1. That a report be prepared for the July 2019 Council Meeting in relation to illegal dumping across the Strathfield LGA. The report includes but not limited to the following:
  - Details of the most impacted areas in the Strathfield LGA
  - Address what Council is currently doing to combat this issue
  - Investigate preventative measures including permanent or temporary CCTV
  - The current cost for managing illegal dumping
  - Budgetary implications for the implementation of a CCTV trial in illegal dumping hotspots
2. That the topic be discussed at a June 2019 Councillor Workshop.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

### **13.3 Electric Vehicles – Councillor Duggan**

I MOVE:

That Council prepare a report for the August 2019 Council Meeting which outlines the following incentives to increase the use of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the Strathfield LGA:

1. Potential areas which will accommodate priority parking or other potential parking incentives for electric vehicles
2. The installation of free or subsidised EV charging stations in or near the town centres
3. The inclusion of EVs/hybrid vehicles in the Council fleet
4. Advice on Local, State or Federal funding grants available to install EV infrastructure or increase use

The Notice of Motion was combined with Item 9.1 Mayoral Minute No 04/19 Electric Vehicles Charging Stations.

**13.4 ANZAC Day Commemoration Auspiced by Cumberland RSL Sub-Branch – Councillors Vaccari, Doueihy and Kokkolis**

WE MOVE:

1. That Mayoral Letters be sent to:
  - a) Cumberland RSL sub branch and in particular President Greg Read thanking him for Letters of Appreciation given to the Mayor, Councillor Duggan and Executive Manager Communications, Events and Engagement Ms Naomi Searle, at the recent Anzac Day commemoration, and for their ongoing commitment to the partnership with Council
  - b) All other organisations and residents who contributed to the success of the event
2. Commencing Anzac Day 2020, Council's commemoration be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April each year and include a march originating from the Homebush Commercial Area (Rochester Street).
3. A report to Council be prepared, following community consultation, on the creation of a dedicated contiguous park from the closure of Rochester Street between Coventry Road and Beresford Road to enable the bringing together of the 1918 Homebush War Memorial and the RSL Memorial into the one remembrance space with the possible inclusion of a 'lone pine.'

**MOTION:** (Doueihy / Hall)

1. That Mayoral Letters be sent to:
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**74/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Doueihy / Hall)

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#### **14. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **CS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions**

**75/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Kokkolis)

That the report on the current status of Council Resolutions be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

##### **ID1 Airey Park Community Gym Equipment**

###### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council consider the installation of new Fitness Equipment at Airey Park using like for like equipment that provides the same fitness regime in the 2019/2020 program.

**MOTION:** (Hall / Blackmore)

1. That Council consider the installation of new Fitness Equipment at Airey Park using like for like equipment that provides the same fitness regime in the 2019/2020 program.
2. That these works be completed concurrently with the gym equipment along the Cooks River at Strathfield South in the next financial year 2019/2020.

**76/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Blackmore)

1. That Council consider the installation of new Fitness Equipment at Airey Park using like for like equipment that provides the same fitness regime in the 2019/2020 program.
2. That these works be completed concurrently with the gym equipment along the Cooks River at Strathfield South in the next financial year 2019/2020.

**ID2 Report on Submissions - Amendment to s7.11 Direct Development Contributions Plan 2010-2030 (Boarding Houses)**

**77/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

That Council note there were no submissions received during the exhibition period and the amendments to the s7.11 Direct Development Contributions Plan 2010-2030 (Boarding Houses) be adopted and become effective from the date when the public notice is exhibited in the local newspaper.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**15. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL REGULATION, 2005**

Nil.

**16. CLOSED SESSION**

Nil.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:47pm.**

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 4 June 2019.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

General Manager\_\_\_\_\_

**7.1 PASSING OF BOB HAWKE**

**AUTHOR:** David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

**APPROVER:** Melinda Aitkenhead, Director Corporate & Financial Services

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council acknowledge the passing of former Prime Minister The Hon. Robert James Lee Hawke AC.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To note the passing of former Australian Prime Minister The Hon. Robert James Lee Hawke AC.

**REPORT**

Former Australian Prime Minister, Robert Lee (Bob) Hawke, passed away on 16 May 2019, aged 89. Mr Hawke served as Prime Minister from 1983 to 1991 and is Australia's 3rd longest serving Prime Minister winning a record four elections. He was also the longest serving Labor Prime Minister and regarded as a national icon, achieving much during his colourful life.

The Hawke government ushered in nearly a decade of significant micro-economic and social reform in the 1980s and early 1990s. Hawke used his former career with the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) to seek consensus with business and unions to structurally reform the Australian economy. The Hawke government deregulated the financial system by opening up the economy to competition, floated the Australian dollar on the world market, removed foreign exchange-rate controls, permitted the entry of foreign banks into Australia, undertook award restructuring and introduced enterprise bargaining. These policies were designed to increase Australia's competitiveness and efficiency and accelerated the process of integration of the economy into the world and reshaped Australia's relationships with Asia, Europe and the US.

The Hawke government introduced a raft of reforms to increase the social conditions including establishing a new universal form of public health insurance under Medicare, workers access to superannuation, improvement of school retention rates and expansion of the university sector. Under his leadership, gender inequity was addressed with the establishment of the Affirmative Action Agency and the Sex Discrimination Act 1984.

The Hawke government established federal jurisdiction for world heritage sites and enacted the World Heritage Properties Conservation Act 1983. Hawke stopped the damming of the Franklin River in Tasmania following a High Court decision, moved for world heritage listings of Tasmanian forests, banned uranium mining in Jabiluka and world heritage listed the Kakadu National Park.

Bob Hawke will be remembered as a truly remarkable person leaving many lasting legacies. The State funeral for Mr Bob Hawke will be held at the Sydney Opera House on Friday 14 June 2019.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.



**7.2 PASSING OF MRS JOHANNA ZIRKZEE**

**AUTHOR:** David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

**APPROVER:** Melinda Aitkenhead, Director Corporate & Financial Services

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council acknowledge the passing of long-term resident of Homebush, Mrs Johanna Zirkzee.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To note the passing of Mrs Johanna Zirkzee, a long-term resident of Homebush and to send a letter of condolence to her family.

**REPORT**

Mrs Zirkzee, a resident of Homebush, recently passed away aged 107 years.

Mrs Zirkzee was born in the Netherlands in 1911 and lived through two World Wars before migrating to Australia in 1959 with her husband and three children - Tony, Herman and Christaan. The family settled in Orange before moving to Sydney. Following the death of her husband in 1974, Mrs Zirkzee moved to Homebush with members of her family. She resided in Homebush until her recent death.

Her family remember her as having a unique sense of humour and quick wit, her enjoyment of the outdoors, and her love for her children and grandchildren.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**7.3 SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY COUNCILS INAUGURAL CONFERENCE**

**AUTHOR:** David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

**APPROVER:** Melinda Aitkenhead, Director Corporate & Financial Services

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the award recognising Strathfield Council as a small business friendly Council be received and noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of the award received for Council's commitment to making it easier to do business in the local area.

**REPORT**

The inaugural Small Business Friendly Councils (SBFC) conference was held in Sydney on 16 and 17 May 2019.

The purpose of the conference is for local government Mayors, General Managers and Economic Development Managers looking to further support their local economies.

On 16 May 2019 Deputy Mayor Councillor Matt Blackmore, on behalf of Strathfield Council, was presented a plaque to commemorate Council's commitment to making it easier to do business in the local area by The Hon. Damien Tudehope, The Hon. Victor Dominello, Robyn Hobbs OAM, NSW Small Business Commissioner and Damon Rees, CEO of Service NSW.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**7.4 MR TONY COSTA ARCHIBALD PRIZE**

**AUTHOR:** David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

**APPROVER:** Melinda Aitkenhead, Director Corporate & Financial Services

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council congratulate Mr Tony Costa, the winner of the 2019 Archibald Prize.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

That Council acknowledge the achievement of Strathfield resident Mr Tony Costa on winning the 2019 Archibald Prize.

**REPORT**

The Archibald Prize is arguably Australia's most famous art award. The prize was first awarded in 1921 and it is awarded annually for the best portraiture. The winner of the 2019 Archibald Prize was announced in early May and local resident and artist Mr Tony Costa's entry was selected as the winner out of 919 entries.

Mr Costa won for his portrait of artist Lindy Lee. Mr Costa has previously been a finalist for the Archibald Prize in 2015, 2017 and 2018.

Born in Sydney in 1955, Mr Costa completed postgraduate studies at the City Art Institute. He has been represented in the Wynne Prize, the Sulman Prize and the Dobell Prize for Drawing, and won the Paddington Art Prize for landscape painting in 2014.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**9.1 MAYORAL MINUTE NO 07/19 MOTORCYCLE PARKING**

**AUTHOR:** Gulian Vaccari, Mayor

**APPROVER:** Henry T Wong, Chief Executive Officer

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**I MOVE:**

1. That a review be conducted of all Council's shopping districts to find opportunities on Council controlled roads and in Council's carparks for greater motorcycle parking.
2. That the results of the review be presented to the September 2019 Traffic Committee for comment and endorsement.

**Rationale**

Opportunities exist in shopping districts for motorcycle parking in locations where a full motor vehicle will not fit, but perhaps 3-4 motorcycles may fit if the area is appropriately line marked and sign posted. Motorcycles produce less greenhouse gasses per carried passenger, take up less room on the road and are more easily and conveniently parked. Providing parking around our retail areas will encourage riders to frequent local businesses and also improve on public transport patronage.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That a review be conducted of all Council's shopping districts to find opportunities on Council controlled roads and in Council's carparks for greater motorcycle parking.
2. That the results of the review be presented to the September 2019 Traffic Committee for comment and endorsement.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**12.1           REPORT FROM STRATHFIELD YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING ON 15 MAY 2019**

**AUTHOR:**       Yvonne Yun, Executive Manager, Community

**APPROVER:**   Melinda Aitkenhead, Director Corporate & Financial Services

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 May 2019 be noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1.       Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 15 May 2019
2.       Youth Projects Working Group Minutes 15 May 2019
3.       Youth Week Working Group Minutes 8 May 2019
4.       Muslim Women's Association Mindfulness Program Minutes 4 April 2019

# ATTACHMENT 1



# MINUTES

**Strathfield Youth Engagement  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 15 May 2019**

**4.00pm**



**STRATHFIELD YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
15 May 2019**

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 in the Council offices, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 4.00pm

**PRESENT:**

- Anjni Verma
- Bassam Maaliki
- Ben Jorgensen
- Jiayang Wang
- Leon Rettie
- Shahi Uddin
- Zain Ousmand
- Arum Jeon
- Zachariah Libdy
- Julie Song

**STAFF:**

- Yvonne Yun Manager, Executive Manager Community (Chair)
- Alyssa Guttridge, Community Safety and Youth Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

- Thanvi Gunti
- Lawrence De Pellegrin

**1. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest (nature of interest to be disclosed)**

There were no declarations of a pecuniary interest.

**2. Youth Week 2019 Debrief**

Minutes of Youth Week Working Party have been distributed and noted.

The committee briefly discussed the Youth Week event and agreed that it was a success and improvement on previous years. The committee is keen to run a similar event for Youth Week in 2020 and feel they have the confidence and skills to continue to develop and improve the event in the future.

**3. 2018 Youth Achievement Awards Debrief**





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The committee briefly discussed the 2018 Youth Achievement Awards. Members who were present at the Awards night discussed how the event has changed this year compared to 2017. There was discussion around the change of venue from the Strathfield Golf Club to Strathfield Town Hall, the sit down dinner to finger food and the amount of people present.

The group suggested that in future it could be beneficial to advertise the awards for longer and encourage schools to notify their students about the awards so that they can nominate their peers. The Committee also discussed promoting previous winners to encourage other local youth to aspire to achieve their best also.

**4. Muslim Women Association, Mindfulness Program Update**

Ben who attended the working group meeting gave a brief summary of how representatives of the SYEAC provided Muslim Women's Association with a youth perspective on their proposed Mindfulness Program. This included feedback on the activities and format of the program as well as how best to engage youth so that they will get the most out of the day.

Mindfulness program is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Dutton Centre.

**5. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women Planning**

The group briefly discussed possible options of how to raise awareness against domestic violence locally this year. The group agreed that another working group would need to be established to organise this activity. The first working group meeting to commence within the next fortnight.

**6. General Business**

Committee discussed encouraging younger membership and participation to both the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee and at general community/youth focused events.



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Possible solutions suggested included creating a brand for the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee as well as more forums to reach people such as at core Council events as well as increasing online reach with other local youth through youth specific Instagram/YouTube/Facebook.

Working group to be established to create a sustainable youth led waste diversion project for the local community. This project will be carried out in multiple stages and will be reliant on grant funding.

**Date of next meeting: 14 August, 2019**

**Meeting closed at 6.10pm**

# ATTACHMENT 2



# MINUTES

## Youth Projects Working Group Meeting

This Working Group reports to the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee

**15 May 2019**

**At 4:00pm**



**YOUTH PROJECTS WORKING GROUP**  
15 May 2019

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Youth Projects Working Group Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on Wednesday, 15 May 2019, in the Council offices, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 4:00pm

**PRESENT:**

- Anjni Verma
- Bassam Maaliki
- Ben Jorgensen
- Jiayang Wang
- Leon Rettie
- Shahi Uddin
- Zain Ousmand
- Arum Jeon
- Zachariah Libdy
- Julie Song

**STAFF:**

- Yvonne Yun Manager, Executive Manager Community (Chair)
- Alyssa Guttridge, Community Safety and Youth Officer

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Apologies**

- Thanvi Gunti
- Lawrence De Pellegrin

**3. Workshop of Youth Projects**

- The group discussed climate change and world waste being key issues of importance in modern society which will have direct impacts on the youth of today. They have indicated that they will develop a meaningful project around this issue.
- The group discussed looking at this project from a "think globally, act locally" perspective.
- The group understands that external funding will need to be secured to deliver their objectives and that the project is contingent on that funding.
- The group workshop came up with the following idea:
  - Target audience – local high schools
  - Project to be delivered in three stages:



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**Stage One:**

- The Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee go on two excursions to improve their knowledge and understanding of the issue and the direct impacts it has on the environment, landscape and future generations:
  1. Local waste management/recycling centre
  2. Drought stricken area
- Travelling waste exhibition across high school campuses which will showcase images and videos from the excursions
- A sustainability team to be established on each school campus to help establish and facilitate tailored waste diversion initiatives

**Stage Two:**

- Roll out identified target resources (e.g. different types of waste disposal bins, worms farms etc.) combined with an educational programme about how to use them properly and the importance and benefits of doing so.

**Stage Three:**

- Target local primary schools, parents, businesses and the general community with education and resources to improve their waste diversion rates.

**4. Date of Next Meeting**

28 May 2019 at 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**5. Close of Meeting 6:10pm**

# ATTACHMENT 3



# MINUTES

## 2019 Youth Week Working Group Meeting

This Working Group reports to the Strathfield Youth  
Engagement Advisory Committee

**8 May 2019**

**At 4:30pm**





2019 YOUTH WEEK WORKING GROUP  
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Minutes of the Youth Week Working Group Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on Wednesday, 8 May 2019, at Strathfield Council, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 4:30pm

**PRESENT:**

- Nathan Williams - Youth Off the Streets
- Leon Rettie
- Oliver Nicholls
- Anjni Verma
- Bassam Maaliki
- Zain Ousmand
- Shahi Uddin
- Shecaniah Malla
- Gina Lee
- Thanvi Gunti

**STAFF:**

- Alyssa Guttridge, Community Safety and Youth Officer

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Apologies

- Regina Bao

### 3. Youth Engagement Activity

- The group took turns answering a set of questions about themselves

#### 4.1 Review of Youth Week 2019 – Working Group Review

- The working group discussed how they thought the event went. General consensus from the group was:
  - The day was a success and went well.
  - SYEAC members noted post event interest from other students who did not attend wanting to know the details for next year and how they can attend
  - Location was appropriate and suited the days proceedings
- What did the group enjoy most about the event?
  - Seeing the plan come to fruition
  - Interschool interaction and genuine competitive enthusiasm created a great vibe on the day



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- Students enjoyed the activities and took it seriously
  - What did the group think was the least enjoyable part of the day?
    - Always versing the same team at each activity
    - Points system could be improved
  - What did the group think could be improved or changed for the future?
    - Full team pre briefing with staff, volunteers, teachers etc scheduled as part of the run sheet for the day before formalities commence
    - Intro to start each activity outlining how the activity would work, the rules and what outcomes this activity is trying to achieve (e.g. team work, communication etc.)
    - Debrief after the activity analysing how their team performed, what they did well or what could have been done better. Injury report to be passed on to organisers after each session. Station clean up before progressing to the next station

### 4.2 Review of Youth Week 2019 – Feedback from Participating Organisations and Teachers

- Highlights:
  - Student MC was engaging and great at getting everyone excited about the day
  - Noise and excitement coming from participating students at the stations
  - Students were extremely well mannered
- What went well?
  - Activities were relevant and genuinely exciting for young people
  - Event was well coordinated and timed
  - Great location
  - Youth led and youth run
- What didn't go well?
  - Volunteers could have been better coordinated with set tasks
  - Pre staff briefing could have been beneficial in making sure everyone knew exactly what was happening and could ask any questions
  - Rubbish after lunch
- What improvements could be made?
  - Full team briefing prior to the event starting
  - Implement a 'pay with rubbish' option
  - Brighten up the formalities area

### 4.3 Review of Youth Week 2019 – Feedback from Participating Students

- What did you enjoy most?
  - The activities
  - The food
  - Bubble soccer



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- What did you enjoy least?
    - Playing the same team at each station
    - Sydney Local Health District 'Talking Sh\*t' station
  - Is there anything you would change?
    - Playing the same team at each station
    - Different games/activities at the stations for next year
  - Would you want to participate in this event again?
    - 100% of responses indicated yes
  - What improvements could be made?
    - Better communication about lunch halal options and clarify that they were cooked separately to the non halal option
    - Clearer universal scoring system
    - Teams vs different teams at each station

### 5 Rough Planning for Next Year's Event

- Target goals:
  - Interschool networking/bonding
  - Mental health/ wellbeing
- Notes for MC introduction:
  - Purpose of what the event is trying to achieve
  - Toilet location
  - Food (halal)
  - Injury register and first aid
  - Rubbish clean up
- Event to be run in a similar way next year (during school time), rotating stations, possibly target certain year groups.
- Capacity for SYEAC to be more heavily involved and active in the practical organising of the event (e.g. subcommittee with certain responsibilities and set budget).

### 6 General Business

- Group asked if the SYEAC meetings could commence at 4:30pm instead of 5:30pm.
- Group brainstormed how it could increase engagement with local youth through its projects and activities.

### 7 Date of Next Meeting

- Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee – 15 May 2019.

### 8 Close of Meeting at 6:00pm

# ATTACHMENT 4



# MINUTES

## Muslim Women's Association Mindfulness Program

This Working Group reports to the Strathfield Youth  
Engagement Advisory Committee

**4 April 2019**

**At 4:30pm**



**2019 Muslim Women's Association Mindfulness Program  
4 April 2019**

## **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Muslim Women's Association Mindfulness Program Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on Thursday, 4 April 2019, at 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 4:30pm

**PRESENT:**

- Feda Abdo – Muslim Women's Association
- Saja Hamwi – Muslim Women's Association
- Lawrence De Pellegrin
- Ben Jorgensen

**STAFF:**

- Alyssa Guttridge, Community Safety and Youth Officer

### **1. Introduction into the Mindfulness Project One-Time Event**

- Muslim Women's Association (MWA) thanked everyone for coming
- MWA provided a brief overview of the Mindfulness Program (one off, half day event) but explained that there would be potential to continue the program through the MWA Linking Hearts Domestic Violence and Homelessness program

### **2. Review Objectives, Expected Outcomes and Key Topics – Discuss Possible Adjustments/Amendments**

- Objective:
  - To develop a program that allows for careful consideration of mental health wellbeing, especially during higher school education
  - To facilitate a workshop on the importance of working alongside, and practicing mindfulness in one's daily life
  - To encourage awareness of intentions and sincerity and how this plays a vital role to health and wellbeing
  - To engage young people in developing own practices of mindfulness for both educational and overall health benefits
- Expected outcomes:
  - Effective facilitation of workshop, with young people satisfied with the overall program, facilitators as well as activities
  - Increased knowledge/awareness on the importance of mindfulness practices
  - The ability to perform mindfulness practices during times of hardship, stress or any other time in need of mental, emotional, spiritual or physical ease
  - An overall improvement towards observing self-care, mindfulness and mental health
  - Increased self-awareness, self-confidence, resilience and character development (NEW)
- Key topics:



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- Brief overview of the importance of Self-Care and Mindfulness
- Exploring mental health and Mindfulness - how this can help with managing both life and high school stressors
- Greater group discussion, what works, what doesn't. How can we help ourselves to ensure we're giving our all
- MWA explained that they aim to teach students practical and tangible skills that they could implement into their everyday lives
- The group discussed potential times to run this session (during school time/ after school/ school holidays). The group unanimously agreed that during school time would be the option for a successful program and would allow for the target group who may not normally participate in their own time to attend the session.
- Program would need to be capped at 50 with targeting grades 9 – 11. Could be male/female only or open to both genders.
- The group discussed the best ways to get the schools on board would be through meeting with the wellbeing teachers at each of the schools

**3. Brainstorm Content and Style of the Project**

- It is anticipated that the session would run as follows:
  - 1. Introductions and icebreakers
  - 2. Breaking down identity/definitions of mindfulness (who am I?)
  - 3. Divide into groups to complete practical sample activities
  - 4. Guided debrief and reflection (where to from here?)
- The group discussed the importance of feedback and reflection and the possibility of individuals sharing their story
- Group discussed tangible activities participants could do to practice mindfulness:
  - Mindfulness meditation
  - Eating different foods
  - Breathing exercises
  - Reflection/discussion
  - Art therapy

**4. Follow up from Brainstorming with Action Items – Preparation for Next Meeting**

- Group discussed giving students a resource kit to take home with them so that they could continue to build upon the skills they learnt.
- MWA said they may be able to fund a goodie bag and asked the group for suggestions of things they may like to see:
  - Chocolate
  - Motivational cards
  - Resource magnet
  - Information card that you can keep folding
  - Calendar or post it notes



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- Squeezable stress ball

5. Date of Next Meeting – TBC by MWA

6. Close of Meeting at 5:30pm



**12.2           REPORT FROM TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING ON 21 MAY 2019.**

**AUTHOR:**       **Fernando Rios, Traffic Engineering Officer**

**APPROVER:**   **Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO and General Manager Planning,  
Environment and Urban Services**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1.       Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes - 21 May 2019

# ATTACHMENT 1



# MINUTES

Traffic Committee Meeting

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TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
21 MAY 2019

Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 21 May 2019, in the Main Building Meeting Room, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 11.07am

**CONCLUDED:** 12.29pm

**PRESENT:**

Mr Stephanie Kokkolis  
Mr Mathew Blackmore  
Ms Maryanne Duggan  
Ms Judith Wagner  
Mr Kristian Calcagno  
Ms Reema Faijoun  
Mr Rabih Bekdache

Councillor (Chair)  
Councillor  
Councillor  
Jodi McKay Office Rep.  
RMS  
NSW Police  
Transit Systems

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Gordon Malesevic  
Mr Fernando Rios  
Ms Usha Arvind

Executive Manager, Urban Services  
Traffic Engineering Officer  
Road Safety Officer

**VISITORS PRESENTING TO THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:**

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Gulian Vaccari  
Ms Karen Pensabene  
Ms Nella Hall

Mayor  
Councillor  
Councillor

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting meeting held on 16 April 2019, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

*Voting on this item was unanimous*

**5. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Nil

## POWELL'S CREEK BIKE AND WALKING TRACK (Cont'd)

## 6.1 POWELL'S CREEK BIKE AND WALKING TRACK

AUTHOR: Fernando Rios, Traffic Engineering Officer

APPROVER: Gordon Malesevic, Executive Manager, Urban Services

**Powell's Creek Bike and Walking Track**

Council formalised a path for walking and cycling via an external consultant (PTC). It was presented to Traffic Committee 5 February 2019.

### Powell's Creek Bike and Walking Track – Extending the cycleway from Parramatta Rd to Strathfield Station investigation report.





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## POWELL'S CREEK BIKE AND WALKING TRACK (Cont'd)

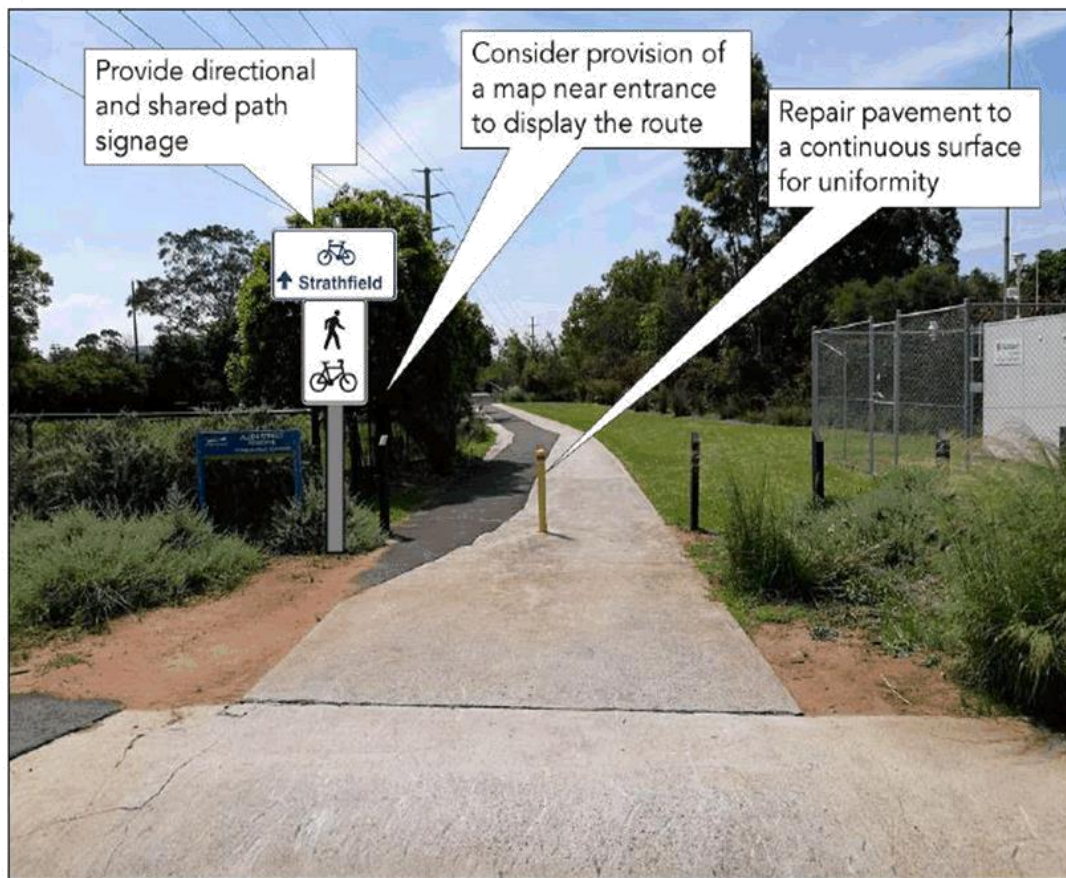


Figure 6: Entrance to Powell's Creek Corridor



Figure 7: Underwood Road (looking southwards)

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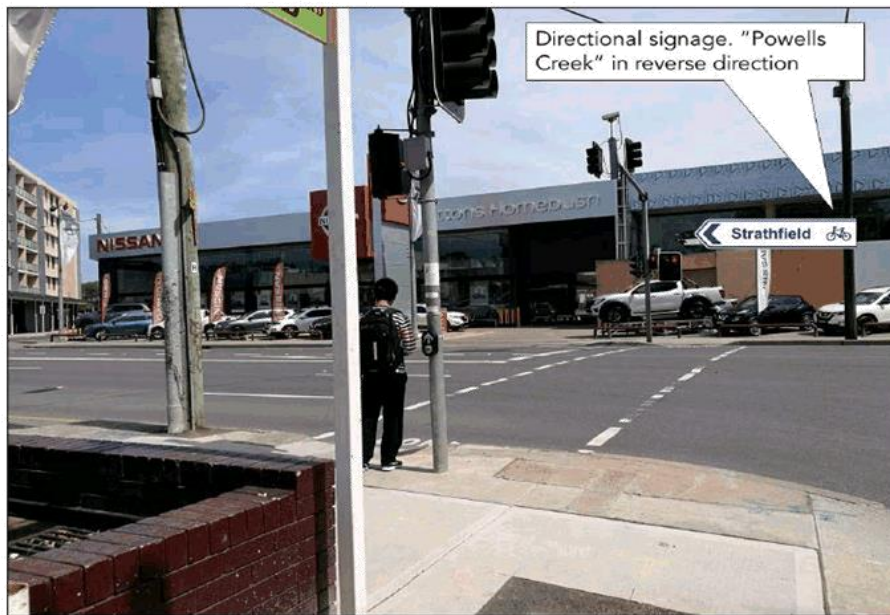


Figure 8: Parramatta Road (looking southwards)



Figure 9: Subway Lane (looking southwards)



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## POWELL'S CREEK BIKE AND WALKING TRACK (Cont'd)



Figure 10: Loftus Crescent (looking southwards)



Figure 11: The Crescent (looking eastwards)



## POWELL'S CREEK BIKE AND WALKING TRACK (Cont'd)



Figure 12: The Crescent to Beresford Road Pedestrian Link (looking southwards)



Figure 13: Beresford Road (looking eastwards)



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## POWELL'S CREEK BIKE AND WALKING TRACK (Cont'd)

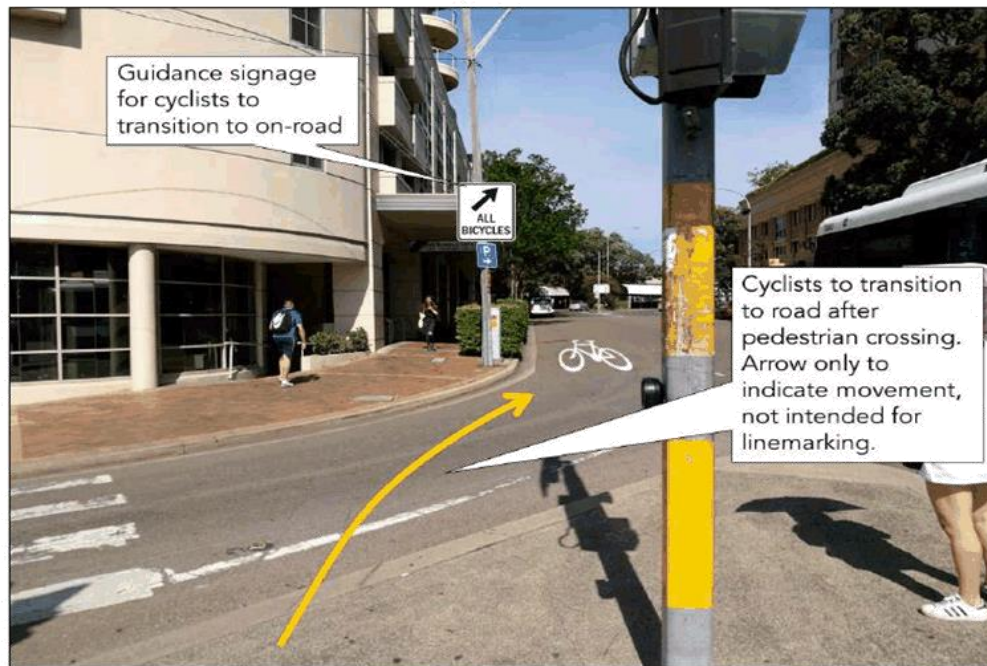


Figure 14: Albert Road (looking eastwards)

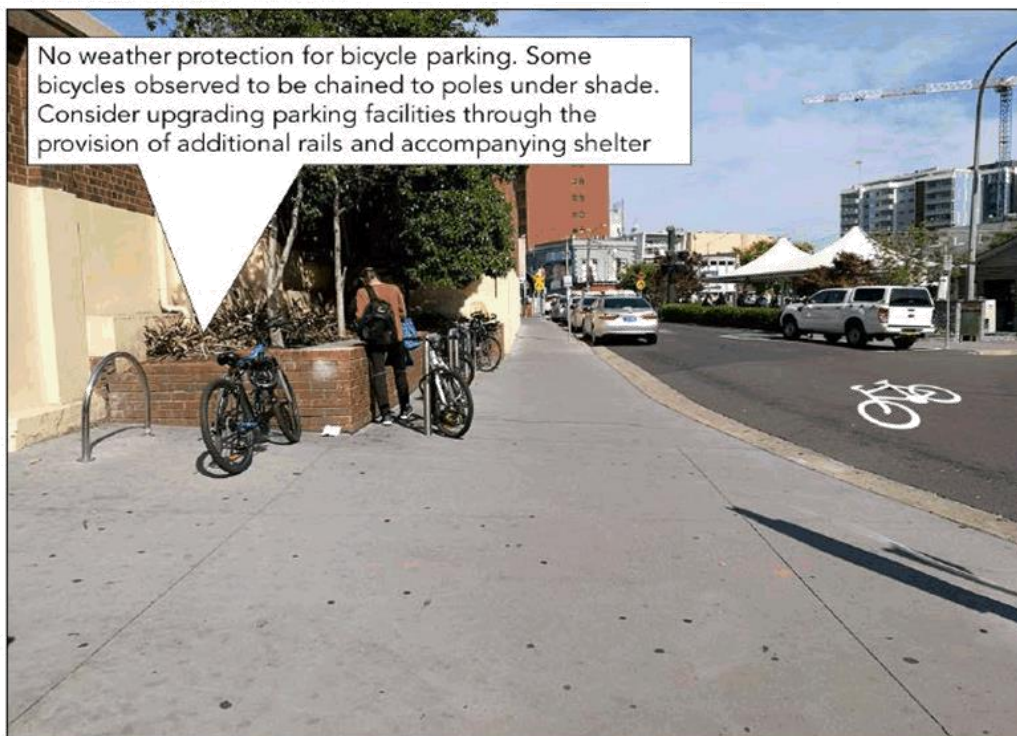


Figure 15: Strathfield Station bicycle parking

## POWELL'S CREEK BIKE AND WALKING TRACK (Cont'd)



Figure 16: Albert Road (looking northwards)

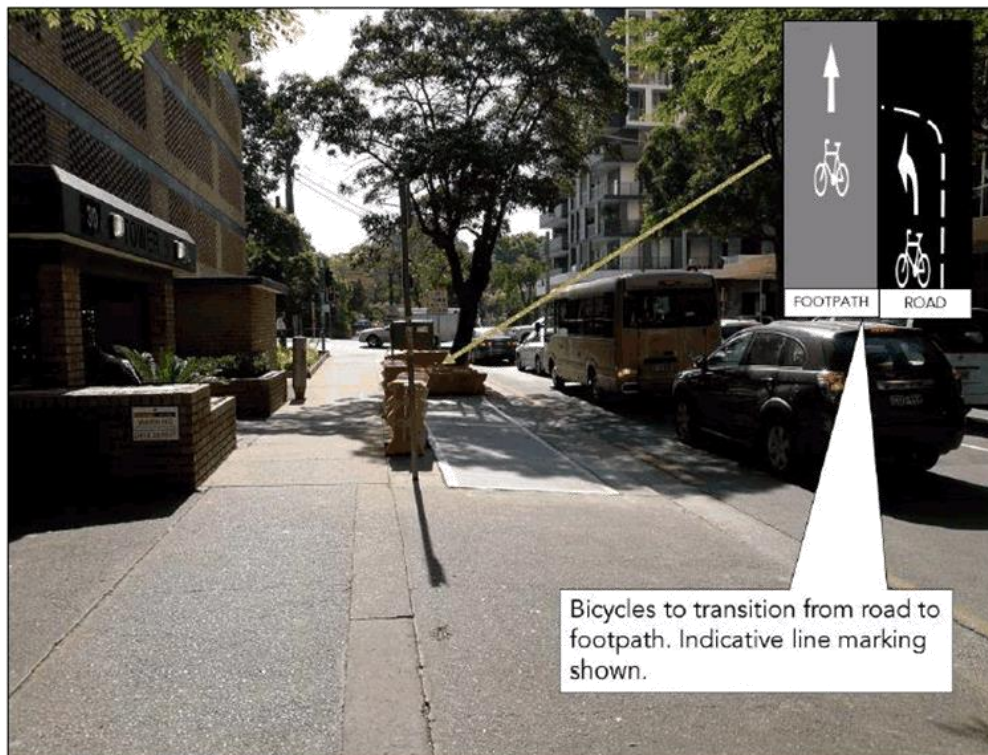


Figure 17: Churchill Avenue (looking westwards)



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## POWELL'S CREEK BIKE AND WALKING TRACK (Cont'd)



Figure 18: Churchill Avenue (looking westwards)



Figure 19: Elva Avenue (looking northwards)

## POWELL'S CREEK BIKE AND WALKING TRACK (Cont'd)

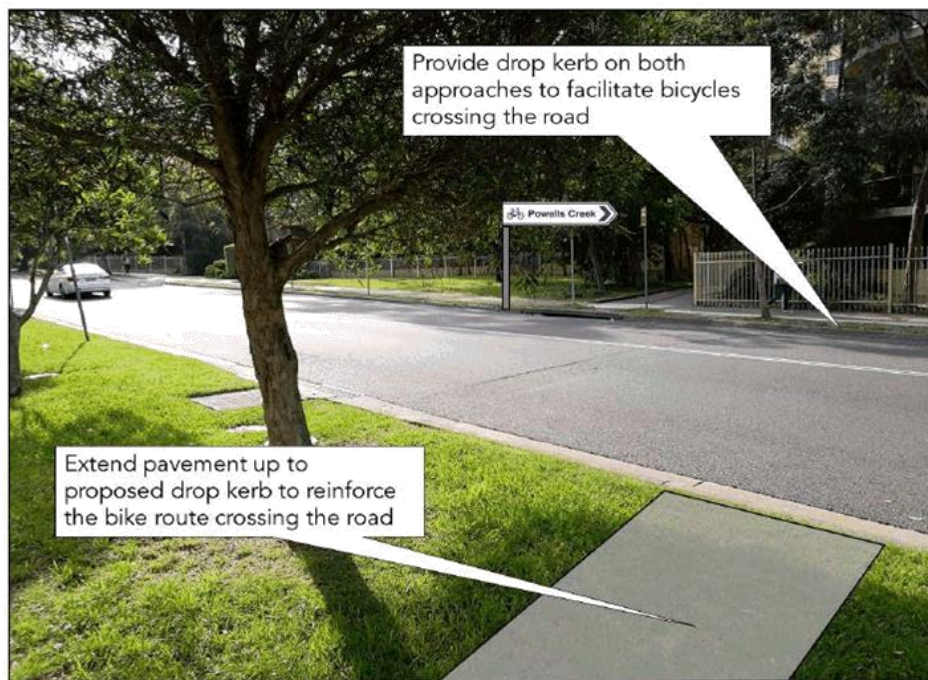


Figure 20: Beresford Road (looking northwards)

Sites were explored and visited by Councillors Pensabene, Blackmore and Duggan under the guidance of Mr Hewton & Mr Malesevic on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Item to be brought back to Traffic Committee for discussion once all members have had access to consultants' report.

*Voting on this item was unanimous*



**6.2 WENTWORTH STREET, GREENACRE PARKING RESTRICTIONS**
**AUTHOR:** Fernando Rios, Traffic Engineering Officer

**APPROVER:** Gordon Malesevic, Executive Manager, Urban Services

Traffic Committee in its meeting of March 2019 resolved the following recommendation:

1. That a "Door Knock" consultation be performed for the entire Wentworth Road.
2. The outcome of the consultation to be reported to May Traffic Committee for the implementation of the new signs.

Door knocks are presented below:

	<b>100 Residents consulted</b>
23	Supportive
75	No Objections
2	Objections



Whilst most residents in Wentworth Street support timed parking there are concerns.

The current industrial estate employees parking numbers will be forced to move to adjoining streets causing a wider concern to the community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- a) Implement 4P parking scheme as per current consultation at Wentworth Road.
- b) Proposal to block passage from Wentworth Street onto Bellfrog Street with fencing. Subject to residential consultation & feedback.

*Voting on this item was unanimous*

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

21 MAY 2019

WOODWARD AVENUE, STRATHFIELD  
PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Cont'd)**6.3 WOODWARD AVENUE, STRATHFIELD  
PARKING RESTRICTIONS****AUTHOR:** Fernando Rios, Traffic Engineering Officer**APPROVER:** Gordon Malesevic, Executive Manager, Urban Services**WOODWARD AVENUE, STRATHFIELD - PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Council has received a second request from the resident at No 6 Torrington Road, Strathfield to alter the existing parking restrictions to cater for the new Childcare Centre.

The Childcare Centre is opening 15 June 2019 with the potential capacity of thirty five (35) children with six (6) staff. The centre will accommodate five (5) staff and two (2) visitor parking spaces as their off-street parking and they require a drop-off and pick-up area as the on-street parking.

Current parking scheme: "4P 8am-6pm MON-FRI, 8am-1pm SAT" does not provide a reasonable and safe drop-off and pick-up zone. Woodward Avenue is a local road with a 50km/h speed limit and 9.8 metre width under the Council's Area 10 with Residential Parking Scheme introduced by Council - December 2016.

It is requested to have "15min. Timed Parking, times 7am-6pm – MON-FRI signage on Woodward Avenue in line with the frontage of the New Childcare Centre for the drop-off and pick-up area. This zone consists of a 4.6m segment and a 9.6m part to be utilised for motorist.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approved - 15 minutes parking, 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

*Voting on this item was unanimous*

**6.4 TEMPORARY, FULL CLOSURE FOR VERNON STREET  
BETWEEN REDMYRE ROAD AND CARRINGTON AVENUE**

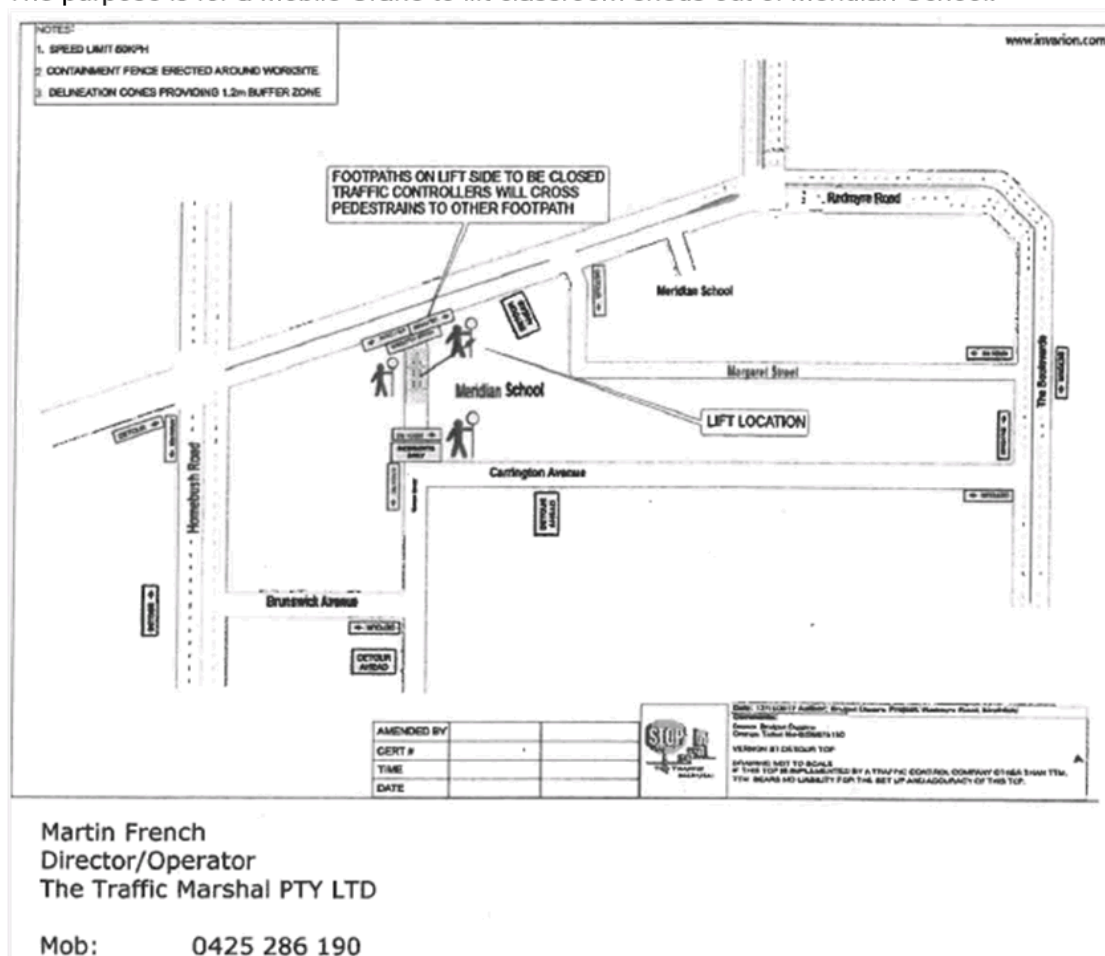
**AUTHOR:** Fernando Rios, Traffic Engineering Officer

**APPROVER:** Gordon Malesevic, Executive Manager, Urban Services

**TEMPORARY, FULL CLOSURE FOR VERNON STREET:  
BETWEEN REDMYRE ROAD AND CARRINGTON AVENUE**

An application has been made and approved for a temporary full road closure on Vernon Street between Redmyre Road and Carrington Avenue for 25 May 2019, 4 hours (8am-1pm).

The purpose is for a Mobile Crane to lift classroom sheds out of Meridian School.



RMS has been informed

**RECOMMENDATION**

Noted with no objections.

*Voting on this item was unanimous*



**6.5 MELVILLE AVENUE AND ADA AVENUE****AUTHOR:** Fernando Rios, Traffic Engineering Officer**APPROVER:** Gordon Malesevic, Executive Manager, Urban Services**MELVILLE AVENUE AND ADA AVENUE**

It has been brought to Council's attention to investigate parking signage and delineation at Melville Avenue & Ada Avenue and to also investigate improving parking signage and/or line marking for the corner of Melville Ave and Ada Ave, Strathfield.

Due to large vehicles parking near the bend and no line marking many vehicles drive in the middle of the road whilst turning.

The Resident at number 33 Melville Avenue has informed the Council that there are regular near misses when vehicles are coming from both directions.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council to implement statutory delineation (no stopping & line marking) at intersection of Melville Avenue & Ada Avenue.

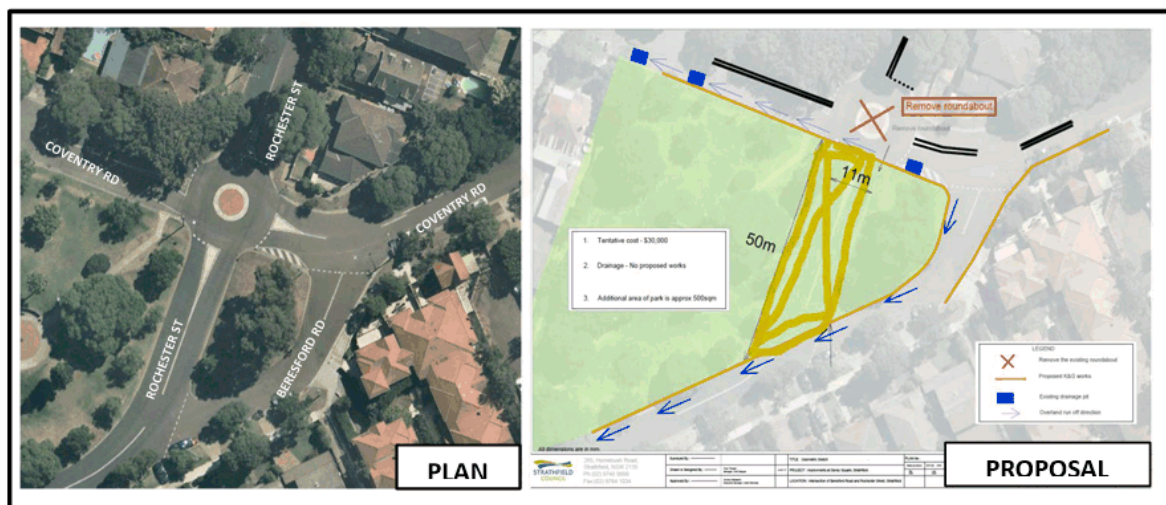
*Voting on this item was unanimous*

**6.6 ROCHESTER STREET BETWEEN BERESFORD ROAD AND COVENTRY ROAD**

**AUTHOR:** Fernando Rios, Traffic Engineering Officer

**APPROVER:** Gordon Malesevic, Executive Manager, Urban Services

Council is proposing to close off a section of Rochester Street between Beresford Road and Coventry Road to vehicular traffic and connect two separated green open space parcels of land into one which has benefits to the community. The closure would have little to no impact on existing traffic



**RECOMMENDATION**

Traffic Management plan to be submitted to RMS. Public to be notified of closure.

*Voting on this item was unanimous*

**7.1 MORGAN PLACE, STRATHFIELD ROAD/BRIDGE CLOSURE FOR COOKS RIVER FUN RUN****AUTHOR:** Fernando Rios, Traffic Engineering Officer**APPROVER:** Gordon Malesevic, Executive Manager, Urban Services**MORGAN PLACE, STRATHFIELD ROAD/BRIDGE CLOSURE FOR COOKS RIVER FUN RUN**

Council made an application for the temporary closure of Morgan Place, Strathfield, between Hedges Avenue and Augusta Street on Sunday 23 June 2019 between 6:00am – 12:00am to allow for the conduct of the Cooks River Fun Run. The event is the same as the previous years' event.

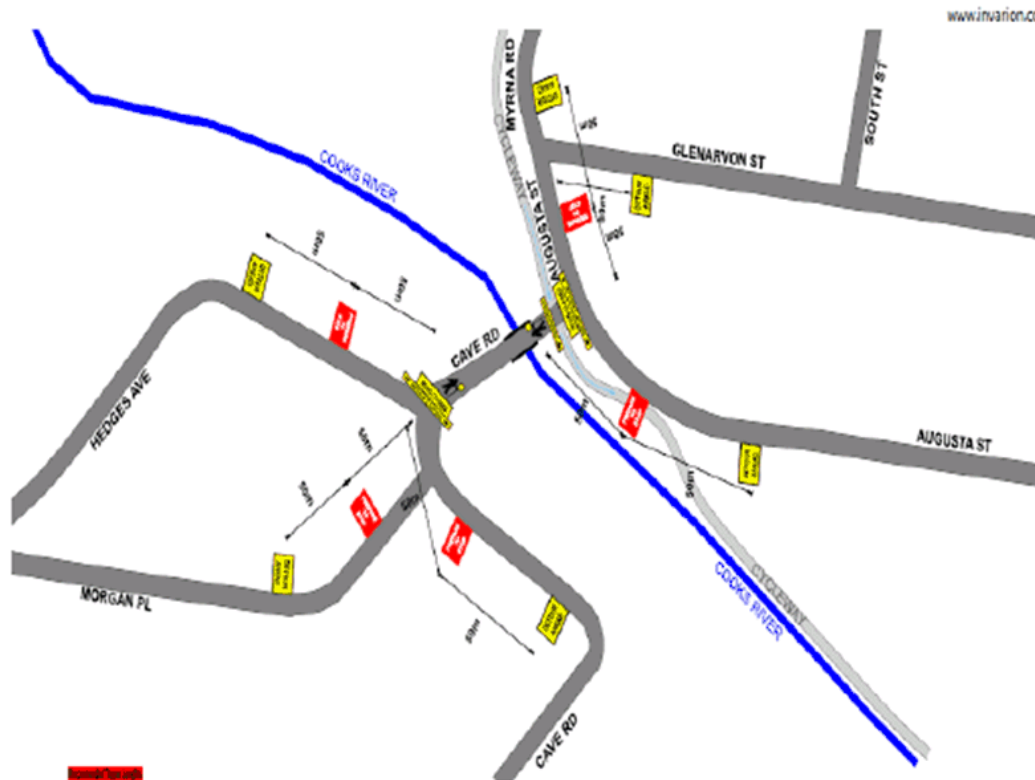
The Cooks River Fun Run is a great family event open to all ages and abilities and takes in the Bay to Bay Cycleway from Freshwater Park to Ford Park, Strathfield South and return. Participants can choose to participate in either the 5km, 10km run for adults, 2km run for kids, 5km walk or 10km relay. The fun run event will take place from 7am to 11am with races underway from 8.30am.

It is proposed to temporarily close Morgan Place/Bridge, between Hedges Avenue and Augusta Street under traffic management supervision for Pedestrian Access only to ensure that the event participants cross the road safely.

Council will notify the residents in the area regarding the road closure and the event. A Traffic Control Plan (TCP) of the proposed road closure is demonstrated here and a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the area will be tabled at the meeting.

# TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

## COOKS RIVER FUN RUN 2019



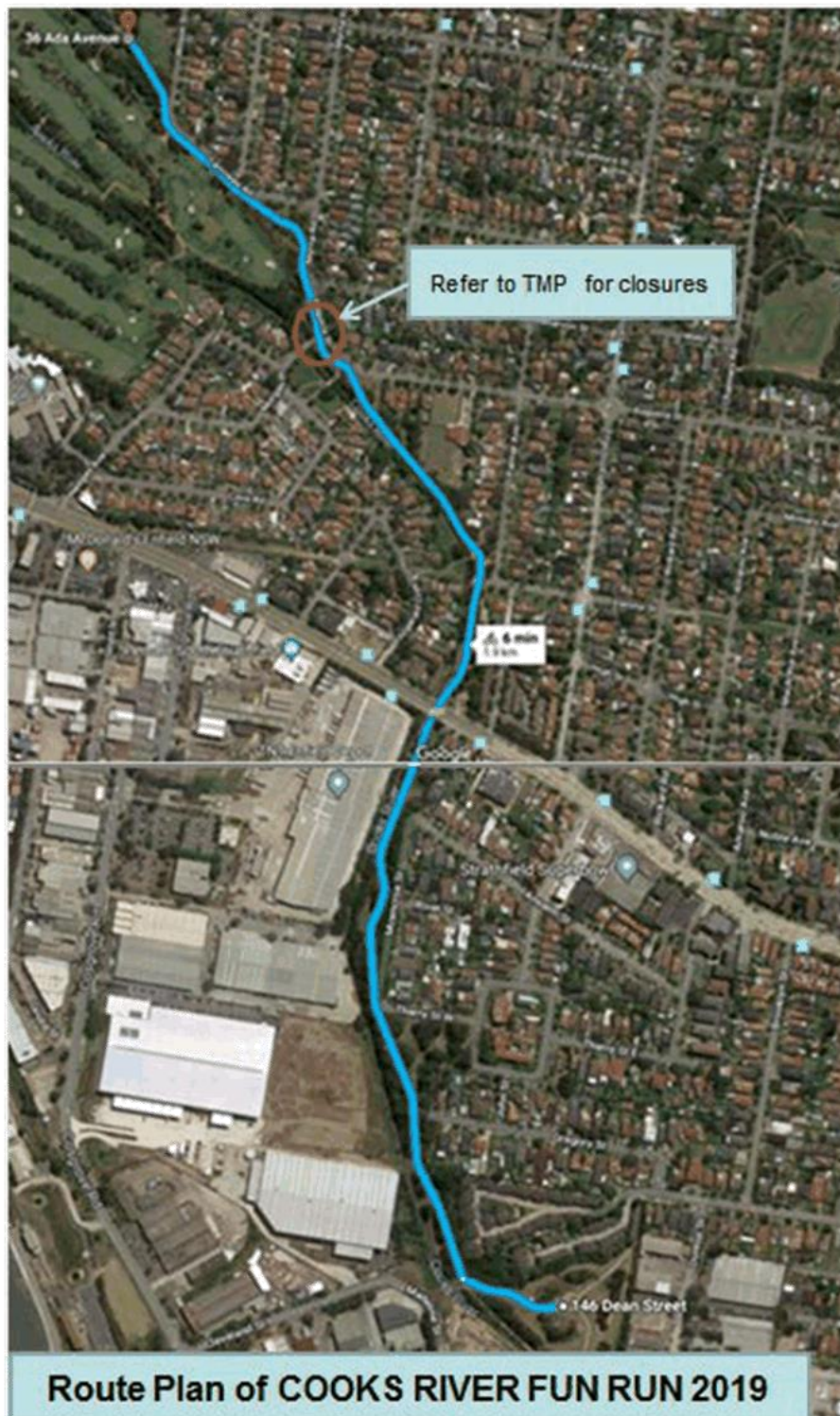
### NOTE:

- Pedestrian shall not be directed onto roadway unless traffic controllers are used to control closer to Cave road / Cooks River bridge
- Please watch out for the vehicle entering from the driveway closer to Hedges avenue and Augusta Street

Traffic Management Plan	TCP SC 003
Approved by	Velmurugu Jeyadevan
Prepare Work Zone Traffic Management Plan	Card no. 0031984053
Date of the Cooks River Fun Run 2019	23/06/2019



## MORGAN PLACE, STRATHFIELD ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURE FOR COOKS RIVER FUN RUN (Cont'd)



**RECOMMENDATION**

Noted with no objections:

**Cooks River Fun Run** on Sunday 23 June 2019, 7am-11am be approved pursuant to:

1. Notification of the proposed Traffic Management Plan shall be undertaken by Council for the residents at Morgan Place;
2. Concurrence of the NSW Police Service shall be obtained and the conditions imposed by the Police shall be strictly complied with;
3. All emergency authorities including NSW Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service shall be notified of the details of the event by Council. In addition, Council shall undertake measures to advise about the event by advertising on their website;
4. The RMS Traffic Management Centre to be advised of the event;
7. RMS accredited Traffic Controllers shall be engaged to regulate traffic movements in the affected streets, if necessary;
8. A 4-metre wide emergency access path must be kept through the temporary Road Closures at all times;
9. Barricades shall be appropriately signposted and manned at all times and all traffic regulatory signs shall be in accordance with Australian Standards; and
10. Public liability insurance to a minimum of \$20,000,000 (twenty million dollars) shall be acquired by Council to cover any liability claims arising from the conduct of the Festival;
11. Need to consider access for disable persons.
12. All signs and barricades associated with the event shall be removed, soon after the completion of the event.

*Voting on this item was unanimous*

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

21 MAY 2019

## MORGAN PLACE, STRATHFIELD ROAD/BRIDGE CLOSURE FOR COOKS RIVER FUN RUN (Cont'd)

## 9.1 ROADS AND MARITIME FUNDED PROJECTS

AUTHOR: Fernando Rios, Traffic Engineering Officer

APPROVER: Gordon Malesevic, Executive Manager, Urban Services

## ROADS AND MARITIME FUNDED PROJECTS

The State Government provides regular funding under a number of programs for Road Safety, Pedestrian and Bike Ride Improvements. These funds are made available through either RMS or Transport for NSW. Strathfield Council has been successful with two projects for the 2018/2019 financial year. The following table provides a summary of these projects.

RMS Project Number	Project Name	Program Approved	Approved 18/19 Funding Application	Type of Funding
P.0033831	'Newton Road, Strathfield Separate through and parking lane, with painted line, mark barrier line, upgrade intersection from give-way to stop, install one lane roundabout	'Australian Government Black Spot Program	\$132500	100% Federal
Monthly Status	<b>'Newton Road, Strathfield</b> <input type="checkbox"/> It comprises of 8 sections works <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Delineation and kerb works have been completed <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Roundabouts are in progress 3 weeks remaining consultation currently.			
P.0034023	'Meredith Road, outside Homebush Railway Station Install intersection and/or pedestrian crossing improvements, move stop or give-way lines forward using kerb extensions, install road feature signs, upgrade intersection from give-way to stop, install pedestrian fencing on kerb	'Safer System Pedestrian	\$82000	100% State
Monthly Status	<b>'Newton Road, Strathfield</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Meredith St & The Crescent – to be completed in 2 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Homebush Road & The Crescent – to be completed in 2 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> The Crescent at train station – Waiting on material supplies 2-3 weeks			

## RECOMMENDATION

To be noted.

*Voting on this item was unanimous*

Meeting Closed: 12.29pm

Next Meeting: 18 June 2019

**13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS PENSABENE, DUGGAN AND BLACKMORE**  
**SUBJECT: CLIMATE CHANGE**

WE MOVE:

That the Council:

1. Be provided with a report on the potential impact of climate change in the Strathfield Local Government Area, in particular any risks associated from:
  - Urban heat island effect
  - Heat waves – particularly for the elderly, isolated and disabled residents
  - Inundation
  - Extreme weather events
2. Be advised of any action required to mitigate risks including incorporating climate change policy into relevant council planning documents.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.



**13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR PENSABENE**  
**SUBJECT: BATES STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT**

I MOVE:

That Council report on costs required to refurbish the Bates Street Community Centre and including but not limited to:

- A review of the heating for rooms
- Installation of projector and screen system with sound capabilities in Redmyre Room
- Replacing/adding storage space. Current storage is insufficient for current needs
- Before commencing a report, Council officers to consult with stakeholders of the Bates Street Community Centre for any other requirements/suggestions

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR PENSABENE**  
**SUBJECT: KOREA TRIP**

I MOVE:

That Councillor Vaccari, Councillor Doueihi and the Chief Executive Officer Henry Wong provide Council with a briefing at a future Councillor Workshop:

1. On the outcomes of their recent trip to Korea including key learnings for our LGA
2. Details of productive discussions or meetings with local officials or business people
3. A complete report of the expenses being claimed back to Strathfield Council for the entire trip

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**13.4 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR PENSABENE**  
**SUBJECT: WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS PILOT PROGRAM**

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council pilot a 'Welcome to New Residents' information evening.

Rationale

Invitees to the evening would be residents who have moved into the area in the past year. The program will include:

- The role of Councillors
- Council services including recycling and waste removal
- Free services provided by Council
- Community services
- Community Strategic Plan priorities
- Strathfield Connector
- Library services
- Compliance officers
- Major recurring events
- Q&A session for attendees
- A supper and an opportunity for networking with other new residents

Council to consider how the event can be made more inclusive for non-English speaking residents moving to the area.

If the event is successful, proposed that the event will be held bi-annually.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Strathfield Council pilot a 'Welcome to New Residents' information evening.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**13.5 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BLACKMORE**  
**SUBJECT: CHRISTMAS STREET CELEBRATIONS INITIATIVE**

I MOVE:

That Council prepare a report on the feasibility of starting a Christmas Street Celebrations Initiative to the August 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting. The report to include:

- Budgetary implications including public liability insurance, road closure and administrative costs etc.
- Traffic management issues
- Provisions for advertising and road closures and template invitations for neighbours

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**13.6 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DUGGAN**  
**SUBJECT: USE OF FLAMMABLE CLADDING IN THE STRATHFIELD LGA**

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council prepare a report for the August 2019 meeting on the use of combustible cladding in the Strathfield LGA including:

- Number of buildings affected in the Strathfield LGA
- Details on who is responsible for removal of cladding (strata, government, property developer)?
- Details on current progress for removal of cladding in the LGA
- Details of any deadlines to remove the cladding
- Consumer protections in place to ensure that a person buying a unit is made aware of any strata obligations to remove flammable cladding
- Advice on an Local, State or Federal funding grant available to assist in the removal of the cladding
- Precautions in place to ensure that use of the flammable cladding has ceased in the Strathfield LGA

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**13.7 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DUGGAN**  
**SUBJECT: STRATHFIELD COUNCIL WINTER HOMELESSNESS APPEAL**

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council support a Winter Homelessness Appeal from 24 – 29 June 2019.

Rationale

Items to be donated include blankets, sleeping bags and new warm socks, beanies, scarves and gloves.

Dry food goods (rice, pasta, tinned goods) and new miniature toiletries would also be welcome.

Council Customer Service, libraries and participating local schools could be nominated as potential drop off points.

Items will be distributed to organisations working with disadvantaged and homeless people in and near our Local Government Area.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Strathfield Council support a Winter Homelessness Appeal from 24 – 29 June 2019.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**13.8 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR HALL**  
**SUBJECT: INTERSECTION BETWEEN THE BOULEVARDE AND ALBYN ROAD**

I MOVE:

That Council through the Traffic Committee investigate the intersection of The Boulevarde and Albyn Road to ascertain:

1. The number of accidents at the intersection in the last 12 months
2. The possible solutions to help ease the flow of traffic onto The Boulevarde and any solutions to assist in avoiding future car accidents at this intersection.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

**13.9 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BLACKMORE**  
**SUBJECT: ADVOCACY FOR THE REFORM OF THE PRIVATE CERTIFIER INDUSTRY**

I MOVE:

1. That a report be prepared for the August 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to Council taking appropriate action to tackle local residents concerns with the private certification industry.

The report to include, but not limited to, residents concern regarding:

- Lack of notification prior to commencement of works
- Privacy Issues
- Loss of amenity
- Builders selecting their own certifiers
- Common Complaints received from neighbours in relation to privately certified building works being commenced on neighbouring properties

2. That council approach neighbouring councils seeking their support for reforming the current laws on Private Certifiers to addresses resident concerns.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.



**CS1 INVESTMENTS REPORT 30 APRIL 2019**

**AUTHOR:** Jenny Nascimento, Executive Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial Officer

**APPROVER:** Melinda Aitkenhead, Director Corporate & Financial Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the record of cash investments as at 30 April 2019 noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To submit Council's record of cash investments as at 30 April 2019 pursuant to Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

**REPORT**

Investment Portfolio as at 30 April 2019

Term Deposits	Rating	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (Days)	Interest Rate	Amount
AMP	A2	19/02/2019	19/08/2019	181	2.80%	2,000,000
AMP	A2	11/03/2019	9/09/2019	182	2.80%	1,000,000
Auswide	A2	2/11/2018	1/05/2019	180	2.75%	2,000,000
Auswide	A2	10/12/2018	11/06/2019	183	2.85%	3,000,000
Bank of Queensland	A2	9/01/2019	8/07/2019	180	2.80%	1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	A2	25/02/2019	26/08/2019	182	2.70%	2,000,000
Bank of Queensland	A2	27/02/2019	26/08/2019	180	2.65%	1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	A2	4/03/2019	2/09/2019	182	2.65%	2,000,000
Bankwest	A1+	21/08/2018	20/05/2019	272	2.80%	2,000,000
Bendigo	A2	1/03/2019	28/08/2019	180	2.60%	1,000,000
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A1+	27/02/2019	27/08/2019	181	2.54%	3,000,000
ME Bank	A2	7/02/2019	6/08/2019	180	2.75%	1,000,000
ME Bank	A2	25/02/2019	26/08/2019	182	2.70%	2,000,000
ME Bank	A2	21/01/2019	22/07/2019	182	2.75%	1,000,000
ME Bank	A2	27/02/2019	26/08/2019	180	2.70%	2,000,000
National Bank	A1+	3/12/2018	3/06/2019	182	2.73%	2,000,000
National Bank	A1+	3/12/2018	3/06/2019	182	2.73%	2,000,000
National Bank	A1+	3/12/2018	3/06/2019	182	2.73%	2,000,000
National Bank	A1+	3/12/2018	3/06/2019	182	2.73%	2,000,000
National Bank	A1+	9/01/2019	8/07/2019	180	2.72%	2,000,000
Suncorp	A1	12/02/2019	31/07/2019	169	2.70%	2,000,000
Suncorp	A1	11/03/2019	9/07/2019	120	2.55%	2,000,000
Suncorp	A1	1/03/2019	29/07/2019	150	2.60%	2,000,000
Westpac	A1+	25/02/2019	26/08/2019	182	0.0251	2,000,000
						<b>44,000,000</b>

## Investments Report 30 April 2019 (Cont'd)

Investment Portfolio as at 30 April 2019

Call Accounts	Rating	Term	Interest Rate	Amount
CBA General Fund	A-1+	At Call	1.25%	746,776
CBA Business Online Saver	A-1+	At Call	1.30%	1,075,758
AMP	A2	At Call	1.80%	2,077,124
TCorp IM Cash Fund	A-1+	At Call	2.39%	2,073,882
				<b>5,973,541</b>

**Total Investments****2.62%****49,973,541**

In accordance with Council's investment policy the following limits apply in relation to the maximum proportion of the total investment portfolio which can be invested for each credit rating category.

Investments Represented by	as at 30 April 2019
<b>Externally Restricted Reserves</b>	
Domestic Waste Management	3,631,114
Unexpended Grants	1,076,932
Section 94	21,430,139
Stormwater Management	959,689
<b>Total Externally Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>27,097,874</b>
<b>Internally Restricted Reserves</b>	
Plant Replacement	1,129,614
ELE	1,285,159
Deposits	7,880,483
Adshel	270,000
Technology	358,034
Carry Forwards	105,120
Future Major Expenditure	1,371,370
Parkscape Improvements	29,000
Risk Management	195,362
Election	143,510
<b>Total Internally Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>12,767,652</b>
<b>Total Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>39,865,526</b>
Unrestricted*	10,108,015
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>49,973,541</b>

**Investments Report 30 April 2019 (Cont'd)**

The Reserve Bank of Australia's official cash rate remains at 1.50% for the month of April 2019. Council's investment portfolio is returning an average of 2.62% as at 30 April 2019 which is 0.93% above the 90 day BBSW benchmark of 1.69 %.

Council has earned interest revenue totalling \$1,122,959 as at 30 April 2019, being 80.00% of the original projected budget.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

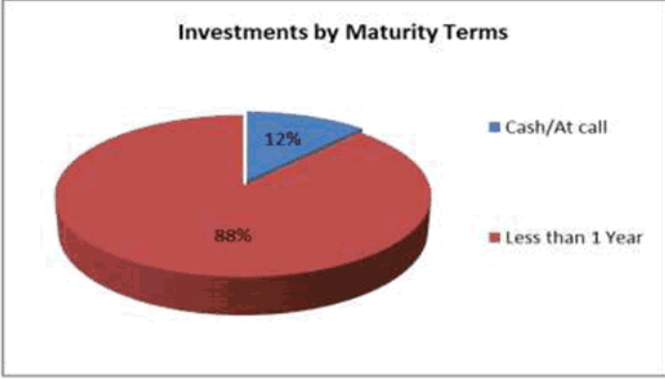
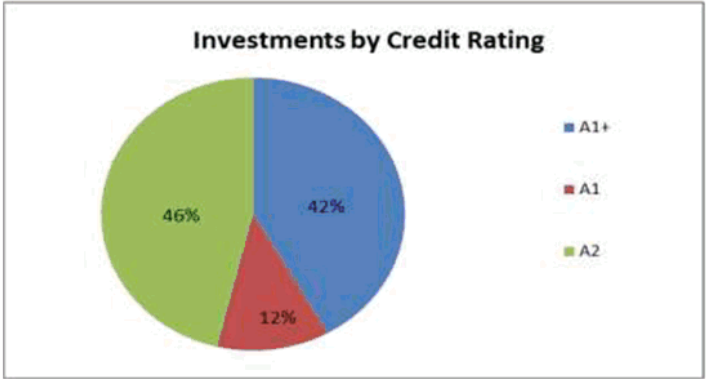
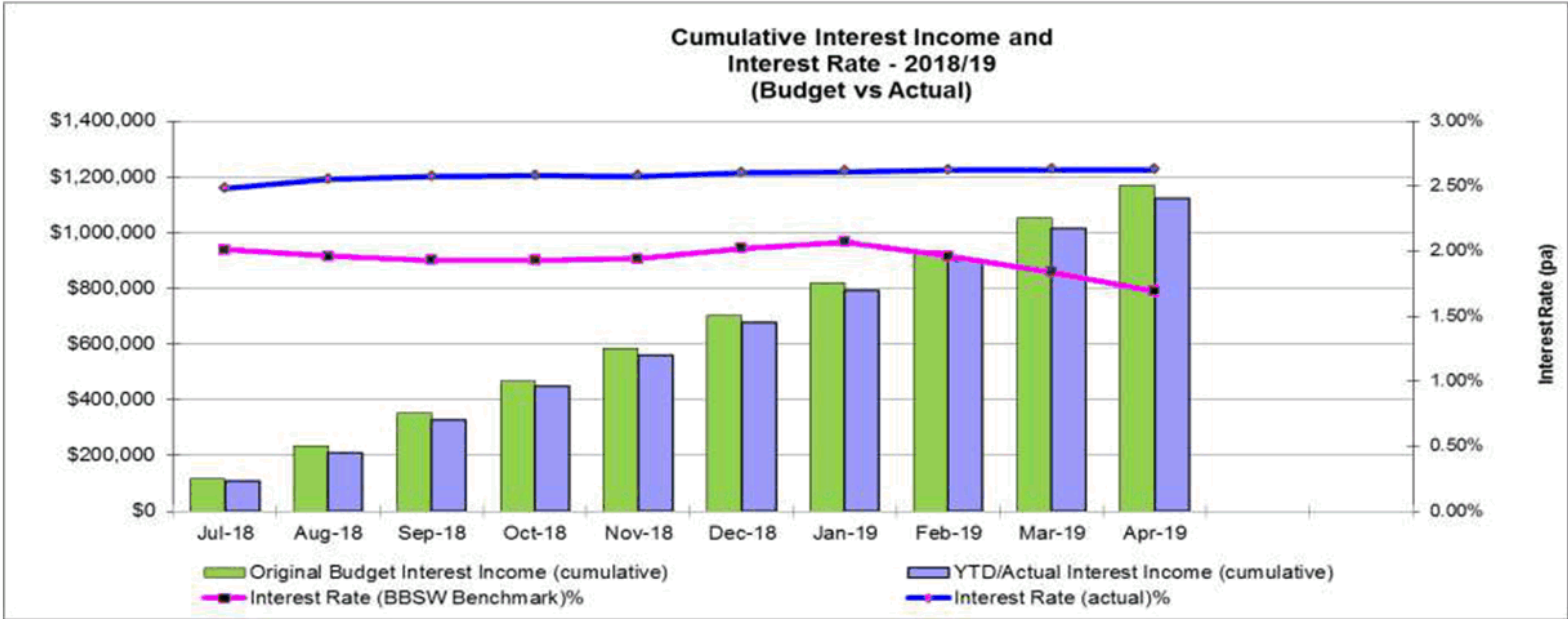
There are no financial implications.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Investment Performance - April 2019

# ATTACHMENT 1

INVESTMENT REPORT CHARTS - Apr 2019



**CS2                    CURRENT STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

**AUTHOR:**        **David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer**

**APPROVER:**    **Mary Rawlings, Director Office of the CEO**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report on the current status of Council Resolutions be noted.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update the Council on the status of previous Council resolutions.

**REPORT**

Attached is a summary of the outstanding Council resolutions.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1.        Council Resolutions



# ATTACHMENT 1



## Outstanding Council Resolution Actions

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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
7/05/2019	<b>ANZAC Day Commemoration Auspiced by Cumberland RSL Sub-Branch</b>	<b>Motions Pursuant to Notice</b>
74/19	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> (Doueihi / Hall)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Mayoral Letters be sent to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cumberland RSL sub branch and in particular President Greg Read thanking him for Letters of Appreciation given to the Mayor, Councillor Duggan and Executive Manager Communications, Events and Engagement Ms Naomi Searle, at the recent Anzac Day commemoration, and for their ongoing commitment to the partnership with Council</li> <li>All other organisations and residents who contributed to the success of the event</li> </ol> </li> <li>Commencing Anzac Day 2020, Council's commemoration be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April each year and consult with the Cumberland RSL Sub branch on the concept of including a march originating from the Homebush Commercial Area (Rochester Street).</li> <li>A report to Council be prepared, following community consultation, on the creation of a dedicated contiguous park from the closure of Rochester Street between Coventry Road and Beresford Road to enable the bringing together of the 1918 Homebush War Memorial and the RSL Memorial into the one remembrance space.</li> </ol> <p>Letter drafted for Mayor's signature.</p>	



## Outstanding Council Resolution Actions

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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
7/05/2019	Illegal Dumping	Motions Pursuant to Notice
73/19		
<b>RESOLVED:</b> (Blackmore / Duggan)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That a report be prepared for the July 2019 Council Meeting in relation to illegal dumping across the Strathfield LGA. The report includes but not limited to the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Details of the most impacted areas in the Strathfield LGA</li><li>• Address what Council is currently doing to combat this issue</li><li>• Investigate preventative measures including permanent or temporary CCTV</li><li>• The current cost for managing illegal dumping</li><li>• Budgetary implications for the implementation of a CCTV trial in illegal dumping hotspots</li></ul></li><li>2. That the topic be discussed at a June 2019 Councillor Workshop.</li></ol>		
For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari		
Against the Motion: Nil		
Presentation to June 2019 Councillor Workshop.		



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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
7/05/2019	Mayoral Minute No 05/19 - Council to Seek a Meeting with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces	Mayoral Minute
69/19		
RESOLVED: (Vaccari)		
That Council seek a meeting with The Hon. Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to discuss Strathfield’s land use planning challenges.		
For the Motion:	Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari	
Against the Motion:	Nil	
Letter sent to Minister, awaiting reply.		



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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
7/05/2019	<b>Mayoral Minute No 04/19 Electric Vehicles Charging Stations</b>	Mayoral Minute
68/19	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> (Vaccari / Duggan)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a report be provided to the July 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting on the feasibility of providing 2 electric vehicle charging stations within the Strathfield LGA and the report include but not be limited to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Possible locations</li> <li>b) Likely budgetary implications</li> <li>c) Likely implementation timeframes</li> <li>d) Proposed usage costs for users, including any proposed subsidies</li> <li>e) Likely sources of grant funds to assist with the initiative</li> <li>f) Inclusion of EV/hybrid vehicles in the Council fleet</li> <li>g) Potential avenues for priority parking</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. That the topic be discussed at a June 2019 Councillor Workshop and prior to a report being submitted to the July 2019 Council Meeting.</li> </ol> <p>For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueiri, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari</p> <p>Against the Motion: Nil</p> <p>Presentation to June 2019 Councillor Workshop.</p>	



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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
2/04/2019 56/19	Community Shelters	Corporate Services Reports
<b>RESOLVED:</b> (Vaccari / Blackmore)		
1. That the report be received and noted.		
2. That council investigate current residential properties owned by Strathfield Council with the view of making one dwelling available to a local front line domestic violence organisation when a lease becomes available.		
For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari		
Against the Motion: Nil		
Presentation to June 2019 Councillor Workshop.		





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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
2/04/2019 58/19	Improving Our Community Space	Corporate Services Reports
<b>RESOLVED:</b> (Blackmore / Hall)		
1. That Council receives and notes the information contained in this report.		
2. That Council commences an immediate program of promotion to ensure increased use of available space in its community facilities.		
3. That Council reviews its hiring policy to allow greater access to local residents to meet their needs for space for private functions.		
For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari		
Against the Motion: Nil		
Draft Project Initiation Form complete.		



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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
5/02/2019 15/19	<b>Pocket Park Project</b>	<b>Motions Pursuant to Notice</b>
<b>RESOLVED:</b> (Blackmore / Duggan)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Council prepare a report for the July 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting on the possibility of building a number of Pocket Parks in areas across the Strathfield Local Government Area. The report is to address suitable locations and possible timeframes and consider the following locations for possible additional greenspace:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council's current land ownerships within or adjacent to areas zoned for high density</li> <li>Locations where a road can be closed and converted with no impact to residents' driveway access</li> </ul> </li> <li>This report should include associated budget information for production of any new pocket parks.</li> </ol>		
For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari		
Against the Motion: Councillor Doueihy		
The Mayor declared the Motion carried.		
Report to go to July 2019 Council Meeting.		



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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
4/12/2018	Reclassification of No. 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush	Infrastructure and Development Reports
281/18		
<b>RESOLVED:</b> (Blackmore / Kokkolis)		
<div>1. That Council resolve to prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the provisions of Strathfield LEP 2012 to reclassify Council owned land at No 1 Loftus Crescent, Strathfield from community to operational land to provide additional affordable housing and that once the Planning Proposal is prepared it be forwarded to the delegate of the Greater Sydney Commission for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.</div> <div>2. That a Public Hearing is held into the reclassification of No 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush from community to operational as required under Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993.</div> <div>3. That in the event of the proposed redevelopment for transitional housing, affordable housing, not proceed, the Classification of land at 1 Loftus Crescent shall automatically revert to Community Land.</div> <div>4. That following the exhibition and the public hearing, a report be presented back to Council.</div> <div>5. That any future proposals consider the dedication of a pocket park to Strathfield Council.</div>		
For the Motion:	Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari	
Against the Motion:	Councillors Duggan and Pensabene	
The Mayor declared the Further Foreshadowed Motion Carried.		
On exhibition. Public Hearing 3 July 2019.		



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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
4/12/2018	<b>The State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 Part 3B Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code</b>	Motions Pursuant to Notice
276/18		
<b>RESOLVED:</b> (Duggan / Pensabene)		
That Council develop a briefing paper for the July Ordinary Council Meeting on the implementation plan for the Low-Rise Medium Density Code. Information may include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The impact on 1 July 2019 when the deferral granted to 50 Councils expires</li><li>• How the Code will be considered during the review of the Strathfield Local Environment Plan</li><li>• Details of the community engagement/consultation plan</li></ul>		
For the Motion:	Councillors Blackmore, Duggan, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari	
Against the Motion:	Nil	
Presentation to June 2019 Councillor Workshop.		



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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
3/07/2018	<b>Underwood Road/WestConnex Stack Emissions</b>	Infrastructure and Development Reports
148/18	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> (Duggan / Vaccari)</p> <p>1. That Council notes and endorses the report.</p> <p>2. Council conduct an assessment of the RMS's obligations under the original approval document and report back to the August Council meeting. In particular, assessment of plans and intentions around the following would be welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance monitoring and tracking</li> <li>• Solar access and overshadowing</li> <li>• Socio-economic – particularly any impact on property prices in the vicinity of the stack</li> <li>• Advice on building buffer zones</li> <li>• Community and Social Management Plan</li> <li>• Community cohesion plan</li> <li>• Community Information, consultation and involvement</li> <li>• Ambient Air Quality Goal Protocol</li> <li>• Air Quality notification and Reporting</li> <li>• Operational Environmental Management Plan</li> <li>• Operational noise and vibration plan</li> </ul>	



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- Operational noise and vibration compliance report
  - Emergency Response Plan
  - Independent Environmental Audit
  - The placement of an emission receptor to the west of the facility
  - The placement of above-ground level receptors
  - Impact of building height changes under the Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy
  - Impact of potential rezoning in neighbouring streets.
3. Council invite the appropriate RMS staff to a governing body workshop in August to discuss any potential community impacts and also RMS obligations in relation to the facility, and
4. Council convene a forum in September for local residents and appropriate staff from Westconnex to discuss any concerns in relation to the facility
5. That Council consider an appropriate DCP along the lines of those considered by Lane Cove and Willoughby Councils at the time of the Lane Cove Tunnel

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

With DPE to develop DCP.





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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
3/07/2018 139/18	<b>Pomeroy Street - Former Bowling Club Site</b>	Motions Pursuant to Notice
<b>RESOLVED:</b> (Hall / Pensabene)  That Council prepare a report on the feasibility of the construction of Community facilities at the Pomeroy St – Former Bowling Club site. The community facility must provide space for a separate Men's shed, Women's Shed and green outdoor space.  For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari Against the Motion: Nil  Correspondence sent to Department. Awaiting updated reply.		



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Meeting Date	Subject	Section
3/10/2017	Draft Plan of Management for Community Lands	Motions Pursuant to Notice
155/17		
RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)		
That:		
<div><div>1.</div><div>In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, Council provide any Report(s) prepared with regards to the Draft Community Lands Plan of Management, including providing a detailed summary/analysis of the submissions received from the period ending 22 June 2017.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>In the event that such Report(s) are still pending, then these Report(s) as detailed above be prepared and presented to Council within 2 months.</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>A workshop be held prior to the December ordinary Council meeting to appraise Councillors on Councils Plans of Management for community land.</div></div> <div><div>4.</div><div>A presentation be made to Councillors, prior to the November Council Meeting, that includes but is not limited to detailing how the process complied with Section 36 (Preparation of draft plans of management for community land) and section 40A (Public hearing in relation to proposed plans of management) of the Local Government Act 1993.</div></div> <div><div>5.</div><div>That Council prepare a new Plan of Management, for each of the individual 17 parcels of Community Land listed in the recently exhibited “Draft Plan of Management for Community Lands”. The Plan of Management has to be prepared in accordance with Section 36, Section 40A and Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1993.</div></div>		
Plans to be presented to Council in December 2019.		

**CS3 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ANNUAL FEES**

**AUTHOR:** Melinda Aitkenhead, Director Corporate & Financial Services

**APPROVER:** Henry T Wong, Chief Executive Officer

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve an increase of 2.5% in the annual fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for 2019/2020 under Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993 as per the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal in this regard.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council of the requirement under Sections 248 and 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to determine fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors for 2019/2020.

**REPORT**

Section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that council must pay each Councillor an annual fee, with an additional fee payable to the Mayor under section 249 of the Act. A Council may fix each of these annual fees in accordance with the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

The determination of fees for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 has been handed down by the Tribunal in its report dated 15 April 2019.

The Tribunal reviewed key economic indicators in the Consumer Price Index and Wage Price Index and had regard to the budgetary limitations imposed by rate pegging. Having regard to these factors, the Tribunal considers that an increase of 2.5% in the fees for Councillors and Mayors is appropriate and has determined the following fee range for Strathfield Council (Metropolitan Small) for 2019/20:

	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Councillors</b>	\$ 9,190	\$20,280
<b>Mayor</b>	\$20,280	\$44,230

If a Council does not set a fee to be payable to the Mayor and Councillors within the above range it must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal. In the past Council has accepted the annual increases as determined by the Tribunal and has paid the maximum fee to the Mayor and Councillors. The recommendation to this report has been based on the Council's prior actions in this regard.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding has been provided in the draft 2019/2020 Budget for this purpose.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. 2019 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Annual Report and Determination

# ATTACHMENT 1

Local  
Government  
Remuneration  
Tribunal

Annual Report  
and  
Determination

*Annual report and determination under sections 239 and  
241 of the Local Government Act 1993*

15 April  
2019

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## Executive Summary

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The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) is required to report to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces by 1 May each year as to its determination of categories of councils and the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid to mayors, councillors, and chairpersons and members of county councils.

**Categories**

The Tribunal did not undertake a broad review of the categorisation of councils and considered only those requests where an individual submission was made. The Tribunal found that the current allocation of councils into the current categories is appropriate.

The Tribunal will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each group and the allocation of councils in detail in 2020. The criteria applicable to each of the categories are published in Appendix 1 of the determination and are unchanged from 2018.

**Fees**

The Tribunal has determined that the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category will be increased by 2.5 per cent which is consistent with the government's policy on wages.

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# Section 1 Introduction

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1. The role of Assessor assisting the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal), pursuant to section 236 (1) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the LG Act) was undertaken by Mr Ian Reynolds from 1 July 2015 until the expiration of his appointment on 27 November 2018. The Tribunal thanks Mr Reynolds for his contributions over those years.
2. On 28 November 2018, Dr Robert Lang was re-appointed as the Tribunal and Mr Brian Bell PSM was appointed to the role of Assessor assisting the Tribunal pursuant to section 236 (1) (b) of the LG Act. The role of Assessor assisting the Tribunal pursuant to 236 (1) (a) continues to be undertaken by Mr Tim Hurst, CEO, Office of Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment.

# Section 2 Background

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3. Section 239 of the LG Act provides for the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices and to place each council and mayoral office into one of those categories. The categories are to be determined at least once every 3 years.
4. Section 241 of the LG Act provides for the Tribunal to determine, not later than 1 May in each year, for each of the categories determined under section 239, the maximum and minimum amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors of councils, as well as chairpersons and members of county councils.
5. In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required, pursuant to section 242A (1) of the LG Act, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those of the Industrial Relations Commission. The current policy on wages is that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 2.5 per cent, and this includes the maximum and minimum fees payable to councillors and mayors and chairpersons and members of county councils.
6. The Tribunal is however able to determine that a council can be placed in another existing or a new category with a higher range of fees without breaching the government's wage policy pursuant to section 242A (3) of the LG Act.

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7. The Tribunal's determinations take effect from 1 July in each year.

## Section 2 2018 Determination

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1. The Tribunal considered ten requests for re-categorisation having regard to the case put forward and the criteria for each category. A multi variable approach was adopted in assessing each council against all the criteria (not only population) for the requested category and the relativities within the categories.
2. The Tribunal noted that at the time of making the determination only the population data as of 2016 was available.
3. The Tribunal found that the current categorisation for the ten councils was appropriate and noted that some of those councils seeking to be moved are likely to meet the criteria for re-categorisation in future determinations in the medium term.
4. The Tribunal's 2018 Determination was made on 17 April 2018 and provided a general increase of 2.5 per cent which was consistent with the Government's policy on wages.

## Section 3 2019 Review

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5. The Tribunal wrote to all mayors in December 2018 advising of the commencement of the 2019 Annual Review. In doing so the Tribunal noted that it is only required to review the categories every three years and will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each group and the allocation of councils in detail in 2020.
6. The Tribunal also stated that it does not intend to alter the groups that apply to individual councils unless there is a very strong case to do so. Any requests for a review should be supported by evidence which would indicate that the council is more appropriately allocated in another category based on the criteria.
7. The Tribunal also wrote to the President of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) in similar terms, and subsequently met with the President and Chief Executive of LGNSW. The Tribunal thanks the President and Chief Executive for making the time to meet with the Tribunal.
8. In response to this review the Tribunal received 20 submissions from individual councils and a submission from LGNSW. Those submissions addressed the allocation of councils into

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those categories and fees. The Tribunal also received a submission from a joint organisation requesting that the Tribunal determine the fees for members of the boards of joint organisations. A summary of the matters raised, and the Tribunal's consideration of those matters is outlined below.

#### Categorisation

9. Ten submissions received from councils requested re-categorisation now and two submissions requested re-categorisation when the Tribunal considers the categories in detail in 2020. Each of the ten requests for re-categorisation now were considered having regard to the case put forward and the criteria for each category.
10. At the time of making the determination the Tribunal had available to it the 30 June 2018 population data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on 27 March 2019. In reviewing the submissions received the Tribunal also applied a multi variable approach assessing each council against all the criteria (not only population) for the requested category and the relativities within the categories.
11. The Tribunal finds that the allocation of councils into the current categories is appropriate but again notes that some of those councils seeking to be moved are likely to meet the criteria for re-categorisation in future determinations.
12. A few submissions have suggested alternative categorisation models. The Tribunal will consider this in detail in the 2020 review. The Tribunal intends to commence the 2020 annual review earlier than usual to ensure there is time to review the existing model and to examine alternatives. The Tribunal is of the preliminary view that a case may exist to revise the number of categories, and their applicable criteria, particularly for regional and rural councils.
13. A summary of the Tribunal's findings for each of the 2019 applications for re-categorisation is outlined in the following paragraphs.

#### Metropolitan Large

14. Canterbury-Bankstown and Penrith have sought re-categorisation to new categories noting that no changes to the categories of councils are planned until 2020. Canterbury-Bankstown has proposed a new categorisation model for consideration in the 2020 review. The proposed model would provide different categories for metropolitan councils. Penrith

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has again sought to be re-categorised to a new category - 'Metropolitan Large – Growth Centre'.

15. Both councils may wish to provide further details for consideration in the 2020 annual review.

**Metropolitan Medium Councils**

16. Inner West has again sought to be re-categorised to Metropolitan Large. The Tribunal outlined in the 2018 determination that Inner West did not demonstrate enough additional criteria to warrant re-categorisation at that time, but with population growth the council would likely be more comparable with other Metropolitan Large councils in the short to medium term.
17. The Tribunal has again considered in detail the features of Inner West having regard to the other criteria for Metropolitan Large councils. The Tribunal finds that Inner West does not provide the same degree of regional servicing or have an equivalent sphere of economic influence as other Metropolitan Large councils. This is supported by development and planning information published by the Greater Sydney Commission.
18. Inner West's June 2018 population of 198,024 is below the indicative population of other Metropolitan Large councils. Based on existing growth predictions it is likely Inner West will meet the minimum population threshold for inclusion in Metropolitan Large in 2020.

**Metropolitan Small Council**

19. Willoughby and Camden have sought to be re-categorised to Metropolitan Medium.
20. Willoughby's June 2018 population of 80,339 is below the indicative population of Metropolitan Medium Councils. The Tribunal outlined in the 2018 determination that Willoughby sought recognition of its scale of operations and businesses and regional significance of its centres and high percentage of non-resident visitors and workers. The Tribunal found the characteristics of the council were more appropriately aligned with those of other Metropolitan Small councils and found no case for it to be re-categorised at that time.
21. Willoughby's 2019 submission argues there is an over emphasis on resident population and no recognition of the complexity or burden on high volumes of non-resident populations.
22. As previously stated, the Tribunal considers a range of factors (not only population) in determining categories as required under section 240 of the LG Act. The Tribunal has again considered in detail the features of Willoughby having regard to the other criteria for other

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Metropolitan Medium councils and finds that Willoughby has not demonstrated the criteria to warrant inclusion in the Metropolitan Medium group at this time.

23. Camden's 2018 population of 94,159 is below the indicative population of Metropolitan Medium councils. The Tribunal has considered the features of Camden having regard to the other criteria for Metropolitan Medium councils. The Tribunal finds that Camden does not provide the same degree of regional servicing or have an equivalent sphere of economic influence as Metropolitan Medium councils. The Tribunal notes however that the ABS identifies that Camden has the largest and fastest population growth in NSW. Based on existing growth predictions it is likely Camden will meet the minimum population threshold for inclusion in Metropolitan Medium in 2020.

#### Regional Strategic Area Councils

24. Central Coast has sought to be re-categorised to Regional City. The council submits that its characteristics are more like Newcastle and Wollongong (Regional City) and substantially different to Lake Macquarie (Regional Strategic Area). The Tribunal finds that Central Coast has not demonstrated the additional criteria to warrant inclusion in the Regional City group.

#### Regional Rural Councils

25. Shellharbour and Port Macquarie have sought re-categorisation to Regional Strategic Area.
26. Shellharbour's June 2018 population of 72,240 is significantly below the indicative population of Regional Strategic Area councils. In addition, the submission was not supported by evidence which would indicate that the council is more appropriately allocated in another category based on the criteria.
27. Port Macquarie's June 2018 population of 83,131 is significantly below the indicative population of Regional Strategic Area councils. The Tribunal finds that Port Macquarie has not demonstrated the additional criteria to warrant inclusion in the Regional Strategic Area group.
28. Port Macquarie (as an alternative) and Mid-Coast sought to be re-categorised to a new category between Regional Strategic Area and Regional Rural. Both councils may wish to provide further details for consideration in the 2020 annual review.

#### Rural Councils

29. Muswellbrook and Federation have sought to be re-categorised to Regional Rural.



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30. Muswellbrook's June 2018 population of 16,383 and Federation's June 2018 population of 12,462 are well below the indicative population of Regional Rural councils. Both councils have not demonstrated the additional criteria to warrant inclusion in the Regional Rural group.
31. The Tribunal also undertook a review of Hilltops having regard to its 2018 submission and the Tribunal's findings that re-categorisation at that time was not warranted:

*"41. Hilltops Council has sought to be re-categorised from Rural to Regional Rural. The new Hilltops Council is an amalgamation of three former councils in the Rural category (Young, Boorowa and Harden). The submission states that the new council has increased complexity of business and should be recognised as Regional Rural.*

*42. The Tribunal notes that Hilltops has a population of 19,150 (2016) which is just below the indicative population range of Regional Rural councils. The category of Regional Rural currently includes one council – Broken Hill – which has a population similar to that of Hilltops. Broken Hill warrants categorisation as Regional Rural in recognition of the degree of regional servicing it provides to far western NSW. It is not considered that Hilltops provides the same degree of regional services and on that basis re-categorisation is not warranted at this time."*

32. Hilltops' June 2018 population of 18,782 is below the indicative population range of Regional Rural councils. The Tribunal has reviewed the additional criteria and finds no reason to alter its findings as outlined in the 2018 determination.

### Fees

33. The LGNSW submission requested that the Tribunal increase fees by the allowable maximum of 2.5 per cent. The submission also repeated its view that the current arrangement for setting fees is inadequate and does not compensate elected members for the significant workload and range of responsibilities which are expanding. Comparative information was presented in respect to board fees, fees paid to mayors and councillors of councils in Queensland, and salaries for members of Parliament. A report detailing the findings of an independent review conducted on current remuneration paid to councillors and mayors was also provided. The LGNSW submission

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also requested that the Tribunal make a recommendation in support of the payment of superannuation.

34. Several submissions sought an increase to the allowable maximum of 2.5 per cent and raised similar issues to LGNSW in respect to the current fees not being adequate compensation for increased responsibilities and workload required to carry out mayoral and councillor duties and non-payment of superannuation. Several submissions also sought an increase significantly higher than the allowable 2.5 per cent or that fees be increased by benchmarking them to Principal CBD fees or population per councillor or using the base salary and allowances for Members of Parliament in the relevant region.
35. Two submissions also raised the matter of fees for deputy mayors. The Tribunal addressed this matter in the 2018 determination and will make no further comment.
36. The Tribunal has considered the submissions received. The Tribunal is mindful that the roles and responsibilities of councillors and mayors in NSW are outlined in the LG Act and notes that they are not necessarily comparable to the roles and responsibilities of councillors and mayors in other states, members of Parliament or members of boards and committees.
37. The Tribunal again notes that some of the other matters raised by submissions are more appropriately dealt with in the context of the current Local Government reform agenda and are outside the Tribunal's powers.
38. The Tribunal is required to have regard to the Government's wages policy when determining the increase to apply to the maximum and minimum fees that apply to councillors and mayors. The public sector wages policy currently provides for a cap on increases of 2.5 per cent.
39. The Tribunal has reviewed the key economic indicators, including the Consumer Price Index and Wage Price Index, and had regard to budgetary limitations imposed by the Government's policy of rate pegging, and finds that the full increase of 2.5 per cent is warranted. The 2.5 per cent increase will apply to the minimum and the maximum of the ranges for all existing categories.

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### Other matters

40. The submission from LGNSW and several councils have again raised the matter of the non-payment of superannuation. The Tribunal addressed this matter in the 2018 determination as outline below and will make no further comment:

*“54. The matter of the non-payment of superannuation has been previously raised in submissions to the Tribunal and is not a matter for the Tribunal to determine. Section 251 of the LG Act confirms that councillors are not employees of the council and the fee paid does not constitute a salary under the Act. The Tribunal notes that the Australian Tax Office has made a definitive ruling (ATO ID 2007/205) that allows councillors to redirect their annual fees into superannuation on a pre-tax basis and is a matter for councils (Ref: Councillor Handbook, Oct 2017, Office of Local Government p.69).”*

41. The Tribunal also received a submission from the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) although no invitation to do so was issued by the Tribunal. The CRJO has requested that the Tribunal set chair and member fees for joint organisations in the 2019 annual determination.
42. The Tribunal is constituted under Chapter 9, Part 2, Division 4 of the LG Act. The Tribunal’s determinations apply to Councils, Mayors and Councillors within the meaning of Chapter 9 of the LG Act.
43. Joint organisations, including the Board of a joint organisation, are constituted under Chapter 12, Part 7 of the LG Act. The Tribunal’s jurisdiction does not apply to joint organisations, as provided for in section 400ZH(3)(e) of the LG Act.
44. On that basis the Tribunal has no power to consider the CRJO submission and it is a matter that the CRJO may wish to raise with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces who is the Minister responsible for the LG Act. The Tribunal has written to the CRJO in the above terms.

### Conclusion

45. The Tribunal’s determinations have been made with the assistance of the two Assessors - Mr Brian Bell and Mr Tim Hurst. The allocation of councils into each of the categories,

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pursuant to section 239 of the LG Act, is outlined in Determination No. 1. The maximum and minimum fees paid to councillors and mayors and members and chairpersons of county councils, pursuant to section 241 of the LG Act, are outlined in Determination No. 2.

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*(Signed)*

**Dr Robert Lang**

**Dated: 15 April 2019**

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## Section 4 Determinations

### Determination No. 1- Determination Pursuant to Section 239 of Categories of Councils and County Councils Effective From 1 July 2019

**Table 1: General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan**

Principal CBD (1)	Major CBD (1)
Sydney	Parramatta
Metropolitan Large (8)	Metropolitan Medium (9)
Blacktown	Bayside
Canterbury-Bankstown	Campbelltown
Cumberland	Georges River
Fairfield	Hornsby
Liverpool	Ku-ring-gai
Northern Beaches	Inner West
Penrith	Randwick
Sutherland	Ryde
	The Hills
Metropolitan Small (11)	
Burwood	
Camden	
Canada Bay	
Hunters Hill	
Lane Cove	
Mosman	
North Sydney	
Strathfield	
Waverley	
Willoughby	
Woollahra	

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Table 2: General Purpose Councils – Non-Metropolitan

Regional City (2)		Regional Strategic Area (2)	
Newcastle		Central Coast	
Wollongong		Lake Macquarie	

Regional Rural (37)		Rural (57)	
Albury		Balranald	Kyogle
Armidale		Bellingen	Lachlan
Ballina		Berrigan	Leeton
Bathurst		Bland	Liverpool Plains
Bega		Blayney	Lockhart
Blue Mountains		Bogan	Moree Plains
Broken Hill		Bourke	Murray River
Byron		Brewarrina	Murrumbidgee
Cessnock		Cabonne	Muswellbrook
Clarence Valley		Carrathool	Nambucca
Coffs Harbour		Central Darling	Narrabri
Dubbo		Cobar	Narrandera
Eurobodalla		Coolamon	Narromine
Goulburn Mulwaree		Coonamble	Oberon
Griffith		Cootamundra-Gundagai	Parkes
Hawkesbury		Cowra	Snowy Valleys
Kempsey		Dungog	Temora
Kiama		Edward River	Tenterfield
Lismore		Federation	Upper Hunter
Lithgow		Forbes	Upper Lachlan
Maitland		Gilgandra	Uralla
Mid-Coast		Glen Innes Severn	Walcha
Mid-Western		Greater Hume	Walgett
Orange		Gunnedah	Warren
Port Macquarie-Hastings		Gwydir	Warrumbungle
Port Stephens		Hay	Weddin
Queanbeyan-Palerang		Hilltops	Wentworth
Richmond Valley		Inverell	Yass
Shellharbour		June	
Shoalhaven			
Singleton			
Snowy Monaro			
Tamworth			
Tweed			
Wagga Wagga			
Wingecarribee			
Wollondilly			

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Table 3: County Councils

Water (4)
Central Tablelands
Goldenfields Water
Riverina Water
Rous

Other (6)
Castlereagh-Macquarie
Central Murray
Hawkesbury River
New England Tablelands
Upper Hunter
Upper Macquarie



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### Determination No. 2- Determination Pursuant to Section 241 of Fees for Councillors and Mayors

Pursuant to s.241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2019 are determined as follows:

**Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils**

Category		Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan	Principal CBD	27,640	40,530	169,100	222,510
	Major CBD	18,430	34,140	39,160	110,310
	Metropolitan Large	18,430	30,410	39,160	88,600
	Metropolitan Medium	13,820	25,790	29,360	68,530
	Metropolitan Small	9,190	20,280	19,580	44,230
General Purpose Councils - Non-metropolitan	Regional City	18,430	32,040	39,160	99,800
	Regional Strategic Area	18,430	30,410	39,160	88,600
	Regional Rural	9,190	20,280	19,580	44,250
	Rural	9,190	12,160	9,780	26,530
County Councils	Water	1,820	10,140	3,920	16,660
	Other	1,820	6,060	3,920	11,060

\*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).

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**(Signed)**

**Dr Robert Lang**

**Dated: 15 April 2019**

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# Appendices

## Appendix 1 Criteria that apply to categories

### Principal CBD

The Council of the City of Sydney (the City of Sydney) is the principal central business district (CBD) in the Sydney Metropolitan area. The City of Sydney is home to Sydney's primary commercial office district with the largest concentration of businesses and retailers in Sydney. The City of Sydney's sphere of economic influence is the greatest of any local government area in Australia.

The CBD is also host to some of the city's most significant transport infrastructure including Central Station, Circular Quay and International Overseas Passenger Terminal. Sydney is recognised globally with its iconic harbour setting and the City of Sydney is host to the city's historical, cultural and ceremonial precincts. The City of Sydney attracts significant visitor numbers and is home to 60 per cent of metropolitan Sydney's hotels.

The role of Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney has significant prominence reflecting the CBD's importance as home to the country's major business centres and public facilities of state and national importance. The Lord Mayor's responsibilities in developing and maintaining relationships with stakeholders, including other councils, state and federal governments, community and business groups, and the media are considered greater than other mayoral roles in NSW.

### Major CBD

The Council of the City of Parramatta (City of Parramatta) is the economic capital of Greater Western Sydney and the geographic and demographic centre of Greater Sydney. Parramatta is the second largest economy in NSW (after Sydney CBD) and the sixth largest in Australia.

As a secondary CBD to metropolitan Sydney the Parramatta local government area is a major provider of business and government services with a significant number of organisations relocating their head offices to Parramatta. Public administration and safety has been a growth sector for Parramatta as the State Government has promoted a policy of moving government agencies westward to support economic development beyond the Sydney CBD.

The City of Parramatta provides a broad range of regional services across the Sydney Metropolitan area with a significant transport hub and hospital and educational facilities. The City of Parramatta is home to the Westmead Health and Medical Research precinct which represents the largest concentration of hospital and health services in Australia, servicing Western Sydney and providing other specialised services for the rest of NSW.

The City of Parramatta is also home to a significant number of cultural and sporting facilities (including Sydney Olympic Park) which draw significant domestic and international visitors to the region.

**Local Government Remuneration Tribunal****Metropolitan Large**

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will typically have a minimum population of 200,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$200M per annum
- the provision of significant regional services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- significant industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will have a sphere of economic influence and provide regional services considered to be greater than those of other metropolitan councils.

**Metropolitan Medium**

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Medium will typically have a minimum population of 100,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$100M per annum
- services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

The sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Large councils.

**Metropolitan Small**

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Small will typically have a population less than 100,000.

Other features which distinguish them from other metropolitan councils include:

- total operating revenue less than \$150M per annum.

While these councils may include some of the facilities and characteristics of both Metropolitan Large and Metropolitan Medium councils the overall sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Medium councils.

**Local Government Remuneration Tribunal****Regional City**

Councils categorised as Regional City will typically have a population above 150,000. These councils are metropolitan in nature with major residential, commercial and industrial areas. These Councils typically host government departments, major tertiary education and health facilities and incorporate high density commercial and residential development.

These councils provide a full range of higher order services and activities along with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment facilities to service the wider community and broader region. These councils typically also contain ventures which have a broader State and national focus which impact upon the operations of the council.

Newcastle City Council and Wollongong City Councils are categorised as Regional City.

**Regional Strategic Area**

Councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area are differentiated from councils in the Regional Rural category on the basis of their significant population. Councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area will typically have a population above 200,000. These councils contain a mix of urban and rural settlements. They provide a range of services and activities including business, office and retail uses, along with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment facilities to service the wider community. These councils host tertiary education campuses and health facilities.

While councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area may have populations which exceed those of Regional City, they would not typically provide the same range of regional services or have an equivalent sphere of economic influence.

Central Coast Council and Lake Macquarie Council are categorised as Regional Strategic Area.

**Regional Rural**

Councils categorised as Regional Rural will typically have a minimum population of 20,000.

Other features which distinguish them from other non-metropolitan councils include:

- a major town or towns with the largest commercial component of any location in the surrounding area
- a significant urban population existing alongside a traditional farming sector, and are surrounded by smaller towns and villages or may be located on or close to the coast with high levels of population and tourist facilities
- provide a full range of higher-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- regional services to the wider community through principal referral hospitals, tertiary education services and major regional airports
- these councils may also attract large visitor numbers to established tourism ventures.

**Local Government Remuneration Tribunal****Rural**

Councils categorised as Rural will typically have a population below 20,000.

Other features which distinguish them from other non-metropolitan councils include:

- one or two significant townships combined with a considerable dispersed population spread over a large area and a long distance from a major regional centre
- a limited range of services, facilities and employment opportunities compared to Regional Rural councils
- local economies based on agricultural/resource industries.

**County Councils - Water**

County councils that provide water and/or sewerage functions with a joint approach in planning and installing large water reticulation and sewerage systems.

**County Councils - Other**

County councils that administer, control and eradicate declared noxious weeds as a specified Local Control Authority under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*.