



BUSINESS PAPER

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held at 6:00 pm on

Monday 31 May 2021

Council Chambers, Level 10,
Council Administration Building, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong

(Note: Councillors will be able to attend and participate in this meeting via electronic means in accordance with legislation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic)

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Members

Lord Mayor –
Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor –
Councillor Tania Brown
Councillor Ann Martin
Councillor Cameron Walters
Councillor Cath Blakey
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Dom Figliomeni
Councillor Janice Kershaw
Councillor Jenelle Rimmer
Councillor John Dorahy
Councillor Leigh Colacino
Councillor Mithra Cox

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MINUTES

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at 6:00 pm

Monday 10 May 2021

Present

Lord Mayor – Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM (in the Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor – Councillor Tania Brown

Councillor Ann Martin

Councillor Cameron Walters

Councillor Cath Blakey

Councillor David Brown

Councillor Dom Figliomeni

Councillor Janice Kershaw

Councillor Jenelle Rimmer

Councillor John Dorahy

Councillor Leigh Colacino

Councillor Mithra Cox

In Attendance

General Manager

Director Infrastructure + Works, Connectivity Assets + Liveable City (Acting)

Director Planning + Environment, Future City + Neighbourhoods

Director Corporate Services, Connected + Engaged City

Director Community Services, Creative + Innovative City

Manager Governance + Customer Service

Chief Financial Officer (attended via electronic means)

Manager Development Assessment + Certification (attended via electronic means)

Manager City Strategy

Manager City Works (attended via electronic means)

Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning (attended via electronic means)

Manager Open Space + Environmental Services (Acting) (attended via electronic means)

Greg Doyle

Joanne Page

Linda Davis

Renee Campbell

Kerry Hunt

Todd Hopwood

Brian Jenkins

Mark Riordan

Chris Stewart

Corey Stoneham

Trish McClure

Paul Tracey

Note: Due to current government requirements around social distancing obligations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, participants in the meeting can participate via electronic means as permitted under legislation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those who participated via electronic means are indicated in the attendance section of the Minutes.

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CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Martin declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest in Item 1 – Public Exhibition – Revised Draft Planning Proposal – 117 Darkes Forest Road, Darkes Forest, Item 2 – Public Exhibition – Revised Draft Planning Proposal – Former Port Kembla Public School Site, Military Road, Port Kembla and Item 3 – Post Exhibition – Revised Draft Planning Proposal for Sheaffes Road South (including 340 West Dapto Road), Kembla Grange and Item 4 – Post Exhibition – Wollongong Local Planning Panel Submissions Policy due to her employment with the Department of Planning. As she does not work on any projects associated with the Wollongong LGA, Councillor Martin advised she would remain in the Chamber during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Martin also declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2 – Public Exhibition – Revised Draft Planning Proposal – Former Port Kembla Public School Site, Military Road, Port Kembla as she is Chair of Our Community Project and was seeking to have an artist workspace located on the site when it was owned by Port Kembla Copper. Additionally, Councillor Martin is a voluntary Board Member for Tender Funerals which is located across the road from the school site. As the school site was sold some years ago and she has had no further involvement in the site, and she holds a non-operational role in Tender Funerals and receives no remuneration as a voluntary Board Member, Councillor Martin advised she would participate in debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Dorahy declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest in Item 8 – Proposed Grant of Easement to Drain Water 1.0m Wide over Lot 137 DP 201836 Part O'Briens Road Reserve, Figtree as he resides in Figtree. Councillor Dorahy advised he would remain in the Chamber during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Figliomeni declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 2 – Post Exhibition – Revised Draft Planning Proposal – Former Port Kembla Public School Site, Military Road, Port Kembla as he lives close to the proposed development. Councillor Figliomeni advised he would depart the Chamber during the Public Access Forum and also during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Blakey declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest in Item 1 – Public Exhibition – Revised Draft Planning Proposal – 117 Darkes Forest Road, Darkes Forest due to her previous role as an employee and volunteer with Flame Tree Food Cooperative where she ordered and took delivery of produce from Glenburnie Orchard, the land holder noted in the report. Councillor Blakey advised she would remain in the Chamber during debate and voting on the item.

Councillor Colacino declared an interest Item 5 – Leave of Absence – Councillor Colacino – 21 May to 11 June 2021. Councillor Colacino advised that if a debate on the item takes place he will depart the Chamber.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 19 APRIL 2021

522 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Colacino that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 19 April 2021 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE EDWARD, EARL OF WESSEX

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Bradbery presented a framed plaque awarded to Wollongong City Council by the CEO of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Australia, Peter Kaye. The plaque commemorates the visit of His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex to Wollongong in 2019 as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

Due to a disclosed conflict of interest, Councillor Figliomeni departed the meeting at 6:09 pm, prior to the Public Access Forum. Councillor Figliomeni returned to the meeting at 6:26 pm at the conclusion of the Public Access Forum.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

ITEM	TITLE	NAME OF SPEAKER
2	Post Exhibition – Revised Draft Planning Proposal – Former Port Kembla Public School Site, Military Road, Port Kembla	Greg Walls NSW Ports Against Recommendation
2	Post Exhibition – Revised Draft Planning Proposal – Former Port Kembla Public School Site, Military Road, Port Kembla	Lauren Turner MMJ Wollongong Against Recommendation

523 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Blakey that all speakers be thanked for their presentation and invited to table their notes.

CALL OF THE AGENDA

524 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that the staff recommendations for Items 3 to 6 inclusive, then 8 to 14 inclusive and Item 16 be adopted as a block.

ITEM 1 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - REVISED DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL - 117 DARKES FOREST ROAD, DARKES FOREST

525 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor T Brown seconded Councillor Colacino that -

- 1 A revised draft Planning Proposal be prepared for 117 Darkes Forest Road, Darkes Forest (Lot 86 DP 752054) and submitted to NSW Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway Determination, proposing to -
 - a Amend Schedule 1 Additional Permitted Uses of Wollongong Local Environmental Plan to include artisan food and drink premises on the northern part of the property
 - b Rezone parts of Lot 86 DP 752054 (the areas surrounding the existing dwelling and existing mine-related infrastructure) from E2 Environmental Conservation to E3 Environmental Management (Attachment 2).
- 2 Should the Gateway Determination be granted, the draft revised Planning Proposal be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days.
- 3 The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment be requested to issue authority to the General Manager to exercise plan making delegations.
- 4 During the exhibition period, consultation be undertaken with the following agencies -
 - a NSW Department of Planning, Industry and - Environment, Energy and Science (Heritage & NPWS)
 - b Endeavour Energy
 - c Water NSW

- d Transport for NSW
- e NSW Rural Fire Service
- f Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council
- g Environmental Protection Authority

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

Due to a disclosed conflict of interest, Councillor Figliomeni departed the Chamber at 6:32 pm and was not involved in the debate nor voting on Item 2. Councillor Figliomeni returned to the Chamber at 6:46 pm at the conclusion of Item 2.

ITEM 2 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - REVISED DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL - FORMER PORT KEMBLA PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE, MILITARY ROAD, PORT KEMBLA

526 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Martin seconded Councillor Walters that -

- 1 A revised draft Planning Proposal be prepared to amend the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 for Lot 1 DP811699 Military Road, Port Kembla (the former Port Kembla Public School site) to enable medium density residential development, including -
 - a Rezone the southern part of the site (majority) from B4 Mixed Use to R3 Medium Density Residential;
 - b Rezone the northern point of the site from B4 Mixed Use to RE2 Private Recreation;
 - c The Floor Space Ratio of 0.5:1 be retained on the site;
 - d The Height of Buildings be increased to 11m on the proposed R3 Medium Density Residential land, excluding the frontage to Marne Street and Reservoir Street, which is to remain at 9m;
 - e Amend the Key Site Map to identify the site as a Key Site under Clause 7.18 Design Excellence;
 - f Delete clause 7.17 Former Port Kembla School – which enabled the now demolished school building to be used for tourist and visitor accommodation;
 - g At least 5% of the proposed dwellings be made available for Affordable Rental Housing through a Planning Agreement with details of the proposed management arrangements of the dwellings and proposed housing needs sector to be targeted.
- 2 The draft Planning Proposal be referred to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway determination to enable a minimum exhibition period of 28 days.
- 3 Should a Gateway determination be issued, consultation be undertaken with the following agencies and stakeholders during public exhibition -
 - a EPA;
 - b NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Environment, Energy and Science;
 - c Department of Premier & Cabinet – Heritage;
 - d NSW Heritage Council;
 - e Endeavour Energy;
 - f Transport for NSW – Roads and Maritime Services;
 - g Sydney Water;
 - h Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council; and
 - i NSW Ports.
- 4 The applicant prepare a Heritage Interpretation Management Strategy which is to

comprise of the following and will inform the design guidelines of the site, and which is to be exhibited with the draft Planning Proposal -

- i Key views and site lines into and out of the site;
 - ii Historic built form locations and building siting, access points etc;
 - iii Social History of the site and the significance of past debates over conflicts with adjacent industrial development and the school and school activism in this space which eventually led to the relocation of the school;
 - iv The role of the school in providing education to the local Aboriginal community;
 - v Appropriate means for providing on site interpretation and recognition of historic significance of the site; and
 - vi Consideration of any special Aboriginal Cultural Significance, and/or archaeological significance attached to the site.
- 5 A further Acoustic Feasibility Assessment be prepared by the applicant and submitted reflecting the proposed lower built form.
- 6 The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment be requested to issue authority to the General Manager to exercise Plan making delegations, in accordance with Council's resolution of 26 November 2012.

ITEM 3 - POST EXHIBITION - REVISED DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR SHEAFFES ROAD SOUTH (INCLUDING 340 WEST DAPTO ROAD), KEMBLA GRANGE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that -

- 1 The draft Planning Proposal for the Sheaffes Road, Kemplla Grange precinct be finalised to -
 - a Rezone parts of Lot 1 DP 657171 and Lot 1 DP 1118463 to B2 Local Centre with a corresponding 20 metre Maximum Building Height and 2:1 Floor Space Ratio and removing the Minimum Lot Size (Attachment 2, 3, 4 and 5).
 - b Rezone part of lot 1 DP 657171 and Lot 1 DP 1118463 to R3 Medium Density Residential with a corresponding Minimum Lot Size of 299m², Maximum Building Height of 13 metres and Floor Space Ratio of 0.75:1 (Attachment 2, 3, 4 and 5).
 - c Change the Minimum Lot Size of the northern part of Lot 47 DP 263797, Lot 1 DP 657171 and Lot 1 DP 195705 to 299m² (Attachment 3).
 - d Change the Floor Space Ratio for the western part of Lot 1 DP 657171 and Lot 47 DP 1263797 to 0.75:1 (Attachment 5).
- 2 The final Planning Proposal be referred to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for the making of arrangements for drafting to give-effect to the final proposal.
- 3 Noting that the General Manager will thereafter proceed to exercise his delegation issued by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment under Section 3 of the EP&A Act 1979 (NSW), in relation to the final proposal.

ITEM 4 - POST EXHIBITION - WOLLONGONG LOCAL PLANNING PANEL DRAFT SUBMISSIONS POLICY

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that -

- 1 The draft Submissions Policy as amended be endorsed by Council and forwarded to the Department of Planning Industry & Environment for adoption.
- 2 The draft Submissions Policy as amended continue to be applied as referral criteria for 'advice' to Wollongong Local Planning Panel while awaiting Department of Planning Industry & Environment adoption.

ITEM 5 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR COLACINO - 21 MAY TO 11 JUNE 2021

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that a Leave of Absence be granted to Councillor Colacino for the period of 21 May to 11 June 2021 which includes two Councillor Briefings on 24 May 2021 and 7 June 2021, and a Council meeting on 31 May 2021.

ITEM 6 - POLICY REVIEW: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL POLICY

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that Council endorse the draft Community Engagement Council Policy to be placed on public exhibition from 12 May to 11 June 2021.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 7, Councillor Walters departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 6:59 pm to 7:00 pm.

ITEM 7 - PROPOSED DEDICATION OF HYDE STREET, COLEDALE

527 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor Figliomeni that -

- 1 In accordance with Section 16 of the Roads Act 1993, Council approve the dedication of Hyde Street, Coledale as shown hatched on Attachment 1 as public road, and action be taken to dedicate the road by the placement of a notice in the NSW Government Gazette.
- 2 A mailout be sent to adjoining residents alerting them to Council's resolution with rationale.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Colacino (the addition of point 2) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

In favour Councillors Kershaw, Rimmer, T Brown, D Brown, Martin, Blakey, Colacino, Walters, Dorahy, Figliomeni and Bradbery

Against Councillor Cox

An PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Cox seconded Councillor Blakey that the item be deferred until the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Councillor Cox's PROCEDURAL MOTION on being PUT to the VOTE was LOST.

In favour Councillors Cox, Blakey and Bradbery

Against Councillors Kershaw, Rimmer, D Brown, T Brown, Martin, Colacino, Walters, Dorahy and Figliomeni

Councillor Kershaw's MOTION was then PUT to the VOTE and was CARRIED to become the RESOLUTION.

ITEM 8 - PROPOSED GRANT OF EASEMENT TO DRAIN WATER 1.0M WIDE OVER LOT 137 DP 201836, PART O'BRIENS ROAD RESERVE, FIGTREE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that -

- 1 Pursuant to section 46(a1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolves to grant an easement to drain water 1.0m wide over Council Community land known as Lot 137 DP 201836, Part O'Briens Road Reserve, Figtree, in favour of Lot 46 DP 201836, 103 Murray Park Road, Figtree, as shown crosshatched on Attachment 1.
- 2 Council accept payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 (GST free) from the owner of Lot 46 DP 201836, 103 Murray Park Road, Figtree, as compensation for the grant of the easement.
- 3 The applicant be responsible for all costs relating to the easement including valuation, survey, plan registration and legal costs, and any other costs incurred in this matter.
- 4 Approval be granted to affix the Common Seal of Council to the survey plan, Section 88B Instrument and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

ITEM 9 - TRUNK STORMWATER DRAINAGE - WONGAWILLI ROAD, WONGAWILLI - BETWEEN SMITHS LANE AND SHONE AVENUE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that Council note the engagement of Cadifern Civil Pty Ltd to complete the proposed drainage construction works at Wongawilli Road, Wongawilli, in the sum of \$505,395.00 (ex GST).

ITEM 10 - TENDER T20/24 - PANEL FOR PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that -

- 1 In accordance with clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council accept the tenders from the companies listed as successful in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 for the provision of materials as specified.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager, the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

ITEM 11 - TENDER T21/12 - CONTAINER DOMES - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that Council decline to accept any of the Tenders submitted for "T21/12 Container Domes - Design and Construction" and progress to re-tender upon development of a revised technical specification for the works.

ITEM 12 - MARCH 2021 FINANCIALS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that -

- 1 The financials be received and noted.
- 2 Council approves the proposed changes to the Capital Budget.

ITEM 13 - STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - MARCH 2021

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that Council receive the Statement of Investment for March 2021.

ITEM 14 - CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2021

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that in accordance with the powers delegated to Council, the Minutes and Recommendations of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee held on 20 April 2021 in relation to Regulation of Traffic be adopted.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 15, Councillor Blakey departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7:20 pm to 7:22 pm.

During debate and prior to voting on Item 15, Councillor Cox departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7:21 pm to 7:22 pm.

During debate and prior to voting on Item 15, Councillor Dorahy departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 8:01 pm to 8:04 pm.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During debate and prior to voting on Item 15, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Bradbery departed the meeting, the time being 7:46 pm. During the Lord Mayor's absence, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor T Brown assumed the chair. The Lord Mayor resumed the chair when he returned to the meeting during Item 15, the time being 7:48pm.

ITEM 15 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR DOM FIGLIOMENI - SAFETY AT SKATE PARKS

MOVED by Councillor Figliomeni seconded Councillor Bradbery that -

- 1 Council, in conjunction with NSW Police and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a safety audit of skate parks and a report is provided to Councillors by the end of the calendar year.
- 2 Subject to the findings of the safety audit Council consider -
 - a Installing timed lighting at all skate parks across the LGA that do not have such lighting and before any lighting works are undertaken, a costing of those works be undertaken
 - b Providing Councillors with a priority program for the installation of lights at all current and proposed skate parks throughout the city over the next 12 months
 - c Supplying Councillors with the outcomes of points a and b within the end of the year briefing (as requested in point 1) for further consideration.
- 3 A risk analysis is performed for all new skate parks to include timed lighting if appropriate.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Colacino (the replacement of the words "by no later than year end" with "by no later than the end of the calendar year" in point 1, the removal of the words "the reallocation of funds from the Cycling Strategy budget to" in point 2, the addition of the words "and before any lighting works are undertaken, a costing of those works be undertaken" in point 2a, the addition of the words "and proposed" in point 2b and the addition of point 2c) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Cox (the removal of the words "immediately following the safety audit recommendations" in point 2b) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Dorahy seconded Councillor Walters that the Motion be PUT.

Councillor Dorahy's PROCEDURAL MOTION on being PUT to the VOTE was LOST.

In favour Councillors Dorahy, Walters and Figliomeni

Against Councillors Kershaw, Rimmer, T Brown, D Brown, Martin, Cox, Blakey, Colacino and Bradbery

528 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion (AMENDMENT) of Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor D Brown that -

- 1 Council, in conjunction with NSW Police, Community Safety Reference Group and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a safety audit of Wollongong Council's skate parks and a report is provided to Councillors by no later than year end.
- 2 A risk analysis is performed for all new skate parks to include timed lighting if appropriate.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor T Brown (the addition of the words 'Community Safety Reference Group' in point 1) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Councillor Kershaw's AMENDMENT on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED.

In favour Councillors Kershaw, Rimmer, T Brown, D Brown, Martin, Cox, Blakey, Colacino and Bradbery

Against Councillors Figliomeni, Walters and Dorahy

Councillor Kershaw's AMENDMENT became the MOTION and on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to become the RESOLUTION.

ITEM 16 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CATH BLAKEY - REBUILD WITH TAFE

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 524)

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that Council -

- 1 Recognise that TAFE provides diverse and high-quality vocational education across three campuses in the Wollongong LGA – Wollongong, West Wollongong and Yallah.
- 2 Acknowledge the importance of TAFE to rebuild the economy in response to the COVID crisis.
- 3 Reaffirm that TAFE is an essential training organisation as part of Wollongong Council's Economic Development Strategy.
- 4 Write to the Federal and NSW Minister for Education to raise concerns regarding the funding and job losses associated with the One TAFE modernisation program, and to request guaranteed funding to TAFE as the public provider of vocational education.

ITEM 17 - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CAMERON WALTERS - SHADING INVESTIGATION FOR DIMOND BROTHERS PLAYGROUND AND REED PARK DOG PARK, HORSLEY

529 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Walters seconded Councillor Figliomeni that -

- 1 Council investigates increased shading areas at Dimond Brothers Playground and Reed Park Dog Park in Horsley. The investigation should include the following, and findings come back for consideration in the 2022-23 budget process -
 - a Permanent structures that could increase shaded areas within the parks;
 - b Structures that are resilient to external factors such as fire damage; and
 - c Increased seating and rest areas within the parks that include shade.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Martin (the addition of the words "when funds become available through the Quarterly Review process" in point 2) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Colacino (the addition of the words "and findings come back for consideration in the 2022-23 budget process" in point 1) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Bradbery (the removal of point 2) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Councillor D Brown FORESHADOWED a MOTION should Councillor Walters' Motion be defeated, that the infrastructure items suggested in the Notice of Motion be forwarded to staff for consideration with the other public feedback on Council's exhibited draft Delivery Program 2018-2022 and Operational Plan 2021-2022.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9:01 PM

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on Monday 31 May 2021.

Chairperson

ITEM 1

PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT WOLLONGONG CITY CENTRE - HERITAGE STUDY AND
DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL

As a part of the current planning review for the Wollongong City Centre, a study has been undertaken in relation to the heritage significance and values of the area. The draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study recommends that an additional 19 sites or parts of buildings be listed as heritage items in the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009, through the preparation of a draft Planning Proposal.

It is recommended that the draft Planning Proposal be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway Determination to enable exhibition of the draft Heritage Study and draft Planning Proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 The draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study be endorsed for exhibition (Attachment 1).
- 2 A draft Planning Proposal be prepared to amend the Heritage Schedule of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 and the associated Heritage Map, to add the following 19 items detailed in Table 1 as local heritage items -
 - a Archaeological Site of Wollongong Gaol* 84, 86, 88 Cliff Road and 2, 4 and 6 Robertson Street, Wollongong. (* = archaeological item).
 - b Archaeological Remains of The Cricketers Arms Hotel*, Corrimal Street Road Reserve - corner of Crown Street adjacent to 26-28 Burelli Street, Wollongong.
 - c “Bank Chambers” (Front of building to 6m), 127-131 Crown Street, Wollongong.
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 - j Former “Berlei Building”, 43-47 Denison Street, Wollongong.
 - k Federation House, 3 Hercules Street, Wollongong.
 - l Interwar House, 11 Hercules Street, Wollongong.
 - m Group of Commercial Buildings on Keira Street, 100-120 Keira Street, Wollongong.
 - n “Gloucester House”, 67 Kembla Street, Wollongong.
 - o “Marlborough Court”, 4 Market Place, Wollongong.
 - p “Braemar Flats”, 29 Smith Street, Wollongong.
 - q “Kingston House”, 27A Smith Street, Wollongong.
 - r “Pious Society of St Charles Sacred Heart Church”, 28 Stewart Street, Wollongong.
 - s Seventh Day Adventist Church, 30 Victoria Street, Wollongong.
- 3 The draft Planning Proposal be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway Determination to enable exhibition.
- 4 Following Gateway Determination, the draft Heritage Study and draft Planning Proposal be exhibited for a minimum period of 42 days.
- 5 Following the exhibition period, a report on submissions be prepared for Council’s consideration.
- 6 The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment be advised that Council wishes to use its delegation to finalise the draft Planning Proposal.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Chris Stewart, Manager City Strategy

Authorised by: Linda Davis, Director Planning + Environment - Future City + Neighbourhoods

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Wollongong City Centre - Heritage Study
- 2 Minutes of the Local Planning Panel 19 March 2021

BACKGROUND

The Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 (LEP) currently identifies 42 heritage items and two Heritage Conservation Areas in the Wollongong City Centre Study Area boundary. The majority of these items were listed in Wollongong LEP 1990 in 2000, previously the items were listed in a Development Control Plan.

The location of these listed sites is shown on the Heritage Map below.

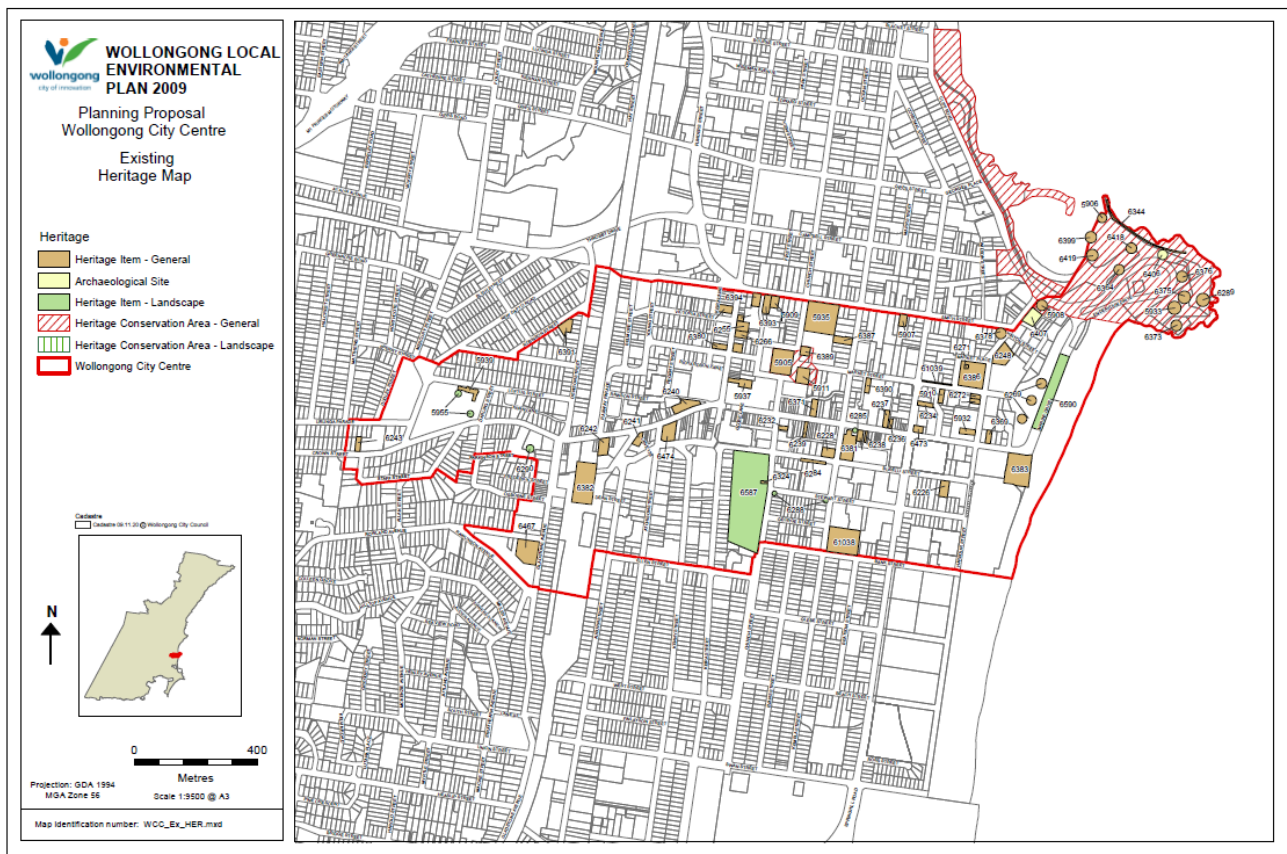


Figure 1: Existing Heritage Items and Heritage Conservations areas

A review of heritage items in the City Centre has been the subject of two review projects.

Wollongong City Centre Planning Review

On 21 September 2020, Council adopted the Wollongong City Centre Urban Design Framework (UDF). One of the outcomes of the UDF was a recommendation to review the heritage listings and character buildings within the City Centre as part of the preparation of a new draft Planning Strategy.

Heritage Schedule Review Project

Concurrent to the City Centre Planning Review, Council has been undertaking an LGA wide Heritage Schedule Review project. The preparation of a new Thematic History of Wollongong was the first step of this Review and was adopted by Council on 11 February 2011. This report provided a thematic basis for the review of the Heritage Schedule.

The Heritage Schedule Review Project has since been progressed in two stages -

1 Review of existing items, including Housekeeping Amendments to Schedule 5 of the Wollongong LEP 2009

Stage 1 of the Heritage Schedule Review Project has now been finalised. This process involved a detailed review and assessment of almost 500 existing heritage items. On the 25 May 2020, Council resolved to exhibit a draft Planning Proposal to update Schedule 5 with various administrative amendments. The draft Planning Proposal was exhibited from 17 July to 19 August 2020. On 7 December 2020 Council resolved to finalise this draft Planning Proposal. The associated LEP Amendment was finalised on 23 April 2021.

2 Assessment and consideration of potential new Heritage Items

Stage 2 of the Heritage Schedule Review is currently being finalised for reporting and consultation later in 2021. Over 150 potential heritage items are being considered as part of Stage 2 of the review. The potential items have been identified through a range of sources including community nominations, landowner nominations, Council's publication "Twentieth Century Architecture in Australia" (R Irving, 2001), Planning Proposal processes, heritage investigations undertaken as part of Development Applications, and studies such as the Port Kembla Revitalisation Project and Migration Heritage Study.

The Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study is part of this Stage and has been progressed to support the ongoing planning for the City Centre.

City Centre Heritage Study

In response to the recommendations of the UDF, Council Officers have completed the Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study (Attachment 1). The Study draws together the City Centre components of the Heritage Schedule Review Project into a Precinct based Heritage Study and considers in detail the heritage significance of the City Centre Study Area as a response to the recommendations of the City Centre Planning Review Project.

The Study involved a detailed review of the history, character and development of the City Centre, and detailed consideration of the existing listings within the study area to identify gaps and opportunities to explore additional listings and planning recommendations that will support positive conservation outcomes and support retention of key character aspects across the Study Area.

The Study identified a number of gaps within Schedule 5 of the Wollongong LEP and discusses opportunities for greater representation of certain building typologies and heritage items on the Heritage Schedule including -

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Twentieth Century Architecture
- Migrant Heritage
- Archaeology
- Character Buildings

The Study recommends listing of 19 items within the City Centre boundary. The proposed new items within the City Centre will address the identified gaps in the existing schedule. These include three archaeological sites, two sites identified in the Wollongong Migrant Heritage Study and four proposed character 'façade' listings, as well as a range of sites that represent Twentieth Century Architecture. The 19 items proposed for listing are detailed in full within the 'Proposal' section of this report.

The City Centre Heritage Study also considered a number of sites for listing that are not proposed to be listed as an outcome of this Study. These sites have been excluded for a range of reasons, including not meeting the relevant significance criteria and existing development approvals and/or modification to significant elements. These sites are discussed in Part 6.3 of the City Centre Heritage Study (Attachment 1).

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

The Wollongong LGA is rich in Indigenous history and the traditional owners and local Aboriginal community are active in caring for Country and managing both tangible and intangible forms of cultural heritage.

In NSW Aboriginal Heritage sites are largely managed under the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* and are listed on the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management Register (AHIMs), managed by Heritage NSW (former Office of Environment and Heritage). Due to the sensitive nature of many Aboriginal sites, the local Aboriginal community has generally expressed the view that the LEP is not an appropriate place to list most places of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Significance.

As the historic centre of development in Wollongong, the City Centre Study Area was the site of early contact and interaction between local Aboriginal people and settlers and therefore also has shared and complex heritage values. The City Centre Heritage Report notes that the identification of Aboriginal sites is a clear gap within the Heritage Schedule and particularly sites with shared heritage values relating to post European colonisation of Wollongong. The Report recommends that a strategic Aboriginal community led Aboriginal Heritage Study should be prepared to address this gap and identify items with shared heritage significance and value. This would provide an appropriate vehicle to consider potential listings of Aboriginal sites and places within a published heritage register.

Other Key Recommendations of the Study

As well as recommending 19 additional heritage items for listing and the preparation of a Strategic Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study, the City Centre Heritage Study also makes a number of other key recommendations relating to heritage management within the City Centre as briefly outlined below -

- 1 Mechanisms for clearly acknowledging building facades which contribute to the unique local character of the Wollongong CBD be considered to allow for management of redevelopment on identified character sites which lack broader heritage values.
- 2 An Archaeological Zoning Plan should be developed, adopted and implemented within the City Centre DCP or LEP to require archaeological assessment and consideration on City Centre sites where redevelopment is proposed, and to guide implementation of appropriate Interpretive outcomes.
- 3 Opportunities to partner with Local Aboriginal Communities to provide for cultural experiences through art, interpretation, tours and other experiences in the City Centre should be explored.
- 4 Consideration should be given to adding heritage and Aboriginal heritage expertise to the Design Review Panel membership to provide a stronger focus on heritage outcomes and Aboriginal heritage considerations in future development.

These additional recommendations of the Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study sit outside the scope for this draft Planning Proposal and will be further considered and explored as the broader City Centre Planning Review progresses.

PROPOSAL

The Draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study is a component of the broader Wollongong Heritage Schedule Review. It also responds to an identified gap within the City Centre Planning Review.

This report recommends that the Draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study be placed on exhibition. This will ensure the finalisation of the report will benefit from broad community feedback and provide an opportunity for property owners to have input.

The Study recommends that 19 additional buildings or parts of buildings be listed as local heritage items. To allow for the progression of these proposed new heritage items, this report recommends that a draft Planning Proposal be prepared, to amend the Heritage Schedule of the Wollongong LEP 2009, and the associated Heritage Map to list the following 19 additional heritage sites. The draft Planning Proposal would require Gateway Approval, prior to being placed on public exhibition.

The 19 sites proposed for listing are detailed within Table 1 and Figures 2 and 3, below.

Table 1: Proposed Additional City Centre Heritage Items

Site	Address	Property Description	Significance
Archaeological Site of Wollongong Gaol*	84, 86, 88 Cliff Road and 2, 4 and 6 Robertson Street	Lot 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 DP 11509	Local
Archaeological Remains of The Cricketers Arms Hotel*	Corrimal Street Road Reserve - corner of Crown Street adjacent to 26-28 Burelli Street	Road Reserve	Local
“Bank Chambers” (Front of building to 6m)	127-131 Crown Street	Lot 1-3, DP 1070120	Local
“Caldwell’s Building”	280-282 Crown Street	Lot 4 & 5 DP 29391	Local
Commercial Buildings (Front of building to 6m)	135, 137-139 Crown Street	Lot 1 DP 603751, Lot 1 DP 546698	Local
Group of Commercial Buildings including the “Taylor Building” (Front of building to 6m)	179-189 Crown Street	Lot 1 DP 805952, Lot 1 DP 77246, Lot 1 DP 75289	Local
Group of Commercial Buildings on Crown Street (Front of building to 6m).	98-102 Crown Street	Lot 1 DP 163231, Lot 1 DP 657047	Local
“Kawarra Chambers”	118-124 Crown Street	Lot 4 DP 83910	Local
Queens Hotel Archaeological Site*	24 Crown Street	Lot 5 DP 16847	Local
Former “Berlei Building”	43-47 Denison Street	Lot 32 & 33 Sec 4 DP 1258	Local
Federation House	3 Hercules Street	Lot 24 Sec 3 DP 1258	Local
Interwar House	11 Hercules Street	Lot 20 Sec 3 DP 1258	Local
Group of Commercial Buildings on Keira Street	100-120 Keira Street	Lot 1 DP 129003, Lot 2 Sec B DP 9874, Lot 3, DP 217310, Lot 4, 5 & 6 DP 577095	Local
“Gloucester House”	82-84 Kembla Street	Lot Y & Z DP 418904	Local
“Marlborough Court”	4 Market Place	Lot 1 DP 1127347	Local

Site	Address	Property Description	Significance
“Braemar Flats”	29 Smith Street	Lot 8 DP 502120	Local
“Kingston House”	27A Smith Street	Lot 3 DP 17682	Local
“Pious Society of St Charles Sacred Heart Church”	28 Stewart Street	Lot 126 DP 596582	Local
Seventh Day Adventist Church	30 Victoria Street	Lot 20 Sec A DP 9874	Local

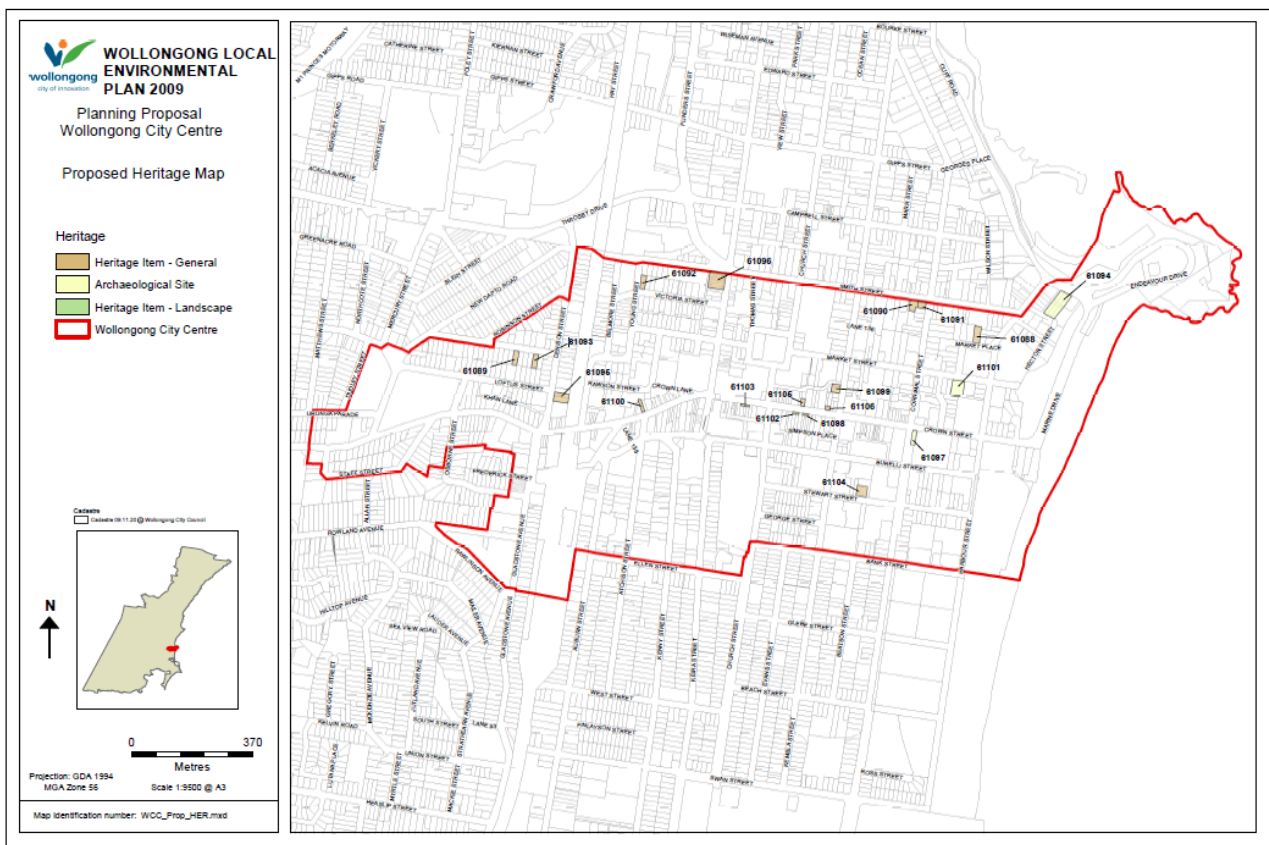


Figure 2: Map showing Proposed new Heritage Items

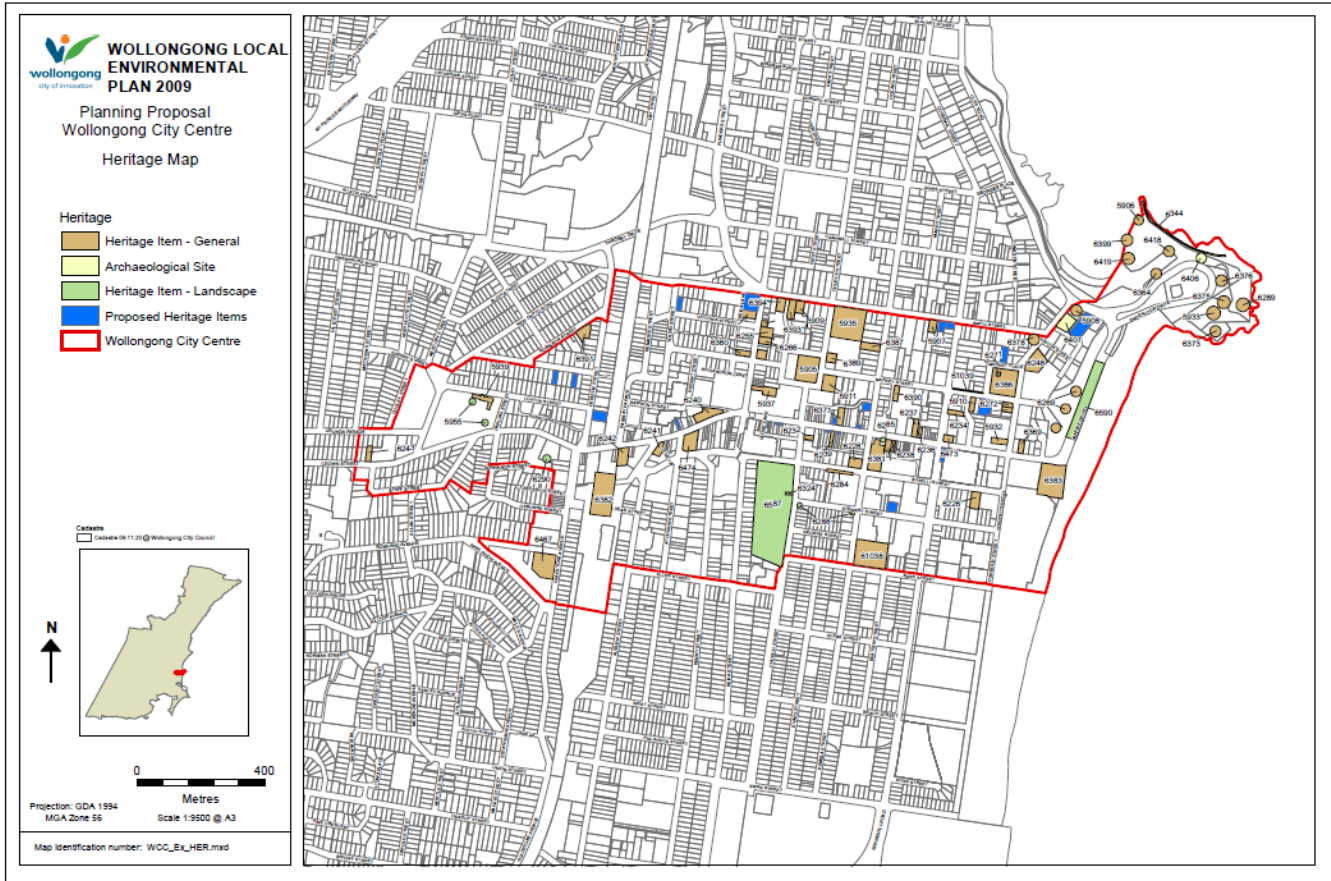


Figure 3: Map showing Existing and Proposed Heritage Items

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Wollongong Local Planning Panel

The draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study and draft Planning Proposal was reported to the Local Planning Panel (Panel) on the 19 March 2021 to obtain their advice on the strategic merit of the project, as required under the *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Panel provided the following recommendation -

The Panel determined to advise Council that the draft Planning Proposal PP-2020/8 for the Wollongong City Centre Heritage Review has strategic merit and should be progressed.

The Panel gives due consideration to the Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study, and is generally supportive of the recommendations. However the Panel suggests that the proposed listing of the dwelling houses at 3 and 11 Hercules Street should be revisited given the current controls (zoning, height and FSR) of the area. The Panel is also of the view that the heritage listings should ideally be considered concurrently with draft Wollongong City Centre Planning Proposal, so that the heritage items are consider in the context of the urban framework. In the alternate, the draft Wollongong City Centre Planning Proposal should be revisited to have regard to this Planning Proposal.

The full minutes of the Panel are provided as Attachment 2 to this report.

Council staff will give further consideration to the feedback from the Panel in relation to the dwellings at 3 and 11 Hercules Street, and will do so with consideration to the exhibition feedback, and in finalising future reporting to Council.

Wollongong Heritage Reference Group

On 30 March 2021, the Wollongong Heritage Reference Group considered a report in relation to the draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study and noted its progression. Members provided input into the final version which forms Attachment 1 to this report.

Owner Notification

Owners of affected properties have not had input into the draft Heritage Study. Owners of affected properties have been notified of this report being considered by Council and will be notified of the public exhibition period should Council resolve to progress a draft Planning Proposal.

If the draft Heritage Study and draft Planning Proposal are endorsed for exhibition, the draft Planning Proposal will be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway Determination to enable public exhibition. If endorsed, it is proposed that the draft Heritage Study and draft Planning Proposal will be exhibited for a minimum period of 42 days to enable landowner and community comment.

Following the conclusion of the exhibition period, a report on submissions will be prepared and reported to Council for determination as to whether the draft Planning Proposal should be amended and/or finalised.

Options

Council has the options of -

- 1 Progressing the draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study and draft Planning Proposal as recommended.
- 2 Resolving to progress the draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study and draft Planning Proposal for certain items by removing or deferring specific items from the recommendation.
- 3 Resolving to exhibit the draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study and defer the draft Planning Proposal.
- 4 Resolving to defer the draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study and draft Planning Proposal.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 Goal “We value and protect our environment”. It specifically delivers on the following -

Community Strategic Plan	Delivery Program 2018-2022	Operational Plan 2020-21
Strategy	4 Year Action	Operational Plan Actions
1.4.1 Programs and projects that achieve proactive heritage management, education and promotion are developed and implemented	1.4.1.1 Work in partnership with others to promote a diverse range of heritage education and promotion programs	2. Coordinate the Heritage Reference Group

Further, this report directly responds to the Wollongong Heritage Strategy and Implementation Plan 2019-2022. Strategy 2 *Maintain an up to date list of heritage items* and Action 2.1 in the Implementation Plan “Finalise the review of the Wollongong Heritage Schedule and update the State Heritage Inventory accordingly”.

RISK ASSESSMENT

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development) enables a Complying Development Certificate (CDC) for the demolition of buildings to be obtained without Council approval.

It is noted that if a CDC is obtained for demolition, Council has delegation under the *NSW Heritage Act 1977* to place an Interim Heritage Order on a property to prevent demolition for a period of six months.

Once a draft Planning Proposal is progressed, draft heritage items cannot be approved for demolition through a Complying Development Certificate. A Development Application can be lodged seeking approval to demolish.

The progression of a range of proposed new heritage listings is anticipated to attract a wide range of community views and submissions. It is important that these views are understood and considered in the progression of any proposal.

To ensure the management of these risks, a broad range of community consultation is proposed, including direct discussion with affected owners of identified potential items as part of the public exhibition process. The exhibition of the draft Heritage Study, and the draft Planning Proposal will ensure that broad community input can be considered in finalising the proposal.

CONCLUSION

As part of the Wollongong City Centre Planning Review, a draft Heritage Study has been prepared. The Study recommends that an additional 19 sites or parts of buildings be listed as heritage items in the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009.

It is recommended that the draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study and a draft Planning Proposal be prepared and progressed to exhibition to ensure community input and engagement can be considered.



WOLLONGONG CITY CENTRE HERITAGE STUDY



May 2021

Wollongong City Council

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Wollongong City Council acknowledges that the traditional owners of the land to which this study relates are the local Aboriginal tribes of the Dharawal People. The City Centre area to which this report relates has a history of Aboriginal use and occupation extending over thousands of years. The land is Aboriginal Country. Council acknowledges the deep cultural connection our local Aboriginal people have with this Country, and the deep cultural attachments that are retained with these lands through their Dreaming, stories and attachment to the land on which the City of Wollongong is built today.

Council acknowledges that the community's strong cultural attachments and stories continue to exist and evolve today, and the significant place of Aboriginal Elders, past, present and emerging in the ongoing evolution of our City.

The initial draft of this report was finalised in NAIDOC Week 2020.



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared to inform the Wollongong City Centre Planning Strategy and provides input to support the recommendations and conclusions of the Wollongong City Centre Urban Design Framework (2020).

The review of the Wollongong City Centre vision and planning controls, including *A City for People: Public Spaces Public Life (2016)*, and the *Wollongong City Centre Urban Design Framework (2020)*, have identified the importance of retaining and enhancing the unique local character of the City Centre and its precincts. The reports outlined recommendations which aim to develop character-based precincts which build on and incorporate existing character aspects. These reports and their recommendations recognise the important place of our heritage and character buildings in creating a vibrant and lively City which encourages people to come to and stay in the City Centre.

The Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study provides consideration as to how the unique heritage of the Wollongong City Centre can be better integrated into Council's Planning Controls and used to inform Planning Policy to guide future development within the City Centre. This study gives detailed consideration to the heritage of the City Centre. The analysis includes a brief review of the history of the City Centre area, including identification of historic themes, as well as an analysis of the existing heritage listings and heritage areas throughout the City Centre. The report provides a review of potential new items which have been nominated for heritage consideration or which have been identified throughout the study process and makes recommendations relating to the future management of our City Centre's Heritage.

1.1 STUDY AREA

The study area for this report has been defined by the City Centre Study Area as shown in Figure 1.

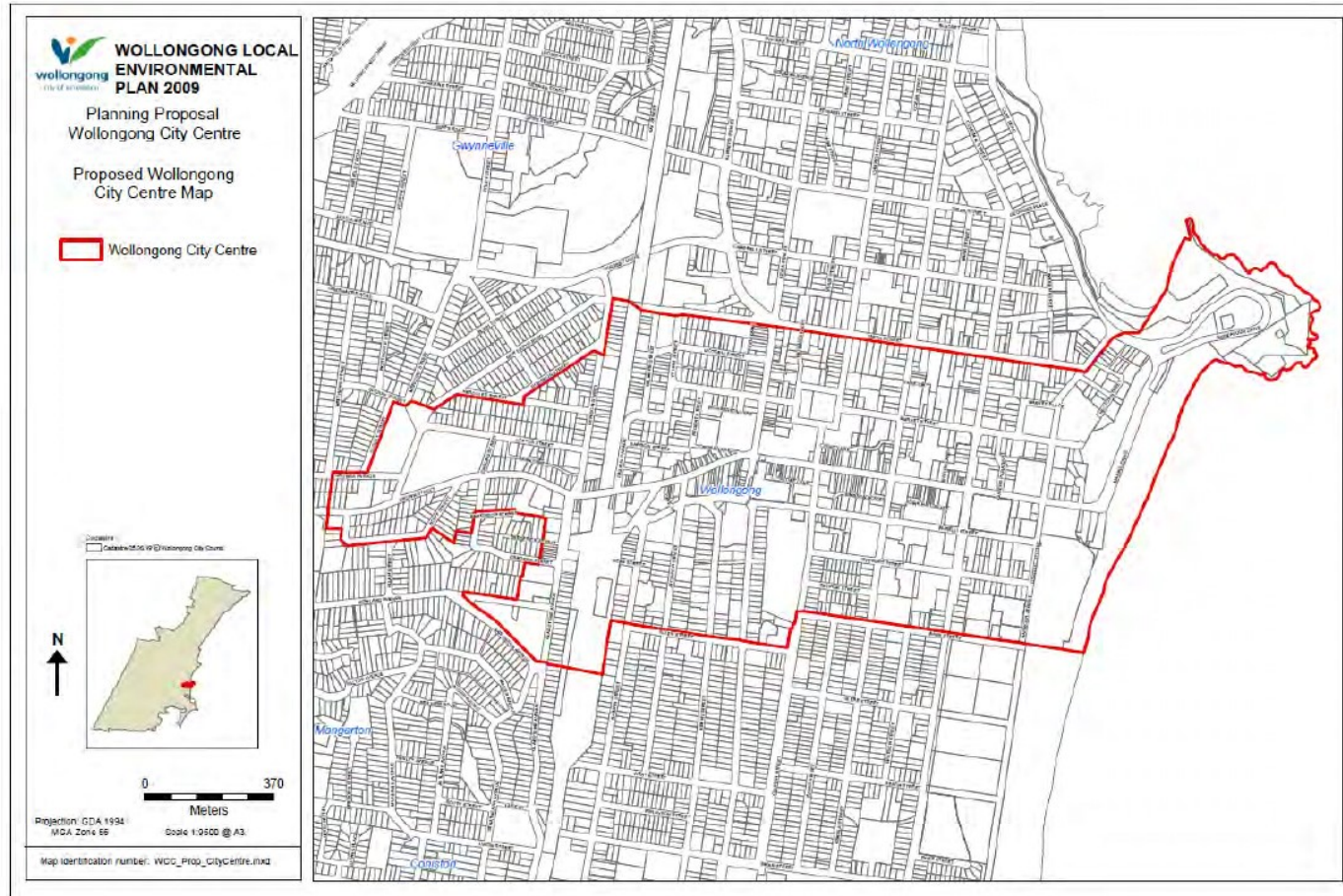


Figure 1: Wollongong City Centre Study Area Map

1.2 PROJECT SCOPE

The study includes the following key deliverables:

- Detail relevant background to this study and outline the City Centre Planning Review Framework to which this study is attached.
- Provide a brief critical overview of the history of the study area (Wollongong City Centre)
- Identification of key Historic Themes with reference to the Thematic History of the City of Wollongong Report.
- Review the Existing Heritage Items and places within the City Centre.
- Consider Gaps and Opportunities for potential new listings to expand the existing schedule.
- Potential New Heritage Items – Discuss and explore potential items for consideration
- Explore opportunities to “Celebrate the uniqueness” and to ensure that Wollongong’s unique local character is protected and enhanced.
- Ensure that Aboriginal Heritage and the continuing cultural significance and cultural connections to Country, are discussed and explored throughout the report.
- Explore opportunities for more considered management of Historic Archaeology in the CBD.
- Make recommendations to inform the Wollongong City Centre Planning Strategy, draft Planning Proposal to amend the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan and the Wollongong Development Control Plan to better address Heritage

1.3 LIMITATIONS

This study does not represent a comprehensive review of all Wollongong City Centre Buildings. The study is intended to identify gaps within the existing heritage schedule for the pre-defined City Centre Study Area boundary and to identify and consider potential key sites which have been identified either through the City Centre Review; through community heritage nominations and in related heritage studies and publications undertaken in recent years. The report considers available knowledge and evidence.

The extent of consideration and coverage of Aboriginal Heritage issues is limited within this report as this would require extensive consultation and direct input and cultural knowledge from the local Aboriginal Community. This further work forms a key recommendation of this report.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 A CITY FOR PEOPLE – WOLLONGONG CITY CENTRE PLANNING REVIEW

On 30 May 2016 Council endorsed a new vision for the Wollongong City Centre. This vision was set out in “A City for People: Public Spaces Public Life”. This document identified a range of issues relevant to development reform and visioning for the City. In regard to heritage, the report noted a key challenge for the City as follows:

“The city’s rich heritage is hidden and its unique setting is not realised.”

This challenge formed the basis for a key theme identified in the vision, with an aspiration to:

“Celebrate the Uniqueness”

This key theme was supported by a specific vision statement:

“The nostalgia of our past shapes the city identity and tells a story of our rich Indigenous, European and industrial history. Heritage is revealed in City buildings and the spaces that exist in-between.”

The adoption of “A City for people” by Council set out the Vision and basis for a further review of Council’s City Centre Planning controls and led to further bodies of work which set out to measure, test and review the present controls and how these might better deliver the vision set out in a City for people. This further body of work is outlined below.

2.2 WOLLONGONG CITY CENTRE URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

On 21 September 2020 Council endorsed the Wollongong City Centre Urban Design Framework. This body of work, informed by a detailed review of the City Centre Planning Controls, detailed urban design analysis and economic analysis, set out a framework and policy recommendations to inform revisions to the CBD Planning Controls.

The Urban Design Framework adopted by Council identified the following key challenges in achieving the vision statement detailed within the “A City for People” report:

- *Integrating the old with the new is always a challenge.*
- *Heritage is an important component of the City’s character but there must be appropriate controls that balance redevelopment and heritage protection.*
- *Heritage is just as much about the City’s structure, with the history and character of streets, such as Crown Street, having a significant historical influence on the city.*
- *The structure of the City should reinforce and build on the historic grid that developed in the early 1800’s.*
- *Achieving conservation of heritage items, appropriate settings and reinforcing aspects of local character in a high-density environment.*

In addition, the Urban Design Framework identified a key finding, that:

“Finding: General development controls don’t respond to the character and historic qualities of places in the City”

The report also noted the following comments:

The City is fortunate to have a network of heritage and character buildings and places throughout, some which have undergone successful adaptation. However, general built form controls are often in conflict with heritage controls and fail to consider the broader context of

heritage items. Stronger guidance is needed to improve development outcomes in the context of heritage items and character precincts.

The City Centre has many notable character buildings and places - some are already protected through a Heritage Listing - others that are not. These form part of our communities memory and experience of the City Centre and it's important that we find a balance between development of new buildings and the preservation of those that showcase our cities evolution and history. Analysis has identified additional character buildings that play an important role in demonstrating Wollongong's history that should be investigated for potential heritage listings.

As outlined, existing planning controls do not respond to place, or consider the relationship between new buildings and existing heritage and character items. Controls should be improved to protect items where necessary and to always enhance our historic built fabric so it can be enjoyed by generations to come.

The adaptive re-use and re-development of heritage buildings do not always involve full scale re-development. Most works undertaken in the City Centre have involved low scale modifications and additions that facilitate the gradual adaptation of the building to accommodate changes in existing uses or more extensive modifications to accommodate new ones.

Good examples of recent adaptive re-use projects in heritage buildings within the City Centre include (but are not limited to):

- 87 Crown Street (a former shop) which has undergone sensitive alterations to accommodate two popular and much loved cafés fronting both Crown St and the Arts Precinct. Similarly, 91 Crown Street (the former Wollongong East Post Office) has also been successfully adapted to a commercial office use.*
- The re-development of larger, more complex heritage sites such as the University of Wollongong Student Accommodation Building (formerly the Ibis Hotel) on the St. Michael's Cathedral site is a positive example of development within heritage precincts. The development is structured around a 99 year lease agreement with a percentage of the income from the lease being dedicated to the ongoing conservation of the cathedral building and included the removal of several unsympathetic building elements on its grounds to achieve a better urban outcome for the precinct.*

The Urban Design Framework Report also identified a range of Heritage and Character buildings (some listed and some not), as well as highlighting key "heritage clusters" which contribute to the unique character of the City Centre.

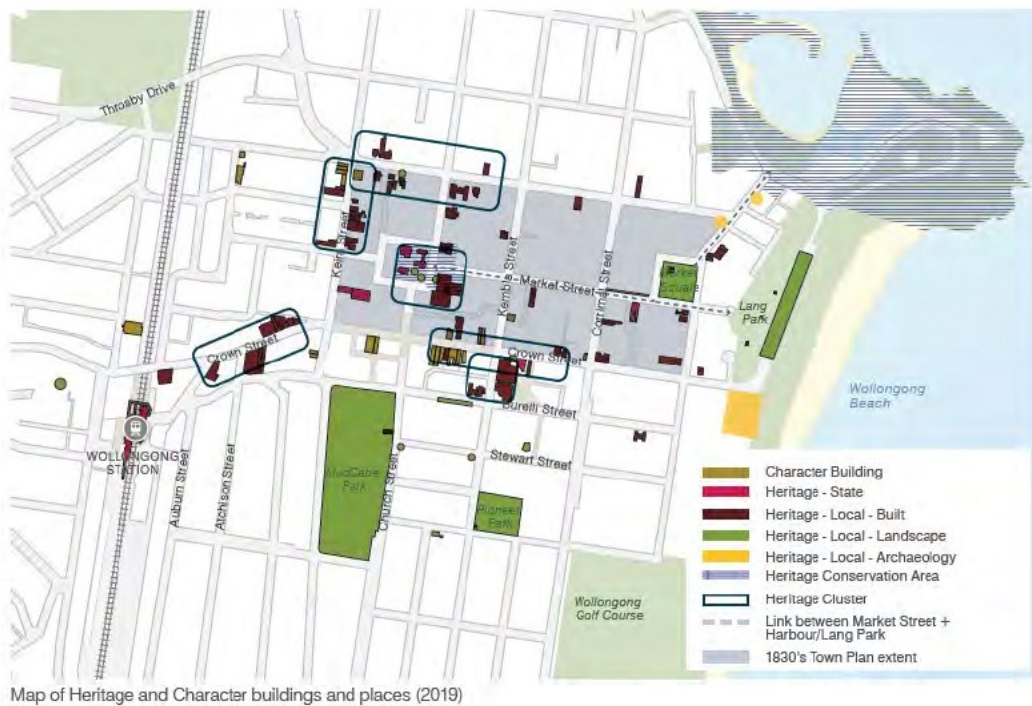


Figure 2: Map of Heritage and Character Buildings and Places (2019), Source: Wollongong City Centre Urban Design Framework, P.24.

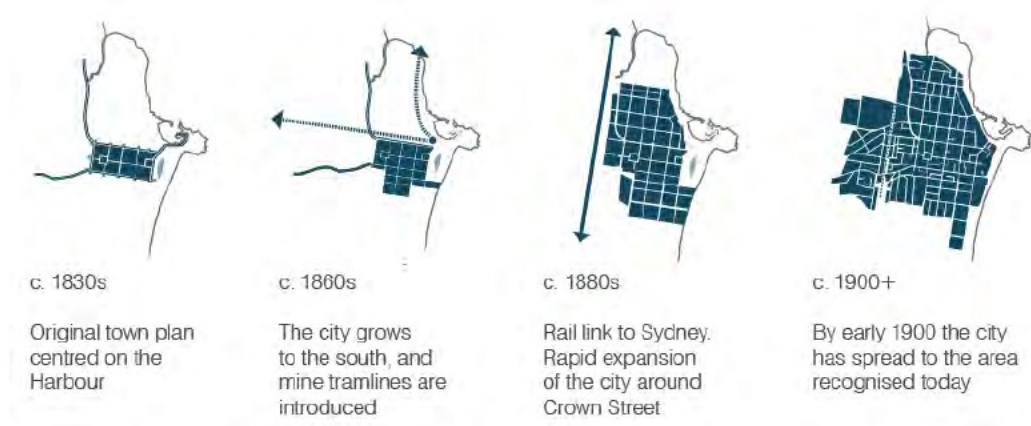


Figure 3: Graphic from Wollongong City Centre Urban Design Framework indicating growth and change in the Wollongong City Centre development footprint from the 1830's-1900. Source: Wollongong City Centre Urban Design Framework, P.24.

2.3 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE SCHEDULE REVIEW PROJECT

Wollongong City Council is in the process of undertaking a broad review of the Wollongong Heritage Schedule. This process has been ongoing for a number of years and involves a detailed review and analysis of the existing heritage schedule, as well as consideration of potential new items throughout the Local Government Area. Stage 1 of this broader review was recently finalised following a Council reporting and public exhibition process.

This City Centre study report forms a site-specific drop down of this broader review and has extracted the sites and considerations relevant to the City Centre Study Area from the broader review process.

3.0 HISTORY OF THE STUDY AREA

3.1 A BRIEF HISTORY OF WOLLONGONG CITY CENTRE

The study area for this report is confined to a focussed City Centre boundary. The study area is known to have been a focal point of activity by the local Aboriginal Communities for thousands of years. In 1815 Traditional Owners lead the first documented settlers over the Escarpment, leading to the establishment of the settlement of Wollongong. The study area therefore represents a key early site of contact between Traditional Owners and white settlers and has continued to be a central space of shared history, stories and events of significance to the local Aboriginal Community. These early and ongoing interactions and significant places of shared history have not been well researched and documented. The local Aboriginal Community continues to have strong ties to the area, living, working and caring for Country within the City Centre and these aspects of ongoing and shared cultural history and significance, and their links to places within the Study area warrant further acknowledgement and research.

The City Centre, and its immediately surrounds continue to hold physical evidence of this continuing occupation and known Aboriginal sites are retained within the area despite the intensive development that has occurred in the study area since 1815. Cultural sites such as the Gurungaty Water Place (fountain), located on the Wollongong Town Hall site and included within its heritage listing, recognises the strong Aboriginal Culture and stories that are the foundations of the study area. The fountain acknowledges a local dreaming story as well as the ongoing connection of local Aboriginal people with the land. Physical and archaeological evidence of Aboriginal occupation and land use in the area continues to be found to this day, even on the most disturbed sites within the City Centre study area.



Figure 4: Gurungaty Water Place - a reconciliation artwork by Lorraine Brown and Nick Brash. Located in the forecourt of Wollongong Town Hall on the corner of Crown and Kembla Street Wollongong.

The study area captures the focal point of the first documented arrival of settlers to the district, marking the place where Charles Throsby, led by Aboriginal guides, drove cattle over the Illawarra Escarpment, via an Aboriginal dreaming trail to Bulli, over what became known as “Throsby’s Track”.

The cattle were driven to established native pastures at Wollongong, and led to the establishment of the first recorded dwelling in the district Throsby's Stockman's Hut, which was located near Harbour Street, in the vicinity of Market Square and is marked by a heritage listed plaque.

The site of the Stockman's Hut then became the meeting point for the first survey of lands in the Illawarra, when the first five land grantees, were summoned to meet at "Mr Throsby's Hut" in 1816 to assist with the allocation of their "promised grants". This historic meeting led to the subsequent allocation of the first five land grants in the Illawarra which were formalised in 1817.

The bulk of the land which makes up the study area was subsequently granted to Charles Throsby's nephew, Charles Throsby Smith, who established himself on the property, which he named "Bustle Hall". The elevated areas immediately north of the study area continue to carry the name "Smiths Hill" and the street marking the northern extent of the study area, Smith Street, also bears his name.

In 1827 the study area became the focus of government activity in the area when the Military Garrison, appointed to the "Five Islands District" to ensure law and order was relocated from Red Point (Port Kembla) to Wollongong. A Government Reserve was subsequently established on a portion of land to the north east of Harbour Street and a Police Barracks and Court House were subsequently established. This portion retains to this day the 1858 Wollongong Court House, located opposite Wollongong Harbour, as well as the archaeological remains of the 1859 Wollongong Gaol, and the earlier timber structures which formed the original Police Barracks, lock up and court-house buildings.

In 1834 the "Private Town of Wollongong" was born when Government Surveyor Major Thomas Mitchell was sent to survey the Township. The Town was subsequently made, and in the proceeding years, the streets were laid out and allotments sold off by Charles Throsby Smith, the owner of the land. The township was bounded by Crown Street in the south, Keera (Keira) Street in the west, Harbour Street in the east and Smith Street in the north. "The Plan for the Town of Wollongong" was unusually, drawn with north to the bottom and south to the top as shown in Figure 5.

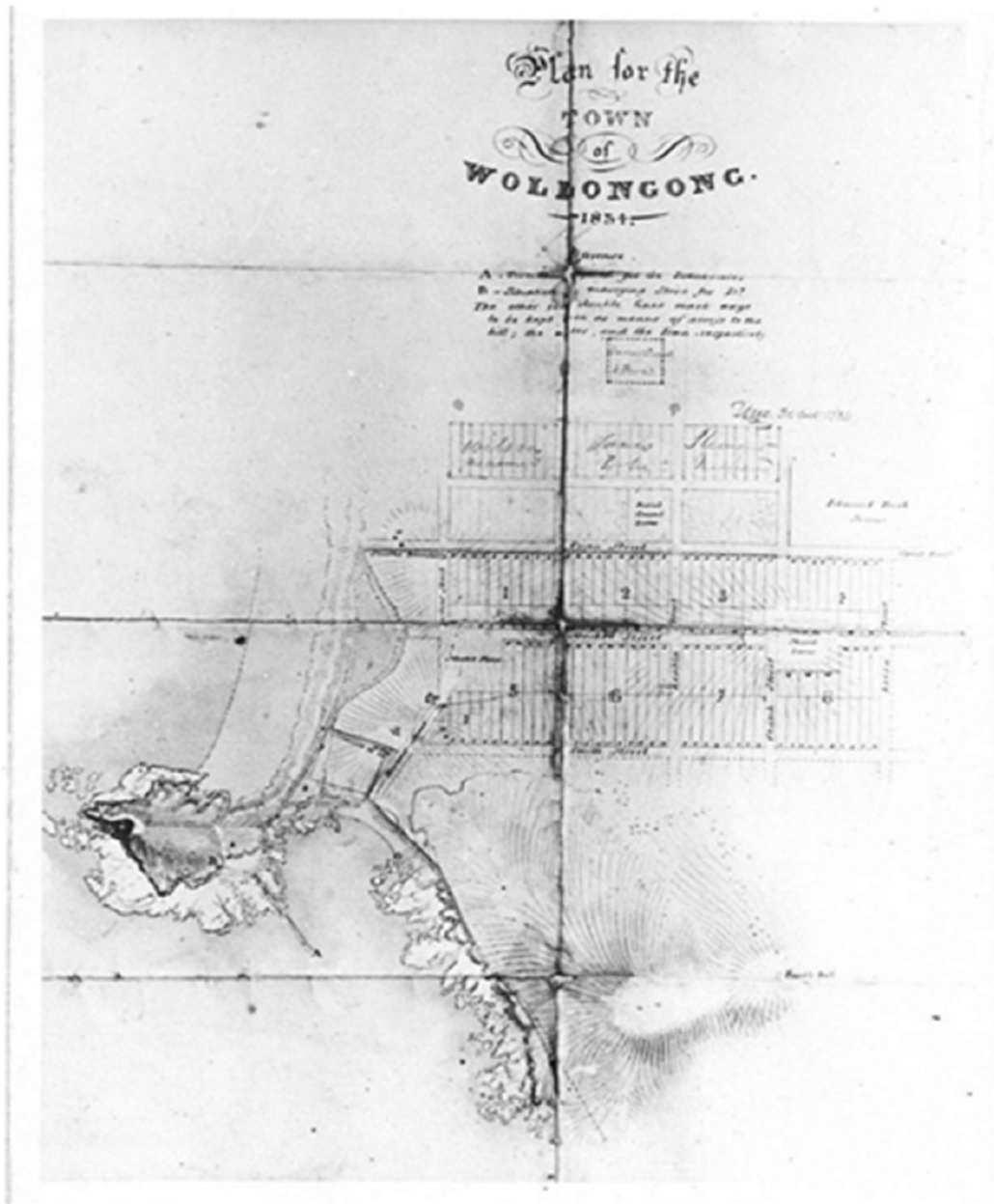
In its infancy the focus of the township was around Wollongong Harbour, which formed the main point of arrival for people and goods up until the coming of the South Coast Railway Line in 1887-1888. During the 1830's at least four Hotels had been established around the Market Square along with a range of other businesses. As the town grew, the focus of development began to shift toward the lower sections of Crown Street with a number of businesses such as The Wollongong Head Inn in 1841, re-locating to the eastern end of Crown Street during the 1840s -1870's. The coming of the Railway in the 1880's saw a further migration of the towns focus to the west, with Crown Street cementing its place as the main street in the Town.

With the coming of the Township, the government was soon forced to establish a more permanent harbour, the earliest portion of which was constructed by Convict Labour between 1837 and 1844. From the late 1850's the establishment of a local coal mining industry saw increased demands on the harbour, and it was subsequently expanded between 1860-1864 through the construction of Belmore Basin. The expansion of the harbour and increased coal production soon saw the establishment of a coke works on Flagstaff Hill in 1875.

The growing population of Wollongong and the surrounding areas saw Wollongong continue to grow and establish itself. The earliest churches, which were largely built of timber were gradually replaced with more permanent stone buildings as the permanence and prominence of the area was established. The earliest Hotels and shops in the area were in part replaced by more permanent stone and brick buildings, with the commercial areas of Wollongong gradually migrating west from the

harbour, as the Town expanded and land based transport became more favourable through the establishment of better roads and the coming of the South Coast Railway.

Figure 5: 1834 Wollongong City Centre Town Plan, including early expansion plans for a Government Town to the south of the original street layout.



The period after World War I saw significant growth in Wollongong, driven by the expansion of the Steelworks and associated industries at Port Kembla. This saw a transition in housing types, with the development of the earliest residential flat buildings occurring near the City Centre during the 1920's

and 1930's. These provided increased density accommodation and diversity in the housing market in a period where a housing shortage was developing, and building materials were scarce.

Following World War II, Migration continued to drive substantial population growth in Wollongong. In fact, between 1947 and 1961, the population of Wollongong more than doubled. This level of growth led to significant intensification and new development within the City Centre, along with the development of Council infrastructure to support the growing population. This growth led to significant shortages of housing, as well as a significant level of unemployment amongst the City's Women, particularly the wives of migrant steel workers. From the 1940's the Government began offering incentives to factories employing women to move to the area in an attempt to mobilise this ready workforce. This led to the relocation of a number of clothing factories into the City, including the first of this kind in the area, the Berlei Factory which was located in Denison Street in a building now adapted to use as a Pathology clinic.

The City Centre of Wollongong has continued to evolve and change, as the population of the City has grown, and the City's role as the regional capital of the Illawarra has been cemented. The Study area remains home to the City's core commercial functions, and offers significant levels of employment, retail opportunities as well as financial, legal and other services typical of a major City Centre.

3.2 HISTORIC TIMELINE

The following timeline provides a snapshot of some of the many key events and dates relevant to the Wollongong City Centre, and provides insight into how the City has evolved and changed over time:

- Pre-1800 - The local Aboriginal tribes of the Dharawal have lived, worked and managed the land subject to this study for thousands of years.
- 1815/16 – The first documented European Settlement in the Illawarra occurs when Charles Throsby, led by Aboriginal guides drives cattle over the Illawarra Escarpment to Wollongong and establishes a Stockman's Hut near the corner of Harbour St and Smith St.
- 1816 – Government Surveyor meets the first five land grantees in the Illawarra at Throsby's Hut to survey their promised grants.
- 1817 – The first five land grants in the Illawarra are allocated around Lake Illawarra.
- 1828 – Military Garrison is relocated from 'Five Islands' to Wollongong and a Government reserve is established near Wollongong Harbour.
- 1830's – A women's bathing place is established off Signal Hill (Flagstaff Hill) and initial improvements made (this would become the Chain Baths or Nuns Baths).
- 1834 – Government Surveyor Major Thomas Mitchell was sent to survey a township at Wollongong and the Wollongong Town Plan was subsequently laid out. The Township was bounded by Crown, Harbour, Smith and Keira Streets. Key features of the town's layout included Market Square and the Church Square.
- 1835-36 – Original roads of Wollongong are constructed by Convict gangs camped at Flagstaff Hill.
- 1834-1840 – The area surrounding Market Square becomes the focus of the township, with a number of Hotel's and businesses including a postal agent established.

- 1837-1844 – The original Wollongong Harbour, consisting of a curved basin and pier is constructed by Convict Labour gangs camped on Flagstaff Hill, providing for more reliable transport of goods and people into the Township.
- 1838 – The foundation stones for the first Roman Catholic and Church of England are laid in earnest within a day of each other (though this Church of England building was never finished).
- 1839 – Former St Andrews Church (corner Crown and Kembla) becomes the first prominent building on the section of Crown street that would become the “Crown Street Mall”.
- 1839 – The first government road over the Illawarra escarpment is established - “Mount Keira Road”.
- 1842 – Improvements are ordered to the Women’s Bathing Place off Flagstaff Hill, with convict labour assigned to build steps to the baths, and chains erected across the bathing place.
- 1854 - Original timber Wesley Chapel opens on the present site of the Wesley Uniting Church.
- 1855 – ‘Little Milton’ the earliest surviving residence in the City Centre is constructed as the Congregational Church Manse, to accommodate Rev. George Charter.
- 1856-1860s – Sandstone kerb and guttering are installed to Crown Street.
- 1857 – Congregational Church dedicated in Market Street.
- 1858 – St Michael’s Church of England is built on its present-day site on the Church Square, the focal point of the 1834 township.
- 1859 – Mount Keira Tramway established connecting the Illawarra’s earliest coal mine at Mount Keira to Wollongong Harbour.
- 1861-1868 – Wollongong Harbour is expanded and deepened through the construction of Belmore Basin.
- 1870s – Crown Street between Keira and Kembla Street begins to take its place as the centre of the Township (in preference to Market Square and lower Crown St)
- 1872 – Wollongong Breakwater Lighthouse is lit.
- 1875 – A Coke Works is established and operational on Flagstaff Hill.
- 1882 – The current stone Wesley Uniting Church building opens its doors.
- 1888 – South Coast Railway opens from Sydney to Wollongong – significant growth results around this time.
- 1895 – Great Fire of Wollongong destroys seven shops on south side of Crown Street from Keira St toward Church St.
- 1904 – Telegraph poles are installed along the south side of Crown Street.
- 1910s–1920s – Cars begin to replace horses as the main form of transport.
- 1917 – First Anzac Day march held down Crown Street.

- 1920s – The traditional post supported balconies and awnings are removed from Wollongong’s Streets and replaced with cantilevered awnings due to a policy of the Council of the day.
- 1937 – Wollongong Head Lighthouse is established on Flagstaff Hill.
- 1956 – The Wollongong Council Chambers opens on the corner of Kembla and Burelli Street (building now used as Wollongong Art Gallery).
- 1940’s-1960’s – Wollongong’s Population booms as migrant workers arrive seeking employment in the booming steel industry.
- 1940’s – 1950’s - Clothing factories become a major source of employment for women, including a large number of migrant women following State Government incentives being offered to relocate factories to the area.
- 1966 - David Jones Department Store opens on the corner of Crown and Church Street
- 1967 – Wollongong Town Hall is “Modernised” with significant public support.
- Late 1970s – The idea of creating a pedestrian Mall on Crown Street is suggested to mixed reactions.
- 1970s – Crown Central is built and opens its doors.
- 1986-1987 – Wollongong Mall is constructed and opened to much fanfare.
- 2013 – Construction work commences on renewal of the Crown Street Mall.
- 2014 – GPT opens its new Shopping Centre development west of Keira Street.

3.3 HISTORIC THEMES

In 2011 Wollongong City Council adopted a *Thematic History of the City of Wollongong*, prepared by Dr Terry Kass (2010). This report considered the history of Wollongong in a thematic manner to define significant historic themes relevant to the history and development of the Wollongong LGA. Whilst this study considers the broader Wollongong Landscape, much of the history, and many of the themes identified within the report are relevant to the Wollongong City Centre study area. This report forms a core background informing document for this study and provides a sound thematic basis for the review of the heritage schedule within the study area.

With consideration to the Thematic History of the City of Wollongong, core historic themes have been identified which hold particular relevance to the study area. These are identified below:

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme(s)
1. Tracing the natural evolution of Australia	Environment – Naturally evolved	<i>Natural Environment</i>
2. Peopling Australia	Aboriginal Cultures and interactions with other cultures	<i>Living in harmony with the land Coping with Invasion Maintaining a Cultural Identity</i>
	Migration	<i>Diversifying the Community</i>
	Agriculture	<i>Settling Illawarra</i>
3. Developing local, regional and national economies	Commerce	<i>Supplying retailing and financial services Supplying liquor and accommodation in hotels</i>
	Communication	<i>Communicating</i>
	Industry	<i>Working in workshops, mills or factories</i>
	Mining	<i>Mining</i>
	Transport	<i>Providing transport by sea Providing transport by road Providing rail transport</i>
	Health	<i>Caring for health</i>
4. Building settlements, towns and cities	Towns, suburbs and villages	<i>Establishing a regional centre at Wollongong Developing an urban network to 1948 Creating a city after 1948</i>
	Land tenure	<i>Settling Illawarra Subdividing the large rural estates Housing in villages and suburbs</i>
	Utilities	<i>Providing utility services</i>
	Accommodation	<i>Housing in villages and suburbs</i>
5. Working	Labour	<i>Working on the land or the sea Mining Working in workshops, mills of factories Uniting to protect working conditions</i>
6. Educating	Education	<i>Educating the people</i>
7. Governing	Government and administration	<i>Governing</i>
	Law and order	<i>Maintaining law and order</i>
8. Developing Australia's cultural life	Domestic life	<i>Housing in villages or suburbs</i>
	Leisure	<i>Supplying liquor and accommodation in hotels</i>
	Religion	<i>Observing religious practices</i>
	Social institutions	<i>Conducting community organisations</i>
9. Marking the phases of life	Birth and Death	<i>Entering and leaving worldly existence</i>

The following key themes have been identified and considered within this study and are noted with some examples of site listed or recommended for listing on Schedule 5 of the Wollongong LEP relevant to the themes:

- Aboriginal Country and Occupation (Gurungaty Water Place)
- Settlement/Invasion (Archaeological site of Throsby's Stockman's Hut, Archaeological sites on Government Reserve – Original Court House and Lock Up).
- Laying out a town (City Centre Street Grid, Market Square, Church Square)
- Establishing a City

- Commerce and Retail (numerous commercial buildings)
- Employment for Women (Berlei Clothing factory)
- Places of Worship (St Michael's Cathedral, St Frances Xaviour Cathedral, Congregational Church, Wesley Uniting Church, St Andrew's Cathedral, Pious Society of St Charles Sacred Heart Church)
- Migration (Burlei Clothing Factory, Pious Society of St Charles Sacred Heart Church)
- Transporting goods and people (Wollongong Harbour, Wollongong Street Grid, Sandstone Kerb and Guttering, Wollongong Train Station, Breakwater Lighthouse and Wollongong Head Lighthouse)
- Law and Order (Archaeological Site of first Police Station, Court House and Lock Up, archaeological site of Wollongong Gaol, Old Wollongong Court House, Wollongong Court House)
- Growing a Regional Centre (Commercial buildings/architecture, shops)
- Education (Wollongong Public School, Wollongong Trade School (TAFE), St Mary's College)
- Death and Burial (Andrew Lysaght's Park – Former Catholic Cemetery, Pioneer Rest Park – Former Church of England Cemetery)
- Memorialisation (Wollongong War Memorial including memorial to Aboriginal soldiers, Trooper Frank Andrew's Monument, Vietnam War Memorial)
- Industrial Heritage (archaeological site of former Coke Works off Flagstaff Hill, Coal loading at Wollongong Harbour)

4.0 EXISTING HERITAGE ITEMS

4.1 DISCUSSION AND AUDIT

The Study Area is located within the historic Town Centre of Wollongong and represents the earliest focus of development in the Illawarra. As such, it is no surprise that the study area contains a large number of listed heritage sites. These sites are identified within Schedule 5 of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2009.

The map provided in Figure 6 shows the location and distribution of these existing heritage items throughout the study area.

4.2 LIST OF EXISTING CITY CENTRE HERITAGE ITEMS

*Green denotes landscape listings

Suburb	Item Name	Address	Property Description	Significance	Item Number
Wollongong	Group of fig trees	348–352 Crown Street (grounds of Wollongong Hospital)	Lot 200, DP 1206575	Local	5955
Wollongong	Wollongong Hospital Nurses' home	348–352 Crown Street (Wollongong Hospital Site)	Lot 200, DP 1206575	State	5939
Wollongong	Moreton Bay fig	363-373 Crown Street	Lot 1, DP 201949 and Lot 100, DP 1214547	Local	6290
Wollongong	Trade School (TAFE)	38-46 Gladstone Avenue	Lot 1, DP 1011733	Local	6467
Wollongong	Wollongong Railway Station Group	Lot 1 Railway Station Square	Part of Lot 1, DP 1001500	State	6382
Wollongong	Tattersall's Hotel	329-333 Crown Street	Lot 1, DP 222491	Local	6242
Wollongong	Former Crown Hotel	309 Crown Street	Lot 1, DP 807229	Local	6241
Wollongong	Former Marcus Clark Building	281–291 Crown Street	Lot 1, DP 927806; Lot 1, DP 1087986; Lot 1, DP 82673; Lot 1, DP 117019 and Lot 1, DP 1198873	Local	6474
Wollongong	Group of Interwar Shops	131–147 Keira Street	Lots 1 and 2, DP 152849, Lot 22, DP 538099 and Lot C DP 65920	Local	6255
Wollongong	Canary Island date palms	84 Church Street—MacCabe Park	Part Lot 12, DP 524803 and Lot 1, DP 227811	Local	6587
Wollongong	Wollongong War Memorial and Frank Andrews Monument	84 Church Street—MacCabe Park	Part Lot 12, DP 524803	Local	6324
Wollongong	Regent Theatre	197-199 Keira Street	Lot 1, DP 330961 and Lot 18, DP 6323	State	5937
Wollongong	St Michael's Anglican Church of Australia including church hall and rectory including trees on grounds	74 Church Street	Lot 102, DP 1101956	State	5905
Wollongong	Shop known as 83 Church Street	149-161 Crown Street (part)	Lot 1, DP 1094311	Local	6232

Suburb	Item Name	Address	Property Description	Significance	Item Number
Wollongong	Wollongong Public School and Former Headmaster's Residence*	67A Church Street	Lots 1-7, DP 781988; Lot 1, DP 61915 and Lots 1 and 2, DP 307856; Lot 1 DP 340380	Local	5935
Wollongong	Former Allowrie Terrace	69-71 Church Street	Lot 1, DP 126603 and Lot A, DP 163539	Local	6389
Wollongong	Wollongong Courthouse Complex	43 Market Street	Lot 5, DP 1129967	Local	5911
Wollongong	Small leafed figs	94 Kembla Street	Lot 101, DP 1198164 and Road Reserve	Local	6288
Wollongong	Pioneer Rest Park*	Kembla Street- Pioneer Rest Park	Lot 7045, DP 1126831	Local	61038
Wollongong	Wollongong Town Hall and former council chambers (now art gallery)	93 Crown Street and 46 Burrelli Street	Lots 1-5, DP 1131686 and Lot 1, DP 1161730	Local	6381
Wollongong	Norfolk Island pine	93 Crown Street	Lot 1, DP 1161730	Local	6285
Wollongong	Wollongong Congregational Church	33 Market Street	Lot 4, DP 1138830	Local	6390
Wollongong	"Little Milton"	33 Smith Street	Lot 101, DP 591663	State	5907
Wollongong	Original Wollongong Telegraph and Post Office	11 Market Street	Lot 10, DP 1107297	State	5910
Wollongong	Market Square	Bounded by Market Street, Market Place and Harbour Street	Lot 1, DP 1155373	Local	6386
Wollongong	Bandstand and marble plaque commemorating Bass and Flinders' landing	Market Square, Market Street	Lot 1, DP 1155373	Local	6271
Wollongong	Monument	1 Smith Street (Corner of Harbour Street)	Lot 1, DP 8441	Local	6378
Wollongong	St Mary's Convent and Secondary Girls' School and Chapel	15 Harbour Street	Lot 100, DP 861791	Local	6248
Wollongong	Three picnic shelters in WA Lang Park	W A Lang Park, Marine Drive	Lot 7047, Crown DP 1073466	Local	6269
Wollongong	Former Roman Catholic cemetery including gravestones and monument*	9-11 Crown Street-Andrew Lysaght Park	Lots 1-7, DP 1091530 and Lot 143, DP 786508	Local	6383

Suburb	Item Name	Address	Property Description	Significance	Item Number
Wollongong	Old Wollongong Court House	1 Harbour Street (Corner of Cliff Road)	Lot 1, DP 47921	State	5908
Wollongong	Ladies' Baths	Endeavour Drive, south of Flagstaff Point	Lot 7024, DP 1072640	State	6373
Wollongong	Stone steps	Endeavour Drive—Belmore Basin—connecting Endeavour Drive to Wharf Area	Lot 1, DP 739591 and Lot 1, DP 633814	State	6364
Wollongong	Flagstaff Hill Fort	Endeavour Drive—Flagstaff Hill	Lots 1 and 2, DP 222318	State	5933
Wollongong	Wollongong Head Lighthouse	Endeavour Drive—Flagstaff Hill	Lots 1 and 2, DP 222318	State	6375
Wollongong	Three guns	Endeavour Drive—Flagstaff Hill	Lot 7041, DP 1066112	State	6376
Wollongong	Site of Coke works, including remains of coke oven*	Endeavour Drive - Belmore Basin	Lot 1, DP 633814	State	6406
Wollongong	Crane Pedestal	Belmore Basin—Wollongong Harbour Endeavour Drive	Lot 1 DP 633814	Local	6399
Wollongong	Harbour steps	Endeavour Drive—Belmore Basin—north-eastern side	Lot 1, DP 739591 and Lot 1, DP 633814	State	6418
Wollongong	Seawall*	Endeavour Drive, Flagstaff Point	Lot 7040, DP 1066112	State	6344
Wollongong	Breakwater Light House	Endeavour Drive—End of Breakwater, Wollongong Harbour	Lot 1, DP 633814	State	5906
Wollongong	Nuns' Baths	Endeavour Drive, south of Pulpit Rock	Lot 7023, DP 1072640	State	6289

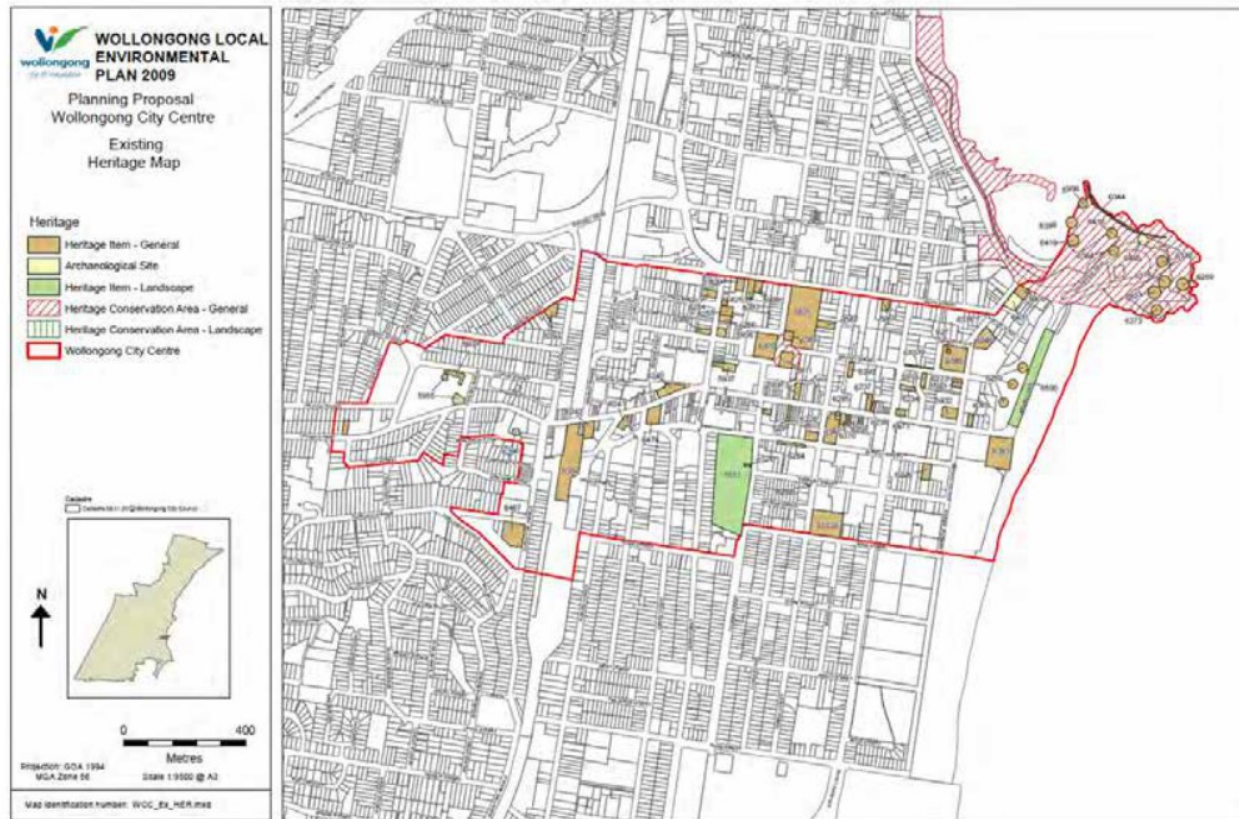


Figure 6: Existing Heritage Items Map

4.3 HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREAS

The Wollongong City Centre Study Area includes two Heritage Conservation Areas, as listed within Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009. These Heritage Conservation Areas include:

1. Market Street Heritage Conservation Area; and
2. (Part of) the Wollongong Harbour Precinct and North Beach Precinct Heritage Conservation Area

These sites are identified in green hatching in Figure 7 below.

These conservation areas are afforded protection as special places under the provisions of Clause 5.10 of the Wollongong LEP 2009 as well as being subject to specific sections of Chapter E11: Heritage Conservation within the Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009.

4.3 LANDSCAPE AND VIEWS

Wollongong's natural setting is an identifiable part of its character. Although the Illawarra Escarpment Conservation Area is located well outside of the City Centre Study Area, it is important to acknowledge the visual connection between significant City Centre places such as St Michael's Church and the Wollongong Foreshore, and the Illawarra Escarpment including landmarks such as Mount Keira and Mount Kembla. These views connecting the City to the escarpment and foreshore are not always well protected and in some instances are under threat of being lost.

The Wollongong City Centre Urban Design Framework identifies the following vision statements under Theme 1 *Celebrate Uniqueness*:

"The natural beauty of the escarpment is seen from City streets and in-between City buildings."

"Nature is an important part of the City street character providing comfort and connecting to the escarpment."

The key challenge in implementing this vision is to ensure that Wollongong's heritage is reflected in buildings and spaces in between, telling the City's Indigenous, European and industrial heritage.

The historic structure of the City's urban form, through the arrangement of its streets, the grid pattern, the location of the Church Square at the peak of the hill, as well as the position and role of Market Square are also key aspects of the City's Urban Morphology which should be acknowledged and considered in future planning and should be carefully conserved in future planning.

The Urban Design Framework provides recommendations for built form controls to protect identified significant vistas, landscape features and aspects of the City's morphology. Further review of planning controls to ensure protection of key view connections and to identify opportunities to integrate and support acknowledgement of key landscape features should be further explored in line with the recommendations of the Urban Design Framework. "Views along key streets can be preserved to enhance character and protect significant natural and built heritage." (Architectus UDF, pp. 31).

4.4 SPECIAL CHARACTER AREAS

The Study Area also includes six "Special Character Areas" which are identified within the current version of Chapter D13: Wollongong City Centre of the Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009. Whilst these areas are not subject to the provisions of Clause 5.10 of the Wollongong LEP 2009, they

are areas identified within the existing planning policies as having special character attributes associated with the Heritage sites which are contained within their boundaries. Under the existing controls these areas require proposed development to have regard to specific development controls relating to the character of the area.

The six special character areas within the study area as defined within the Development Control Plan are detailed below and are shown on the Map provided in Figure 7.

1. West Crown Street Shops
2. St Michael's Square/Law Courts/Market St West
3. McCabe Park
4. East Crown Street
5. Market Square
6. Keira Street

The existing special character areas are defined by boundaries that are loosely connected to the location of some listed heritage items. The controls for these areas attempt to provide location specific development controls aimed at conserving unique character aspects of these defined areas. The management of these special character areas under the existing controls has delivered mixed outcomes as a result of a number of factors. These include:

- a) The character area boundaries are only loosely aligned to the presence of heritage items and do not always have a clear logic.
- b) Special character areas often include a range of heritage items from different periods and with different character aspects.
- c) The controls for the special character areas are very limited and focus on particular details and aspects, whilst often failing to influence broader aspects of character that are outside of this sections control.
- d) It is often no less important to consider the 'special character' of the areas outside of the special character zones.

As an outcome of the City Centre Review and the Urban Design Framework, the importance of reinforcing and building on the historic character aspects of the entire City Centre has been acknowledged as a core component of celebrating the City's uniqueness. This has led to the identification of broader character precincts which break down the entire City Centre.

The implementation of these new "City Centre Character Precincts" into the Planning Instruments and controls provides an opportunity for the key aspects of the existing "Special Character Area" controls to be incorporated into the broader Local Environmental Plan controls as well as the specific Development Controls incorporated into the City Centre Development Control Plan Chapter. This is discussed further within the preceding sections of this report.

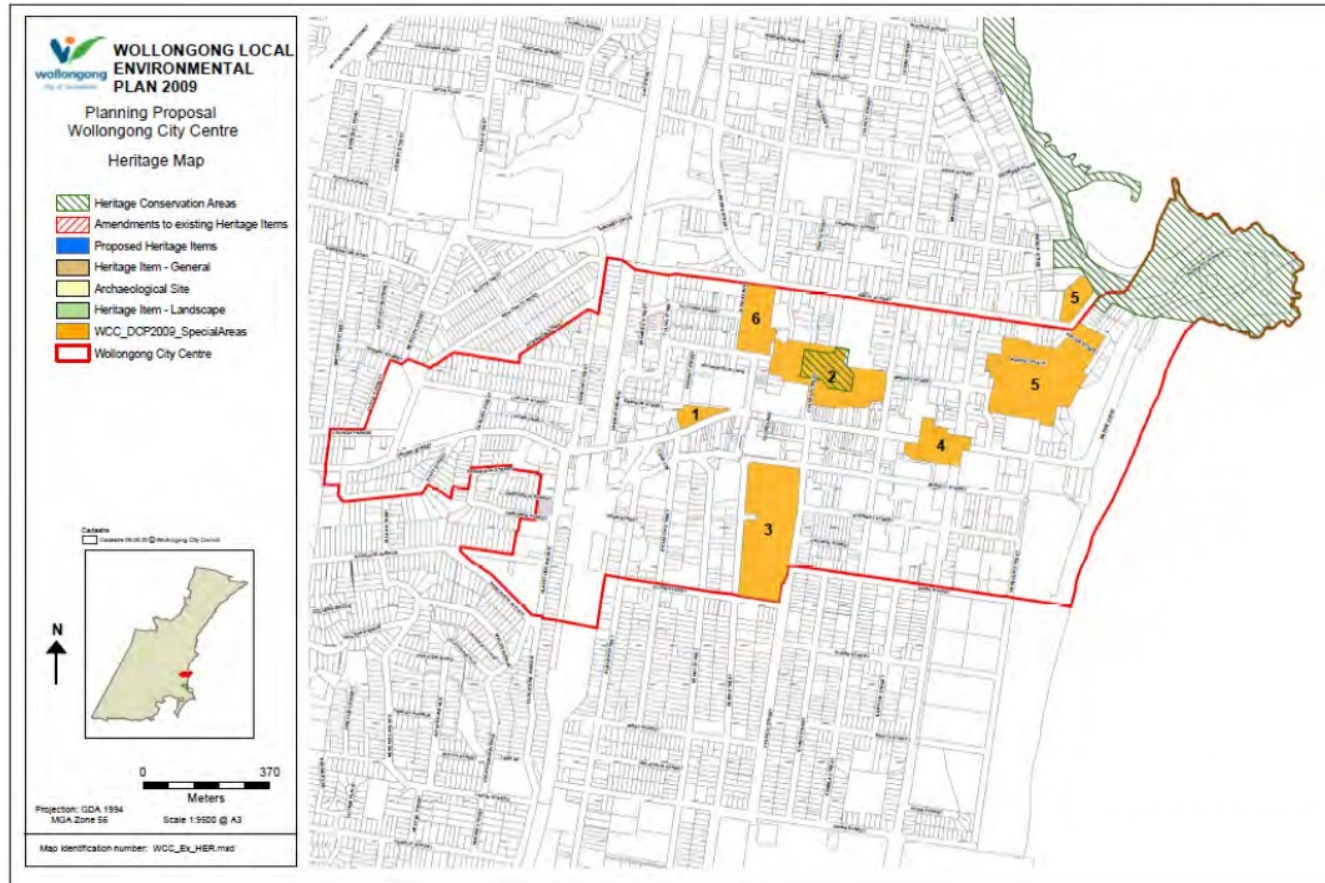


Figure 7: Map showing the location and extent of existing Heritage Conservation Areas (hatched) and “Special Character Areas” defined under the Wollongong City Centre DCP Chapter (D13) within the Study Area

5.0 OPPORTUNITY AND GAP ANALYSIS

The purpose of this section is to provide some analysis of the coverage of the existing heritage schedule, in relation to the thematic historical analysis provided above, and within the Thematic History of the City of Wollongong, and to consider opportunities for the filling of gaps within the existing schedule

It is important to note that this analysis, whilst somewhat focussed within this study on the City Centre Study Area, is part of a broader review and has been prepared with consideration to the broader picture of the Heritage Schedule for the Wollongong Local Government Area in mind. This is important as the coverage of the existing schedule across the City must be considered in analysing potential gaps. Whilst this broader project has been considered within the analysis, the discussion in the proceeding section attempts to focus this discussion on the Study Area and to identify opportunities and gaps within the City Centre listings to be identified within the schedule.

5.1 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

With some notable exceptions, the Heritage Schedule of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan does not generally include Aboriginal Heritage Sites. This is because the location and details of Aboriginal sites are often regarded as culturally sensitive information. Aboriginal site locations are identified on the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System, which is managed by the NSW Government, and through the legislative requirements of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

Whilst there is a clear 'gap' within the Heritage schedule in the identification of Aboriginal sites, this study does not propose to address this gap in any direct manner. Due to the sensitivities, any attempt to do so should, in the opinion of the authors, be guided by an Aboriginal Community led Aboriginal Heritage Study with broader consideration to the appropriateness of listing Aboriginal sites on a published site register.

The completion of such a study forms a recommendation of this report. The intention of such a study would be to explore and identify Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Values, and to discuss and explore sites suitable for listing which reflect or symbolise these values. Any future study should also provide direct recognition of post contact Aboriginal sites and acknowledge that Aboriginal Culture and connections to Country continued beyond white settlement/invasion and continue to the present day and into the future.

Given the long history of the City Centre as a key location for early and ongoing interactions and struggles for Aboriginal rights, it is likely that the area includes sites of significance to the Aboriginal Community and which capture shared history. These sites may be revealed through additional historic investigations, recording oral histories and consultation with the local Aboriginal Community. Such places have historically been under represented on heritage lists and may hold primarily social values and are not well captured under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

The management of Aboriginal Cultural material and archaeology is likely to continue to be primarily managed under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 or under its replacement legislation. The proposed legislation has been the subject of draft bills and community exhibitions over a number of years and the Draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill 2018 is still under review by the NSW State Government. Council has strongly supported and advocated for this legislative review and the development of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage legislation.

5.2 TWENTIETH CENTURY ARCHITECTURE

The existing Heritage Schedule listings within the Wollongong City Centre were largely arrived at (with some exceptions) from a 1991 LGA wide Heritage Study. Since that time, 20th Century Architectural styles and sites dating to this period have increasingly become more valued and appreciated by the community as significant architectural forms which are understood to contribute to the character and significance of the City. Whilst the existing heritage schedule contains a large number of examples of twentieth century architecture, many of these date to the early period of the 20th Century. This has been identified for some time as an area where additional sites and architectural examples should be recognised in the Heritage Schedule.

In 2001 Council published a book “Twentieth Century Architecture in Wollongong” by Robert Irving. This publication was prepared in acknowledgement of this gap but has yet to be used to inform proposed new listings within the schedule. Whilst broader work is currently being undertaken to incorporate sites identified within this publication across the City as part of the Wollongong Heritage Schedule Review, this report has drawn on a range of key sites identified within the book as potential heritage sites for consideration within this study. It is also noted that other sites identified within the book may be worthy of further consideration into the future as the passage of time lends further support to their acknowledgement as significant contributors to the City’s history and character.

Many of the sites proposed for listing within this study constitute twentieth century architecture. These include both residential and commercial buildings as well as religious buildings.

5.3 MIGRANT HERITAGE

In 2007 Council partnered with the Migration Heritage Project group to prepare a Migration Heritage Places Study for the City of Wollongong. This study explored the significant role of migrants in the development of Wollongong and the places and sites that demonstrate heritage values associated with Migrants. This study proposes to progress two key listings relevant to this migrant history. These include:

1. The former Berlei Clothing Factory (now Southern Pathology building) in Denison Street Wollongong which provided employment for many migrant women following their arrival to the area.
2. The Pious Society of St Charles Sacred Heart Church in Stewart Street recognises the diversification of religious buildings and places, and is a significant place for many in the Italian Community. The building was erected in 1966 by an Italian Priest of the Scalabrini Fathers, as a Sacred Heart War Memorial Chapel, and was dedicated to the Memory of Italian Soldiers who died in both World Wars (Irving 2001). The building was designed and built by contractors of Italian origins and is one of a large number of churches servicing religious groups of migrant origins within the CBD.

A number of additional sites are proposed to be listed as Migrant Heritage Sites which fall outside of the City Centre study area boundary as part of the broader Wollongong Heritage Schedule Review project. This is being progressed separately to this City Centre study.

5.4 HISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

Over recent years, Council has increasingly recognised the presence and importance of the archaeological record in Wollongong, and the importance of conserving and documenting historic archaeological sites.

Archaeological sites often provide evidence of aspects of our history, former technologies and ways of life which are not readily apparent from the historical records. Over recent years, a number of high-profile archaeological investigations have been undertaken on key City Centre sites. These have included the former Oxford Tavern site which identified the remains of the 1841 Wollongong Head Inn (and included an 1830's brick drain), as well as the former Dwyers Site, which contained the remains of the former Cricketer's Arms Hotel (1855) and the Lang's Corner site which located the remains of the Sportsman's Arms Hotel (dating to the 1840's) and Hale's Stores and Cellars (1870's). This study proposes to consider listing the archaeological remains of the Cricketer's Arms Hotel, which have been retained within the road reserve near the corner of Crown and Corrimal Street Wollongong. The major portion of this site was able to be retained due to an 11m road widening corridor which was required to be retained as part of the adjacent redevelopment.

In addition an existing archaeological listing under the Wollongong LEP 2009, which relates to the Original Wollongong Courthouse and Lock Up, is proposed to be expanded to include an adjacent area, which has been found through more recent archaeological assessments to contain the intact archaeological remains of the former Wollongong Gaol.

Due to the nature of archaeological sites, it is often difficult to predict the exact location, nature and extent of the archaeological record, even where it is clear there is a potential archaeological site. As such, the above proposed listings relate to known archaeological sites. In regard to the management of broader archaeological potential and significance it is of note that the NSW Heritage Act 1977 Archaeological provisions (section 137-140) provide protection for significant archaeological relics.

It is a recommendation of this study that an Archaeological Zoning Plan that identifies areas of moderate and high archaeological potential, should be developed for the Wollongong City Centre Area. This would enable a more transparent and consistent management response to potential archaeological issues within the City Centre. As the City's earliest settlement occurred within this area, the study area inherently contains much of the earliest and most significant archaeological evidence in the Wollongong area.

It is also recommended that The Archaeological Zoning Plan, and the subsequent amended Development Controls prepared for its implementation should also consider specific controls which define and standardise expected Interpretation outcomes. This is to ensure that meaningful and engaging interpretive outcomes that assist the City's history and heritage to be better appreciated are an outcome of developments on affected sites. Current interpretation outcomes are of mixed quality.

5.5 CHARACTER BUILDINGS

The Wollongong City Centre Planning Review studies including the "A City for People" Report and the Urban Design Framework have acknowledged and recognised the importance of maintaining local character and identified the important role of heritage buildings and character buildings in contributing to Wollongong's distinct local character. The retention and conservation of local character buildings and significant heritage items including significant trees and places, as well as their relationship to historic use is a significant issue.

The Wollongong Urban Design Framework Report defines a new precinct breakdown of the City Centre and proposes planning controls which further support the creation of distinct character precincts across the City Centre. It is important to acknowledge that the historical building stock, and key aspects of the historic urban form such as historic subdivision patterns, shopfront rhythm, building scale and siting, setbacks and building materials set a basis for defining the existing character of these precincts. The retention of key sites and character buildings which contribute to the unique local

character aspects of these precincts will be an important contributor to the success of efforts to build on the unique local character attributes of different precincts throughout the City.

The Crown Street Mall precinct is a key area where the character of a range of existing buildings, and particularly their streetscape presentation, contribute in a positive way to the character of the precinct. This study recognises a number of additional sites throughout the Mall, including a number of groups of commercial buildings which are proposed for listing as “character buildings”. These sites are items where the identified significance is largely tied to their streetscape contribution.

Keira Street is another precinct where additional commercial buildings are proposed for heritage listing due to their significant historic contribution to the streetscape.

The existing “Special Character Areas” defined within the City Centre Development Control Plan provide some recognition of the importance of our surviving heritage buildings in defining the character of the City, as well as in recognising that different precincts have different character aspects worthy of retention and consideration. However, the precincts fail to acknowledge that the entire City Centre area contains heritage buildings and other sites which assist in creating and defining the unique character of Wollongong. The need for a broader recognition of the unique local character of the City and of recognising the localised character aspects of parts of the City Centre has been acknowledged through the development of the Precinct based planning approach incorporated within the Urban Design Framework.

The establishment of revised planning controls through updates to the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan and Wollongong Development Control Plan to better acknowledge the unique character of City precincts offers an opportunity for the “Special Character Area” controls to be more broadly embedded into the proposed Precinct controls within the DCP. This will also allow for refinement of the existing controls to provide a renewed focus on ensuring that the fundamental aspects of local character are embedded. Matters such as setbacks, street wall height and other key aspects that will determine the nature of the City’s unique local character precincts will be able to be better reinforced, at a more wholistic level through this process. This proposed direction forms a recommendation of this report.

6.0 POTENTIAL NEW HERITAGE ITEMS

Following detailed analysis of the existing Heritage listings in the study area boundary, and a detailed review of the history, a gap and opportunity analysis, and a review of the City Centre Study including the Urban Design Framework, careful consideration has been given to potential additional heritage items which should be considered within the City Centre Study Area. Incorporated into this review has been a backlog of nominations and potential heritage sites which have been gathered over a number of years from a range of sources. These include community nominations, sites identified in previous studies including the Twentieth Century Architecture in Wollongong book by Robert Irving, and the Migration Heritage Study.

In considering potential sites, an assessment of significance has been undertaken with consideration to available information and is generally based on an external assessment of the properties in question. This review has also had consideration to existing development approvals, as sites already approved for demolition and re-development cannot be listed with any actual legal effect (as the existing approval for demolition would remain current).

The sites proposed for heritage listing within this study have been identified as contributing to the heritage values of the City Centre. The buildings and sites proposed for listing embody significant aspects of the City's history and character which will add value to the lived experience of the City of Wollongong for future generations. Many of these sites specifically address gaps identified within the existing heritage schedule and respond to the findings of the gap analysis incorporated within this report.

6.1 PROPOSED NEW CITY CENTRE ITEMS

On the following page a list of 19 heritage sites is provided and represents a schedule of sites identified for proposed listings on the Wollongong Local Environment Plan 2009 as an outcome of this assessment. These proposed listings are supported by a Summary Inventory Form which has been attached to this report within Appendix A and which provides a Statement of Significance and additional basic assessment details for consideration. A more comprehensive Inventory Form has been finalised for each item and will be made available to owners and the community as part of future consultation. These will be available via the NSW State Heritage Inventory and will be accessible online during the future consultation process.

A Map of the above proposed listings is provided in Figure 8 below.

	Suburb	Item Name	Address	Property Description e.g. Lot and DP or other description	Significance	Curtilage Proposal
1.	Wollongong	Archaeological Site of Wollongong Gaol*	84, 86, 88 Cliff Road and 3,5,7 Hector Street	Lot 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 DP 11509	Local	Boundary around all included lots
2.	Wollongong	Archaeological Remains of The Cricketers Arms Hotel*	Corrimal Street (Road Reserve - corner of Crown Street adjacent to 26-28 Burelli Street)	Road Reserve (South east corner Crown Street and Keira Street)	Local	Road Reserve
3.	Wollongong	Bank Chambers	127-131 Crown St	Lot 1-3, DP 1070120	Local	Crown Street Façade and front 6m of building.
4.	Wollongong	Caldwell's Building	280-282 Crown Street Wollongong	Lot 4 & 5 DP 29391	Local	Lot boundary
5.	Wollongong	Commercial Frontage	135, 137-139 Crown St	Lot 1 DP 603751, Lot 1 DP 546698		Crown Street Façade and front 6m of buildings.
6.	Wollongong	Commercial Frontage	179-189 Crown St	Lot 1 DP 805952, Lot 1 DP 77246, Lot 1 DP 75289	Local	Crown Street Façade and front 6m of buildings.
7.	Wollongong	Commercial Frontage	98-102 Crown St	Lot 1 DP 163231, Lot 1 DP 657047	Local	Crown Street Façade and front 6m of buildings.
8.	Wollongong	Kawarra Chambers Building	118-124 Crown Street	Lot 4 DP 83910	Local	Crown Street Building
9.	Wollongong	Queens Hotel Archaeological Site*	24 Crown Street Wollongong	Lot 5 DP 16847, Lot 9 DP712317	Local	Lot Boundary
10.	Wollongong	Former Berlei Building	43-47 Denison Street	Lot 32 & 33 Sec 4 DP 1258	Local	Lot boundary
11.	Wollongong	Federation House	3 Hercules Street	Lot 24 Sec 3 DP 1258	Local	Lot boundary
12.	Wollongong	Interwar House	11 Hercules Street	Lot 20 Sec 3 DP 1258	Local	Lot boundary
13.	Wollongong	Group of Commercial Buildings on Keira Street	100-120 Keira Street	Lot 1 DP 129003, Lot 2 Sec B DP 9874, Lot 3, DP 217310, Lot 4,5 & 6 DP 577095, Keira Street Road Reserve	Local	Lot boundary's PLUS Road Reserve in front.
14.	Wollongong	Gloucester House	82-84 Kembla Street	Lot Y & Z DP 418904	Local	Lot boundary
15.	Wollongong	Marlborough Court	4 Market Place	Lot 1 DP 1127347	Local	Front building only. Exclude recent rear building.
16.	Wollongong	Braemar Flats	29 Smith Street	Lot 8 DP 502120	Local	Lot boundary
17.	Wollongong	Kingston House	27A Smith Street	Lot 3 DP 17682	Local	Lot boundary
18.	Wollongong	Pious Society of St Charles Sacred Heart Church	28 Stewart Street	Lot 126 DP 596582	Local	Church building only.
19.	Wollongong	Seventh Day Adventist Church	30 Victoria Street	Lot 20 Sec A DP 9874	Local	Church Building only.

Note: Further Heritage Inventory and Assessment Details related to the above-mentioned items are provided in Appendix A of this report.

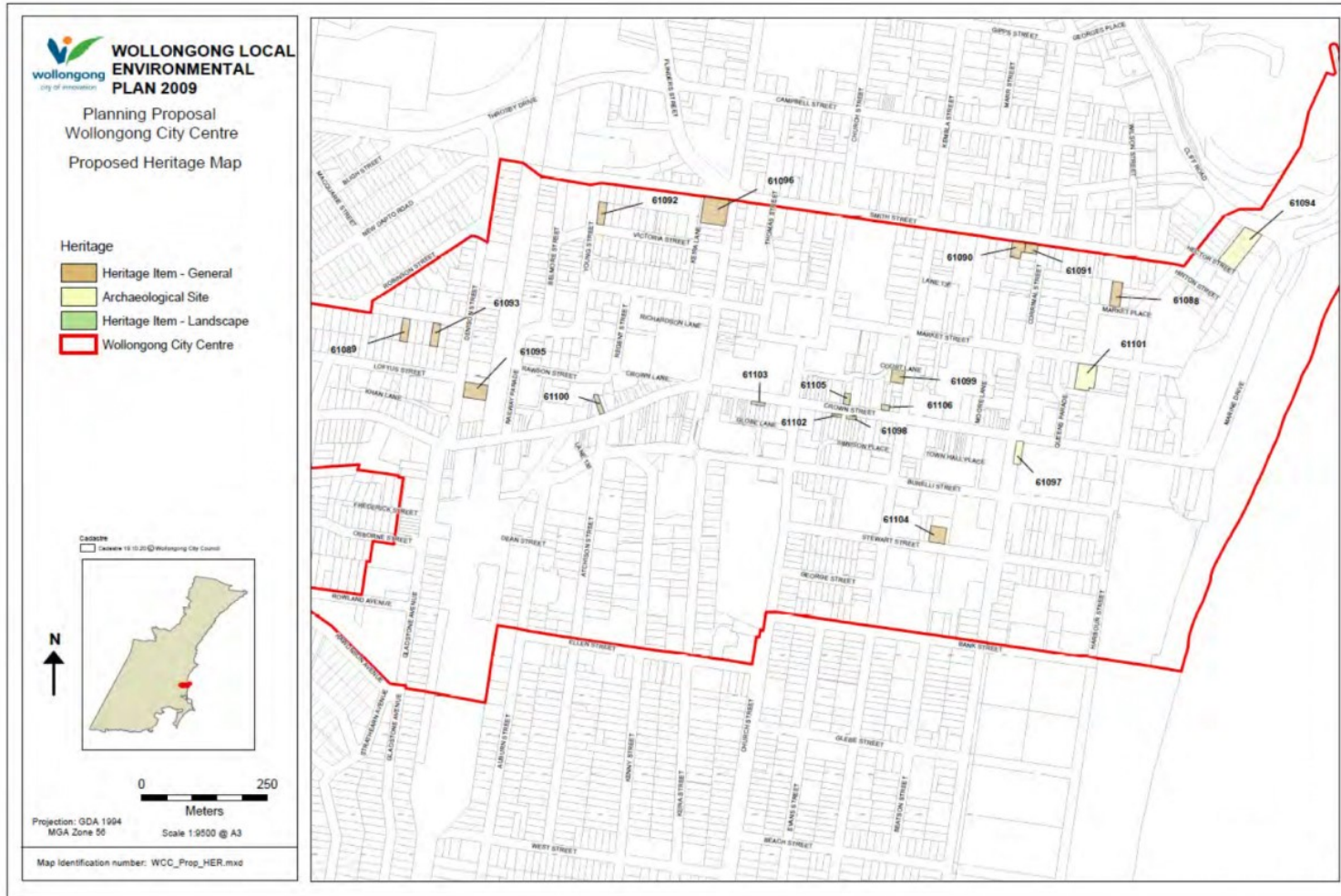


Figure 8: Map of the proposed additional heritage sites recommended for listing within this report.

6.2 CHARACTER FAÇADE LISTINGS

Within the list of proposed heritage listings four sites are proposed to be progressed as Character Façade Listings. These listings identify sites where the core element of significance identified within the buildings is their architectural character as appreciated from their primary frontage. These listings are proposed to be distinguished from other heritage sites, in that the core focus of the listing would be on the retention of the street façade, and the important place of this feature in contributing to, and defining the historic and unique local character aspects of Wollongong.

This alternative heritage protection approach is proposed in relation to groups of commercial buildings on Crown Street in an effort to protect the core elements of the building's significance, whilst still allowing for redevelopment and adaptation of these important main street sites. Careful design consideration would be anticipated to be provided and demonstrated as part of future development considerations.

It is noted that this approach is not considered an appropriate response to the management of most heritage sites throughout the CBD and should only be considered where the significance of a building is largely confined to its architectural character and its contribution to the street.

Sites identified within this category include sites 3, 5, 6 and 7 highlighted in blue in the tabulated list above. These sites all include groups of retail commercial buildings along Crown Street and each proposed listing covers multiple properties. In these very particular cases, the protection of the building façades, and components essential to their retention would provide a suitable heritage outcome by ensuring these buildings continue to contribute to the local character and unique streetscape of Wollongong's Main commercial area. The listings proposed for these sites cover the front 6m of the properties. This 6m is consistent with the proposed setback of additional height behind the street wall as defined in the City Centre Planning Strategy and is intended to encourage retention of the front rooms of these buildings as part of any future redevelopment.

6.3 SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR LISTING

As noted above, several potential heritage items that fall within the Study Area were identified for potential listing as part of the broader Wollongong Heritage Schedule Review but are not proposed to be listed as an outcome of this Study. These additional sites considered for listing included the properties listed below. The reason for these listings not being progressed is also detailed.

1. Victorian House and Shop, 10 Hercules Street (previous approval has been issued for demolition)
2. Lang's Corner, Corner Crown and Kembla Streets (Demolished - Court issued approval for demolition and reconstruction of the façade. Listing of the reconstructed façade is not proposed).
3. Kembla Chambers, 115-119 Crown Street (DA approved for redevelopment of site, including retention of the facade).
4. Marlene Court, 1 Smith Street Wollongong (Current DA considerations pertaining to demolition. Building typology is represented in better examples that have been identified for potential listing).
5. 1955 Dion Building, 101 Keira Street (Previous DA approval issued for demolition);
6. Former Christian Science Building, Corner Kembla & Market Streets (Art deco brick detailing has been rendered and significantly impacted on its significance and integrity); and
7. House, 93 Smith Street (Art deco brick house has since been rendered, losing significant detailing).

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following actions and outcomes are recommended as an outcome of this report:

1. The proposed new Heritage Items identified within this report be progressed in a Draft Planning Proposal as draft Amendments to Schedule 5 of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009.
2. The proposed new heritage listings be exhibited, including direct consultation with affected landowners to ensure they have the opportunity for input.
3. The proposed four listings for Building Character Facades be noted and considered further following the results of the exhibition period.
4. Mechanisms for clearly acknowledging building facades which contribute to the unique local character of Wollongong CBD and its precincts be further considered to allow for management of redevelopments on identified character sites which lack broader Heritage values and significance.
5. The “Special Character Areas” and specific controls within the City Centre Chapter of the Development Control Plan, should be broadened and embedded within the Precinct Based planning considerations recommended within the Urban Design Framework, in order to strengthen the controls and provide for precinct-based character conservation across the whole City Centre Study area.
6. A Strategic Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study for the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) be developed to inform Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment priorities and significant Cultural Heritage places and sites throughout the LGA, including within the City Centre Area.
7. Opportunities to partner with local Aboriginal Communities to provide for cultural awakening experiences, through art, interpretation, tours or other experiences within the City Centre should be explored and supported.
8. An Historic Archaeological Zoning Plan should be developed, adopted and implemented within the City Centre DCP and/or LEP to require archaeological assessment and consideration on City Centre sites with Archaeological Potential where redevelopment is proposed as well as to guide appropriate interpretation of these sites.
9. Consideration should be given to adding Heritage and Aboriginal Heritage Design expertise to the Design Review Panel Membership to provide a stronger focus on heritage outcomes and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage considerations in future development considerations.

8.0 CONCLUSION

Heritage management is focussed on the conservation of those things from our past that have value to current and future generations. The Wollongong City Centre is the regional capital of the Illawarra, it provides the historic focal point for early contact between local Aboriginal Communities and for the development of the City of Wollongong. This is evidenced in the remaining street grid of the earliest formalised town in the region and the evolution of its development into one of Australia's largest cities.

The recommendations and conclusions of the Wollongong City Centre Study, including the Public Spaces Public Life Report and the Urban Design Framework have clearly identified the importance of Wollongong's unique local heritage as a critical component of its unique identity and character. Further acknowledgement of important historic sites, and places of heritage significance is therefore critical to the management of Wollongong as a place which will invite and attract people into the future. The importance of this character, and the retention of key aspects of our history, as well as sites and buildings which the community value are core to the ability of the planning controls to ensure retention of the highly valued aspects of the City's character and history.

Whilst the existing Heritage Schedule includes a wide range of heritage sites located within the study area, this report has identified a range of gaps in the current list and recommends a range of sites proposed to be listed in the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009. These sites attempt to fill gaps in the existing heritage schedule and include sites related to key historic themes acknowledged as being under-represented in the schedule. It should also be acknowledged that this Report does not attempt to fill all identified gaps and that recommendations for further work, including the preparation of a Community led Aboriginal Heritage Study, are included within the recommendation of this report.

The recommendations of this report should be adopted and further implemented in the progression of the Wollongong City Centre Planning Review to ensure that those places which provide evidence of the significant aspects of our past, are available for our children and our children's children to experience in the future.

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APPENDIX 1: Summary Significance Assessments for Proposed New Heritage Items

Note: The following Inventory forms have been prepared with input from draft inventory data prepared by Zoran Popovic, Council's former Heritage Advisor though these have been amended and added to by Council's Heritage officers following further research and assessment.


Item 1

Item Name: Archaeological Site of Old Wollongong Gaol*		SHI Number: 5063627
Location: 84—88 Cliff Road and 3-7 Hector Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Archaeological - Terrestrial	Group: Law Enforcement	Statement of Significance: The site of the old Wollongong Gaol is considered to be of historical and technical significance at a local level. Surviving remains associated with Wollongong Gaol would be a rare archaeological resource dating from 1859. The site is an important part of the history of Wollongong for its role in enforcing law and order and as a central feature of the Government Reserve, which retains the 1858 Old Wollongong Courthouse. The remains of the old Wollongong Gaol, its workshops, outbuildings and associated artefacts, have the potential to contribute significantly to our knowledge of prison practices, prisoners and prison staff. Despite extensive disturbance to the site, archaeological remains of the Gaol have been found to be retained beneath more recent development and are anticipated to survive throughout the proposed listed area.
Category: Prison		
Owner: Multiple Owners		
Historic Themes: National - Peopling State - Convict Local – Settling Illawarra National - Governing State – Law and Order Local – Prisons of the Illawarra		
Photograph: Archaeological Site*		
		






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Item 2

Item Name: Archaeological Remains of the Cricketer's Arms Hotel*		SHI Number: 5066553
Location: Road Reserve, south east corner Crown and Keira Street Wollongong (adjacent to 31 & 16 Crown and Burelli Streets, Wollongong)		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Recreation and Entertainment	Statement of Significance: The archaeological remains of the former Cricketer's Arms Hotel are of Local significance for historical, technical and scientific reasons. The site retains extensive archaeological evidence of the Hotel Cellar and footings, along with other phases of occupation. The archaeological remains encountered by the previous excavations have yielded information which contribute to an understanding of the development of Lower Crown Street and provide evidence of the phasing of development within the City. The retained (reburied) archaeological remains of the Hotel, combined with the associated collection of artefacts housed within the adjacent development site, including interpretive devices and artefact collection, represent a significant and rare assemblage, which provide significant insight into past practices in Hotel keeping and use in Wollongong. The construction of the basement at the water table, with inbuilt access to groundwater, may also offer a rare or unique opportunistic feature of Cellar design.
Category: Other – recreation & Entertainment		
Owner: Multiple Owners		
Historic Themes: National – Culture State – Leisure Local – Supplying Liquor and Accommodation in Hotels		
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Item 3

Item Name: Bank Chambers		SHI Number: 5067208
Location: 127 – 131 Crown Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Commercial	Statement of Significance: The Bank Chambers building is a good representative example of a substantial main street commercial chambers from the 1920s. The building is aesthetically pleasing in its simple and understated interwar classical style. The building responds well to its location directly opposite the Wesley Uniting Church, providing an appropriately scaled and classically balanced response to the gothic façade of the Church. The “Bank Chambers” retains a place in the unofficial financial district of Wollongong, with several bank branches historically (and to this day) surrounding the site. The building makes an important contribution to the streetscape and the City’s character and combined with its northern neighbour (the former Government Savings Bank), the Wesley Uniting Church, and other surrounding heritage items and significant character buildings, is one of a collection of buildings that contribute to the precincts unique built form character.
Category: Bank		
Owner: Private – Corporate		
Historic Themes: National - Economy State - Commerce Local – Providing Retail and Financial Services		

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Item 4

Item Name: Caldwell's Building		SHI Number: 5067552
Location: 280-282 Crown Street Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Commercial	Statement of Significance: Caldwell's Building is significant to the local area for historic, aesthetic and social reasons. The building provides evidence of the development of the commercial centre of Wollongong in the early twentieth century and contributes to the historic character of the street. The remaining rear wings containing residences may be rare at the local level. The building provides evidence of the expansion of the commercial area of the City towards the railway station as the population of the township grew. The building has social significance for its contribution and role in supporting the Union movement, as the site of the Trade Union Hall. The building is located opposite the intersection of Atchison Street, and is visible from a significant distance from south Wollongong, contributing to its prominence. The removal of the oversized signage and first floor security grills combined with an appropriate colour scheme would assist the building in reclaiming its former place as a well-considered and substantial commercial building in the precinct.
Category: Commercial Office/Building		
Owner: Private – Individual		
Historic Themes: National - Economy State - Commerce Local – Providing Retail and Financial Services		




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Proposed Heritage Item

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- Archaeological Site
- Heritage Item - Landscape

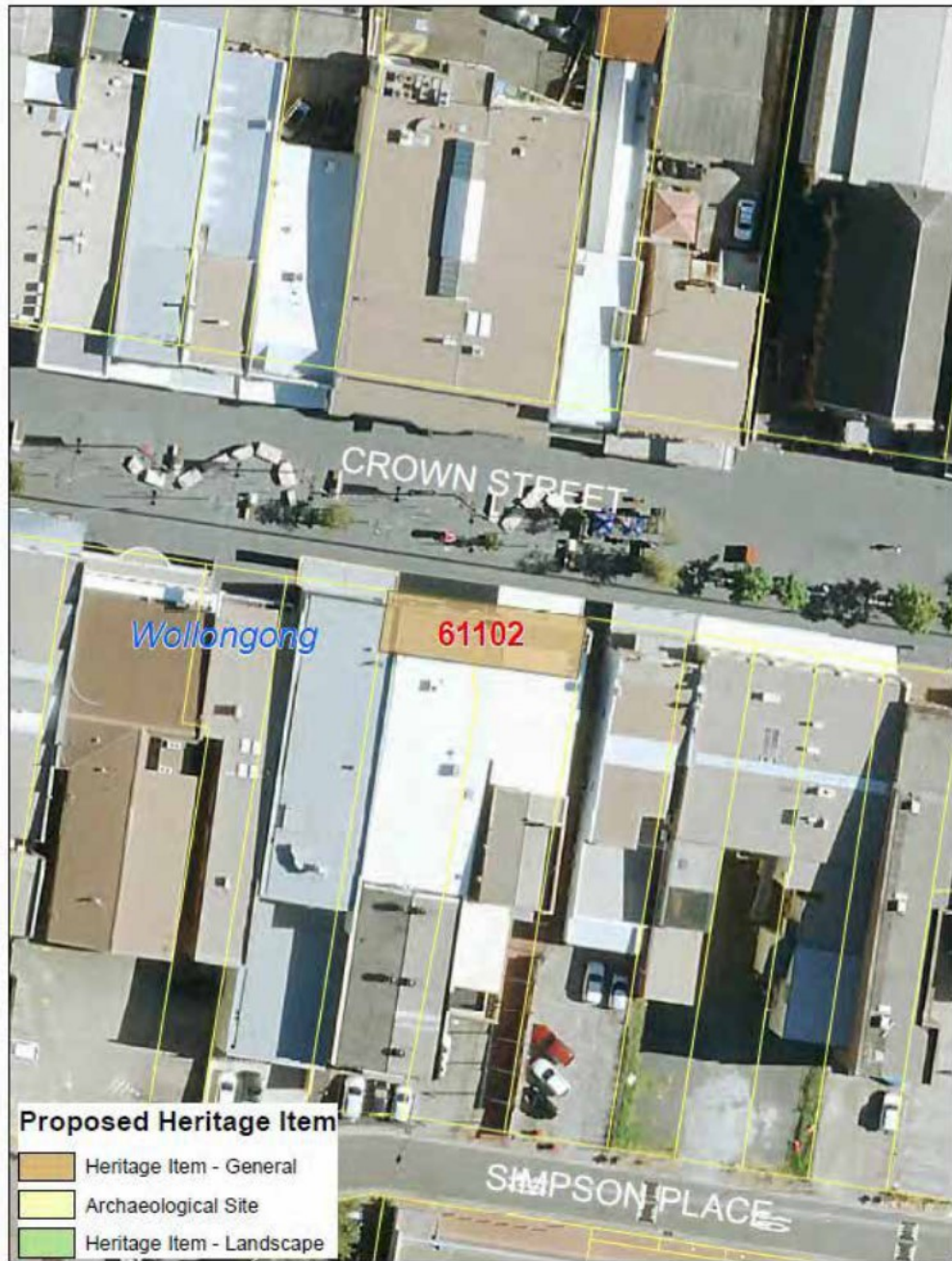
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Item 5

Item Name: Commercial Frontages		SHI Number: 5067210
Location: 135-139 Crown Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Commercial	Statement of Significance: A group of two (conjoined) commercial buildings typical of late federation period commercial buildings. These shops are a significant character element which demonstrate typical development of Crown Street in the 1920's. The two shops contribute to the character of the Crown Street Mall and are located within the immediate vicinity of a number of other heritage sites and significant character buildings. The Federation period detailing and windows are retained in 135 Crown Street, whilst 139 have been subject to alterations which have removed original windows and includes a colour scheme and signage which detract from the item. The significance of the buildings is limited to their streetscape contribution.
Category: Commercial Office/Building		
Owner: Multiple Owners		
Historic Themes: National - Economy State - Commerce Local – Providing Retail Services		

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Proposed Heritage Item

- Heritage Item - General
- Archaeological Site
- Heritage Item - Landscape



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COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE
135-139 CROWN STREET, WOLLONGONG

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Item 6

Item Name: Commercial Frontages		SHI Number: 5067201
Location: 179-189 Crown Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Commercial	Statement of Significance: The Group of three Commercial Buildings located at 179-181, 183-185 and the Taylor's Building at 187-189 Crown Street are significant to the local area as significant character buildings which contribute to the Crown Street streetscape as identifiable historic buildings. The Group demonstrates the historic development of Crown Street from the 1920's to 1950's and the continuation of these commercial activities to the present day. The buildings have aesthetic significance as a remnant group of adjoining commercial buildings which makes a major contribution to the streetscape. The significance of the group is embodied in their streetscape presentation and the proposed listing is limited to the front 6m of the subject properties.
Category: Commercial Office/Building		
Owner: Multiple Owners		
Historic Themes: National - Economy State - Commerce Local – Supplying Retail and Financial Services		

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Item 7

Item Name: Commercial Frontages		SHI Number: 5067205
Location: 98-102 Crown Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Commercial	Statement of Significance: The Group of Commercial Buildings at 98-100 and 102 Crown Street are significant as historic character buildings which contribute to the unique local character of the eastern portion of Crown Street mall. The building's demonstrate good examples of Federation commercial architecture, with parapeted shopfronts, symmetrical forms and typical classical details of the period. These shops are proposed for listing as streetscape character buildings with a listing proposed which covers the front 6m of the site only.
Category: Commercial/Office Building		
Owner: Multiple Owners		
Historic Themes: National - Economy State - Commercial Local - Providing Retail and Financial Services		

Photograph:





Item 8

Item Name: Kawarra Chambers		SHI Number: 5062994
Location: 118-124 Crown Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Commercial	Statement of Significance: The Kawarra Chambers building at 118-124 Crown Street is of significance for the local area for historical and aesthetic reasons and as a representative example of the increasingly rare Art Deco Commercial Architecture in the local area. The combination of face brickwork with rendered detailing is typical of the era, but is well executed with vertical detailing in a symmetrical assemblage. The building's form responds well in scale, proportion and symmetry to the adjacent Methodist Church, to which it has a strong association. Kawarra Chambers was commissioned by Walter Staff, who was heavily involved in the Methodist Church. The building provides evidence of Wollongong's evolution from a country town to a regional centre in the Interwar period. The Kawarra Chambers building is readily identifiable as part of the Interwar period historical building stock of the area and forms part of a group of significant historic buildings within the precinct which contribute to the local character in a positive manner. The building has some significant cracking through the window lintels, and has been altered below the awning (shopfronts) but retains an ability to demonstrate the historic and aesthetic values at a level which warrants conservation.
Category: Commercial/Office/Building		
Owner: Private – Corporate		
Historic Themes: National - Economy State - Commerce Local – Providing Retail Services		

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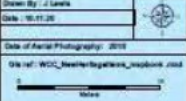
Item 9

Item Name: Archaeological Site of Queens Hotel*		SHI Number: 5067553
Location: Part of 24 Crown Street		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Archaeological – Terrestrial	Group: Recreation and leisure	Statement of Significance: The archaeological site of the Queen's Hotel is of significance to Wollongong for historic, associative and scientific reasons. The Hotel is documented in early newspaper clippings as holding a central place in community life in Wollongong for a significant period of time. As evidenced by the substantial visible surface remains of the western stone wall of the hotel, exposed within a gravel parking area, and given the known historical development of the site as a major hotel, the site is considered highly likely to retain extensive intact archaeological evidence of the former Queen's Hotel. The site is located at the core of the historic Township, adjacent to Market Square and may contain evidence of the earliest phases of Development in the Township. Any archaeological remains encountered by future excavations on the site have a high potential to provide information which can contribute to an understanding of the early development of Wollongong and to reveal artefacts that tell the story of life in the earliest phase of the settlement. The archaeological evidence may also reveal insights into the re-use of the Hotel as the "Queens Flats" following the closure of the Hotel.
Category: Recreation and leisure - other		
Owner: Religious Organisation		
Historic Themes: National - Economy State - Commerce Local – Supplying liquor and accommodation in hotels		


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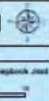


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Item 10

Item Name: Former Berlei Building		SHI Number: 5063742
Location: 43 – 47 Denison Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Manufacturing and Processing	Statement of Significance: The former Berlei Building is a good representative example of the numerous clothing factories established in the post-World War II period in Wollongong. These factories were established as part of a government incentivised program to decentralise industry and provide employment opportunities for migrant women who had been drawn to Wollongong with their husbands who had taken up employment opportunities in the Steel works and coal mining industry. The Berlei Clothing Factory is significant for the role it played in providing employment for women, including migrant women in particular. The building has associations with Fred and Arthur Burley founders of Berlei Corset and Brassiere Manufacturers, and well known for community philanthropy. The building is a good example of the architectural style known as Functionalist; with Modernist references (Wollongong's Migration Heritage Places Study, 2007)
Category: Textile Mill		
Owner: Private - Corporate		
Historic Themes: National – Economy State – Industry Local – Working in Workshops, Mills or Factories National – Peopling State – Migration Local – Diversifying the Community		
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	ITEM 61095 FORMER BERLEI BUILDING 45-47 DENISON STREET, WOLLONGONG	Drawn By: J. Lewis Date: 10.11.20	
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Item 11

Item Name: Federation House		SHI Number: 5063293
Location: 3 Hercules Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Residential Buildings (Private)	Statement of Significance: The house at 3 Hercules Street is of significance to Wollongong for historic and aesthetic reasons and as a representative example of fine vernacular Federation period residential architecture in the area. The house is readily identifiable as part of the historic building stock and contributes to the streetscape as an important character element. Architecturally, it is a good example of a simple Federation period house set within a typical curtilage allotment. This house displays a high degree of integrity for this period of construction when viewed from the street.
Category: House		
Owner: Private – Individual		
Historic Themes: National - Settlement State - Towns, Villages and Suburbs Local – Housing in villages and suburbs		
Photograph:		
		

Item 12

Item Name: Interwar House		SHI Number: 5062931
Location: 11 Hercules Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Residential Buildings (House)	Statement of Significance: The house at 11 Hercules Street is of significance to the local area for its historic value, aesthetic qualities, and as a good representative example of Interwar cottages in the local area. The house, constructed in 1939 just prior to World War II, is built of cream brick with red brick features, and includes a unique chimney design, curved brick features and variegated roof tiles and is a good and locally representative and increasingly rare example of the Interwar Old English style of architecture in Wollongong. The house is an aesthetically pleasant and important element in the streetscape, particularly given its integrated gardens and retaining walls. The integrity of the fabric presents as high when viewed externally.
Category: House		
Owner: Private – Individual		
Historic Themes: National - Settlement State - Towns, Villages and Suburbs Local – Housing in villages and subjects		

Photograph:







Item 13

Item Name: Group of Commercial Buildings on Keira Street		SHI Number: 5067199
Location: 100-120 Keira Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Commercial	Statement of Significance: The Group of Commercial Buildings at 100-120 Keira Street, are significant to the history of the Wollongong area as they represent a fine example of a group of shop, many with residences above, dating from the early 1900's. The shops have been well retored and provide a rare and unique example of a historic row of shops in the City. Each shop also has its own, individual aesthetic value, enhanced by their collective presentation.
Category: Commercial Office/Building		
Owner: Multiple Owners		
Historic Themes: National - Economy State - Commerce Local - Supplying Retail and Liquor Services		

Photograph:





	ITEM 61096 GROUP OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS ON KEIRA STREET 100-118 KEIRA STREET, WOLLONGONG	Drawn By: J. Lewis Date: 16.11.20
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Item 14


Item Name: Gloucester House		SHI Number: 5067212
Location: 82-84 Kembla Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Commercial	Statement of Significance: "Gloucester House" is of significance for the local area of Wollongong for historic and aesthetic reasons, and as a representative example of a retail commercial building with residential flats upstairs. Gloucester House has been in use as commercial premises for over 80 years. The building has locally rare design features including a setback to the first floor residential apartments with incorporated parapeted balcony above the shopfronts. The building is a simple, yet pleasant and well harmonised form which contributes to the surrounding area as a different and rare design approach to 'shop top' architecture. The building demonstrates typical design, aesthetics, and tastes in the "stripped classical" architectural style applied on a small commercial building of the interwar period.
Category: Commercial/Office Building		
Owner: Private - Individual		
Historic Themes: National - Settlement State – Town, suburbs and villages Local - Urban Development		

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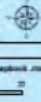





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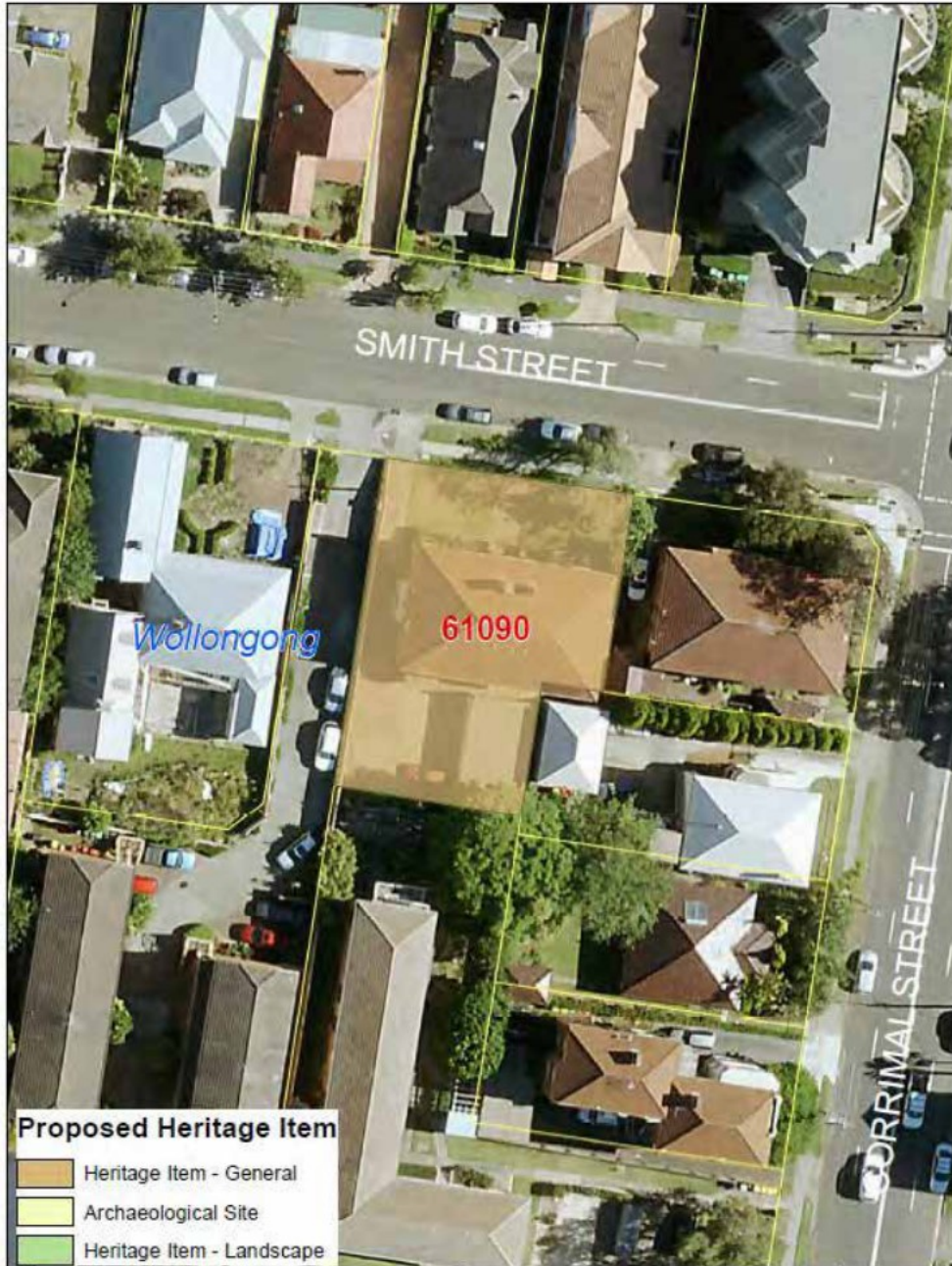
Item Name: "Marlborough" Court		SHI Number: 5063290
Location: 4 Market Place, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Residential Buildings (Private)	Statement of Significance: The residential flat building at 4 Market Place is of significance for Wollongong for its historic and aesthetic values and as a locally representative example of an Inter-war residential flat building with influences of Mediterranean architecture. The building is readily identifiable as part of the historic building stock in the area and is an important element in the streetscape. Its fabric demonstrates development from a period of rapid economic growth in Wollongong gained due to prosperous expansion of local industry, and provides evidence of the emergence of medium-density housing in the period after WWI. The Flats at 4 Market Place provide evidence of the Interwar Period tastes and styles in architecture of collective residences and of the shift towards residential flats during the period as Wollongong's population expanded and a housing shortage began. The aesthetic qualities of this building demonstrate aspirations of the lower middle class and professionals in the first half of the 20th Century. The surviving fabric retains ability to interpret historical themes and the integrity presents as high when viewed from publicly accessible areas.
Category: Block of Flats		
Owner: Private Individual		
Historic Themes: National - Settlement State - Towns, Villages and Suburbs Local – Urban Development		
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	ITEM 61088 "MARLBOROUGH COURT" 4 MARKET PLACE, WOLLONGONG	Drawn By: J Lewis Date: 10/11/20	
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Item 16

Item Name: "Braemar" Flats		SHI Number: 5062997
Location: 29 Smith Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Residential Buildings (Private)	Statement of Significance: The block of flats at 29 Smith Street known as "Braemar" are of significance for the local area for historical, aesthetic and reasons of representativeness. These flats provide evidence of the Interwar Period tastes and styles in architecture and of the movement towards residential flats in response to increasing population in the area and a shortage of available housing. The building's polychromatic brickwork, and subtle art deco detailing, particularly in the stepped brickwork and vertically emphasised window and door features at the entry vestibule, and matching double chimney stacks provide a simple yet striking assembly. The building is a fine and increasingly rare example of a well executed residential flat building in the City Centre. The integrity of fabric presents as high when viewed from publicly accessible areas. This building and its immediate neighbour (No. 27A), provide a pair of interwar residential flats in related but differing architectural styles.
Category: Block of Flats		
Owner: Multiple Owners		
Historic Themes: National - Settlement State - Towns, Suburbs and Villages Local – Urban Development		
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	<p>ITEM 61090 "BRAEMAR" FLATS 29 SMITH STREET, WOLLONGONG</p>	<p>Drawn By: J. Lamb Date: 10.11.20</p>	
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Item 17

Item Name: "Kingston" House		SHI Number: 5062996
Location: 27A Smith Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Residential Building (Private)	Statement of Significance: The Kingston House block of flats at 27A Smith Street is of significance in the local area for historic and aesthetic reasons, as a good representative example of an inter-war residential flats building. This building and its immediate neighbour (No. 27), provide a pair of interwar residential flats in related but differing architectural styles. The polychromatic brickwork and pronounced entry vestibule, along with the scale, setback and proportions of the building relate well with the adjacent "Braemar" building. The surviving fabric retains the ability to interpret historical themes and the integrity of the building fabric presents as high when viewed from publicly accessible areas.
Category: Block of Flats		
Owner: Multiple Owners		
Historic Themes: National - Settlement State - Towns, Villages and Suburbs Local - Urban Development		

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Proposed Heritage Item


- Heritage Item - General
- Archaeological Site
- Heritage Item - Landscape

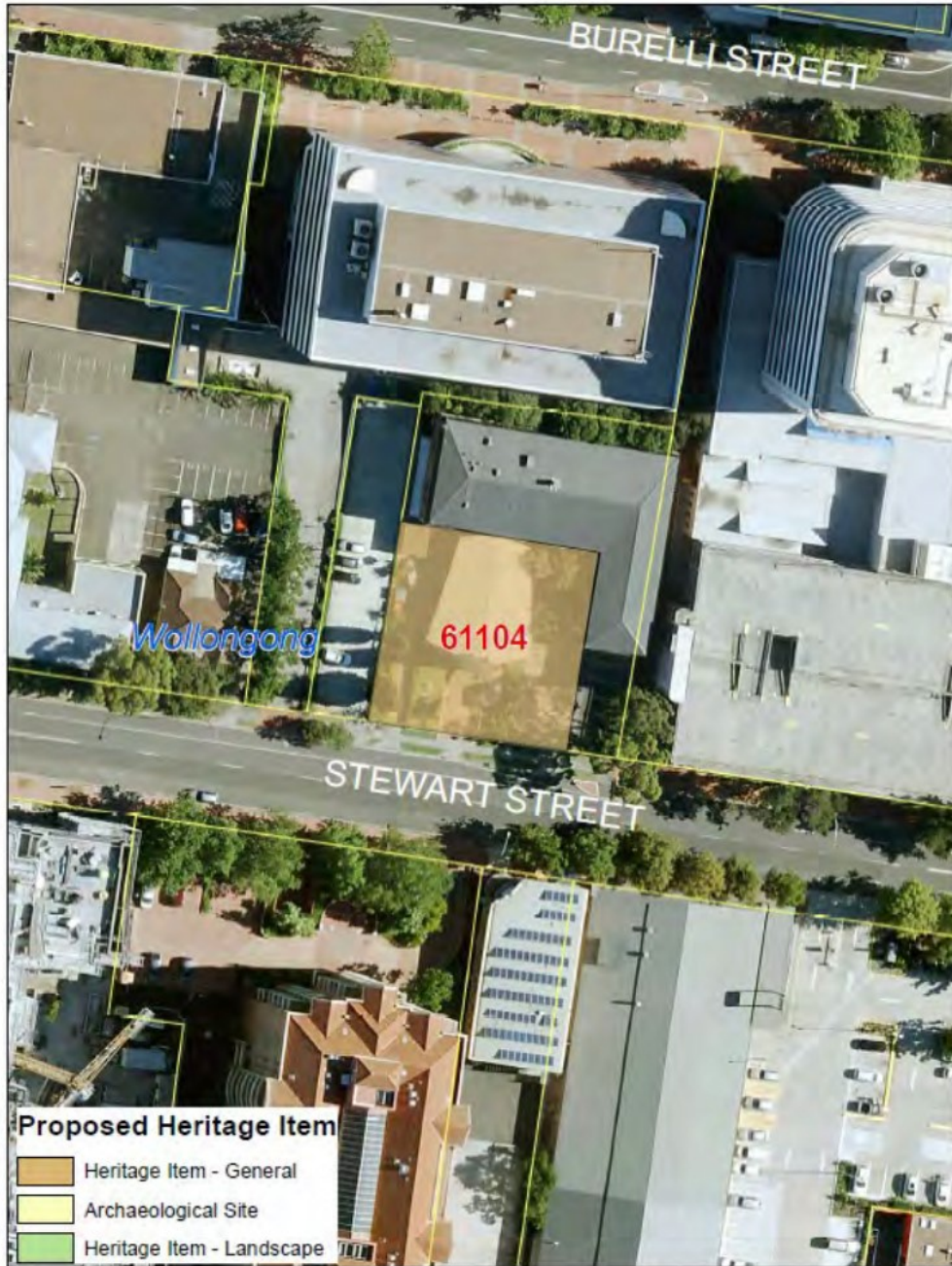


ITEM 61091
"KINGSTON" HOUSE
 27A SMITH STREET, WOLLONGONG

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Item 18

Item Name: Sacred Heart Church, Pious Society of St Charles		SHI Number: 5063019
Location: 28 Stewart Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Religion	Statement of Significance: The Sacred Heart Church, also known as the "Pious Society of St Charles Church", is of significance to the local area for historic, aesthetic and social reasons and for its associations with the local Italian Community. The building is a relatively rare example of Roman Catholic church in the Illawarra built in the 1960s Modernist style of architecture and is representative of churches of that style and date. This church, founded by the Scalabrini Fathers as a war memorial to Italian servicemen and women who lost their lives in the great wars, has great significance to many local Italian migrant families. The building, located in the densely developed urban setting, is a local landmark and demonstrates the influence of migrant communities in the diversification of religious ceremonies and faith in the City. The church is an associated place, in heritage terms, with the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Unanderra which was also founded by the Scalabrini Fathers.
Category: Church		
Owner: Religious Organisation		
Historic Themes: National - Culture State – Religion Local - Observing Religious Practices National – Peopling State – Migration Local – Diversifying the Community		
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Proposed Heritage Item


- Heritage Item - General
- Archaeological Site
- Heritage Item - Landscape



ITEM 61104
PIOUS SOCIETY OF ST CHARLES
28 STEWART STREET, WOLLONGONG

Drawn By: J. Lewis	
Date: 16.11.20	
Date of Aerial Photography: 2018	
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Item 19

Item Name: Seventh Day Adventist Church		SHI Number: 5062924
Location: 30 Victoria Street, Wollongong		Assessed Significance: Local
Item Type: Built	Group: Religion	Statement of Significance: The Seventh Day Adventist Church is of significance for the local area for historical, aesthetic, social and reasons of rarity and representativeness. The church building is a relatively rare example of a face-brick church built during the Second World War, and representative of the churches of that period. The church, designed by Pastor Royal Brandstater, is a fine example of the application of Art Deco styling to a church building, and with some significant variations from the main stream of design in that style. The site is important for the local community that have congregated in the building since 1941 and the building is a local landmark.
Category: Church		
Owner: Religious Organisation		
Historic Themes: National - Culture State - Religion Local – Observing Religious Practices		
Photograph:		
		



Proposed Heritage Item

- Heritage Item - General
- Archaeological Site
- Heritage Item - Landscape



ITEM 61092
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
30 VICTORIA STREET, WOLLONGONG

Drawn By: J Lewis	
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ADVICE

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL – WOLLONGONG LOCAL PLANNING PANEL (WLPP)

DATE OF MEETING	19/3/21
PANEL MEMBERS	Sue Francis, Alison McCabe, Scott Lee

Meeting held on-line hosted by Wollongong City Council, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong on 19/3/21 opened at 1:30pm and closed at 5:00pm.

MATTER

Item 4 - Planning Proposal PP-2020/8 - Wollongong City Centre Heritage Review

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Panel heard from Council officers.

PANEL CONSIDERATION




The Panel considered the Council officer’s report, draft Planning Proposal request and supporting documents, and the material presented at the meeting.

PANEL DECISION

The Panel determined to advice Council that the draft Planning Proposal PP-2020/8 for the Wollongong City Centre Heritage Review has strategic merit and should be progressed.

The Panel gives dues consideration to the Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study, and is generally supportive of the recommendations. However the Panel suggests that the proposed listing of the dwelling houses at 3 and 11 Hercules Street should be revisited given the current controls (zoning, height and FSR) of the area. The Panel is also of the view that the heritage listings should ideally be considered concurrently with draft Wollongong City Centre Planning Proposal, so that the heritage items are consider in the context of the urban framework. In the alternate, the draft Wollongong City Centre Planning Proposal should be revisited to have regard to this Planning Proposal.

The decision was unanimous.

PANEL MEMBERS	
 Sue Francis (Chair)	 Alison McCabe
 Scott Lee	

ITEM 2

PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT WOLLONGONG CITY-WIDE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2021

Development contributions are collected to help fund infrastructure that is required as a direct or indirect result of development. The current adopted Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (2020) (Plan) came into force on 16 November 2020. The Plan is reviewed annually to reflect updates to Councils works program and any other required changes. The revised 2021 Plan incorporates the allocation of new projects.

During the year there has been legislative changes that also affect the Plan, and the revised 2021 Plan has been amended accordingly.

It is recommended that the draft Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (2021) (Attachment 1), be exhibited for community comment.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 The draft Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (2021) (Attachment 1), be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days.
- 2 Following the exhibition period, a report on submissions be prepared for Council's consideration, along with a recommendation regarding adoption.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Chris Stewart, Manager City Strategy

Authorised by: Linda Davis, Director Planning + Environment - Future City + Neighbourhoods

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan 2021

BACKGROUND

Development Contributions

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (Act) establishes various mechanisms through which a Council can collect development contributions.

Under Section 7.12 of the Act, contributions can be collected as 'fixed development consent levies' based on a percentage of the proposed cost of development. Clause 25K of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (Regulation) sets the maximum percentage that can be levied. For the Wollongong City Council Local Government Area (LGA) these are -

Where the proposed cost of carrying out the development is -

- Up to and including \$100,000 – Nil.
- More than \$100,000 and up to and including \$200,000 - 0.5% of that cost.
- More than \$200,001 - 1% of that cost.

For land within the Wollongong City Centre B3 Commercial Core zone -

- Up to and including \$250,000 – Nil.
- More than \$250,001 – 2%.

Contributions are applied towards the provision, extension or augmentation of public infrastructure across the contribution area, or towards the recoupment of these costs.

In February 2021, a new Practice Note for Section 7.12 development contributions was issued by NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. In accordance with Clause 26(1) of the Regulation, the review of the Plan by staff has had regard to this Practice Note.

In February 2021, the Regulation was also amended to incorporate the following -

- Provide more detailed reporting requirements on receipt and expenditure of development contributions. The new reporting requirements will commence on 1 July 2022.
- Make documents and information more readily accessible on Council's website and the NSW Planning Portal.
- Update a reference in Clause 25K, replacing 'Wollongong City Centre Local Environmental Plan 2007' with 'Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009'.

Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan

The Wollongong Section 94A Development Contributions Plan initially came into force on 14 June 2006 when it repealed various Section 94 Contributions Plans. The Plan has been reviewed annually to reflect updates to Council's works program and any other required changes. Projects to be fully or partially funded through the contribution scheme are required to be listed in Schedule 5 and 6 and mapped in Schedule 7 of the Plan.

On 1 March 2018, the Act was amended, including a restructure and all sections were renumbered. Section 94A was renumbered to section 7.12.

On 23 July 2018, Council resolved to rename the plan to the Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (2018). The Plan applies to the majority of the Wollongong City Council LGA, excluding the West Dapto Urban Release Area, where the West Dapto Section 94 Development Contribution Plan (2020) currently applies. The current Plan came into force on 16 November 2020.

PROPOSAL

This report proposes to update the current Plan to reflect Council's Draft Delivery Program 2018-2022 and Operational Plan 2021-2022 endorsed by Council for exhibition on 19 April 2021. Any updates or changes to the delivery program or operational plan will be reflected in the contributions plan prior to adoption. Other amendments include -

- 1 Replacement of the cover page image to assist in distinguishing the new 2021 Plan from the current 2020 version.
- 2 Update of the list of proposed projects including proposed expenditure from the Wollongong City-Wide Contributions account.
- 3 New maps identifying the location of the proposed projects (projects with no specific location are not identified on the maps).
- 4 Update to the list of completed projects and actual expenditure from the Wollongong City-Wide Contributions account. It should be noted that any values for the 2020-21 Financial Year are year-to-date values as of February 2021 and will be updated for the full Financial Year with the adoption of the Plan.
- 5 Amendment of the Ministerial Direction relating to the timing of development contributions payments for identified projects (discussed below under Financial Implications).

Contributions are allocated to a range of new infrastructure projects across 7 categories, as summarised in the following table (summary of schedule 5 of the draft Plan) -

Category	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total	%
Roads and bridges	\$875,000	\$700,000	\$220,000	\$200,000	\$1,995,000	9.1
Footpaths and cycleways	\$1,920,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,110,000	\$0	\$4,930,000	22.6
Car parks	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$900,000	4.1
Non-commercial buildings (e.g. community centres)	\$750,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,400,000	\$2,150,000	\$9,500,000	43.5
Parks, gardens and sports fields	\$2,622,530	\$578,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$4,000,530	18.3
Land acquisition	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,200,000	5.5
Administration	\$121,935	\$125,594	\$129,361	\$133,242	\$510,132	2.3
Total	\$6,489,465	\$6,703,594	\$5,559,361	\$3,083,242	\$21,835,662	100

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The Works Schedule has been updated in consultation with the Infrastructure Strategy and Planning Division to reflect the endorsed draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2021/22). The update of the Plan has been discussed at the internal Development Contributions Coordination Group meetings.

If Council endorses the draft 2021 Plan, it will be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days. Copies will be available on Council's website and at Council's Administration Centre and libraries.

Following the exhibition period, a report on submissions will be prepared for Council's consideration, along with a recommendation regarding adoption.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

The Plan is linked to the Our Wollongong 2028 Community Strategic Plan and also the Draft Delivery Program 2018-2022 and Operational Plan 2021-2022 which was endorsed by Council for exhibition on 19 April 2021. Specifically, the contributions are used to fund or part fund infrastructure projects in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. As the projects listed in the Infrastructure Delivery Program are updated annually, the City-Wide Development Contributions Plan also needs to be updated annually. The Plan does include a 4-year work schedule that provides flexibility for infrastructure projects to either be brought forward or delayed, depending on other issues such as the timing of approvals.

The report contributes to a number of Wollongong 2028 objectives as the Plan is aligned with the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and contributes to the funding required to implement the Delivery Program.

It also delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Land Use Planning Service Plan 2020-21.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Since 2006, Council has allocated \$45.2m of developer contributions to a range of projects, as summarised in the following table (summary of schedule 6 of the draft 2021 Plan) -

Category	Total	%
Roads and Bridges	\$6,190,879	13.7%
Footpaths and Cycleways	\$12,949,043	28.6%
Car parks	\$2,650,270	5.9%

Category	Total	%
Non-commercial buildings	\$14,328,913	31.7%
Parks, Gardens and sports fields	\$5,577,902	12.3%
Land acquisition	\$2,201,500	4.9%
Administration	\$1,380,714	3.1%
Total	\$45,199,221	100.0%

As at 31 March 2021, the net balance of Section 7.12 contributions held by Council was \$25.540 million. This includes \$22.370 million held in the City-Wide restricted account and a balance of \$3.170 million in the City Centre restricted account. The balance has been allowed to grow to enable the funds to be allocated to significant projects and the coming years.

Income is forecast at an average of approximately \$1.2 million per annum, although fluctuates depending on the commencement of development. The proposed Works Schedule for 2021-22 includes approximately \$6.489 million of expenditure, with an additional \$15.346 million over the following three years. Significant projects to be funded (partially or fully) include the Warrawong and Helensburgh Community Centre and Library buildings.

The income and expenditure will continue to be monitored and reviewed as needed in order to respond to current community needs.

On 25 June 2020, a Ministerial Direction was issued stipulating that payment of contributions (including State Infrastructure Contributions) is not required until prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate for development with an estimated construction cost of \$10 million or more. This temporary measure has recently been extended to end on 31st March 2022. This Direction may result in a reduction in contribution income in the short term.

CONCLUSION

The Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan is an important mechanism to assist with funding public infrastructure within the City. This report recommends that the existing Plan be updated to reflect changes in legislation and Council's Capital Works Program, as well as other minor amendments.

It is recommended that the draft Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (2021) (Attachment 1) be exhibited for community comment.



WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT WOLLONGONG CITY-WIDE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

2021



Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (~~2020~~2021)

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18	16 September 2013	In force (2013 version)	DH	DH	DG	DG
19	9 September 2014	Draft for exhibition (2014 version)	DG	DG	DG	DG
20	3 November 2014	In force (2014 version)	DG	DG	DG	DG
21	10 July 2015	Draft for exhibition (2015 version)	MH	MH	DG	DG
22	26 October 2015	In force (2015 version)	MH	MH	DG	DG
23	06 October 2016	Draft for Exhibition (2016 version)	BL	MH	DG	DG
24	19 December 2016	In force (2016 version)	BL	MH	DG	DG
25	8 May 2017	Draft for Exhibition (2017 version)	MB	MB	MH	DG
26	26 July 2017	In force (2017 version)	JP	MB	MB	DG
27	7 May 2018	Draft for exhibition (2018 version)	MB	MB	DG	DG
28	28 July 2018	In force (2018 version)	MB	MB	SH	DG
29	12 August 2019	Draft for exhibition (2019 version)	SH	SH	DG	DG
30	23 November 2019	In force (2019 version)	SH	SH	DG	DG
31	20 July 2020	Draft for exhibition (2020 version)	SH	SH	DG	DG
32	16 November 2020	In force (2020 version)	SH	SH	DG	DG
33	DATE	Draft for Exhibition (2021 version)	SH	SH	DG	DG

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Part A - Schedules

1. Schedule 1 – City-Wide levy rates

In accordance with clause 25K(1)(a) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EP&A Regulation), the rate of the levy for development carried out on land to which this Plan applies (excluding Wollongong City Centre Commercial Core - see Schedule 2) is calculated as follows:

Proposed cost of carrying out development (Determined in accordance with Clause 18 of this Plan)	Levy Rate
Up to and including \$100,000	Nil
More than \$100,000 and up to and including \$200,000	0.5%
More than \$200,000	1%

2. Schedule 2 - Wollongong City Centre Commercial Core levy rates

In accordance with clause 25K(1)(b) of the EP&A Regulation, the rate of the levy for development carried out on land within the B3 Commercial Core zone in the Wollongong City Centre, as shown at Figure 2, is calculated as follows:

Proposed cost of carrying out development (Determined in accordance with Clause 18 of this Plan)	Levy Rate
Up to and including \$250,000	Nil
More than \$250,000	2%

This contribution provides funding towards the Special City projects originally nominated in the Civic Improvements Plan (2009) for the Wollongong City Centre, reproduced below. The timing of the implementation of the projects will be determined through Councils Management Plan process as funding permits, and then detailed in Part D Schedule 5.

Item	Cost Estimate (2009)
Crown Street Upgrade	\$14,200,000
City Beach Waterfront Improvements	\$11,000,000
Civic Precinct Revitalisation	\$21,000,000
MacCabe Park Landscape Improvements	\$12,000,000
Bus Transport Initiatives	\$20,000,000
Traffic Management Works	\$2,000,000
City Centre Car Park	\$8,000,000
Total	\$88,200,000

Note: The Civic Improvement Plan was retired in 2016 as a policy document

In 2010 Wollongong Council commenced a CBD revitalisation program of streetscapes and public domain areas. Major projects completed since include:

- Keira Street – Crown Street to Smith Street
- Crown Street Mall – Kembla Street to Keira Street
- Market Street – Keira Street to Young Street
- Crown Street West – Atchison Street to Railway Parade

In addition, traffic signals have been installed to improve pedestrian activity and safety at:

- Intersection of Auburn & Burelli Streets
- Intersection of Victoria and Keira Streets
- Intersection of Kenny and Burelli Streets

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3. Schedule 3 – Works schedule summary

Category/Asset Class	Actual Contribution Expenditure 2006/07 to 2019/2020/21 YTD*	Proposed Contribution Expenditure 2020/21/2021/22 to 2023/24/2024/25	Total Contribution Expenditure 2006/07 to 2023/24/2024/25
Roads and bridges	\$5,898,764\$6,190,879	\$1,430,000\$1,995,000	\$7,328,764\$8,185,879
Footpaths and cycleways	\$12,349,415\$12,949,043	\$5,617,000\$4,930,000	\$17,966,415\$17,879,043
Car parks	\$2,450,270\$2,650,270	\$700,000\$900,000	\$3,150,000\$3,550,270
Community buildings	\$14,055,419\$14,328,913	\$5,800,000\$9,500,000	\$19,855,419\$23,828,913
Parks, gardens and sportsfields	\$5,542,813\$5,577,902	\$3,054,000\$4,000,530	\$8,596,813\$9,578,432
Land acquisitions	\$2,201,500	\$1,000,000\$1,200,000	\$3,201,500\$3,401,500
Administration	\$1,302,548\$1,380,714	\$475,000\$510,132	\$1,777,548\$1,890,846
Total	\$43,660,681\$45,199,221	\$18,076,000\$21,835,662	\$61,736,681\$67,034,881

For further details refer to Part D Schedule 5 and 6 – Detailed Works Schedules.

Part B – Expected Development and Demand for Public Facilities

4. Expected Development and Demand for Public Facilities

This part broadly discusses the relationship between the expected types of development in the Council's area and the demand for additional public amenities and services to meet that development. That relationship is established through current demographic information.

The expected types of development include but are not limited to:

- Alterations and additions to existing development;
- Dwellings of all forms;
- Commercial development located primarily in commercial precincts;
- Industrial development;
- Subdivisions; and
- Mixed use development.

The relationship between expected development and the demand for public facilities is established through:

- The population projections undertaken by informed decisions (.id), adopted from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) information and other factors, indicate that continued population growth in Wollongong is expected. A projected population of 233,141 is expected by 2026 and 254,805 by 2036.
- Accelerating housing costs in metropolitan Sydney contribute to certain pressures in Wollongong, particularly new housing developments, which will largely impact the future needs of the region.
- The likely population growth will diminish the enjoyment and standard of public facilities for the existing population unless additional facilities are provided to meet the additional demand.
- The likely growth will require the provision of additional public facilities to meet additional demands.

Wollongong City Council wants to ensure that it has a sustainable local government area, safeguarding the economic, social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of present and future generations. These levies will assist

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Council to provide high quality and diverse public facilities to meet the expectations of the existing and new residents of Wollongong City Council.

The additional public facilities to be provided to meet the expected future development are set out in Part D Schedule 5 and 6.

The demand for facilities within the Wollongong City Centre is based on the growth and development projected for the Wollongong City Centre in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Growth Plan 2015 and A City for People 2016. In particular, this includes the total developable floor space allowed under the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 and Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009.

Part C – Administration and Operation of the Plan

5. What is the name of this Contributions Plan?

This Plan is called the “Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (20202021)” (the Plan) and replaces the Wollongong Section 94A Development Contributions Plan (20192020).

This Plan levies contributions under Section 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

6. Where does this Plan apply?

This Plan applies to all land within the local government area of Wollongong City Council excluding the West Dapto Urban Release Area, as shown at Figure 1.

7. What is the purpose of this Plan?

The purpose of this Plan is to:

- To enable the imposition of a condition on certain development consents and complying development certificates requiring the payment of a contribution pursuant to Section 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).
- Authorise Council, and accredited certifier or other consent authority to impose conditions requiring contributions under Section 7.12 of the EP&A Act when determining an application on land to which this Plan applies;
- Assist the Council to provide the appropriate public facilities which are required to maintain and enhance amenity and service delivery within the area.
- Publicly identify the purposes for which the levies are required.

8. When does this development contributions Plan commence?

This Plan takes effect from the date on which public notice was published, pursuant to clause 31(4) of the EP&A Regulation.

This City-Wide Development Contributions Plan 2020 was adopted by Council at its Meeting of 16 November 2020 and came into force on 20 November 2020.

9. Relationship with other development contribution Plans

This plan repeals the following contributions plan:

- Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (20192020 version)

Previous iterations of contributions plans that applied to all or part of the land to which this plan applies which have been repealed are:

- Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (2019 version)
- Wollongong Section 94A Contributions Plan (2018 version)
- Wollongong Section 94A Contributions Plan (2017 version)
- Wollongong Section 94A Contributions Plan (2016 version)
- Wollongong Section 94A Contributions Plan (2015 version)

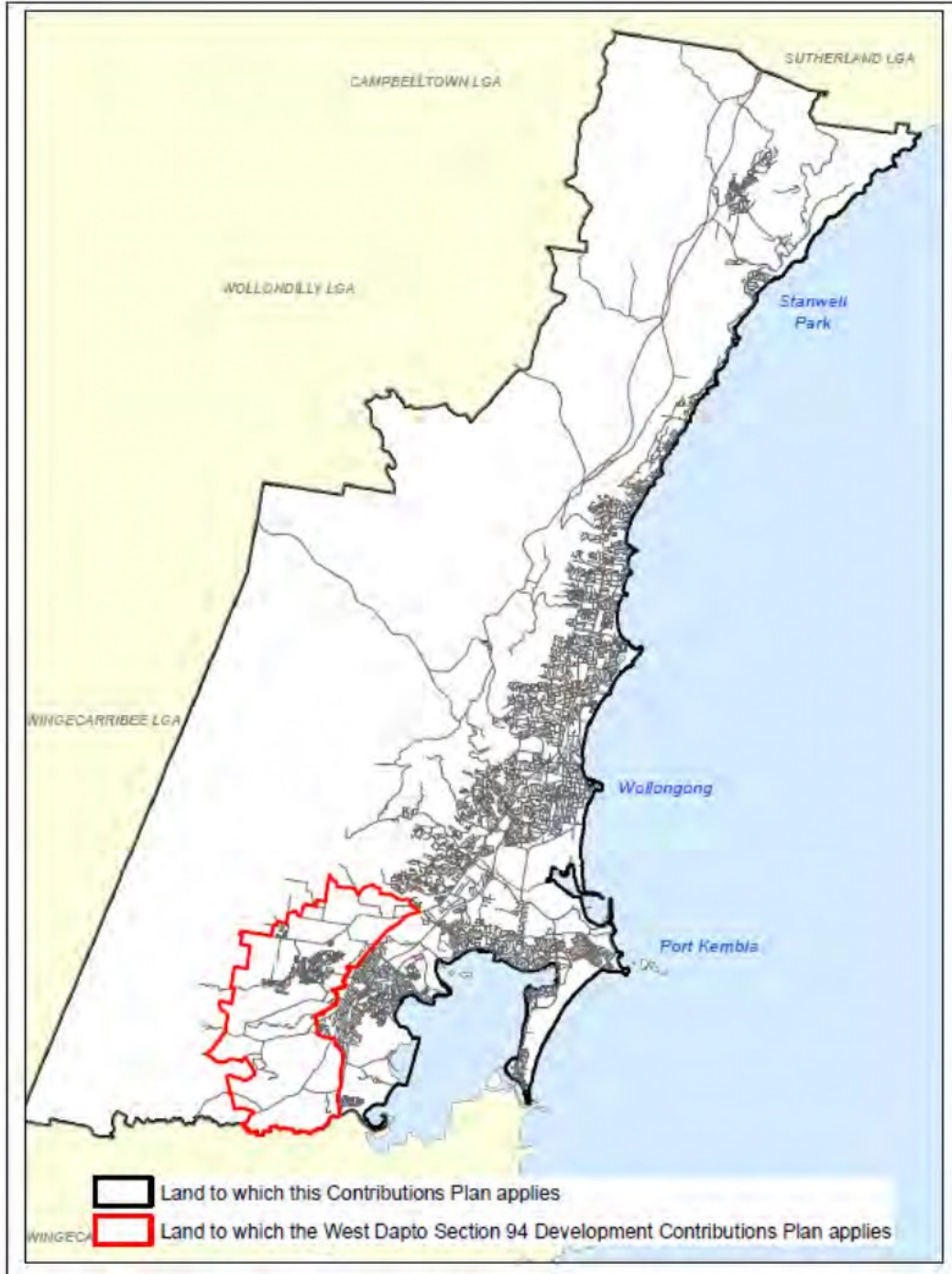
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- Wollongong Section 94A Contributions Plan (2014 version)
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- Wollongong Section 94A Contributions Plan (2006 version) – this plan repealed the following Section 94 plans:
 - CP No 1 Open Space Embellishment, Recreation Facilities, Community Facilities;
 - Amendment to CP No 1 Open Space;
 - CP No 2 Traffic Management & Road Works in City of Wollongong;
 - CP No 3 Car Parking in the City of Wollongong;
 - CP No 4 Studies & Administration;
 - CP No 6 Car Parking in Area between Fairy Creek & Georges Plan Nth Wollongong;
 - CP No 7 Open Space Dedication (Nth Side Kanahooka Road);
 - CP No 8 Roundabout at the intersection of Unara Road, Yalunga Street & Princes Highway, Dapto;
 - CP No 9 Mount Brown Local Area Traffic Management Scheme;
 - CP No 10 Bank Street (Road Works & Intersection Upgrade);
 - CP No 11 Bank Street (Car Parking Facility between Bank & Stewart Streets);
 - CP No 12 Sandon Point Section 94 Land Acquisition; and
 - CP No 13 Library Resources.

Any other Section 7.11 or Section 7.12 contributions plans that are not repealed continue to apply to all areas and development to which they are stated to apply.

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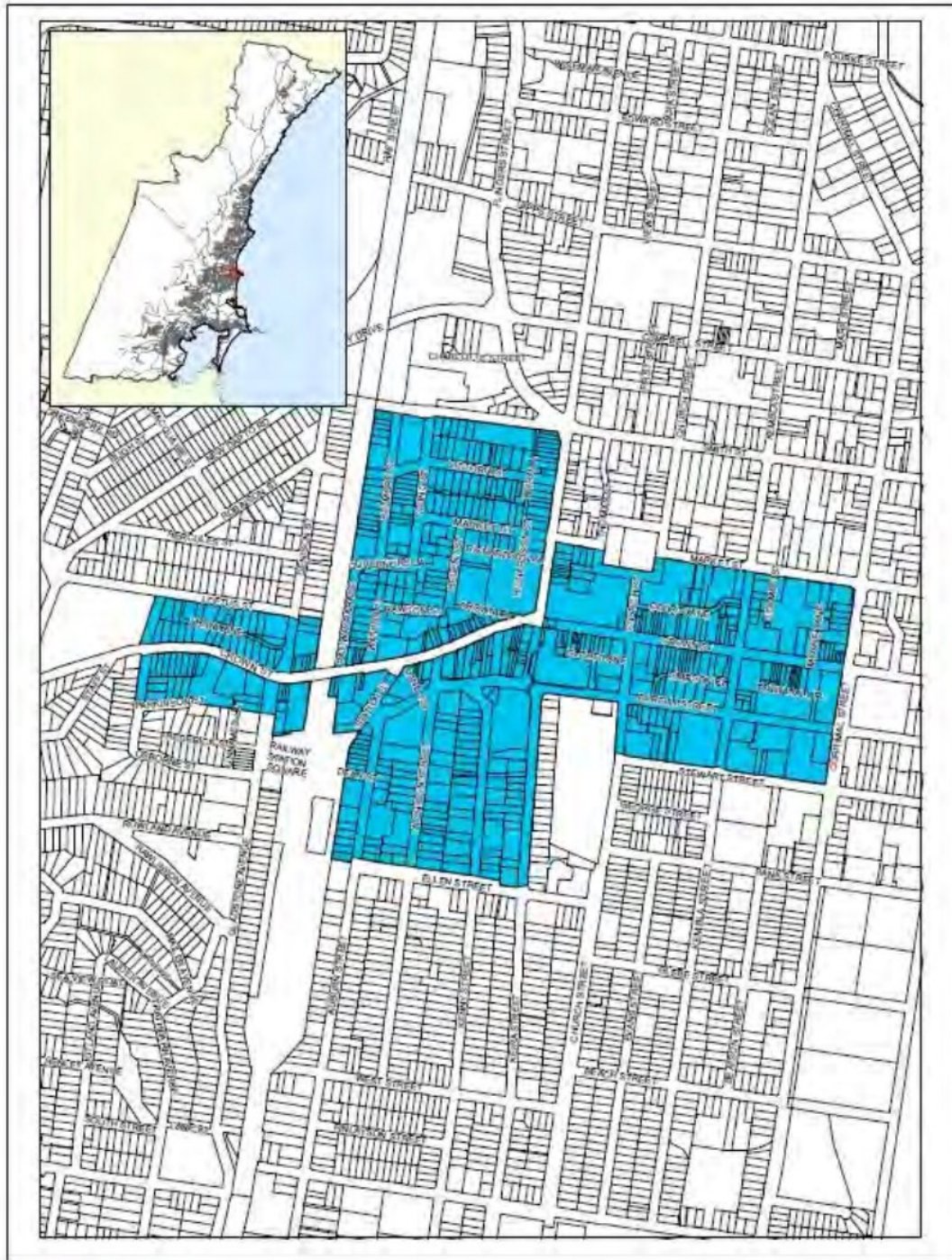
Figure 1 Land to which this Contributions Plan applies





	Wollongong Development Contribution Areas	Drawn By: J Larkin Date: 19.03.18
	File ref: Wollongong S409A 18.02.18.mxd	

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Figure 2 Land within the Wollongong City Centre Commercial Core



	<p>Wollongong Contribution Area City Centre Commercial Core - B3</p>	<p>Drawn By: J Lewis</p> <p>Date: 26.03.18</p>	
		<p>LUP ref: WDC Commercial Core 2018.03.18.mod</p> <p>0 100 200 300 400</p> <p>Meters</p>	

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10. What does Section 7.12 of the EP&A Act provide?

Section 7.12 of the EP&A Act provides as follows:

7.12 Fixed development consent levies

- (1) A consent authority may impose, as a condition of development consent, a requirement that the applicant pay a levy of the percentage, authorised by a contributions plan, of the proposed cost of carrying out the development.
- (2) A consent authority cannot impose as a condition of the same development consent a condition under this section as well as a condition under section 7.11.
- (2A) A consent authority cannot impose a condition under this section in relation to development on land within a special contributions area without the approval of:
 - (a) the Minister, or
 - (b) a development corporation designated by the Minister to give approvals under this subsection
- (3) Money required to be paid by a condition imposed under this section is to be applied towards the provision, extension or augmentation of public amenities or public services (or towards recouping the cost of their provision, extension or augmentation). The application of the money is subject to any relevant provisions of the contributions plan.
- (4) A condition imposed under this section is not invalid by reason only that there is no connection between the development the subject of the development consent and the object of expenditure of any money required to be paid by the condition.
- (5) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to levies under this section, including:
 - (a) the means by which the proposed cost of carrying out development is to be estimated or determined, and
 - (b) the maximum percentage of a levy.

11. Council may require payment of the levy as a condition of development consent

This Plan enables the Council to grant consent to development to which this Plan applies subject to a condition requiring the applicant to pay to the Council a levy calculated as per clause 12.

12. How will the levy be calculated

The levy will be determined on the basis of the rate as set out in Part A Schedule 1 City Wide Section 7.12 Levy Rates and Schedule 2 – Wollongong City Centre Commercial Core Section 7.12 Levy Rates. The levy will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Levy payable} = \%C \times \$C$$

Where:

%C is the levy rate applicable

\$C is the proposed cost of carrying out development as determined in accordance with clause 18.

13. Development to which this Plan applies

This Plan applies to all applications for development consent and complying development certificates required to be made by or under Part 4 of the EP&A Act in respect of development on land to which this Plan applies.

14. Section 7.17 Directions

Any current and relevant Direction issued by the NSW Minister for Planning under Section 7.17 of the EP&A Act will prevail over the provisions of this Plan. Current Section 7.17 Directions relative to this Plan include:

- If a development contribution under section 94 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* has been required in respect of the subdivision of land (initial subdivision), a levy under section 94A of that Act

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may not be required in respect of any other development on the land, unless that other development will, or is likely to, increase the demand for public amenities or public services beyond the increase in demand attributable to the initial subdivision. (14/04/2016)

- A condition may not be imposed under section 94A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in relation to development on land within the Port Kembla Lease Area, as mapped in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Port Botany and Port Kembla) 2013*. (6/12/13)
- A contribution cannot be imposed on development for the purposes of any form of seniors housing as defined in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004* (formerly the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Seniors Living) 2004*) where the development consent is granted to a social housing provider as defined in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004*. (14/9/07)
- Development contributions on Development Applications (excluding subdivisions) over \$10 million are required to be paid prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, not a Construction Certificate. Council is to issue statements confirming payment. Valid until ~~25 March 2021~~ **30 March 2022** unless amended. (25/06/2020)

Further details on current Section 7.17 Directions can be found at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.

15. Are there any exemptions to the levy?

Council may allow for exemptions (partial or full) in the following circumstances. For an exemption to be considered based on clause 15 (a) to (h), the written application should clearly state which exemption criteria is expected to ensure it is considered and provide all relevant supporting information.

- a. An application by the Council for community infrastructure, such as but not limited to libraries, community facilities, child care facilities, recreational facilities or car parks.
- b. An application by the NSW Government for public infrastructure, such as but not limited to hospitals, police stations, fire stations, education facilities (primary and secondary) and public transport infrastructure.
- c. An application for the continued operation of a coal mine, where rail transport is used for the transportation of coal.
- d. An application for place of public worship.
- e. An application for a residential care facility carried out under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004*.
- f. An application for an industrial training facility.

The following exemption requests (partial or full) will require a comprehensive written submission:

- g. An application on behalf of Council for community infrastructure, such as but not limited to libraries, community facilities, child care facilities, recreational areas or facilities and car parks.
- h. An application on behalf of the NSW Government for public infrastructure, such as but not limited to hospitals, police stations, fire stations; education facilities (primary and secondary) and public transport infrastructure.
- i. An application for privately funded community infrastructure, such as but not limited to education facilities (primary and secondary) and private hospitals.
- j. Any other development for which Council considers an exemption is warranted, where the decision is made by formal resolution of the Council at a public Council meeting.
- k. An application by or on behalf of a tertiary education provider:
 - (i) Full exemption may be allowed for facilities that are directly required by the main function of the educational facility, such as – classrooms, lecture theatre, training facility, administrative office, research facility.

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- (ii) Partial (50%) exemption may be allowed for developments that are not directly required by the main function of the educational facility but will provide support to its main function, such as student accommodation, car park, sports facility, playgrounds, food-court, display facility, function centre, convention hall, auditorium, community centre.
- (iii) Nil exemption for developments that are not directly required to the main function of the educational facility and/or have potential to create additional demand for public services and amenities. Development such as but not limited to – shops, supermarket, shopping centre, office for lease, business park, commercial centre, child care centre, entertainment facility.

Submission Requirements for an exemption claim to be considered

For an exemption to be considered in accordance with clause 15 (g) to (k) above, the application will need to include a comprehensive written submission arguing the case for exemption and including details of:

- Under which sub-clause the exemption claimed is to be considered.
- The mechanism ensuring that such development will remain in the form proposed in the future (i.e. Not to increase future demand on public amenities and services), NB: where a further development application or application for complying development under the EP&A Act is required for any change to the development no mechanism is necessary, however if a change of use is available by way of exempt development then the requirement for a mechanism remains.
- Other items if applicable:
 - How the development will incorporate the maintenance of the item of heritage significance.
 - How the development will contribute to the public benefit of the community.
 - Works in the public domain included in the development.
 - How the residents/users will utilise existing private facilities attached to the development that replicate those types provided by Council.
 - Advice indicating that the application is on behalf of Council or the NSW Government.

Exemptions (partial or full) listed under clause 15 (g) to (k) will only to be granted with approval of the Council Officer(s) whose position(s) holds the required Council delegations or in terms of clause 15(j) by formal resolution of the Council at a public Council meeting.

16. Complying Development Certificates and the obligations of accredited certifiers

In accordance with sections 4.28(9) and 7.21 of the EP&A Act and clause 136K of the EP&A Regulation, applications for a complying development certificate are also subject to the provisions of this Plan, and the Certifier (whether Council or an Accredited Certifier) must impose a condition requiring the payment of a Section 7.12 contribution in accordance with the requirements of this Plan.

The condition must include the contribution amount calculated in accordance with this Plan and require payment before any building or subdivision work authorised by the certificate commences. Further information on how to calculate and condition contributions is available on Councils website and from Council. The following template condition should be used:

Development Contributions

Pursuant to Section 4.28(9) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan (2020), a monetary contribution of \$[INSERT AMOUNT], subject to indexation, must be paid to Wollongong City Council before any building or subdivision work authorised by this certificate commences.

As the contribution amount is subject to indexation until the date of payment, contact Council for the current indexed amount prior to payment. The contribution can be paid online at <http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/applicationpayments> (contact Council for the payment reference number) or by cash, EFTPOS or bank cheque at 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong.

In accordance with clause 27(1A) of the EP&A Regulation, the Certifier must ensure that the contribution has been fully paid before any building or subdivision work authorised by the certificate commences and submit receipt(s) confirming full payment with the complying development certificate.

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17. Construction certificates and the obligations of accredited certifiers

In accordance with clause 146(b) of the EP&A Regulation, a Certifier must not issue a construction certificate for building or subdivision work where the development consent imposes a condition in accordance with this Plan, unless the condition has been complied with.

In accordance with clause 142(2) of the EP&A Regulation, the Certifier must ensure that copies of receipt(s) confirming that contributions have been fully paid are provided to the Council.

18. How is the proposed cost of carrying out development determined?

Clause 25J of the EP&A Regulation sets out how the proposed cost of carrying out development is to be determined. That clause provides as follows:

25J Section 7.12 levy—determination of proposed cost of development

- (1) The proposed cost of carrying out development is to be determined by the consent authority, for the purpose of a section 7.12 levy, by adding up all the costs and expenses that have been or are to be incurred by the applicant in carrying out the development, including the following:
 - (a) if the development involves the erection of a building, or the carrying out of engineering or construction work—the costs of or incidental to erecting the building, or carrying out the work, including the costs (if any) of and incidental to demolition, excavation and site preparation, decontamination or remediation,
 - (b) if the development involves a change of use of land—the costs of or incidental to doing anything necessary to enable the use of the land to be changed,
 - (c) if the development involves the subdivision of land—the costs of or incidental to preparing, executing and registering the plan of subdivision and any related covenants, easements or other rights.
- (2) For the purpose of determining the proposed cost of carrying out development, a consent authority may have regard to an estimate of the proposed cost of carrying out the development prepared by a person, or a person of a class, approved by the consent authority to provide such estimates
- (3) The following costs and expenses are not to be included in any estimate or determination of the proposed cost of carrying out development:
 - (a) the cost of the land on which the development is to be carried out,
 - (b) the costs of any repairs to any building or works on the land that are to be retained in connection with the development,
 - (c) the costs associated with marketing or financing the development (including interest on any loans),
 - (d) the costs associated with legal work carried out or to be carried out in connection with the development,
 - (e) project management costs associated with the development,
 - (f) the cost of building insurance in respect of the development,
 - (g) the costs of fittings and furnishings, including any refitting or refurbishing, associated with the development (except where the development involves an enlargement, expansion or intensification of a current use of land),
 - (h) the costs of commercial stock inventory,
 - (i) any taxes, levies or charges (other than GST) paid or payable in connection with the development by or under any law.
 - (j) the costs of enabling access by disabled persons in respect of the development,
 - (k) the costs of energy and water efficiency measures associated with the development,
 - (l) the cost of any development that is provided as affordable housing,
 - (m) the costs of any development that is the adaptive reuse of a heritage item.
- (4) The proposed cost of carrying out development may be adjusted before payment, in accordance with a contributions plan, to reflect quarterly or annual variations to readily accessible index figures adopted by the plan (such as a Consumer Price Index) between the date the proposed cost was determined by the consent authority and the date the levy is required to be paid.
- (5) To avoid doubt, nothing in this clause affects the determination of the fee payable for a development application.

19. Cost estimate reports

An application for a development application or a complying development certificate is to be accompanied by a report, prepared at the applicant's cost and in accordance with this clause, setting out an estimate of the proposed cost of carrying out the development for the purposes of clause 25J of the EP&A Regulation, per clause 18 above. Where a separate cost estimate is not provided, the estimated cost of development as provided on the development

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application will be used to calculate the contribution.

The following types of report are required:

- where the estimate of the proposed cost of carrying out the development is less than \$10,000,000 - a suitable cost estimate prepared by a person who, in the opinion of the Council, is suitably qualified. This includes a licensed builder, registered architect, qualified and accredited building designer, registered quantity surveyor or a person who is licensed with relevant qualifications and proven experience in costing of similar development works, but who is not the owner or applicant;
- where the estimate of the proposed cost of carrying out the development is \$10,000,000 or more - a detailed cost report in accordance with Part D Schedule 4 prepared by a quantity surveyor who is a registered member of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors.

Applicants will be required to declare upon signing of application for development/building work that the cost of carrying out development as evidenced by their submitted estimate has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Plan, in particular clause 18.

Upon reviewing a cost estimate, the Council may require a further estimate to be provided by a registered quantity surveyor at the applicant's cost. The Council may, at the applicant's cost, engage a person referred to in this clause to review a report submitted by an applicant in accordance with this clause.

20. How will the Council apply money obtained from the levy?

Money paid to the Council under a condition authorised by this Plan is to be applied by the Council towards meeting the cost of the public facilities that will be or have been provided within the area as listed in Part D Schedule 5 and 6.

21. What are the funding priorities from levies authorised by this Plan?

Subject to section 7.3(2) of the EP&A Act and clauses 19 and 22 of this Plan, the public facilities listed in Part D Schedule 5 are to be provided in accordance with the staging set out in that Schedule.

22. Pooling of levies

For the purposes of section 7.3(2) of the EP&A Act, this Plan authorises money obtained from levies paid in respect of different developments to be pooled and applied by the Council progressively towards the public facilities listed in Part D Schedule 5 in accordance with the staging set out in that Schedule.

23. The Goods and Services Tax (GST)

At the time this Plan was made, the position of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) was that the payment of development contributions made under the EP&A Act is exempt from the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Items in the works schedule of this Plan have been calculated without any GST component.

24. When is the levy payable?

A levy to be paid by a condition authorised by this Plan must be paid to the Council in accordance with the following requirements:

- A Development Application involving construction – prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate;
- A Development Application involving subdivision – prior to the issue of the Subdivision Certificate;
- A Development Application involving construction and subdivision (ie dual occupancies) – prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate;
- A Complying Development Certificate Application – before any work authorised by the certificate commences.

Where the development is phased the condition may allow for the levy to be paid at relevant phases.

25. Can deferred or periodic payments of levies be made?

Deferred or periodic payments may be permitted in the following circumstances:

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- Deferred or periodic payment of the contribution will not prejudice the timing or the manner of the provision of public facilities included in the works program;
- In other circumstances considered reasonable by Council.

For a deferred or periodic payment to be considered, the applicant must satisfy to Council that:

- There are valid reasons for deferred or periodic payment;
- No prejudice will be caused to the community deriving benefit from the services being provided under this Plan;
- No prejudice will be caused to the efficiency and operation of this Plan.

If Council does decide to accept deferred or periodic payment, Council may require the applicant to provide a bank guarantee for the full amount of the contribution or the outstanding balance on condition that:

- a) The bank guarantee be issued by a bank for the amount of the total contribution, or the amount of the outstanding contribution, plus an amount equal to thirteen (13) months interest.
- b) Any charges associated with establishing or operating the bank security are payable by the applicant.
- c) The bank guarantee must carry specific wording identifying the exact obligation to which it relates (i.e. section 7.12 development contributions for development of Lot x DP xxx under Development Consent No. xxx)
- d) The bank unconditionally pays the guaranteed sum to the Council if the Council so demands in writing not earlier than 12 months from the provision of the guarantee or completion of the work.
- e) The bank must pay the guaranteed sum without reference to the applicant or landowner or other person who provided the guarantee, and without regard to any dispute, controversy, issue or other matter relating to the development consent or the carrying out of development.
- f) The bank's obligations are discharged when payment to the Council is made in accordance with this guarantee or when Council notifies the bank in writing that the guarantee is no longer required.
- g) Where a bank guarantee has been deposited with Council, the guarantee shall not be cancelled until such time as the original contribution and accrued interest are paid.

Deferred or periodic payments may be permitted, in accordance with the above requirements, only with approval of the Council Officer(s) whose position(s) holds the required Council delegations.

26. Planning Agreements

Section 7.4 of the EP&A Act states that a planning agreement is a voluntary agreement between a planning authority and a developer, under which the developer agrees to make contributions towards a public purpose. This may include the dedication of land, a monetary contribution, any other material public benefit or a combination of these. A planning agreement may exclude the application of Section 7.12 to the entire development or to part of the development that is subject to the agreement.

The provisions of Sections 7.4 to 7.10 of the EP&A Act and clauses 25B to 25H of the EP&A Regulation prescribe the contents, form, subject matter and procedures for making planning agreements.

Further information can be found in Council's Planning Agreements Policy.

27. How will the levy be adjusted?

As the date of the consent may vary to the actual time of payment of the contribution, clause 25(4) of the EP&A Regulation allows Council to adjust the contribution to reflect current between the date of the consent and the time of payment. Contributions required as a condition of consent under the provisions of this Plan will be indexed quarterly in accordance with movements in the Consumer Price Index; All Groups CPI; issued by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS Series ID A2325806K).

The following formula for indexing contributions is to be used:

$$\text{Contribution at time of payment} = \$C \times (CP2/CP1)$$

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Where:

\$C is the original contribution as set out in the consent

CP1 is the Consumer Price Index; All Groups CPI; Sydney at the time the consent was issued

CP2 is the Consumer Price Index; All Groups CPI; Sydney at the time of payment

In the event that the current index is lower than the index for the previous quarter, no adjustment will be made.

28. Savings and Transitional Arrangements

A development application or complying development certificate application which has been submitted prior to the adoption of this Plan but not determined shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this Plan.

29. Are refunds for payments of levies possible?

For a refund of levy payments to be considered, the applicant/landowner must:

- Submit a written request to Council;
- As a part of the request, demonstrate that the development that is the subject of the consent has not been commenced;
- Submit the request for a refund within 12 months of the payment;
- Formally surrender the consent that applied the levy;

In other circumstances considered reasonable by Council at its sole and unfettered discretion, where a formal request is made, part or full refunds may be provided.

Part D – References

30. What definitions apply?

In this Plan, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires the following definitions apply:

- **ABS** means the Australian Bureau of Statistics
- **EP&A Act** means the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- **EP&A Regulation** means the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
- **Council** means Wollongong City Council
- **Levy** means a levy under section 7.12 of the EP&A Act authorised by this Plan
- **Plan** means this Wollongong City-Wide Development Contributions Plan
- **Public facility and Public Infrastructure** means a public amenity or public service

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31. Schedule 4 – Detailed Cost Report

The following is an extract of the NSW Department of Planning's Development Contributions Practice Note – 2005.

Registered* Quantity Surveyor's Detailed Cost Report
[Development Cost in excess of \$10,000,000]
*A member of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION No. _____ REFERENCE: _____
CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE No. _____ DATE: _____

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: _____
DEVELOPMENT NAME: _____
DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS: _____

DEVELOPMENT DETAILS:

Gross Floor Area – Commercial	m ²	Gross Floor Area – Other	m ²
Gross Floor Area – Residential	m ²	Total Gross Floor Area	m ²
Gross Floor Area – Retail	m ²	Total Site Area	m ²
Gross Floor Area – Car Parking	m ²	Total Car Parking Spaces	
Total Development Cost	\$		
Total Construction Cost	\$		
Total GST	\$		

ESTIMATE DETAILS:

Professional Fees	\$	Excavation	\$
% of Development Cost	%	Cost per square metre of site area	\$/m ²
% of Construction Cost	%	Car Park	\$
Demolition and Site Preparation	\$	Cost per square metre of site area	\$/m ²
Cost per square metre of site area	\$/m ²	Cost per space	\$/space
Construction – Commercial	\$	Fit-out – Commercial	\$
Cost per square metre of site area	\$/m ²	Cost per m ² of commercial area	\$/m ²
Construction – Residential	\$	Fit-out – Residential	\$
Cost per square metre of residential area	\$/m ²	Cost per m ² of residential area	\$/m ²
Construction – Retail	\$	Fit-out – Retail	\$
Cost per square metre of retail area	\$/m ²	Cost per m ² of retail area	\$/m ²

I certify that I have:

- Inspected the plans the subject of the application for development consent or construction certificate
- Prepared and attached an elemental estimate generally prepared in accordance with the Australian Cost Management Manuals from the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors
- Calculated the development costs in accordance with the definition of development costs in the section 94A Development Contributions Plan of the Council of the City of Wollongong at current prices
- Included GST in the calculation of development cost
- Measured gross floor areas in accordance with the Method of Measurement of Building Area in the AIQS Cost Management Manual Volume 1, Appendix A2

Signed: _____
Name: _____
Position and Qualifications: _____
Date: _____

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32. Schedule 5 – Detailed Works Schedule – Projects proposed to utilise Section 7.12 funds

The Capital Works Program that Council delivers is funded from a mix of budget sources, including contributions collected from this Plan. Section 7.12 Contributions will be allocated to projects through the annual budget preparation process based on this schedule, and will be subject to refinement until the project delivery stage. This may include the review of projects and/or budget allocations as part of the monthly budget review process that is reported to and endorsed by Council. Section 7.12 Contributions currently allocated to future projects are shown in the table below:

Map No.	Project Number	Project	Location	Section 7.12 Forecast Funding Allocation				
				2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
		Roads and Bridges						
15	127956	Cordeaux Rd - Princes Hwy Roundabout Upgrade	Figtree	\$50,000				\$50,000
5	125125	Corrimal Memorial Park Fencing	Corrimal		\$100,000			\$100,000
10, 11	125132	Keira Village Park Fencing	Mount Keira		\$100,000			\$100,000
20	125126	Lakelands Oval Drainage	Dapto		\$100,000			\$100,000
17	127520	Flagstaff Rd/Tern Pl - Roundabout	Berkeley	\$150,000				\$150,000
18	127948	King St/Greene St/Montgomery St	Warrawong	\$50,000	\$300,000	\$120,000		\$470,000
6	127515	Murray Rd Pedestrian Crossing Facility at Carrol Rd	East Corrimal	\$25,000				\$25,000
3	127952	Phillips St near Ryan's Hotel Pedestrian Facility	Thirroul	\$150,000				\$150,000
20	127949	Princes Hwy - Moombarra St Intersection Upgrade	Dapto	\$50,000				\$50,000
18	128107	King St/Cowper St Traffic Light Upgrade	Warrawong		\$100,000	\$100,000		\$200,000
	126744	Road upgrades	Various				\$200,000	\$200,000
7	127967	Princes Hwy Intersection Upgrade - Daisy St/Cambridge St	Fairy Meadow	\$400,000				\$400,000
		Sub total		\$875,000	\$700,000	\$220,000	\$200,000	\$1,995,000
		Footpaths and Cycleways						
12	128128	Burrelli Street, Continuous Footpath Treatments	Wollongong			\$80,000		\$80,000
12	128130	Market Street, Continuous Footpath Treatments	Wollongong			\$80,000		\$80,000
19	128147	Military Rd, Old Port Rd to Port Kembla Pool, On-road Cycleway	Port Kembla	\$300,000				\$300,000
	126233	New cycle/shared paths	Various	\$170,000	\$500,000	\$650,000		\$1,320,000
8	126269	Princes Hwy; Memorial Dr to Bourke St	Fairy Meadow	\$850,000				\$850,000
4	128468	Beacon Ave; Showground to Coastline Cycleway	Bulli		\$200,000			\$200,000
10, 11	126626	Reserve St; Gilmore to Robsons; south side	West Wollongong		\$500,000			\$500,000
14	128027	Tate St; Bridge St to Kenny St Access via Keira St	Wollongong	\$600,000				\$600,000
8, 9	128146	Bourke Street, North Wollongong Train Station to Cliff Rd	Wollongong		\$200,000			\$200,000
8, 9	128026	Virginia St; Bourke St to Squires Way	North Wollongong		\$500,000	\$300,000		\$800,000

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		Sub total		\$1,920,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,110,000	\$0	\$4,930,000
		Car parks						
	126103	Car Park Constructing/formalising	Various	\$200,000			\$200,000	\$400,000
9	128036	Stuart Park Car Parking and Traffic Calming	North Wollongong		\$200,000			\$200,000
13	128034	Swan Street, east of Corrimal St	Wollongong			\$300,000		\$300,000
		Sub total		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$900,000
		Non-Commercial buildings,						
18	125350	Warrawong Library + Community Centre	Warrawong	\$750,000	\$1,200,000	\$3,400,000	\$2,150,000	\$7,500,000
1	128363	Helensburgh Library + Community Centre Land Acquisition	Helensburgh		\$2,000,000			\$2,000,000
		Sub total		\$750,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,400,000	\$2,150,000	\$9,500,000
		Parks, Gardens and sports fields						
	128518	Multipurpose Criterium Track	TBC	\$1,500,000				\$1,500,000
16, 17	128517	Cringila Hills Pump Track	Cringila	\$272,530				\$272,530
2	128214	Austinmer Beach access ramp	Austinmer	\$250,000				\$250,000
19	128213	Port Kembla Beach access ramp	Port Kembla	\$250,000				\$250,000
3	125131	Thomas Gibson Sports Field Lighting	Thirroul	\$350,000				\$350,000
1	125130	Rex Jackson Sports Field Lighting	Helensburgh			\$100,000		\$100,000
	125109	New sporting facilities	Various				\$400,000	\$400,000
	125216	Skate Parks	Various		\$578,000	\$300,000		\$878,000
		Sub total		\$2,622,530	\$578,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$4,000,530
		Land Acquisitions						
	124909	Land Acquisitions		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,200,000
		Sub total		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,200,000
		Administration						
		Development Contributions Planner		\$110,723	\$114,045	\$117,466	\$120,990	\$463,224
		Development Contributions Admin Support – Finance		\$11,212	\$11,549	\$11,895	\$12,252	\$46,908
		Sub total		\$121,935	\$125,594	\$129,361	\$133,242	\$510,132
		TOTAL		\$6,489,465	\$6,703,594	\$5,559,361	\$3,083,242	\$21,835,662

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33. Schedule 6 – Detailed Works Schedule – Projects that have included Section 7.12 funds

The Capital Works that Council delivers are funded from a mix of sources, including contributions collected from this Plan. Section 7.12 Contributions that have been allocated to projects are shown in the table below:

Project	Section 7.12 Actual Funding Allocations					Total 2006-07 to 2019-20
	2006-07 to 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*YTD	
Roads and Bridges						
City Centre Public Transport	\$426,000					\$426,000
City Wide Public Transport	\$225,000					\$225,000
Lake Avenue Traffic Facilities : Flagstaff Rd to Gorrel St	\$40,000					\$40,000
Parkes St/Princes Hwy, Helensburgh - New roundabout	\$85,000					\$85,000
Denison St - Victoria St, Wollongong traffic lights	\$20,000					\$20,000
Denison St - Throsby Dr, Wollongong traffic lights	\$22,000					\$22,000
Cordeaux Rd. west of William James Dr - Upgrade	\$515,000					\$515,000
Compton Street, Dapto- Traffic Calming augmentation	\$313,000					\$313,000
Burelli Street - Kenny Street Traffic Signals	\$180,000					\$180,000
Burelli Street - Auburn Street Traffic Signals	\$235,578					\$235,578
Stewart St-Kembla St Traffic Lights	\$7,000	\$300,000				\$307,000
Central Rd - Blackman/Nudjia, Unanderra traffic lights	\$287,000					\$287,000
Carters lane, Fairy Meadow shoulder construct - Pioneer to Elliots	\$159,000					\$159,000
Squires Way, North Wollongong - kerb and gutter - Elliots Rd to iC entry	\$51,000					\$51,000
Vera St/Tunnel Rd improvement, Helensburgh - kerb, gutter and drainage	\$289,148					\$289,148
Jarvie Rd, Cringlia - new kerb & gutter	\$50,000					\$50,000
Walker St, Helensburgh - Replace culvert to widen pedestrian access	\$140,999					\$140,999
Burke Street, Berkeley - New Traffic Island	\$5,000					\$5,000
Ball Street, Woonona - New Traffic Island	\$1,000					\$1,000
Sturdee Ave, Bulli - Augmentation design options	\$16,000					\$16,000
Oakland Avenue School Crossing Upgrade (Windang Primary School)	\$20,000					\$20,000
Northcliff Dr School Crossing Upgrade (Lake Height PS)	\$25,000					\$25,000
Northcliff Dr Crossing Upgrade (Illawarra Sports HS)	\$38,000					\$38,000
Terania St School Crossing Upgrade (Russell Vale PS)	\$19,000					\$19,000
Raymond Rd School Crossing Upgrade (St Michaels PS)	\$20,000					\$20,000

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Project	Section 7.12 Actual Funding Allocations					Total 2006-07 to 2019-20
	2006-07 to 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*YTD	
Baan Baan St extension to Station St	\$70,272					\$70,272
Kanahooka Road -Brownsville Avenue traffic lights	\$1,924					\$1,924
Kembla St -Gipps St roundabout	\$10,000					\$10,000
Maidstone -The Ridge roundabout	\$20,000	\$300,000		\$100,000		\$420,000
Gladstone St, Pedestrian Refuge Island	\$ 938					\$938
Princes Hwy - Victoria Rd, Traffic Lights	\$29,768	\$230,000				\$259,768
Bourke st/ Cliff Rd Intersection Improvements	\$10,140					\$10,140
Other Roads and Bridges						\$0
Pedestrian bridge over Byarong Ck Roy Johansson Park		\$100,000				\$100,000
Lilyvale/Walker St, roundabout		\$180,000				\$180,000
Bong Bong Rd -Station St traffic lights		\$43,000				\$43,000
Railway Crescent, Widen road			\$100,000			\$100,000
Towradgi Rd-Caters Lane crossing relocation			\$200,000	\$12,791		\$212,791
Point Street Local Area Traffic Management			\$100,000		\$154,714	\$254,714
Bellambi Local Area Traffic Management			\$20,000			\$20,000
Lakeside Drive - Pedestrian Refuge			\$115,000			\$115,000
Gilmore St and Fisher St - Pedestrian Refuges			\$70,000			\$70,000
Northcliffe Dr, Pharlap Ave to Princes Hwy, roundabout				\$695,206	\$102,037	\$797,243
Flagstaff Rd/Tern Pl - Roundabout					\$35,364	\$35,364
Sub total	\$3,332,767	\$1,153,000	\$605,000	\$807,997	\$292,115	\$6,190,879
Footpaths and Cycleways						
Gills Creek pedestrian path linkage, Walker St Helensburgh	\$104,000					\$104,000
Keira St footpath, Crown to Market St	\$400,000					\$400,000
Gloucester Bvde, Pt Kembla - Primary School to Darcy Rd Shared pathway	\$99,000					\$99,000
Foreshore Rd, Port Kembla - Old Port Rd to Harbour - Shared pathway	\$4,000					\$4,000
Southern cycleway - Port Kembla pool to Parkes St & along Foreshore Rd	\$42,000					\$42,000
Five Islands Rd, Port Kembla - shared path Flinders St to Wattle St	\$2,000					\$2,000
Princes Hwy, Dapto, Unara St to Northcliffe - New Shared pathway	\$442,000					\$442,000
Amaroo Ave, Figtree - New footpath	\$9,000					\$9,000
Grey St, Keiraville new footpath	\$19,000					\$19,000

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Project	Section 7.12 Actual Funding Allocations					Total 2006-07 to 2019-20
	2006-07 to 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*YTD	
City Centre Crown St, Wollongong – Augmentation & Upgrade	\$170,000					\$170,000
O'Briens Rd, Figtree - New shared pathway	\$55,000					\$55,000
Cordeaux Rd, Figtree - new on road cycleway	\$85,000					\$85,000
Channon St, Russell Vale - new footpath	\$47,000					\$47,000
Parkes St, Helensburgh - New shared pathway connection	\$75,000					\$75,000
Brian St, Balgownie - new footpath and pedestrain crossing	\$82,000					\$82,000
Unanderra Town Centre - Tallegalla Street - new cycleway	\$25,000					\$25,000
Beach St to Hutton Ave, Bulli - New shared pathway	\$25,000					\$25,000
Brokers Rd, Balgonie - new footpath	\$43,000					\$43,000
Gibson Rd, Figtree - widen footpath	\$85,000					\$85,000
Abercrombie St, West Wollongong - New footpaths	\$274,000					\$274,000
McMillan St, Helensburgh - New north side footpath	\$36,000					\$36,000
Princes Hwy, Wst Wlg - New shared pathway London Dr to Abercrombie St	\$78,000					\$78,000
Princes Hwy, Bulli - New shared pathway, Black Diamond Pl to Point St	\$200,000					\$200,000
Murphys Avenue, Keiraville - New footpath	\$60,000					\$60,000
Mt Keira Rd, Mt Keira - New footpath	\$100,000					\$100,000
Derribong Dr, Cordeaux Heights - New footpath	\$149,000					\$149,000
Loftus St, Wollongong - New footpath	\$103,000					\$103,000
Smith St, Shared Path - Harbour to Belmore St	\$10,000					\$10,000
Gladstone Ave, Wollongong - cycleway Swan St underpass to Crown St	\$8,000					\$8,000
Pioneer Rd, Towradgi - New footpath & bridging over culvert	\$82,000					\$82,000
Squires Way, North Wollongong - Widen cycleway	\$25,000					\$25,000
Lakelands Dve footpath; Fowlers Rd to Parkside Dve	\$243,343					\$243,343
Cirrus Ave Dapto footpath; full length west side	\$81,981					\$81,981
Dumfries Ave footpath; McMahan St to Foothills Rd	\$194,733					\$194,733
Point Street footpath, nth side; Blackall St to Summerville	\$5,687					\$5,687
Robert St, Dapto; Byamee St to Joan St, footpath	\$137,000					\$137,000
Maidstone St Helensburgh; The Ridge to The Crescent, footpath	\$10,000					\$10,000
Flagstaff Rd, Berkeley; Whimbrel St to Bubb Place crossing	\$160,000					\$160,000

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	2006-07 to 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*YTD	
Cherry St Woonona; Forestview Way to Woodland Ave, footpath east	\$54,000					\$54,000
Wollongong Harbour Heritage Walk Stage 2B	\$150,000					\$150,000
Porter St, Gwynneville, Crawford Street, Int. House Ramp	\$100,000					\$100,000
Railway Rd footpath east side: King St - Redman Ave	\$58,045					\$58,045
Redman Avenue footpath, east side; Railway Rd to Henley	\$51,000					\$51,000
Grand Pacific Walk, Nth Wlg to Otford - Stage 1 Stoney Ck Bridge, Coalcliff	\$467,000					\$467,000
Unanderra CBD Upgrade	\$100,000					\$100,000
Galvin Park; New Footpath	\$254,476					\$254,476
Murray Rd; Pioneer Rd to Tourist Park, south	\$50,000					\$50,000
Lower Tramway Sea Wall and sharepath	\$150,000	\$100,000				\$250,000
Princes Hwy; Highway Ave to London Dr westside	\$222,839					\$222,839
Smith St railway underpass design work	\$66,041					\$66,041
Other Footpaths and Cycleways	\$3,110,300					\$3,110,300
Kembla St; Smith St to Stewart St, Wollongong		\$40,000				\$40,000
Miller St, Fox Ave to Auburn St, North		\$65,000				\$65,000
Regional Network Wayfinding signage		\$20,000				\$20,000
Corrimal St, Wollongong Shared Path (Between Bank st and St		\$112,000				\$112,000
Mt Keira Rd to Nyrang Park cycleway		\$20,000				\$20,000
LHD (Local Road) Footpath Intersection Upgrade		\$100,000				\$100,000
Hamilton, Tasman, Craig, Surfers & Cliff		\$170,000	\$150,000	\$194,222		\$514,222
Fred Finch Park Cycleway		\$50,000				\$50,000
Footpaths-New footpaths		\$50,000	\$600,000			\$650,000
Port Kembla footpath upgrades			\$300,000			\$300,000
Chenhalls St; Stanhope St to Gray St west side			\$150,000			\$150,000
Corrimal St; Smith St to Market St			\$100,000			\$100,000
Winnima Way; Community Centre to Parkway			\$50,000			\$50,000
Holborn Park Accessible Footpaths			\$25,000			\$25,000
Bulli Beach Reserve Accessible Footpaths			\$25,000			\$25,000
Rixon Avenue; Molloy St to 9 Rixon Ave, east side			\$50,000			\$50,000
Clifford St; Bourke St to Daisy; west side			\$100,000			\$100,000
Denison St; Crown St to Throsby Dr				\$300,000		\$300,000
Porter St, Hindmarsh Ave to Flinders St				\$300,000		\$300,000

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Project	Section 7.12 Actual Funding Allocations					Total 2006-07 to 2019-20
	2006-07 to 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*YTD	
Kendall St; outside Tarrawanna Public School, south side				\$74,385		\$74,385
Thames St; The Mall to 40 Thames St, east side				\$50,000		\$50,000
Murphys Ave; Robsons Rd to Grey St, south side				\$52,375		\$52,375
Vereker St; Hamilton St to 16 Macarthur Ave, east side				\$50,250		\$50,250
Heaslip St; Taronga Ave to St Johns Ave, south side				\$70,000		\$70,000
Tallegalla St; Victoria St to Charcoal Creek, west side				\$20,000		\$20,000
Cliff Rd; Harbour St to Lang Park, south side				\$55,033		\$55,033
Harry Graham Park; Uralba St to Therry St				\$40,000		\$40,000
Robinson St; Hercules St to Denison St				\$111,705		\$111,705
University Avenue, eastern side near Porter Street				\$50,000		\$50,000
The Avenue Pedestrian Refuges				\$100,000		\$100,000
Cordeaux Rd; Princes Hwy to Gibsons Road					\$204,045	\$204,045
Crawford Ave; Porter St to Hay St access					\$247,162	\$247,162
Military Rd, Old Port Rd to Port Kembla Pool, On-road Cycleway					\$892	\$892
Greenacre Rd, Mercury St to Rosemont St					\$15,143	\$15,143
Beacon Ave; Showground to Coastline Cycleway					\$8,259	\$8,259
Murrarar Rd; Towradgi Station to Coastline Cycleway					\$80,208	\$80,208
Cliff Rd; Stuart Park to Marine Dr					\$8,277	\$8,277
Hooka Creek Road; Lake Ride to Northcliffe Dr					\$6,524	\$6,524
Wollongong City Centre Wayfinding Signage					\$21,527	\$21,527
Smith St - Keira St to Harbour St; and Harbour St - Smith St					\$5,938	\$5,938
Stewart St -Corrimal St to Church St; and Church St					\$1,652	\$1,652
Sub total	\$8,604,445	\$727,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,467,970	\$599,628	\$12,949,043
Car parks						
Station Street - Thomas Gibson Park	110,000					\$110,000
Bank/Stewart Street, Wollongong - 4hr Car park - Additional spaces	78,000					\$78,000
Campbell Street, Woonona - Ocean Park car park	140,000					\$140,000
Lakeside leisure Centre, Kanahooka - Upgrade and expansion	7,000					\$7,000
Stuart Park, Wollongong off road parking	500,000					\$500,000
Market Street - Multi Storey Car park - Upgrade	20,000					\$20,000
Windang Foreshore Park P2 car park - augmentation	5,000					\$5,000
George Street, Wollongong - Car park extension	140,000					\$140,000
Stanwell Park shops Car Park - Upgrade	243,000					\$243,000

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Project	Section 7.12 Actual Funding Allocations					Total 2006-07 to 2019-20
	2006-07 to 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*YTD	
The Circle Car Park, Woonona - Upgrade	17,000					\$17,000
Other Car Parks	740,270					\$740,270
Reed Park car park surface		80,000				\$80,000
2 Tannery St, Carpark		125,000				\$125,000
City Centre Parking Guidance System		55,000				\$55,000
Berkeley Park Carpark – Off Bourke Way				\$190,000		\$190,000
Robert Ziems Park Cricket Ground Carpark					\$200,000	\$200,000
Sub total	\$2,000,270	\$260,000	\$0	\$190,000	\$200,000	\$2,650,270
Non-Commercial buildings						
Bald Hill Amenities, Stanwell Tops - augmentation - Masterplan	\$33,000					\$33,000
North Beach Bathers Pavilion, North Wollongong - augmentation	\$4,433,000					\$4,433,000
Dapto Pool - Disabled Access Improvements	\$40,000					\$40,000
Sandon Point Surf Club Expansion	\$125,000					\$125,000
Windang Beach Lifeguard Tower - Design	\$52,000					\$52,000
Coledale Lifeguard Tower	\$25,000					\$25,000
Other Buildings (commercial and non-commercial)	\$9,247,419					\$9,247,419
New Warrawong Multipurpose Facility			\$100,000		\$173,494	\$273,494
Sub total	\$13,955,419	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$173,494	\$14,328,913
Parks, Gardens and sports fields						
Beach facilities - New (bulk vote)	\$10,000					\$10,000
Sporting facilities - New (bulk vote)	\$20,000					\$20,000
Recreation facilities - New (bulk vote)	\$45,000					\$25,000
Stuart Park Playground and footbridge	\$177,332					\$177,332
Stanwell Park - New Playground	\$11,000					\$11,000
Bailey Park, Compton Street, Dapto - New Playground	\$10,000					\$10,000
Penrose Park - New Playground	\$10,000					\$10,000
Corrimal Memorial Park - New Playground	\$73,000					\$73,000
Waples Rd, Farmborough Heights - New Playground	\$10,000					\$10,000
Bruce Park, Oxlade St, Warrawong - New Playground	\$10,000					\$10,000
Keira Village Park, Keira Mine Rd - New Playground	\$20,000					\$20,000
Holborn Park, Berkeley - New Playground	\$25,000					\$25,000
Thomas Dalton Park, Fairy Meadow - Sports field Irrigation & Carters Lane fence	\$312,000					\$312,000

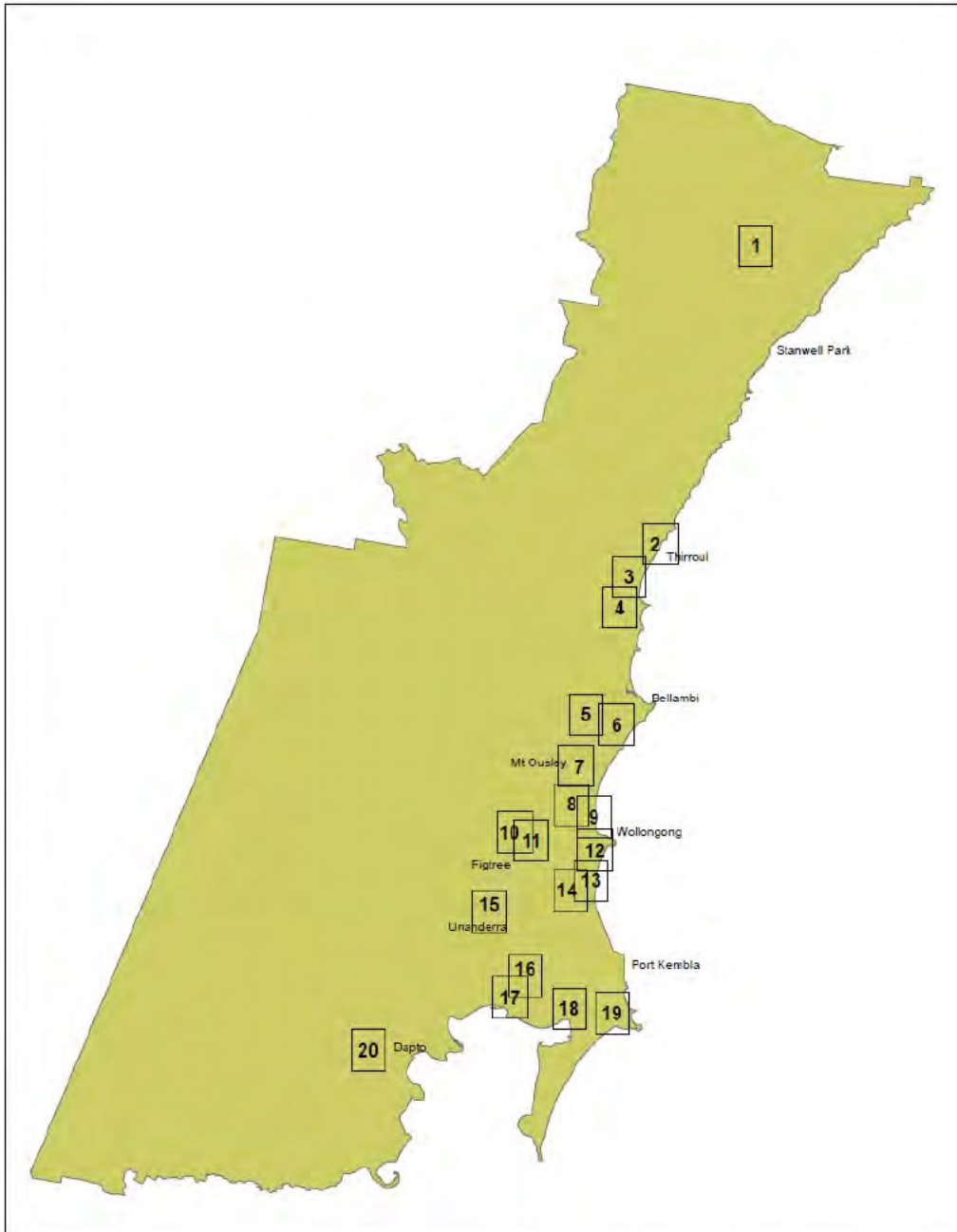
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Project	Section 7.12 Actual Funding Allocations					
	2006-07 to 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020- 21*YTD	Total 2006-07 to 2019-20
Rex Jackson Oval, Helensburgh - Sportsfield Irrigation	\$78,500					\$78,500
Fred Finch Park, Berkeley - Landscape and Design & Infrastructure	\$200,000					\$200,000
Holborn Park (Southern Suburbs Skate Park) Berkeley - provision	\$406,000					\$406,000
Lake Illawarra Foreshore Improvements	\$100,000					\$100,000
MacCabe Park, Wollongong - Design Development - City Centre	\$12,000					\$12,000
MM Beach, Port Kembla - Access Steps	\$65,000					\$65,000
Puckeys Estate, Beach access	\$15,000					\$15,000
Charles Harper Park, Helensburgh - Public toilet	\$40,000					\$40,000
Other Parks, Gardens and Sports fields	\$3,765,466					\$3,765,466
Brownlee Park Playground Replacement and New Shade Sail				\$50,000		\$50,000
The Drive; LHD to Stanwell Park Tennis Courts				\$55,317		\$55,317
Farmborough Heights Community Tennis Courts				\$50,000		\$50,000
Cringila Hills Pump Track					\$21,293	\$21,293
Criterion Track					\$5,994	\$5,994
Sub total	\$5,415,298		\$0	\$155,317	\$27,287	\$5,577,902
Land Acquisitions						
Other Land Acquisitions	\$2,201,500					\$3,201,500
Sub total	\$2,201,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,201,500
Administration						
S94 Planner	\$441,950	\$98,376	\$101,000	\$103,000	70,978	\$817,304
S94 Admin Support - Finance	\$72,044	\$9,962	\$10,000	\$12,000	7,188	\$111,194
S94 Administration & Studies	\$452,216					\$452,216
Sub total	\$966,210	\$108,338	\$111,000	\$117,000	\$78,166	\$1,380,714
TOTAL	\$36,475,909	\$2,248,338	\$2,366,000	\$2,738,284	\$1,370,690	\$45,199,221

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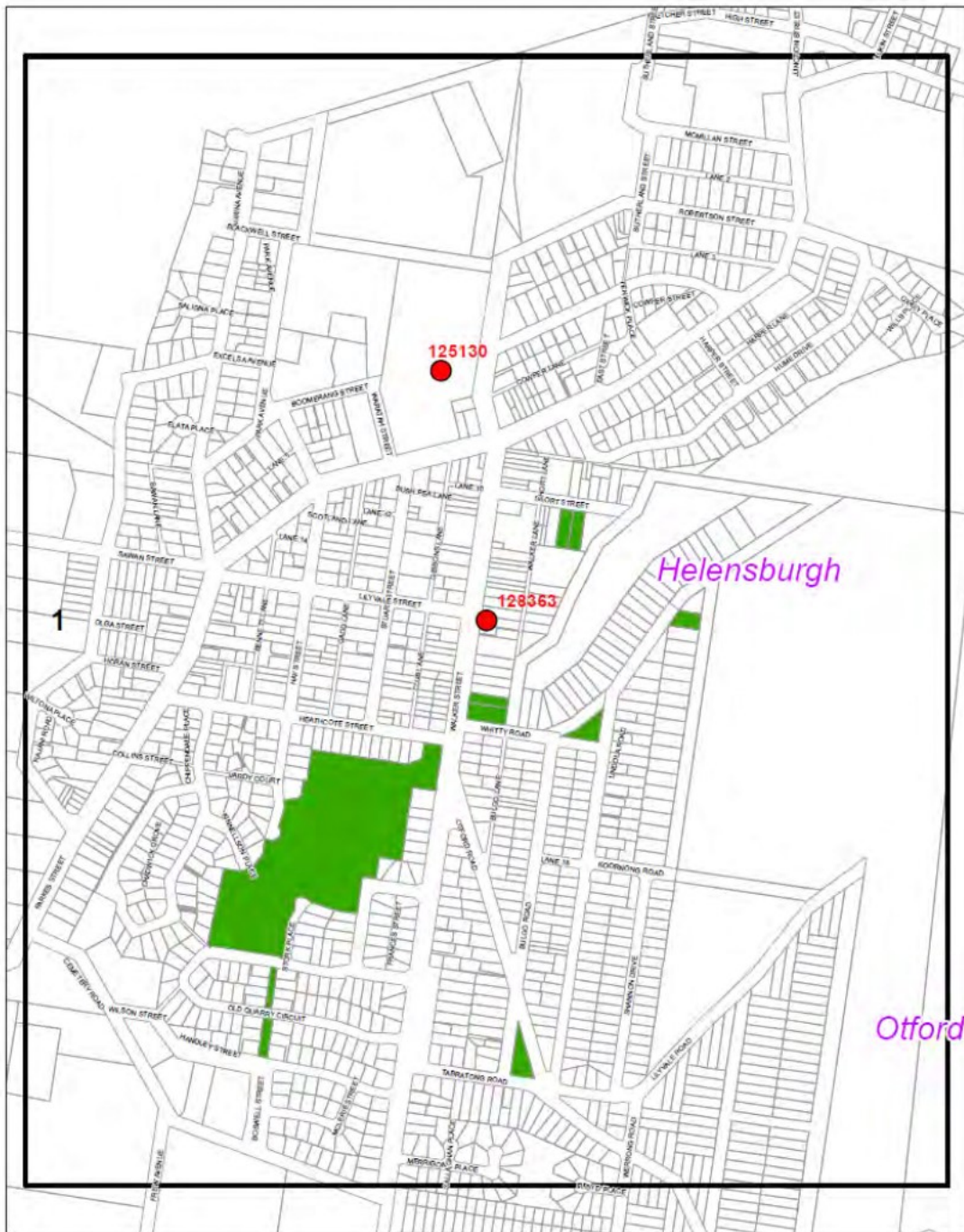
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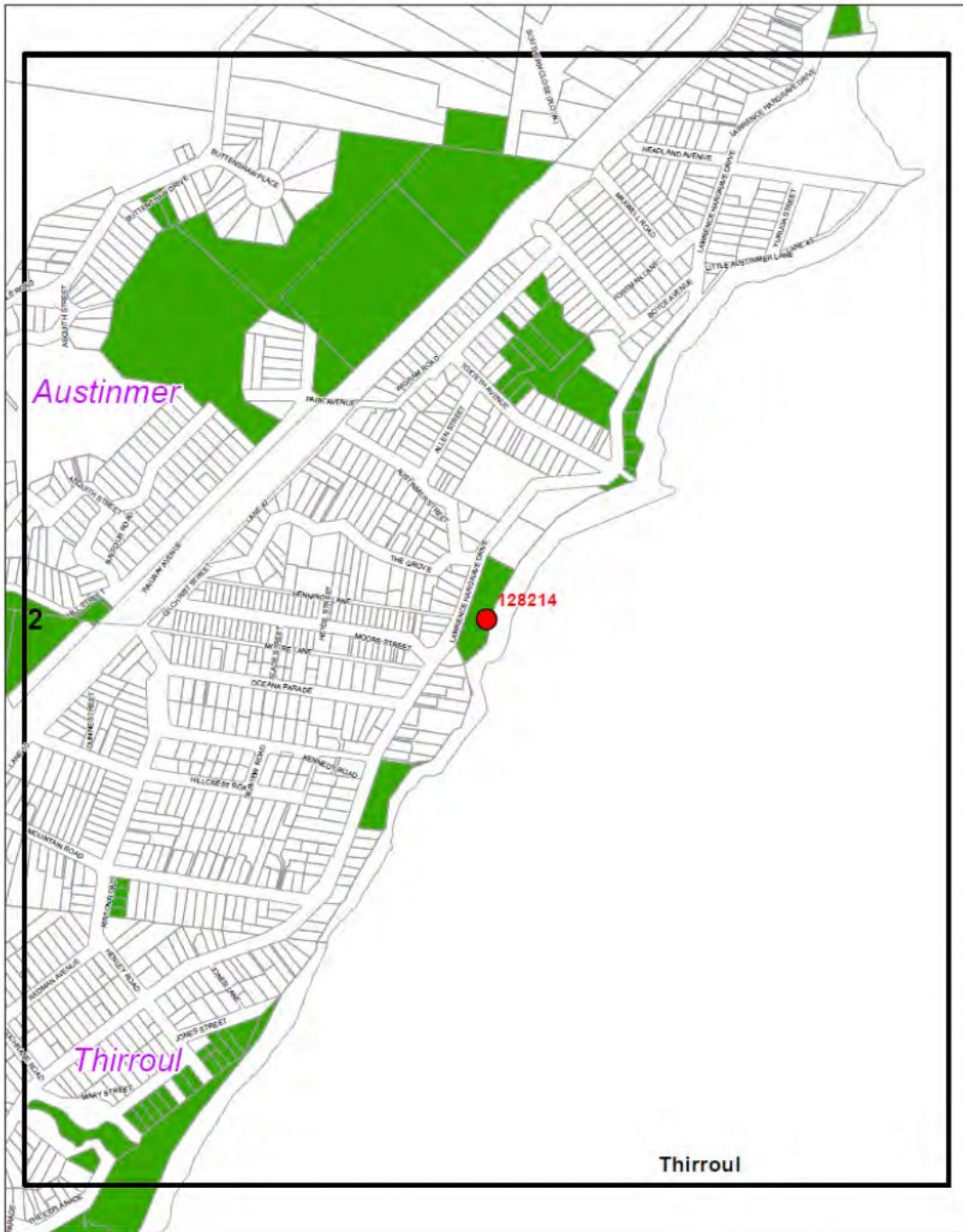
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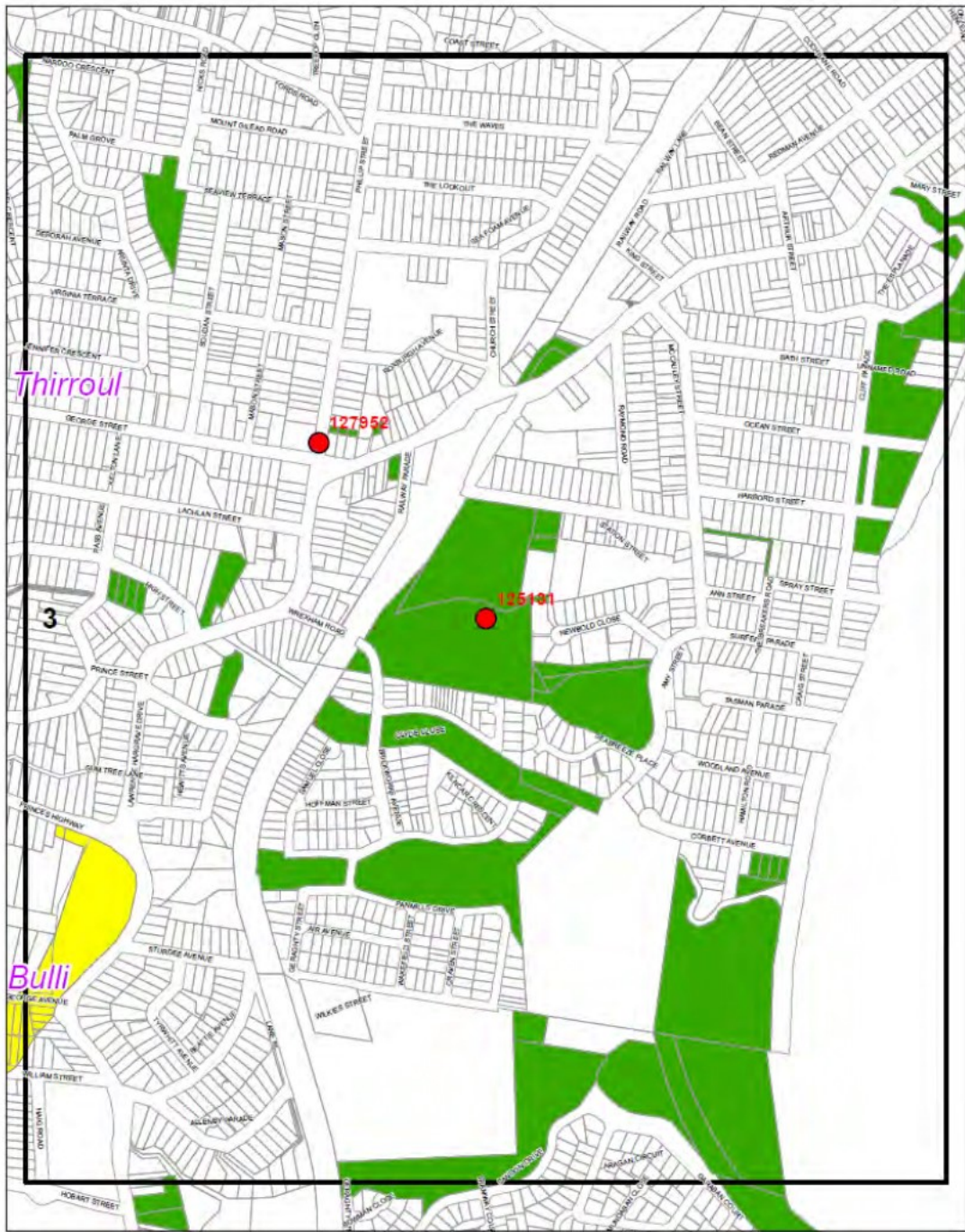
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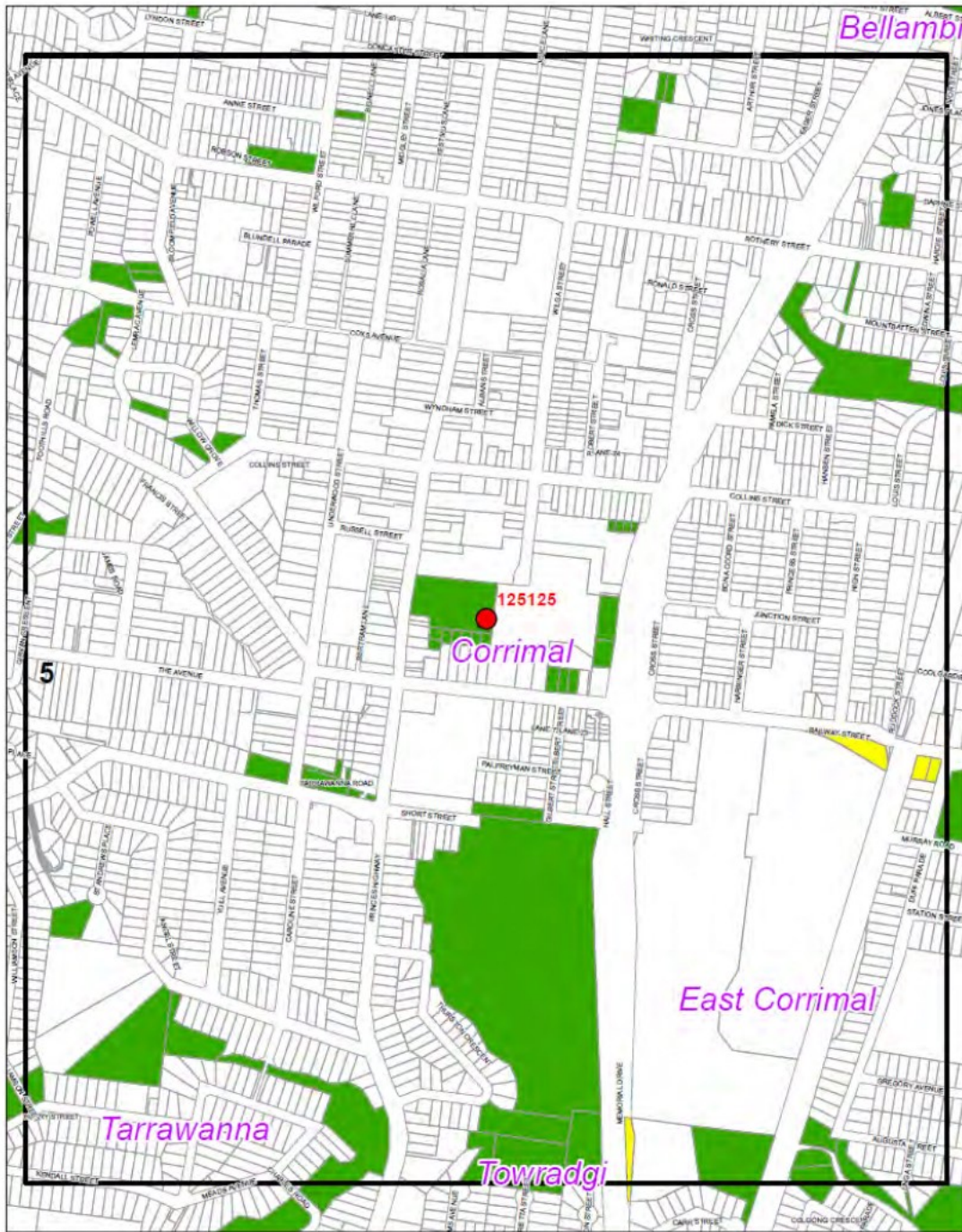
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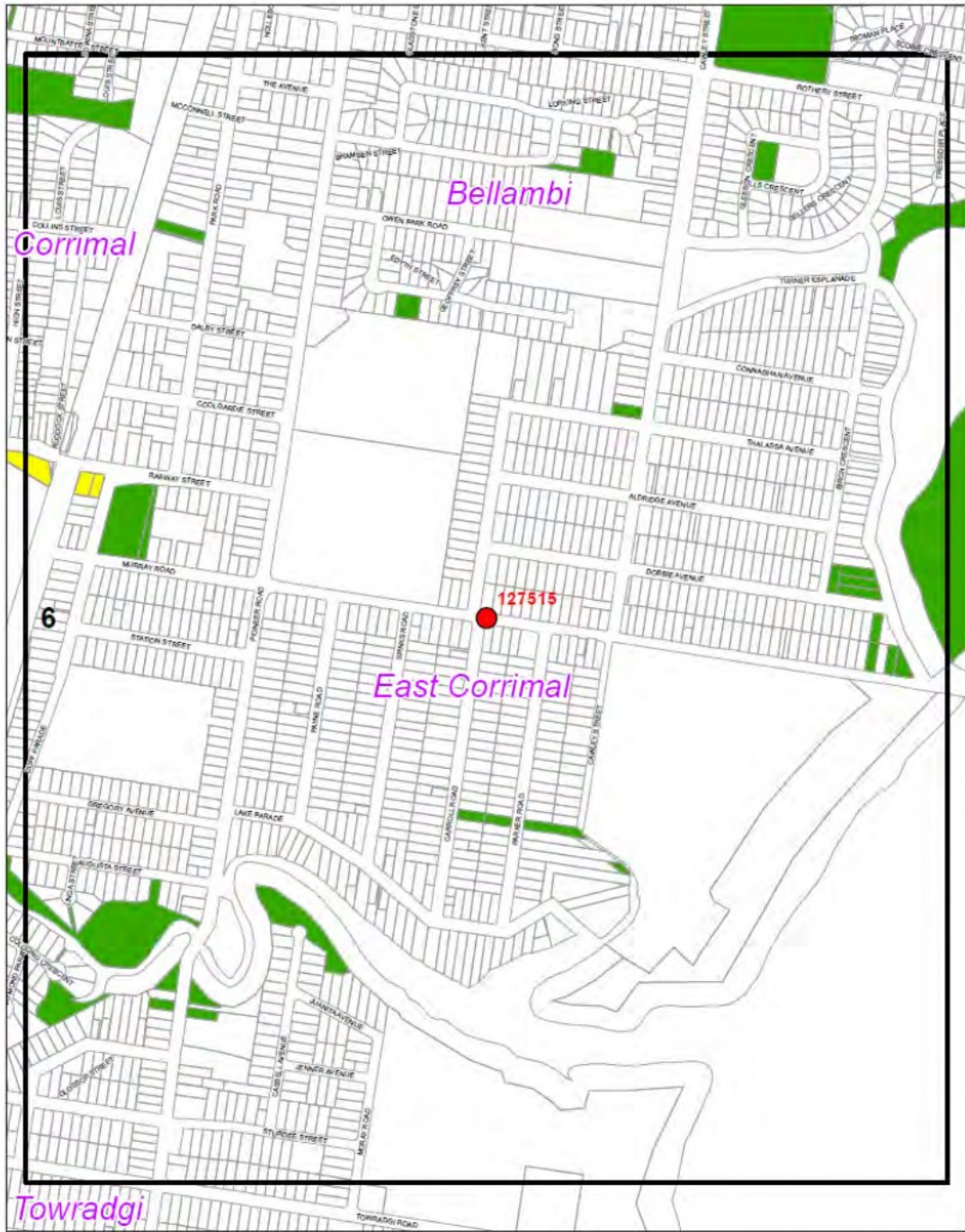
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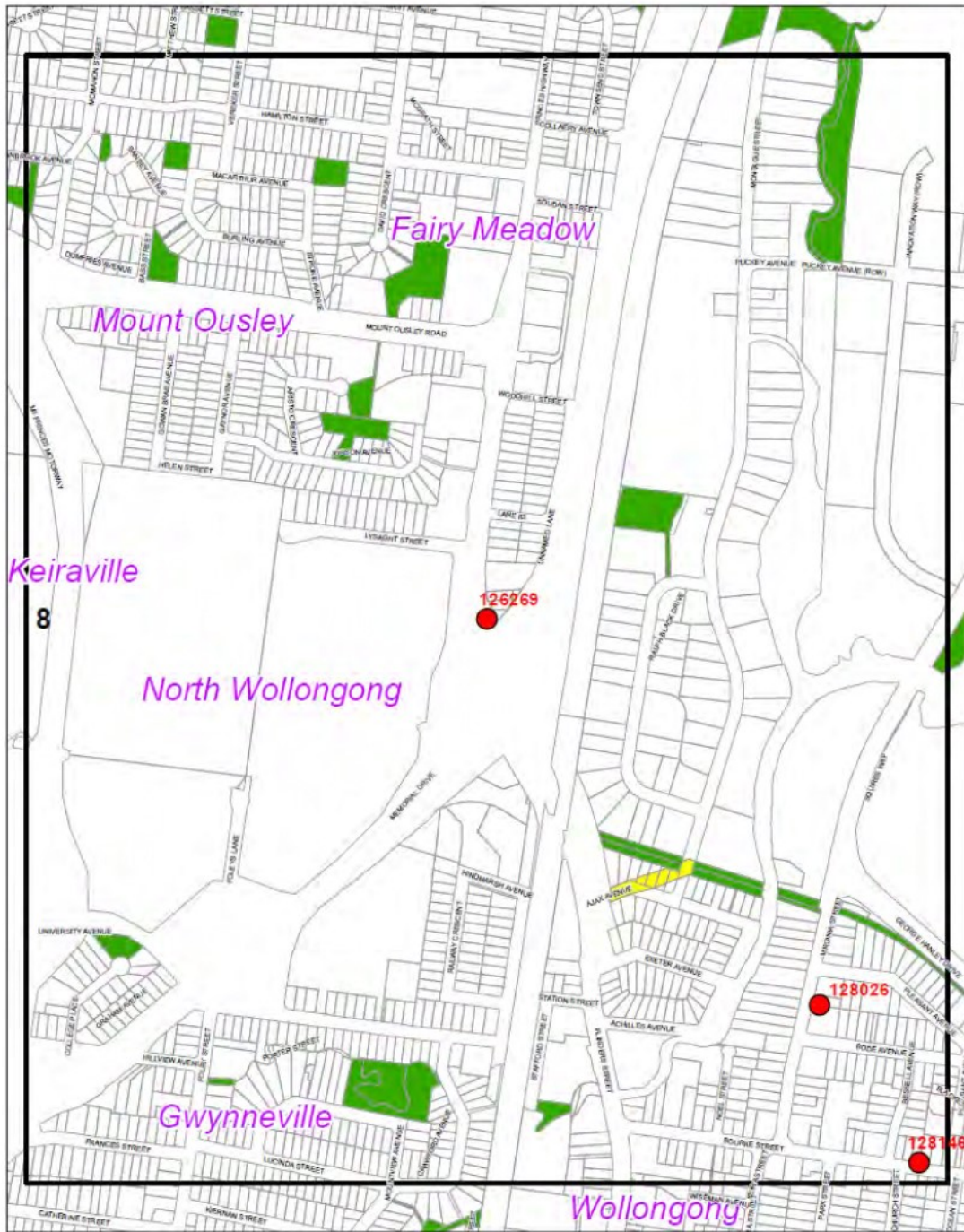
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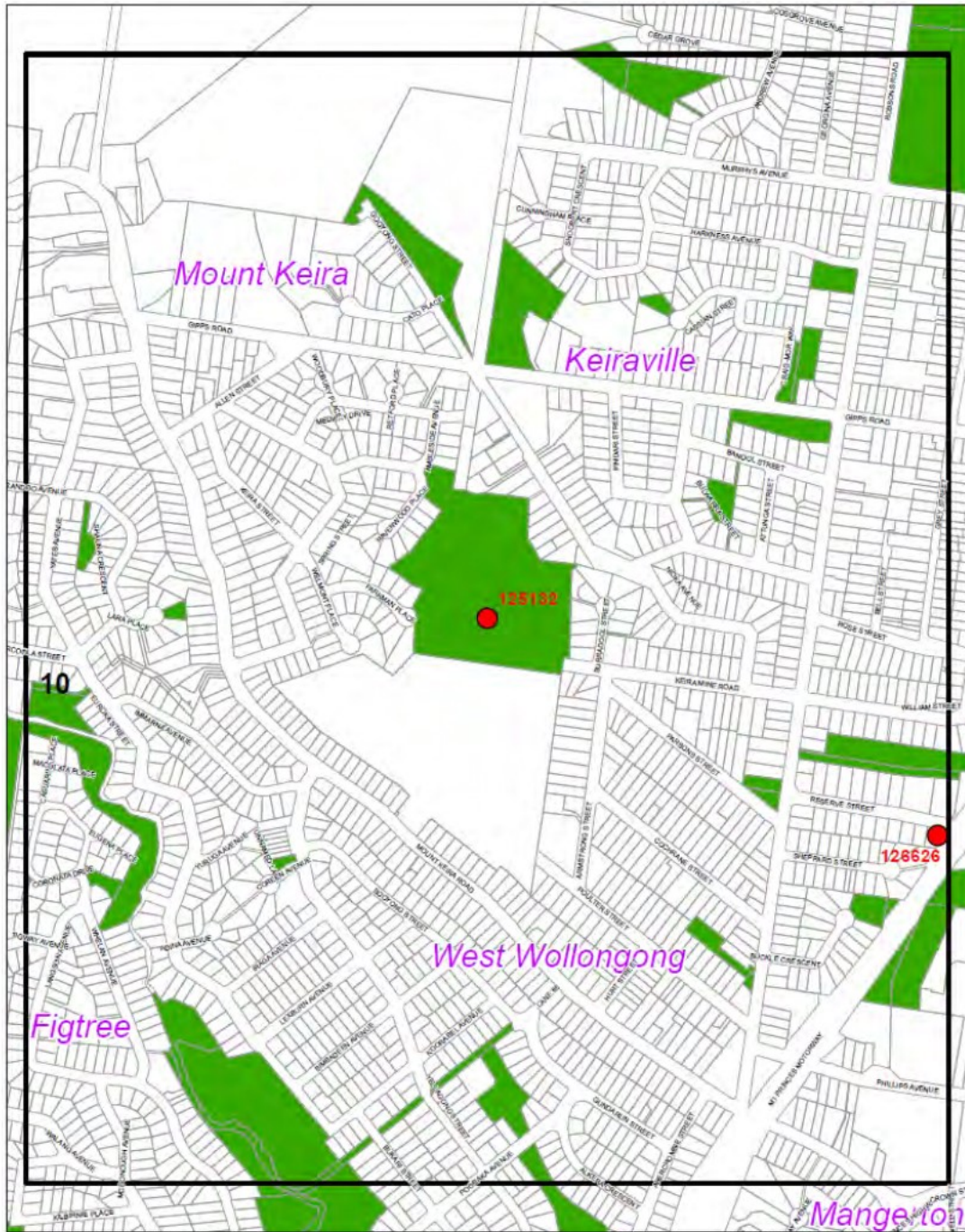
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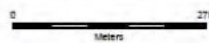
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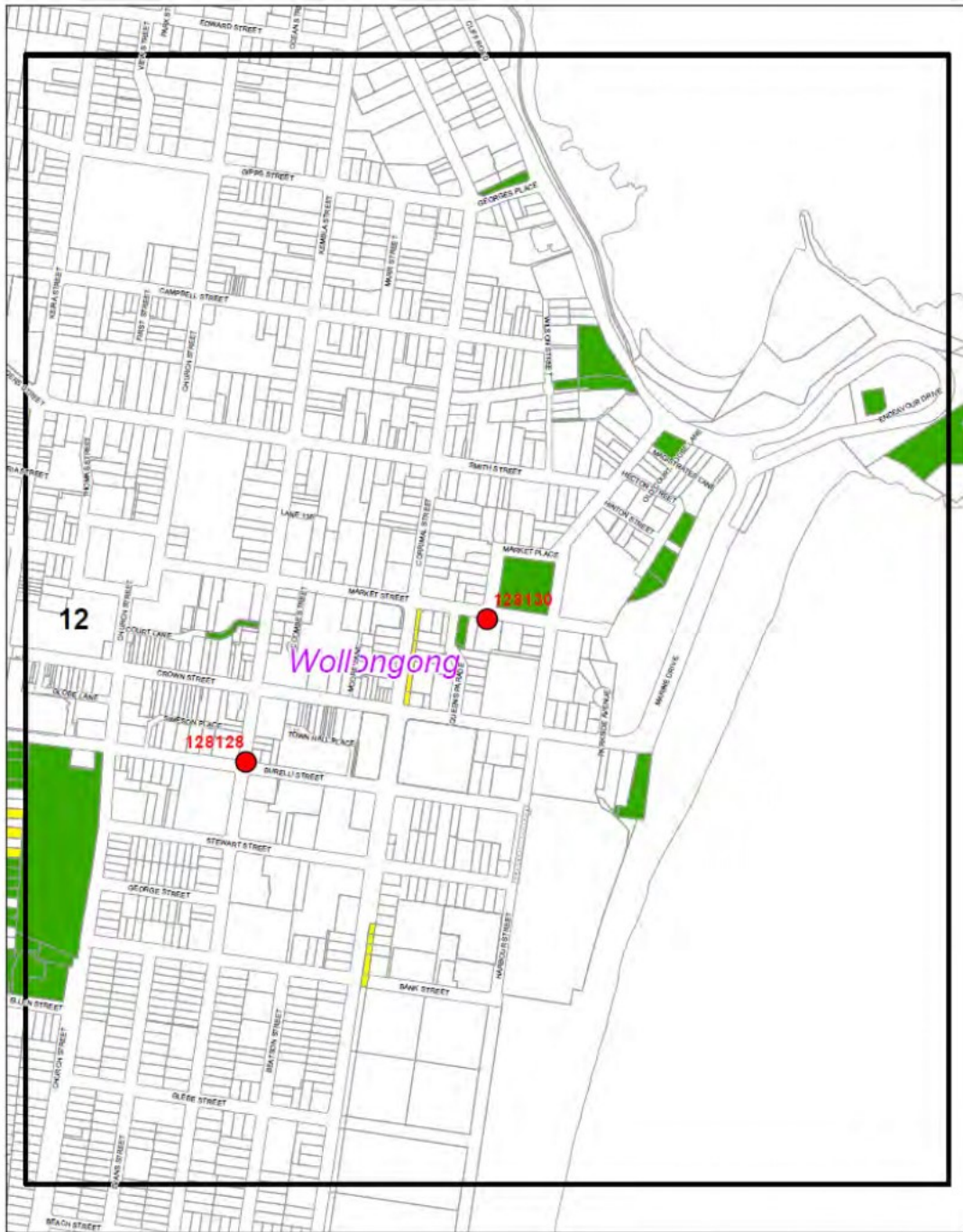





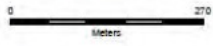
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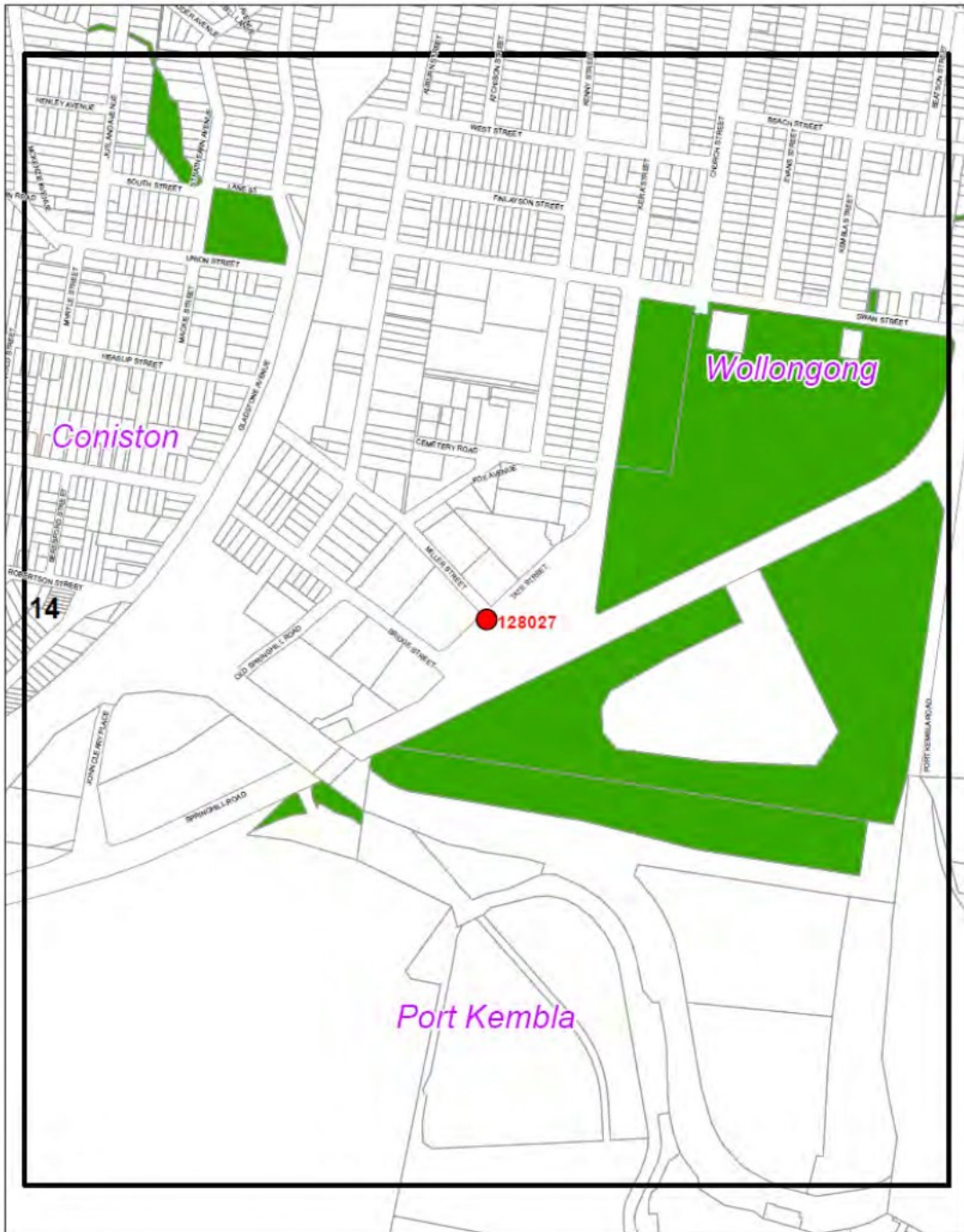
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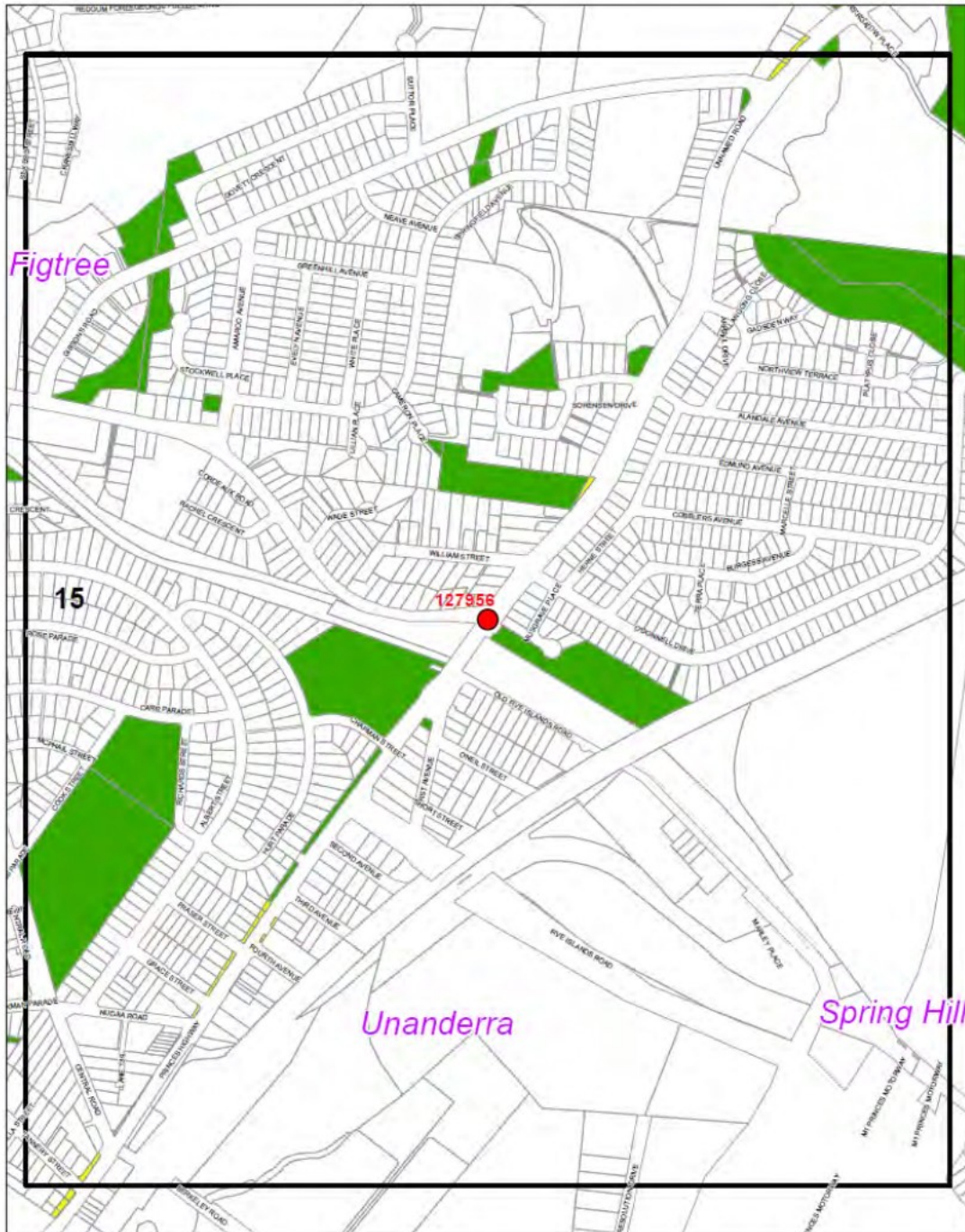
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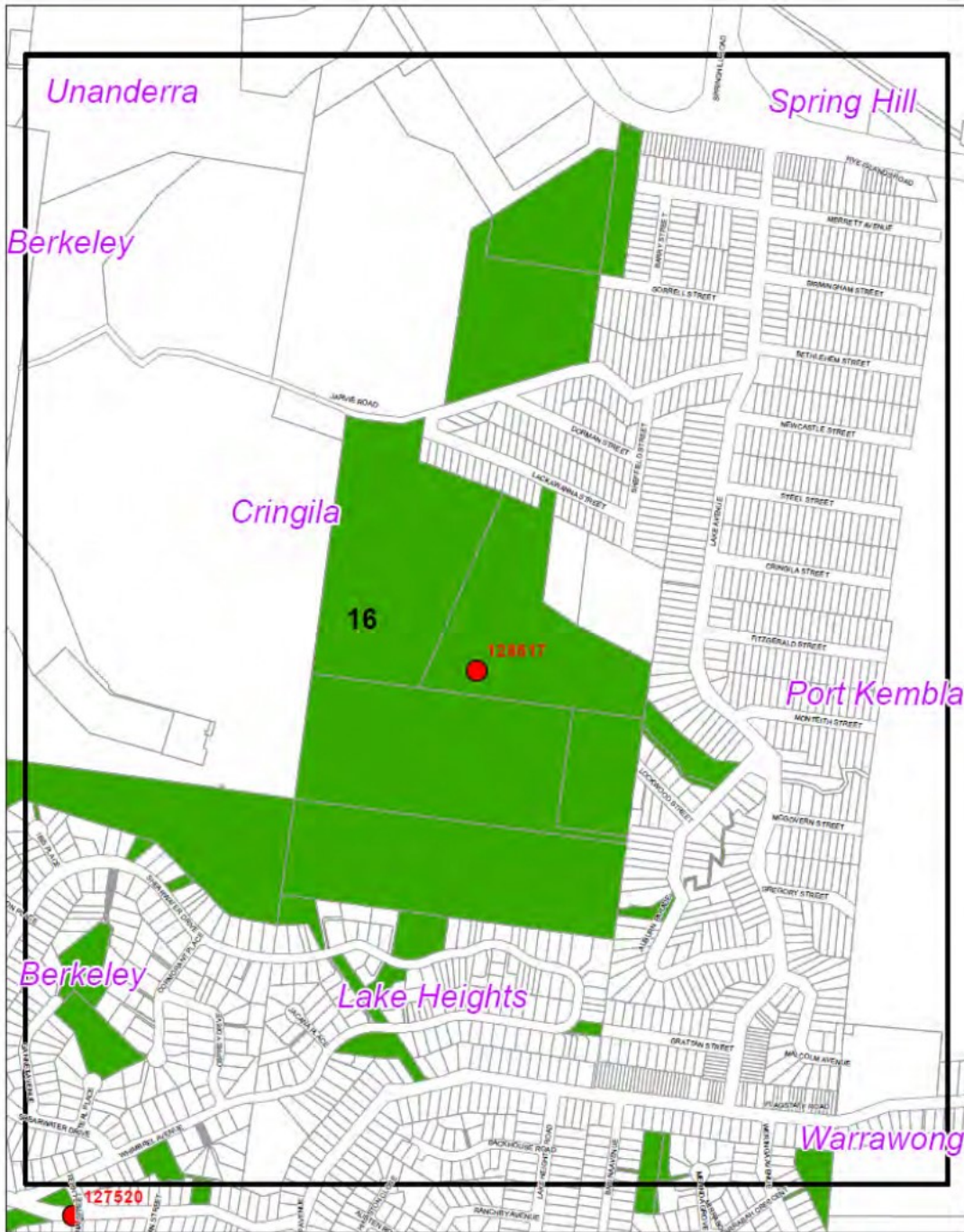
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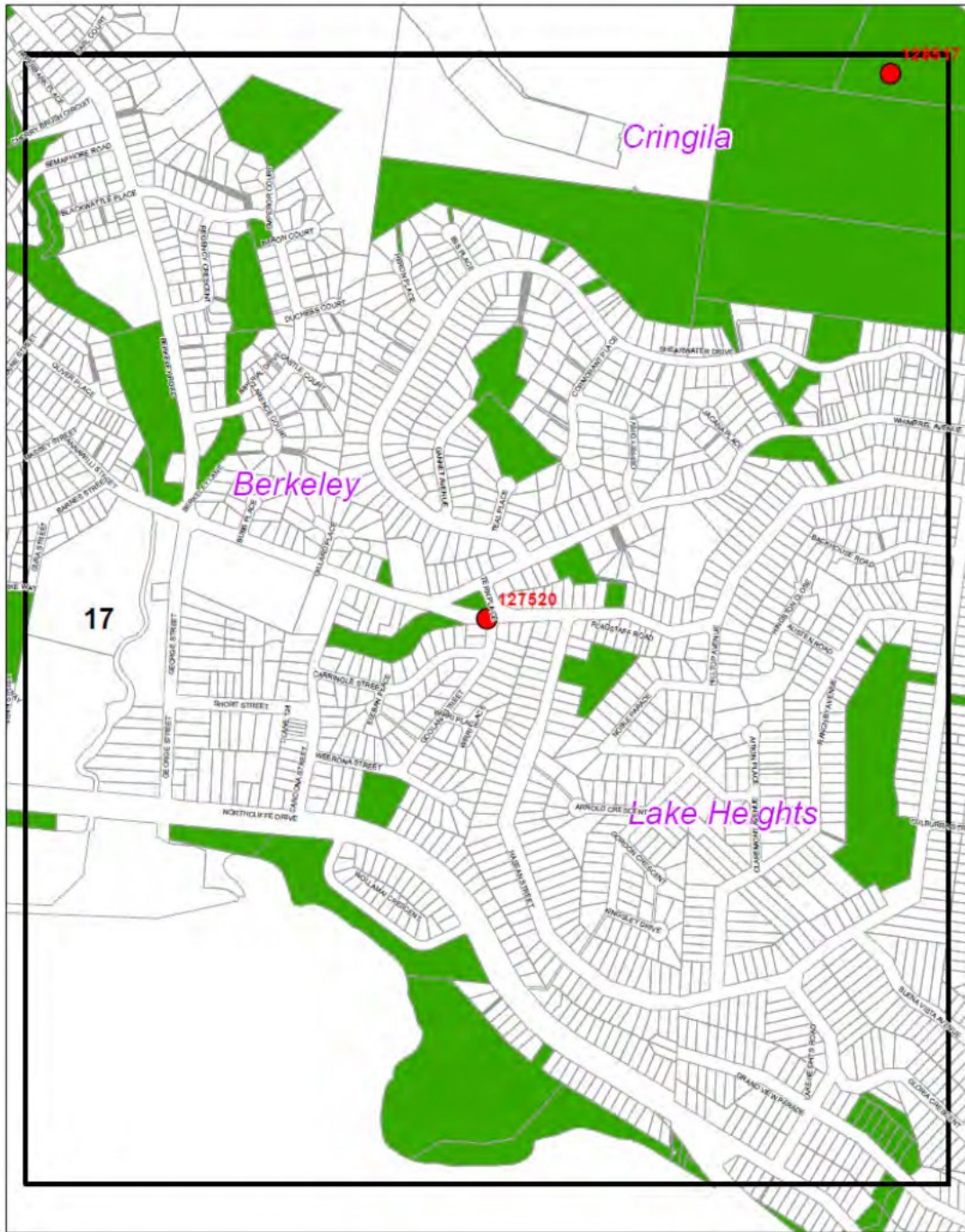
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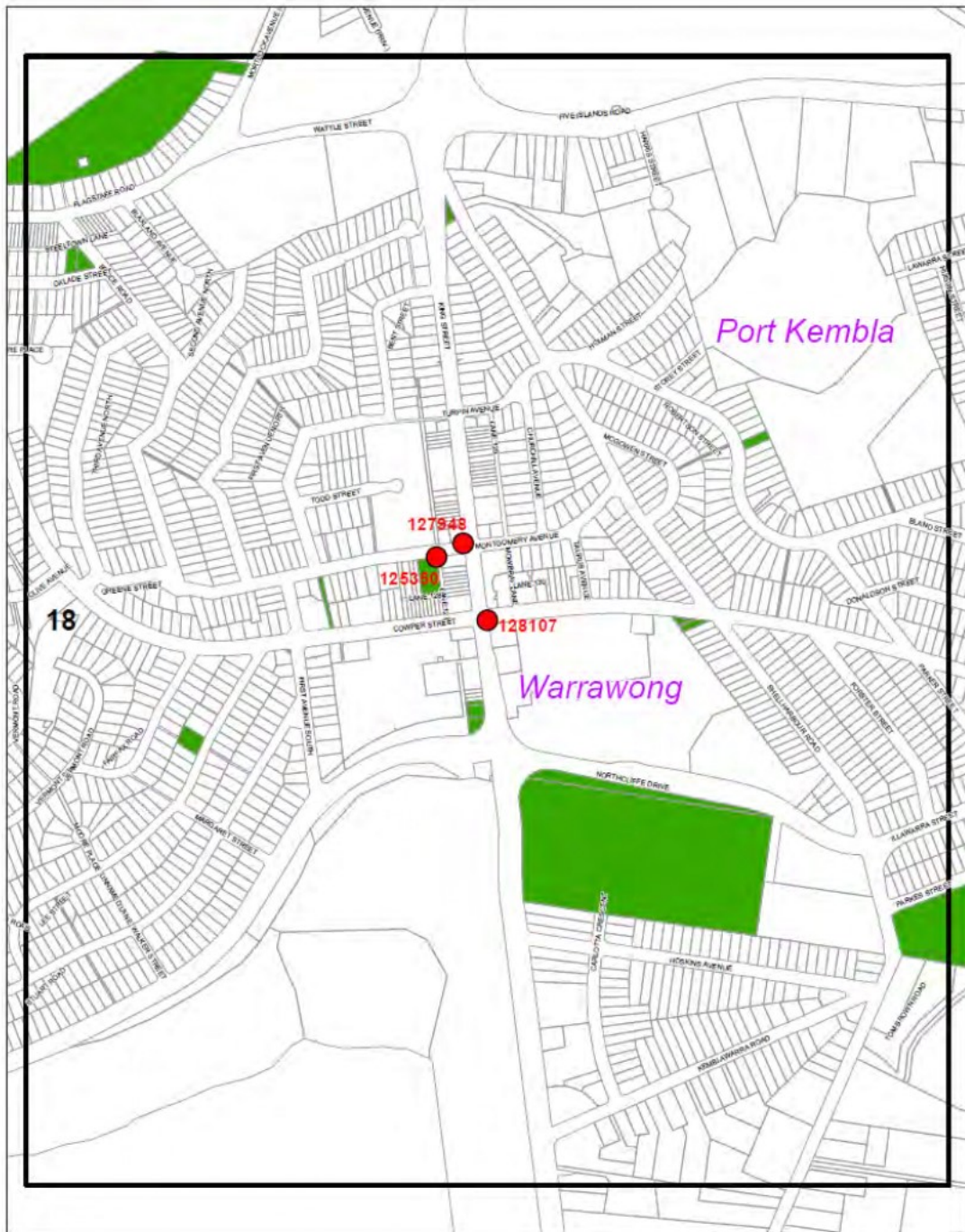
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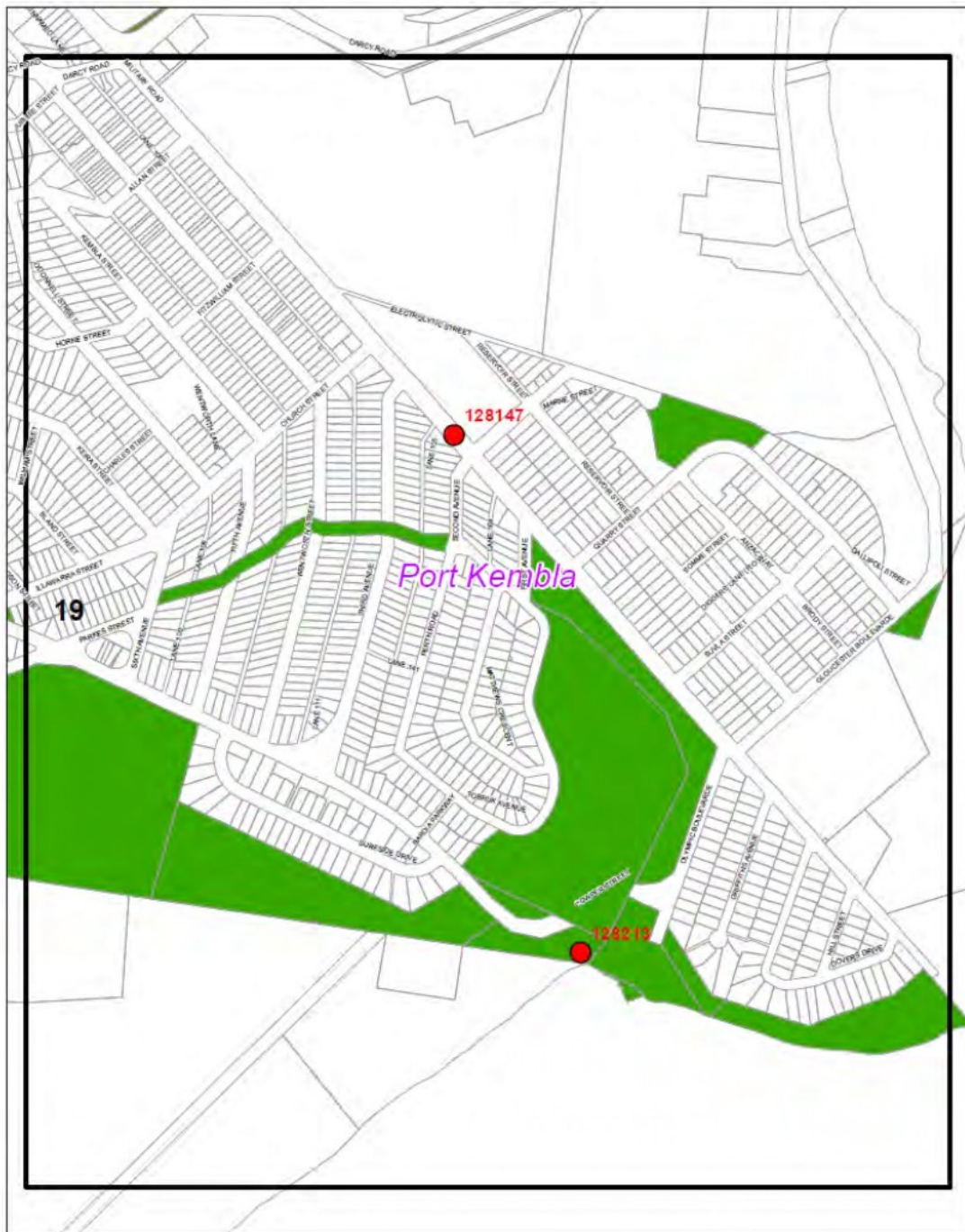
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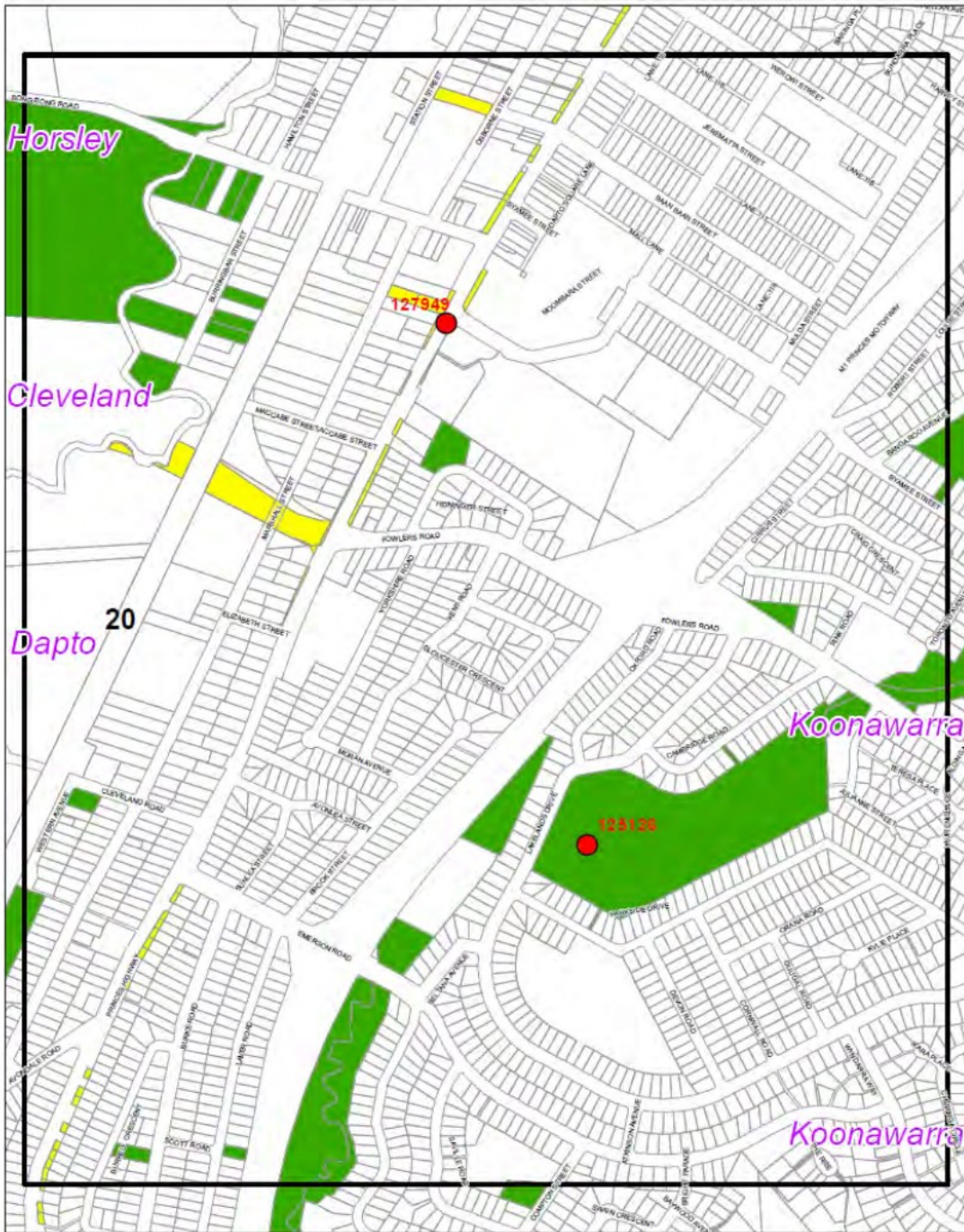
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ITEM 3 PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT CHILD SAFE COUNCIL POLICY

Creating an extraordinary Wollongong requires making our community a safe place where every child is valued and their right to safety and wellbeing is respected and upheld. The draft Child Safe Council Policy (Policy) includes Council's commitment to creating and maintaining a Child Safe Organisation. It will guide Council policies, strategies and actions that align with the continual enhancement of child safety in all Council activities. The draft Child Safe Council Policy is a demonstration of Council's leadership in keeping children safe and assists Council meet current legislative requirements.

This report seeks Council's endorsement for the draft Child Safe Council Policy to be placed on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the draft Child Safe Council Policy to be placed on public exhibition from 1 to 28 June 2021.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Sue Savage, Manager Community Cultural + Economic Development
Authorised by: Kerry Hunt, Director Community Services - Creative and Innovative City

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Child Safe Council Policy

BACKGROUND

New laws and reforms passed in the Parliament of NSW to help protect children and young people, based on recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The *Children's Guardian Act 2019* includes changes to the Reportable Conduct Scheme and the role of the Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) in regulating Child Safe Organisations. 10 standards have been identified for organisations and institutions to improve the safety of children.

An audit of our policies, procedures and practices against the 10 standards and reforms was undertaken in 2020. Based on the audit findings, the Child Safe Wollongong Implementation Plan 2021-2022 was developed and endorsed by Executive Management Committee.

The draft Child Safe Council Policy is a key document to assist Council meet current legislative requirements. It outlines Council's obligations and commitment to creating a safe place, where every child is valued and their rights to safety and wellbeing are respected and upheld.

PROPOSAL

The draft Policy has been developed based on the core components of the Child Safe Standards, new laws and feedback from internal stakeholders and teams. It is a demonstration of Council's leadership in keeping children safe and meets current legislative requirements.

The draft Policy contains our Child Safety Commitment Statement and guides how we involve and consider children in decision making, selection and recruitment, training and inductions, reporting, privacy and confidentiality and risk management.

It is proposed the draft Policy be adopted as a Council Policy in recognition of our commitment to the community and recognising the Lord Mayor, Councillors, Council employees, volunteers and contractors have responsibilities under the draft Child Safe Council Policy.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The following internal engagement has been undertaken to inform the development of the draft Policy:

- Feedback from a cross-divisional Working Group with representation from Community, Cultural and Economic Development, Library and Community Services, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Service, Organisational Development, Property and Recreational Services, Professional Conduct and Safety and Workplace Services.
- Individual and team discussions were held with those assigned with deliverables in the Child Safe Wollongong Implementation Plan 2020-2022.
- A cross-divisional Child Safe Wollongong Engagement Workshop was held with staff.
- All staff were invited to provide feedback on the draft Child Safe Commitment Statement and Child Safe Council Policy via our online engagement platform. This resulted in 102 visits and six submissions. All submissions supported the draft Child Safe Commitment Statement.

An internal communication strategy has been developed to inform staff of the Child Safe Council Policy and other activities related to creating a Child Safe Wollongong.

It is proposed that the next stage of engagement will be undertaken with the broader community.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 Goal 4 “We are a connected and engaged community” and Goal 5 “We have a healthy community in a liveable city”. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan	Delivery Program 2018-2022	Operational Plan 2020-21
Strategy	4 Year Action	Operational Plan Actions
4.1.1 Provide residents with equitable access to information and opportunities to inform decision making	4.1.1.1 Ensure an effective community engagement framework that connects the community to Council decision making	4.1.1.1.1 Deliver a diverse range of community engagement opportunities to inform and guide development and delivery of Council business

This report delivers on the Child Safe Wollongong Implementation Plan 2020–2022:

- 1.1.1 Develop an organisational Child Safe Commitment, which will underpin our child safe policies, procedures, practices and culture.
- 3.1.1 Develop a Child Safe Council Policy, which incorporates all child safe standards procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implementation of the draft Child Safe Council Policy will be managed within existing staff resources and operating budget. Any additional costs associated with the implementation of the NSW Child Safe Standards will be subject to the annual operational budget process and Council approval.

CONCLUSION

Creating a safe community for children is everyone’s responsibility. A safe place for our most vulnerable community members, children, is a safe place for everyone. There is an opportunity for Council to lead the way in creating an organisation and community that is a safe place, where every child is valued and where their rights to safety and wellbeing are being respected and upheld. The draft Child Safe Council Policy outlines Council’s commitment to creating and maintaining a child safe organisation.



CHILD SAFE COUNCIL POLICY

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL: : [TO BE COMPLETED BY GOVERNANCE]

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline Council's commitment to creating and maintaining a child safe organisation.

POLICY INTENT

The policy informs Councillors, employees, contractors and volunteers of their obligations in keeping children safe.

The policy will inform Council policies, strategies and actions that align with the continual enhancement of child safety in all Council activities.

WOLLONGONG 2028 OBJECTIVES

Our Wollongong 2028 outlines the community's main priorities for the future and includes strategies for achieving them. This policy supports the delivery of the community Goals, "we are a connected and engaged community" and "we have a healthy community in a liveable city". In addition, the policy contributes to the delivery of Objective 5.4 "Community safety and community perception of safety is improved."

POLICY

Commitment to child safety

We believe children and young people have the right to be respected, empowered and safe. We are dedicated to listening to their views and committed to our responsibilities in keeping them safe.

Background

The Office of the Children's Guardian introduced the Child Safe Standards to improve the way organisations provide services for children and young people to prevent and respond to child abuse that may occur within organisations. The Child Safe Standards are a central feature of the NSW Government's response to the Commonwealth Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (2017). The Child Safe Standards are:

- Standard 1: Child safety is embedded in organisations leadership, governance and culture
- Standard 2: Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
- Standard 3: Families and communities are informed and involved
- Standard 4: Equity is upheld, and diverse needs are taken into account
- Standard 5: People working with children are suitable and supported
- Standard 6: Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child focused
- Standard 7: Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training
- Standard 8: Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur
- Standard 9: Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved
- Standard 10: Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe.

CHILD SAFE

COUNCIL POLICY

Involving children in decision-making

Council supports the active participation of children in our services, programs and events. Council will provide accessible opportunities and encourage children to take part in decisions that affect them now and in the future. This is to:

- Help us better meet their needs and interests
- Involve them in their community
- Encourage them to share their ideas and opinions
- Teach them a new skill.

Wherever applicable, we inform children and young people about what they can do if they feel unsafe.

Recruitment and selection

Council employs a fit for purpose recruitment and selection process for all direct contact work with a child or young person where contact is a usual part of and more than incidental to the work as defined by the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*. A current Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required for all child-related work.

Training and induction

Council will meet its training and induction obligations by ensuring that all Councillors, employees, volunteers and contractors are inducted in child safety and understand that child safety is everyone's responsibility. Councillors, employees, volunteers and contractors will be provided with training to support their understanding of Council's commitment to child safety and that everyone has a role to play in safeguarding children.

Reporting a child safety concern or complaint

A reportable allegation is made where a child, young person, or adult makes an allegation, based on a reasonable belief that a Councillor, employee, contractor, or volunteer of Wollongong City Council has been, or allegedly been, involved in the harm or abuse of a child or young person.

All reportable allegations of child abuse must be reported to Council's Child Protection Officer. Allegations can be reported by children or young people, families, Councillors, employees, contractors or volunteers. Council must immediately take the appropriate steps to assess and minimise any further risk of harm, as well as report the matter to the relevant oversight agencies and/or Police. Council will support relevant authorities' investigations into allegations of abuse or risk of harm to children and young people.

Council will meet its mandatory reporting obligations and will take action to protect children and young people at risk of significant harm.

For the purposes of this policy a child is a person who is under the age of 16 years and a young person is who is over the age of 16 years but under the age of 18 years.

Privacy and confidentiality

Council is committed to protecting an individual's right to privacy. All personal information considered during the process of reporting or investigation will be collected and managed in accordance with Council's Privacy Management Plan. Personal information will only be disclosed to another party if there is a legislative requirement for such disclosure.

Risk management

Council recognises the importance of a risk management approach to minimising the potential for child abuse or harm to occur and this informs all associated policies, strategies and actions.

To ensure Council maintains a child safe culture all Councillors, employees, contractors and volunteers will be informed, resourced and supported to understand their role in providing a child safe environment.

CHILD SAFE

COUNCIL POLICY

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

This policy complies with and supports implementation and compliance with the following policies and instruments, but is not limited to:

Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014
Child Protection (Offenders Prohibition Orders) Act 2004
Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000
Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012
Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013
Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998
Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012
Children's Guardian Act 2019
Environmental Planning and Assessment (EPA) Act 1979
Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
Ombudsman Act 1974
Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998
State Records Act 1998
The NSW Local Government Act (1993)
Young Offenders Act 1997.

REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed every two years from the date of each adoption of the policy, or more frequently as required.

REPORTING

The Child Protection Officer will report to the General Manager and the relevant agencies in accordance with child protection reporting obligations.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Council

Publicly commits to child safety and embeds a child safe culture.

General Manager

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council fulfills its responding and reporting obligations and to notify the Office of the Children's Guardian (NSW) when an allegation of child abuse is made against a Councillor, employee, volunteer or contractor.

Divisional Managers

Divisional Managers are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy and that all employees, contractors and volunteers are informed, resourced and supported to understand their role in providing a child safe environment.

Child Protection Officer

Council's Public Officer has been appointed as the Child Protection Officer and their responsibilities are:

- provide ongoing support and response to concerns about the safety and wellbeing of children while engaged in services, programs or events delivered by council.
- to notify the Office of the Children's Guardian (NSW) when an allegation (of which they are aware) of child abuse is made against a Councillor, employee, volunteer or contractor.

CHILD SAFE

COUNCIL POLICY

Council employees, contractors and volunteers

Employees, contractors and volunteers shall adhere to the requirements of this policy, reportable conduct and responding and reporting obligations and be able to demonstrate their awareness of their child safety responsibilities.

Employees and Councillors are also to be aware of their obligations relating to Child Protection outlined in Section 3 of the Council Code of Conduct.

All staff should be aware that the appointment by Council of a Child Protection Officer does not remove mandatory reporting obligations that other Officers of Council may have under s27 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*.

All staff shall adhere to their responding and reporting and reportable conduct obligations and take action when a child or young person is at risk of significant harm.

RELATED PROCEDURES

- Code of Conduct
- Employment Policies and Procedures

APPROVAL AND REVIEW		
Responsible Division	Community, Cultural & Economic Development	
Date/s adopted	<i>EMC</i> [updated by policy owner]	<i>Council</i> [To be inserted by Governance]
Date/s of previous adoptions	[List previous adoption dates]	
Date of next review	[Not more than two years from last adoption]	

ITEM 4

POST EXHIBITION - DRAFT PLANNING PROPOSAL - YALLAH-MARSHALL MOUNT
MINOR AMENDMENTS - PP-2018/5

On 8 June 2018, Stage 5 Yallah Marshall Mount of the West Dapto Urban Release Area was rezoned to permit urban development and conservation outcomes.

On 28 May 2018, Council considered a report on proposed minor amendments to implement the Yallah-Marshall Mount Precinct and resolved to prepare a draft Planning Proposal, identify road reservations and correct some mapping errors. The draft Planning Proposal was exhibited from 16 October to 16 November 2018. The draft Planning Proposal was not progressed at that time due to issues associated with the proposed alignment and design of road reservations. It is recommended that the draft Planning Proposal, excluding the road reservations, be finalised.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 The draft Planning Proposal for the Yallah-Marshall Mount precinct be amended by removing the Land Reservation Acquisition maps showing the proposed road reservations, pending the completion of further design work.
- 2 The following items in the draft Planning Proposal for the Yallah-Marshall Mount precinct be progressed to finalisation, through an amendment to the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 to -
 - a Amend the Land Zoning Map to rezone the right of way within Lot 5 DP 24143 from E2 Environmental Conservation to E3 Environmental Management to enable access to Lot 1 DP 372848 (Attachment 1).
 - b Amend the Minimum Lot Size maps to correct lot size in an E4 Environmental Living zoned area along North Marshall Mount to 4999m² (Attachment 2).
 - c Amend the Floor Space Ratio Map to correct missing 0.5:1 FSR for a R2 Low Density Residential zoned area along North Marshall Mount Road (Attachment 3).
- 3 The revised draft Planning Proposal be referred to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for the making of arrangements for drafting to give effect to the proposal, noting that authority has been given to the General Manager to exercise Plan making delegations, in accordance with Council's resolution of 26 November 2012.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Chris Stewart, Manager City Strategy

Authorised by: Linda Davis, Director Planning + Environment - Future City + Neighbourhoods

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Proposed amended zoning
- 2 Proposed amended minimum lot size
- 3 Proposed amended floor space ratio

BACKGROUND

Stage 5 Yallah Marshall Mount of the West Dapto Urban Release Area covers an area of approximately 1000 hectares and includes 42 lots. Amendment 36 to Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 was made on 8 June 2018 which rezoned Stage 5 to allow urban development and conservation outcomes.

During and subsequent to the finalisation of Amendment 36, a number of issues were identified that required the preparation of a new draft Planning Proposal to resolve.

On 28 May 2018, Council resolved to prepare and exhibit a new draft Planning Proposal to address the outstanding matters associated with the planning controls for Stage 5 – Yallah-Marshall Mount.

The issues intended to be resolved through the new draft Planning Proposal included -

Yallah Road, Marshall Mount Road, Road 8 and Local Bypass Road

Yallah Road and Marshall Mount Road are existing rural roads with a variable road reservation width of 10-20 metres and a rural road pavement surface. Marshall Mount Road includes two one-lane bridges over Duck Creek.

As part of the future development of Yallah-Marshall Mount these roads will be required to be widened and reconstructed into urban roads. In March 2015, when Council adopted the Yallah-Marshall Mount Structure Plan the future function and design of these roads had not been determined.

In addition, the Yallah-Marshall Mount Structure Plan included Road 8 (now known as NR 1-3) linking Marshall Mount Road (from Yallah Road intersection) to Avondale Road, and a Yallah village bypass road. Concept plans were prepared by consultants for Council in 2017. These roads also form part of the West Dapto Development Contributions Plan 2020.

The road widening and two new road corridors were proposed to be identified in the Wollongong LEP 2009 Land Reservation Acquisition Map to ensure current and future land owners were aware of the road infrastructure requirements, to enable the corridors to be acquired before/or as part of the development process, and to enable the orderly delivery of the road network.

At the time, the alignment of the eastern end of Yallah Road and its relationship with the M1 Albion Park Rail Bypass and the Princes Highway had not been resolved and was still being discussed with the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS – now Transport for NSW). Subsequently, Yallah Road has been realigned to go under the M1 Albion Park Rail Bypass.

The proposed Land Reservation Acquisition Map amendments were made using the best concept design information available (2015). The designs have not been reviewed or progressed since 2015. The draft reservations have been discussed with developers as part of the assessment of draft Neighbourhood Plans and issues with the current concept designs identified. The draft Infrastructure Delivery Program 2021-22 identifies that further design work will be undertaken in 2022-23.

Proposed Road No. 8 and adjacent minimum lot sizes

As part of the principles behind the Yallah-Marshall Mount proposed urban layout, it is intended that higher densities would be encouraged along main transport routes, to take advantage of public transport opportunities. It is intended to apply a minimum lot size of 300 m² on land fronting proposed Road No 8, however this outcome cannot be mapped and progressed as part of the Planning Proposal until the alignment of the road is confirmed.

Alternate Road Access to Lot 1 DP 372848, Yallah

Subsequent to Council adopting the Yallah-Marshall Mount Planning Proposal, Transport for NSW undertook planning of land acquisition as part of the Albion Park Rail Bypass. As part of this process, Transport for NSW proposes to acquire land and a home on Lot 1 DP 372848 within the Shellharbour Local Government Area. As the property also included land with the Wollongong LGA, the location for the replacement dwelling required access through a right of way off Marshall Mount Road through Lot 5 DP 24143. The Yallah-Marshall Mount Planning Proposal made provision for dwellings to be located on the north-western boundary of the site, however, the right-of-way for the proposed driveway crosses land (Lot 5 DP 24143) identified to be zoned E2 Environmental Conservation under the Yallah-Marshall Mount Amendment No 36. A small section of land zoned E2 Environmental Conservation was proposed to be rezoned to E3 Environmental Management to enable the new access arrangements.

On 28 June 2018 the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment issued a Gateway Determination enabling exhibition.

Amendment 36 housekeeping amendments

Amendment 36 to Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 was made on 8 June 2018. Council officers identified that the Amendment contained two errors from the Planning Proposal endorsed by Council. Following discussions with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment it was agreed that the errors could only be rectified through a further draft Planning Proposal. These housekeeping corrections were incorporated into the draft Planning Proposal -

- The Minimum Lot Size Map incorrectly showed a minimum lot size of 3999m² along a section of E4 Environmental Living land along North Marshall Mount Road, instead of the endorsed 4999m².
- The Floor Space Ratio Map was missing a FSR of 0.5:1 for a section of land zoned R² Low Density Residential along North Marshall Mount Rd.

On 28 September 2018, the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment issued a revised Gateway Determination that incorporated the housekeeping amendments.

The draft Planning Proposal was exhibited from 16 October to 16 November 2018.

PROPOSAL

The need to resolve the detailed alignment and design of future roads within Stage 5 has resulted in the finalisation of this draft Planning Proposal being delayed.

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has advised Council that long-standing draft Planning Proposals need to be finalised as a priority. This report therefore recommends the progression of the draft Planning Proposal for those issues that have been resolved and the deferral of the outstanding infrastructure design matters to a future draft Planning Proposal if required.

It is recommended that the following matters be progressed through the draft Planning Proposal:

- Amend the Land Zoning Map to rezone the right of way within Lot 5 DP 24143 from E2 Environmental Conservation to E3 Environmental Management to enable access to Lot 1 DP 372848 (Attachment 1).
- Amend the Minimum Lot Size maps to correct lot size in an E4 zoned area along North Marshall Mount to 4999m² (Attachment 2).
- Amend the Floor Space Ratio Map to correct missing 0.5:1 FSR for a R2 zoned area along North Marshall Mount Road (Attachment 3).

The two (2) remaining issues relating to road design are proposed to be deferred until the further design work has been completed.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The draft Planning Proposal was exhibited between 16 October and 16 November 2018, with the documents being available on Council's website, at Council's Customer Service Centre, at the Central Library and Dapto Library.

Six submissions were received by/on behalf of landholders/developers and issues were raised concerning the location of road/road widening corridors.

Five of the submissions raised issues with a proposed bypass road to the southeast of Marshall Mount Road. The submissions raise issues over the cost of the road, the difficult terrain and objecting to the bypass road going through developable land (i.e. land zoned for R2 Low Density Residential or R3 Medium Density Residential). The submissions suggest that the proposed bypass road either be made shorter (starting closer to the proposed town centre), moved east onto land zoned for environmental purposes, or be deleted.

One submission raises concerns with the proposed extension of Yallah Road, between Marshall Mount Road and Avondale Road (Road 8 / NR1-3), which would cut through agricultural land, suggesting that the proposed road should be along the property boundary.

A review of these corridors has determined that Council is not yet able to accurately identify the road reservation corridors, as more design work is required. The proposed road reservations are also being reviewed as part of the assessment of draft Neighbourhood Plans. As the road reservation issues require more work, it is proposed that the matter be deferred from the draft Planning Proposal. The deferral will enable the other minor issues to be progressed.

In addition to the landholder submissions, the following government agencies/service providers have made submissions -

- Transgrid – make no objection and note that development and structures should be kept clear of easements. Encourage further consultation with Transgrid during the development stage where development is near Transgrid easements.
- NSW Roads and Maritime Services (now Transport for NSW) – raise no objection.
- NSW Rural Fire Service – raise no objection.
- NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (now DPIE – Environment, Energy and Science) – recommend that Council quantify and assess potential impacts of the amendments on threatened species and draft biocertification calculations, as the amendments to permit roads in current E2 areas would result in the loss of some areas. EES also note that before development within the precinct proceeds, more work on Aboriginal heritage would be required, including the proposed road corridors, and the development area overall. The Department notes that for the purposes of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP), additional reporting and Aboriginal community consultation would be required prior to any ground disturbance works.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report relates to Wollongong 2028 Community Strategic Plan Objective 1.3 “The sustainability of our urban environment is improved” under Community Goal 1 “We value and protect our environment” and Delivery Program 1.3.1.2 “Develop planning controls and Town Centre and Neighbourhood Plans with regard to the economic, social, and environmental impacts”. The report also relates to Strategy 5.3.1 “Housing choice in the Wollongong Local Government Area is improved, taking into account population growth, community needs and affordability” under Community Goal 5 “We have a healthy community in a liveable city” in Council’s 2018-2022 Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

The draft Planning Proposal is consistent with -

- Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan (2015).
- Wollongong Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020.
- Council’s Planning Proposal Policy (2018).
- Council’s West Dapto Vision 2018.
- Yallah-Marshall Mount Vision 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications of the West Dapto Urban Release Area are significant and are subject to regular monitoring and modelling. As part of the West Dapto Review Project, Council considered and adopted an updated Section 7.11 Contributions Plan for the West Dapto Urban Release Area.

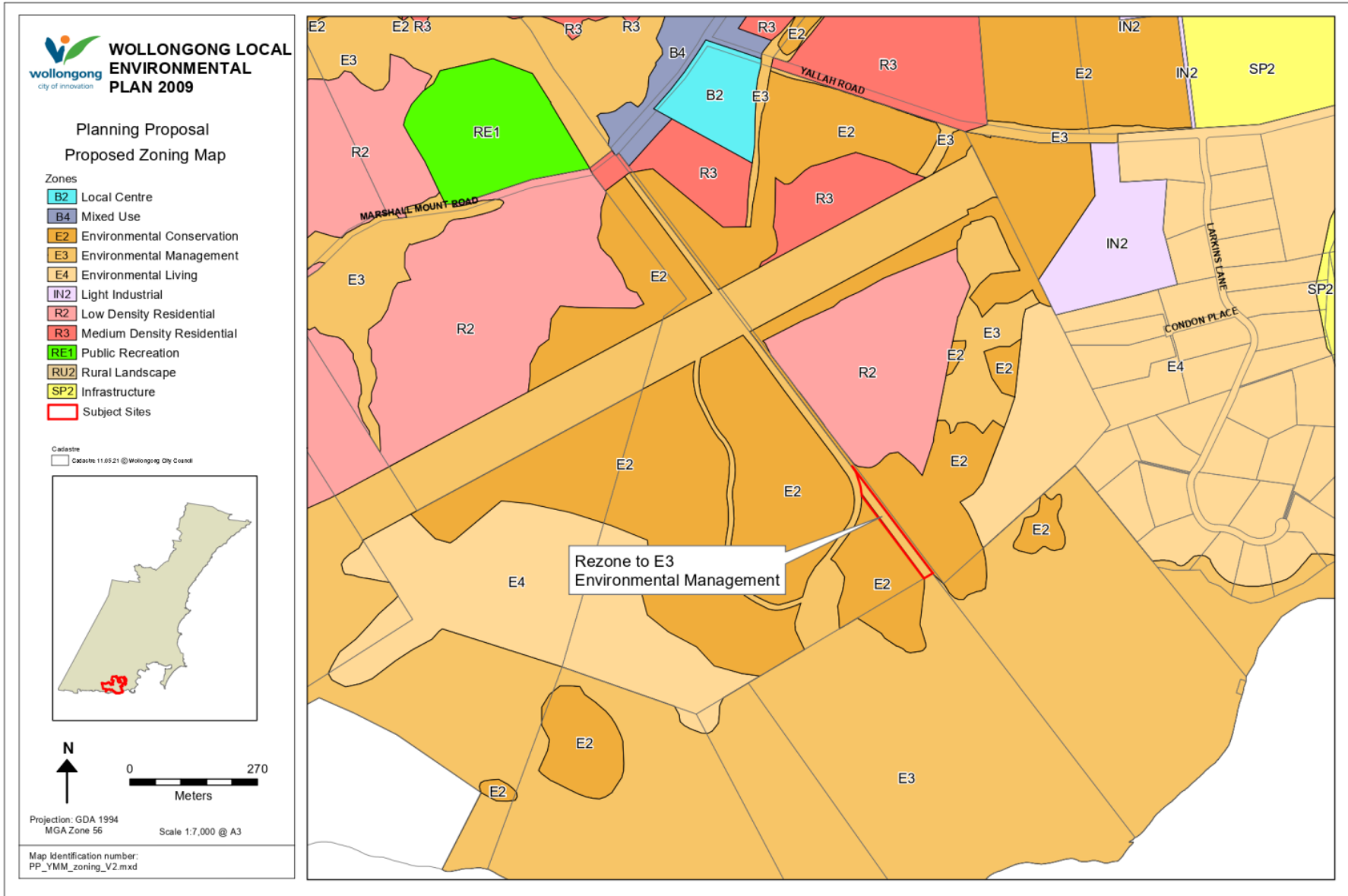
There are no significant financial implications resulting from this report.

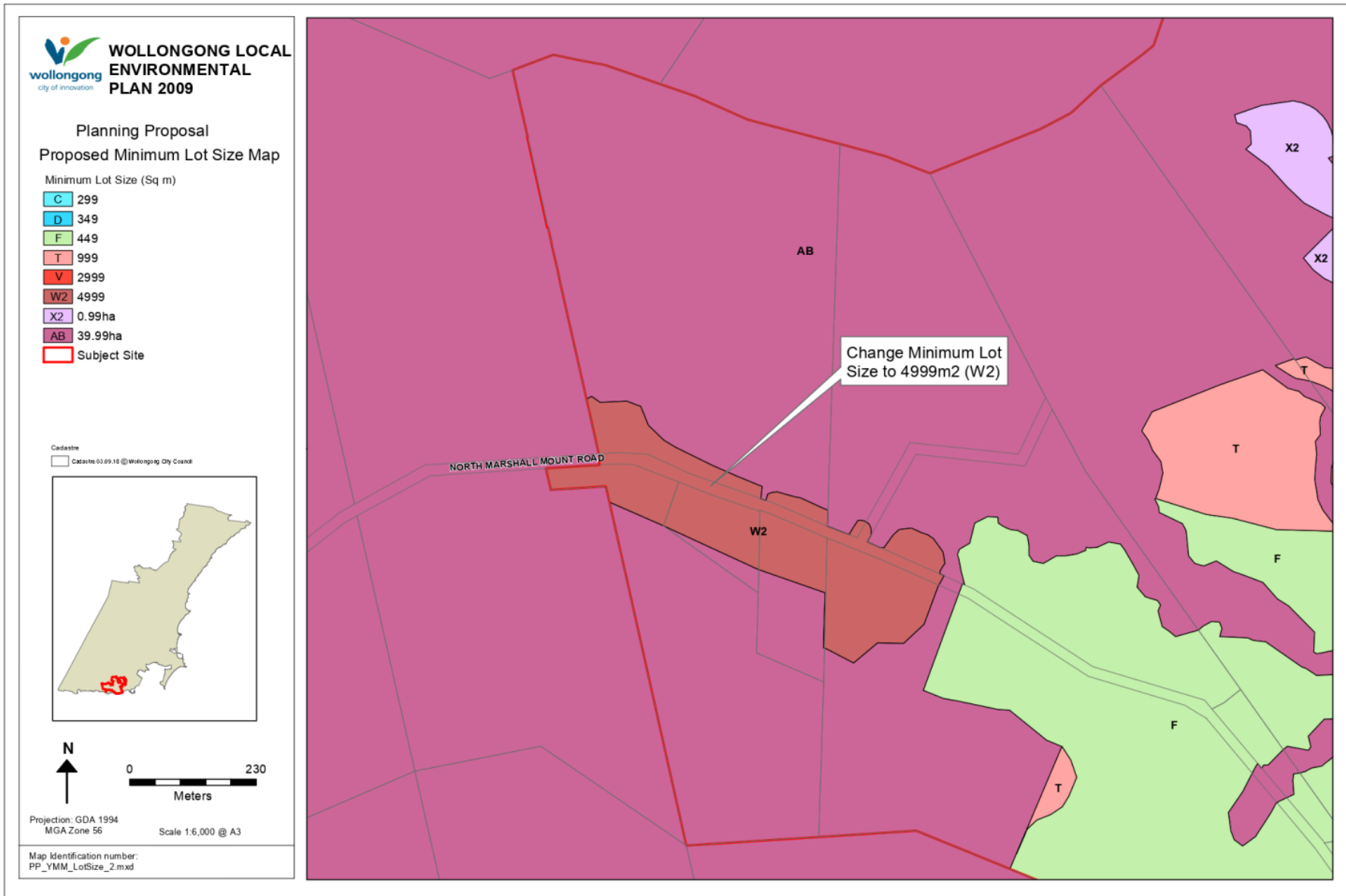
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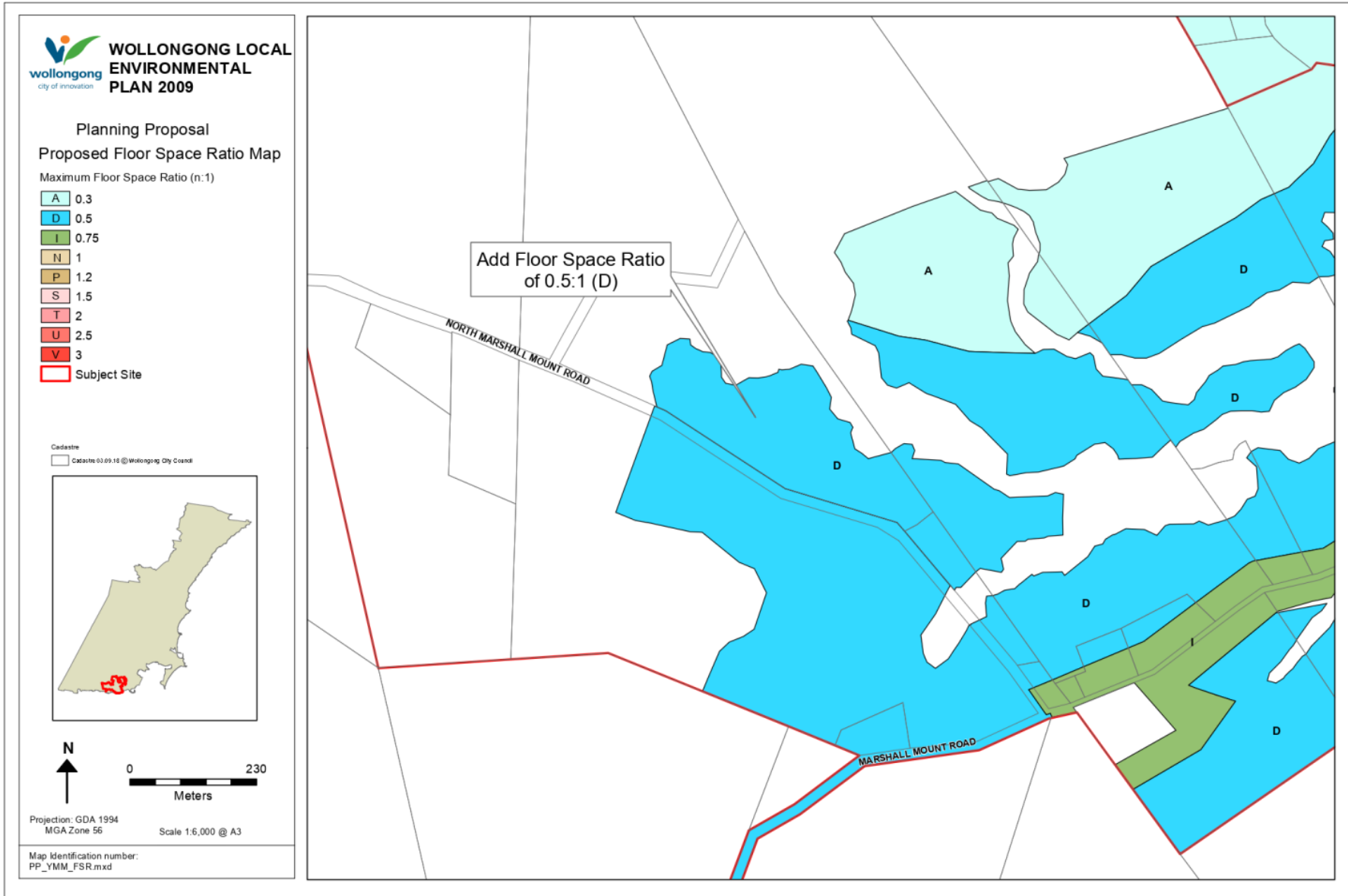
Council has expended significant time and funds to develop a vision and planning for the West Dapto Urban Release Area and the Yallah-Marshall Mount Precinct. As part of the on-going review of the West Dapto Urban Release Area, the minor amendments in this draft Planning Proposal are necessary to enable orderly development of the precinct. More work is required to accurately identify road reservation

corridors, and as this work is likely to take considerable time, these amendments are best removed for the planning proposal.

It is recommended that Council progress an amended Planning Proposal, removing the items dependent on the further road design work, and refer it to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for finalisation.







ITEM 5 PROPOSED HERITAGE LISTING - 14 ACACIA AVENUE, GWYNNEVILLE

On 23 December 2020, Council issued an Interim Heritage Order on 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville to prevent demolition whilst a heritage significance assessment was undertaken. This report outlines the findings of this assessment and recommends the preparation and exhibition of a draft Planning Proposal to list 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville on the Heritage Schedule of the Wollongong LEP 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 A draft Planning Proposal be prepared to -
 - a List 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville in Schedule 5 of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009.
 - b Amend the Heritage Map of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 to show the proposed curtilage detailed in this report.
- 2 The Interim Heritage Order for 14 Acacia Avenue Gwynneville be extended for an additional six (6) months (up until 23 December 2021) to enable the progression of the draft Planning Proposal.
- 3 The draft Planning Proposal be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway Determination to enable exhibition.
- 4 Council staff engage an independent heritage consultant to undertake a peer review of the Heritage Significance Assessments of 14 Acacia Avenue be undertaken prior to exhibition.
- 5 The draft Planning Proposal be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days.
- 6 Following the exhibition, a report on submissions be prepared for Council's consideration.
- 7 The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment be advised that Council wishes to use its delegations to finalise the draft Planning Proposal.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Chris Stewart, Manager City Strategy
Authorised by: Linda Davis, Director Planning + Environment - Future City + Neighbourhoods

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Interim Heritage Order - Gazettal Notice and Curtilage Map
- 2 Heritage Impact Assessment, Corona Projects, February 2021
- 3 Heritage Significance Assessment, John Oultram, April 2021
- 4 Preliminary Heritage Assessment, Zoran Popvic 2015
- 5 Advice of the Local Planning Panel 19 March 2021
- 6 Advice of the Local Planning Panel, 29 April 2021

BACKGROUND

The subject site at 14 Acacia Avenue Gwynneville (Lot 32 in DP 22656) is not currently listed as a heritage item under the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009. It has however been previously recognised through the Council publication Twentieth Century Architecture in Wollongong (Robert Irving, 2001) as an item of architectural interest. The publication identifies the building as designed in the "Old English style of architecture" "circa 1930".

Subsequent investigations have identified that the building was constructed in the early 1950s following the subdivision of the land in 1950. A Building Certificate (BC-1995/570) for additions was issued in 1955.

In 2015, the site was reviewed by Council's Heritage Advisor as part of Stage 2 of the Wollongong Heritage Schedule Review project. A draft preliminary Heritage Assessment was prepared which identified that the building was suitable for heritage listing. A copy of the preliminary Heritage Assessment prepared by Zoran Popovic is provided (Attachment 4). The broader Stage 2 of the Wollongong Heritage Schedule Review Project is anticipated to be reported to the Local Planning Panel (Panel) later in 2021 and then to Council for consideration.

In June 2020, Development Application DA-2020/632 for the demolition of 14 (and 16) Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville and the construction of a multi-unit development comprising 8 town houses was lodged with Council. Community members raised concerns about the potential heritage significance of the building during the exhibition period. The application was reported to the Panel on 20 October 2020 for determination. The Panel refused the Development Application for a variety of reasons, including heritage concerns and requested that any future amended application be accompanied by a Heritage Assessment.

The Panel noted within their decision the following suggestion -

The Panel is of the view that given the potential Heritage Status and significance of No.14 Acacia Avenue, consideration should be given to imposing an Interim Heritage Order on the property at the earliest opportunity. This would facilitate a detailed and comprehensive assessment of the property prior to consideration of any future development on the land.

On 13 November 2020, the applicant obtained a Complying Development Certificate (CDC) from a private certifier for the demolition of the building under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying) (PC-2020/1491).

The CDC approval for demolition works being contrary to the Panel's advice on the potential heritage significance of the dwelling, prompted Council officers to seek an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) under the *NSW Heritage Act 1977*. The IHO was notified in the Government Gazette on 23 December 2020 (Attachment 1). The IHO provides Council with a 6-month period to prepare an assessment of significance and to provide a report to Council for consideration of the potential listing of the site as a local heritage item. The IHO is due to lapse on 23 June 2021. In the event that Council resolves to progress a heritage listing, the IHO is able to be extended for an additional six months to allow finalisation of the Planning Proposal.

In March 2021, the owner provided a Heritage Impact Statement prepared by Corona Projects (Attachment 2). This document includes a Significance Assessment and concludes the following -

The dwelling house at 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville is considered to have a 'low' heritage significance rating for the following reasons -

- *Highly modernised and filled-in fire places.*
- *New ceilings, flooring, roofing and internal details.*
- *Preservation of plaster ceiling details in two rooms only, both of which have been repainted and lighting has been highly modernised.*
- *Nearby dwellings with features of the same quality and/or better-preserved nature – see 'Gleniffer Brae' house.*
- *The dwelling at No.14 was built post-WWII and has been built to reflect the style of Old English cottages. Due to its construction post-war, the existing building is not an authentic example of Old English construction but a mere replica.*

On 19 March 2021, the proposal to prepare a draft Planning Proposal to list the property as a local heritage item was reported to the Wollongong Local Planning Panel for advice relating to strategic merit. The Panel deferred their consideration of the matter to await the finalisation of the independent heritage assessment being prepared by a consultant for Council. The Panel advised -

that the draft Planning Proposal request should be deferred and reconsidered by the Panel when the Council's independent heritage report is submitted. The Panel acknowledges that the dwelling house was constructed post 1950. The Panel considers that for the building to be heritage listed, the building would need to be an exceptional, rare example of a particular building style before it would be appropriate for listing.

In April 2021, Council received the independent Assessment of Heritage Significance for the site prepared by John Oultram (Attachment 3). The report concludes the following -

- *14 Acacia Avenue is a good and well detailed example of an Inter War English Cottage Revival style house that was built c. 1951 possibly as a company home by the Australian Iron and Steel Limited/BHP.*
- *The property meets several of the Heritage Manual criteria for identification as a place of local significance.*
- *The property is worthy of listing as a heritage item in Schedule 5 Part 1 of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009.*

On 29 April 2021, the matter was re-reported to the Panel who provided the following advice -

The Panel notes the conflicting heritage advice provided by the applicant and Council. The Panel has reservations about progressing a heritage listing on this site, given the history of this matter and decisions on other similar buildings of this era.

The Panel, in its previous deferral, indicated that it would be reluctant to recommend heritage listing the property except if it was an exceptional example of the style. To-date neither Heritage report indicates that it is an exceptional example. However, the Oultram report identifies the building as a good and well detailed example of an interwar English cottage revival style house, which meets several of the Heritage Manual criteria for identification and is worthy of heritage listing as local significance.

In the circumstances, the Panel would recommend that if Council resolves to prepare a draft Planning Proposal, then prior to the exhibition of this matter, Council obtain a peer review of both reports to establish the reasonableness and appropriateness of any listing, and the peer review form part of the exhibition material.

The Minutes of the Panel meetings are provided with this report (Attachment 5 & 6). As indicated the Panel is reluctant to recommend the heritage listing of the site, as the building is not an "exceptional" example. The Panel recommends a peer review of the heritage reports to provide a further opinion.

PROPOSAL

This report proposes to prepare and exhibit a draft Planning Proposal to amend Schedule 5 "Environmental Heritage" of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 and the accompanying heritage maps, to add the property known as 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville as a local heritage item.

The following map shows the proposed LEP Heritage Curtilage as gazetted with the IHO. This curtilage boundary is considered appropriate to conserve the significance of the heritage values of the site.



Comparative analysis

The dwelling house is described as being an example of an *Inter War English Cottage Revival style house* (albeit constructed in the early 1950s). There are not many other examples of this style of dwelling house remaining in the Wollongong LGA.

Both the proponent's Heritage Impact Statement and the independent Assessment of Heritage Significance commissioned by Council refer to Glennifer Brae House as being a fine example of this style. Glennifer Brae is listed on the State Heritage register and is owned by Council.

The proponent's Heritage Impact Statement suggests that 33 Foleys Road, Gwynneville is an example of an Old English Cottage.

The dwelling at 342-344 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul is another example identified by the independent assessment. This dwelling was approved for demolition by the Panel in November 2020 (DA-2020/290), and demolition works have recently commenced.

The draft Wollongong City Centre Heritage Study being separately considered by Council on 31 May 2021, proposes that an Interwar Cottage of Old English style at 11 Hercules Street, Wollongong be listed as an item of local heritage significance.

Options

Council has the following options –

- 1 Resolve to progress a draft Planning Proposal to heritage list the property, obtain a peer review of the heritage reports and extend the Interim Heritage Order. RECOMMENDED.
- 2 Resolve to not progress a draft Planning Proposal to heritage list the property and allow the Interim Heritage Order to lapse. The restriction on the previously issued CDC for demolition would be removed and the CDC could be acted on.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

During assessment of the Development Application for the site, Council received 15 objections to the development, with a number raising concerns about the potential heritage significance of the house.

Council notified the landowner and applicant following the gazettal of the Interim Heritage Order over the property via letter in December 2020. Council's Heritage Coordinator has had follow up discussions with the applicant regarding the implications of the IHO and the future development potential of the site. A copy of the preliminary assessment of significance prepared by Council's Heritage Advisor has also been made available.

The landowner attended the Panel meetings on the 19 March 2021 and 29 April 2021, addressed the Panel and provided the Panel with a separate Heritage Impact Statement (Attachment 2). The landowner will continue to be kept informed and will be provided an opportunity to make a formal submission on the draft Planning Proposal as part of the exhibition process.

On 30 March 2021, the Wollongong Heritage Reference Group considered a report in relation to this matter and recommended that -

Council prepare and exhibit a draft Planning Proposal to progress the heritage listing of 14 Acacia Avenue Gwynneville subject to the recommendations of and following the finalisation of an Independent Heritage Assessment.

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) have submitted a letter indicating their support of listing the site as a local heritage item.

If Council resolves to progress a draft Planning Proposal and a Gateway Determination is issued by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, the draft Planning Proposal will be placed on public exhibition to allow comment by the broader community and to invite any formal input from the owner of the property.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal “We value and protect our environment”. It specifically delivers on the following -

Community Strategic Plan	Delivery Program 2018-2022	Operational Plan 2020-21
Strategy	4 Year Action	Operational Plan Actions
1.4.4 Programs and projects that achieve proactive heritage management, education and promotion are developed and implemented.	1.4.1.1 Work in partnership with others to promote a diverse range of heritage education and promotion programs	2. Coordinate the Heritage Reference Group

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

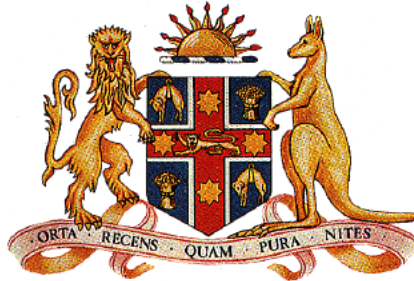
There are minor financial implications for Council arising from this report. The proposed Peer review is able to be funded from existing operational budget.

It is acknowledged that the progression of a heritage listing for the property may have financial implications for the property owner. The property owner will be invited to make a formal submission as part of any future exhibition process. This will allow Council to formally consider these matters in progressing the proposed heritage listing.

CONCLUSION

The property at 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville contributes to the heritage of Wollongong in a significant manner and has been recommended for listing on the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 as a Heritage Item.

The recommendations of this report will allow for the preparation, exhibition and further consideration of a draft Heritage listing and will allow for formal consideration of the heritage significance of the property, as well as ensuring the ongoing interim protection of the building through the extension of the Interim Heritage Order.



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HERITAGE ACT 1977

INTERIM HERITAGE ORDER NO.5

Under Section 25 of the *Heritage Act 1977* Randwick City Council does by this order:

- I. make an interim heritage order to cover the item of the environmental heritage specified or described in Schedule 'A'; and
- II. declare that the Interim Heritage Order shall apply to the curtilage or site of such item, being the land described in Schedule 'B'.

This Interim Heritage Order will lapse six months from the date that it is made unless the local council has passed a resolution before that date either:

- 1) in the case of an item which, in the council's opinion, is of local significance, to place the item on the heritage schedule of a local environmental plan with appropriate provisions for protecting and managing the item; and
- 2) in the case of an item which in the council's opinion, is of State heritage significance, nominate the item for inclusion on the State Heritage Register.



David Ongkili
Coordinator, Strategic Planning
Randwick City Council

Sydney 18/12/2020

Schedule 'A'

**The property known as 5 Berwick Street situated at Coogee on the land described in
Schedule 'B'**

Schedule 'B'

All those pieces or parcels of land known as LOT C DP 313214

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

HERITAGE ACT 1977

Interim Heritage Order No 1

Under section 25 of the *Heritage Act 1977*, Wollongong City Council does by this Order:

- i. make an Interim Heritage order to cover the item of environmental heritage specified or described in Schedule "A"; and
- ii. declare that the Interim Heritage Order shall apply to the curtilage or site of such item, being the land described in Schedule "B".

This Interim Heritage Order will lapse after six months from the date it is made unless the local Council has passed a resolution before that date; and:

1. in the case of an item which, in the Council's opinion, is of local significance, the resolution seeks to place the item on the heritage schedule of a local environmental plan with appropriate provisions for protecting and managing the item; or
2. in the case of an item which, in the Council's opinion, is of State heritage significance, the resolution requests the Heritage Council to make a recommendation to the Minister for Heritage under section 32(2) of the *NSW Heritage Act 1977* to include the item on the State Heritage Register.

Dated at Wollongong, 18 December 2020.

Mr CHRIS STEWART, Manager City Strategy.

Schedule "A"

The property known as 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville, on land described in Schedule B.

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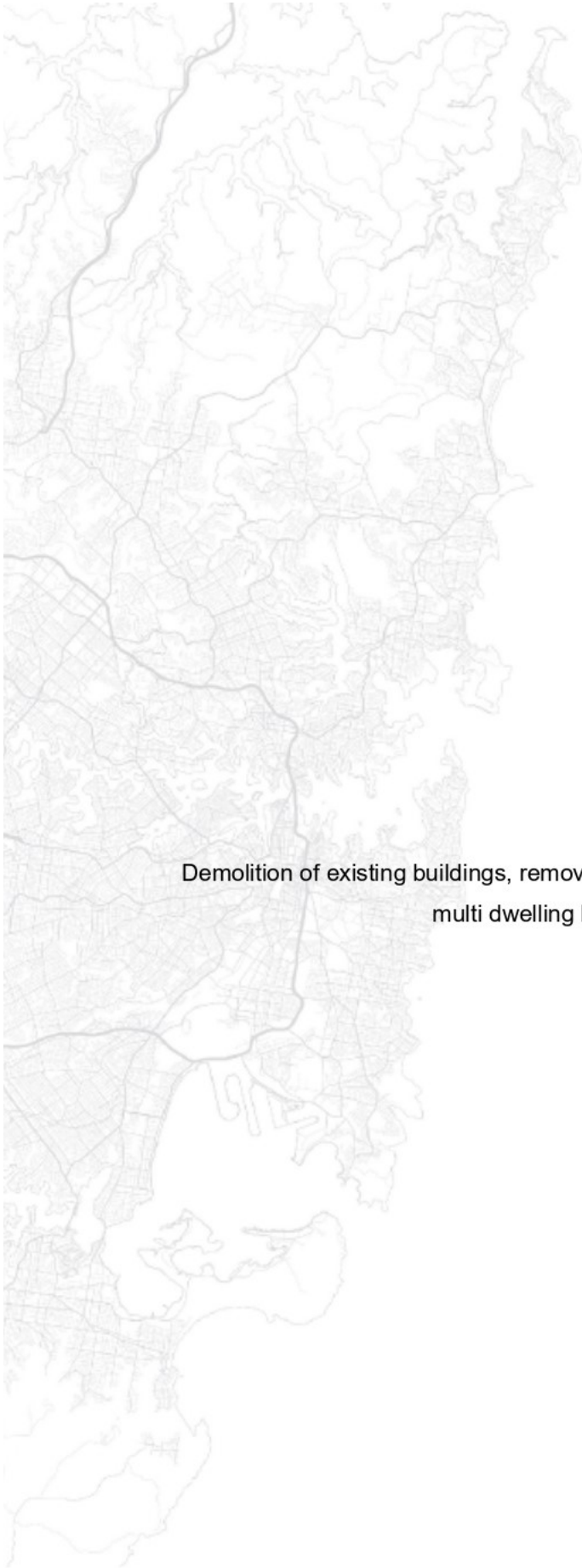
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**Interim Heritage Order Curtilage Map
14 Acacia Avenue , Gwynneville**

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Development Application
HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT

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14-16 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville

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PROJECT DETAILS

Client: Mr Marko Lisica
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Lot Description: Lot 32 DP 22656 and Lot 31 DP 22656.
Proposed development: Demolition of existing buildings, removal of eight (8) trees,
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I certify that the contents of the Heritage Impact Statement to the best of my knowledge, has been prepared as follows:

- In accordance with *Statements of Heritage Impact* and *Assessing Heritage Significance* published by the Heritage Branch of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
- In accordance with the principles contained in the most recent edition of The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance.
- To the best of my knowledge the information contained in this report is neither false nor misleading.

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1.0 Executive Summary

The subject site at 14-16 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville currently contains two, single storey dwellings. The building at 14 Acacia Avenue is subject of an Interim Heritage Order.

The proposed application involves that demolition of the two existing dwelling houses at 14 and 16 Acacia Avenue, removal of 8 trees and the construction of multi-dwelling housing including eight (8) townhouse units and Strata Title subdivision.

The dwelling house at 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville is considered to have a 'low' heritage significance rating for the following reasons:

- Highly modernised and filled-in fire places;
- New ceilings, flooring, roofing and internal details;
- Preservation of plaster ceiling details in two rooms only, both of which have been repainted and lighting has been highly modernised; and the
- Nearby dwellings with features of the same quality and/or better-preserved nature – see 'Gleniffer Brae' house.
- The dwelling at No.14 was built post-WWII and has been built to reflect the style of Old English cottages. Due to its construction post-war, the existing building is not an authentic example of Old English construction but a mere replica.

The proposed development is considered to have an acceptable impact upon the heritage significance of 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville for the following reasons:

- The prevalence of "Tudor"/ "Old English Style" architecture is not noticeably reduced for the Gwynneville locality by way of the dwelling at 14 Acacia being demolished;
- The new development is capable of respectfully assimilated into the character of the existing locality;
- Modern architecture and medium-density townhouse developments are highly prominent on every street; and
- The proposal is in line with the Existing and Desired Future Character of Gwynneville, as described by the WDCP 2009, and will assist to provide highly sought-after additional housing in a growing urban area.

Therefore, a **recommendation of support** is provided by the authors of this Heritage Impact Statement for the proposed development at 14-16 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

This Heritage Impact Statement has been prepared for Mr Marko Lisica to accompany a Development Application (DA) to Wollongong City Council for the construction of eight (8) townhouse units and Strata Title subdivision at 14-16 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville.



Figure 1 – Site subject of proposed development (Google Maps, 2020)

More specifically, the proposed development comprises the demolition of existing buildings, removal of eight (8) trees, and the construction of multi dwelling housing including eight (8) townhouse units and Strata Title subdivision.

Works to the site are being undertaken in order to provide high quality additional housing to accommodate the growing population of the area, in a form that responds to the desired future character of Gwynneville. Part 3.3 of Chapter D1 Local Character Statements of the Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009 stipulates that medium density townhouse development is supported in Gwynneville.

As per figure 2, 14-16 Acacia Avenue is not currently heritage listed and the closest registered site with any heritage significance (State or Local Heritage Item or Heritage Conservation Area) is located at 31 Foley Street, Gwynneville, over 650m away.



Figure 2 – Heritage Map (NSW Planning Portal)

Despite this, half of the site known as 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville (Lot 32 DP 22656) is subject of an Authorised Interim Heritage Order, made under section 25 of the *Heritage Act 1977* by Wollongong City Council. The order was gazetted on 23 December 2020 and provided with listing number LC-1 and gazette number 392.



Figure 3 – Site subject of Interim Heritage Order and development (Wollongong City Council, 2020)

The Wollongong Local Planning Panel Assessment Report dated 20 October 2020 associated with DA-2020/632 was prepared by Wollongong City Council and recommends an almost identical design proposed under this development for approval. The Assessment Report states on page 5 that;

“The property does not contain a heritage item; it is not located within a heritage conservation area and the property is not located in the vicinity of a heritage item. The property is not listed as part of Council’s Heritage Schedule Review Project. Accordingly, the heritage value is not considered to be sufficient to preclude the development.” – Development Assessment and Certification City Centre Team, Wollongong City Council, 2020

The Assessment Report continues to state on page 9 that;

“Several years ago, Council carried out a Heritage Assessment of the existing dwelling. This assessment found that No. 14 Acacia Avenue Gwynneville met the criteria for listing as a local heritage item. The assessment recommended that the site be listed as a heritage item which did not occur. It is noted that no heritage listing is in place for the dwelling nor has an interim heritage order (IHO) been considered. In addition, the heritage significance of the site has not been formally notified or discussed with the present owner...

Given that Council has previously prepared heritage assessment, requiring the applicant to prepare Heritage Significance and Impact Assessments is considered unreasonable and unnecessary. Under the current circumstances, it is considered difficult to require the retention of the dwelling at No. 14 Acacia Avenue. It is considered that refusal of the application based solely on heritage grounds would be difficult to defend and there are insufficient reasons to refuse the application on this basis.” – Development Assessment and Certification City Centre Team, Wollongong City Council, 2020

Despite the overall consensus by Council that the retention of 14 Acacia Avenue cannot be argued on heritage grounds with the information available at the time of recommendation, the Panel was *“concerned about Heritage Conservation... [and considered] that there is inadequate information to justify the demolition of the property at this time.”* (DA-2020/632 Determination and Statement of Reasons report). Therefore, the development application was refused due to a lack of heritage information (specifically a lack of a heritage assessment for the subject site) amongst other minor built form concerns which has since been resolved under this new proposal.

Since the preparation of the Assessment Report and the Panel’s determination of DA-2020/632, verbal communications between Council’s Heritage Officer, Joel Thompson, and a representative of the land owner of No. 14 in January 2021 has revealed that no contemporary assessment of heritage significance has been carried out to date for the subject site that is suitable for use in determining its heritage value at this stage. These discussions highlighted that a review was undertaken in 2011 and the conclusion was that heritage listing to No. 14 was **not** to proceed. A Council-led heritage

assessment is scheduled for 2021 within Stage 2 of the WLEP 2009 Heritage Schedule Review (New Items) to serve this purpose, but Council verbally confirmed that a new assessment of the subject site would not be necessary for inclusion in this review if a Heritage Impact Statement was prepared beforehand. This Heritage Impact Statement intends to replace the Council-led assessment for 14 Acacia Avenue.

The purpose of this report is to analyse the heritage significance of the current site at 14 Acacia Avenue, identify any potential impact of the proposed developments on the development site, and provide heritage preservation recommendations in the event that the site is found to hold heritage value. This Statement provides an overview of the proposed development, and addresses the relevant heritage controls, including the NSW Assessing Heritage Significance Guidelines, Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2012 (WLEP 2009) and Wollongong Development Control Plan (WDCP 2009).

The site and its surrounds were inspected and photographed by the author of this report in February 2021. The inspection was undertaken as a visual study only. The Statement does not contain an archaeological assessment.

This Statement only addresses the impacts of the proposal on the potential heritage value of the site, neighbouring heritage items, and the surrounding neighbourhood. Statutory planning considerations, including but limited to, land use permissibility, building height, floor space ratio, site coverage, overshadowing and view privacy, landscaping, stormwater, and other non-heritage related matters are not taken into consideration in this statement.

3.0 THE SITE AND ITS CONTEXT

3.1 Site Analysis

The site is located at 14-16 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville and is legally described Lot 32 DP 22656 and Lot 31 DP 22656. Only half of the site, No. 14 is subject to the Interim Heritage Order. The site is located on the northern side of Acacia Avenue, between Reserve Street and Berkeley Road. The land is zoned R2 Low Density Residential under the provision of Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 (WLEP 2009).

Both properties are irregular in shape with an area of 998m² for No. 14 and 880m² for No. 16. Vehicular access is via Acacia Avenue and although both properties back onto the Princes Motorway, there is no possibility of achieving vehicular access from the motorway.

No. 14 Acacia Avenue contains a single storey brick and tile dwelling, a detached garage, a shed and a strip concrete driveway. No. 16 Acacia Avenue contains a weatherboard and tile dwelling, a

detached garage, two sheds and a strip concrete driveway. Both properties are separated from the motorway by a high concrete acoustic barrier.



Figure 4 – Site locality map (Google Maps)



Figure 5 – 14 Acacia Avenue viewed from the street (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figure 6 – 16 Acacia Avenue viewed from the street (Corona Projects, 2021)

3.2 Photographs

The following photographs provide a visual survey of the site and setting currently present on site.

3.2.1 14 Acacia Avenue



Figure 7 – Front façade (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figure 8 – Modern door (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figure 9 – Rear façade of main house (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figure 10 – Modern alterations to garage (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figure 11 – More recent extension to main dwelling (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figure 12 – Modern kitchen ceiling (Corona Projects, 2021)

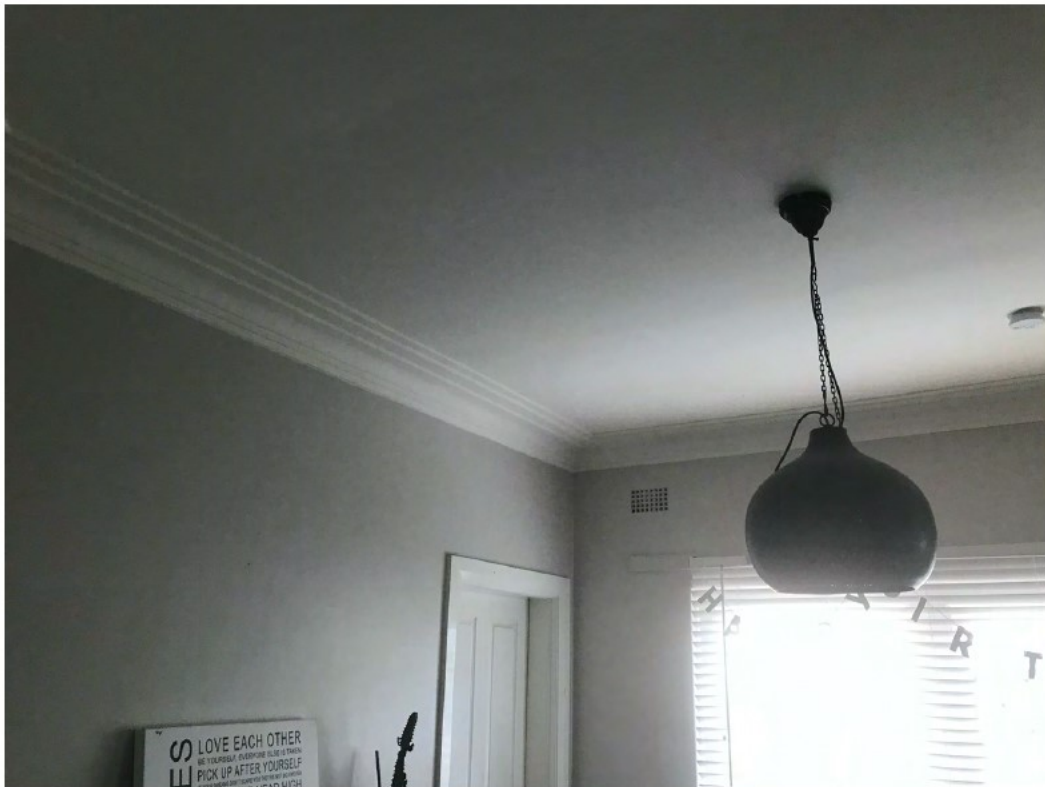


Figure 13 – Modern living room ceiling (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figure 14 – Master bedroom ceiling with some original and some new detailing



Figure 15 – Altered living room fireplace (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figure 16 – Non-original rear extension (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figures 17 and 18 – Internal openings and doors (Corona Projects, 2021)



Figure 19 – Extruded window along front façade with modern detailing (Corona Projects, 2021)

3.2.2 Surrounding development in Gwynneville



Figure 20 – Dwelling of similar materiality and built form at 23 Crawford Avenue



Figure 21 – Dwelling with similar built form and materiality at 12 Frances Street

3.3 Development History

A search on Council's DA Tracker returned the following results for development applications associated with the site.

<i>Application No</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Suburb</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Lodgement Date</i>
<i>DA-2020/632</i>	<i>Residential - demolition of existing buildings, remove eight (8) trees, construction of multi dwelling housing - eight (8) units and Subdivision - Strata title - eight (8) lots</i>	<i>14 Acacia Avenue</i>	<i>GWYNNEVILLE</i>	<i>Complete</i>	<i>26/06/2020</i>
<i>PC-2020/1491</i>	<i>Residential - demolition of existing dwellings</i>	<i>14 Acacia Avenue</i>	<i>GWYNNEVILLE</i>	<i>Complete</i>	<i>30/11/2020</i>

A Complying Development Certificate was approved on the 13th of November 2020 by a qualified private certifying authority for the demolition of the existing dwellings at 14 and 16 Acacia Avenue.

4.0 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The Development Application proposal comprises of the demolition of existing buildings, removal of eight (8) trees, and the construction of multi dwelling housing including eight (8) townhouse units and Strata Title subdivision.

Please refer to the architectural plans prepared by 10 Star Living, also shown in Appendix A.

5.0 HERITAGE STATUS

5.1 Listings

Neither No. 14 nor No. 16 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville are listed under Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009. The sites do not have a state heritage listing either. No. 14 does have an Authorised Interim Heritage Order in place.

5.2 Statement of Significance

No information regarding the reason for the Interim Heritage Order was found to be associated with 14 Acacia Avenue on the Office of Environment and Heritage website. Whilst the Wollongong Local Planning Panel Assessment report dated 20 October 2020 for DA-2020/632 for an almost identical development to that provided under this proposal suggests that 14 Acacia Avenue met the criteria for listing as a local heritage item several years ago, no further information on how these criteria were met has been supplied. It is also noted that the same Assessment Report indicates that the item was thereafter not listed which renders the reasons and/or status of heritage significance in the opinion of Council unknown.

Despite this, historical documentation and an assessment in accordance with the NSW Assessing Heritage Significance Manual within this Heritage Impact Statement infer that the site may hold possible low heritage significance for the following reasons:

5.3 Assessment of Significance – ‘House’ at 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville

Figures 51 – 54 provide aerial imagery of 14 Acacia, revealing portions of its development history. It can be concluded that the dwelling house was originally constructed between 1951 and 1961 alongside its neighbours along Acacia Avenue. It can also be concluded that the subdivision pattern and road network established by 1961 has been largely retained in the immediate vicinity to this day.



Figure 22 – 1948-1951 Aerial Imagery (Spatial Services, 2015)



Figure 23 – 1961 Aerial Imagery (Spatial Services, 2015)

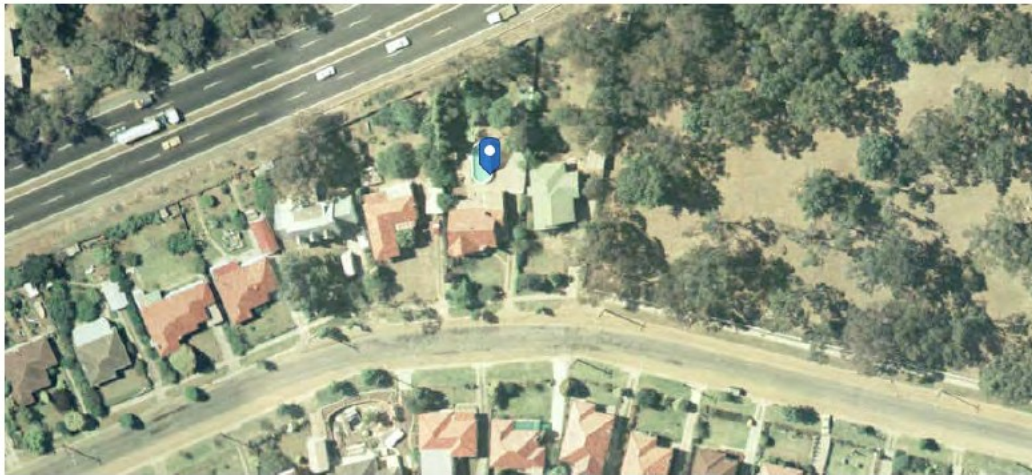


Figure 24 – 1977-78 Aerial Imagery (AAM Pty Ltd, 1997)

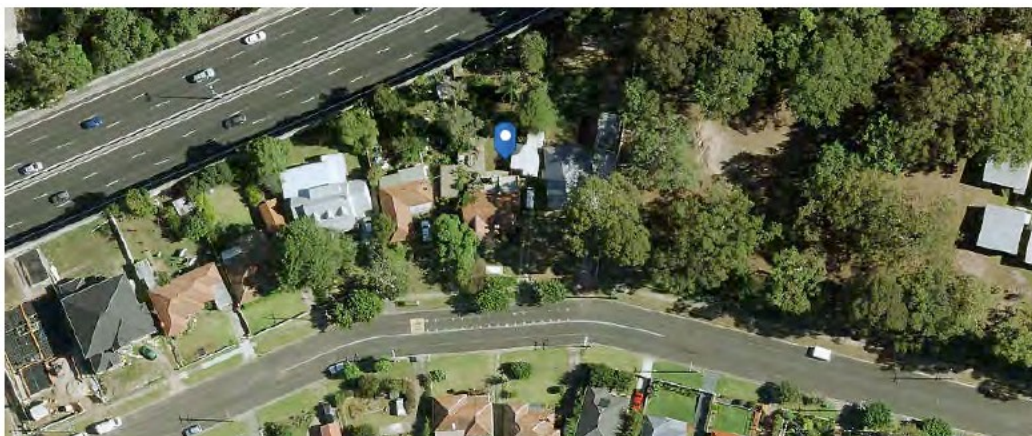


Figure 25 – 2018 Aerial Imagery (Jacobs & Aerometrex, 2018)

The aerial images paired with figures 7 – 19 show that the main dwelling at 14 Acacia Avenue exhibits a largely intact front façade, and later additions are prevalent inside and to the rear of the building.

Mid-late 20th century architectural period features located on site include the:

These features are reminiscent of “Tudor” and “Old English Cottage”-style architecture, seen in figures 55 and 56, which was popular in the United Kingdom during the 1920’s (Architecture Style, 2020¹). Gwynneville’s interpretation of these early 20th century architectural styles is of a single-storey and red face-brick version rather than two-storey with exposed stone. The rest of the form is largely comparable.

¹ Archstyleadmin (2020) *A Brief Overview of English Cottage Architecture* available online at <https://architecturesstyle.com/english-cottage/>. Viewed 24 February 2021



Figure 26 – Example of “Old English Cottage” style dwelling (Pinterest, 2008)

The existing dwelling falls far short of replicating the “Old English Cottage” style and does not feature any authentic architectural details as seen in fig. 26. The inside, rear and roofing of the dwelling and associated outbuildings are highly altered and modernised. The internal changes are unsympathetic to the original dwelling.

It can reasonably be concluded that ‘House’ at 14 Acacia is likely to be considered relevant for heritage investigation for its external architectural appearance. Upon further investigation, however, the extent of change to original details and high availability of nearby dwellings with features of the same quality and/or better-preserved nature, the reasons for heritage listing are diminished.

‘Glennifer Brae’ house located nearby the development site at 3 Murphys Avenue, Keiraville, seen in figure 38, is an example of a high quality “Tudor”/“ Old English Cottage” building with better preserved features both externally and internally. This building is already listed as a State Heritage Item for its associational and aesthetical values, with a full description and history detailed on the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage state listing register.



Figure 38 – Glennifer Brae house (Wollongong Botanic Garden, 2021)

33 Foleys Road, Gwynneville is another prime example of “Old English Cottage” style architecture that has been maintained within the existing locality. As seen within figure 39, the dwelling at 33 Foleys Road display a high level of “Old English Cottage” architecture that features steep pitched roofs and dormer windows reminiscent of figure 36. When compared to 14 Acacia Avenue this dwelling at 33 Foleys Road displays a high level of architectural detail reminiscent of “Old English Cottage” architecture both externally and internally.



Figure 39 - 33 Foleys Road, Gwynneville (Google maps, 2020)

The site is located within close range of acoustic barriers which blockade noise sources from the motorway. These acoustic barriers measure 3m in height and stand as stark panels that are visible

from the rear yard. These panels reduce the heritage significance of the surrounding locality as well as any significance that the subject dwelling acquires.

No State significant curtilage is located within close range of the site as well as any heritage significant landscaping or garden areas.

The subject site has been referenced within a book titled *Twentieth century Architecture in Wollongong* written by Robert Irving who has noted that 14 Acacia Avenue “encapsulates the character of the style” of Old English architecture and is dated c. 1930. As seen within figures 22-25, the subject dwelling at No.14 was not built until the mid. 1950’s. This further confirms that the building in fact is not a traditional Old English cottage and was not built during pre-War years to commission traditional construction methods. As previously mentioned, the building has been built during post war years and is only a mere replica of the Old English architectural style.

It can therefore be concluded that the level of heritage significance for the dwelling house at 14 Acacia Avenue is ‘low’ for the following summarised reasons:

- Low level detailing far short of replicating grand designs of traditional Old English Cottages;
- Highly modernised and filled-in fire places;
- New ceilings, flooring, roofing and internal details;
- Preservation of plaster ceiling details in two rooms only, both of which have been repainted and lighting has been highly modernised; and the
- Nearby dwellings with features of the same quality and/or better-preserved nature – see ‘Gleniffer Brae’ house.
- The dwelling at No.14 was built post-WWII and has been built to reflect the style of Old English cottages. Due to its construction post-war, the existing building is not an authentic example of Old English construction but a mere replica.

6.0 ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE IMPACT

6.1 NSW Assessing Heritage Significance Manual

In accordance with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage guidelines, an assessment based on several criteria has been undertaken.

‘House’ at 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville.

Criterion		Comment
a	Historical significance	Aerial imagery reveals that the dwelling was built sometime between 1951 and 1961.
b	Associational significance	No persons of significance were found to have association with the building.

c	Aesthetic significance	The building on site is an architectural example of a detached dwelling built during the mid 20 th century of an “Old English Cottage”- style with modern alterations undertaken in later years. Heavy external brickwork and prominent chimney, roof form and front façade detailing is reminiscent of its original form. The inside and rear of the dwelling, however, has been largely replaced with modern ceilings, flooring and fittings in the majority of rooms providing a contemporary character. Guttering, roofing, windows/door openings and the rear wing of the house are suspected to be new as well.
d	Social significance	The dwelling is identified to be of no social significance other than providing a place of residence.
e	Cultural significance	The dwelling is not considered to be of substantial cultural significance.
f	Rarity	Similar style dwellings found within Wollongong render the dwelling at 14 Acacia Avenue ordinary.
g	Representativeness	The extent and diversity of modern alterations render the dwelling at 14 Acacia Avenue representative of a variety of architectural dwelling styles, exhibited throughout many parts of Gwynneville.

6.2 NSW Heritage Office – Statements of Heritage Impact Guideline

The impact of the proposed works has been assessed with reference to criteria raised by the NSW Heritage Office publication, Statements of Heritage Impact (2002), in respect to ‘**demolition of a building or structure**’. Whilst the site known as 14-16 Acacia Avenue does not contain any permanent heritage listing, the development will be assessed under the hypothetical situation of No. 14 Acacia Avenue being a Heritage Item for assessments sake.

6.2.1 Demolition of a Building or Structure

- *Have all options for retention and adaptive re-use been explored?*

Given the change in scale from 2 dwellings (one on No. 14 and one on No. 16) to 8 on site, retaining the dwelling at No. 14 would reduce the size and location of each other new dwellings floor plate, preventing the combined properties from reasonably reaching their expected highest and best use under current planning controls.

Furthermore, the economic impact of supporting such a significant alteration in order to retain as much of the original dwellings’ front façade as possible would potentially render the development unfeasible.

- *Can all of the significant elements of the heritage item be kept and new development located elsewhere on the site?*

The central location of the original dwelling of No. 14 on its current site does not allow for the new townhouse development to efficiently be located behind or next to it.

- *Is demolition essential at this time or can it be postponed in case future circumstances make its retention and conservation more feasible?*

The need for additional housing in growing urban area is a pressing matter. The large nature of modern changes and high prevalence of similar development nearby render any postponement unnecessary.

- *Has the advice of a heritage consultant been sought? Have the consultant's recommendations been implemented? If no, why not?*

Archival recordings of the subject site are to be prepared by a suitably qualified professional prior to the issuance of the Construction Certificate.

6.3 Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009

The table below provides an assessment of the proposal against the objectives of Clause 5.10 Heritage conservation of the WLEP 2009.

Objective		Comment
a	To conserve the environmental heritage of Wollongong,	Given the substantial distance (650m+) between any Heritage Items or Heritage Conservation Areas listed under Schedule 5 of the WLEP 2009 and the development site, the proposal is not considered to have an impact on any already listed sites. The heavily altered state of the dwelling at 14 Acacia Avenue, and the ability to incorporate period features into the new townhouse scheme renders the fabric, setting and views related to the site to be suitably retained.
b	To conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas, including associated fabric, settings and views,	
c	To conserve archaeological sites	Not applicable to this development
d	To conserve aboriginal objects and Aboriginal places of heritage significance	Not applicable to this development

6.4 Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009

The table below provides an assessment of the proposal against the heritage controls under Chapter 11 of the WDCP 2009.

Control	Comment	Compliance
Part E – General Controls – Environmental Controls		
Chapter E11: Heritage Conservation		
16. Demolition or Relocation of a Heritage Building or Item		
1	The demolition or relocation of a heritage building is contrary to the intent of heritage listing and hence, will only be considered as a last resort option in circumstances where the	Given the lack of formal heritage listing and low level of significance, the demolition of the structure is considered reasonable in the circumstances of providing for a
		Yes

Control	Comment	Compliance	
	building is considered to no longer be of significance or not capable of repair.	suitable scale multi-dwelling in its place.	
2	Any proposal involving demolition of the external and / or internal fabric of a heritage item will require detailed assessment as to the significance of the affected internal or external fabric of the building as part of the required heritage impact statement. This assessment must be undertaken in accordance with the NSW Heritage Assessment Criteria for ascertaining heritage significance as well as any past heritage studies pertaining to the item. The heritage impact statement must also include a statement as to the reasons why the building is not considered to meet the heritage criteria and why other options such as adaptive re-use are not feasible.	<p>Refer to parts 2-5 of this report for a detailed assessment and Heritage Impact Statement.</p> <p>This report evaluates past internal Council Heritage Assessments conducted to this property which have concluded that no further progress has been made to list the subject property as a heritage item:</p> <p><i>The assessment recommended that the site be listed as a heritage item which did not occur. It is noted that no heritage listing is in place for the dwelling nor has an interim heritage order (IHO) been considered. - Wollongong Local Planning Panel Assessment Report dated 20 October 2020</i></p>	Yes
3	For any proposal involving demolition of a building due to structural integrity issues, the following matters must be addressed in the heritage impact statement or conservation management plan:	N/A – no known structural integrity issues	N/A
a	Comprehensive written and photographic evidence as to the current condition of the building fabric, including the condition of footings, load-bearing walls, building materials, pest infestation, water damage, sub-soil drainage, damage from natural occurrences, and whether it constitutes a danger to the users or occupiers of the building or the public;	N/A – no known structural integrity issues	N/A
b	A statement as to the capability of repair, restoration, stabilisation or reconstruction of the heritage building;	N/A – no known structural integrity issues	N/A
c	A statement outlining what other options have been examined instead of demolition and reasons why these options are not viable; and	N/A – no known structural integrity issues	N/A
d	A thorough and accurate financial assessment that considers the costs associated with	N/A – no known structural integrity issues	N/A

Control	Comment	Compliance
restoration or conservation of the building, compared to alternative development options. The above statements must be prepared by suitably qualified persons such as a conservation architect or structural engineer.		
4 Any proposal involving demolition or relocation of a heritage item will require the submission of comprehensive diagrammatic and photographic archival recording to Council, prior to the commencement of any demolition or removal works to the heritage item. This will be covered by appropriate conditions of development consent.	This has been included as a recommendation within Part 7 of this HIS and should be added by the assessing officer to the Notice of Determination as seen relevant.	Yes

6.5 Further Discussion

The proposed development is considered to have an acceptable impact upon the heritage significance of 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville for the following reasons:

- The prevalence of “Old English Style” architecture is not noticeably reduced for the Gwynneville locality by way of the dwelling at 14 Acacia being demolished;
- The new development is capable of respectfully integrating architectural features reminiscent of the current building at 14 Acacia;
- Modern architecture and medium-density townhouse developments (see figures 47 – 50, and 56) are highly prominent on every street, preventing the locality from being necessary of Heritage Conservation Area and 14 Acacia being suitable for contributory building listing; and
- The proposal is in line with the Existing and Desired Future Character of Gwynneville, as described by the WDCP 2009.



Figure 41 – Gwynneville streetscape showing mix of architectural styles (Corona Projects, 2021)

7.0 CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

The heritage significance of the 'House' at 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville is low. As such, the demolition of existing structures and construction of townhouses proposed under the development is considered acceptable subject to the following conservation policies and management techniques:

1. Archival Recording

The current house be photographically archivally recorded in accordance with the Heritage Division guidelines for digital capture and the record lodged with a suitable archive (Wollongong Local Library).

Archival recordings of the building are to be prepared by a suitably qualified professional prior to CC being issued.

2. Indirect Incorporation of Period Features

Period features exhibited in the current dwelling house at 14 Acacia Avenue should be skilfully incorporated into the proposed townhouse façade. The exact replication of these features is discouraged in order to avoid reducing their value through inappropriate exact imitation. Instead, the features could be subtly implemented through, but not limited to, the following suggestions:

- Dark brickwork;
- Steep and gabled main roof;
- Repeated round arches;
- Corbelled eaves;
- Buttress form chimney.

8.0 CONCLUSION

The subject site at 14-16 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville contains two, one-storey dwellings. The proposal is sympathetic to the site subject of the Heritage Order and locality, and is consistent with the character of the area as the low-medium density character is retained. The reasonable townhouse development has been designed with appropriate scale, colour, detailing and finishes to maintain the integrity of the nearby character.

The dwelling house at 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville is considered to have a 'low' heritage significance rating for the following reasons:

- Highly modernised and filled-in fire places;
- New ceilings, flooring, roofing and internal details;
- Preservation of plaster ceiling details in two rooms only, both of which have been repainted and lighting has been highly modernised; and the

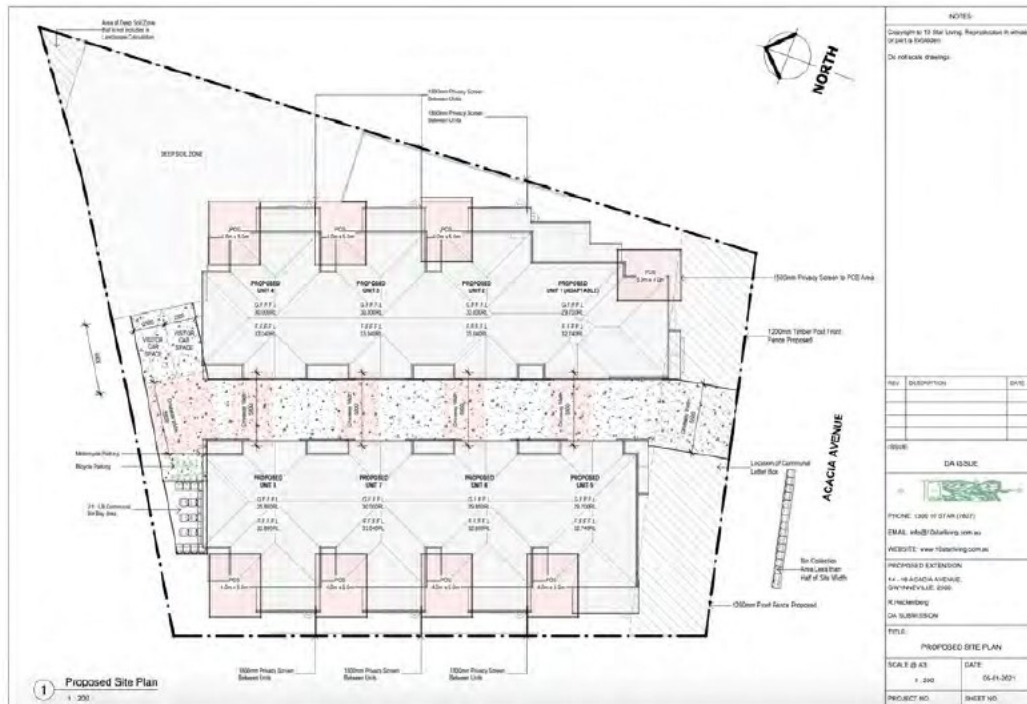
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- The prevalence of “Tudor”/ “Old English Style” architecture is not noticeably reduced for the Gwynneville locality by way of the dwelling at 14 Acacia being demolished;
- The new development is capable of respectfully integrating architectural features reminiscent of the current building at 14 Acacia;
- Modern architecture and medium-density townhouse developments (see figures 47 – 50, and 56) are highly prominent on every street, preventing the locality from being necessary of Heritage Conservation Area and 14 Acacia being suitable for contributory building listing; and
- The proposal is in line with the Existing and Desired Future Character of Gwynneville, as described by the WDCP 2009, and will assist to provide highly sought-after additional housing in a growing urban area.

Appendix A –

Architectural Drawings





1 First Floor Plan Unit 5 - 8
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 THE BRIEF

The following report has been prepared to provide a heritage assessment of the existing house at 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville, NSW. The report has been prepared on behalf of Wollongong City Council.

1.2 BACKGROUND

The property is not listed as a heritage item in Schedule 5 Part 1 of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 but is considered under threat of demolition. An Interim Heritage Order has been imposed on the property (Government Gazette No. 392 dated 23 December 2020) to allow an assessment of its heritage significance. This report has been prepared to provide that assessment.

1.3 THE STUDY AREA

The study area is Lot 32 in DP 22656 at Gwynneville, NSW Parish of Wollongong and County of Camden (Figure 1.1).



Figure 1.1 The Study Area shaded

Source: Six Maps

1.4 LIMITATIONS AND TERMS

The report only addresses the European significance of the place. The terms *fabric, conservation, maintenance, preservation, restoration, reconstruction, adaptation, compatible use and cultural significance* used in this report are as defined in the Australia ICOMOS *Burra Charter*.

1.5 METHODOLOGY

This report was prepared in accordance with the *NSW Heritage Manual* "Statements of Heritage Impact" and "Assessing Heritage Significance Guidelines" and the Wollongong City Council guidelines for the preparation of heritage impact statements. The philosophy adopted is that guided by the Australia ICOMOS *Burra Charter* 2013.

1.6 AUTHORS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This report, including all diagrams and photographs, was prepared by John Oultram of John Oultram Heritage & Design, unless otherwise noted. Historical research was prepared by Nicholas Jackson. John Oultram Heritage & Design was established in 1998 and is on the NSW Heritage Office list of heritage consultants.

2.0 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

2.1 SUMMARY

The allotment of No. 14 Acacia Avenue was formed in 1950 in Deposited Plan 22656. The development at No. 14 Acacia Avenue dates from the subdivision and the subject house was likely built c. 1951 for Edward Leo Waters.

2.2 THE COLLIERIES

Historically, this part of greater Wollongong was associated with the Osborne-Wallsend Colliery and the Mt Pleasant Mine or Keira Pleasant Tunnels Colliery. The Osborne-Wallsend Colliery commenced production in 1857 when owned by Frank Osborne. Initially, a horse drawn tramway hauled the coal from the mine to Wollongong, and this line was upgraded in 1878 with the introduction of steam locomotives. Part of the easement of this private railway, known as the Mount Keira Railway, is traced by the Princes Motorway. The line closed in 1954.¹

Throughout the nineteenth century the colliery was owned by Frank Osborne. From 1908 the owner was E Vickery and Sons Ltd.² This company subdivided portions of its freehold for residential developments in about 1912 in Deposited Plan 7318, and again in about 1916 in Deposited Plan 8818.

2.3 SUBDIVISION

In 1937 Australian Iron and Steel Limited purchased the balance of the Osborne-Wallsend Colliery and Keira Pleasant Tunnels Colliery.³ AIS purchased the colliery to supply coal to its steelworks at Port Kembla.⁴ It was AIS who in 1950 undertook the subdivision in Deposited Plan 22656 that formed the allotment of No. 14 Acacia Avenue (Lot 32).

The Company was formed in 1928 by the Hoskins Family to establish and operate the steelwork at Port Kembla. Charles Hoskins had been the first person to profitably make steel in Australia having taken over William Sandford's steel plant at Lithgow in 1908. The plant was relocated to Port Kembla to take advantage of the deep-water harbour and proximity to coal reserves. AIS was acquired by BHP (Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited) in 1935.

¹ www.illawarracoal.com

² Torrens Title Dealing 512000

³ Torrens Title Dealing G522703

⁴ www.illawarracoal.com

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Figure 2.1 Plan of subdivision (Deposited Plan 22656) undertaken in 1950 for Australian Iron and Steel Limited. Circled is the allotment (Lot 32) of No. 14 Acacia Avenue. The plan also recorded part of the Mount Keira Railway

Source: NSW Land Registry Services

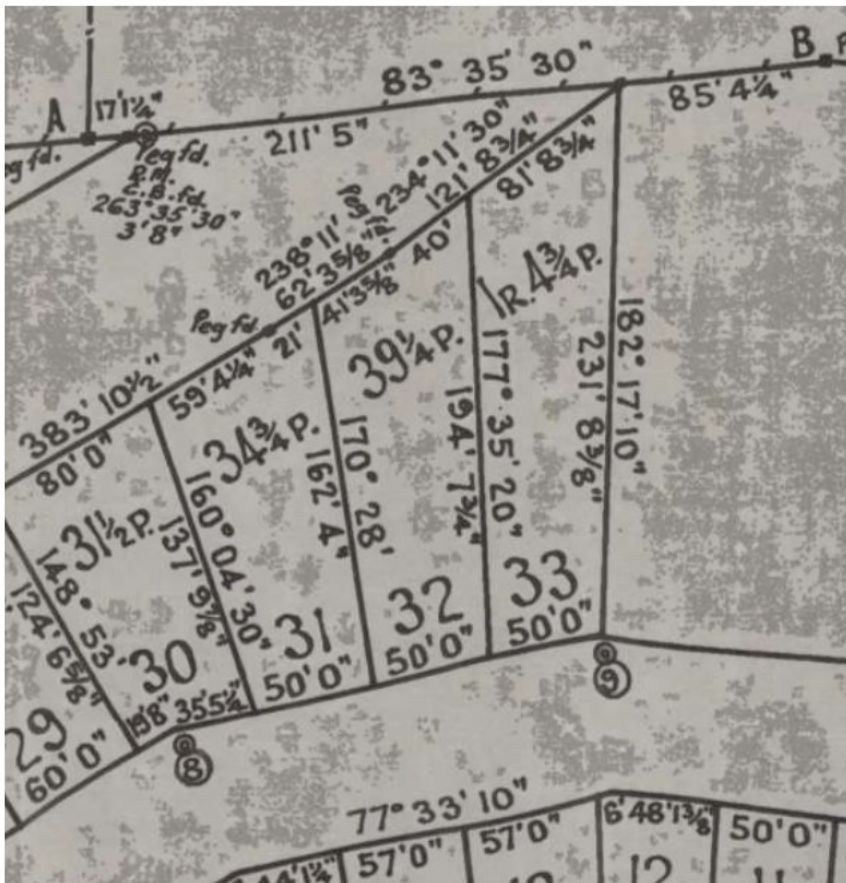


Figure 2.2 Extract of same showing the subject lot 32

Aerial photographs of the site indicate that the subject property was not developed till after 1948 and it is likely that the house was built after subdivision of 1950.

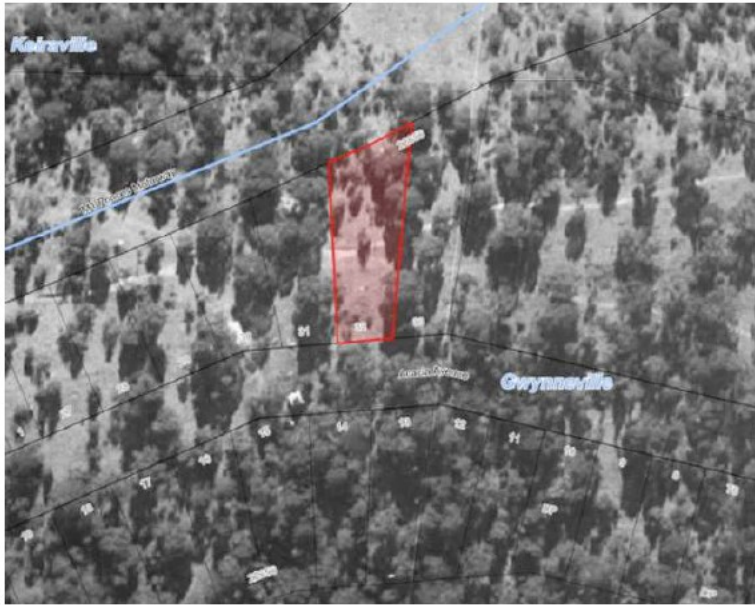


Figure 2.3 The subject site in 1938. The site is undeveloped

Source: Wollongong City Council

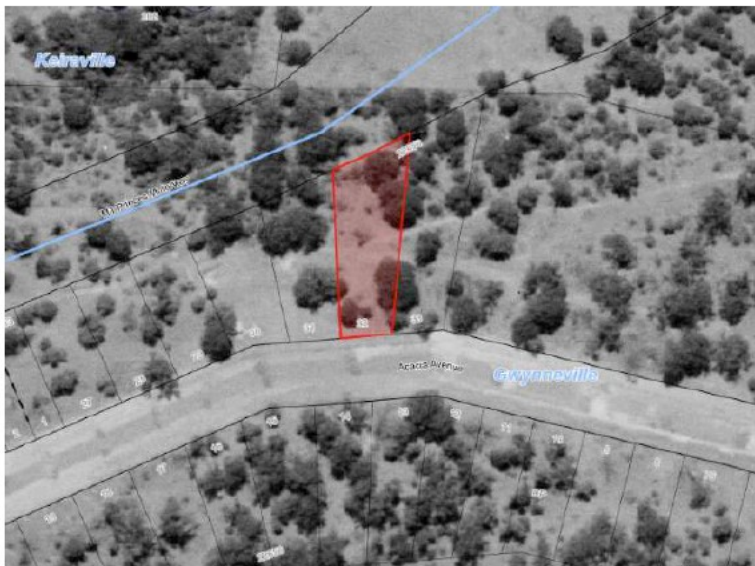


Figure 2.3 The subject site in 1948. The site is undeveloped

Source: Wollongong City Council



Figure 2.3 The subject site in 1961 showing the subject house. The subdivision appears to have been largely developed by this date.

Source: Wollongong City Council

2.4 LATER OWNERS

AIS sold property in November 1948 to Edward Leo Waters (prior to the subdivision) a foreman of Wollongong. The sale price was 161 pounds⁵. The sale appears to have been financed by AIS as they provided a mortgage to Waters at the same time suggesting he was an employee of the company. The mortgage was for 2,572 pounds suggesting it was for the construction of a house on the property⁶. The mortgage indicated that the mortgagee would provide:

The certificate of an architect or surveyor of the said building appointed by or approved of by the mortgagee as to the value of the work then carried out towards the erection of the said buildings⁷.

The plans and specifications were to be approved by the mortgagee.

Waters held the property till 1955 when it was sold to William Charles Coddington, a stationer of Wollongong⁸.

⁵ NSW Land Registry Services Torrens Dealing F165980

⁶ NSW Land Registry Services Dealing F165981 in Vol. 5246, Fol. 121

⁷ NSW Land Registry Services Dealing F165981

⁸ NSW Land Registry Services Torrens Dealing G307988

3.0 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

An inspection of the property was carried out by John Oultram in March 2021 to ascertain its layout, condition and intactness from original construction. The current plan is shown in Figure 3.1

14 Acacia Avenue is a single storey, Inter War English Cottage Revival style bungalow (though built after WW II) set on a trapezoidal lot to the north side of the street. The house is largely intact in form and detail but has been extended and altered at the rear.

The house is in stretcher bond, face brick on a smooth rendered base with a hipped and gabled, terracotta tile roof with a projecting, brick chimney to the front. There is a double gable to the front with brick edging at the barge and stepped brickwork at the eave. The forward bay has a faceted bay window with a hipped tile roof. The roof to the second gable sweeps down over an inset entry porch (a cat slide roof) with an arched opening to the porch and small lancet opening. There are curved, cement steps to porch with a render flank wall and lion and a curved landing with a metal balustrade. The inner porch has small pattern tiles and a terrazzo threshold. There is a second, concrete landing (terrace) off the living room to a similar detail

There are gables to the east and west with a small gable off the dining room. There are flat roof sections at the rear that are partly later alterations with an inset porch to the kitchen lobby.

Internally the house has a central hall divided with an arch with rooms off with a large opening to the living room and an arch to the bathroom lobby. The living room and dining room are connected with a wide opening. There are a series of service rooms at the rear and a later bedroom addition to the northeast.

Floors are in polished timber (cypress pine) (O) with small pattern tiles to the bathroom and rear lavatory (O) and concrete to the rear hall and laundry (O). Walls are in plastered masonry with chamfered timber skirtings (O). The ceilings at the rear are on the slope and there is a fibro and batten ceiling to the laundry (O).

Doors are four panel timber with chamfered timber architraves (O). The front door has been replaced with a six panel door with arched glazed upper lights. There are glazed French doors to the living room (L – possibly replacing earlier doors) with a tiled landing off with a rendered wall and metal balustrade (O). Windows are largely two pane, double hung, timber sashes some with leadlight decoration (O).

There are fireplaces to the living room and dining room with face and painted brick surrounds and open hearths (O). The bathroom retains original tiling with small patterned tiles to the floor and rose coloured, wall tiling (O). The kitchen is to a later detail.

The house has a sloping garden to the front laid to lawn with perimeter shrub plantings. The garden is bounded with a low, brick wall covered with ivy. There is a split concrete drive to the side to a single storey, brick garage that has a stepped parapet to the street, a hipped, corrugated metal roof (L) with brick and fibro additions at the rear (M).

There is a large garden to the rear partly laid to lawn with a concrete terrace and paths and a brick dunny with a gabled, tiled roof. The garden has the remains of a pergola (brick pier) and the rear section is divided off with plantings and is largely overgrown and has several mature trees including a Palm.

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Acacia Street is lined with single and two storey houses from the Post War period onwards. To the east is a single, storey, late Twentieth Century weatherboard house with a gabled corrugated metal roof. To the west is a Post War weatherboard house with a hipped terracotta tile roof.

- O ORIGINAL
- L LATER
- M MODERN

Figures 3.2 – 3.27

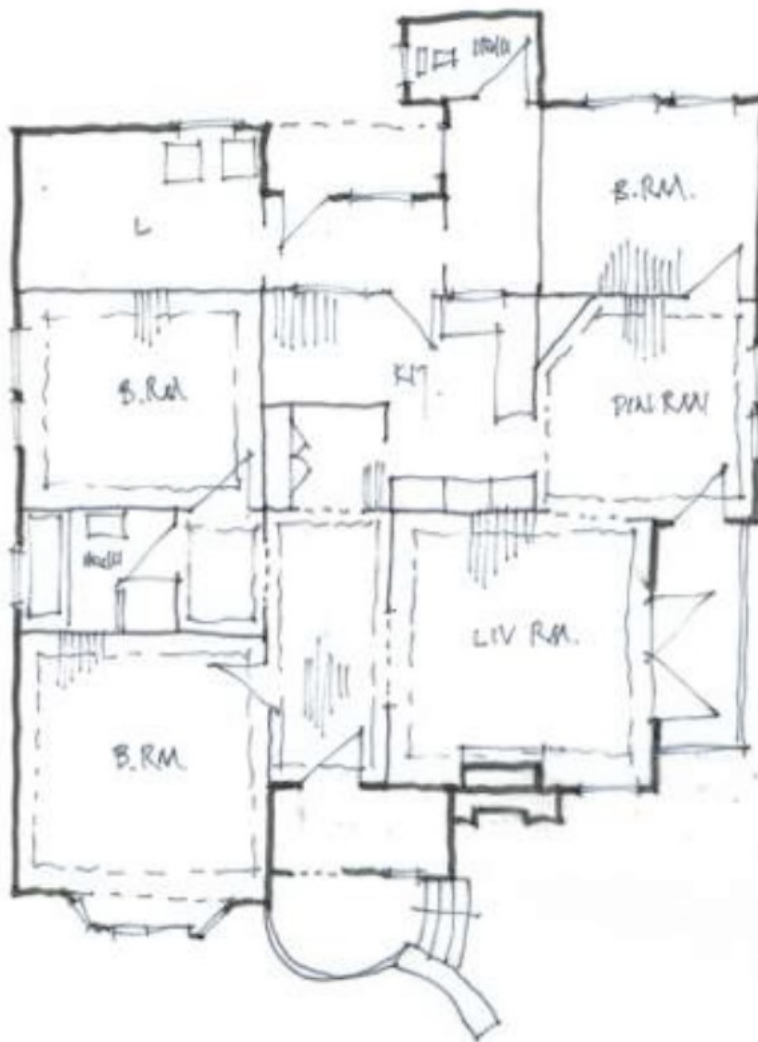


Figure 3.1 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville

Physical Survey

March 2021

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Figure 3.2 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Front elevation



Figure 3.3 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Entry porch



Figure 3.4 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Entry steps



Figure 3.5 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Porch tiling

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Figure 3.6 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
East elevation



Figure 3.7 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
West elevation



Figure 3.8 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Garage



Figure 3.9 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Rear elevation

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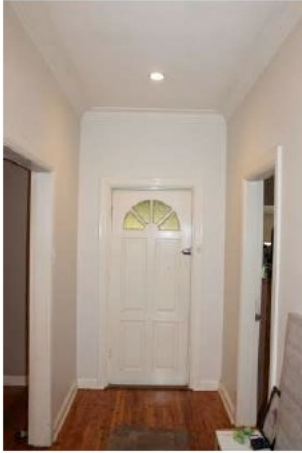


Figure 3.10 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Hall and entry door



Figure 3.11 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Main hall



Figure 3.12 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Front bedroom

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Figure 3.13 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Bathroom



Figure 3.14 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Side bedroom



Figure 3.15 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Living room

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Figure 3.16 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Living room fireplace



Figure 3.17 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Dining room and fireplace



Figure 3.18 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Typical window

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Figure 3.19 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Door lining detail with carved moulding



Figure 3.20 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Kitchen



Figure 3.21 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Rear porch

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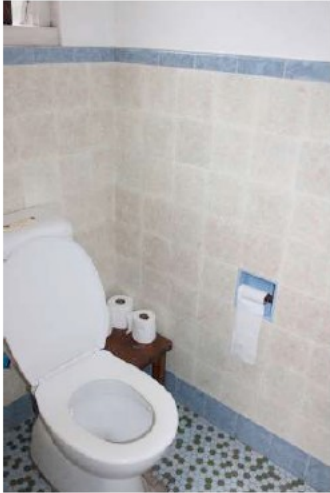


Figure 3.22 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Rear lavatory



Figure 3.23 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Laundry



Figure 3.24 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Rear dunny and pergola post

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Figure 3.25 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
Rear garden



Figure 3.26 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
16 Acacia Avenue to the west



Figure 3.27 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville
12 Acacia Avenue to the east

4.0 HERITAGE LISTINGS & CONTROLS

4.1 NATIONAL TRUST

The property is not classified on the Register of the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

4.2 HERITAGE NSW OF THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET

4.2.1 State Heritage Register

Under the Heritage Act 1977, the NSW Heritage Council, administered by Heritage NSW of the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, maintains the State Heritage Register (SHR), a register of items and places that are considered to have heritage significance at a state level. The property is not listed on the Register.

4.2.2 State Heritage Inventory

The Heritage Division also compiles the State Heritage Inventory (SHI), a collated database of all places listed on statutory heritage lists, including Local Environmental Plans. The subject property is not listed on the Inventory.

4.2.3 Interim Heritage Order

An Interim Heritage Order has been imposed on the property (Government Gazette No. 392 dated 23 December 2020) to allow an assessment of its heritage significance.

4.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY

The local authority for the area is Wollongong City Council. The property is not listed as a heritage item in Schedule 5 Part 1 of the *Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009* (as amended) (WLEP). The property is not within a conservation area and is not in the vicinity of a heritage item.

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Figure 4.1 Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 – Heritage Map Sheet HER_011

Source: Wollongong City Council

5.0 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

5.1 CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

The Heritage Office of New South Wales has issued guidelines as part of the NSW Heritage Manual regarding the assessment of heritage significance. The Manual is a well-regarded methodology for the assessment of cultural significance and is appropriate for application to the subject property.

An item will be considered to be of State (or) local significance if, in the opinion of the Heritage Council of NSW, it meets one or more of the following criteria.

5.2 HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

5.2.1 Historical Development

<i>Criterion (a)</i>	<i>An item is important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's cultural or natural history (or the cultural or natural history of the local area)</i>
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14 Acacia Avenue is an example of a single storey, Post War house constructed c. 1951 for Edward Leo Waters under a mortgage from Australian Iron and Steel Limited (AIS).

The area was formerly part of land owned by Osborne-Wallsend Colliery and the Mt Pleasant Mine or Keira Pleasant Tunnels Colliery in relation to their mining operations in the area that was later purchased by E Vickery and Sons Limited that began subdividing the area for residential developments from 1912. The undeveloped portion of the subdivisions was purchased by AIS/BHP in 1937

Oddly, the area around the subject site was not formerly subdivided by AIS till 1950 though the subject site was sold to Waters in 1948. There is a possibility that the house was constructed for him as an employee of the company. The first recorded owner was Edward Leo Waters a foreman of Wollongong and the company provided a mortgage to him for the construction of the house.

The house signals the Post War development of the area by the mining and colliery companies following the break up of the early landholdings. The house may be an example of a company house provided for an employee of AIS.

Guidelines for inclusion		Guidelines for exclusion	
<i>shows evidence of a significant human activity</i>	X	<i>has incidental or unsubstantiated connections with historically important activities or processes</i>	
<i>is associated with a significant activity or historical phase</i>	X	<i>provides evidence of activities or processes that are of dubious historical importance</i>	
<i>maintains or shows the continuity of a historical process or activity</i>	X	<i>has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association</i>	

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5.2.2 Historical Associations

<i>Criterion (b)</i>	<i>An item has strong or special associations with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's cultural or natural history (or the cultural or natural history of the local area)</i>
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The place is most closely associated with Edward Leo Waters but no biographical information was available.

The place is also associated with AIS/BHP one of the major steel manufacturers in the area. AIS was formed by the Hoskins family in 1928 when the company transferred its steel making operations from Lithgow. The company was later merged with BHP in 1935. The house was likely been built (or certainly financed) as a company home for one its employees.

Associations with earlier owners of the surrounding land are incidental.

Guidelines for inclusion		Guidelines for exclusion	
<i>shows evidence of a significant human occupation</i>	X	<i>has incidental or unsubstantiated connections with historically important people or events</i>	
<i>is associated with a significant event, person, or group of persons</i>	X	<i>provides evidence of people or events that are of dubious historical importance</i>	
<i>maintains or shows the continuity of a historical process or activity</i>	X	<i>has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association</i>	

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5.3 AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

<i>Criterion (c)</i>	<i>An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW (or the local area)</i>
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The house is a good and well-detailed example of an Inter War English Cottage Revival style that was common for small scale, residential development in the Inter War years though the subject house was built Post War. The house is almost a pattern book design and the illustration below could be a drawing of the house.

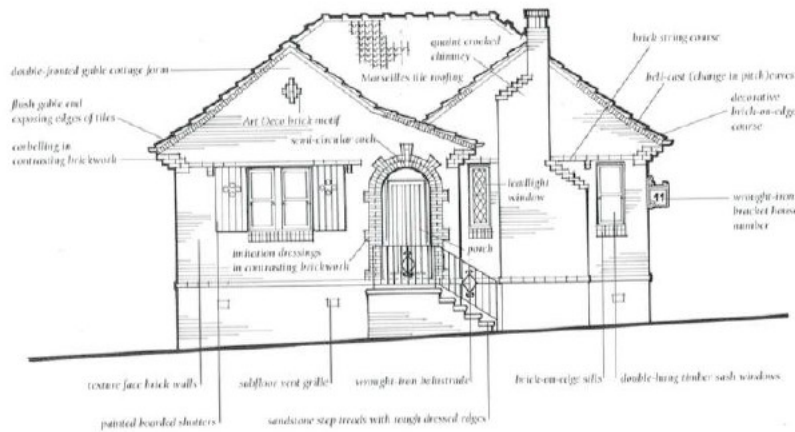


Figure 5.1 English Cottage Revival Style, c. 1940

Stapleton, Maisey and Ian, *Australian House Styles*, p. 80

The house has well crafted massing and exterior detail and good quality interior detail that is to a common standard for houses of this type though the carved architraves to openings are of note. The house retains an original wall sconce.



Figure 5.2 Original wall sconce

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The house has been extended and altered at the rear but the major rooms retain their original layout and detail. The garage appears an early structure that may have been built at the same time though it has an ungainly addition to the rear.

No architect has been identified for the work though presumably AIS/BHP would have employed company architects and the mortgage to Waters refers to plans and specifications being prepared for their approval.

The Hoskins family had houses designed for them in the area by architect Geoffrey Douglas Loveridge (1893-1989) who worked in a variety of styles including the Olde English style. His best-known work is Gleniffer Brae at Keiraville (now the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music). There is no evidence that Loveridge was involved in the design



Figure 5.3 Gleniffer Brae, Keiraville, Wollongong (1938) built for Arthur Sidney Hoskins of the Australian Iron and Steel Company in the Inter War Olde English style

The house is listed on the State Heritage Register. The landscaping was designed by Paul Sorenson

Source: *Bulli Times* 25 July 2012

However, the style was well established in the Inter War years. The use of the style in the 1950s is a little anomalous, though earlier styles were more commonly carried through the post war years in areas outside of Sydney. The house could not be considered a seminal work. The house has no landmark qualities but is very distinctive in the local streetscape.

Guidelines for inclusion		Guidelines for exclusion	
<i>shows or is associated with, creative or technical innovation or achievement</i>	X	<i>is not a major work by an important designer or artist</i>	
<i>is the inspiration for a creative or technical innovation or achievement</i>		<i>has lost its design or technical integrity</i>	
<i>is aesthetically distinctive</i>	X	<i>its positive visual or sensory appeal or landmark and scenic qualities have been more than temporarily degraded</i>	
<i>has landmark qualities</i>	X	<i>has only a loose association with a creative or technical achievement</i>	
<i>exemplifies a particular taste, style or technology</i>	X		

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5.4 SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion (d)	<i>The item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW (or the local area) for social or spiritual reasons</i>
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The house has no special associations with any particular group.

Guidelines for inclusion	Guidelines for exclusion	
<i>is important for its associations with an identifiable group</i>	<i>is only important to the community for amenity reasons</i>	
<i>is important to a community's sense of place</i>	<i>is retained only in preference to a proposed alternative</i>	

Does not meet the criterion.

5.5 TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion (e)	<i>An item has the potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's cultural or natural history (or the cultural or natural history of the local area)</i>
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There is no evidence of previous buildings on the site and the place has no known archaeological potential. The house is of no technical significance.

Guidelines for inclusion	Guidelines for exclusion	
<i>has the potential to yield new or further substantial scientific and/or archaeological information</i>	<i>the knowledge gained would be irrelevant to research on science, human history or culture</i>	
<i>is an important benchmark or reference site or type</i>	<i>has little archaeological or research potential</i>	X
<i>provides evidence of past human cultures that is unavailable elsewhere</i>	<i>only contains information that is readily available from other resources or archaeological sites</i>	X

Does not meet the criterion.

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5.6 RARITY

Criterion (f)	An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of NSW's cultural or natural history (or the cultural or natural history of the local area)
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The house type is not common in the area and only one other house of this type is listed as a heritage item in Schedule 5 Part 1 of the WLEP, being Gleniffer Brae (see above). A similar house at 342-344 Lawrence Hargrave Drive at Thirroul has been the subject of a recent approval for demolition.



Figure 5.4 342-344 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul

Source: realestate.com

Guidelines for inclusion		Guidelines for exclusion	
<i>provides evidence of a defunct custom, way of life or process</i>	X	<i>is not rare</i>	
<i>demonstrates a process, custom or other human activity that is in danger of being lost</i>		<i>is numerous but under threat</i>	
<i>shows unusually accurate evidence of a significant human activity</i>			
<i>is the only example of its type</i>			
<i>demonstrates designs or techniques of exceptional interest</i>			
<i>shows rare evidence of a significant human activity important to a community</i>			

Rare Locally.

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5.7 REPRESENTATIVENESS

Criterion (g)	An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW's Cultural or natural places; or Cultural or natural environments
	(or a class of the local area's: Cultural or natural places; or Cultural or natural environments)

The house is a good, representative example of its type and has many features of the style and good quality external and internal detail.

Guidelines for inclusion		Guidelines for exclusion	
is a fine example of its type	X	is a poor example of its type	
has the principal characteristics of an important class or group of items	X	does not include or has lost the range of characteristics of a type	
has attributes typical of a particular way of life, philosophy, custom, significant process, design, technique or activity		does not represent well the characteristics that make up a significant variation of a type	
is a significant variation to a class of items			
is part of a group which collectively illustrates a representative type			
is outstanding because of its setting, condition or size			
is outstanding because of its integrity or the esteem in which it is held			

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5.8 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

14 Acacia Avenue is a good example of a single storey, Inter War English Cottage Revival style house probably constructed c. 1951 for Edward Leo Waters under a mortgage from the Australian Iron and Steel Limited (AIS) possibly as a worker's residence.

The house signals the Post War development of the area by the mining and colliery companies following the break up of the early landholdings. The house may be an example of a company house provided for an employee of (or financed by) AIS/BHP.

The place is also associated with AIS/BHP one of the major steel manufacturers in the area that was based on the Hoskins family company that had transferred its steel making operations from Lithgow. The company merged with BHP in 1935 and subdivided the subject area in 1950.

The house is a good and well-detailed example of the style and is almost a pattern book design with well crafted massing, external detail and good quality internal detail.

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6.0 SUMMARY

6.1 SUMMARY

Overall we consider that:

- 14 Acacia Avenue is a good and well detailed example of an Inter War English Cottage Revival style house that was built c. 1951 possibly as a company home by the Australian Iron and Steel Limited/BHP
- The property meets several of the Heritage Manual criteria for identification as a place of local significance
- The property is worthy of listing as a heritage item in Schedule 5 Part 1 of the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009

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JOHN OULTRAM

Wollongong City Council

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Location: 14 Acacia Avenue Gwynneville 2500

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<p>Address: 14 Acacia Avenue</p> <p>Suburb/nearest town: Gwynneville 2500</p> <p>Local govt area: Wollongong City</p> <p>State: NSW</p> <p>Other/former names: House in Acacia Avenue</p> <p>Area/group/complex:</p> <p>Aboriginal area:</p> <p>Curtilage/boundary:</p> <p>Item type: Built</p> <p>Owner: Private - Individual</p> <p>Admin codes:</p> <p>Current use: Residence</p> <p>Former uses: Residence</p> <p>Assessed significance: Local</p> <p>Statement of significance: The house at 14 Acacia Avenue is of significance for Wollongong area for historical and aesthetic reasons, and as a representative example of fine working class cottage in the local area. The house presents as having a reasonably good degree of integrity when viewed externally, and makes a strong contribution to the neighbourhood character. It is representative of the late 1940s Old English style houses, now increasingly rare remnant of this type in the local area context and thus of interest for future research.</p> <p>Historical notes of provenance: This land was part of a subdivision by Australian Iron and Steel. On 11 November 1949, lot 32, DP 22656 was transferred to Edward Leo Waters, foreman of Wollongong. He mortgaged it immediately to Australian Iron and Steel. It is likely that he was an employee of that company. After the mortgage was discharged in 1953, another followed it on 23 September 1954 to the Illawarra Mutual Building Society. Waters transferred it to William Charles Coddington, stationer of Wollongong on 15 April 1955 who owned it until September 1973 when again transferred.</p> <p>References: CT 6245 f 121</p> <p>Themes: National theme 4. Settlement</p> <p>Designer:</p> <p>Builder:</p> <p>Year started:</p> <p>Physical description: The house was described by R Irving (p. 60) as: "small and modest", noting however that it "encapsulates the character of the Old English style in its well-laid dark brickwork and a moderately steep gabled main roof, from which several secondary gables project, giving the design its essential picturesque asymmetry. The roof of the larger front gable continues down to the right of the entrance porch as a "cat slide". Other distinctive elements are the buttress-form chimney, recurring round arches and corbelled eaves. The window bay with top sashes of leaded glass and the near flush gable verges also indicate quality craftsmanship."</p> <p>Physical condition level: Good</p> <p>Physical condition:</p>	<p>Planning: Illawarra & Macarthur</p> <p>Parish: Wollongong</p> <p>County: Camden</p> <p>Group ID:</p> <p>Group: Residential buildings (private) Category: House</p> <p>Code 2:</p> <p>Code 3:</p> <p>Endorsed significance: Local</p> <p>State theme Accommodation</p> <p>Local theme Housing in villages and suburb</p> <p>Year completed: 1949</p> <p>Circa: Yes</p>
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Archaeological potential level:

Archaeological potential Detail:

Modification dates:

Recommended management: General heritage DCP controls

Management:	Management category	Management name
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Further comments: Curtilage: current property boundaries

Criteria a): Local
[Historical significance]

Criteria b):
[Historical association significance]

Criteria c): Local
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

Criteria d):
[Social/Cultural significance]

Criteria e): Local
[Research significance]

Criteria f): Local
[Rarity]

Criteria g): Local
[Representative]

Intactness/Integrity:

References:	Author	Title	Year
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Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Robert Irving	20th Century Architecture in Wollongong	86	2001
	Zoran Popovic	Review of potential new heritage items in Wollongong City	31	2015

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Parcels:	Parcel code	Lot number	Section number	Plan code	Plan number
	LOT	32		DP	22656

Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial accuracy:

Map name:

Map scale:

AMG zone:

Easting:

Northing:

Listing: Name

Title
Potential Heritage Item

Number ListingDate

Data entry: Data first entered: 19/04/2015

Data updated: 07/01/2020

Status: Basic

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Image:



Caption: House in Acacia Avenue

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ADVICE

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL – WOLLONGONG LOCAL PLANNING PANEL (WLPP)

DATE OF MEETING	19/3/21
PANEL MEMBERS	Sue Francis, Alison McCabe, Scott Lee

Meeting held on-line hosted by Wollongong City Council, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong on 19/3/21 opened at 1:30pm and closed at 5:00pm.

MATTER

Item 3 - Planning Proposal PP-2021/1 - 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville.

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Panel heard from the John Heckenberg (owner) and Marko Lisica (10 Star Design)

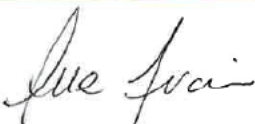


PANEL CONSIDERATION

The Panel considered the Council officer’s report, draft Planning Proposal request and supporting documents, and the material presented at the meeting. Due to the bad weather the morning site inspection was cancelled.

PANEL DECISION

The Panel determined to advice Council that the draft Planning Proposal request should be deferred and reconsidered by the Panel when the Council’s independent heritage report is submitted. The Panel acknowledges that the dwelling house was constructed post 1950. The Panel considers that for the building to be heritage listed, the building would need to be an exceptional, rare example of a particular building style before it would be appropriate for listing.

The decision was unanimous.

PANEL MEMBERS	
 Sue Francis (Chair)	 Alison McCabe
 Scott Lee	

ADVICE AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL – WOLLONGONG LOCAL PLANNING PANEL (WLPP)

DATE OF MEETING	29/4/21
PANEL MEMBERS	Sue Francis, Alison McCabe, Scott Lee

Meeting held on-line hosted by Wollongong City Council, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong on 29/4/21 opened at 1:00pm and closed at 4:00pm.

MATTER DETERMINED

Item 1 - Planning Proposal PP-2021/1 - 14 Acacia Avenue, Gwynneville

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Panel heard from the Ryan Heckenberg (owner) and Marko Lisica (10 Star Design)

PANEL CONSIDERATION

The Panel deferred this matter at its meeting on 19 March 2021 pending the completion of the independent heritage assessment.

The Panel considered the Council officer's report, the independent heritage assessment, draft Planning Proposal request and the applicants heritage report, and the material presented at the meeting.




PANEL DECISION

The Panel notes the conflicting heritage advice provided by the applicant and Council. The Panel has reservations about progressing a heritage listing on this site, given the history of this matter and decisions on other similar buildings of this era.

The Panel, in its previous deferral, indicated that it would be reluctant to recommend heritage listing the property except if it was an exceptional example of the style. To-date neither Heritage report indicates that it is an exceptional example. However, the Oultram report identifies the building as a good and well detailed example of an interwar English cottage revival style house, which meets several of the Heritage Manual criteria for identification and is worthy of heritage listing as local significance.

In the circumstances, the Panel would recommend that if Council resolves to prepare a draft Planning Proposal, then prior to the exhibition of this matter, Council obtain a peer review of both reports to establish the reasonableness and appropriateness of any listing, and the peer review form part of the exhibition material

The decision was unanimous

PANEL MEMBERS	
 Sue Francis (Chair)	 Alison McCabe
 Scott Lee	

ITEM 6 DRAFT QUARTERLY REVIEW STATEMENT MARCH 2021

The Quarterly Review Statement outlines progress towards the achievement of Council's Strategic Planning documents, in particular the Delivery Program 2018-2022 and Operational Plan 2020-2021. The Statement addresses the financial and operational performance of Council and includes the Budget Review Statement.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 The draft Quarterly Review Statement March 2021 be adopted.
- 2 The Budget Review Statement as at March 2021 be adopted and revised totals of income and expenditure be approved and voted.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Brian Jenkins, Chief Financial Officer

Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Quarterly Review Statement March 2021

BACKGROUND

Council's draft Quarterly Review Statement March 2021 outlines the operational and financial performance of Council's Strategic Planning documents - the Delivery Program 2018-2022 and Operational Plan 2020-2021.

This report also provides an overview of achievements against priority areas and demonstrates the organisation's performance through the inclusion of performance indicators and details of Council's performance against its budgets.

Significant highlights during the quarter include:

- Australia Day events including the awarding of Wollongong's Citizen of the Year for 2021;
- Merrigong Season 2021 Program was launched;
- Adoption of the Aboriginal Engagement Framework;
- A successful *Sculpture in the Garden* event;
- Karrara Bridge, Dapto, awarded the 2020 NSW Engineering Excellence Award;
- The City of Wollongong was recognised by the world governing body of cycling, Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) as a Bike City;
- The launch of a proactive graffiti removal trial.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Executive Management Committee

Senior Leadership Team

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal 4 “*We are a connected and engaged community*”. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan Strategy	Delivery Program 2018-2022 4 Year Action	Operational Plan 2020-2021 Annual Deliverables
4.3.1 Positive leadership and governance, values and culture are built upon	4.3.1.1 Ensure appropriate strategies and systems are in place that support good corporate governance	Preparation of timely, accurate and relevant quarterly and annual reporting

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The March Quarterly Review is the third Review of the 2020-2021 Operational Plan adopted in June 2020.

The revised forecast proposes an improvement of \$9.8M in the Funds Result that includes the confirmation in the Federal Budget that there would be an early payment of part of the 2021-2022 Financial Assistance Grant of \$9.8M in the current year and a range of other changes that are predominantly associated with project progress and waste initiatives that impact on the Operating Result [pre capital] but do not flow on to the Funds Result. The improvement in the current year result from the early payment of the Financial Assistance Grant will be offset by a corresponding deterioration in the forecast result for 2021-2022.

CONCLUSION

This draft Quarterly Review Statement March 2021 has been prepared following input and assistance from all Divisions. It is submitted for consideration and adoption by Council.



OUR WOLLONGONG 2028 DRAFT QUARTERLY REVIEW STATEMENT March 2021

From the mountains to the sea





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This Quarterly Review Statement (January to March 2021) reports on progress towards achieving the five Councillor Strategic Priorities from the Delivery Program 2018-2022 and Annual Deliverables from the Operational Plan 2020-2021.

Highlights and significant progress with key projects from the Operational Plan 2020-2021 are reported by the six Community Goals from the Our Wollongong 2028 Community Strategic Plan.

Highlights from this quarter include:

- 1 Australia Day events including the awarding of Wollongong's Citizen of the Year for 2021;
- 2 Merrigong Season 2021 program was launched;
- 3 Adoption of the Aboriginal Engagement Framework;
- 4 A successful Sculpture in the Garden event;
- 5 Karrara Bridge, Dapto won the 2020 NSW Engineering Excellence Award;
- 6 The City of Wollongong was recognised by the world governing body of cycling, Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) as a Bike City;
- 7 The launch of a proactive graffiti removal trial.

Organisational performance is also reported by the inclusion of performance indicators that monitor the

status and progress of our Council programs, activities, projects, finances, people and processes.

This report includes an overview of how Council is tracking against its budget. It is a concise visual summary of Council's financial situation for the quarter including operational budget, capital budget and expenditure. The Budget Review Statement is included in this report.

We are continuing to deal with the global health and economic challenge of COVID-19. While we have made service modifications and will continue to monitor and respond to updated advice and measures, our workforce remains fully engaged to deliver on our promise and provide important services to our community. Our COVID-19 assistance package, outlined in the Delivery Program 2018-2022, includes a range of measures to assist residential and business ratepayers as well as the broader community.

I would like to thank all staff and the community for their contributions to the achievements identified in this Quarterly Review and Budget Review Statement. This Review will inform the Annual Report due in November 2021.

Greg Doyle
General Manager

Strategic Priorities

PROGRESS REPORT

Our Councillors have made a commitment to support our organisation and community in making Wollongong a better place to live, work, visit and play. To focus Council's attention to achieve this, Councillors have agreed to five Strategic Priorities. These are outlined in the Delivery Program 2018-2022. Progress made in the March 2021 quarter is outlined below:

Activating Our Suburbs

We are committed to enhancing and activating spaces and places across our Local Government Area through sound planning and focused programs.

Our Delivery Program includes an ambitious plan of action to establish our City, towns and villages to be connected and liveable spaces offering a variety of attractions and opportunities for people to work, live, play, learn, visit and invest. Our Program supports a variety of infrastructure spending to enhance recreation, sporting and cultural opportunities.

Project Sponsor: Director Community Services
Project Manager: Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development

Strategic Priority Progress



On Track

Program Achievements

Several VIVA La Gong "engine room" projects, a series of smaller community-based arts projects, have commenced across the suburbs, developing content for Viva 2021. Projects include:

- An outdoor community movement project called 'Standing on the Ceiling' in Port Kembla - underway
- Partnership music mentor program with Jam 'n' Bread - underway
- Bradley Eastman (Beastman) - has been commissioned through an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to produce a mural on the wall of the Coledale Community Centre. The design was informed by a writing workshop hosted by the South Coast Writers Centre, where Mark Tredinnick's poem Coledale Sonnet Cycle was chosen as the key influencer to Bradley's design.

An EOI process to transform the entrance of the Unanderra Community Centre and Library is currently underway. The mural will be painted directly onto the small brick wall outside the Community Centre and Library on both sides (south and north facing). The design will be informed by a public consultation project run by the Community Centre.

The Bellambi directional sign or 'fish sign' will be decommissioned due to safety issues centred around extensive corrosion. A new sign is being commissioned in consultation with local community. Programs for young people have recommenced in Bundaleer and Bellambi this quarter, activating outdoor spaces, providing social connectedness and skill development opportunities. Carve Your Trails project continued this quarter with weekly onsite visits by Council

Strategic Priorities PROGRESS REPORT

staff to the Figtree site to engage with users of the space. Artworks created by local young people were included in the planter boxes around Dapto promoting the Urban Green Strategy.

Council's four-year Infrastructure Delivery Program includes a suite of projects to enhance recreation, sporting and cultural opportunities. In addition to the many footpaths, cycleways and open space upgrades, these initiatives include streetscape and public domain improvements in Warrawong, Corrimal and Helensburgh town centres.

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Urban Greening

Urban Greening forms a significant focus during this Council Term. Our Program includes the implementation of key priorities within Council's Urban Greening Strategy, in conjunction with projects and services that impact sustainability and the quality of our environment.

Project Sponsor: Director Infrastructure and Works
Project Manager: Manager Open Space and Environmental Services

Strategic Priority Progress



On Track

Program Achievements

The Urban Greening Program continues to exceed the 2:1 tree removal / replacement target with 1075 trees planted across urban areas during the year with 524 trees removed.

Urban Greening for the broader Dapto community was launched in late September where Council received 330 requests from the community to plant street trees across this high need suburb with planting works commenced during the quarter.

Key tree planting opportunities aligned with our civil construction program has resulted in strong greening outcomes at the Short Street Corrimal carpark, and Allen St Port Kembla carparks.

The verge garden guidelines have been completed and launched in October 2020, Demonstration verge gardens have been installed in Port Kembla and Helensburgh, and connecting neighbours grants for verge gardens have been distributed with community planting works underway.

Our commitment to shade all 55 of Councils Local Park Playgrounds is on track for completion by the end of the financial year. Council is in the final stages of developing a tree selector app with University of Wollongong which will support better tree selection outcomes into the future, across both public and private realms.

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West Dapto

We will continue to work in collaboration with key agencies to provide the infrastructure needed to support growth and employment lands within the West Dapto Urban Release Area. This will include coordinated planning for access improvements including new roads and bridges which are needed to support the additional 17,000 future housing lots and 8,500 jobs required over the next 30 years.

Project Sponsor: Director Planning and Environment
Project Manager: Urban Release Manager

Strategic Priority Progress

✓ On Track

Program Achievements

Council continues planning, designing and constructing infrastructure items for West Dapto.

Council continues to assess Planning Proposals, Neighbourhood Plans and subdivision Development Applications that facilitate urban development. To date, Neighbourhood Plans have been adopted within stages 1, 2, and part stages 3 & 4 which will combined facilitate land for over 5107 lots. Neighbourhood Plans to support a further 7,325 lots are currently being assessed. Council has granted Development Consent for 2,196 new lots.

Council adopted the revised West Dapto Development Contributions Plan on 7 December 2020. The Plan has been enforced since 14 December 2020 allowing Council to receive development contributions from development at West Dapto commensurate with the cost of the majority of essential infrastructure identified in the Plan.

Implementation of the West Dapto Vision 2018 is ongoing with Council continuing to progress the suburbs review to ensure suburbs reflect the growing urban area.

Refining the Neighbourhood Planning Process will be a focus of the next quarters concurrent with continued assessment of existing applications.

Strategic Priorities PROGRESS REPORT

Active Transport and Connectivity

We are planning for, and progressively working towards, an integrated and active transport network with improved connectivity across the Local Government Area. A series of actions will be undertaken across this Term of Council to facilitate the upgrade of our public transport and bicycle networks and pedestrian access. This renewed focus is complemented by a significant investment into our footpaths and cycle ways.

Project Sponsor: Director Infrastructure and Works
Project Manager: Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning

Strategic Priority Progress

✓ On Track

Program Achievements

Actions identified within the Town and Centre Plans, Keiraville Gwynneville Access and Movement Strategy, Wollongong Cycling Strategy and Wollongong Pedestrian Plan are incorporated into the Infrastructure Delivery Program and operational programs for progressive implementation.

Of note, is the significant budget increase for the 2020-2021 financial year for new footpaths and the implementation of actions in the Wollongong Pedestrian Plan and draft Cycling Strategy. Council's record investment in new footpaths continues; with a total of 35 new footpaths programmed to be constructed in 2020-2021. Council is investing \$10M in new cycleways across the next four years (including works on the next stages of the Grand Pacific Walk). Council continues to plan and build momentum towards the 2022 Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) Road World Championships to stimulate cycling related tourism and community participation.

Council received grant funding for pop up cycleways in Wollongong for delivery in 2020-2021. Council will seek grant funding through a range of State and Commonwealth initiatives to support active transport and connectivity improvements.

A highlight for the quarter was recognition of Wollongong as a global city with the announcement of the awarding of the UCI Bike City Label. This is the only time an Australian city or region has been awarded the prestigious label. The UCI Bike City Label recognises Wollongong's long-term commitment to delivering an improved cycling experience for everyone and compliments the 2022 UCI Road World Cycling Championships coming to Wollongong.

Council confirmed an extension to the funding agreement between Council and TfNSW for the provision of the Gong Shuttle fare free for an additional 3 years. The extension now expires on 30 June 2024. The extension will result in changes to the Saturday service. Council will continue to advocate to the NSW Government to continue this service as an affordable service.

Strategic Priorities PROGRESS REPORT

Business and Investment

We will continue to grow the Wollongong economy through attracting business, investment, major events, and tourism to the region. We will continue to promote our local advantages, including our proximity to Sydney, supportive business environment, innovative ecosystem, vibrant CBD, and superb liveability to attract businesses and encourage local jobs growth. We will work with key stakeholders, including state and federal governments to further promote our City and attract greater investment in infrastructure and other key assets.

Project Sponsor: Director Community Services
Project Manager: Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development

Strategic Priority Progress



On Track

Program Achievements

Despite the impacts of COVID-19, business/investor enquiries have remained strong. Council facilitated 22 new enquiries during the quarter, ranging from business support/information to facilitating larger projects through Invest Wollongong, with potential for significant employment outcomes. Council also continued facilitating 7 ongoing longer term projects through Invest Wollongong. Combined, these major projects have an estimated jobs impact of around 1,700 FTEs.

Wollongong's office market is continuing to evolve, with construction of the Lang's Corner building well underway and the completion of Gateway of Keira (134-148 Keira Street); Avante Commercial (3 Rawson Street) and the IMB Headquarters (47 Burelli Street).

Invest Wollongong is undertaking a digital media campaign to raise awareness and consideration of Wollongong as an alternative CBD location. The campaign is designed to drive traffic to the Invest Wollongong website to download the Wollongong Office Market Prospectus. The campaign targets relevant professional services employees (e.g. CEO, CFO, COO) and influencers (e.g. commercial tenants, leasing agents, tenant reps etc) in Greater Sydney through a range of channels, including Search Engine Marketing; social media advertising and website advertising. 7 video case studies created for the campaign, along with the downloadable Wollongong Office Market Prospectus, have allowed Invest Wollongong to profile the city from a property perspective, as well as from the experiences of business leaders and owners already based here.

The scaleups campaign is complete and the professional services campaign is still ongoing. To date, these campaigns have delivered over 4.7 million impressions. The campaign has led to a significant increase in visitors to the Invest Wollongong website, including a high proportion of new visitors, through clicking links from the advertisements, with 15,711 users visiting the Invest Wollongong website over the five months of the campaign. More than 90% of these were 'new users'.

There has been considerable momentum in the Clean Energy investment space this quarter. On 8 March 2021, the NSW Government announced the \$750m Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program, which includes the Illawarra and the Hunter region as locations for the state's two hydrogen hubs, providing access to a \$70m funding pool to support investment. Other considerable announcements in this space include progress on the AIE Port Kembla LNG Gas Terminal, AIP Port Kembla Power Station, Coregas hydrogen refuelling station and OceanEx's proposed Illawarra Offshore Wind Farm.

EMERGENCY RESILIENCE, DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

This year continues to respond to significant challenges arising from the global health and economic challenge of the Coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic. These contributed to what Council has been able to deliver and the way we serve and support the community. The application of a community-orientated, risk-based approach to the delivery of our services as well as responding to advice from government authorities, has meant some services and key facilities were temporarily altered or ceased. In line with public health advice, Council has been able to reopen key facilities such as our supervised swimming pools, library buildings and the Customer Service Centre. However, we need to maintain social distancing and enhanced hygiene measures. As always, our focus is on protecting vulnerable members of our community and protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and volunteers, their families and our community.

Council's workforce remains fully engaged during this time to support ongoing service requirements and deliver the Infrastructure Delivery Program as planned. Beyond the management of assets, Council's annual infrastructure investment is significant and will continue to support local contractors, businesses and suppliers. The organisation is also undertaking a review of how we deliver our services in line with the national health guidelines. Of particular importance is how we can continue to effectively engage with our community during this time. Council's online engagement opportunities remaining open via the website and alternate engagement methods are being explored and developed.

On 26 March 2020, Council announced a support package to assist Council lessees and licensees by deferring our tenants' rental payments for a period of 90 days for lessees and licensees who are unable to carry out their normal business under the changes in place to minimise the spread of COVID-19. In addition, rent reviews for Council tenants will be deferred until further notice and outdoor dining licence holders will have their fees waived for 90 days. Council has approximately 170 lessees and licensees who operate from our properties or off our land.

Rate Relief

Council voted to approve an option for residential and business ratepayers whose finances had been affected by COVID-19 to defer their rates and annual charges until 30 September 2020, with no interest charged until 31 December 2020.

Operational Plan

2020-2021 PROGRESS

The following section provides an overview of Council’s progress with delivering Our Wollongong 2028. It provides a summary of progress for 2020-2021 Annual Deliverables [Council’s programs, projects and activities] and highlights significant progress with annual projects as outlined in Our Wollongong 2028 Community Goals. This exception-based reporting provides an overview of achievements for the March 2021 quarter. The organisation’s performance is also reported by the key performance indicators, budget summary information and Budget Review Statement.

The Operational Plan 2020-2021 contains 354 annual deliverables across the six Community Goals. Table 1 below outlines how Council is tracking in the March quarter to achieve the annual deliverables for each Community Goal.

1: Annual Deliverable Progress by Community Goal

Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
1. We value and protect our natural environment	95.77%	0%	1.41%	0%	2.82%
2. We have an innovative and sustainable economy	95.56%	0%	0%	4.44%	0%
3. Wollongong is a creative, vibrant city	77.78%	0%	11.11%	2.78%	8.33%
4. We are a connected and engaged community	96.36%	0%	3.64%	0%	0%
5. We have a healthy community in a liveable city	88.14%	3.39%	4.24%	0%	3.39%
6. We have sustainable, affordable and accessible transport	80.77%	7.69%	3.85%	3.85%	3.85%
Total Annual Deliverable Progress	90%	2%	4%	1%	3%

Note: Each Goal does not have an equal number of annual deliverables; therefore, the Annual Deliverable progress has been rounded up to 100.

Operational Plan 2020-2021 Progress continued

Overall, 5% of Annual Deliverables were reported to be delayed and 1% were deferred. Table 2 below outlines all Annual Deliverables reported as delayed or deferred at the end of March 2021.

<i>Community Goal</i>	<i>Annual Deliverable</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Deferred</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1. We value and protect our natural environment	Continue to pursue biodiversity certification of the West Dapto Urban Release Area including offsetting provisions	Y		<p>Council has been working through the State government's biodiversity certification process for a number of years. Up until recently, the process had been stalled pending the State identifying a funding mechanism to support the delivery of biodiversity outcomes that would be required under certification.</p> <p>Last quarter, the State placed a Special Infrastructure Contributions Plan on public exhibition which included funding for biodiversity certification of West Dapto. This has provided the impetus to move forward with the process.</p> <p>At the request of Department of Primary Industries and Environment-Environment, Energy and Science (DPIE – ESS) Council officers have reviewed the biodiversity credit calculations that are a foundation to biodiversity certification method. Council's revision of the calculations has provided several scenarios for assessment by DPIE-EES to consider.</p> <p>Council staff are in liaison with DPIE officers to finalise the Conservation Strategy to inform the Special Infrastructure Contribution budget and delivery.</p>

Operational Plan 2020-2021 Progress continued

<i>Community Goal</i>	<i>Annual Deliverable</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Deferred</i>	<i>Comment</i>
2. We have an innovative and sustainable economy	Undertake the City Centre Planning Review and Design Review arising from the Wollongong City Centre – Public Spaces Public Life Implementation Plan		Y	On 7 December 2020, Council considered a report on the draft Wollongong City Centre Planning Strategy, draft Planning Proposal and draft DCP chapter. Council resolved to defer progress pending completion of informing documents including the Retail Centres Study and Wollongong City Centre Access and Movement Study. Work on both of these studies is progressing.
	Support relevant agencies, business and industry to advocate for the establishment of a cruise ship terminal in the port of Port Kembla		Y	The advent of COVID-19 has meant drastic repositioning within the cruise industry, with no clear date the industry will be able to recommence operations. The cruise industry is currently developing a COVID safe plan with aspirations to relaunch regular sailings in mid-2021.

Operational Plan 2020-2021 Progress continued

<i>Community Goal</i>	<i>Annual Deliverable</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Deferred</i>	<i>Comment</i>
3. Wollongong is a creative, vibrant city	Implement public art opportunities at Hill 60 Reserve	Y		Council has been successful with a Department of Veterans Affairs grant valued at \$100,000 for the fabrication and installation of a European Artwork at Hill 60, <i>'Eye on the Horizon.'</i> The project is underway but is delayed. Whilst the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit is now in place, Council are still awaiting the Section 60 approval for works to progress. Additionally, Queensland based artist Braham Stevens has been unable to travel to NSW for a site visit due to Covid-19 impacts. Following Section 60 approval, the artist will be contracted and fabrication and installation commenced.
	Host six major events reflecting priority sectors and contribute to the acquisition of signature events in the city	Y		Most major events have been on hold due to COVID-19. However, Destination Wollongong has assisted with the execution of smaller events, including <i>Splash Wollongong.</i> Destination Wollongong has also been working on securing other major events for the region, including multi-day Surfing NSW events and re-scheduling other sporting events.

Operational Plan 2020-2021 Progress continued

Community Goal	Annual Deliverable	Delayed	Deferred	Comment
3. Wollongong is a creative, vibrant city	Deliver the annual Viva La Gong Festival		CANCELLED	<p>Due to COVID-19 restrictions the 2020 VIVA la Gong festival was cancelled. However, several VIVA "engine room" projects, a series of smaller community-based arts projects, have commenced across the suburbs, developing content for Viva 2021.</p> <p>Projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An outdoor community movement project called ' <i>Standing on the Ceiling</i> ' in Port Kembla is underway; - Partnership music mentor program with <i>Jam 'n' Bread</i> is underway; - Update to the Viva mural in MacCabe park to be created by a local artist working in collaboration with young people with disabilities is underway; - Circus collaboration

Operational Plan 2020-2021 Progress continued

<i>Community Goal</i>	<i>Annual Deliverable</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Deferred</i>	<i>Comment</i>
3. Wollongong is a creative, vibrant city	Develop improvements in the Arts Precinct within the context of the Arts Precinct Concept Design	Y		The available space for outdoor seating under the trees on the paved area has been extended to encourage greater use and outdoor dining opportunities for adjacent businesses. This has seen increased foot traffic and utilisation of the area. A feasibility report on the viability of installing a second entrance to Wollongong Art Gallery that interacts with the Arts Precinct has been delayed, with funding for this project now allocated for future years due to COVID-19 impacts.
	Support newly arrived and refugee communities through the delivery of the Illawarra Refugee Challenge with community partners	Y		The Illawarra Refugee Challenge has been on hold due to COVID-19 and the restrictions on access to school premises. The 2021 Challenge is being planned for Term 3 or Term 4 at Bulli High School.

Operational Plan 2020-2021 Progress continued

<i>Community Goal</i>	<i>Annual Deliverable</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Deferred</i>	<i>Comment</i>
4. We are a connected and engaged community	Work with Friends of Wollongong City Libraries to improve resources within libraries that are generated with funding from fundraising activities		CANCELLED	<p>Due to COVID-19 Public Health Order restrictions for group gatherings, the Friends of Wollongong City Libraries cancelled all planned events during the March 2021 quarter. This has curtailed their ability to raise funds for Wollongong City Libraries.</p> <p>The Friends Executive meet in February to discuss resuming their fund-raising events from May 2021 (predominantly author talks/catering/lunches). Events will be held at a local Function Centre until such time as large gatherings can return to Council's Administration Building Function Room.</p>

Operational Plan 2020-2021 Progress continued

<i>Community Goal</i>	<i>Annual Deliverable</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Deferred</i>	<i>Comment</i>
4. We are a connected and engaged community	Develop an Information Security Strategy	Y		<p>Market forces in the Information Security field have substantially increased remuneration expectations for this skill set in the industry, prompting a shift in approach from each Council appointing their own Information Security officer to a shared resource.</p> <p>Wollongong City Council has collaborated with the other councils in Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation to fund and recruit a Regional Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). In March, a suitably qualified candidate was recruited. One of the key tasks for the CISO is the preparation of a Regional Information Security Strategy, which is expected to be complete by October 2021.</p>
5. We have a healthy community in a liveable city	Continue the 'I belong in the Gong' Safety Initiative	Y		<p>The location of a solar powered phone charging station in Crown Street Mall has been determined at the intersection of Crown and Church Streets near the tables and seating area in Church street. This site was chosen for its central location in the Mall, being a high activation area and clear sight lines to increase the perception of safety. The site also meets engineering requirements for installation which is anticipated to occur during the June 2021 quarter.</p>

Operational Plan 2020-2021 Progress continued

<i>Community Goal</i>	<i>Annual Deliverable</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Deferred</i>	<i>Comment</i>
5. We have a healthy community in a liveable city	Assist the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to undertake the Wollongong Local Government Area land contamination literature review	Y		Council has fulfilled its commitment to provide assistance as required to NSW EPA and NSW Health to develop the literature review. EPA has advised that a communications strategy is being developed to accompany the release of a review document.
	Reinstate Waterfall (Garrawarra) Cemetery	Y		The Illawarra Aboriginal Land Council has given consent to carry out maintenance works at this cemetery despite a current Aboriginal Land Claim over the site. This approval allows Council to progress landowners consent from a number of authorities (Crown Land, National Parks and Wildlife Services, Water NSW), which allows submission of the Development Application to reinstate the cemetery. The book <i>'Forgotten Souls'</i> by the late Carol Herben was published and launched in March by the Illawarra Historical Society and details stories of a number of people buried at the cemetery, the history of the site as well as a full burial register.

Operational Plan 2020-2021 Progress continued

<i>Community Goal</i>	<i>Annual Deliverable</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Deferred</i>	<i>Comment</i>
5. We have a healthy community in a liveable city	Implement Landscape Masterplan recommendations for Hill 60 Reserve at Port Kembla	Y		<p>The Conservation Management Plan for the Hill 60 location has been completed and an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit has been lodged for proposed works.</p> <p>Council has finalised and progressed an amended version of a Section 60 permit and lodged this application with Heritage NSW in March 2021 reflecting key changes.</p>
	Plan for the Southern Suburbs Community Centre and Library, at Warrawong	Y		Council officers continue to work with an architect to develop plans for facility. Community and stakeholder engagement is scheduled to be undertaken during April-May 2021.
6. We have sustainable, affordable and accessible transport	Provide up-to-date cycling information for the community, including cycling routes and end-of-trip facility maps that are inclusive and equitable		Y	Community consultation is scheduled during April 2021 to confirm proposed preferred locations for end of trip facilities. A grant application has been submitted for way finding signage. The progress on updated cycleways maps will be delivered next financial year.
	Work with Shellharbour Council and others to extend the Lake Illawarra cycleway	Y		Council continues to work with Shellharbour Council and the various land holders around the Lake to develop and design this important project.

GOAL 1: WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Deliver waste minimisation programs in accordance with the Waste Strategy

During the quarter, face to face workshops on waste minimisation programs recommenced. These workshops covered a range of topics including 'Make your own swim bags', 'Bokashi', 'Worm Farming', 'Composting' and various talks around FOGO and other programs to community groups including culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

A highlight of the quarter included the launch of the education program *No Butts Trail* along with the installation of 30 new cigarette butt bins. The 30 new bins will be installed across 10 waterside locations, from Stanwell Park Reserve, to the Windang Bridge. The locations are recognised community hotspots for traffic and cigarette use, and the installation of bins will provide options for smokers to dispose of butts correctly and safely.

According to the National Litter Index, cigarettes are the most littered item in NSW. Once littered, butts have only to travel a short distance in these locations to be washed into our stormwater drains and water ways where they can leach toxic chemicals into our environment or be mistaken for food by marine creatures with often deadly consequences.

The No Butts Trial campaign consists of eight temporary chalk art installations in high profile locations across Wollongong.



[IMAGE: Temporary chalk art installations promoting the No Butts Trail campaign]

GOAL 1: WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Provide opportunities to work with volunteers, community groups and government to actively participate in urban greening

Throughout the quarter, 184 volunteers contributed 3,117 hrs of work under various Environmental programs.

On March 19, a Gardening Australia television segment featured the volunteers at Puckey's Estate and partners such as Yours and Owls, providing national recognition. Puckey's Estate Reserve in Fairy Meadow is an annex of the Wollongong Botanic Garden and consists of a rare coastal habitat of rainforest, dunes and marshland.

Gardening Australia's presenter, Clarence Slockee, travelled to Wollongong to visit Puckey's Estate to film a special segment that looked at the important vegetation in our region and the dedicated Bushcare crews working hard to protect it. The program also looks at a partnership between Council's program and the Yours and Owls Festival.

Yours and Owls joined Bushcare in 2018, with the decision to offer incentives to Illawarra residents who volunteered as part of a rejuvenation day at Puckey's Estate. Since then, sustainability has become a core focus with Bushcare days becoming a regular part of the festival program.

Other Bushcare highlights throughout the quarter included the planting of over 500 native trees, shrubs and grasses over two days along American Creek. Figtree Lions joined Bushcare and Council contractors to undertake the planting with the aim to increase the native vegetation cover along the catchment and help soil conservation along the embankment.



[IMAGE: Filming of the Gardening Australia episode featuring Puckey's Estate Fairy Meadow]

GOAL 1: WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Deliver priority actions from the Urban Greening Strategy Implementation Plan 2017-21

During the quarter Council planted 1,075 new trees with 524 having been removed to date over the current financial year. The Tree inventory now totals 385,200 records and has identified 6,348 vacant tree sites. 4,000 young trees are currently in their maintenance period.

The quarter saw Dapto residents set a new record with as many as 330 trees to be planted in Dapto commencing in March at parklands, playgrounds, and verges of participating homes. Following a call to residents last year to increase the tree canopy in Dapto and surrounding suburbs, residents and Council staff commenced autumn planting.

As part of the Dapto Street Trees program, participating residents could select from a variety of tree species and sizes to best suit the verge outside of their property with the original target goal of 250 new trees being beaten.

The Dapto Street Trees project is Council's second suburb focussed greening project as part of the Urban Greening Strategy. It builds on the success of Council's Port Kembla street tree project that wrapped up in 2020 and saw 280 new trees planted across the suburb.



[IMAGE: Planting of street trees in Dapto]

GOAL 1: WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Deliver the Heritage Assistance Grant Program

The Wollongong Heritage Grants program for 2020-21 has been fully allocated to 12 eligible projects. While some projects have been affected by COVID-19 and a number of project adjustments have been made, the projects are currently being finalised and acquitted ahead of the May deadline.

Applications for the 2021-22 financial year were invited in January and closed end at the end of March. A large number of applications have been received for consideration. These will be assessed by a subcommittee of the Wollongong Heritage Reference Group in the coming months.

Prepare for the introduction and implementation of the New South Wales State Government Planning Reforms

On 22 February, Council endorsed a submission on the draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan. The draft Transport Plan is an important document as it outlines the strategic framework for how Transport for NSW (TfNSW) will respond to changes in land use, population, and travel demand across the region over the next 20 years.

The Draft Transport Plan identifies a number of initiatives to improve connectivity, safety, productivity, and resilience of the transport network. This will improve the range of transport services and options available to the community. The submission to TfNSW, on the Draft Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan is to ensure the Plan is relevant to our area and also reflect the significance of Wollongong LGA as well as Council's strategies and initiatives (current and future) in developing a safe integrated multi modal transport network.

Performance Measures Q3 2020-2021

- Participation rate in environmental programs* | 72,471[^] (Q3 2019-2020 – 25,473)
- Number of volunteers for Environmental Programs - Greenhouse Park | 23 (Q3 2019-2020 – 17)
- Plants Propagated | 16,895 (Q3 2019-2020 – 18,379)
- Plants Distributed | 18,592 (Q3 2019-2020 – 11,685)
- Tonnes of Rubbish collected from clean-up activities* | 7 (Q3 2019-2020 – 15)
- Number of volunteers worked at Bushcare and FIREady sites* | 184 (Q3 2019-2020 – 550)

* Impacted by COVID-19

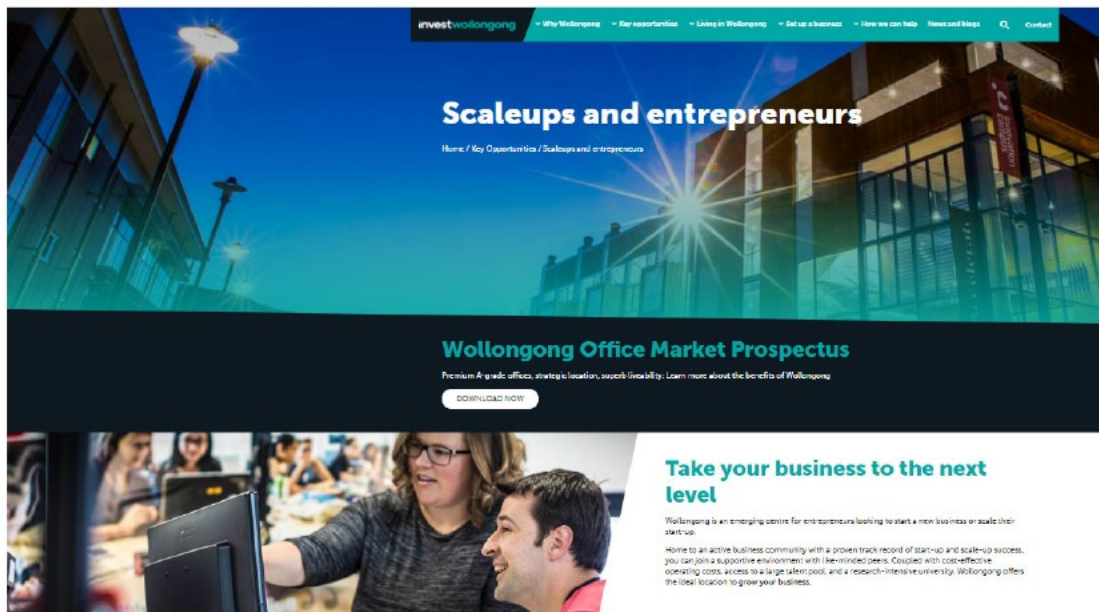
[^] Number includes 67,953 who attended Sunset Cinema and Sculpture in the Garden at the Wollongong Botanic Garden

GOAL 2: WE HAVE AN INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

In partnership with NSW Government and the University of Wollongong, deliver the Invest Wollongong program to position Wollongong as a superior business location

Invest Wollongong commenced the rollout of a digital marketing campaign promoting Wollongong as a superior business location targeting the scaleups and professional services sectors. The campaign also focuses on Wollongong as a legitimate alternative business location as more and more decision makers and businesses look at regional locations in a post COVID environment.

Overall, the Invest Wollongong digital marketing campaign to date has driven a 1000% uplift in website traffic to the website, with over 90 per cent of users visiting for the first time. In the five months of the campaign (November 2020 – March 31, 2021), there have been 15,711 users visiting the Invest Wollongong website, compared to the previous five months (June to October 2020), where there were a total of 1,408 users. This increase is a direct result of the digital marketing campaign, which has driven traffic back to the Invest Wollongong website.



[IMAGE: Invest Wollongong website focusing on Scaleups and entrepreneurs]

GOAL 2: WE HAVE AN INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Implement a range of pilot projects and activation strategies across the city centre precincts

During the quarter, Council continued to implement a range of projects and activation strategies across the city centre precincts. Due to COVID restrictions, the focus for the quarter was to create colourful creative places that create a cause to pause in the CBD, focusing on the transition from Summer to Autumn as a key theme. A decorative textile collage made from upcycled materials reclaimed and diverted from landfill was used to dress Crown Street Mall’s outdoor stage, teamed with planter barrels to provide an inviting and ambient community seating area. This setting also provided the perfect place to continue the ‘CBD Sounds’ live music program with a variety of music genres being performed on a weekly basis including a special summer series dedicated to showcasing young, local pop artists. In addition, a range of live music performances were staged in CBD business premises, including Pot of Gold Mexican Cantina and the Swallowed Anchor.

Due to the popularity, negotiations were undertaken to extend the stay of the parklet in the mall. The parklet a perfect resting spot and home to a range of colourful flowers and plants was the harmonised background to the ‘Autumn in Bloom’ exhibition on the display blocks in Crown Street Mall.’ The exhibition celebrated the change in season to Autumn by working with a local artist to illustrate the vibrant flora of the Illawarra region. This coincided with the celebration of 50 Years of Wollongong Botanic Gardens on the Crown Street Mall banners.

To mark the Easter holiday occasion and provide a COVID safe activity during the school holidays. “The Golden Easter Egg Hunt”, an Augmented Reality Easter art trail and chocolate egg giveaway, was implemented into 6 shop locations in Crown St Mall. The Augmented Reality interactive art trail provided an opportunity for the community to engage with the CBD space in a creative and safe way in the current environment and ran in conjunction with the ‘Showtime’ themed Easter carnival and rides.

B-Hub The B-Hub continues to offer both one-on-one tailored business assistance support packages and group training sessions to local businesses to improve their skills and develop solutions for their long-term sustainability as we move through and out of COVID-19. During this quarter 118 clients received business assistance via the B-Hub. The professional and health sectors featured highest. The focus for this sector was on pivoting, planning for growth, pricing, and marketing. This was followed by the restaurant, cafe, and retail sectors where the advisory sessions predominantly related to leasing disputes. The number of walk-ins have increased due to business owners seeing the B-Hub signage displayed at the front of the premises at 93 Crown Street, and referrals from other government services including Service NSW and Wesley Mission Workshops focussed on Intellectual Property, Bin Trim for Business, Business Sustainability



[IMAGE: Autumn is blooming at Crown Street Mall]

GOAL 2: WE HAVE AN INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Deliver learning programs for employment, digital inclusion and creativity from 'The Hub' digital learning space

Throughout the quarter, Get Skilled computer training sessions resumed, with all the one-on-one sessions booked out. A high number of customer questions have been centred around the use of apps, prompted by the need for the Service NSW app across venues as well as many people trying to access updated Health information from NSW Government sites.

Fashion Flip and Club Sew and Sew commenced throughout the quarter. Both sewing classes are a result of the positive feedback the Library received last year for the Learn to Sew workshops and sociable sewing classes. Gina Barjeel, a fashion designer who specialises in sustainable fashion, leads the group in repurposing an old clothing item into another useful item in Fashion Flip.

Contribute to the delivery of 'Paint the Town REAd' early literacy program

This quarter saw the launch of the 250 Stories pilot project. The project is aimed to increase children's vocabulary and general knowledge by reading, singing songs, dancing, talking, or yarning along with a parent, carer, brother, sister, aunty, uncle, friend, or anyone!

The project encourages children to track and complete 250 stories before Christmas. It also expands children's understanding of how a story can be told, reading being just one way. Dancing tells a story through cultural dance, songs or making up dances, talking or yarning is a form of storytelling that can happen at meal time, bath time or anytime at all.

Feedback from participating services has been very positive while children are enjoying filling in the tracking cards that show how many stories they have participated in. This allows staff in services to then see what types of stories the children are not participating in and can provide support and resource to families around these areas. The pilot will run until December 2021.



[IMAGE: 250 Stories pilot project flyer and tracking card]

GOAL 2: WE HAVE AN INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Performance Measures Q3 2020-2021

- Number of visitations to the tourism information centres* | 9,486 (Q3 2019-2020 – 15,204)
- Tourist Park occupancy rate of cabins | 73% (Q3 2019-2020 – 69%)
- Occupancy rates of paid on street parking | 69% (Q3 2019-2020 – 73%)
- Tourist parks occupancy rate of unpowered sites* | 33% (Q3 2019-2020 – 33%)
- Tourist parks occupancy rate of powered sites* | 54% (Q3 2019-2020 – 57%)

*Impacted by COVID-19

GOAL 3: WOLLONGONG IS A CREATIVE, VIBRANT CITY

Deliver Council's annual community events program

The quarter saw the ability to present community events in a different way to usual which included the Australia Day events. These events were conducted in a COVID safe way including the presentation of the twelve Australia Day award recipients at a lunch hosted by Council at Villa D'oro on Friday 22 January. With limited numbers, approximately 90 guests attended the function to present the winners amongst the 40 nominations received.

Chaplin John Kewa was named Wollongong's Citizen of the Year for 2021. The manager and chaplain of the Mission to Seafarers Port Kembla undertook an outstanding pastoral and humanitarian effort in connecting with and providing care packages for the 1,200 strong crew stranded on the docked Ruby Princess in Port Kembla following a COVID-19 outbreak on the vessel in April last year.

The Australia Day award event also saw the awarding of the following:

- Senior Citizen of the Year 2021 – Laurence Jennett OAM
- Young Citizen of the Year 2021 – Thura Sabbar
- Arts & Cultural Achievement Award 2021 – Sharon Buikstra
- Sports Achievement Award 2021 – Open Men's Boat Crew, Bulli Surf Life Saving Club
- Innovation Achievement Award 2021 – Professor Sharon Robinson
- Community Group Award 2021 – One Door Mental Health Committee
- Diversity and Inclusion Award 2021 – Lisa Cuda
- Wollongong to the World 2021 – Corey Tutt
- Wollongong to the World Award 2021 – Carol Kiernan
- Lord Mayor's Award 2021 – Hasan Al Taleb
- Lord Mayor's Award 2021 – Dapto High School



[IMAGE: Chaplain John Kewa was named Wollongong's Citizen of the Year for 2021]

GOAL 3: WOLLONGONG IS A CREATIVE, VIBRANT CITY

Manage the Merrigong funding agreement for IPAC and the Town Hall

The quarter saw a significant increase in events as pandemic restrictions eased and venue capacities increased to 75% of seated capacity across NSW. Two of the shows scheduled for the 2020 Merrigong Season were rescheduled and delivered to enthusiastic audiences in January 2021 - audience favourite The Wharf Revue (Sydney Theatre Company), and the world premiere of the internationally acclaimed Circa's Sacre, a work commissioned by Merrigong Theatre Company.

A full Merrigong Season 2021 program was launched on 9 February to the delight of theatre-lovers in the region. The Season offers a renewed emphasis on presenting theatre works both inside and outside of traditional theatre spaces, including works performed on site at Bulli Showground and Port Kembla Pool.

The first two shows of the program to hit the stage were KENNY (Ensemble Theatre) and FANGIRLS (Belvoir, Queensland Theatre and Brisbane Festival in association with Australian theatre for Young People), the latter proving a major highlight of the theatrical year.

On 24 March the company celebrated the launch of the MERRIGONGX 2021 Artists Program, with invited guests treated to an unveiling of the projects in the program, followed by a private showing of one of the featured works, Fledgling (by Lily Hayman).

The Wollongong Town Hall hosted numerous events including the first event in the Music in the Morning concert series for 2021, Australian Chamber Orchestra's Tabula Rasa, and Steel City Strings 'The Composer is in the Room'. The Music Lounge also hosted 11 gigs across jazz, blues, pop, and cabaret, each of which proved extremely popular, with most events selling out their COVID-reduced capacities. Local musical theatre company So Popera returned to the IPAC stage for a season of the popular musical Grease.



[IMAGE: Merrigong shows – Kenny and Fangirls]

GOAL 3: WOLLONGONG IS A CREATIVE, VIBRANT CITY

In conjunction with the Local Organising Committee, prepare for the 2022 UCI Road World Championship

The 2022 UCI Road World Cycling Championships is coming to Wollongong in September 2022. UCI stands for the Union Cycliste Internationale, the world governing body of cycling.

Throughout the quarter, Council staff continued to work with Wollongong 2022 and UCI representatives to finalise the course for the event. Work also continued on Host City Agreement negotiations.

Work has progressed in relation to messaging and marketing regarding the event. Two new cycling advisory groups with community representation have been established. A virtual meeting with school principals was hosted during the period at which road safety initiatives and information about the event was shared.

A highlight for the quarter was recognition of Wollongong as a global city with the announcement of the awarding of the UCI Bike City Label. This is a significant coup for Wollongong as it's the only time an Australian city or region has been awarded the prestigious label. The UCI Bike City Label recognises Wollongong's long-term commitment to delivering an improved cycling experience for everyone and compliments the 2022 UCI Road World Cycling Championships coming to Wollongong.



[IMAGE: Cycling in Wollongong - Wollongong awarded the UCI Bike City Label]

GOAL 3: WOLLONGONG IS A CREATIVE, VIBRANT CITY

Promote heritage sites and museums

During the quarter, Wollongong Heritage Collections Inc. (WHCI) has been primarily focused on the Port Kembla Breakwater Battery Museum, securing Port Kembla Community Investment Fund funding for urgent building repairs and maintenance. The Breakwater Battery Museum has engaged a munitions expert and the collection has been safety assessed and is awaiting its firearms license before the museum can reopen.

The Mount Kembla Heritage centre has closed, and the collection has been put into storage at a commercial storage facility.

A museum expert is being scoped to deliver on a short-term contract to undertake a survey of local heritage and museum sites in the LGA and to deliver a report with recommendations regarding the current and future needs of these largely community volunteer run enterprises.

Collaborate in joint projects with local Aboriginal organisations and the community

Throughout the quarter, artwork for the Cringila Hills playground was developed with children and young people. The design work is in collaboration with the leading Coomaditchie United Aboriginal Corporation (CUAC) artists who have designed Gudgad the greedy frog as a play feature for the playground. The children and young people have created seven animals in the dreaming story of Gudgad into clay Coolamons that will form part of the artwork in the playground.

In working with CUAC an abbreviated story of Gudgad is being developed as an outdoor interactive book planned for the playground. Council is participating in a working group of residents and community organisations to organise the second Saltwater Festival at Bundaleer on Wednesday 14th April. Noogaleek Children’s Centre and Winnanggay pre-school are partners in the 250 stories pilot project. The project is an early literacy program promoting the importance of reading, talking, singing, rhyming, and yarning to children from birth.

Performance Measures Q3 2020-2021

- Library visitations* | 231,553 (Q3 2019-2020 – 216,742)
- Library – total number of loans* | 223,822 (Q3 2019-2020 –228,986)
- Library programs: number of programs* | 210 (Q3 2019-2020 –344)
- Library programs: number of participants*^ | 3,844 (Q3 2019-2020 – 6,774)

* Impacted by COVID-19

^Change in mode of delivery to include online participants

GOAL 4: WE ARE A CONNECTED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY

Resource and support a range of engagement options to ensure our diversity is reflected

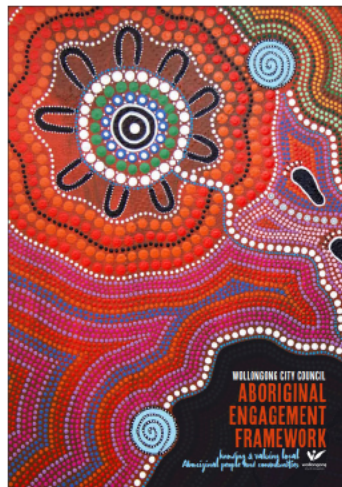
Council's commitment to supporting its culturally diverse community and making improvements on how we engage and seek feedback, was significantly improved throughout the quarter with the adoption of the Aboriginal Engagement Framework.

The Framework provides a set of principles, protocols, and resources to guide Council's elected members, staff and consultants when engaging with our Aboriginal people and communities. This important document is underpinned by local Aboriginal culture, knowledge, and heritage. It also clearly articulates how we value the long history and cultural contribution of the local Aboriginal communities.

The Aboriginal Engagement Framework will support Council to engage in a culturally appropriate way and includes a set of principles, protocols, and resources to support engagement with Aboriginal people and their communities. The document not only guides Council on how it works with local Aboriginal communities but also provides a reference point for others beyond Council.

The framework adopted by Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land and includes guiding principles. These are:

- We will value and respect Aboriginal culture
- We will allow time for authentic engagement
- We will include Aboriginal people in matters that directly affect them and involve them throughout the life of the project
- We will act with integrity and seek to build trust
- We will be transparent and open with information and processes
- We will listen, learn and talk
- We will deliver on our commitments



[IMAGE: Wollongong City Council's new Aboriginal Engagement Framework]

GOAL 4: WE ARE A CONNECTED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY

Deliver a diverse range of community engagement opportunities to inform and guide development and delivery of Council business

During the quarter, engagement was undertaken across a diverse range of activities to support and guide the development of future work. Highlights across the quarter include:

- Stuart Park Play Space Upgrade – the All Ages and Abilities’ project outlines a planned extension to Stuart Park Playground, with an inclusive play space. Community feedback was sought on draft designs for the playground and surrounding area in this period. The updated designs will outline plans for a two-staged approach to construction, with stage one works planned for June 2021.
- The King George V Park Draft Recreation Master Plan sets out a long-term plan for the parks use as a sporting, social and green space. Further feedback was sought from the community to further develop the plan.
- The Draft Public Art Strategy Guiding Principles have been developed with industry experts to guide the city’s approach to public art and inform the new Public Art Strategy. Community feedback on the Principles is being sought, with further engagement to take place once the draft Public Art Strategy has been developed.
- The Ursula Road Shared Path project aims to create a safe, accessible cycling connection from Bulli Train Station to the beach. Following community feedback on draft designs and ongoing consultation, adaptations have been made to the designs, with the project scheduled for construction in the coming months.
- The Helensburgh Streetscape Master Plan aims to improve accessibility and safety, enhance the quality and amenity of meeting spaces, and express the local identity of Helensburgh. Engagement was undertaken on Stage two of the plan, with three workshops held to seek community input on designs for the western terrace of Walker Street.
- Engagement with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members regarding naming new West Dapto suburbs continued and an Aboriginal Language Working Group was established to inform Aboriginal language of signage.
- Our Community Engagement Policy outlines our commitment to and process for, undertaking engagement with the community. The existing policy is due for review and initial engagement has begun with key stakeholders in this period. The policy is scheduled to go on public exhibition for broader feedback during the next reporting period.

GOAL 4: WE ARE A CONNECTED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY

Publish business papers to Council's website and continue webcasting of Council meetings

Business papers were published to the website according to schedule and all Council meetings for the quarter were successfully webcast. In February 2021 due to the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions, Council moved to a hybrid of online and on-premise Council meetings. The Public Gallery was reopened on 22 February with a limit of 20 people.

All meetings throughout the quarter were successfully webcast to the public, ensuring continuity of Council business.



[IMAGE: Council chambers]

Develop the WHS behaviour strategy and program to enhance our WHS culture through the application of identified constructive behaviour

The WHS Behaviour Program continued to be rolled out throughout the quarter. The first 3 stages have largely been completed. Council is now at stage 4 'Simplification of our WHS Safety Management System'.

Council is running parallel to stage 4 stage 5 which is the review of our Contractor Management approach. The WHS Contractor Management Project is underway and Council is working on the development of the framework, procedures and tools that will ensure compliance to our own WHS Management System as well as with WHS legislation.

Our Wellbeing Plan has been developed, with the WHS Team currently in the process of building employees' capabilities within the context of this program. Other elements of the program are being rolled out as they are becoming available.

GOAL 4: WE ARE A CONNECTED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY

Participate in a range of community sector networks to foster collaborations and partnerships

Throughout the quarter collaboration and partnerships with a range of community sector networks were fostered. Council convened the Children & Family Services Interagency meeting in February. Guest speakers presented various courses including those for young people and parents trying to return to the workforce and the role of the Royal Lifesaving Society in developing programs to reduce drownings particularly in multicultural communities.

Council participated in the Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting, the Local Government Child Safe Organisation Working Group meetings, and the South Coast Child Wellbeing Network meeting.

Council facilitated the Illawarra Refugees Issue Forum (IRIF) on 24 February with participants attending face to face or online. Council also facilitated the NSW CALD Water Safety Network on 25 February with 10 attendees and presented a water safety update at the Local Government Multicultural Network on 25 March.

Staff participated in the Prevention of Abuse of Older People Network meetings in February and March. Planning is now underway to deliver an awareness raising campaign and to promote online training on how to respond to incidents of suspected elder abuse for 'World Elder Abuse Day'.

Council staff convened the Wollongong Youth Network as well as attended the Local Government Youth Development Network (LGYDN), Youth Action Meetings (YAMS) with Wollongong Police, Illawarra Multicultural Youth Network, Local Drug Action Team meetings and Careways NAIDOC Committee

Performance Measures Q3 2020-2021

- Sick Leave | 6.93 Days (Q3 2019-2020 – 8.00 days)
- Carers Leave | 0.53 Days (Q3 2019-2020 – 0.65 days)
- Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate | 15.28 (Q3 2019-2020 – 10.95)
- Workers compensation costs as a percentage of payroll | 1.25% (Q3 2019-2020 – 1.80%)
- Number of media releases issued | 65 (Q3 2019-2020 – 66)
- Number of Council Facebook page 'likes' | 32,511 (Q3 2019-2020 – 28,947)
- Number of Twitter followers for Council | 6,723 (Q3 2019-2020 – 6,261)
- Telephone calls are answered within 30 seconds | 86 % (Q3 2019-2020 – 87%)
- Enquiries made in person are welcomed and attended to within 5 minutes | 96 % (Q3 2019-2020 – 95%)

GOAL 5: WE HAVE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN A LIVEABLE CITY

Enhance Botanic Garden visitor experience via programs, interpretation, education and events

The commencement of the quarter saw a slower start to events and programs at the Botanic Gardens with COVID-19 restrictions cancelling a number of 50th Birthday celebration events. However, the quarter still saw 109 events with approximately 67,953 participants including 24 Sunset Cinema screenings, 4 Greenplan sales, 4 scooter hire bookings, and 10 Weddings with 581 attendees. Climate Change and Bushfire School Holiday program were held in January.

A key highlight of the quarter was another successful Sculpture in the Garden event held over six weeks in February and March. A diverse array of 18 sculptures were showcased against the Wollongong Botanic Garden's landscape for the biennial event. Over 35,000 people attended the event that staged a talented mix of local and national artist including one from New Zealand.

Amongst a vast array of sculptures to view, was this year's winner of the Wollongong Acquisitive Sculpture Award, 'Curious Dream of an Architect' by Fatih Semiz, which will become a permanent part of the city's public art collection. Visitors were also able to participate in the People's Choice voting which this year awarded to Sydney-based artist Laura Nolan's artwork, 'Evolve'. 'Evolve' is a sculptural brown glass installation that incorporates the earth as part of its work responding directly to the landscape.

The Sculpture in the Garden event also saw a series of free events including exhibitions and workshops. One of the highlighted events, was the free community access program running alongside the exhibition, 'ghost trees' by sculptor in residence Greer Taylor. Located in the Dryland Collection of the Garden, members of the public were invited to contribute to the growing sculptural work over the course of the six weeks.

'Ghost trees' is an ephemeral sculpture that encouraged visitors to create and 'plant' a 'ghost tree' or embroider words on to ribbons attached to tree boughs. The collaborative work is about the processing of grief felt by communities in the wake of last year's bushfires. Other events included Garden Poetry and Storytelling workshops, artists talks, interactive sculpture tour and live performances by local musicians.



[IMAGE: 2021 Sculpture in the Garden Acquisitive Prize, Curious Dream of an Architect by Fatih Semiz and 2021 People's Choice winner, Evolve by Laura Nolan. Photos by Tad Souden]

GOAL 5: WE HAVE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN A LIVEABLE CITY

Coordinate and undertake Graffiti Prevention actions on Council assets and deliver the Community Partnership program to remove graffiti from non-Council assets

During the quarter, a number of key initiatives and actions were undertaken in relation to graffiti prevention. Graff Off is a program for young offenders living in the community who, as part of their rehabilitation, remove graffiti in the local area. Council works in partnership with Lake Illawarra Police District and Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) who deliver the Graff Off program. Graff Off runs bi-monthly and graffiti removal on non-Council assets was conducted in the Kembla Grange area throughout the quarter.

Council is continuing to recruit Community Partners for the removal of graffiti from non-Council assets. Currently there are three organisations removing graffiti these being Corrective Services NSW, Essential Employment and Training Personnel and Dapto Rotary. The Flagstaff organisation and two individuals are currently completing their graffiti removal training and then will be joining Council’s Community Partnership program.

A new Proactive Graffiti Removal trial to target problem graffiti before its flagged with the Customer Service team was launched in January. The graffiti crew embrace a proactive approach where they schedule regular stops at tagging hotspots to remove graffiti before they’re reported to Council. The program works in conjunction with existing programs. The trial will run for six months with the aim to target illegal graffiti on public assets such as bus shelters and street signs.

Graffiti Removal Day was held 28 March 2021 with two sites identified for graffiti removal. The Bellambi Safety group removed graffiti from various locations in and around Bellambi while the Corrimal Chamber of Commerce and Corrimal Rotary removed graffiti throughout Corrimal.



[IMAGE: Graffiti throughout the Local Government Area]

GOAL 5: WE HAVE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN A LIVEABLE CITY

Develop and distribute community awareness raising materials that detail owner responsibilities around companion animal management in public places.

Throughout the quarter, Council's Regulation & Enforcement staff continued their community education program in regard to companion animal management in public spaces and compliance with Council's Dogs on Beaches & Parks Policy.

Radio messaging around dogs on beaches and parks was rolled out throughout the quarter with radio stations i98FM, Wave FM and C91.3 in Campbelltown playing educational messages. These messages included themes such as dogs being prohibited in red zone beaches and rock platforms, the timings around Orange zone beaches and the need to pick up after your dog and dispose of waste appropriately.

Animal compliance Officers delivered a tiered beach patrol program throughout the quarter and the duration of summer. Staff conducted beach patrols that were staggered from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm on the weekends, to provide maximum coverage and presence on beaches. This program saw 973 beach patrols conducted with 77 Penalty Notices issued and 119 Written warnings issued.

During the quarter, educational flyers were designed and developed for Stanwell Park & East Corrimal beaches, with specific information and maps included. These flyers will soon be delivered to residents of these suburbs. Work also continued on upgrading signage relating to Dogs on Beaches and installation of new signage at Wollongong City & Port Kembla beaches is currently underway.

Install fitness equipment stations throughout the city that cater to people of all ages and abilities

In line with Council's Infrastructure Delivery Program 2020-2021 and the Fairy Creek Corridor Masterplan, the popular park, Wiseman's Park in Gwynneville, saw the installation of new fitness equipment during the quarter. The new facility is part of Council's commitment to improve outdoor recreation spaces for the community and our visitors.

As part of the installation, a free *Come and Try Day* was held on 29 March. A Council fitness instructor walked people through how to use the equipment safely.

Wiseman Park is now one of nine different locations, from Helensburgh to Windang, which have outdoor fitness facilities. The range of equipment is free and easy to use with each one targeting different muscle and body groups such as the leg press and pull up bars.



[IMAGE: The newly installed fitness equipment at Wiseman's Park, Gwynneville]

GOAL 5: WE HAVE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN A LIVEABLE CITY

Offer a program of activities in libraries to celebrate and engage with our diverse community

This quarter saw an increase in the resumption of programs and activities offered in libraries to celebrate and engage our diverse community.

As part of the Aboriginal Artist in Residence series across the libraries, local artist Allison Day led a painting workshop. The participants discovered the meaning behind many of the symbols represented within many Aboriginal Artworks.

Mardi Gras was celebrated with a Queer Movie Festival held across multiple libraries and the Youth Centre - with movies ranging from favourites such as Priscilla Queen of the Desert, to Love Simon. A family Rainbow Storytime welcomed a Drag King, Guy Alias, on Saturday 27 February and drew an audience from Sydney to Bateman's Bay. The afternoon included music, song, rhymes, stories, and laughter.



[IMAGE: Drag King, Guy Alias performed at a family Rainbow Storytime].

Deliver a range of youth development opportunities with a focus on engagement, capacity building, inclusion, belonging, sector development and support

Wollongong Youth Services delivers a variety of programs that build capacity and focus on belonging and inclusion.

Throughout the quarter, weekly structured programs included Rainbow League and Qmunity, Acting Up, Team Ignite, On stage ON: LINE, Teenz Connect Warrawong and Dapto, Create art program, Carve Your Trail, Bundaleer Connect and 2518 Connect.

The revamped Drop-In program at Wollongong Youth Centre recommenced this quarter with revised open hours and redesigned spaces. In response to early evening activation options for young people in Wollongong, the 'Late Night' program has been introduced at every Friday 3.30 - 7.30pm. The Teenz Connect program was expanded and is now running weekly at Dapto library with positive engagement from local young people. Most young people attending have not been to Dapto Library before and many are reporting they have been spending more time there since the program began with positive social outcomes. Information and referral for young people have seen connections to local programs and services. Wollongong Youth Services social media platform has been used to provide young people with information about council programs.

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Pursue Playground renewals in accordance with the Play Wollongong Strategy 2014 -2024 and adopted Capital Works program

In February, Council promoted its playground replacement and renewal schedule listing thirteen playgrounds scheduled for replacement between Austinmer and Dapto by the end of the financial year. The plans are in line with Council's Infrastructure Delivery Program 2020-2021 and will see the investment of more than \$1.28M this financial year, to replace the current playgrounds with contemporary play equipment including accessible soft fall surfacing.

The first set of works on the Playground Renewal Program commenced throughout the quarter at the following playgrounds:

- Cormack Street Reserve, Dapto – Contemporary play facilities including new wet-pour rubber soft fall
- Bass Park, Mount Ousley – new wet-pour rubber soft fall
- Pioneer Beach Estate, Woonona – located at the end of Robert Westmacott Avenue, there are currently two separate sites, which feature a double swing set and climbing elements, are set to come together to make one play facility. New additions include wet-pour rubber soft and, in line with the popular train theme, a new small train play item will also be added.
- Cringila Hills playground currently in construction
- Stuart Park, North Wollongong – in detailed design phase



[IMAGE: Playground works in progress at Cormack Street Reserve, Dapto]

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Performance Measures Q3 2020-2021

- Community Transport trips* | 5,006 (Q3 2019-2020 -24,053)
- Direct-Run District Level Community Facilities visitation* | 23,360 (Q3 2019-2020 -42,114)
- Utilisation of Direct-Run District Level Community Facilities* | 5,539 Hours (Q3 2019-2020 -7,888)
- Social Support hours of service* | 1,803 Hours (Q3 2019-2020 -11,758)
- Total Visits commercial heated pools: Corrimal* | 49,172 (Q3 2019-2020 -46,716)
- Total Visits commercial heated pools: Dapto* | 22,588 (Q3 2019-2020 -26,469)
- Utilisation/visitation at pools* | 176,591 (Q3 2019-2020 - 435,683)
- Utilisation/visitation at beaches | 551,692 (Q3 2019-2020 - 636,607)

* Impacted by COVID-19

GOAL 6: WE HAVE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT

Council to work with key agencies and partners to reduce traffic congestion and review emergency access plans

Council staff continued to work with TfNSW in supporting their review of transport issues and needs in the Bulli-Thirroul area and M1 Motorway including development of initiatives to address significant congestion issues and emergency access.

For West Dapto Access, the major flood access link of Fowlers Road extension is now complete, which provides increased flood reliable access for the Horsley and West Dapto subdivisions, apart from some discrete satellites. Council continues to deliver the West Dapto Access Strategy catering for emergency access during events such as floods and bushfires.

A highlight of the quarter was recognition for the Karrara Bridge, Dapto winning the 2020 NSW Engineering Excellence Award at the IPWEA State Awards Night in March. IPWEA is a technical society of Engineers Australia and is the peak association for teams who deliver public works and engineering services to communities in Australia and New Zealand.

The project provides flood reliable access, reduced congestion, and better connections for over 19500 homes and 56500 people in the largest land release outside the Sydney metropolitan area. The \$75 million project was delivered on time and under budget. It created 92 full time equivalent jobs, generated an additional \$274 million in supporting activity, and is one of the largest projects of its kind in the local government sector.

Stretching 1.3km, it includes a four-lane road, shared path, two bridges, landscaping, and public art. The main bridge was named Karrara based on suggestions from the community. Karrara is the traditional Aboriginal name for Upper Mullet Creek.



[IMAGE: Council awarded 2020 NSW Engineering Excellence Award for Karrara Bridge (also pictured)]

GOAL 6: WE HAVE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT

Collaborate with partners to fund and deliver a suite of education, information and infrastructure programs that improve cycling participation through improvements to infrastructure, amenity and safety

Work progressed throughout the quarter on the new pop-up cycleways for the city. This included Wollongong’s Smith Street that transitioned to a one-way road and cycleway. Works were between west of Keira Street on Smith Street and created a separate cycleway on the southern side of Smith Street, east of Keira Street. Works include the removal of existing line marking, provision of new line marking and traffic separators to create the new cycleway and southside parking arrangements. Upon completion of this section of Smith Street between Keira and Kembla streets, work will begin on the remaining section between Kembla and Harbour streets. The works are part of Council’s focus to deliver improvements to cycling infrastructure, provide more active transport opportunities, and make it easier and appealing to opt for two-wheeled transport across the city.



[IMAGE: Pop up cycleway at Smith Street Wollongong]

GOAL 6: WE HAVE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT

Lobby the NSW Government to prioritise Maldon Dombarton train line to be used as a dual purpose freight and passenger line improving connectivity to South Western Sydney and the future Badgery's Creek Aerotropolis

In March, Council made a submission to the Draft Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan. As part of the submission, Council seeks a commitment within the Regional Transport Plan to the accelerated delivery of the Maldon to Dombarton (South West Illawarra Rail Link-SWIRL) as a combined passenger and freight line. Council confirmed its support for the SWIRL and supported its submission by referencing recent research undertaken by SMART Infrastructure Facility, University of Wollongong, demonstrating the significant benefits for both passenger and freight travels. Liaison with State Government Agencies including Transport for NSW continues as opportunities arise to advocate for key infrastructure strategies supporting the region.

Promote access to Community Transport services to meet the needs of eligible consumers

Community Transport (Wollongong – Shellharbour) provides a range of services to support frail older people and those who are transport disadvantaged to continue living as independent, active members of the community and to access essential services.

Throughout the quarter, Transport for NSW developed a marketing campaign to promote this service to the community on social media, as well as developing and distributing a range of printed materials for service providers to use. The aim of the campaign was to increase community awareness about the program and to rebuild customers confidence post COVID19. Although the service has been operating at reduced capacity due to the restrictions, the demand for service has remained steady.

During this quarter, Community Transport received 334 new referrals compared to the 313 the previous quarter, although only 195 of those referrals were accepted (180 previous quarter) as eligible customers. However, plans are underway to use some of the promotional materials developed by the funding body to promote the service to the local community.

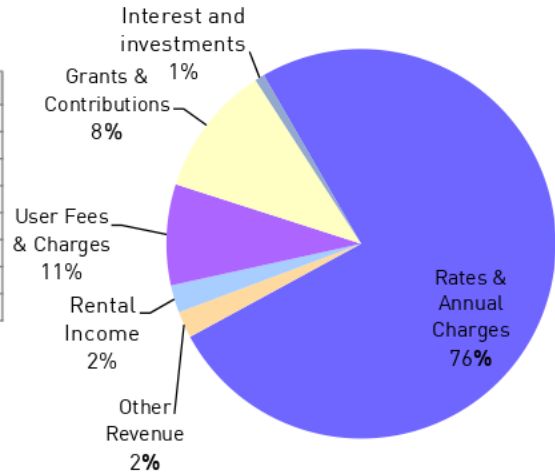
Performance Measures Q3 2020-2021

- Delivery of Council's Capital Program | 51% (Q3 2019-2020 – 61%)

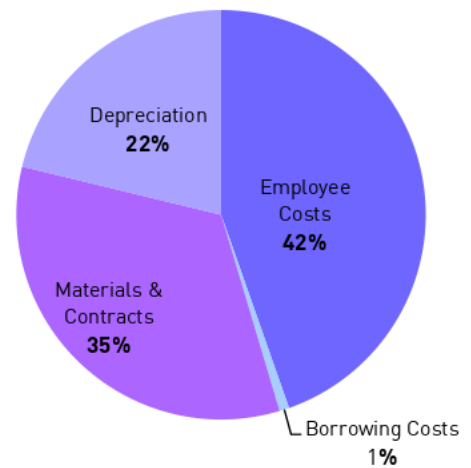
How we performed against our budgets

Budget 2020-2021

Income Type (\$M)	YTD Actual	Proposed budget
Rates & Annual Charges	154.1	208.8
Other Revenue	4.5	2.4
Rental Income	4.6	6.0
Profit on disposal of Assets	0.1	
Grants & Contributions	17.1	32.2
User Fees & Charges	22.3	30.4
Interest & Investments	1.6	2.3
Total	204.4	282.2



Expense Type (\$'M)	YTD Actual	Proposed budget
Employee Costs less Internal Charges	93.9	124.8
Borrowing Costs	1.6	2.1
Materials & Contracts	70.3	104.9
Depreciation	44.7	63.3
Loss on Disposal of Assets		
Total	210.5	295.2



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The March Quarterly review is the third review of the 2020-2021 Operational Plan adopted in June 2020.

The revised forecast proposes an improvement of \$9.8M in the Funds Result that includes the confirmation in the Federal Budget that there would be an early payment of part of the 2021-2022 Financial Assistance Grant of \$9.8M in the current year and a range of other changes that are predominantly associated with project progress and waste initiatives that impact on the Operating Result [pre capital] but do not flow on to the Funds Result. The improvement in the current year result from the early payment of the Financial Assistance Grant will be offset by a corresponding deterioration in the forecast result for 2021-2022.

The following table and comments provide a summary view of the proposed variations and forecast for 2020-2021 based on year to date performance and anticipated results to June 2021.

Table 1

FORECAST POSITION	Original Budget	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	YTD Actual	Proposed Variation
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
KEY MOVEMENTS	July	December	March	March	Proposed Variation
Operating Revenue	269.0	271.6	282.2	204.4	10.6
Operating Costs	(291.0)	(295.1)	(295.2)	(210.5)	(0.1)
Operating Result [Pre Capital]	(22.0)	(23.5)	(13.0)	(6.1)	10.5
Capital Grants & Contributions	35.5	29.2	31.6	14.7	2.3
Operating Result	13.4	5.7	18.5	8.7	12.8
Funds Available from Operations	56.9	56.7	66.5	46.8	9.8
Capital Works	93.4	91.6	91.6	47.1	-
Contributed Assets	11.6	11.6	11.6	0.0	-
Transfer to Restricted Cash	1.4	3.9	3.9	3.6	-
Borrowings Repaid	5.2	5.2	5.2	3.9	-
Funded from:					
- Operational Funds	59.3	59.3	59.3	31.9	-
- Other Funding	45.6	43.9	43.9	15.2	-
Total Funds Surplus/(Deficit)	(9.1)	(11.8)	(2.0)	7.4	9.8

OPERATING RESULT [pre capital]

The proposed Operating Deficit [pre capital] of \$13.0M indicates an improvement of \$10.5M. This includes the early payment of the Financial Assistance Grant and a range of adjustments that are made up of both funded and cash variations. The major variations are summarised broadly below with further details provided through this report. Favourable variations are identified as (F) and Unfavourable as (U).

Non-Funds Variations (no Fund impact) \$0.7M (F)

These are variations where the proposed adjustments are offset by transfer to or from restricted cash or are non-cash adjustments. These variations include:

- Projects in progress to be completed in future periods \$0.5M (F)
- Projects removed (offset by a reduction in funding from restricted cash) \$1.2M (F)
- Operational Grants \$0.4M (F)

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• Domestic Waste net increase (offset by transfer from restricted cash)	\$1.5M (U)
• Depreciation (non-cash)	\$0.4M (F)
• Profit on disposal (non-cash)	\$0.1M (F)
• New projects introduced (offset by funding from restricted cash)	\$0.3M (U)
• Waste Facility net operations	\$0.1M (U)

Funds Variations \$0.2 (F)

• Employee costs	\$0.2M (F)
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Cash \$9.6M (F)

• Financial Assistance Grant 2021-2022 early payment	\$9.8M (F)
• Various other adjustments	\$0.2M (U)

OPERATING RESULT

The revised Operating Result surplus of \$18.5M presents an improvement of \$12.8M compared to December projections. This is mainly due to an increase in anticipated City-wide developer contributions of \$0.6M, Planning Agreements for West Dapto of \$1.6M and additional capital grants of \$0.1M. These do not impact the Funds Result as they are offset by transfers to restricted cash.

CAPITAL PROGRAM

The capital budget expenditure projections are inclusive of adjustments approved by Council through the monthly reporting process. No additional changes have been proposed through this review.

FUNDS RESULT

The revised Total Funds Result (annual movement in Available Funds) of \$2.0M presents an improvement of \$9.8M compared to current budget that is mainly due to timing of the Financial Assistance Grant.

Project Timing

Progress of individual operational projects has been reviewed during this quarter to better determine expected finalisation and budget requirements. A range of projects were identified that are expected to be in progress at 30 June 2021 that will need to be extended into future periods. These projects have an estimated value of \$2.1M expense and funding from restricted cash of \$1.6M. The proposed change does not impact on the Funds Available from Operations or the total Funds Result as this has been partially offset by the provision for works in progress that was created at the September 2020 Quarterly Review when projects in progress at 30 June 2020 were introduced into the 2020-2021 Budget. The provision was created as a potential 'saving' in acknowledgment that there would be movements between years. Included in the revised timing are a number of projects that relate to Supporting Documents and details of these are provided later in this report.

A range of other projects have also been removed from the budget that are related to works that have been completed, are not continuing or need further analysis before they are reintroduced. These include a range of investigative projects associated with waste management that are individually of a relatively low value that have been removed pending further consideration. These don't impact on the Funds Result as they are fully funded from restricted cash.

Waste

The current review includes a number of changes related to Domestic Waste and Waste Facility operations. The 2020-2021 year was the first year for implementation of the FOGO initiative and financial forecasts were shaped by a series of assumptions regarding the timing and uptake of this initiative by our community. The financial projections were based on the assumption that there would be a significant decrease in domestic waste tonnages going to land fill and hence a much lower charge was budgeted for waste disposal costs from the Waste Facility to Domestic Waste. The FOGO program has been well received by

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our community and feedback has been positive. At this stage, this has not resulted in the level of reduction in tonnages going to landfill that informed the financial forecasts. The result of this has been an increase in costs at the waste facility, particularly in relation to the EPA levy, that has had a direct correlation to land fill tonnages. This review includes a proposed increase in the charge to the Domestic Waste delivery stream of \$1M. During the year we have also seen an increase in organics and green waste collection and processing costs. Both the higher level of domestic waste to landfill and increased green waste and organics collection and processing costs are anecdotally considered to be impacted by increased utilisation of green waste service as this is now picked up weekly, changes in habits associated with COVID-19 with more people eating at home and a particularly wet summer that has resulted in additional green waste tonnages. The increased costs have not impacted the Funds Result as these are supported from restricted cash.

COVID-19

The current budget includes assumptions for COVID-19 impacts that were developed at the time of adoption of the Operational Plan 2020-2021. These assumptions generally reflected the COVID-19 response measures implemented by Council or other levels of Government and income adjustments as services were closed. The estimated loss of net revenue over the 2020-2021 financial year was estimated to be in the order of \$9.1M.

Trends at the end of March for COVID-19 impacted revenue and expenditure streams indicate that there will be potentially a significant improvement against the COVID-19 budget provision that should continue through the year assuming that virus transmission rates and government restrictions remain at current levels. The most significant improvements related to leases and licences, tourist parks, development applications, golf course and parking enforcement. During the December Review, it was recognised that the cost of providing some services under the current health risks and regulations had increased substantially and adjustment were made to support these services through a redistribution of the initial provision.

The assumptions for COVID-19 continue to retain a high level of risk, as it is still difficult to assess future incidents, their impact and potential periods of impact, no adjustment to financial projections has been proposed through the March Quarterly Review. It is proposed that any overall improvement against forecasts at the end of the financial year be evaluated for future period requirements and any surplus be applied to bring forward the repayment of funds drawn from the Property Investment Fund internally restricted cash that is currently due to commence in 2023-2024.

Cash & Investments

Cash and Investment holdings forecasts have increased by \$13.4M compared to the December Quarterly Review. This is largely due to the early payment of the Financial Assistance Grant of \$9.8M, additional grants & contributions and projects that have been deferred to future periods. The Available Funds forecast has only increased by \$9.8M as changes in grant income and deferred projects are offset by corresponding changes in restricted cash.

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Table 2

CASH, INVESTMENTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS					
	Actual 2019/20	Original Budget 2020/21	December QR 2020/21	March QR 2020/21	Actual YTD March 2021
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Total Cash and Investments	157.5	114.2	118.9	132.3	165.3
Attributed to:					
External Restrictions					
Developer Contributions	35.1	34.7	32.5	36.6	42.2
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	3.2	6.2	3.6	3.1	5.2
Special Rates Levy City Centre	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Unexpended Loans	3.0	2.7	0.9	1.1	1.3
Domestic Waste Management	14.2	11.3	12.0	10.5	12.9
Private Subsidies	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.4
Housing Affordability	11.0	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.6
Stormwater Management Charge	1.9	1.2	1.5	2.1	2.2
Total External Restrictions	74.7	73.7	67.9	69.3	79.0
Internal Restrictions					
Property Investment Fund	7.9	4.2	4.2	4.4	5.3
Strategic Projects	42.9	22.0	29.1	31.8	37.3
Sports Priority program	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1
City Parking strategy	2.2	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.5
MacCabe Park Development	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Darcy Wentworth Park	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Waste Disposal Facility	0.6	2.2	2.7	2.9	2.6
West Dapto additional rates	6.1	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.7
Natural Areas	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Lake Illawarra Management Fund	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Total Internal Restrictions	62.7	39.0	46.5	49.5	56.8
Available Cash	20.1	1.6	4.5	13.5	29.5
Payables & Receivables					
Payables	(30.6)	(26.2)	(26.4)	(26.6)	(18.9)
Receivables	21.7	23.7	23.5	24.5	12.8
Other	14.2	12.5	10.8	10.9	8.0
Net Payables & Receivables	5.3	10.1	7.9	8.8	1.9
Available Funds	25.4	11.6	12.4	22.2	31.4

Long Term Financial Projections

Council has a continuous budget process that revises the long term forecasts in line with quarterly changes and resets assumptions and indices annually or where new information leads to an immediate requirement to change the indices. The long term projections have been reviewed through the annual planning process in line with the Financial Strategy targets to reflect current information from both external sources and internal analysis as part of the March Quarterly Review and 2021-2022 annual planning process.

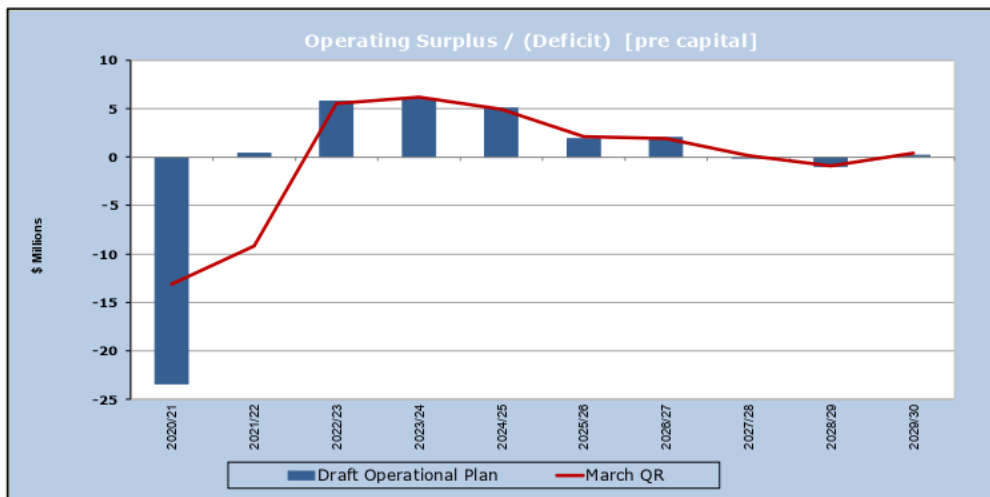
Long Term Operating Surplus/(Deficit) [pre capital]

The Operating Result [pre capital] provides an indication of the long term viability of Council. In broad terms, a deficit from operations indicates that Council is not earning sufficient revenue to fund its ongoing operations (services) and continue to renew existing assets over the longer term. While this measure is important, it does include timing issues and impacts from specific transactions and operations which make it less accurate in demonstrating current performance. The Funds Available from Operations below is a more accurate indicator of current financial performance.

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The early payment of the part of the 2021-2022 Financial Assistance Grant announced in the Federal Budget has created an improvement in the forecasts for 2020-2021 and a corresponding deterioration in the forecasts for 2021-2022. The budget for a range of projects that are in progress but are not expected to be completed has been removed from the 2020-2021 and reintroduced into 2021-2022. This has had a positive result in the current year but no impact on 2021-2022 as a negative contingency budget for both expenditure and any applicable funding has been introduced in recognition that there will be timing impacts on project delivery from year to year.

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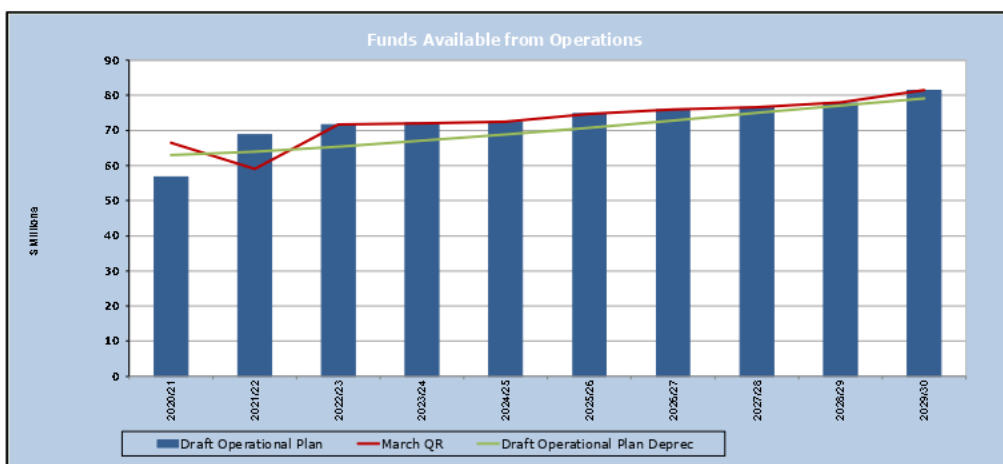


Funds Available from Operations

The matching of Funds Available from Operations with Council’s asset renewal target (currently depreciation over the long term) is a primary target of Council to provide for effective renewal of assets and growth in assets.

The following graph shows the forecast depreciation expenses compared to Funds Available from Operations. This indicator demonstrates the capacity to generate sufficient funds from operations to meet that level of asset renewal requirement. The graph currently shows Council slightly exceeding its target of providing Funds from Operations equal to depreciation. Funding requirements and depreciation estimates will continue to be reviewed over time.

Table 4



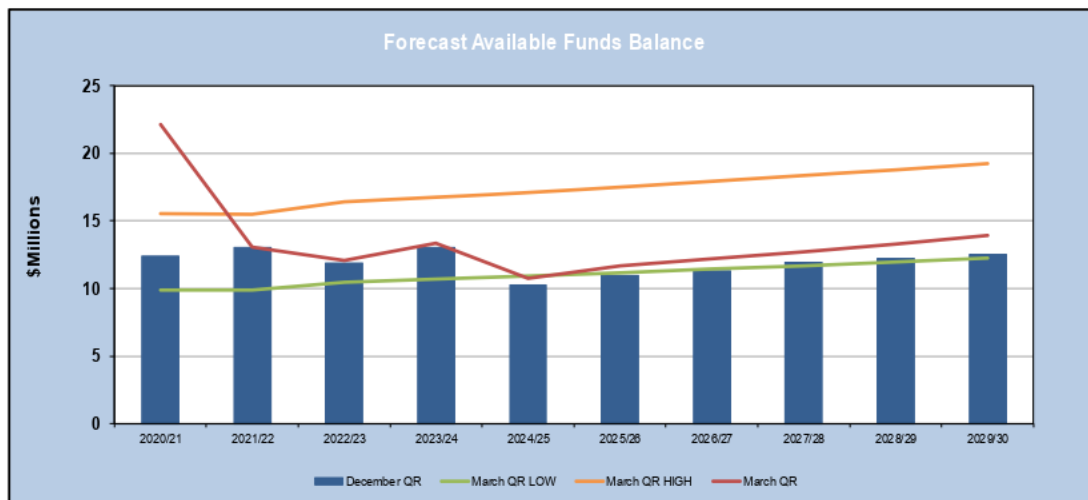
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Available Funds

Available Funds are the uncommitted funds of an organisation that assist in meeting the short term cash requirements, provide contingency for unexpected costs or loss of revenue and provide flexibility to take advantage of opportunities that may arise from time to time. Council's Financial Strategy has a target to achieve and maintain an Available Funds position between 3.5% and 5.5% of operational revenue (pre capital). The target range for Available Funds at March 2021 is between \$9.9M and \$12.3M (lower range) and between \$15.5M and \$19.3M (upper range) over the life of the Long Term Financial Plan.

The forecast position at the March Quarterly Review remains largely unchanged from earlier forecasts as most variations proposed have not been considered to be of a recurrent nature. The early payment of part of the 2021-2022 Financial Assistance Grant is reflected in an improvement in 2020-2021 but does not impact on future years. Forecasts indicate that Council will be within the targets outlined in the Financial Strategy albeit at the lower level. As recognised in the September Quarterly Review, this is partly attributed to the impact of the revised indices implemented at that time to reflect current economic conditions, the cumulative impact of the decrease in the Financial Assistance Grant and increase in the Emergency Services Levy. This was increased by approximately \$0.7M (recurrent and indexed) from 2020-2021. While this was offset by a corresponding grant from the State Government in 2020-2021 to alleviate COVID-19 impacts, at this stage there has not been any confirmation that the grant will continue. It should be noted that this is an indicative position at a point in time.

Table 5



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Table 6

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL					
1 July 2020 to 26 March 2021					
	2020-21 Original Budget \$'000	2020-21 Current Budget \$'000	2020-21 Actual YTD \$'000	Proposed Variance \$'000	2020-21 Working Budget \$'000
Income Statement					
Income From Continuing Operations					
<i>Revenue:</i>					
Rates and Annual Charges	208,445	208,774	154,149	16	208,790
User Charges and Fees	27,034	30,228	22,341	202	30,430
Interest and Investment Revenues	2,343	2,343	1,615	(0)	2,343
Other Revenues	9,498	2,227	4,530	216	2,444
Rental Income	0	6,192	4,616	(151)	6,040
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	21,679	22,003	17,124	10,158	32,161
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	35,460	29,223	14,733	2,334	31,557
<i>Other Income:</i>					
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	0	(139)	53	139	0
Total Income from Continuing Operations	304,459	300,851	219,159	12,914	313,765
Expenses From Continuing Operations					
Employee Costs	140,635	142,819	104,983	743	143,562
Borrowing Costs	2,374	2,131	1,606	0	2,131
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	104,493	106,732	71,501	257	106,989
Depreciation, Amortisation + Impairment	63,702	63,702	44,658	(367)	63,334
Internal Charges (labour)	(18,432)	(18,509)	(11,062)	(241)	(18,751)
Internal Charges (not labour)	(1,733)	(1,740)	(1,178)	(319)	(2,058)
Total Expenses From Continuing Operations	291,038	295,135	210,511	72	295,207
Operating Result	13,421	5,716	8,648	12,841	18,557
Operating Result [pre capital]	(22,039)	(23,508)	(6,085)	10,507	(13,000)
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) [Pre capital] %	4.4%	1.9%	3.9%	99.4%	5.9%
Funding Statement					
Net Operating Result for the Year	13,421	5,716	8,648	12,841	18,557
<i>Add back :</i>					
- Non-cash Operating Transactions	82,363	82,539	58,155	(324)	82,215
- Restricted cash used for operations	29,815	30,984	18,170	(52)	30,931
- Income transferred to Restricted Cash	(54,169)	(48,017)	(27,458)	(2,620)	(50,638)
- Payment of Right of Use Leases	0	0	0	0	0
- Payment of Accrued Leave Entitlements	(14,533)	(14,533)	(10,734)	0	(14,533)
Net Share Joint Venture using Equity Method	0	0	0	0	0
Funds Available from Operations	56,897	56,688	46,781	9,845	66,533
Borrowings repaid	(5,242)	(5,242)	(3,922)	0	(5,242)
Advances (made by) / repaid to Council	0	0	0	0	0
Operational Funds Available for Capital Budget	51,655	51,446	42,859	9,845	61,291
CAPITAL BUDGET					
Assets Acquired	(93,359)	(91,614)	(47,105)	0	(91,614)
Contributed Assets	(11,562)	(11,562)	(16)	0	(11,562)
Transfers to Restricted Cash	(1,447)	(3,947)	(3,987)	0	(3,947)
<i>Funded From :-</i>					
- Operational Funds	51,655	51,446	42,859	9,845	61,291
- Sale of Assets	1,801	1,662	904	0	1,662
- Internally Restricted Cash	13,371	9,409	4,689	0	9,409
- Borrowings	0	0	0	0	0
- Capital Grants	4,762	6,211	2,260	(0)	6,210
- Developer Contributions (Section 94)	11,931	11,741	4,955	(0)	11,741
- Other Externally Restricted Cash	1,170	1,835	1,709	0	1,835
- Other Capital Contributions	12,559	13,023	732	0	13,023
TOTAL FUNDS SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(9,119)	(11,797)	7,419	9,846	(1,951)

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Table 7

MAJOR VARIATIONS PROPOSED	\$'000s	Offsetting Items for Fund	Surplus	Deficit	Net by type
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES					
Rates & Annual Charges					
Stormwater Management Charge		16			16
User Charges & Fees					
Development Assessment Fees		450			
Planning Certificates			26		
Animal Regulation Income				(86)	
Waste Facility Operations		(193)			
Other			5		202
Other Revenue					
Development Assessment Fees		3			
Parking Enforcement & other penalty income		34	32		
Waste Facility Operations		23			
Rental associated adjustments		61	33		
Other			30		216
Rental Income					
Lease income		(61)		(56)	
Waste Facility Operations		(15)			
Other				(19)	(151)
Loss on Disposal of Assets		139			139
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES					
Employee Costs					
Development Assessment Salaries		(436)			
Change in resourcing for projects		(291)			
Infrastructure Delivery Positions offset by Labour Recovery		(241)			
Projects in Progress					
Projects proposed to be completed in future Years		52			
Reduction in contingency for projects in progress		(233)			
Projects completed or not progressing		148			
Waste Facility Operations		102			
Domestic Waste		62			
Other		90	4		(743)
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses					
Development assessment		(17)			
Change in resourcing for projects		291			
Centrally Controlled Budgets		(134)			
Projects in Progress					
Projects proposed to be completed in future Years		2,010			
Reduction in contingency for projects in progress		(1,326)			
Projects completed or not progressing		1,126			
New Projects Introduced		(246)			
Waste Facility Operations		(1,472)			
Domestic Waste		(588)			
Other		45	54		(257)
Depreciation		367			367
Internal Charges					
Waste Facility Operations		455			
Increase recovery in Waste Facility from Domestic Waste		978			
Increase internal charge to Domestic Waste to reflect additional tonnages		(978)			
Labour Increased Costs offset by recovery		241			
Reduction in internal plant hire				(136)	560

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Table 7 [Cont'd]

MAJOR VARIATIONS PROPOSED	\$'000s	Offsetting Items for Fund	Surplus	Deficit	Net by type
Grants & contribution - Operating					
Early payment 2021-22 Financial Assistance Grant			9,841		
New grants	352				
Rural Fire Service - Fire Trail funding				(58)	
Other	2		21		10,158
Operating Variation [pre capital]	816		10,046	(355)	10,507
Capital Grants & Contributions					
Developer Contributions - City Wide	600				
Planning Agreements	1,649				
Other	85				2,334
Operating Variation [post capital]	3,150		10,046	(355)	12,841
FUNDING STATEMENT					
Non Cash Items					
Loss on disposal	(139)				
Depreciation	(367)				
Employee Entitlements			183		(323)
Restricted Cash Used for Operations					
Projects in Progress					
Projects proposed to be completed in future Years	(1,548)				
Reduction in contingency for projects in progress	1,045				
Projects completed or not progressing	(1,274)				
New Projects Introduced	246				
Domestic Waste	1,504				
Other	(35)		(13)		(52)
Income Transferred to Restricted Cash					
Developer Contributions	(2,249)				
Stormwater Management Service Charge	(16)				
New grants & adjustments	(439)				
Waste Facility Operations	122				
City Centre Rates correction				(38)	(2,620)
Advances (made by)/repaid to Council					
					-
OPERATIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL			10,239	(393)	9,846
CAPITAL BUDGET					
TOTAL FUNDS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			10,239	(393)	9,846

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Table 8

CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT as at the period ended 26 March 2021							
ASSET CLASS PROGRAM ME	\$'000		\$'000		YTD EXPENDITURE	\$'000	
	CURRENT BUDGET		WORKING BUDGET			VARIATION	
	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING
Roads And Related Assets							
Traffic Facilities	2,033	(1,421)	1,917	(1,405)	848	(116)	16
Public Transport Facilities	335	0	335	0	65	0	0
Roadworks	12,699	(1,572)	13,448	(2,371)	7,666	749	(799)
Bridges, Boardwalks and Jetties	2,080	0	2,030	0	972	(50)	0
TOTAL Roads And Related Assets	17,148	(2,994)	17,730	(3,776)	9,572	583	(783)
West Dapto							
West Dapto Infrastructure Expansion	6,962	(6,962)	6,962	(6,962)	4,237	0	(0)
TOTAL West Dapto	6,962	(6,962)	6,962	(6,962)	4,237	0	(0)
Footpaths And Cycleways							
Footpaths	7,837	(2,892)	7,797	(2,902)	4,524	(40)	(10)
Cycle/Shared Paths	5,778	(3,343)	5,436	(3,101)	2,440	(342)	242
Commercial Centre Upgrades - Footpaths and Cycleways	3,951	(1,496)	3,951	(1,496)	2,402	(0)	0
TOTAL Footpaths And Cycleways	17,566	(7,730)	17,184	(7,499)	9,366	(382)	232
Carparks							
Carpark Construction/Formalising	915	(400)	915	(400)	481	(0)	(0)
Carpark Reconstruction or Upgrading	1,465	(280)	1,465	(280)	1,061	(0)	0
TOTAL Carparks	2,380	(680)	2,380	(680)	1,542	(0)	(0)
Stormwater And Floodplain Management							
Floodplain Management	1,393	(133)	1,143	(133)	455	(250)	(0)
Stormwater Management	4,259	0	4,376	0	2,380	117	0
Stormwater Treatment Devices	30	0	13	0	6	(17)	0
TOTAL Stormwater And Floodplain Mar	5,682	(133)	5,532	(133)	2,840	(150)	(0)
Buildings							
Cultural Centres (IPAC, Gallery, Townhall)	1,420	0	1,420	0	522	0	0
Administration Buildings	1,615	0	1,615	0	378	0	0
Community Buildings	12,137	(1,320)	12,182	(1,365)	6,817	45	(45)
Public Facilities (Shelters, Toilets etc.)	230	0	230	0	13	(0)	0
TOTAL Buildings	15,402	(1,320)	15,447	(1,365)	7,730	45	(45)
Commercial Operations							
Tourist Park - Upgrades and Renewal	870	0	870	0	720	0	0
Crematorium/Cemetery - Upgrades and Renewal	265	0	265	0	185	(0)	0
Leisure Centres & RVGC	170	0	170	0	37	0	0
TOTAL Commercial Operations	1,305	0	1,305	0	941	0	0
Parks Gardens And Sportfields							
Play Facilities	2,108	(308)	2,108	(308)	352	0	0
Recreation Facilities	2,645	(1,945)	2,645	(1,945)	562	0	(0)
Sporting Facilities	2,393	(670)	2,393	(670)	963	0	0
Lake Illawarra Foreshore	10	0	10	0	0	(0)	0
TOTAL Parks Gardens And Sportfields	7,157	(2,924)	7,157	(2,924)	1,877	0	(0)

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Table 8 [Cont'd]

CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT as at the period ended 26 March 2021							
ASSET CLASS PROGRAMME	2020		2020		YTD EXPENDITURE	2020	
	CURRENT BUDGET		WORKING BUDGET			VARIATION	
	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING		EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING
Beaches And Pools							
Beach Facilities	628	0	627	0	231	(0)	0
Rock/Tidal Pools	1,120	0	1,120	0	973	0	0
Treated Water Pools	1,045	0	1,045	0	587	(0)	0
TOTAL Beaches And Pools	2,792	0	2,792	0	1,791	(0)	0
Waste Facilities							
Whytes Gully New Cells	2,693	(2,693)	2,747	(2,747)	1,794	54	(54)
TOTAL Waste Facilities	2,693	(2,693)	2,747	(2,747)	1,794	54	(54)
Fleet							
Motor Vehicles	1,700	(949)	1,450	(809)	628	(250)	139
TOTAL Fleet	1,700	(949)	1,450	(809)	628	(250)	139
Plant And Equipment							
Mobile Plant (trucks, backhoes etc.)	4,380	(853)	4,380	(853)	1,656	(0)	0
TOTAL Plant And Equipment	4,380	(853)	4,380	(853)	1,656	(0)	0
Information Technology							
Information Technology	2,134	0	1,984	0	461	(150)	0
TOTAL Information Technology	2,134	0	1,984	0	461	(150)	0
Library Books							
Library Books	1,251	0	1,251	0	933	(0)	0
TOTAL Library Books	1,251	0	1,251	0	933	(0)	0
Public Art							
Art Gallery Acquisitions	100	0	100	0	53	0	0
TOTAL Public Art	100	0	100	0	53	0	0
Emergency Services							
Emergency Services Plant and Equipment	20	0	20	0	8	(0)	0
TOTAL Emergency Services	20	0	20	0	8	(0)	0
Land Acquisitions							
Land Acquisitions	3,966	(3,916)	2,317	(2,267)	1,627	(1,649)	1,649
TOTAL Land Acquisitions	3,966	(3,916)	2,317	(2,267)	1,627	(1,649)	1,649
Non-Project Allocations							
Capital Project Contingency	78	0	839	0	0	761	0
Capital Project Plan	36	0	36	0	35	0	0
TOTAL Non-Project Allocations	114	0	875	0	35	761	0
GRAND TOTAL	92,753	(31,153)	91,614	(30,015)	47,091	(1,138)	1,138

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Table 9

Projects in Progress at March 2021 proposed for consideration for reintroduction in future periods					
Project Name	Division	Funding			Funding Source
		Expenditure Proposed for Reintroduction \$'000s	Associated with Proposed Reintroduction \$'000s	Net Amount \$'000s	
Supporting Documents Planning Studies & Investigations					
Review of Towradgi Creek FRMS	ISP	30	(29)	1	SWL & OEH Grant
Investigation of Flood Mitigation Options	ISP	15	(15)	0	SWL
FLIA Automation	ISP	10	(10)	0	SPRA
Review of Collins Creek FRMS	ISP	20	(20)	0	SPRA
Review of Wollongong City FRMS	ISP	20	(13)	7	OEH Grant
Accessible Car Parking and Bus Stops audit	ISP	22	(22)	0	SPRA
Lake Illawarra Shared Path Masterplan	ISP	100	(100)	0	SPRA
Towradgi Creek Shared Path Feasibility Investigations	ISP	46	(46)	0	SPRA
Climate Change Risk Assessment & Adaption Plan	CS	30	(12)	18	SPRA
Biodiversity Strategy	CS	71	0	71	SPRA
City Beach Dune Contamination Management	CS	21	0	21	Council funded
Tourism Accommodation Review Planning Controls	CS	30	0	30	Council funded
LGA Wide Retail Centres Study	CS	55	0	55	Council funded
Heritage Asset Management Strategy	CS	18	0	18	Council funded
City Centre Planning Review	CS	40	0	40	Council funded
Sandon Point Interpretive Signage & Indigenous Art Consultant	CS	23	(23)	0	SPRA
Management of Council's Water Supply & Wastewater Infrastructure	CTWK	78	(78)	0	SPRA
Sub Total Supporting Documents Planning Studies & Investigations		628	(367)	261	
Other -Non Recurrent or Funded					
Grand Pacific Walk Review	ISP	45	(45)	0	SPRA
Community Focussed Active Transport Program Development	ISP	140	(140)	0	SPRA
Innovation App Competition	CCED	40	(40)	0	SPRA
Destination Wollongong - Cruise Ship Support	CCED	60	(60)	0	SPRA
Advantage Wollongong	CCED	80		80	Council Funded
Events Support	CCED	50	(50)	0	SPRA
Library Grant Increase Initiatives	LICS	44		44	Council Funded
FOTL - Programmes	LICS	12	(12)	0	Council Funded
Author Talks	LICS	4	(4)	0	FOTL
Hockey - Indoor Boards	PPY	13	(13)	0	Sports Priority
Thomas Dalton - Gender Equity Refurb	PPY	30	(30)	0	Sports Priority
West Dapto Sub Division Investigation	PPY	100	(100)	0	Property Inv
Wisemans Park - Tennis - Light upgrade	PPY	7	(7)	0	Sports Priority
One Council Implementation	SAVC	504	(504)	0	
Decommissioning Legacy Systems	IMT	50		50	Council Funded
Mobility Implementation - WIFI	IMT	176	(166)	10	SPRA
Sub Total Other Projects		1,355	(1,171)	184	
Other - Recurrent					
Public Art Program	CCED	70		70	Council Funded
Sulo Bins Public Areas	CTWK	10	(10)	0	Waste Internal RA
Sub Total Recurrent		80	(10)	70	
		2,064	(1,538)	515	

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Supporting Documents

The table below shows the proposed revision of delivery timeframes for these projects. Supporting documents progress is reviewed through the planning process

Supporting Documents - Planning Studies & Investigations				
Service & Project	2020/21 Current Budget \$'000	2020/21 Proposed Budget \$'000	2020/21 Proposed Variation \$'000	Status
Infrastructure Planning & Support	78	0	(78)	
Management of Councils Water Supply & Waterwaste Infrastructure	78	0	(78)	3
Land Use Planning	360	170	(190)	
Tourism Accommodation Review Planning Controls	40	10	(30)	1
Heritage Asset Management Strategy	18	0	(18)	1
City Centre Planning Review	54	14	(40)	1
Sandon Point Interpretive Signage & Indigenous Art Consultant	50	28	(23)	1
Development of Crown Land Plans of Management	123	98	(25)	4
LGA Wide Retail Centres Study	75	20	(55)	1
Communications, Engagement, Events and Signage	62	0	(62)	
Suburb/Place Name Signage Strategy	62	0	(62)	4
Stormwater Services	276	106	(170)	
Floodplain Management Studies	76	1	(75)	2
Review of Towradgi Creek FRMS	100	70	(30)	1
Investigation of Flood Mitigation Options	20	5	(15)	1
FLIA Automation	10	0	(10)	1
Review of Collins Creek FRMS	30	10	(20)	1
Review of Wollongong City FRMS	40	20	(20)	1
Environmental Services	222	99	(122)	
City Beach Dune Contamination Management	30	8	(21)	1
Climate Change Risk Assessment & Adaptation Plan	98	68	(30)	1
Biodiversity Strategy	94	23	(71)	1
Transport Services	188	104	(84)	
Accessible Car Parking and Bus Stops audit	22	0	(22)	1
Access and Movement Strategy Review	0	75	75	2
Gwynneville/Keiraville Access & Movement Study	0	9	9	
Lake Illawarra Shared Path Masterplan	110	10	(100)	1
Towradgi Creek Shared Path Feasibility Investigations	56	10	(46)	1
Total Expenditure *	1,185	479	(706)	
<i>*Expenditure shown above is for full project cost. A number of projects are supported from external grant funds or internal restrictions</i>				
Status				
1. To be completed 2021/22				
2. Transfer between projects				
3. Multi year project re phasing of delivery				
4. Planned tasks delivered remaining budget not required				

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WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL		
as at 26 March 2021		
	Actual YTD 2020/21 \$'000	Actual 2019/20 \$'000
Statement of Financial Position		
Current Assets		
Cash Assets	43,723	56,050
Investment Securities	107,604	97,422
Receivables	12,827	21,668
Inventories	421	381
Current Contract Assets	3,753	5,669
Other	7,597	10,572
Total Current Assets	175,924	191,761
Non-Current Assets		
Non Current Cash Assets	14,000	4,000
Non-Current Inventories	5,972	5,972
Property, Plant and Equipment	2,656,962	2,655,487
Investment Properties	5,000	5,000
Westpool Equity Contribution	3,484	3,484
Intangible Assets	179	254
Right-Of-Use Assets	1,790	1,790
Total Non-Current Assets	2,687,387	2,675,987
TOTAL ASSETS	2,863,311	2,867,748
Current Liabilities		
Current Payables	18,919	30,592
Current Contract Liabilities	3,328	3,571
Current Lease Liabilities	341	341
Current Provisions payable < 12 months	14,908	13,272
Current Provisions payable > 12 months	47,811	47,811
Current Interest Bearing Liabilities	5,260	5,260
Total Current Liabilities	90,567	100,848
Non-Current Liabilities		
Non Current Payables	0	0
Non Current Interest Bearing Liabilities	8,518	12,439
N/C Lease Liabilities	1,519	1,519
Non Current Provisions	40,891	39,775
Total Non-Current Liabilities	50,928	53,734
TOTAL LIABILITIES	141,495	154,582
NET ASSETS	2,721,816	2,713,166
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	1,371,148	1,360,922
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,214,797	1,214,858
Restricted Assets	135,871	137,386
TOTAL EQUITY	2,721,816	2,713,166

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WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL		
CASH FLOW STATEMENT		
as at 26 March 2021		
	YTD Actual 2020/21 \$ '000	Actual 2019/20 \$ '000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Rates & Annual Charges	162,985	203,414
User Charges & Fees	21,342	29,485
Interest & Interest Received	2,228	4,130
Grants & Contributions	34,680	68,993
Other	9,627	25,886
<i>Payments:</i>		
Employee Benefits & On-costs	(92,477)	(118,396)
Materials & Contracts	(45,619)	(73,390)
Borrowing Costs	(490)	(910)
Other	(26,511)	(46,162)
Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities	65,766	93,050
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Sale of Investments	-	-
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	904	958
Deferred Debtors Receipts	-	-
<i>Payments:</i>		
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(54,896)	(83,558)
Purchase of Interests in Joint Ventures & Associates	-	-
Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities	(53,992)	(82,600)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances	-	-
<i>Payments:</i>		
Repayment of Borrowings & Advances	(3,921)	(7,935)
Repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities	-	(312)
Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities	(3,921)	(8,247)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	7,853	30,865
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents and Investments - beginning of year	157,475	126,610
Cash & Cash Equivalents and Investments - year to date	165,328	157,475

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL		
CASH FLOW STATEMENT		
as at 26 March 2021		
	YTD Actual 2020/21 \$ '000	Actual 2019/20 \$ '000
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents and Investments - year to date	165,328	157,475
<i>Attributable to:</i>		
External Restrictions (refer below)	79,032	75,470
Internal Restrictions (refer below)	56,839	62,675
Unrestricted	29,457	19,330
	165,328	157,475
External Restrictions		
Developer Contributions	42,247	35,099
RMS Contributions	483	350
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	4,725	3,568
Special Rates Levy Wollongong Mall	188	214
Special Rates Levy Wollongong City Centre	17	49
Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme	277	274
Unexpended Loans	1,021	2,686
Domestic Waste Management	12,851	14,216
Private Subsidies	5,376	6,167
West Dapto Home Deposit Assistance Program	9,638	10,987
Stormwater Management Service Charge	2,209	1,860
Total External Restrictions	79,032	75,470
Internal Restrictions		
Property Investment Fund	5,324	7,889
Strategic Projects	37,349	42,900
Sports Priority Program	1,055	938
Car Parking Strategy	1,492	2,195
MacCabe Park Development	1,551	1,440
Darcy Wentworth Park	171	171
Garbage Disposal Facility	2,568	561
West Dapto Development Additional Rates	6,720	6,067
Southern Phone Natural Areas	173	173
Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Fund	436	341
Total Internal Restrictions	56,839	62,675

Report of Chief Financial Officer

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBR) requirements issued by the Office of Local Government in December 2010 require Council to provide additional information that is included in the following schedules and this report should be read in conjunction with these.

The QBR guidelines require councils to provide a listing of contracts that have been entered into during the Quarter that have yet to be fully performed. Details of contracts, other than contractors that are on a council's preferred supplier list that have a value equivalent of 1% of estimated income from continuing operations or \$50K, whichever is the lesser, are required to be provided.

Contract Listing					
Budget Review for Quarter ended March 2021					
Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Contract Value \$000's	Commencement Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted Y/N
Domelley Civil Pty Ltd	Daroy Road - Port Kembla - Retaining Wall Construction	137	04-Jan-2021	2020/21	Y
Technogym Australia Pty Ltd	Beaton Park Cardio Equipment Replacement	143	12-Jan-2021	2020/21	Y
M And A Lukin	Zeims Park Amenities Roof	186	18-Jan-2021	2020/21	Y
Colin Joss and Co Pty Ltd	Design and Construction of the Bulli Tennis Clubhouse	566	20-Jan-2021	2020/21	Y
ACOR Consultants	Design and Technical Services - Wollongong Town Hall and Art Gallery HVAC Upgrades	300	29-Jan-2021	2020/21	Y
Axios Systems Pty Ltd	IT Service Management	331	01-Feb-2021	2020/26	Y
Dell Australia Pty Ltd	End Point Devices - Asset Lifecycle Services to Council	1,131	01-Feb-2021	2020/21	Y
Sullivans Constructions Pty Ltd	Beaton Park Grandstand and Remedial Works	525	01-Feb-2021	2020/21	Y
Domelley Civil Pty Ltd	Corrimal Tennis Court Amenities	178	08-Feb-2021	2020/21	Y
Euro Civil Pty Ltd	Princes Hwy Madders Plain Guardrail	78	18-Feb-2021	2020/21	Y
Interflow Pty Ltd	253 Mt Keira Rd - Pipe Relining	104	01-Mar-2021	2020/21	Y
Panel	Library Books and Resource Materials	300	01-Mar-2021	2020/24	Y
Stabilised Pavements of Australia Pty Ltd	Gilmore St West Wollongong Stabilisation	166	05-Mar-2021	2020/21	Y
Interflow Pty Ltd	Pipe Reline - 23 Myee St Kanahooka	240	05-Mar-2021	2020/21	Y
Buher Municipal Pty Ltd	Supply of Road Sweepers	792	05-Mar-2021	2020/21	Y
Davone Constructions Pty Ltd	Replacement of Russel Value Golf Pro Shop and Amenities	674	15-Mar-2021	2020/21	Y
Rees Electrical Pty Ltd	Judy Masters Oval Sportsfield Lighting	270	22-Mar-2021	2020/21	Y
Land HQ	Supply of 2 Agricultural Tractors	202	23-Mar-2021	2020/21	Y
Treadwell Group Pty Ltd	Supply of FRP Product - Purry Burry Boardwalk	81	24-Mar-2021	2020/21	Y
ARA Fire Protection Services Pty Ltd	City Beach Fire Indicator Panel	130	30-Mar-2021	2020/21	Y

The QBR guidelines also require councils to identify the amount expended on consultancies and legal fees for the financial year. Consultants are defined as a person or organisation that is engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally, it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Consultancy and Legal Expenses		
Budget Review for Quarter ended March 2021		
Expense	Expenditure YTD \$000's	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	3,101	YES
Legal Fees	483	YES

STATEMENT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

All investments held at 31 March 2021 were invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Bank reconciliations have been completed as at 26 March 2021.

Year to date cash and investments are reconciled with funds invested and cash at bank.

BRIAN JENKINS
Chief Financial Officer

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<i>Goal</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Not Scheduled to Commence</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Deferred</i>	<i>Ongoing / Complete</i>
1.1.1.1 Implement programs and events which facilitate community participation to improve natural areas	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.1.1.2 Projects and programs that achieve enhancement of the natural environment and escarpment are developed and implemented	88%	0%	13%	0%	0%
1.1.2.1 Protect and conserve the health and biodiversity of our waterways and coast	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.1.2.2 The impacts of the increasing number of visitors to the coast and Lake Illawarra is managed effectively	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.1.3.1 Manage vegetation to reduce bushfire risk in Asset Protection Zones on natural areas under Council care and control	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.1.3.2 Establish effective urban stormwater and floodplain management programs	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.2.1.1 Develop and implement a range of programs that encourage community participation in reducing Wollongong’s ecological footprint	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.2.1.2 Promote and enforce compliance with litter reduction	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.2.1.3 Methods to reduce emissions are investigated and utilised	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.2.2.1 Our community is proactively engaged in a range of initiatives that improve the sustainability of our environments	75%	0%	0%	0%	25%

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1.3.1.1 Impacts from development on the environment are assessed, monitored and mitigated	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.3.1.2 Develop planning controls and Town Centre and Neighbourhood Plans with regard to the economic, social and environmental impacts	75%	0%	0%	0%	25%
1.3.2.1 Carry out best practise assessment for urban development proposals and applications	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.3.2.2 Mitigate the impact of development on the natural environment and visual amenity of our open spaces and urban areas	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.4.1.1 Work in partnership with others to promote a diverse range of heritage education and promotion programs	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.4.2.1 Work with the local Aboriginal community in the management of Indigenous heritage	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1.5.1.1 Set an emissions reduction target and carry out actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the Global Covenant of Mayors	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.1.1.1 Build on partnerships which enable the retention of local talent	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.1.2.1 Ensure that Wollongong is attractive for business expansion, establishment and relocation.	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.1.2.2 Progress implementation of the City for People and its accompanying Implementation Plan	67%	0%	0%	33%	0%

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2.1.3.1 Support regional activities and partnerships that promote business investment and jobs growth	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.1.4.1 Develop and maintain partnerships with the business sector to fund and contribute to a broader range of community projects and activities	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.1.5.1 In collaboration with key agencies, facilitate the West Dapto Taskforce to deliver the first stages of the West Dapto Urban Release Area	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.2.1.1 The development of renewable energy products and services is supported	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.2.1.2 Partnership opportunities in research and development are expanded	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.2.2.1 In conjunction with partner organisations support the development of innovative industries	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.2.3.1 Undertake major refurbishment works in the city centre	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.3.1.1 Pursue initiatives that promote the region as a place to holiday to domestic and international markets	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.3.1.2 Support projects that investigate opportunities for the provision of tourism infrastructure	75%	0%	0%	25%	0%
2.3.2.1 Market and promote events in the city centre	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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2.3.2.3 Improve policies and systems to support the revitalisation of the city centre	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.3.3.1 Continue to grow Wollongong’s attractiveness to attract signature events and festivals	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.4.1.1 Ensure Wollongong is attractive to research and development companies and organisations	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.4.1.2 Implement a range of programs that incorporate learning and development	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.4.2.1 Implement programs to ensure Wollongong becomes a Smart City	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.1.1 Promote Made in Wollongong to become a well-known brand	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.1.2 The visibility of our cultural diversity is increased	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.1.3 Encourage the integration of urban design and public art	75%	0%	25%	0%	0%
3.1.1.4 Deliver sustainable and successful events and festivals through Council investment and delivery of the Events Strategy	63%	0%	13%	0%	25%
3.1.1.5 Encourage Sports Associations to conduct regional, state and national events in the city	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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3.1.2.1 Provide opportunities for local artists and performers to exhibit, promote and perform at Council venues and events	80%	0%	0%	20%	0%
3.2.1.1 Provide support to existing and emerging artists and performers	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
3.2.1.2 Seek funding for the promotion of heritage sites, museums and galleries to the community and visitors	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.2.2.1 Coordinate an integrated approach to infrastructure improvement and service delivery in the Arts Precinct	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%
3.2.3.1 Support the coordination of an externally funded calendar of activities delivered across the City	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.3.2.1 Deliver and support a range of projects and programs which build harmony, understanding and cultural awareness	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%
4.1.1.1 Ensure an effective community engagement framework that connects the community to Council decision making	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.1.1.2 Improve community understanding and awareness of Council decisions	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.1.3.1 Council continue to partner with our local Aboriginal community	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.2.1.1 Increase opportunities for the community to connect with volunteering organisations	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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4.2.1.2 Support community participation in community activities	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%
4.2.1.3 Build the capability of community based organisations in managing, developing and sustaining their volunteers	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.2.2.1 Continue to participate and contribute to an integrated community service network	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.2.3.1 Support a range of projects and programs in the city	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.3.1.1 Ensure appropriate strategies and systems are in place that support good corporate governance	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%
4.3.1.2 Build a workplace culture that is safe, engaged, responsive and professional	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.3.2.1 Effective and transparent financial management systems are in place	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.3.2.2 Continue to pursue alternative funding options to deliver financially sustainable services and facilities	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.3.2.4 Deliver the Asset Management Strategy and Improvement Plan 2012-17	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.3.3.1 Coordinate a service review program with a focus on business development and improvement	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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4.3.3.2 Working together, levels of service are established and service continuously improve and offer best value for money	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.1.1.1 Partner with community based organisations in the provision of services	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.1.1.2 Continue to undertake social, land use and environmental planning activities that assists in service planning	83%	0%	17%	0%	0%
5.1.2.1 Partner with agencies and health authorities to support improvements to the region's medical services	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.1.3.1 Deliver a diverse suite of projects to the community that foster and enhance community strengths and participation	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.1.3.2 Carry out commercial business management of Council's operational lands	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%
5.1.4.1 Provide an appropriate and sustainable range of quality passive and active open spaces and facilities	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.1.4.2 Review planning controls for priority locations	83%	0%	0%	0%	17%
5.1.4.3 Policies and plans are developed, reviewed and implemented to encourage physical activity	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.1.4.4 Develop and implement public health, amenity and safety regulatory programs and reviews that assist in improving compliance with legislative requirements	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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5.1.5.1 Increase opportunities to enhance library multimedia and online services	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
5.1.5.2 Renew community facilities and consider rationalisation, replacement or refurbishment to achieve facilities that are strategically located, good quality and meet identified community need	75%	0%	25%	0%	0%
5.1.6.1 Facilitate a range of programs and activities which improve food security and support local food systems	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.2.1.1 Investigate provision of Leisure Services in the greater Dapto area, taking into account expansion of West Dapto, and determine Council's role in the market	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.2.1.2 Investigate the future provision of Aquatic Services across the local government area and implement improvements	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.2.1.3 Use data to assess the current community infrastructure available, community demand and develop a strategic framework and policies to either rationalise, enhance or expand to meet community needs	90%	0%	10%	0%	0%
5.2.1.4 Develop a Regional Botanic Garden of Excellence	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
5.2.1.5 Provide statutory services to appropriately manage and maintain our public spaces	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.2.1.6 Implement Council's Planning, People, Places Strategy	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%

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5.2.2.1 Deliver a range of programs and recreational pursuits for older people	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.3.1.1 Prepare a Housing Study and Strategy incorporating Affordable Housing Issues	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
5.3.2.1 In partnership with relevant agencies and networks lobby and advocate for improved service levels and quality enhanced access to services	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
5.4.1.1 Provide lifeguarding services at beaches (in partnership with Surf Life Saving Illawarra) and Council pools	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.4.1.2 Facilitate a range of partnerships and networks to develop community safety initiatives	86%	0%	14%	0%	0%
5.4.2.1 Delivery projects and programs to reduce crime in the Wollongong Local Government Area	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.5.1.1 Well maintained assets are provided that meet the needs of the current and future communities	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%
5.5.1.2 Manage and maintain community infrastructure portfolio with a focus on asset renewal	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.5.1.3 Coordinate an access improvement program through pre-planning and renewal activities	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6.1.1.1 Support the delivery of the Gong Shuttle Bus as an affordable transport option	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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6.1.2.1 Implement a variety of projects and programs to encourage sustainable transport throughout the LGA	43%	29%	0%	14%	14%
6.1.3.1 Plan and implement an integrated and sustainable transport network	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6.1.4.1 Facilitate the integration of public amenities and transport with local communities	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6.2.1.1 Work with partners to reduce travel time between Sydney and Western Sydney with Wollongong	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6.3.1.1 Plan and implement projects to improve connectivity	83%	0%	17%	0%	0%
6.3.2.1 Deliver sustainable transport asset renewal programs and projects	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6.3.3.1 Investigate the option for disruptive transport technologies and the impact on the future transport network	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6.3.4.1 Work with key agencies and partners to continue and improve late night transport options	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6.3.5.1 Develop an alternative service delivery, governance model and auspice for Community Transport in response to the Federal Government's Aged Care reform legislation	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
SP_L4_862 Establish and maintain research programs to reduce environmental risks	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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<i>Total Annual Deliverable Progress</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>3%</i>

ITEM 7 ILLAWARRA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE LIMITED FUNDING AGREEMENT

Council currently has a Funding and Service Level Agreement with the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Limited (IPAC), for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021 (existing Agreement).

The existing Agreement includes provision for the management and operation of the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre (Centre), Wollongong Town Hall (Town Hall) and includes a license to enable the operation of Outdoor Dining. It sets out the level of funding and other support provided by Council to IPAC and the services to be provided by IPAC. The Agreement also includes performance levels and reporting requirements.

Council has reviewed the existing Agreement and proposes renewal for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025. Amendments are proposed to the level of Town Hall funding, Key Performance Indicators and Council's in-kind support.

This report seeks endorsement of the next steps toward finalisation and implementation of the new Funding and Service Level Agreement for 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025 (New Agreement).

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 In accordance with section 55(3) of the *Local Government Act* 1993, Council resolves that due to the following extenuating circumstances:
 - (i) the ability to maximise Council's investment in the Arts Precinct through the continued integration of the management of the Town Hall facilities/program with that of the Centre
 - (ii) the achievement of economies of scale through centralised administrative functions and greater operational flexibility between the venues
 - (iii) the ongoing annual funding and in-kind support provided by Council to IPAC to provide the Centre and Town Hall programs; and
 - (iv) the impracticality for scheduling purposes and securing/programming performances,A satisfactory result would not be achieved by:
 - (a) inviting tenders for the services provided by the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Limited (IPAC); and
 - (b) IPAC or Council inviting tenders (as may be required by Section 55 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 as outlined in this report) for contracts for the purpose of programming productions and performances at the Centre or the Town Hall during the term of the New Agreement.
- 2 Council enter into the New Agreement with IPAC for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025 including the licences for the Centre and Town Hall contained in Schedules 4 and 5.
- 3 Council delegate the finalisation of the New Agreement with IPAC for the period of 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025 to the General Manager, subject to the funding arrangements not exceeding the current adopted budget.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Sue Savage, Manager Community Cultural + Economic Development
Authorised by: Kerry Hunt, Director Community Services - Creative and Innovative City

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

BACKGROUND

Council continues to focus on establishing and developing the Arts Precinct (Precinct) as an identifiable destination for arts, culture and community events in the city. The integration of the Art Gallery, Town Hall, IPAC, Library and public space (including laneways) is an important element in the activation of the Precinct and maximisation of Council's investment.

Since IPAC's inception in 1987, Council has provided funding and support for the provision of services that contribute to the development of the cultural economy and cultural life of the City. As part of a review of the arrangements between IPAC and Council, the IPAC Constitution was amended in 2012 to reflect the strong relationship Council has with IPAC and to enhance IPAC's governance arrangements. At that time, the Funding and Service Level Agreement with IPAC for the Centre operation was renewed for a five year period to 31 December 2017. This was followed in June 2014, with Council entering into a concurrent Venue Management and Licence Agreement with IPAC for the Wollongong Town Hall, to 31 December 2017.

The centralising of the management functions for both the Town Hall and the Centre allowed for an integrated approach to the development of the strategic direction for these two cultural venues. Economies of scale were achieved through centralised administrative functions such as ticketing, financial administration and staffing, as well as greater operational flexibility between venues.

On this basis the existing Agreement and licences were reviewed and replaced with a new Funding and Service Level Agreement with IPAC, for both the Centre and Town Hall for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021, with an outdoor dining licence for the Café included as a schedule to the Agreement.

PROPOSAL

This report proposes to progress the renewal of the Funding and Service Level Agreement between Council and IPAC for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025 and for Council to endorse the recommendations.

The current Funding and Service Level Agreement (existing Agreement) between Council and IPAC has been reviewed. The new Agreement will contain substantially the same terms as the existing Agreement with amendments to Key Performance Indicators, in-kind support and increases in base funding. Accordingly, the New Agreement will continue to align with IPAC's Constitution and Strategic Plan and Council's Community Strategic Plan Wollongong 2028.

IPAC is a key contributor toward delivering and supporting a number of our Community Goals in Wollongong 2028, which include:

- Community Goal 2 – We have an innovative and sustainable economy
- Community Goal 3 – Wollongong is a creative, vibrant city
- Community Goal 4 – We are a connected and engaged community
- Community Goal 5 – We have a healthy community in a liveable city.

As the proposed Funding and Service Level Agreement between Council and IPAC constitutes a 'contract', it is therefore necessary to consider Section 55 (Tendering) of the *Local Government Act* 1993. Generally, Section 55 requires Council to invite tenders for any contract involving an estimated expenditure or receipt of an amount of more than \$150,000. However, Section 55(3)(i) provides that the requirement does not apply to contracts where:

'because of extenuating circumstance, remoteness of locality or the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a Council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders'.

Due to the extenuating circumstances relating to the current arrangements Council has in place with IPAC, including the ongoing annual funding and in-kind support provided by Council to IPAC to provide the Centre and Town Hall programs, the achievement of economies of scale due to centralised

administration, scheduling and the securing of programs/performances and the ability to maximise Council’s investment in the Arts Precinct through the integration of the management of the Town Hall and Centre facilities and program, it is considered a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the services conducted by IPAC.

Section 55 (Tendering) of the *Local Government Act* 1993 also applies to Council related entities. This provision would require IPAC to refer proposed contracts for expenditure over \$150,000 to Council (or such other amount as prescribed by the regulations from time to time). It is acknowledged it would be impractical for IPAC in preparing its schedule and programming performances to refer individual productions or programs to Council. To maintain IPAC’s flexibility and independence in programming, it is recommended that due to the ‘extenuating circumstances’ exemption of Section 55, IPAC be allowed to enter into agreements for expenditure over \$150,000 for performances and productions during the period of the New Agreement without being required to conduct a tender process.

The New Agreement will be for a period of four years (1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025) to align with IPAC’s current Strategic Plan.

While the Centre’s financial and in-kind support components will remain essentially the same, other than to bring dollar amounts in line with the Consumer Price Index, the Town Hall base funding rate will be increased by \$60,000 per annum and is identified in the New Agreement. This additional funding is to be utilised for the Town Hall in light of its operational requirements as both a community and commercial venue. This will result in total financial support of \$736,594.00 for the IPAC and \$485,778.00 for the Town Hall (both GST exclusive) per annum as the baseline for 2022. Base funding amounts will be adjusted each July in accordance with the movement of the Consumer Price Index for Sydney (All Groups) during the immediately preceding year and paid in two equal instalments in January and July of each year for the duration of the Agreement.

The subsidy of \$20,000 per annum (GST exclusive) to support the community use of the Town Hall will continue under the New Agreement. This will continue to be administered by IPAC. In-kind services in the areas of graphic design, print service and signage will be provided, with Service Levels updated under the New Agreement. The current provision of a standard motor vehicle for the use of the IPAC Director as per Council’s Vehicle Management - Management Policy will remain.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Over the past several months consultation has taken place with representatives of IPAC staff and Board members and Council. Council’s Legal Team, Property and Recreation Division, Facilities Controller CBD Assets and Community, Cultural & Economic Development Division have been involved in the process.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Wollongong 2028 Goal 3 “Wollongong is a creative, vibrant city”. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan	Delivery Program 2018-2022	Annual Plan 2020-21
Strategy	5 Year Action	Annual Deliverables
3.1.2 Opportunities for artists and innovators are provided and celebrated	3.1.2.2 Provide opportunities for local artists and performers to exhibit, promote and perform at Council venues and events	Manage the Merrigong funding agreement for IPAC and the Town Hall
3.2.2 The arts precinct in the heart of the city is consolidated and further enhanced	3.2.2.1 Coordinate an integrated approach to infrastructure improvement and service delivery in the Arts Precinct	Develop improvements in the Arts Precinct within the context of the Arts Precinct Concept Design

RISK MANAGEMENT

The New Funding and Service Level Agreement will continue to mitigate against the financial and business risk posed to Council through its relationship with IPAC by stipulating funding amounts and operating and reporting requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial impact of the new Funding and Service Level Agreement will not exceed the current adopted budget.

CONCLUSION

The renewed Funding and Service Level Agreement will facilitate Council's strategic, financial and operational planning and accountability. It will maintain clear parameters for Council's ongoing support for IPAC and ensure it is fully informed of the level of support to be provided over the coming four years for both the Centre and Town Hall venues. In addition, the renewed Funding and Service Level Agreement will allow IPAC to undertake pre-planning and make a commitment as part of its operational requirements to secure and deliver an annual program of events that contribute to the development of the cultural economy and cultural life of the city.

ITEM 8 LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR DORAHY - MONDAY 31 MAY 2021

Councillor Dorahy has requested a leave of absence on Monday 31 May 2021 due to leave commitments.

RECOMMENDATION

A Leave of Absence be granted to Councillor Dorahy on Monday 31 May 2021 which includes a Council meeting being held on this day.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Governance and Customer Service
Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

ITEM 9

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - ANNUAL FEES PAYABLE TO LORD MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS 1 JULY 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2022

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has made determinations under Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in respect of the annual fees payable to the Lord Mayor and Councillors effective from 1 July 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

The annual fees payable for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 be:

- 1 \$32,680 for each Councillor including the Lord Mayor.
- 2 \$101,800 additional fee for the Lord Mayor.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Governance and Customer Service
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ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination 2021

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) provides for the establishment of a Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to determine categories for councils, together with annual fees payable to Mayors and Councillors. The Tribunal, in accordance with Section 241 of the Act, must determine no later than 1 May each year the minimum/maximum fees payable for Councillors and Mayors for each category.

Council is required under the Act to determine the fee to be paid to the Lord Mayor and Councillors. Section 248 of the Act stipulates that a council must pay each Councillor an annual fee in accordance with the Tribunal’s determinations, the annual fee is to be the same for each Councillor and Council is able to pay that fee having regard to the category established by the Tribunal.

Council may fix a fee that is equal to or greater than the minimum but not greater than the maximum for the appropriate category. When a council declines to fix a fee, it must pay the appropriate minimum fees as determined by the Tribunal. Wollongong City Council is categorised as ‘Major Regional City’ and the proposed fee represents a 2 per cent increase to the previous year’s fee. There were no increases in fees for 2020/21.

PROPOSAL

This report recommends the full increase be applied to Lord Mayoral and Councillors’ fees for 2021/2022, with the maximum fee being paid.

Pursuant to s.241 of the Act, the annual fees to be paid to Councillors and Lord Mayor, effective on and from 1 July 2021 are as follows:

Category	Councillor Annual Fee		Lord Mayoral Fee	
	2020/21	2021/22	2020/21	2021/22
Regional City	\$32,040	\$32,680	\$99,800	\$101,800

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

In February 2021 the Tribunal sought submissions from any council in relation to fees and any general matters. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years, this was last done in 2020 and will be next considered in 2023. As categorisation was not to be determined this year, Council did not make any submission to the tribunal as part of this review.

This report has been prepared on advice received from the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal “We are a connected and engaged community”.

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the 2020/21 Service Plan for Governance and Customer Service.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are enough funds in the 2021/22 budget to meet a 2 per cent increase as determined by the Tribunal.

CONCLUSION

The Tribunal has determined that the minimum and maximum fees applicable for the purposes of remuneration of local government elected representatives will be increased by 2 per cent, consistent with the government’s policy on wages. It is recommended Council adopt the proposed fees for 2021/22 as outlined in this report.

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Annual Report and
Determination

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

**23 April
2021**

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Executive Summary

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the LG Act) requires the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to report to the Minister for Local Government by 1 May each year on 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 found the allocation of councils into the current categories appropriate. Criteria for each category is published in Appendix 1. These categories have not changed further to the extensive review undertaken as part of the 2020 review.

Fees

The Tribunal determined a 2 per cent increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category.

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Section 1 Introduction

1. Section 239 of the LG Act provides that the Tribunal determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices and to place each council and mayoral office into one of those categories.
2. Section 241 of the LG Act provides that the Tribunal determine 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 for each of the categories determined under section 239.
3. Section 242A (1) of the LG Act, requires the Tribunal to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those of the Industrial Relations Commission.
4. However, the Tribunal can determine that a council be placed in another existing or a new category with a higher range of fees without breaching the Government's wage policy as per section 242A (3) of the LG Act.
5. The Tribunal's determinations take effect from 1 July in each year.

Section 2 2020 Determination

6. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years.
7. The Tribunal undertook an extensive review of the categories and allocation of councils into each of those categories as part of the 2020 review.
8. Like the review undertaken in 2017, the Tribunal examined a range of statistical and demographic data and considered the submissions of councils, Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and Regional Cities NSW.
9. The Tribunal determined to retain a categorisation model which differentiates councils primarily based on their geographic location and the other factors including population, the sphere of the council's economic influence and the degree of regional servicing.
10. The categories of general purpose councils were determined as follows:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal CBD • Major CBD • Metropolitan Large • Metropolitan Medium • Metropolitan Small 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Regional City • Major Strategic Area • Regional Strategic Area • Regional Centre • Regional Rural • Rural

11. Given the impact of the bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic on the state and federal economies and wellbeing of communities, the Tribunal determined no increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each existing category.
12. The Determination was made on 10 June 2020 in accordance with the Local Government (General) Amendment (COVID-19) Regulation 2020 which extended the

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time for making of the determination to no later than 1 July 2020.

13. On 10 August 2020 the Tribunal received a direction from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, to review the categorisation of Bayside Council. The Tribunal found that Bayside met the criteria to be classified as Metropolitan Large – having both a resident and non-resident working population (minimum 50,000) exceeding 200,000.
14. The Tribunal's 2020 determination was amended by the special determination on 17 August 2020 for Bayside Council be re-categorised as Metropolitan Large for remuneration purposes with effect from 1 July 2020.

Section 3 2021 Review

2021 Process

15. The Tribunal wrote to all mayors or general managers and LGNSW in February 2021 to advise of the commencement of the 2021 review and invite submissions. This correspondence advised that the Tribunal completed an extensive review of categories in 2020 and as this is only required every three years, consideration would be next be given in 2023. Submissions received requesting to be moved into a different category as part of the 2021 review would only be considered were there was a strong, evidence-based case.
16. Eighteen submissions were received – seventeen from individual councils and a submission from LGNSW. It was not possible from some submissions to ascertain if they had been council endorsed. The Tribunal also met with the President and Chief Executive of LGNSW.
17. The Tribunal discussed the submissions at length with the assessors.
18. The Tribunal acknowledged difficulties imposed by COVID19 and, on some councils the bushfires and floods.
19. Submissions from councils in regional and remote locations that raised the unique challenges experienced by mayors and councillors which included difficulties with connectivity and the travel required in sometimes very difficult circumstances were also acknowledged.
20. A summary of the matters raised in the received submissions and the Tribunal's consideration of those matters is outlined below.

Categorisation

21. Nine council submissions requested recategorisation. Four of these requests sought the creation new categories.
22. The Tribunal found that the current categories and allocation of councils to these categories remained appropriate. The Tribunal's finding had regard to the 2020 review, the current category model and criteria and the evidence put forward in the received submissions.
23. A summary of the individual council submissions that sought recategorisation is below.

Metropolitan Large Councils

24. Blacktown City Council requested the creation of a new category of Metropolitan Large – Growth Area.
25. Penrith City Council requested the creation of a new category Metropolitan Large –

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Growth Centre.

26. Liverpool City Council requested recategorisation to Major CBD.

27. The Tribunal noted that an extensive review of the current category model was completed in 2020 and would be next considered in 2023. The Tribunal noted that the criteria required for recategorisation was not yet met and that current council allocations remained appropriate.

Metropolitan Small Councils

28. The City of Canada Bay sought recategorisation to Metropolitan Medium. The Tribunal noted that the criteria required for recategorisation was not yet met.

Major Regional City Councils

29. The City of Newcastle requested review and creation of a new category of "Gateway City" with comparable characteristics to the Major CBD category and a similar fee structure. The Tribunal noted that an extensive review of the current category model was completed in 2020 and would be next considered in 2023.

Regional Centre

30. Tweed Shire Council requested recategorisation to Regional Strategic Area. The Tribunal noted that the criteria required for recategorisation was not yet met.

Rural Councils

31. Federation Council requested recategorisation into a new category of Regional.

32. Narromine Shire Council sought recategorisation but did not specify a category for consideration.

33. Yass Valley Council sought recategorisation to Regional Rural.

34. The Tribunal noted that an extensive review of the current category model was completed in 2020 and would be next considered in 2023. The Tribunal noted that the criteria required for recategorisation was not yet met and that current council allocations remained appropriate.

Fees

35. The Tribunal determined a 2.0 per centage increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category. A summary of the matters the Tribunal considered when making this determination is outlined below.

36. Submissions that addressed fees sought an increase of 2.5 per cent or greater. These submissions raised similar issues to warrant an increase which included the significant workload, responsibilities, capabilities, duties and expanding nature of mayor and councillor roles. Some submissions also suggested that an increase in remuneration may assist in improving the diversity of potential candidates.

37. The 2021-22 rate peg for NSW Councils was set at 2.0 per cent by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). The rate peg is the maximum percentage amount by which a council may increase its general income for the year.

38. Employees under the *Local Government (State) Award 2020* will receive a 2.0 per cent increase in rates of pay from the first full pay period to commence on or after 1 July 2021.

39. Section 242A of the LG Act provides that when determining the fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* (IR Act), when making or

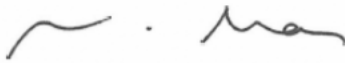
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varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.

40. The current government policy on wages pursuant to section 146C(1)(a) of the IR Act is articulated in *the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014* (IR Regulation 2014). The IR Regulation provides that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 2.5 per cent. As such, the Tribunal has discretion to determine an increase of up to 2.5 per cent.
41. On 31 March 2021, Premiers Memorandum M2021-09 issued the *NSW Public Sector Wages Policy 2021* reflecting the Government's decision to provide annual wage increases of up to 1.5 per cent. The IR Regulation has not been amended to reflect this position.

Conclusion

42. The Tribunal's determinations have been made with the assistance of Assessors Ms Kylie Yates and Mr Tim Hurst.
43. It is the expectation of the Tribunal that in the future all submissions have council endorsement.
44. Determination 1 outlines the allocation of councils into each of the categories as per section 239 of the LG Act.
45. Determination 2 outlines the maximum and minimum fees paid to councillors and mayors and members and chairpersons of county councils as per section 241 of the LG Act.



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Section 4 2021 Determinations

Determination No. 1 - Allocation of councils into each of the categories as per section 239 of the LG Act effective from 1 July 2021

Table 1: General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan

Principal CBD (1)	Major CBD (1)
Sydney	Parramatta

Metropolitan Large (12)	Metropolitan Medium (8)
Bayside	Campbelltown
Blacktown	Camden
Canterbury-Bankstown	Georges River
Cumberland	Hornsby
Fairfield	Ku-ring-gai
Inner West	North Sydney
Liverpool	Randwick
Northern Beaches	Willoughby
Penrith	
Ryde	
Sutherland	
The Hills	

Metropolitan Small (8)
Burwood
Canada Bay
Hunters Hill
Lane Cove
Mosman
Strathfield
Waverley
Woollahra

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Table 2: General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

Major Regional City (2)	Major Strategic Area (1)	Regional Strategic Area (1)
Newcastle	Central Coast	Lake Macquarie
Wollongong		

Regional Centre (24)		Regional Rural (13)	
Albury	Mid-Coast	Bega	
Armidale	Orange	Broken Hill	
Ballina	Port Macquarie-Hastings	Byron	
Bathurst	Port Stephens	Eurobodalla	
Blue Mountains	Queanbeyan-Palerang	Goulburn Mulwaree	
Cessnock	Shellharbour	Griffith	
Clarence Valley	Shoalhaven	Kempsey	
Coffs Harbour	Tamworth	Kiama	
Dubbo	Tweed	Lithgow	
Hawkesbury	Wagga Wagga	Mid-Western	
Lismore	Wingecarribee	Richmond Valley Council	
Maitland	Wollondilly	Singleton	
		Snowy Monaro	

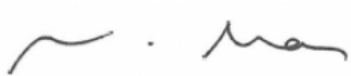
Rural (57)			
Balranald	Cootamundra-Gundagai	Junee	Oberon
Bellingen	Cowra	Kyogle	Parkes
Berrigan	Dungog	Lachlan	Snowy Valleys
Bland	Edward River	Leeton	Temora
Blayney	Federation	Liverpool Plains	Tenterfield
Bogan	Forbes	Lockhart	Upper Hunter
Bourke	Gilgandra	Moree Plains	Upper Lachlan
Brewarrina	Glen Innes Severn	Murray River	Uralla
Cabonne	Greater Hume	Murrumbidgee	Walcha
Carrathool	Gunnedah	Muswellbrook	Walgett
Central Darling	Gwydir	Nambucca	Warren
Cobar	Hay	Narrabri	Warrumbungle
Coolamon	Hilltops	Narrandera	Weddin
Coonamble	Inverell	Narromine	Wentworth

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Rural (57)	
	Yass

Table 3: County Councils

Water (4)	Other (6)
Central Tablelands	Castlereagh-Macquarie
Goldenfields Water	Central Murray
Riverina Water	Hawkesbury River
Rous	New England Tablelands
	Upper Hunter
	Upper Macquarie



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Determination No. 2 - Fees for Councillors and Mayors as per section 241 of the LG Act effective from 1 July 2021

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 2021 as per section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* are determined as follows:

Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

Category		Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2021		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2021	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan	Principal CBD	28,190	41,340	172,480	226,960
	Major CBD	18,800	34,820	39,940	112,520
	Metropolitan Large	18,800	31,020	39,940	90,370
	Metropolitan Medium	14,100	26,310	29,950	69,900
	Metropolitan Small	9,370	20,690	19,970	45,110
General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan	Major Regional City	18,800	32,680	39,940	101,800
	Major Strategic Area	18,800	32,680	39,940	101,800
	Regional Strategic Area	18,800	31,020	39,940	90,370
	Regional Centre	14,100	24,810	29,330	61,280
	Regional Rural	9,370	20,690	19,970	45,140
	Rural	9,370	12,400	9,980	27,060
County Councils	Water	1,860	10,340	4,000	16,990
	Other	1,860	6,180	4,000	11,280

*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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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 have 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.

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Metropolitan Large

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

Councils may also be categorised as Metropolitan Large if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 200,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

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 residential population of 100,000.

Councils may also be categorised as Metropolitan Medium if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 100,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000

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.

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Metropolitan Small

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Small will typically have a residential 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.

Major Regional City

Newcastle City Council and Wollongong City Councils are categorised as Major Regional City. These councils:

- are metropolitan in nature with major residential, commercial and industrial areas
- typically host government departments, major tertiary education and health facilities and incorporate high density commercial and residential development
- provide a full range of higher order services and activities along with arts, culture, recreation, sporting and entertainment facilities to service the wider community and broader region
- have significant transport and freight infrastructure servicing international markets, the capital city and regional areas
- have significant natural and man-made assets to support diverse economic activity, trade and future investment
- typically contain ventures which have a broader State and national focus which impact upon the operations of the council.

Major Strategic Area

Councils categorised as Major Strategic Area will have a minimum population of 300,000.

Other features may include:

- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$250M per annum
- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Currently, only Central Coast Council meets the criteria to be categorised as a Major Strategic Area. Its population, predicted population growth, and scale of the Council's operations warrant that it be differentiated from other non-metropolitan councils. Central Coast Council is also a

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significant contributor to the regional economy associated with proximity to and connections with Sydney and the Hunter Region.

Regional Strategic Area

Councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area are differentiated from councils in the Regional Centre category on the basis of their significant population and will typically have a residential population above 200,000.

Other features may include:

- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$250M per annum
- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Currently, only Lake Macquarie Council meets the criteria to be categorised as a Regional Strategic Area. Its population and overall scale of council operations will be greater than Regional Centre councils.

Regional Centre

Councils categorised as Regional Centre will typically have a minimum residential population of 40,000.

Other features may include:

- a large city or town providing a significant proportion of the region's housing and employment
- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$100M per annum
- the highest rates of population growth in regional NSW
- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Councils in the category of Regional Centre are often considered the geographic centre of the region providing services to their immediate and wider catchment communities.

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Regional Rural

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

Other features may include:

- a large urban population existing alongside a traditional farming sector, and are surrounded by smaller towns and villages
- health services, tertiary education services and regional airports which service a regional community
- a broad range of industries including agricultural, educational, health, professional, government and retail services
- large visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and events.

Councils in the category of Regional Rural provide a degree of regional servicing below that of a Regional Centre.

Rural

Councils categorised as Rural will typically have a residential population less than 20,000.

Other features may 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 *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

ITEM 10

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PART LOT B DP 156856 NO 216 PRINCES HIGHWAY, DAPTO FOR ROAD WIDENING

In 1977, Deposited Plan 241188 was prepared and registered at NSW Land Registry Services defining all land which is proposed to be acquired for the widening of the Princes Highway at Dapto. One of the properties affected by the road widening is Lot B in Deposited Plan 156856 No 216 Princes Highway, Dapto.

Subject to the approval of Council, agreement has been reached with the owner of No 216 Princes Highway, Dapto to acquire the road widening portion affecting his property. This report seeks approval to the acquisition.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council acquire Lot 22 in Deposited Plan 241188 for road widening, being the portion of Lot B in Deposited Plan 156856, No 216 Princes Highway, Dapto, as shown on the attachments to this report.
- 2 Compensation for the acquisition be paid to the owner of Lot B in DP 156856 No 216 Princes Highway, Dapto in the amount of \$4,300.00 excluding GST.
- 3 Council be responsible for all disturbance costs as per section 59 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* including valuation, transfer, legal costs, and front fence relocation costs.
- 4 Upon the acquisition being finalised, the land be dedicated as public road pursuant to Section 10 of the *Roads Act 1993*.
- 5 The General Manager be granted authority to sign any documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 6 The Lord Mayor and General Manager be granted authority to affix the Common Seal of Council to the transfer documents and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Lucielle Power, Manager Property + Recreation
Authorised by: Kerry Hunt, Director Community Services - Creative and Innovative City

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map of portion of 216 Princes Highway, Dapto (Lot B DP 156856) proposed to be acquired for road widening
- 2 Aerial map of portion of 216 Princes Highway, Dapto (Lot B DP 156856) proposed to be acquired for road widening

BACKGROUND

In 1977, Deposited Plan 241188 was prepared and registered at NSW Land Registry Services defining all land which is proposed to be acquired for the widening of Princes Highway at Dapto. The road widening scheme was initiated by the Department of Main Roads (now known as Transport for NSW), which was the roads authority for this section of the Princes Highway at that time. Council is now the roads authority for this section of the Princes Highway and as such Council is now responsible for the road widening scheme.

One of the properties affected by the road widening scheme is Lot B in Deposited Plan 156856 No 216 Princes Highway, Dapto. The portion of Lot B in Deposited Plan 156856 to be acquired is a 5.74m² portion known as Lot 22 on Deposited Plan 241188, refer attached.

The owner of No. 216 Princes Highway, Dapto is currently undertaking a redevelopment of the property and has submitted DA-2020/1050. As part of the development assessment process, the owner has been made aware of the road widening scheme that affects his property and has requested that Council acquire the portion of his property affected by road widening.

Historically, Council has taken the opportunity to acquire road widening portions if and when they become available. Although there is currently no design for the road widening, traffic modelling shows the long-term plan for the Princes Highway between Emerson Road and Fowlers Road is for six lanes. As such, Council's Land Use Planning and Traffic and Transport teams have confirmed that Lot 22 in Deposited Plan 241188 is still required for future road widening and should be acquired at this time.

A valuation was undertaken by Walsh and Monaghan Valuers in accordance with the terms of section 59 of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* and based on this report, in-principle agreement has been reached with the landowner for compensation to be paid for the land acquisition in the amount of \$4,300.00 excluding GST, subject to Council approval.

Under the terms of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, Council will also be responsible for all disturbance costs in the matter including valuation, transfer, legal costs and front fence relocation costs.

PROPOSAL

Council acquire Lot 22 in Deposited Plan 241188 for road widening, being the portion of Lot B in Deposited Plan 156856, No 216 Princes Highway, Dapto, as shown attached.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Several Council divisions including Land Use Planning, Traffic and Transport, and Infrastructure Strategy were consulted and each provided support for the acquisition.

Council's Finance division was consulted in relation to GST applicability.

The owner of Lot B in DP 156856, No 216 Princes Highway, Dapto provided three quotes for the fence relocation costs.

Walsh & Monaghan Valuers were consulted in relation to a valuation for the acquisition.

Legal Services were consulted in relation to this report.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This acquisition is in accordance with Council's policy *Land and Easement Acquisition and Disposal*.

This report contributes to the delivery of Wollongong 2028 goal "We are a healthy community in a liveable city".

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Property Services Service Plan 2020-21.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The amount of \$4,300.00 (excluding GST) for the subject land is based on a report from Walsh & Monaghan Valuers and considered to be fair and reasonable.

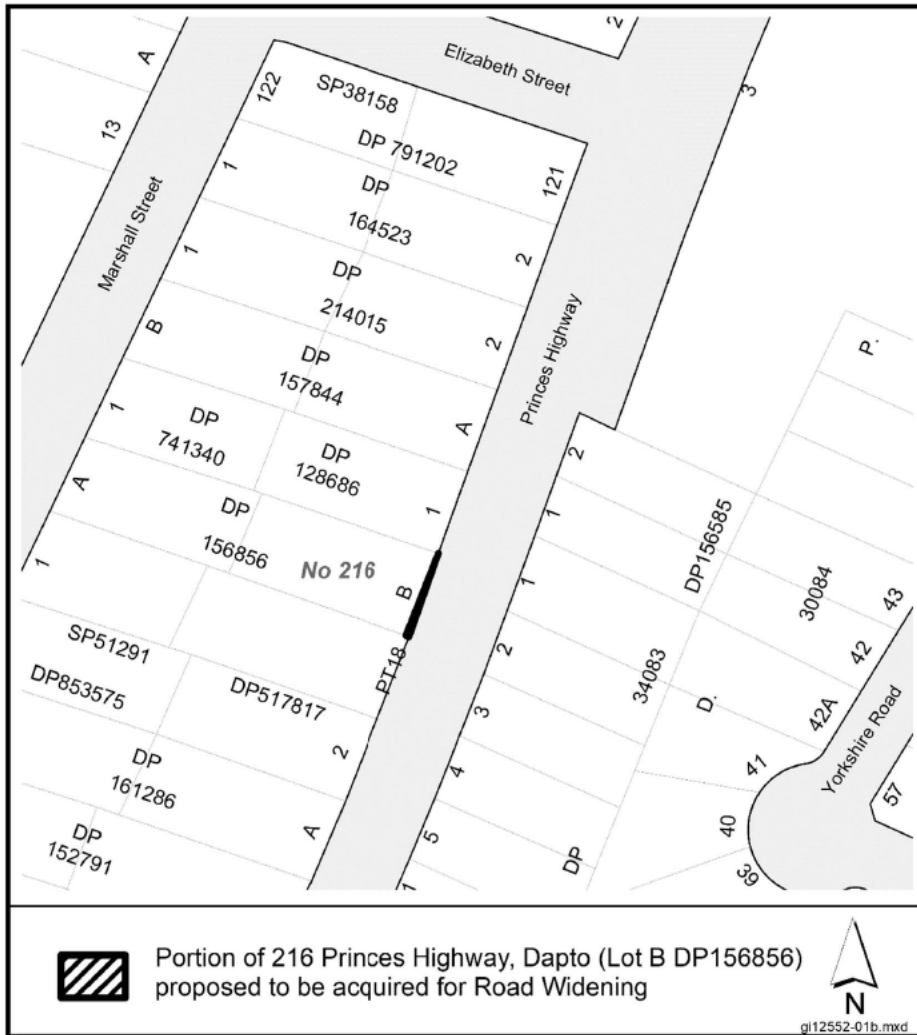
The landowner has provided three independent quotes in relation to the front fence relocation costs and it is expected that the fence relocation works will cost \$8,800.00 including GST.

It is expected that the balance of disturbance costs including the landowner's legal costs will be less than \$5,000.00.

Council's Infrastructure Strategy and Planning Division has advised that funds for the acquisition and the expected disturbance costs are available from the current year budget allocations.

CONCLUSION

As the subject land is part of an adopted road widening scheme, it is recommended Council approve the acquisition as outlined in this report.



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ITEM 11

TENDER T21/14 - SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING INSTALLATION - ST JAMES PARK, COLEDALE

This report recommends acceptance of a tender for the installation of sports field lighting at St James Park, Coledale in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Council has identified lighting of sports grounds as a key priority to meet the increasing demand from sporting clubs through the Sports Ground and Sporting Facilities Strategy (2017-2021).

The proposed works will facilitate the installation of energy efficient light-emitting diode (LED) sports field lighting at St James Park, Coledale, to meet the increasing demands of football (soccer) within the City.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 In accordance with clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council accept the tender of Central West Electrical Contractors Pty Ltd for the supply and installation of sports field lighting at St James Park, Coledale, in the sum of \$174,472.00, excluding GST.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Glenn Whittaker, Manager Project Delivery

Authorised by: Joanne Page, Director Infrastructure + Works - Connectivity Assets + Liveable City (Acting)

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Locality Plan

BACKGROUND

Council's Sports Ground and Sporting Facilities Strategy (2017-2021) identifies lighting at sports grounds as one of the most significant assets that require upgrading to meet the increasing demand and use from existing sporting clubs. Installing lighting at existing sports grounds provides greater opportunities for sporting clubs to train and play at night and encourages greater participation in community sporting events. New lighting increases the standard of existing facilities and allows a significant increase in the number of games that can be played during the football season.

The installation of sports field lighting at St James Park, Coledale has been programmed to meet the demands of football in the area and is planned for construction during the 2021/22 financial year. The scope of works includes the installation of multiple lighting towers incorporating energy efficient LED lighting with an associated upgrade of the electrical supply and distribution boards at the site.

Tenders were invited for this project by the open tender method with a close of tenders of 10.00 am on Thursday, 15 April 2021.

Eight (8) complying tender packages were received from six (6) tenderers by the close of tenders and all tenders have been scrutinised and assessed by a Tender Assessment Panel constituted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policies and Procedures and comprising representatives of the Project Delivery, Infrastructure Strategy and Planning and Governance and Customer Service Divisions.

The Tender Assessment Panel assessed all tenders in accordance with the following assessment criteria and weightings as set out in the formal tender documents:

Mandatory Criteria

- 1 Satisfactory references from referees for previous projects of similar size and scope
- 2 Financial assessment acceptable to Council which demonstrates the tenderer’s financial capacity to undertake the works
- 3 Tenderers have as a minimum a Health and Safety Policy and WHS Management System Manual or Plan

Assessable Criteria

- 1 Cost to Council – 40%
- 2 Appreciation of scope of works and construction methodology – 15%
- 3 Experience and satisfactory performance and staff qualifications and experience – 15%
- 4 Proposed Sub-contractors – 10%
- 5 Project Schedule – 5%
- 6 Workplace Health and Safety Management System and Environmental Management Policies and Procedures – 5%
- 7 Demonstrated strengthening of local economic capacity – 10%

The mandatory assessment criteria have been met by the recommended tenderer.

The Tender Assessment Panel utilised a weighted scoring method for the assessment of tenders which allocates a numerical score out of 5 in relation to the level of compliance offered by the tenders to each of the assessment criteria as specified in the tender documentation. The method then takes into account pre-determined weightings for each of the assessment criteria which provides for a total score out of 5 to be calculated for each tender. The tender with the highest total score is considered to be the tender that best meets the requirements of the tender documentation in providing best value to Council. Table 1 below summarises the results of the tender assessment and the ranking of tenders.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF TENDER ASSESSMENT

Name of Tenderer	Ranking
Central West Electrical Contractors Pty Ltd	1
REES Electrical Pty Ltd	2
Stowe Australia Pty Ltd	3
Havencord Pty Ltd	4
Jaydub Electrical Services	5
Power By Watts Pty Ltd	6

PROPOSAL

Council should authorise the engagement of Central West Electrical Contractors Pty Ltd to carry out the supply and installation of sports field lighting at St James Park, Coledale in accordance with the scope of works and technical specifications developed for the project.

The recommended tenderer has satisfied the Tender Assessment Panel that they are capable of undertaking the works to Council’s standards and in accordance with the technical specification.

Referees nominated by the recommended tenderer have been contacted by the Tender Assessment Panel and expressed satisfaction with the standard of work and methods of operation undertaken on their behalf.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 1 Members of the Tender Assessment Panel
- 2 Nominated Referees

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal 5 “We have a healthy community in a liveable city”. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan	Delivery Program 2018-2022	Operational Plan 2020-21
Strategy	4 Year Action	Operational Plan Actions
5.1.4 Urban areas are created to provide a healthy and safe living environment for our community	5.1.4.1 Provide an appropriate and sustainable range of quality passive and active open spaces and facilities	Pursue key actions outlined in the 2017-2021 Sports Ground & Sporting Facilities Strategy

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk in accepting the recommendation of this report is considered low on the basis that the tender process has fully complied with Council’s Procurement Policies and Procedures and the Local Government Act 1993.

The risk of the project works is considered low based upon Council’s risk assessment matrix and appropriate risk management strategies will be implemented.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The following sustainability implications have been considered:

- Lighting will be energy efficient with LED technology installed
- Wireless control systems to optimise the energy consumption and to lower maintenance costs
- Energy efficient lighting reduces lighting pollution and glare

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the total project be funded from the following source/s as identified in the Operational Plan –

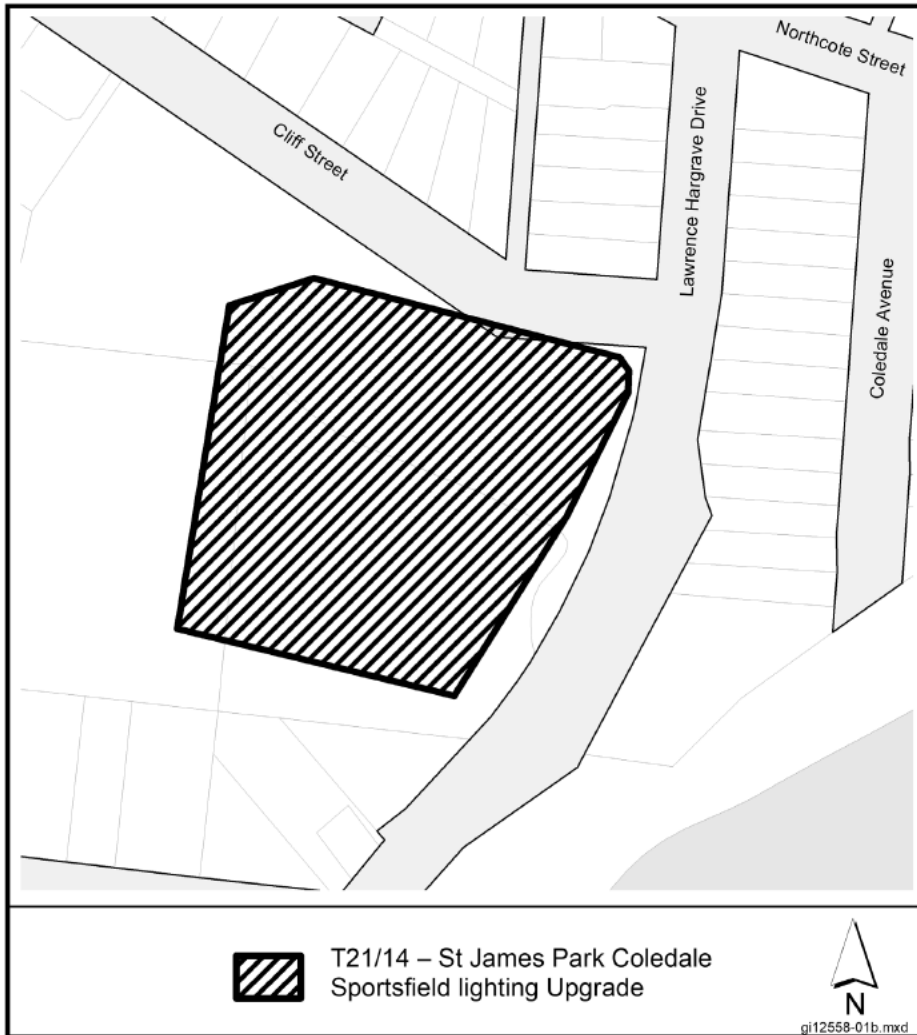
Capital Program 2020/21 and 2021/22

The construction of the project is fully funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

CONCLUSION

Central West Electrical Contractors Pty Ltd has submitted an acceptable tender for the proposed works and Council should endorse the recommendations of this report.





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ITEM 12 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - APRIL 2021

This report provides an overview of Council's investment portfolio performance for the month of April 2021.

Council's average weighted return for April 2021 was 0.08% which was above the benchmark return of 0.00%. This result was primarily due to the higher fixed interest rates on term deposits purchased prior to the COVID-19 impact on the financial market and the positive marked to market valuation of the NSW TCorp Hourglass facilities. The remainder of Council's portfolio continues to provide a high level of consistency in income and a high degree of credit quality and liquidity.

RECOMMENDATION

Council receive the Statement of Investment for April 2021.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Brian Jenkins, Chief Financial Officer

Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Statement of Investment - April 2021
- 2 Investment Income Compared to Budget 2020-2021

BACKGROUND

Council is required to invest its surplus funds in accordance with the Ministerial Investment Order and Office of Local Government guidelines. The Order reflects a conservative approach and restricts the investment types available to Council. In compliance with the Order and Office of Local Government guidelines, Council adopted an Investment Policy on 10 December 2018. The Investment Policy provides a framework for the credit quality, institutional diversification and maturity constraints Council's portfolio can be exposed to. Council's investment portfolio was controlled by Council's Finance Division during the period to ensure compliance with the Investment Policy. Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee's (ARIC) role of overseer provides for the review of Council's Investment Policy and the Management Investment Strategy.

Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to sign the complying Statement of Investment contained within the report, certifying that all investments were made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Regulation 2005.

Council's investment holdings as at 30 April 2021 were \$149,709,893 (Statement of Investment attached) [24 April 2020 \$137,451,476].

Council's average weighted return for April 2021 was 0.08% which was above the benchmark return of 0.00%. This result was primarily due to the higher fixed interest rates on term deposits purchased prior to the Covid-19 impact on the financial market and the positive marked to market valuation of the NSW TCorp Hourglass facilities. The remainder of Council's portfolio continues to provide a high level of consistency in income and a high degree of credit quality and liquidity. The global markets are still experiencing unprecedented turmoil and volatility in the wake of Covid-19 and may still provide uncertainty for the foreseeable future.

At 30 April 2021, year to date interest and investment revenue of \$1,609,699 was recognised compared to the year to date budget of \$1,661,610.

Council's 21 floating rate notes had a net increase in value of \$6,303 for April 2021.

Council holds two Mortgaged Backed Securities (MBS) that recorded a net increase in value of \$2,137 for April 2021. The coupon margins on these investments reflect pre-Global Financial Crisis (GFC) pricing. For example, the Emerald A is paying 45 basis points over the BBSW where a comparative

investment is now paying 100 basis points over the BBSW. This is reflected in the coupon rates on both these investments. While the maturity dates are outside Council’s control, the investment advisors had previously indicated capital is not at risk at that stage and recommended a hold strategy due to the illiquid nature of the investment.

Council has two investment holdings under the NSW TCorp Hour Glass Facility: the Long-Term Growth Facility and the NSW TCorpIM Cash Fund. The Long-Term Growth recorded a net increase in value of \$70,393 and the Cash Fund recorded a net increase in value of \$902 in April 2021. The fluctuation in the Long-Term Growth Facility is a reflection of the current share market volatility both domestically and internationally and is diversified across a number of different asset classes that have differing risk and return characteristics. The TCorp Cash Fund generally provides relatively stable returns over extended time periods with low potential for capital loss while maintaining high levels of liquidity, similar to an at call account, and only invests in Australian cash and fixed interests. The current environment of historically low interest rates and credit spreads mean the future returns for the funds will, as a result, be lower.

At their May 2021 meeting, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) maintained the official cash rate at the record low of 0.10%. The RBA will continue to assess the outlook and adjust policy as needed to foster sustainable growth in demand and inflation outcomes consistent with the inflation target over time.

The current investment portfolio complies with Council’s Investment Policy which was endorsed by Council on 10 December 2018. Council’s Responsible Accounting Officer has signed the Statement of Investment contained within the report, certifying all investments were made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Regulation 2005.

PROPOSAL

This report contributes to the delivery of Wollongong 2022 goal ‘*We are a connected and engaged community*’. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan Strategy	Delivery Program 2018-2022 4 Year Action	Operational Plan 2020-2021 Operational Plan Actions
4.3.2 Resources (finance, technology, assets and people) are effectively managed to ensure long term financial sustainability	4.3.2.1 Effective and transparent financial management systems are in place	Monitor and review achievement of Financial Strategy
		Continuous budget management is in place, controlled and reported
		Provide accurate and timely financial reports monthly, quarterly and via the annual statement
		Manage and further develop a compliance program to promote awareness and compliance with Council’s procurement policies and procedures and other related policies

CONCLUSION

The investments for April 2021 recorded an average weighted return above the annualised Bloomberg Bank Bill Index Benchmark and performed unfavourably when compared to the year to date budget.

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT 30 April 2021							
DIRECT INVESTMENTS							
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Security	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest / Coupon Rate
NAB General Fund	A1+	-	922,650	General A/c	30/04/2021	30/04/2021	
NAB Professional Maximiser	A1+	-	10,899,124	ProfFund A/c	30/04/2021	30/04/2021	0.50%
IMB Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/Deposit	26/11/2020	25/05/2021	0.45%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	28/11/2019	25/06/2021	1.55%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P ST A1+	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/Deposit	25/09/2020	22/07/2021	0.66%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	26/11/2020	30/07/2021	0.55%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	14/12/2020	16/08/2021	0.55%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/Deposit	25/03/2021	21/09/2021	0.45%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	23/12/2020	19/10/2021	0.50%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	25/09/2020	25/11/2021	0.80%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P ST A1+	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/Deposit	26/11/2020	26/11/2021	0.54%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	2/12/2019	2/12/2021	0.91%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/Deposit	25/03/2021	20/12/2021	0.40%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	0.50%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	25/09/2020	25/01/2022	0.80%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P AA-	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/Deposit	26/11/2020	25/01/2022	0.55%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P ST A1+	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/Deposit	25/03/2021	18/02/2022	0.40%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	23/12/2020	22/04/2022	0.50%
IMB Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	28/04/2021	28/04/2022	0.35%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/Deposit	26/11/2020	25/11/2022	0.56%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	23/12/2020	23/12/2022	0.52%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/Deposit	23/12/2020	22/12/2023	0.60%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/Deposit	6/03/2019	6/03/2024	1.04%
Total			77,821,774				

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT 30 April 2021 continued							
Bond and Floating Rate Note Securities							
DIRECT INVESTMENTS							
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Security	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest / Coupon Rate
AMP Bank Ltd	S&P BBB	2,000,000	2,005,740	FRN	24/05/2016	24/05/2021	1.36%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,008,910	FRN	3/06/2016	3/06/2021	1.20%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,010,960	FRN	16/08/2016	16/08/2021	1.14%
Credit Union Australia Ltd	S&P BBB	1,200,000	1,206,900	FRN	6/09/2018	6/09/2021	1.29%
AMP Bank Ltd	S&P BBB	1,500,000	1,504,050	FRN	10/09/2018	10/09/2021	1.12%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	1,500,000	1,505,040	FRN	16/11/2018	25/10/2021	0.77%
Credit Union Australia Ltd	Moodys Baa 1	1,000,000	1,010,600	FRN	4/03/2019	4/03/2022	1.26%
AMP Bank Ltd	S&P BBB	3,000,000	3,003,360	FRN	30/03/2017	30/03/2022	1.08%
Suncorp Bank	S&P A+	1,500,000	1,518,465	FRN	30/08/2017	16/08/2022	0.98%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	3,000,000	3,029,190	FRN	12/12/2019	12/09/2022	0.89%
Bank Australia Limited	S&P BBB	4,000,000	4,018,040	FRN	2/12/2019	2/12/2022	0.93%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	1,000,000	1,016,940	FRN	9/05/2018	9/05/2023	0.91%
National Australia Bank Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,055,350	FRN	26/09/2018	26/09/2023	0.96%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	1,500,000	1,531,725	FRN	16/11/2018	16/11/2023	0.96%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,046,620	FRN	6/12/2018	6/12/2023	1.07%
National Australia Bank Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,043,280	FRN	19/06/2019	19/06/2024	0.95%
Macquarie Bank	Moodys A2	2,000,000	2,028,020	FRN	12/02/2020	12/02/2025	0.85%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	1,700,000	1,699,269	FRN	2/12/2020	2/12/2025	0.55%
Macquarie Bank	S&P A+	5,000,000	4,988,150	FRN	9/12/2020	9/12/2025	0.52%
Suncorp Bank	S&P A+	2,100,000	2,101,701	FRN	24/02/2021	24/02/2026	0.46%
Newcastle Permanent Building Society Ltd	S&P BBB	5,000,000	5,005,250	FRN	4/03/2021	4/03/2026	0.66%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust	Fitch AAA	516,521	414,508	MBS	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	1.36%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust	S&P A	2,000,000	1,302,800	MBS	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	0.76%
Total			51,054,868				

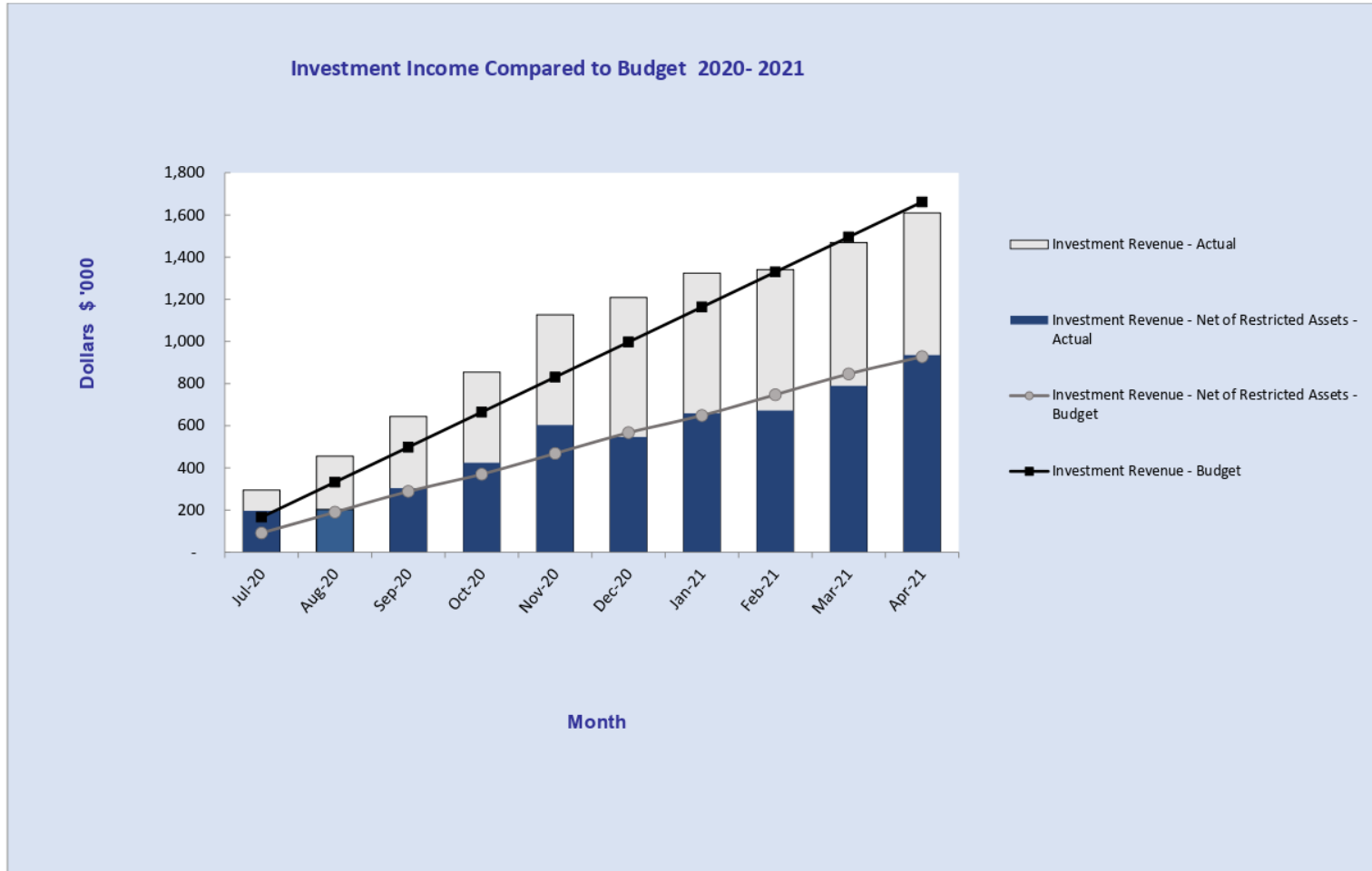
Managed Funds							
MANAGED FUNDS							
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Purchase Date	Monthly	FYTD (Actual)	
TcorpIM Cash Fund Facility	N/A	18,204,834	18,204,834	28/06/2019	0.00%	0.30%	
Tcorp Long Term Growth Facility Trust	N/A	1,773,197	2,628,417	13/06/2007	2.41%	13.92%	
Total			20,833,251				

TOTAL INVESTMENTS \$ 149,709,893

* The maturity date provided is the weighted-average life of the security. This is the average amount of time that will elapse from the date of security's issuance until each dollar is repaid based on an actuarial assessment. Assessments are carried out on a regular basis which can potentially extend the life of the investment. Current assessments anticipate an extension of life of the investment.

This is to certify that all of the above investments have been placed in accordance with the Act, the regulations and Council's Investment Policies.

Brian Jenkins
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER



ITEM 13

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CAMERON WALTERS - REQUEST FOR HMAS SYDNEY TO VISIT WOLLONGONG

Councillor Cameron Walters has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that –

- 1 Council acknowledges the outstanding achievements of local Balgownie Commander Andrew Hough in taking command of HMAS Sydney (one of Australia’s newest Hobart Class Destroyers) from mid-2021.
- 2 The Lord Mayor writes to:
 - a The Minister of Defence, inviting HMAS Sydney to visit the City of Wollongong (at Port Kembla Harbour) in 2022; and
 - b Both Senator the Hon. Concetta Fierravanti-Wells and Member for Cunningham the Hon. Sharon Bird MP, seeking their support for HMAS Sydney to visit Wollongong.
- 3 Council supports the Lord Mayor granting Freedom of Entry to HMAS Sydney and its crew if it does wish to enter the City of Wollongong.”

ITEM 14

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR MITHRA COX - PROTECTING THE CHARACTER AND HERITAGE OF THIRROUL VILLAGE

Councillor Mithra Cox has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that Council –

- 1 Develop a Thirroul Town Centre Plan in collaboration with the community to identify a community vision for the village and to develop planning controls to achieve that vision.
- 2 Conduct a Thirroul heritage review, with the aim of achieving heritage listings for buildings and streetscapes with heritage values.”

Background provided by Councillor Cox:

There has been considerable angst within the Thirroul community in recent years, as development has intensified, heritage homes have been demolished and traffic has become gridlocked. Charmless townhouses are fast replacing beautiful heritage houses and historic workers cottages.

There is a strong desire within the community to protect the heritage and character of Thirroul village. We need heritage protection not just for individual buildings but also for the streetscapes and precincts – before it is too late.

Furthermore, the transport system is currently at capacity, with roads, trains and cycleways all very crowded at peak times. There is only one road in and out of Thirroul. The trains at local stations run only once an hour on weekdays and once every two hours on weekends, forcing people to drive to an already very congested Thirroul. The coastal cycleway is very heavily used, and on weekends especially is also very crowded. Until solutions for this gridlock on all modes of transport are found, Thirroul has very little capacity to support increased population density.

While Councillors cannot intervene in development applications, we do have a responsibility to set the overall strategic framework and planning controls.