

BUSINESS PAPER

### ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held at 6.00 pm on

## Monday 18 February 2019

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

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### Members

Lord Mayor -

Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM (Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor -

Councillor David Brown

Councillor Ann Martin

Councillor Cameron Walters

Councillor Cath Blakey

Councillor Dom Figliomeni Councillor Janice Kershaw

Councillor Jenelle Rimmer

Councillor John Dorahy

Councillor Leigh Colacino

Councillor Mithra Cox

Councillor Tania Brown

Councillor Vicky King

QUORUM - 7 MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT



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**MINUTES** 

### ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

6.00 pm

### **TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019**

#### Present

Lord Mayor – Councillor G Bradbery AM (in the Chair), Councillors D Brown, A Martin, C Walters, C Blakey, D Figliomeni, J Kershaw, J Rimmer, L Colacino, M Cox, T Brown and V King

#### In Attendance

General Manager – D Farmer, Director Infrastructure and Works, Connectivity Assets and Liveable City – G Doyle, Director Planning and Environment, Future City and Neighbourhoods – A Carfield, Director Corporate Services, Connected and Engaged City (Acting) – C Phelan, Director Community Services – K Hunt, Manager Governance and Customer Service – T Hopwood, Chief Financial Officer – B Jenkins, Manager Property and Recreation – P Coyte, Manager City Strategy – C Stewart, Manager Library and Community Services – J Thompson, Manager Project Delivery – G Whittaker, Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning – M Dowd, Manager Open Space and Environmental Services – J Gordon and Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development – S Savage

#### **Apologies**

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COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Colacino that Leave of Absence on behalf of Councillor Dorahy from 29 January and 18 February 2019 be granted.

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#### **CLOSED SESSION**

ITEM C1 CONFIDENTIAL: Lord Mayoral Minute - General Manager Position: Appointment of Acting General Manager

### Reason for Confidentiality

This report recommends that this item be considered in Closed Session to the exclusion of the press and public in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.



#### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Martin declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant Conflict of Interest in Item 1 advising that she is employed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and this matter will be considered by the Department. Councillor Martin added that she does not or has never worked on planning proposals or reclassifications for the Wollongong Local Government Area and has no role in determining this reclassification and advised that she would not be vacating the Chamber during discussion and voting.

Councillor Figliomeni declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 1 advising that he has a property at 2 Pine Crescent Coniston. He added that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in debate and voting as the Council property does not impact his property.

#### PETITION - FULLY FENCED OFF LEASH DOG PARK

Councillor Blakey tabled a petition from 1,000 plus residents supporting the provision of a fully fenced dog park in Wollongong.

# CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2018

184 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Walters that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 10 December 2018 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

#### **CALL OF THE AGENDA**

185 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Cox that the staff recommendations for Items 2, 4,6, 8 and 9 be adopted as a block.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Colacino that Item A be considered first, followed by the numbered agenda items and concluding with Items B and C.

# ITEM A - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - GENERAL MANAGER: RESIGNATION OF DAVID FARMER AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 186 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Bradbery that Council -
  - 1 Note that on 20 December 2018 David Farmer submitted his resignation from the position of General Manager effective from 1 February 2019 in accordance with contractual requirements.
  - 2 Place on record its thanks to David Farmer for 11.5 years of service to Wollongong City Council and the community as General Manager.
  - 3 Approve the establishment of a Recruitment and Selection Committee, consisting of the existing Performance Review Committee and two (2) other Councillors, to oversee the appointment of a new General Manager.
  - 4 Elect the additional Recruitment and Selection Committee members by open means on a show of hands.
  - 5 Delegate to the Recruitment and Selection Committee the authority to engage an external recruitment provider consistent with Council's procurement policy.



- Note that all Councillors will be provided with an opportunity to meet the final shortlisted candidates and provide feedback before a recommended candidate for the General Manager position is brought to Council for final approval.
- 7 Note that the independent Chair of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee will be requested to monitor and advise the Recruitment and Selection Committee on the probity and statutory requirements relating to the recruitment process and appointment of a new General Manager.

In accordance with Part 3 of the Resolution, the following Councillors were appointed:

- 1 Nominated by Councillor D Brown, Councillor T Brown was appointed.
- 2 Nominated by Councillor Kershaw, Councillor Colacino was appointed.

The nomination of Councillor Dorahy by Councillor Colacino was not accepted by the Lord Mayor as he was unable to confirm Councillor Dorahy's availability or acceptance of the nomination due to his absence.

#### ITEM B - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR KING - CENTREPAY

MOTION of Councillor King seconded Councillor D Brown that -

- 1 Wollongong City Council undertake actions to put into place the use of Centrepay to receive payments from ratepayers towards their rates.
- Actions necessary to administer Centrepay be reported to a Councillor briefing and the matter return to Council within two (2) months for confirmation.
- 187 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor Cox seconded Councillor Blakey that
  - 1 Wollongong City Council investigate putting into place the use of Centrepay.
  - 2 Actions necessary to administer Centrepay be reported to a Councillor briefing and the matter return to Council within two (2) months for confirmation.

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

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

Against Councillors D Brown and King

Councillor Cox's AMENDMENT then became the MOTION. The MOTION on being PUT to VOTE was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR**

During debate and prior to voting on Item C, Councillor Rimmer departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7.08 pm to 7.11 pm.

#### **DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR**

During debate and prior to voting on Item C, Councillor Blakey departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7.11 pm to 7.12 pm.



#### ITEM C - NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR KING - SIGNAGE

188 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor King, seconded Councillor T Brown that –

- 1 Wollongong City Council review its signage practice so it includes the local Indigenous language on signage such as suburbs, parks and significant landmarks such as Mt Keira the Lake to name an example.
- 2 The signage strategy proposed under action 3.3.9 of Creative Wollongong (to develop a suburb/place name signage strategy which provides consideration of Aboriginal and European heritage and environmental factors) be brought forward and completed in the short term subject to funding.
- The signage strategy proposed as part of Creative Wollongong includes a methodology which acknowledges the different language groups in the Wollongong LGA and assists in reaching a consensus understanding on Aboriginal placenames, meaning and pronunciation with provision for continued revision and update.
- 4 Aboriginal placenames and their meaning are made available on the Wollongong City Council website, and in hardcopy in the Wollongong City Library reference section, once they have been finalised by an appropriate process of validation and verification.

**Variations** 

The variation moved by Councillor Bradbery (the addition of Points 2-4) was accepted by the mover and seconder.

The variation moved by Councillor Cox in Point 1, amending the word 'policy' to 'practice' was accepted by the mover and seconder.

# ITEM 1 - PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION OF 11 COUNCIL PROPERTIES INCLUDING THE REZONING OF 5 SITES PP-2018/1, PP-2017/8 AND PP-2017/7

MOVED by Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor T Brown that –

- 1 The Planning Proposal PP-2017/7 for the following sites be progressed:
  - a Lot 2 DP 231004, 46 Montague Street, North Wollongong reclassification to Operational Land.
  - b Lot 505 DP 833242, Murranar Road, Towradgi reclassification to Operational Land and discharge a covenant, caveat and lease.
- 2 The Planning Proposal PP-2017/8 for the following sites be progressed:
  - Lot 1 DP 214743, part of Bloomfield Park, Corrimal reclassification to Operational Land, and rezone to E3 Environmental Management with no Floor Space Ratio and a Minimum Lot Size of 199m<sup>2</sup>.
  - b Lot 87 DP 32081, Baringa Place, Dapto reclassification to Operational Land.
  - c Lot 16 DP 216777, Range Place, Bulli reclassification to Operational Land and discharge two covenants.
  - d Lot 5 DP 217372, No 18 Stanbrook Avenue, Mt Ousley reclassification to Operational Land, and rezone to R2 Low Density Residential with a Floor Space Ratio of 0.5:1 and Minimum Lot Size of 449m<sup>2</sup>.
- 3 The Planning Proposal PP-2018/1 for the following sites be progressed:
  - a Lot 37 DP 31557, Pine Crescent, Coniston reclassification to Operational Land and discharge one covenant.



- b Lot 36 DP 17853, Bruce Road and Drainage reserve DP 16083, Third Avenue North, Warrawong reclassification to Operational Land and discharge one covenant.
- c Lot 59 DP 28802, Ranchby Avenue, Lake Heights reclassification to Operational Land, and rezone to R2 Low Density Residential with a Floor Space Ratio of 0.5:1 and Minimum Lot Size of 449m<sup>2</sup>.
- d Lot 23 DP 243092, No 44 Rann Street, Fairy Meadow reclassification to Operational Land, and rezone to R3 Medium Density Residential with a Floor Space Ratio of 0.75:1, Minimum Lot Size of 449m² and maximum Building Height limit of 13m, and discharge one caveat and one covenant.
- 4 The proposed reclassification and rezoning of Lot 6 DP 398037, No. 26 Park Road, Bellambi (part of Planning Proposal PP-2017/8) not be progressed and the land be retained as RE1 Public Recreation for Open Space purposes, and the site be removed from the Planning Proposal.
- The final Planning Proposals for the reclassification, rezoning and removal of any real or perceived trusts, caveats, or interests be referred to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for the making of arrangements for drafting to give effect to the Planning Proposals, noting that Council has not been issued delegation, as the proposals involve Council land and the Governor's approval is required to remove interests.
- 6 Those persons that made submissions be advised of Council's decision.
- 189 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor Martin to defer consideration of this report and each planning proposal return to Council as individual reports.

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

Councillor Kershaw's AMENDMENT then became the MOTION.

The MOTION on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR**

During debate and prior to voting on Item 1, Councillor King departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 6.29 pm to 6.30 pm.

#### ITEM 2 - ACQUISITION OF LOT 16 DP 241582, OTFORD ROAD, OTFORD

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 185).

#### COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - That -

- 1 Council acquire Lot 16 DP 241582, Otford Road, Otford, for the agreed purchase price of \$55,000 (plus GST if applicable). The land is required for passive open space land as per the Land Reservation Acquisition Map in the Wollongong Local Environment Plan 2009.
- Council be responsible for the land owners reasonable costs associated with the sale for eg legal costs under the terms of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
- 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 the resolution.



#### ITEM 3 - PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE OF PART OF DOMVILLE ROAD, OTFORD

MOVED Councillor Cox seconded Councillor Blakey that Council not approve the road closure and sale of part of Domville Road, Otford.

At this stage, Councillor Colacino FORESHADOWED A MOTION should Councillor Cox's Motion be defeated.

The MOTION on being PUT to the VOTE was LOST.

#### In favour Councillors Cox and Blakey

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

Following the defeat of Councillor Cox's Motion, Councillor Colacino's FORESHADOWED MOTION became the MOTION.

# 190 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Colacino seconded Councillor Walters that –

- 1 Council approve the road closure and sale of part of Domville Road, Otford, to the adjoining owner of Lot 221 DP 717685.
- 2 Council approve a sale price of \$35,000 (GST inclusive) for the subject road.
- 3 The owner of Lot 221 DP 717685 be responsible for all costs associated with the road closure and sale.
- 4 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 the resolution.

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

#### Against Councillors Cox and Blakey

# ITEM 4 - PROPOSED DEDICATION OF LOWER COAST ROAD, STANWELL PARK AND ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE OF PORTION OF LOWER COAST ROAD ADJOINING LOT 49 DP 7664 NO 68 LOWER COAST ROAD

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 185).

#### COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - that -

- 1 In accordance with Section 16 of the Roads Act 1993, Council approve the dedication as public road of Lower Coast Road, Stanwell Park, as shown shaded dark grey on Attachment 1 to the report, by the publication of a notice in the NSW Government Gazette.
- 2 Council consent to the closure of the portion of Lower Coast Road, Stanwell Park, as shown hatched on Attachment 2 to the report, and upon closure, the land be classified as Operational land under the Local Government Act 1993.
- 3 Subject to formal closure, Council authorise the sale of the subject portion of Lower Coast Road, Stanwell Park, as shown hatched on the attached plan to the report, to the adjoining landowners, or their nominee, on the following conditions:
  - a Purchase price of \$250,000 (GST inclusive).
  - b The purchasers be responsible for all costs associated with the road closure and sale, including valuation, survey, plan lodgement, legal and transfer costs, including Council's reasonable legal fees.



4 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 the resolution.

# ITEM 5 - CONNECTING NEIGHBOURS GRANTS (PILOT) 2017-2018 EVALUATION REPORT

- 191 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor D Brown seconded Councillor Martin that
  - The Pilot Program continue, with a second round of funding in February 2019, using the existing 2018-2019 financial year budget allocation of \$10,000.
  - The Connecting Neighbours Grant Program be integrated into the Financial Assistance Policy at the completion of the second round of funding.
  - Funding of \$10,000 be made available to the community through the Connecting Neighbours Grant Program in February and September each year.
  - 4 A final Evaluation Report of the Connecting Neighbours Grants (Pilot) be provided as an Information Note upon completion.

# ITEM 6 - ADMINISTRATION OF 2020 ELECTIONS OF LORD MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 185).

#### COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - That -

- Pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) ("the Act") Council enter into an election arrangement by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.
- Pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, Council enter into a council poll arrangement by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.
- Pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s. 18, Council enter into a constitutional referendum arrangement by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.
- The contract be finalised no later than 11 June 2019 (15 months before the scheduled election).
- Authority be granted to affix the Common Seal of Council to the contract document and any other documentation, should it be required to give effect to this resolution.



#### **ITEM 7 - DECEMBER 2018 FINANCIALS**

- 192 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor King seconded Councillor Cox that
  - 1 The update on financials be received and noted.
  - 2 Council approve an increase in the capital budget of \$7.8M that is fully supported by corresponding level of funding from restricted assets.

#### ITEM 8 - STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 185).

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - That Council receive the Statement of Investment for November and December 2018.

# ITEM 9 - THE CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE ELECTRONIC MEETING - WOLLONGONG CRITERIUM - ENDEAVOUR DRIVE, WOLLONGONG

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 185).

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - That in accordance with the powers delegated to Council, the Minutes and recommendations of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee Electronic Meeting held on 14 January 2019 in relation to Regulation of Traffic be adopted.

#### **CLOSED COUNCIL SESSION**

The Lord Mayor called for a motion to close the meeting for consideration of Item C1 Lord Mayoral Minute – General Manager Position: Appointment of Acting General Manager in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d(I)) of the Local Government Act 1993.

- COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Figliomeni seconded Councillor Martin that the meeting move into Closed Session to consider Item C1 Lord Mayoral Minute General Manager Position: Appointment of Acting General Manager in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d(I)) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that
  - 1 This item be considered in Closed Session under Section 10A 2(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.
  - 2 On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information supplied outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting.
  - To meet requirements of section 336(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council appoint a senior member of staff to act in the position of General Manager of Wollongong City Council until a suitable candidate is appointed. The report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.



Prior to moving into Closed Session, the Lord Mayor advised members of the gallery that Item C1 Lord Mayoral Minute – General Manager Position: Appointment of Acting General Manager relates to the personnel matters concerning particular individuals and the report is classified as Confidential for the following reasons –

- Section 10A 2(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, permits the meeting to be closed to the public, as the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals.
- 2 In accordance with Section10A (4) of the Local Government Act, the Lord Mayor invited members of the gallery to make representations to the Council meeting as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed.

No submissions were received from the press or members of the gallery.

At this stage, the time being 7.28 pm members of the press and gallery departed the Council Chambers.

The meeting moved into Closed Session, the time being 7.28 pm.

# ITEM C1 - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - GENERAL MANAGER POSITION: APPOINTMENT OF ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

- 194 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Bradbery that Greg Doyle be appointed Acting General Manager until the position is filled.
- 195 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the Motion of Councillor Figliomeni seconded Councillor Martin that the meeting move out of Closed Session and into Open Council.

Council resumed into Open Session at 7.50 pm.

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting of Council's Resolution whilst in Closed Session (refer to Minute No 194).

#### THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.51 PM

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Chairperson	



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#### ITEM B LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - NSW GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF MUSIC FESTIVALS

Wollongong Council is committed to safety and best practice risk management at music festivals. Our staff work with event organisers and key NSW Government agencies including NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, NSW Health and Roads and Maritime Services to ensure good risk management is in place around events happening in our local area.

In recent years Wollongong City Council has worked collaboratively with the local music industry in the Illawarra to develop local events, our Night Time Economy, and the venue based music industry. This has been recognised in last year's Parliamentary Inquiry into the music and arts economy in NSW.

In December 2018 the NSW Government released the Interim Guidelines for Music Festival Event Organisers: Music Festival Harm Reduction. It is understood that the Interim Guidelines are to be revised and finalised, following further feedback, in preparation for a new music festival licence application process to be introduced by NSW Liquor & Gaming from March 2019.

The Interim Guidelines include a Health Risk Assessment for Planned Events and provides a rating from low to extreme risk. Events with an 'extreme risk' assessment will need to consider a range of additional harm minimisation approaches. The Illawarra Folk Festival would be deemed high risk under the current risk assessment matrix, which is absurd considering it has been running for 34 years without one major incident. Conversely, a concert featuring a band popular with the 18 – 29 year old age demographic is considered low risk under the current risk assessment tool.

On 6 February 2019, the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority held a briefing for organisers of festival events. This briefing has created some confusion as to what the legislation will look like and when it will be introduced. At this point Councils have not been invited to attend a briefing on this issue and advice from Liquor and Gaming NSW indicates that regulatory bodies, including Councils, are not expected to attend future consultations. This is concerning given that music festivals are tourist attractors and economic drivers for Wollongong and the Illawarra.

This year the Illawarra Folk Festival attracted 10,000 patrons over its three days and delivered \$3.4 million into the local economy. The Yours and Owls festival began as a small scale festival by a group of young locals four years ago and attracted 1,200 patrons to their first event. This year the two day festival welcomed over 20,000 patrons, with nearly half of the tickets being sold from those out of region, and delivered \$4.3 million into the local economy. This event has been a success story as it has grown through tailored guidance from Wollongong City Council, NSW Police and designated mentors. Corona Sunsets was held on North Beach in December, a sold out event for 8,000 patrons who delivered \$1.9 million into the local economy. This event is held four times around the world each year and had a live stream which was viewed by over 1 million people on the day of the event alone.

Depending on an events perceived risk rating under the Interim Guidelines, local police will require the event organiser to have a number of 'pay police' present to assist in managing antisocial behavior. This is in addition to the contracted security guard quota required for any licenced event (2 security for the first hundred people, then 1 security for every hundred people thereafter). The net impact is increasing running costs for events, making small to mid-size music events unviable in many cases.

The *Don't Kill the Music* group has been established by members of the music and festival industry to call for well-considered Government regulation of music events. The group requests that State Government:

- stops killing live music in NSW
- forms a music regulation roundtable to review all regulation impacting live music
- immediately undertakes a Regulatory Impact Statement for any regulation impacting music festivals
- develops an industry standard with full transparency for user-pays policing and medical services; and
- works with the music industry to develop robust, effective and achievable safety protocols for festivals.

It is appropriate that Wollongong City Council makes its position known on this issue.

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### I therefore recommend that:

- 1 Wollongong City Council, as a matter of urgency, write to the Premier for NSW, other relevant Ministers and Government agencies to:
  - a Highlight the significant cultural and economic benefits that music festivals provide in regional areas, especially in Wollongong and the Illawarra.
  - b Express concern about potential implications for Wollongong tourism and cultural events from the proposed introduction of blanket regulation for music festivals and outdoor concerts.
  - Call for a hold on the implementation of the Interim Guidelines for Music Festival Event Organisers until further engagement and feedback from stakeholders is addressed.
  - d Request that the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority engage with stakeholders, including Wollongong Council, prior to the framing of legislation to introduce a new music festival licence application process.
  - e Request that NSW Police, Health agencies and local government, in consultation with music event organisers, develop a financially sustainable industry standard for user pays policing and medical services at events.
  - f Support the demands that the *Don't Kill Live Music* industry group has submitted to the NSW Government.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.



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#### ITEM A

#### NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR COX - 2023 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP HOSTING BID

Councillor Cox has submitted the following Notice of Motion – "I formally

move that Council -

- 1 Note that Australia, through the Football Federation Australia (FFA), has submitted a bid to host the 2023 Women's (soccer) World Cup.
- Write to the NSW and Federal Minister for Sport, the NSW Minister for sport and the Football Federation Australia to express an interest in Wollongong being a host city for the 2023 Woman's World Cup."

#### **Background provided by Councillor Cox:**

Australia via the Football Federation Australia (FFA), with Federal Government backing officially launched a bid for the Women's World Cup 2023 in October 2018.

The decision on the winning bid will be made by FIFA on June 5, 2019 at the start of the Women's World Cup (WWC), in France.

There are currently no other official bidders, however it is likely Japan and South Africa will place official bids. Australia has a reasonable chance to outbid these nations.

The Australian Bid slogan is #GetOnSide and the website is <a href="www.ausbid2023.com">www.ausbid2023.com</a>.

The venues and host cities for a possible WWC in Australia are still all yet to be determined. However, we should assume stadiums in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth will likely be put forward for use. Cities such as Canberra, Newcastle, Adelaide and Wollongong have stadia and facilities which are close to FIFA standard, but all would likely require some upgrades to meet seating and or capacity requirements.

A good example to raise is France 2019 host city Valenciennes in northern France. Lying in the industrial heartland of northern France with a city population of around 40,000 and a metro regional population of nearly 400,000 there are many similarities with the Illawarra, and their stadium with a seated capacity of 25,000 will host a number of group games (Including Australia V Italy on 9th June) and a World Cup quarter final.

WIN Stadium currently has a capacity of 23,000 with around 13,000 seats undercover. The eastern hill would likely need additional seating capacity installed to meet FIFA requirements. Such an improvement, temporary or permanent, would increase the fully seated capacity to between 25,000 and 30,000. This is the perfect size venue for WWC cup group games, and up to and including quarter finals. This would be an opportunity to seek government funding to upgrade the seating, facilities and sustainability of the existing stadium.

Wollongong is also well placed to be a home base for teams during the group phase with improved local training facilities and proximity to games played in Sydney. The access to Albion Park regional airport should also be a draw card. If some relatively minor improvements can be made to WIN Stadium and local training facilities, Wollongong will be in the running for many more opportunities to host international, and national sporting events that require a medium sized rectangular stadium. This is a huge opportunity for our city in the short and long term.



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#### ITEM 1 PROPOSED NAMING OF UNNAMED RESERVE AT WONGAWILLI

The local Dharawal word of 'Garreeaira' is proposed for unnamed Community land formally known as Lot 329 DP 1207443, Wongawilli. The previous 'Karreuaira' proposal was placed on exhibition in July and August 2017 and received support from Council's Aboriginal Reference Group, Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee, and the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council. The Karreuaira proposal was endorsed by Council at its 11 December 2017 meeting but then subsequently rescinded at the 3 April 2018 meeting due to concerns relating to difficulty in pronunciation.

This report outlines the outcome of the 3 April 2018 resolution and in accordance with the Naming of Community Facilities and Parks (including Sports Grounds and Natural Areas) Policy, Council endorsement is sought to apply to the Geographical Names Board to formally assign the name 'Garreeaira Reserve' to Lot 329 DP 1207443.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Council endorse the application to the Geographical Names Board of NSW to formally assign the name 'Garreeaira Reserve' over Lot 329 DP 1207443.

#### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Peter Coyte, Manager Property and Recreation

Authorised by: Kerry Hunt, Director Community Services - Creative and Innovative City

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Site Plan Garreeaira Reserve Lot 329 DP 1207443
- 2 Letter to Geographical Names Board advising of Rescission Motion
- 3 Minutes 22 August 2018 Aboriginal Reference Group
- 4 Letter of Support Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council

#### **BACKGROUND**

The State Government's Geographical Names Board (GNB) assigns place names under the Geographical Names Act 1996. Council working within the confines of the Local Government Act 1993 has no vested power to determine place names, rather it advises the GNB of its preference. To this end, the GNB in determining appropriate place names, seeks Council's endorsement of naming proposals.

The GNB Place Naming Policy encourages Aboriginal names as the name to be used for any feature that currently does not have a name recognised by the GNB. This policy is designed to encourage and promote recognition of Aboriginal place names and to foster the more frequent and official use of these names, particularly for places where the names have not been assigned as geographical names.

The GNB requires that geographical names shall be easy to pronounce, spell and write, and preferably not exceed three words. An exception to this is in the use of Aboriginal names when it is accepted that a traditional name may at first appear to be complex but will, over time, become more familiar and accepted by the community.

Council's policy for naming of Community land is the Naming of Community Facilities and Parks (including Sports Grounds and Natural Areas) Policy which outlines the:

- Criteria for place naming requests; and
- Procedure, including stakeholder and community engagement.



Under this policy, Council will consider the naming of parks, sportsgrounds, natural areas and general community use lands based on the following:

- Names of Aboriginal origin and indigenous significance to the local area;
- Botanical reference native to the area;
- Historical or cultural significance to the local area; and
- Geographical relevance of the immediate area.

In February 2016, Council was approached by Sheargold Property Development Pty Ltd (the developer) to support the naming of the Reserve as "Bankbook Park" referencing the suburbs link to the miners' settlement on the nearby hill.

Council publically exhibited the developer's naming proposal 'Bankbook Park' from 29 August to 26 September 2016. Following the exhibition, 11 submissions were received with four submissions not supporting the proposal with two submissions noting the name 'Bankbook Hill' as a derogative term and insulting to the poorer miners and families that lived in subsidised and makeshift homes that lived on 'the hill'. It is noted the State Government's GNB guidelines will not support proposals that are offensive or likely to cause offence.

One of the four non-supportive submissions received was from the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council (ILALC) requesting Council consider an Aboriginal name for the park. Following this feedback, Council officers undertook research for potential local Aboriginal names that had an association with the site.

It was identified that there was a significant Moreton Bay Fig Tree that is to be retained on the proposed reserve. The tree is listed within the Wollongong Local Environment Plan 2009 as an item of local significance.

At Council's Aboriginal Reference Group meeting on 23 November 2016, the group reviewed the park name proposal. The reference group agreed with the recommendation that an Aboriginal word for Moreton Bay Fig Tree 'Karreuaira' be proposed for the park naming instead of the proposed name 'Bankbook Park'. The group advised that it would obtain feedback from the ILALC and appropriate Aboriginal Elders to verify the word 'Karreuaira' for Moreton Bay Fig.

On 16 December 2016, ILALC confirmed that the GNB "was adamant that any naming of parks, landmarks or other facilities in the area should have as the first priority recognition of the traditional custodians of this land in their name" and therefore the request to use 'Karreuaira' met its requirements.

Given the community feedback on the earlier proposed naming 'Bankbook Park' and acknowledging the feedback from ILALC, the Aboriginal Reference Group and the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee, on 31 January 2017 Council's Executive Management Committee [EMC] recommended that following confirmation of the pronunciation, that EMC authorise the public exhibition of the proposed name 'Karreuaira Reserve'.

Subsequent to the public exhibition period, on 22 October 2017, Council received a further group submission on the proposal from the Wongawilli Residents Committee, where the committee favoured the earlier proposed name Bankbook Park noting its link to the European and mining history of the site.

Following lengthy community engagement and support from the Aboriginal Reference Group and the ILALC, Council at its 11 December 2017 meeting endorsed 'Karreuaira' Reserve as the proposed name for Lot 329 DP 1207443. On 18 December 2017 the naming proposal was submitted to the GNB for consideration.

On 13 March 2018 the GNB met and considered the proposal for Karreuaira Reserve and resolved to defer the proposal pending clarification of the pronunciation. The board also noted that it has requested its Aboriginal Language Counsellor, Dr Jakelin Troy, to contact Council to discuss the naming proposal. The board also requested a sound file of the pronunciation.



Council's 11 December 2017 endorsement of Karreuaira Reserve was subsequently rescinded at the 3 April 2018 meeting due to concerns relating to difficulty in pronunciation. Council also resolved (Item 44):

- 1 Council advise the Geographical Names Board of the Rescission Motion.
- 2 A detailed briefing be provided on the processes undertaken in the naming of the park.
- 3 The Aboriginal Reference Group be advised of Council's decision and be included in the consultation before the matter returns to Council.
- 4 The matter come back to Council.

Council officers in turn have pursued all the requirements of the 3 April 2018 Rescission Motion. During this process the Aboriginal Reference Group and ILALC were made aware of the concerns relating to pronunciation and confirmed and recommended to change the spelling to have the reserve named "Garreeaira" not "Karreuaira" to enable it to be spelt as it is pronounced "Garr-ee-aira".

During this time, Council also received requests from the developer to also consider the name Bankbook Park.

#### **PROPOSAL**

Noting the extensive community consultation on naming proposals on this site and the advice received from the ILALC, the Aboriginal Reference Group and the GNB on the proposed name 'Garreeaira', it is now recommended that Council authorise the proposed naming of this park 'Garreeaira' Reserve. The new spelling maintains the integrity of the previous Aboriginal name proposal whilst supporting the authentic pronunciation "Garr-ee-aira" of the word.

Should Council endorse the name, Council officers will proceed with a formal application to the GNB to assign the name 'Garreeaira Reserve'.

Should the GNB support and gazette naming proposal, interpretative signage will be developed in consultation with ILALC and installed to assist the community in understanding the significance of the name and to identify the name of the language group from which the name originated. This approach is consistent with the NSW GNB Policy and Guidelines.

#### CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

#### **NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB)**

Council on 26 April 2018 advised the GNB of outcomes of Item 43 of the 3 April 2018 meeting. The GNB advised that it will place on hold the Karreuaira Reserve proposal and await Council's clarification.

In line with the GNB correspondence, Council staff contacted Dr Jakelin Troy (Aboriginal linguist and adviser to the GNB) to discuss the naming proposal.

Dr Troy noted with the Karreuaira proposal that given the proposed spelling, there could be multiple ways of pronouncing the name and highlighted that difficult spelling of a place name can be problematic for emergency service responses. In this regard, Dr Troy advised:

- In Aboriginal language, spelling with a G or K is interchangeable;
- The local Aboriginal community needs to agree on pronunciation;
- Preference is for spelling that supports the authentic pronunciation of the word ie consider spelling Karreuaira name with a G; and
- The spelling should align with the principles of English spelling so that an English literature person can easily interpret the written word.



#### **Councillor Briefing**

Councillors received detailed briefings on the park naming proposal on the 12 June 2018 and 26 November 2018 regarding the history of the proposal, processes undertaken, and the results of work undertaken with regard to Item 44 of the 3 April 2018 resolution.

#### **Aboriginal Reference Group**

Members of the Aboriginal Reference Group were advised of Council's 3 April 2018 Resolution by email on 6 April 2018. The matter was discussed at the 22 August 2018 meeting whereby the reference group agreed to the change of name to '*Garreeaira*' allowing it to be spelt as it is pronounced, and that the new spelling be forwarded to the ILALC for confirmation. The group also suggested that interpretative signage be installed at the reserve acknowledging and explaining the Aboriginal meaning of the name.

#### Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council Support

Following the Aboriginal Reference Group meeting, the ILALC was advised of the group's decision. To this end, a letter of support for the proposed naming of Garreeaira Reserve for the subject site was received from the Land Council on the 23 October 2018.

The letter indicated ILALC's support of the Dharawal name for the Moreton Bay Fig, a tree of significance to their culture and whose presence is felt on the reserve at Wongawilli. ILALC acknowledged that traditionally in Aboriginal language the use of 'G' and 'K' has been used interchangeably. ILALC noted the advice from the GNB and Council's Aboriginal Reference Group and that the name is spelt with a 'G' to align with its pronunciation "Garr-ee-aira".

A sound file of the correct pronunciation was also provided for future reference of Council and the GNB.

The letter was tabled at the Aboriginal Reference Group meeting on the 28 November 2018.

#### Correspondence with Developer (Subsequent to 3 April 2018 Resolution)

On the 23 July 2018 the developer wrote to Council requesting reconsideration of the proposed name Bankbook Park accompanied by the original naming application and another copy of the October 2017 petition encompassing multiple issues including tree removals and a development application. The developer was advised that Council officers continue to work through the Council resolution. On 21 September 2018 Council staff advised the developer of the Aboriginal Reference Group's desire for the name 'Garreeaira' to be used at the reserve at Wongawilli. On 8 October 2018 a further request from the developer was received to have Council fast track the naming of Bankbook Park.

#### 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 the following:

	Community Strategic Plan		very Program 2018-2021	Operational Plan 2018-19		
	Strategy		3 Year Action	Operational Plan Actions		
3.3	Partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and culturally and linguistically diverse communities and schools	3.3.2.1	Deliver and support a range of projects and programs which build harmony, understanding and cultural awareness	Collaborate in joint projects with local Aboriginal organisations and the community.		
4.1.3	3 Government continue to partner with our local Aboriginal community	4.1.3.1	Council continue to partner with our local community	Identify additional opportunities for working in partnership with the local Aboriginal community.		
4.1.	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	Deliver a diverse range of community engagement opportunities to inform and guide development and delivery of Council business.		



Given the extensive engagement on naming proposals for the reserve it is considered that the proposed aboriginal naming represents a minor change to the previous "Karreuaira" proposal and remains consistent with the objectives of Council's Community Recognition Program Policy and Naming of Community Facilities and Parks (including Sports Grounds and Natural Areas) Policy.

It is also noted, Council at its meeting on 29 January 2019, resolved to review its signage practice so it includes the local Indigenous language on signage such as suburbs, parks and significant landmarks for example Mt Keira and Lake Illawarra.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Following any subsequent approval by the GNB, Council would be required to install park signage which is estimated to cost \$3,500 which will be funded operationally from the existing budget.

#### CONCLUSION

In accordance with Council's Naming of Community Facilities and Parks (including Sports Grounds and Natural Areas) Policy, the local Dharawal name of 'Garreeaira' is proposed for the unnamed community land in Wongawilli formally known as Lot 329 DP 1207443.

Noting the extensive community consultation regarding the proposal and the advice received from the GNB, the ILALC and the Aboriginal Reference Group on the proposed name 'Garreeaira', Council endorsement is now sought to apply to the GNB to formally assign Lot 329 DP 1207443 as 'Garreeaira Reserve' under the Geographical Names Act 1996.







### **WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL**

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9 April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

#### RESCISSION MOTION - PROPOSED PARK NAMING - KARREUAIRA RESERVE

I write to advise the Geographical Names Board of Council's decision on Monday 3 April 2018 to rescind the proposed naming of 'Karreuaira Reserve' at Wongawilli. Council staff will undertake further community engagement regarding this matter including with Council's Aboriginal Reference Group and Councillors. Upon finalisation of this process, a further report will be brought back to Council seeking resolution of this matter.

Please contact me should you require further information.

This letter is authorised by

Peter Coyte Manager Property and Recreation Wollongong City Council Telephone (02) 4227 7111



# MINUTES ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP



2.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST 2018

PRESENT			
Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery	Aunty Bev Armer		
Cr Vicky King (3.10pm)	Leanne Olive		
APOLOGIES			
Aunty Sharralyn Robinson	Uncle Richard Archibald		
IN ATTENDANCE			
Armando Reviglio (Chair)	Mark Bond – Recreation Services Manager		
Kristeen Sandercock (Minutes)	Steve Maidment – Recreation and Open Space Project Officer		
Kerry Hunt – Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development	Susan Wardle – Public Relations Manager		
Karina Ponne – Legal Counsel Erina Kilpatrick – Planning Lawyer	Vanni De Luca – Environment and Conservation Service Manager		

- 1 WELCOME Chair
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Chair
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil
- 4 APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Aunty Sharralyn Robinson and Uncle Richard Archibald
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2018 ACCEPTED
  - Item 10.3. Smoking Ceremony List Uncle Gerald Brown can conduct smoking ceremonies
  - Brad Bevis cannot conduct smoking ceremonies and his name is to be removed from list.
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - Item 8.4. Cultural Plan Kiosha contacted groups now completed.
- 7 KARREUAIRA PARK NAME UPDATE MARK BOND / STEVE MAIDMENT
  - For the new reserve located in the new housing development in Wongawilli ILALC had supported to name the Reserve 'Karreuaira' Reserve, (a local Aboriginal word meaning Fig Tree) as there is a predominate figtree onsite.
  - This was publically exhibited and was considered at Council meeting on 11 December 2017 and was endorsed by Council.





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- In February 2018, the Geographical Names Board (GNB) NSW sought clarification around the pronunciation of Karreuaira and their preference for an Aboriginal word. Jakelin Troy from GNB has requested a "sound file" for the correct pronunciation. Other factors the GNB consider in selecting a name is in the event of an emergency, a name chosen needs to be easily pronounced that Emergency Services have the correct address information to attend as quickly as possible.
- At its March meeting, Council rescinded its resolution of 11 December 2017 Outcome of Exhibition of Proposed Naming of Karreuaira Reserve Wongawilli.

Following the Notice of Rescission being carried, the following resolution was carried -

- Council advise the GNB of the rescission motion.
- A detailed briefing be provided on the processes undertaken in the naming of the park.
- The Aboriginal Reference Group be advised of the Aboriginal Land Councils decision and be included in the consultation before the matter returns to Council.
- The matter returns to Council.
- On 12 June Council received a briefing with Councillor concerns around the pronunciation of the name.
- The matter was discussed at today's Aboriginal Reference Group meeting for the Reserve to be called 'Garreeaira' not Karreuaira. This would allow for it to be spelt as it is pronounced – 'Garr-ee-air-a'.
- Aunty Bev Armer and Leanne Olive agreed to change of name as 'Garreeaira' CONFIRMED
- It was suggested that an interpretive sign be placed at the Reserve acknowledging and explaining the Aboriginal
  meaning of the name and the reason to spell it as Garreeaira for ease of pronunciation and not Karreuaira.
- It was agreed to take the new name back to the Aboriginal Land Council and their decision will be relayed to the Reference Group members once received.
- Once confirmed, name to be taken back to Wollongong City Council Meeting.
- Cr Vicky King noted (after 3.10pm) that interpretive signing is lacking in the Wollongong LGA.
- She explained to the Aboriginal Reference Group that her rescission motion was no reflection of the support of
  Aboriginal names but rather she thought the name may be better placed in a larger more significant area of the
  LGA. She also thought that the name Karreuaira may have been used at another park in Reid town (near Fern
  Hill). The view of the Aboriginal Reference Group was that the GNB would have taken this into account so it
  must be alright to use the name Garreeaira as they are supportive of that word for Wongawilli.
- Reference Group members explained that there are at least 4 main language groups within the Aboriginal
  community in the Illawarra and as such a suburb may need to have 1 to 4 names to represent each language of
  the area.
- Cr Vicky King will bring a motion to Council to develop "interpretive signage" across the LGA.

#### 8 LAKE ILLAWARRA COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

- All current members of the Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee end on 31 October 2018.
- New representatives are to nominate for the new Committee and Wollongong Council's Aboriginal Reference Group has one representative position on the committee
- The current representative is Aunty Sharralyn Robinson and it was agreed at today's meeting she continue to be the representative unless she is unavailable. Chair to confirm with Aunty Sharralyn.
- 9 DRAFT WOLLONGONG BOTANICAL GARDEN MASTERPLAN & MOUNT KEIRA SUMMIT PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – VANNI DE LUCA
  - · Vanni explained about the Draft Botanic Gardens Masterplan:
    - what it's about
    - o what is the plan for the next 20 years?
  - · This Draft document includes information from Community feedback.
  - Document is on public exhibition at present until 3 September 2018.

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Please encourage your friends and contacts to view the Masterplan and provide feedback.

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- DRAFT MOUNT KEIRA SUMMIT PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT is not on public exhibition.
- Copies of this document will be circulated through the Aboriginal Community at a later date.
- Vanni acknowledged the first Consultant contracted for Mount Keira Plan of Management did not consult with the wider Aboriginal Community due to limitations in their consultancy approach.
- A second Consultant has been appointed and will conduct an extensive consultation with the Aboriginal Community.
- The Consultant has 3 main points they will follow in regard to the Aboriginal Community Consultation:
  - Respect 0
  - 0 Appreciate
  - Involve 0
- Any proposals for this site must demonstrate these points before being considered.
- A meeting in late September at the Summit Park will be held with the Aboriginal community to talk about the strategy being developed and to consult particularly around "no-go" areas.

#### EXTRA ITEM | NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATE - KARINA PONNE AND ERINA KILPATRICK

- Native Title Claim Update (ACT).
- Map handed out of individual claims. (Attached to Minutes)
- Crown Land laws have changed.
- Now managed by Local Government Councils.
- Karina is Native Title Manager for Wollongong City Council.
- It is now Council's Legislative role to manage this.
- Information about proposed activities /use of the land has to go to Native Title Board (NTBS).
- Information for the Reference Group Meeting Beck Simon's family is part of the South Coast Native Title claimant/s. As such for internal processes, she has been separated from any involvement in this area while at Council.
- Any questions should be directed to Armando Reviglio and he will pass on to Karina and the legal team.
- Council doesn't manage the Land it manages the process.
- Aboriginal Land Claims are separate to Native Titles.
- Unresolved claims being looked at by NSW Land Council.
- Refused claims can be appealed. Some in our Local Government Area fall into this category at present.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER UPDATE

- Beck Simon is the new Aboriginal Community Worker and will be working four days in the role. However she will also be working one day a week as the Aboriginal Community Transport Officer (funding for the next two years) which in effect means she is working 5 days a week covering both roles.
- Regional NAIDOC Awards dinner was held 28 July 2018 in Kiama 230 people attended.
- The 4 Councils met after the event to debrief about the success and areas for improvement for the running of the next awards dinner which will be hosted by Shoalhaven Council. It was noted that the running of the event is resource consuming for the 'host' Council each year. Looking at other ways to plan and prepare.
- Suggestion that process documentation be put together and then handed to the host Council every year. This is now being considered by the 4 organising Councils.
- The Lord Mayor suggested that the Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation (ISJO) could perhaps run the event each year and that would assist with resourcing for it.





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- The Process for Nominations for Elder of the Year needs to be improved. There have been some questions
  asked as to how the identification of nominees being regarded as an Elder was done.
- Suggested that the closing date for nominations be brought forward so more time is available for vetting each nomination.

#### 11 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Deferred to next meeting.

#### 12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting concluded at 3.30	Opm.	.30pm.
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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 28 November 2018.

2018 - Future Meeting Schedule

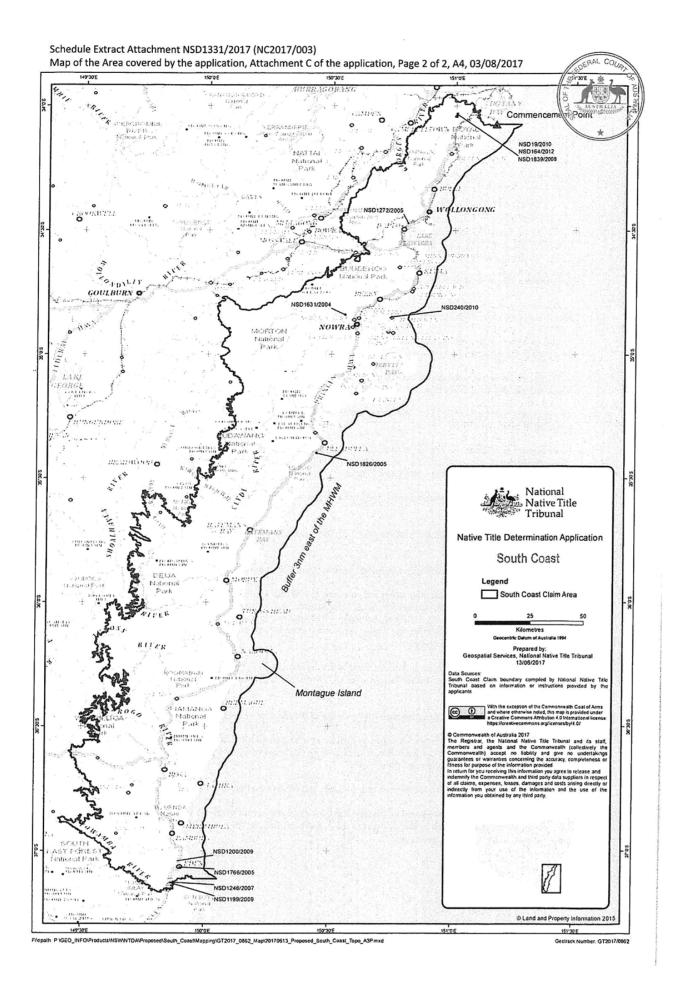
Wednesday 28 November

Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3

2pm - 4pm

#### **ACTION SUMMARY**









3 Ellen Street WOLLONGONG NSW 2500 Ph: (02) 42263338 Fax: (02) 42 263360

October 23, 2018

Dear Lord Mayor,

#### Park Naming Proposal at Wongawilli – Garreeaira Reserve

The Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council (ILALC) supports the Dharawal name for the Moreton Bay Fig; a tree of significance to our culture and whose presence is felt on the subject site. 'Garreeaira', as the preferred name for the unnamed park in Wongawilli.

Traditionally, in aboriginal languages, the use of 'G' and 'K' have been used interchangeably. However, following advice from the Geographical Names Board and Council's Aboriginal Reference Group, we agree to spell the name with a 'G' to align with its pronunciation; "Garr-ee-aira".

We now formally seek Garreeaira Reserve to be considered by Council, and if resolved in favour, formal application to the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB) to assign the name.

If you have any further queries regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,

Paul Knight

Chief Executive Officer.



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#### ITEM 2

#### DRAFT BEACH AND FORESHORE ACCESS STRATEGY 2019-2028

The draft Beach and Foreshore Access Strategy 2019-2028 provides an outline for a more planned and considered approach in the way Council can practically support people with a disability to access our beaches and foreshores.

The draft strategy was informed by research into best practice approaches across Australia and consultation with South Coast Disabled Surfers Association and key stakeholders including wheelchair users, members of the deaf and blind community and carers of people with a disability.

This report seeks Council's endorsement for the draft Beach and Foreshore Access Strategy 2019-2028 to be placed on public exhibition from 19 February 2019 to 18 March 2019 inclusive.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council endorse the public exhibition of the draft Beach and Foreshore Strategy 2019-2028 from 19 February 2019 to 18 March 2019 inclusive.
- 2 Following exhibition the final version of the draft Beach and Foreshore Strategy 2019-2028 be presented to Council for consideration and endorsement.

#### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Peter Coyte, Manager Property and Recreation

Authorised by: Kerry Hunt, Director Community Services - Creative and Innovative City

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

draft Beach and Foreshore Strategy 2019-2028

#### **BACKGROUND**

As part of the development of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016-2020 the community provided feedback that people with a disability wanted improved access to our beach and foreshore areas. It is acknowledged that improving disability access to our 17 patrolled beaches remains a key priority for Council to enable all our community to enjoy and participate in recreational and lifestyle activities that our beaches and foreshores have to offer.

To date Council has not pursued an encompassing strategic approach to access to beaches and foreshores. Our focus has relied on the provision of disability parking, disability amenities and amphibious wheelchairs at a number of beaches.

The opportunity to improve access at targeted locations will provide a co-ordinated and consistent approach to improving the accessibility of Council's beaches and foreshores.

Preparation for the draft strategy incorporated research with other local government authorities and industry providers to ascertain best practice initiatives to enhancing access to beaches. Discussions with key stakeholders and a targeted consultation were identified as the best method for gaining insight into the challenges people with disability face in accessing foreshores and beaches.

As a result of our research the following key goals have been identified for the draft Beach and Foreshore Access Strategy:

- Improve safe and accessible beach and foreshore access;
- Provide relevant and current information about our beaches and foreshores; and
- Work with partners in improving beach access.



Four beaches across the city are identified as priorities for improvement in the strategy. Austinmer, Thirroul, North Wollongong and Port Kembla have natural landform and built infrastructure to facilitate improved access to beaches.

Associated with each of the goals are specific actions to effectively deploy the strategy.

#### **PROPOSAL**

This report seeks Council's endorsement of public exhibition of the draft Beach and Foreshore Access Strategy 2019-2028 from 19 February 2019 to 18 March 2019 inclusive. The draft strategy will be made available to the community for comment and will be promoted through Council's website, libraries, customer service, social media platforms and local newspapers.

#### CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

In informing the draft Beach and Foreshore Access Strategy, Council officers pursued a range of initiatives including:

- Investigating what other councils were doing to improve access to beaches;
- Investigating what products were available to support people with accessing beaches;
- Held discussions with the South Coast Disabled Surfers Association to examine the issue:
- Undertook targeted consultations with wheelchair users and members of the deaf and blind community; and
- Engaged with the parents and carers of students at Para Meadows.

The proposed public exhibition of the draft strategy will enable the broader community to provide comment on our findings and further inform our approach.

#### PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

Improving beach and foreshore access has remained a priority for Council with investigating beach accessibility options for people with a disability as a deliverable in the 2018-2021 Annual Plan.

The draft Beach and Foreshore Strategy 2019 – 2028 also takes into account the draft Public Toilet Strategy 2019 – 2028.

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal 5 "We are a healthy community in a liveable city". It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan	Delivery Program 2018-2021	Operational Plan 2018-19	
Strategy	3 Year Action	Operational Plan Actions	
5.5 The public domain is maintained to a high standard	5.5.1 Public facilities in key locations and transport routes are maintained and clean, accessible and inviting to our community and visitors	5.5.1.1 Well maintained assets are provided that meet the needs of current and future communities	
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	Investigate Beach Accessibility options for people with Disability	

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The proposed strategic approach ensures that improving accessibility to beaches and foreshores is planned and coordinated and the improvements are equitably distributed across the three Council planning districts.



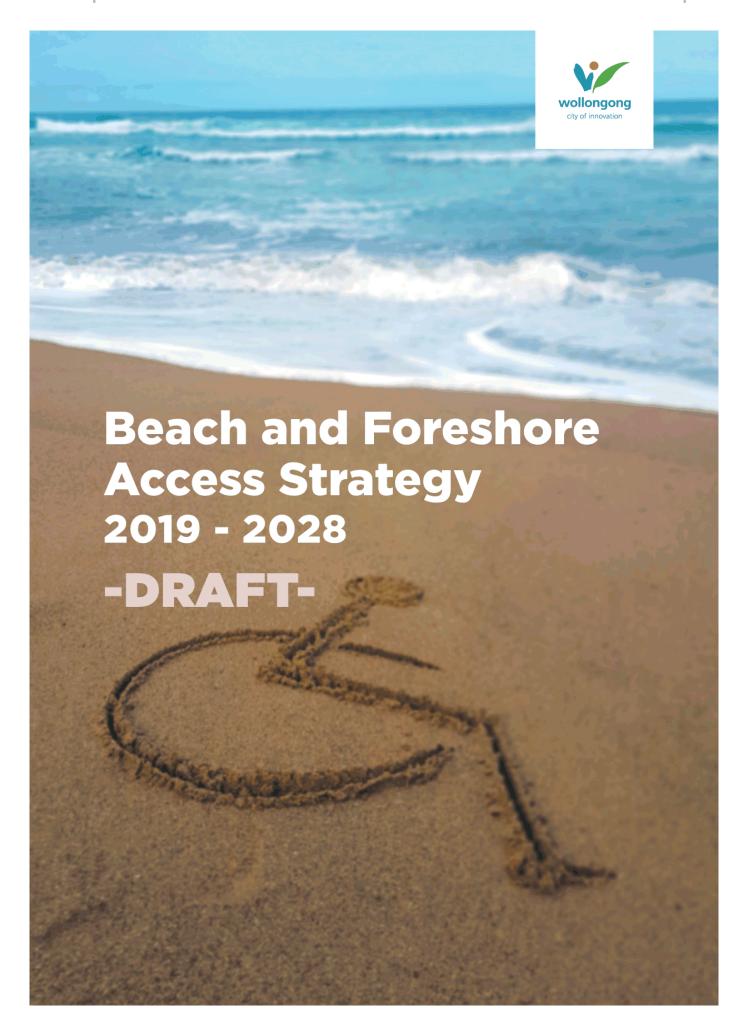
#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

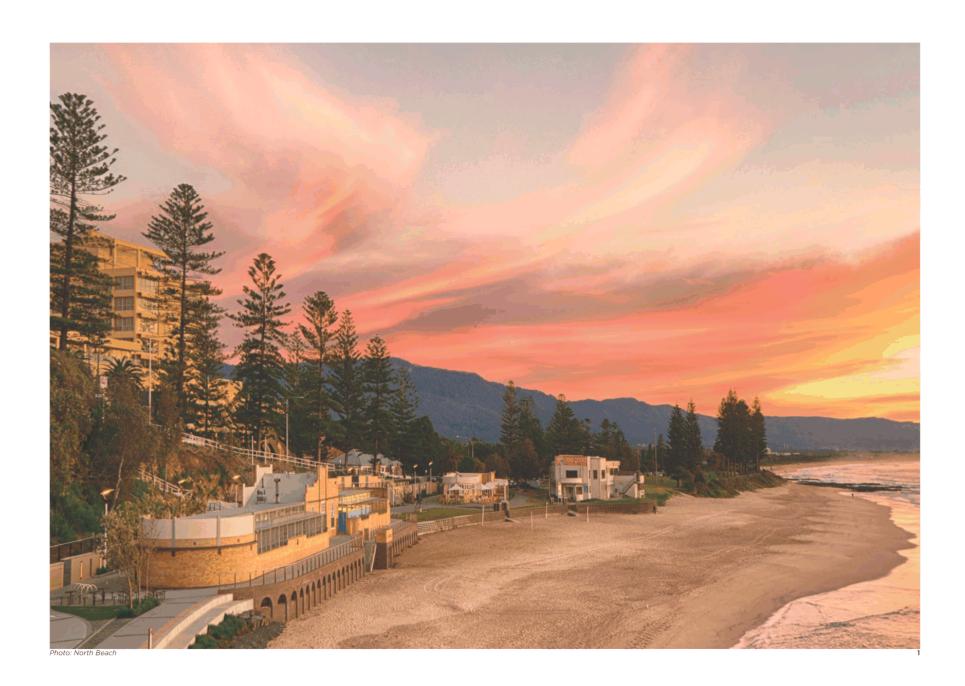
Unfunded actions will be considered as part of Council's annual budget planning process. Actions that are funded via current budget allocations will be included in Council's Annual Plan and Delivery Program. Council officers will also seek external funding opportunities to help deliver actions in this strategy.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The draft strategy demonstrates Council's commitment to providing people with a disability the opportunity to enjoy and participate in the entertainment, recreational and lifestyle activities that our beaches and foreshores offer. The draft strategy ensures that improving accessibility to beaches and foreshores is planned and co-ordinated and the improvements are equitably distributed across the three planning districts.







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#### Introduction

Wollongong's coastline stretches from Stanwell Park Beach in the north to Windang Beach in the south. It includes 17 beaches patrolled by Council's professional lifeguards and Surf Life Saving NSW volunteers. Our City's beaches and foreshores are a key part of our identity. They are highly valued by both locals and visitors and

provide an ideal setting for many recreational and lifestyle activities. In Council's 2017 Community Survey, the residents identified patrolled beaches as an area where Council 'performed extremely well'. It's only fitting we continue to invest in improving ease of access to beaches for everyone, including people with a disability.

#### Did you know?

- 1 in 5 people in Australia have some form of disability.
- 35.9% of Australia's 8.9 million households include a person with a disability.

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- 4.4% of people with a disability in Australia use a wheelchair.
- 1 in 6 Australians are affected by hearing loss. There are approximately 30,000 Deaf Auslan users with total hearing loss.
- Vision Australia estimates there are currently 357,000 people in Australia who are blind or have low vision.

Source: Australian Network on Disability https://www.and.org.au/pages/disability-statistics.html. Viewed 6.8.2018



20% of Australians have some type of disability or have some difficulty getting down to the water.



85% of Australians live within 50km of the coast.

Australia State of the Environment 2016 Report: https://soe.environment.gov.au/sites/g/files/net806/f/soe2016-coasts-launch-17feb.pdf?v=1488793015

### **Definitions**

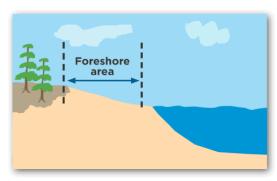
#### Beach:

An area covered with sand or small rocks that is next to an ocean or lake.



#### Foreshore:

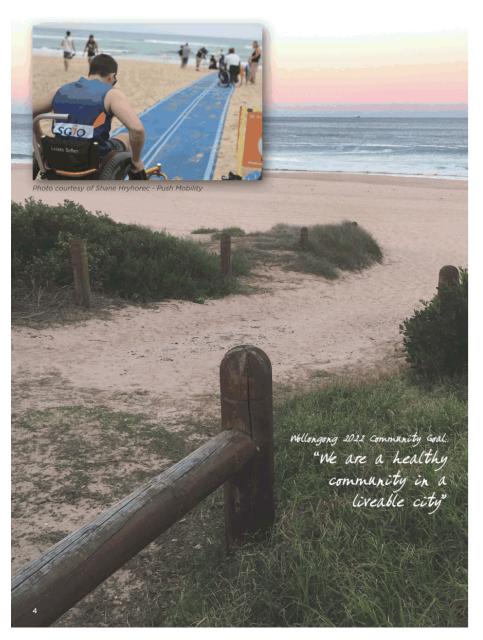
The part of a shore between the water and occupied or cultivated land.



#### Beach Access:

A continuous, unobstructed path that crosses the surface of the beach that allows pedestrians to participate in beach related activities.





## Why do we need a strategy?

In 2016, in response to the introduction of the NSW Disability Inclusion Act, Council developed a Disability Inclusion Action Plan. A consistent message from the community consultation was that people with a disability wanted improved and easier access to Council's recreational services and facilities.

Our City's foreshore areas cater for a range of entertainment, sport and recreational activities. They provide pedestrian and shared paths, playgrounds, picnic areas, toilets and showers and other supporting infrastructure. Our foreshores host many events including surf lifesaving and surfing events, Australia Day and New Year's Eve celebrations.

This Strategy will help Council meet its obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA). Under this Act, we are a 'service provider' and must consider the needs of people with a disability when developing and delivering services and facilities including our beach and foreshore areas.



Photo: Austinmer Beach promenade



Photo: Thirroul Beach

## The purpose of this strategy

This Strategy will provide a more planned and considered approach in the way Council can practically support people with a range of disabilities to access our beaches and foreshores. Improved access for people with a disability also means improved access for everyone including parents with prams and people with limited mobility.

This Strategy aligns with Council's objective to increase the health and wellbeing of our community (Wollongong 2028 Community Objective 5.1). The Strategy will guide Council in making improvements to the accessibility of beaches and foreshores and assist in allocating resources fairly across Council's three planning districts; Planning District 1 (North), Planning District 2 (Central), Planning District 3 (South).



## The challenges

It's a challenge to create and sustain accessible beaches. The dynamic and harsh environment, including changing tidal conditions, movement of sand, steep sand dunes and soft, unstable sand all make it difficult to maintain infrastructure and provide consistent access to the beach. Also, many of our existing facilities were built to the regulations of the day and don't comply with many of today's accessibility standards.





Photo: Blue Mile Tramway

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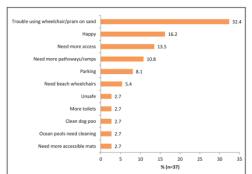
## What did we do?

- looked at what other councils were doing to improve access to their beaches.
- · looked at what products are available to support access to beaches.
- · reviewed Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Survey 2015 to see what the community told us.
- · engaged with South Coast Disabled Surfers Association and Surf Life Saving Illawarra to discuss beach accessibility.
- · held a discussion with clients of Spinal Cord Injuries Australia and the local MS Society support co-ordinator about beach accessibility.

· held discussions with members of our deaf and blind community on how beaches can be made more accessible.

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- provided the parents and carers of students at Para Meadows School with a Beach Access Questionnaire.
- provided Council's staff with the results from the consultations and a presentation from a beach access expert with lived experience.
- · ran a staff workshop to identify the beaches in our City which posed the least and greatest challenge to improving accessibility.



Comments regarding disability access to patrolled beaches.



DIAP report back and community consultation.

# What did the community tell us?

### People with a disability want:

- to be on the beach with their family and friends
- relevant information about beaches eg what is available, how to book a chair. how accessible are the facilities, what else is nearby
- beach matting so they spontaneously visit the beach and simple processes for booking beach wheelchairs
- · more accessible parking bays that are safe and closer to beach
- level continuous pathways connecting car park to the beach and to facilities
- · accessible toilets, showers and change

- · assistance for carers in transferring a person to and from a chair and safe storage for their own wheelchairs
- · visual alarms (flashing lights) to warn people that are deaf of any dangers
- to be able to access BBQs, picnic shelters, cafés
- · shade and access to drinking water
- · to be able to view the beach from parking bays
- to be able to turn up spontaneously like everybody else and access the beach
- training/education for lifequards in disability awareness

The beach wasn't part of my world, I never considered that going to the beach would be a possibility.... Wheelchair participant

Matting is easier for carers. it means less loading and unloading. A combination of matting and a beach chair.... Wheelchair participant





# What do we know about our beaches?

From the information obtained from our research, site audits and feedback from key stakeholders, Council has provided an accessibility rating on our beaches, refer to Table 1 below:

	Adequate, safe accessible parking	Accessible foreshore footpath & connectivity	Accessible toilets	Showers	Accessible BBQs, picnic shelters	Access to cafés nearby	Shade available with view of beach
Stanwell Park	**	*	**	nf	*	nf	*
Coalcliff	*	*	nf	nf	nf	nf	*
Scarborough	*	*	nf	nf	nf	nf	
Coledale	*	*	ср	*	*	nf	***
Austinmer	**	***	ср	ср	*	***	***
Thirroul	**	***	**	**	**	***	
Sandon Point	**	*	nf	nf	nf	nf	**
Bulli	**	**	*		*	***	**
Woonona	**	*	*	nf	*	**	*
Bellambi	**	*	nf	nf	nf	**	*
Corrimal	**	*	nf	*	**	***	*
Towradgi	**	*	nf	nf	**	ср	**
Fairy Meadow	**	*	nf	nf	**	nf	*
North Wollongong	**	***	***	***	***	***	***
Wollongong City	**	***	***	**	*	***	*
Port Kembla	**	**	**	**	*	***	*
Windang	*	*	nf	nf	*	nf	

Table 1: Patrolled beach precincts rated against accessibility features

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nf	No facility
ср	Currently planned

# What will we do with the information?

We've identified four beaches as priorities for access improvements: Austinmer, Thirroul, North Wollongong and Port Kembla. See Map 1. These beaches are spread across Council's three planning areas, are very popular with residents and visitors, and can safely accommodate a beach wheelchair and matting. These four beaches also offer good foreshore connectivity.

While these beaches have been identified as focus areas for access improvements other actions will be considered for all our beaches.





## What we will do?

### Improve safe and accessible beach and foreshore access.

#### We will:

- ensure disability access is part of the assessment criteria for capital works projects.
- develop a priority list of capital works with cost estimates to improve beach access in each planning district.
- develop concept designs for Austinmer, Thirroul, North Wollongong and Port Kembla Beach that consider accessible parking, amenities, ramps, connectivity and shade.
- improve accessibility at foreshore bus stops.
- develop a program of footpath upgrades that connect public transport drop off points to beach.
- undertake 'quick links' audit to identify small projects that create connectivity links.
- implement the priorities of Council's Public Toilet Strategy including installing lift and change tables at Austinmer, Thirroul and Port Kembla beaches.
- audit foreshore parking with the aim to increase accessible parking and parking bays with views to the beach/water.
- undertake a shade, seating and shelter audit of patrolled beaches.
- ensure door widths on accessible amenities accommodate a beach wheelchair.
- explore external funding opportunities to improve access

# Provide relevant and current access information about our beaches and foreshores.

#### We will:

- develop a promotion plan to promote the beach wheelchairs and matting.
- develop a webpage that promotes the access features of foreshores and beaches.
- review the current beach wheelchair usage guidelines and booking process.
- investigate an online booking system for the hiring of the chairs.
- install wayfinding signage that includes accessible amenities and parking information.

### Work with partners in improving beach access.

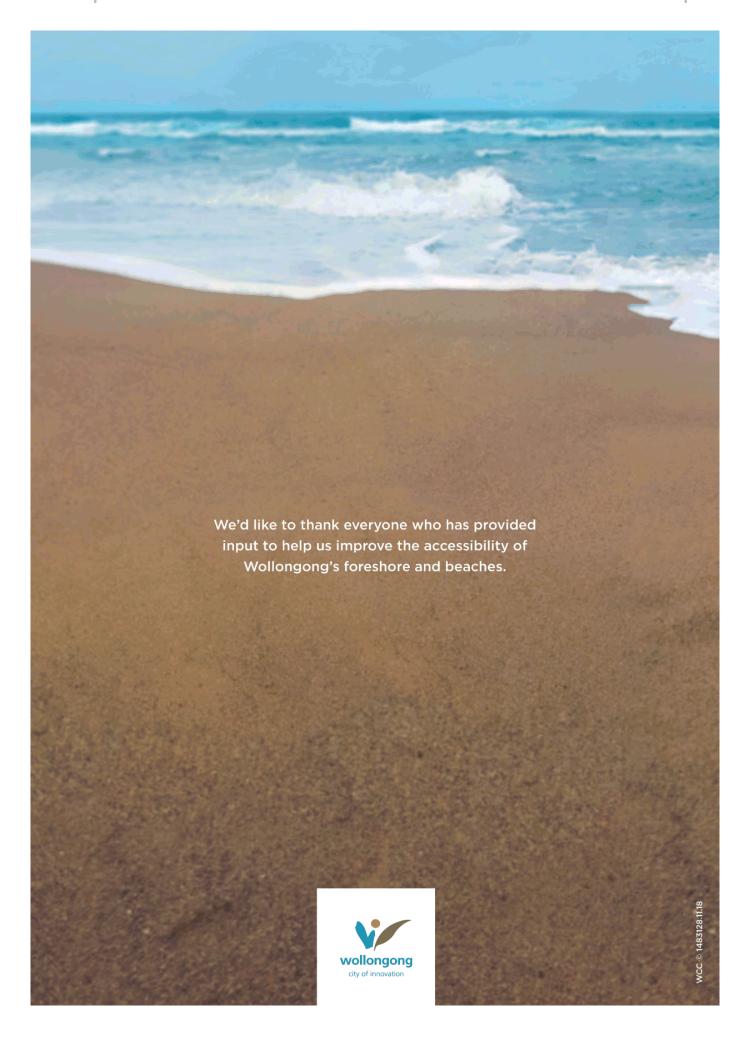
### We will:

- explore opportunities for collaborating with surf clubs
- provide disability awareness training for surf clubs and Council's lifeguards.
- explore opportunities to collaborate with organisations to provide programs at beaches.
- engage people with disability when developing foreshore plans.
- trial a 'come & try' beach matting and wheelchairs program in the three planning areas.
- provide a range of beach wheelchairs, matting and appropriate storage.



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### ITEM 3

# COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT TO HERITAGE REFERENCE GROUP

This report proposes that Council appoint Councillor Ann Martin to fill a vacancy on the Heritage Reference Group.

### RECOMMENDATION

Council appoint Councillor Ann Martin as a councillor delegate to the Heritage Reference Group until September 2019.

### 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.

### **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting on 7 May 2018, Council reformed the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee as the Heritage Reference Group, with Councillor Mithra Cox appointed as delegate and chairperson. At its meeting on 24 September 2018, Council extended Cr Cox's appointment to the reference group until September 2019, with the second councillor position remaining vacant.

Councillor Ann Martin was elected to Council in the Ward 3 by-election held on 24 November 2018. Councillor Martin has expressed an interest in appointment as a delegate to the Heritage Reference Group, in order to fill the current vacancy.

### **Heritage Reference Group**

The Wollongong Heritage Reference Group has been established to provide advice to Council on policies and strategies which relate to the management, conservation and promotion of Wollongong's heritage. The focus of the Group is to assist Council work towards the preparation and delivery of the Wollongong Heritage Strategy and Action Plan. The Group comprises people who can positively contribute to furthering these aims.

The purpose of the Heritage Reference Group is to assist and advise Council on:

- Development and delivery of a Heritage Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Provide advice on a wide range of heritage issues and projects
- Assessment of applications for Heritage Grant Funding
- Test assumptions and add rigour to project processes
- Support and facilitate communication between Council and the community on disability access issues with respect to heritage
- Advocate for the community on heritage issues raised
- Town centre and neighbourhood planning with respect to heritage
- Priorities for the implementation of policies or strategic plans in relation to heritage

The group meet bi-monthly, except where no business is identified, and have the following membership:

- Two Councillors (currently Councillor Cox, who is also chairperson and one vacancy)
- Eight independent members with wide knowledge and expertise in natural and cultural heritage



### **PROPOSAL**

This report proposes that the current councillor vacancy on the Heritage Reference Group be filled by appointment of Councillor Ann Martin.

### CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Council's Land Use Planning Manager was consulted on the need to fill this vacancy on the Heritage Reference Group.

### 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 Governance and Administration Service Plan 2018-19.

### CONCLUSION

Council's Appointment of Councillor Delegates to Committees policy, which also includes reference groups, requires a resolution of Council to appoint a Councillor delegate to a Committee. With the current vacancy, and interest shown by Councillor Martin in filling it, it is appropriate that Council either appoint Councillor Martin to the Reference Group or call for nominations to fill the current vacancy.



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## ITEM 4 EXERCISE OF DELEGATIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD - TENDERS

At its meeting of 10 December 2018, Council granted delegation to the General Manager and Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor for the determination of tenders satisfying the necessary legislative criteria, from 11 December 2018 through to 28 January 2019.

### RECOMMENDATION

Council note the exercise of delegations by the General Manager and Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor over the Christmas/New Year period.

### 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.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the ordinary meeting of 10 December 2018, Council considered a report seeking a temporary amendment to delegations with respect to acceptance (or otherwise) of tenders across the Christmas/New Year period. The tenders anticipated to be finalised during this period were included in the report as:

T18/29 - Provision of a Panel for Façade Cleaning Services to Wollongong City Council.

T18/41 - 21 Railway St, East Corrimal Building works.

- T18/42 Replacement Retaining Walls at Central Road Unanderra and Towradgi Beach Surf Life Saving Club Car Park.
- T18/45 Construct, Supply, Delivery and Installation of Two (2) Transportable Cabins to Bulli Beach Tourist Park.

T17/47 - Russell Vale Community Hall Refurbishment.

Council resolved as follows:

- 1 Council note the report on Delegations over the Christmas Period.
- Council delegate to the General Manager and the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor the authority to accept, or otherwise, tenders under Request for Tender processes between 11 December 2018 and 28 January 2019, with a report on the exercise of such delegation to be provided to the Ordinary Meeting of Council in February 2019.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the exercise of such delegation.

### **PROPOSAL**

In accordance with the delegation granted, the following tenders were determined by the General Manager and the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor.



## **Tenders Accepted**

T18/29 – Provision of a Panel for Façade Cleaning Services to Wollongong City Council

This Tender was determined on 24 January 2019. The acceptance of tenders resulted in the establishment of a Panel for Façade Cleaning Services to Council buildings, with the following suppliers appointed:

- Commercial Window Cleaning Pty Ltd and
- Transparent Access Pty Ltd.

Work is budgeted within approved operational budgets via works allocations across a range of sites and Divisions with a total budget of \$460,380.00 (excluding GST).

T18/41 - 21 Railway Street, East Corrimal Refurbishment

This tender was determined on 4 January 2019 and awarded to Batmac Constructions Pty Ltd for the internal and external refurbishment of 21 Railway Street, Corrimal in the sum of \$265,649.00 (excluding GST).

T18/42 – Replacement Retaining Walls at Central Road, Unanderra and Towradgi Beach Surf Life Saving Club Car Park

This tender was determined on 25 January 2019 and awarded to GC Civil Contracting Pty Ltd for the replacement of retaining walls at Central Road, Unanderra and Towradgi Beach Surf Life Saving Club Car Park, in the sum of \$442,476.00 (excluding GST).

T17/47 - Russell Vale Community Hall Refurbishment

This tender was determined on 25 January 2019 and awarded to Smith Zak Constructions Pty Ltd for the refurbishment works of Russell Vale Community Hall, in the sum of \$748,443.20 (excluding GST).

### **Tenders Declined**

T18/45 – Construction, Supply, Delivery and Installation of Two Cabins and Associated Works to Bulli Beach Tourist Park

This tender was determined on 25 January 2019. It was determined that all tenders received for the construction, supply, delivery and installation of two cabins and associated works to Bulli Beach Tourist Park be declined as none of the tenders was considered acceptable and Council enter into negotiations with one or all of the tenderers or any other party with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender. The reason for entering into negotiations with one or all of the tenderers or any other party and not inviting fresh tenders was that it was anticipated that a satisfactory outcome could be achieved with one of those parties who demonstrated a capacity and ability to undertake the works.

### 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 core business activities as detailed in the Governance and Administration Service Plan 2018-19.

### CONCLUSION

Council authorised the temporary delegation for determination of tenders under delegation by the General Manager and Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor across the period. Exercise of such delegation is now reported to Council in accordance with the resolution of 10 December 2018.



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## ITEM 5 POLICY REVIEW: MEDIA COUNCIL POLICY

The Media Council Policy was last adopted by Council in August 2015 and is to be reviewed within 12 months of the election of a new Council. The policy has now been reviewed and is submitted for consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

The revised Media Council Policy be adopted by Council.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

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

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1 Draft Media Council Policy

### **BACKGROUND**

Council's Media Policy is to be reviewed within the first 12 months of the term of a new Council. The policy has now been reviewed to reflect current media practice.

### **PROPOSAL**

The modifications proposed are focused on simplifying the language to make the policy more accessible and acknowledging the inclusion of digital media as a valued platform within the media landscape. The policy also references use of social media.

The policy replaces references to the "Public Relations Office" with "Media Office", in keeping with common phrasing.

### CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Communications and Engagement Manager

Office of the Lord Mayor

Council's Media Office

### 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 Communications, Engagement, Events and Signage Service Plan 2018-19.

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Ineffective media liaison is an organisational risk as it prevents information about Council related activities, news and announcements being effectively shared with our community. Further, it can have a negative impact on relationships with external stakeholders such as local, state and federal government departments and elected representatives.

Internal stakeholders also need clear direction on how Council manages and who in Council is responsible for media releases, announcements and co-ordinating opportunities.



# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The policy can be managed within the current operational budget.

# CONCLUSION

Council adopt the Media Council Policy.





ADOPTED BY COUNCIL: [TO BE COMPLETED BY CORP SUPPORT]

### **BACKGROUND**

At Wollongong City Council we value the role print, broadcast and digital media play in sharing news of Council events, activities and milestones. This Policy confirms Council's our ongoing commitment to providinge timely and accurate information to the community through positive working relationships with media outletsorganisations and via Council's digital media channels.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The main objectives of this Policy are:

- 1 To ensure that comment made to the public through the media is consistent, well informed, timely and appropriate.
- 2 To provide a coordinated, professional and consistent approach to media liaison.
- 3 To clearly indicate Council's authorised spokespersons.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

This Policy applies to all Council officers, committee members and elected officials.

Its purpose is to provide clear direction This Policy aims to provide guidance on Councillor and staff rights and responsibilities in relation to media comment.

This Policy does not limit or attempt to restrict relationships between Councillors and the media. shall not be construed to inhibit the right of any individual Councillors are free to express their own views to the media at any time.

This Policy applies to all Council officers, committee members and elected officials. The Policy It also acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of Councillors as elected representatives as outlined in the Local Government Act 1993.

This Policy shall not be construed to inhibit the right of any individual Councillors to express their own views to the media at any time.

## POLICY REVIEW AND VARIATION

- 1 Council is to have opportunity to review and adopt, at least once during its Term, each Council policy.



MEDIA COUNCIL POLICY

### STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES

Council's communication team will share Council news and information using a combination of media releases, organisational website, newsletters and official social media platforms.

- 1 The Lord Mayor and the General Manager are the official spokespersons on Council business.
- 2 The Lord Mayor may delegate Councillors to act as spokespersons for on Council business.
- 3 Councillors can provide comment to the media at any time, may choose to make comment to the media independently, ie not as a delegated spokesperson. In this instance These statements should be identified as Councillor opinion and not the position of Council.
- 4 The General Manager may nominate Council Officers to act as spokespersons in line with the Media Protocol Management Policy.
- 5 Any Council Officers contacted by the media must <u>not provide any comment and refer the enquiry to the Media</u>
  Officecontact to the Public Relations Office and not provide comment to the media.
- 6 Council staff and Councillors must not discuss staff, confidential legal advice or matters of commercial inconfidence with the media.
- 7 Breaches of this Policy will be dealt with in accordance with Wollongong City Council's Codes of Conduct.

### RELATED DOCUMENTS

Media Protocol Management Policy

Use of Confidential Information Policy

Council's Codes of Conduct



MEDIA COUNCIL POLICY

SUMMARY SHEET					
Responsible Division	Community Cultural and Economic Development				
Date adopted by Council	[To be inserted by Corporate Governance]				
Date of previous adoptions	24 August 2015				
Date of next review	[List date - Not more than 4 years from adoption]				
Legislative or other requirement for review DELETE THIS WHOLE ROW IF NOT APPLICABLE	[List review timeframe and Act, policy or review requirement]				
Responsible Manager	[Position title only - Line Manager or above]				
Authorised by	[Manager/Director's title only]				





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# ITEM 6 DRAFT QUARTERLY REVIEW STATEMENT DECEMBER 2018

The draft Quarterly Review Statement outlines the progress made to achieve Council's Our Wollongong 2028 strategic management plans, in particular the Delivery Program 2018-2021 and Operational Plan 2018-2019. It addresses the financial and operational performance of Council for the first quarter of 2018-2019. The draft Quarterly Review Statement also includes the December 2018 Budget Review Statement.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 The draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2018 be adopted.
- 2 The Budget Review Statement as at December 2018 be adopted and revised totals of income and expenditure be approved and voted.
- 3 Council approve the transfer to Waste Disposal Facilities internally restricted cash of \$1.534 million representing the forecast net improvement in operational result for the year ending 30 June 2019.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Clare Phelan, Manager Information and Improvement

Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1 Draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2018

### **BACKGROUND**

Council's draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2018 outlines the operational and financial performance of Council's Our Wollongong 2028 strategic management plans, in particular the Delivery Program 2018-2021 and Operational Plan 2018-2019.

This report also provides an overview of achievements against priority areas and demonstrates organisational performance through the inclusion of performance indicators.

In addition, the draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2018 details how Council is tracking against its budgets with a concise visual summary of Council's financial position for the quarter.

Significant highlights during the quarter include:

- Delivery of the Viva la Gong Festival and New Year's Eve celebrations.
- Corona Sunsets and Yours and Owls music events hosted.
- Significant milestones achieved in supplying permanent power to Mt Keira Summit.
- Stage 1 of Grand Pacific Walk completed.
- Wollongong announced as host of the 2022 UCI world road cycling championships.
- Illawarra-Shoalhaven Smart Water Management project awarded funding under Round 2 of the Australian Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs Program.
- 10-year anniversary of the Living Books program celebrated.

### CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation took place with Council's Executive Management Committee and Senior Management Group.

## PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

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This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal 4 "We are a connected and engaged community".

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Corporate Strategy Service Plan 2018-2019.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The review of the financial estimates at December proposes a range of adjustments that have impacted the forecast Operating Result [pre capital] but have not greatly impacted the Funds Result. The proposed variations generate an improvement of \$2.0 million in Operating Result [pre capital] and a relatively minor deterioration in the Fund Result of \$0.1 million. The improvement in the Operating Result [pre capital] includes a reduction in depreciation expense of \$1.6 million and a net improvement in waste facility operational costs of \$1.5 million that are offset by a proposed transfer of \$0.8 million funds from Capital to Operating to increase asset maintenance and other more minor adjustments.

Depreciation is a non-cash expense and, as such, does not flow onto the Funds Result. Likewise, the transfer from Capital to Operating would not impact the overall funds result. The net improvement in the waste facility operations has primarily been a result of current opportunities to use onsite material as cover. This is currently being considered as cyclical with the potential for the short term gains to be offset by costs in future periods. It is proposed, for this reason, that this gain be offset from a Funds perspective through a transfer of an equivalent amount to the Waste Disposal Facility internally restricted asset that is held for the future development, renewal and rehabilitation of waste facilities. This will be used in future periods to maintain a level of pricing stability.

Full financial performance details and implications on Council's financial position are contained within the attached Quarterly Review Statement

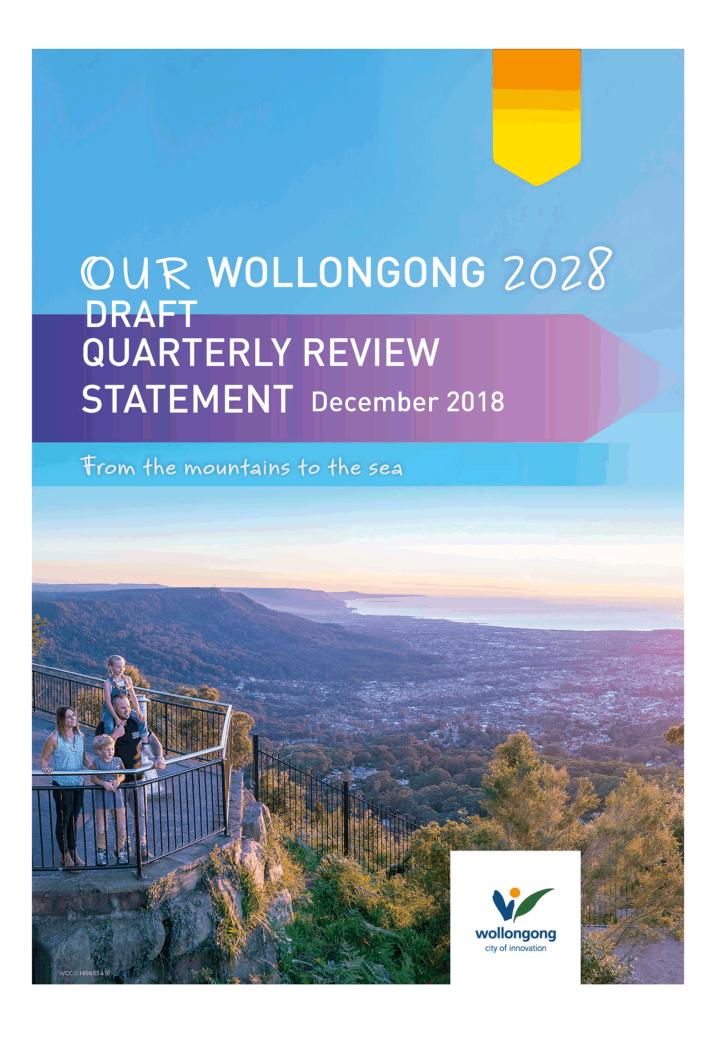
### **Supporting Documents – Planning Studies & Investigations**

Revised forecasts include a proposed reduction in the budget for floodplain management studies of \$0.1 million that are externally funded by the Office of Environment & Heritage. The Original Budget includes an estimate of expected grants and corresponding expenditure that is reviewed when funding levels are confirmed. There are also a number of more minor movements between projects with details of these provided in the schedules contained in the attached Quarterly Review Statement. Although there isn't any significant change in the budgeted position for Supporting Documents, there remains a significant challenge organisationally for these projects to be delivered in full in the current reporting period.

### CONCLUSION

This draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2018 has been prepared following input and assistance from all Divisions. It is submitted for consideration by Council.









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This Quarterly Review Statement (October to December 2018) reports on progress towards achieving the five Councillor Strategic Priorities from the Delivery Program 2018-21 and Annual Deliverables from the Operational Plan 2018-19.

Highlights and significant progress with key projects from the Operational Plan 2018-19 are reported by the six Community Goals from the Our Wollongong 2028 Community Strategic Plan.

Highlights from this quarter include:

- Delivery of the Viva la Gong Festival and New Year's Eve celebrations.
- 2 Significant milestones achieved in supplying permanent power to Mt Keira Summit.
- 3 Stage 1 of Grand Pacific Walk completed.
- Wollongong announced as host of the 2022 UCI World Road Cycling Championships.
- 5 10-Year Anniversary of the Living Books Program celebrated.

Organisational performance is also reported by the inclusion of the performance indicators which monitor the status and progress our Council programs, activities, projects, finances, people and processes.

This report also includes an overview of how Council is tracking against its budgets and expenditure. It is a concise visual summary of Council's financial situation for the quarter including budget, capital budget and expenditure. The Budget Review Statement is also included in this report.

I would like to thank all the 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 2019.

Greg Doyle General Manager [Acting]



Our Councillors have made a commitment to support our organisation and the 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 2018-22. Progress made in the December 2018 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

Council has delivered a range of activation activities in our suburbs over the quarter in partnership with our community. The Yarn Tree decoration community cultural development project at Dapto Square continued throughout during December. This project consisted of 12 creative textile workshops held with Dapto community groups including local schools, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and general public with over 100 people participating. Completed artworks were installed in December.

Council also participated in the Bellambi Community Action Planning Day on 26 October 2018. The event outlined achievements made by the community, local businesses and partner organisations to increase the sense of community strengthening in Bellambi. As a result of the day, the community clearly expressed what priority actions in Bellambi need to be undertaken by key stakeholders over the next two years.

Planning for a clean-up Bundaleer day was also undertaken, with Council partnering with Housing NSW, Mission Australia, Barnardos and Remondis to ensure the event runs smoothly. Planning also includes provision of a bulk rubbish collection service, with 16 large skip bins to be located throughout the area as well as community education about managing and recycling rubbish. Council officers have also worked closely with the community to develop a Bush Tucker Community Garden at Illawong Gardens Estate. The garden encourages local residents to both grow their own food and make more connections in their neighbourhood through gardening together. The Connecting Neighbours grant program also delivered social activation projects throughout the quarter. Evaluations and photos submitted showcase community capacity building, strengthening of local connections and getting to know neighbours.



# Activating Our Suburbs continued

During the Quarter, Council engaged with and continued to provide services to young people in Wollongong, Bellambi, Corrimal, Cringila, Bundaleer Estate, Warrawong, Koonawarra and Kanahooka. Through the Neighbourhood Youth Work Program, services were also delivered to young people in Helensburgh, Port Kembla, Berkeley and Dapto.

In addition, Council's \$400M four-year Infrastructure Delivery Program includes a suite of programs and projects that directly respond to activating and enhancing our community centres, public domain and open spaces. Further to the many footpaths, cycle ways and open space upgrades, these initiatives include streetscape and public domain improvements in Warrawong, the Wollongong Central Business District, Corrimal, Dapto, Thirroul and Helensburgh town centres. During the Quarter, the forward program has been further reviewed with planning and design of town centre streetscape works in Corrimal and Helensburgh proposed to be brought forward.

While the overall strategic priority remains on track, a revised program for a number of town and village plans is being prepared for consideration.



# 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

Delivery of the Urban Greening Strategy continues in accordance with the Urban Greening Strategy Implementation Plan and under the guidance of the Urban Greening Strategy Planning and Implementation Group. Council continues to put in place the building blocks for a robust and strategic public tree program. A scheduled targeted tree planting program will be developed, aligned to the collection of inventory data and prioritisation of need. Inventory data collected to date has revealed important information required for resourcing maintenance, renewal and planting programs including useful life expectancy, species diversity, and distribution. Collection of tree inventory remains a core priority. Currently trees are being planted opportunistically in low risk, high need areas. Community engagement has commenced including a residential street planting partnership, and an invitation for tree requests from residents in low canopy suburbs.

Council is building capacity of our staff along the way with expert level tree stock quality identification, planting and establishment techniques. Staff continue to work on securing access to our future tree stock needs through the development of supply contracts with growers. Work has commenced with three playgrounds planted out with shade trees and a commitment has been made to plant shade trees adjacent to all 55 local playgrounds over the next four years. Relationships have been built with local energy providers and improved tree protection measures have been developed to guide our civil crews when working in and around tree roots. Council's website now hosts a database of tree removals, and a mobility project has seen Council's tree crews move to a tablet based system, leading to improved efficiencies in field responses to customer requests.



## 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

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On Track

# Program Achievements

Council resolved unanimously to adopt the West Dapto Vision 2018 document and minor amendments to Chapter D16: West Dapto Urban Release at the Council Meeting held on 10 December 2018. These documents became effective on 20 December 2018 and will guide future planning decisions for the release area.

Works are proceeding on Stage 2 of the Fowlers to Fairwater Drive link road which provides the main bridge and connecting embankments over the South Coast Rail Line and Mullet Creek Floodplain. These works include piling for the bridgeworks, abutment construction, excavation of the floodways, and formation of the road embankments. The Contractor, just prior to the end of December, was able to install the main girders over the South Coast Rail Line which is a significant milestone for this project.

Construction work has also commenced on Stage 1 of the upgrade of Wongawilli Road, Wongawilli with detailed design underway for the remainder of the project. To facilitate further development in the West Dapto Release Area, Council has commenced the concept design for upgrading of many of the main connecting roads such as Cleveland, West Dapto, Sheaffes, Darkes, and Avondale Roads.

The pace of land development within West Dapto continues to be strong and Council continues to assess and determine draft planning proposal requests, neighbourhood plans and development applications that facilitate urban development. To date, land within Stages 1, 2, 5 and part of Stages 3 and 4 has been rezoned to enable urban development of some 11,250 lots. Eleven Neighbourhood Plans have been adopted for 4,625 lots. Draft Neighbourhood Plans to support a further 2,623 lots are currently being assessed. Of these, Council has approved Development Applications to create 1,762 new lots and is assessing Development Applications for a further 1,861 lots. Of the lots approved, some 1,115 lots have been released following the completion of subdivision works, and many now have dwelling houses approved, under construction or completed.

# Program Risks

Council staff progressed the biennial review of the West Dapto Section 94 Plan during the quarter to ensure the Contributions Plan continues to reflect local infrastructure requirements with an aim to further reduce the financial risk to Council in the funding of essential local infrastructure. The biennial review will be completed by June 2019. The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) issued Council a draft funding agreement for Local Infrastructure Growth Scheme (LIGS) funding during the quarter. Council has executed the funding agreement and the first instalment of LIGS has now been received from the DPE, being \$5.05M. This money will contribute to funding local infrastructure via the Section 94 development contributions plan.



# 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 Wollongong Bike Plan 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 2018-19 financial year for new footpaths and to implement actions in the Pedestrian Plan. Additional resources are being provided to support planning and community engagement on prioritising footpath and connectivity projects around schools, as well as planning for the next stages of the Grand Pacific Walk.

The concept design of the Smith and Kembla Streets on road cycleway, which will provide dedicated access for cyclists into the city centre, is nearing completion. Discussions are underway with Roads and Maritime Services and Transport for NSW to discuss funding priorities for these projects and other active transport programs.

Council continues to seek grant funding through a range of State and Commonwealth initiatives to support active transport and connectivity improvements including streetscape upgrades in commercial centres such as Warrawong, Corrimal and Helensburgh. Feedback on the Helensburgh Resources for Regions Grant is expected in February 2019. Council has been advised we were not successful for any active transport grants other than the Otford Railway Tunnel for 2018-19, however, further grant applications have been made for a number of projects for the 2019-2020 financial year.

Council has also received funding to undertake an initial feasibility assessment to use the Otford Railway Tunnel as a shared pathway or rail trail. A pre-feasibility study has been provided to Transport for NSW to consider and provide further advice back to Council. There may be further investigation work to be done, at the direction of Transport for NSW.

Stage 1 of the Grand Pacific Walk was officially completed in December 2018. The 3.5 kilometre link from Stanwell Park to Stoney Creek Bridge, Coalcliff includes a viewing platform with expansive views along the coast and out over the Pacific Ocean.

Community representatives for the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group were selected and appointed. The Reference Group meetings and agendas have been established for the 2019 calendar year.



## 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

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On Track

# Program Achievements

During the quarter Advantage Wollongong continued its social media presence on LinkedIn and Facebook, featuring a range of stories promoting Wollongong's advantages in key sectors. These positive stories also help to change perceptions of Wollongong and promote our competitiveness in key sectors. Advantage Wollongong has finalised a brand audit project, and recommendations are currently being reviewed. Advantage Wollongong will launch a new partner and support program as part of its 10th Anniversary celebrations in the first half of 2019.

On 20 November 2018, Advantage Wollongong held an event *Celebrating Wollongong: A City Transformed* at Parliament House NSW to showcase Wollongong's achievements. The event was co-hosted by the Lord Mayor, Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast and the University of Wollongong Vice-Chancellor. The event was attended by over 100 investors, businesses and key decision makers, including the Premier, Ministers and Members of Parliament. The event celebrated the achievements of Wollongong over the past five years, showcased our advantages and helped promote and change perceptions of Wollongong. At the event, the new 2018 Advantage Wollongong Investor Prospectus was launched – which tells the story of Wollongong's transformation and includes case studies of companies who have chosen to establish in Wollongong. A new video "Wollongong: a magnet for talent and new economy businesses" was also launched at the event.

Advantage Wollongong engaged Domain to run a series of stories/advertisements about Wollongong, featuring local success stories and case studies. Two stories were run, including: "Why Innovative Sydneysiders are heading south" featuring the success stories of local companies Easy Agile and Accelo, and "From steel to smart: How Wollongong is transforming" featuring Wollongong's rapid transformation in recent years. The articles received 40,612 page views and via Facebook, reached 247K users with 907 reactions (likes, shares and comments).

During the quarter a range of events occurred or were initiated. October 2018 saw Wollongong City announced as host for The UCI – RWC (Road World Championship) Cycling Event in 2022. Wollongong will welcome 1000 competitors and 300,000 spectators over eight-days. The event will also be broadcast to a worldwide TV audience of over 200 million people. Other major events include The Yours and Owls New Year's Eve dance and music event, attracting over 3000 people and Corona Sunsets music festival, with attendance estimated at 7500. Corona Sunsets provided significant international exposure of the region via a 10-hour livestream broadcast.

November saw the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Smart Water Management project awarded funding under Round 2 of the Australian Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs Program.

The application was a joint initiative between Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven councils, the University of Wollongong – SMART Infrastructure and the developer of the Calderwood Land Release – Lend Lease. This exciting project focuses on the development and deployment of smart sensor technologies and software (Internet of Things) that will provide live monitoring of flood levels, stormwater culverts under roads and stormwater technology. This project will not only benefit residents of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven, but will ultimately develop cutting-edge technology that could be adopted throughout Australia.



# Operational Plan 2018-19 PROGRESS

The following section provides an overview of Council's progress with delivering Our Wollongong 2028. It provides a summary of progress for 2018-19 annual deliverables [Council's programs, projects and activities] and highlights significant progress with annual projects as outlined in the Our Wollongong 2028 Community Goals. This exception based reporting provides an overview of achievements for the December 2018 quarter. The organisation's performance is also reported by the key performance indicators, budget summary information and Budget Review Statement.

The Annual Plan 2018-19 contains 311 annual deliverables across the six Community Goals. Table 1 following outlines how Council is tracking in the December 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
We value and protect our natural environment	82.86%	7.14%	7.14%	0%	2.86%
We have an innovative and sustainable economy	98.04%	1.96%	0%	0%	0%
3 Wollongong is a creative, vibrant city	97.14%	0%	2.86%	0%	0%
4 We are a connected and engaged community	96.49%	0%	0%	0%	3.51%
5 We have a healthy community in a liveable city	92.73%	1.82%	1.82%	0.91%	2.73%
6 We have affordable and accessible transport	92%	4%	4%	0%	0%
Total Annual Deliverable Progress	92.53%	2.59%	2.59%	0.29%	2.01%

\*Note: Each Goal does not have an equal number of annual deliverables; therefore, the Annual Deliverable progress totals do not necessarily add up to 100%.



# Operational Plan 2018-19 Progress continued

Overall 2.59% of Annual Deliverables were reported to be delayed, while 0.29% were deferred. Table 2 below outlines all annual deliverables that were reported as delayed of deferred at the end of December 2018.

Table 2

Community Goal	Annual Deliverable	Delayed	Deferred	Comment
We value and protect our natural environment	Continue to pursue biodiversity certification of the West Dapto Urban Release Area including offsetting provisions	Y		Following inclusion of the projected financial costs for the West Dapto Urban Release Area Biocertification in the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) State wide 'Strategic Biodiversity Certification' cost benefit analysis, a meeting was held between DPE senior staff, a NSW Treasury officer and Council senior staff on 22 November 18 re DPE investigation into up front funding and cost recovery. In summary Treasury will not provide up front funding for portion of conservation measures, however loans and Green bonds area an option. DPE previous advice for Biocertification levy and cost recovery through a Special Infrastructure Contribution prevails.
	Prepare and implement priority actions of the Coastal Management Plan for Lake Illawarra	Y		A variation was submitted to the Office of Environment and Heritage (0EH) Grants Unit requesting additional funds to undertake studies and to make the changes necessary to the draft Coastal Management Plan (CMP) document. This variation was approved and an increased budget and timeframe is now in place. The variation included provision for an inundation mapping project to be undertaken by the University of Wollongong and a fish habitat project to be undertaken by the University of Newcastle. Contracts are being finalised for this work to progress. A project application was submitted to the OEH Coastal and Estuaries Grants Program to implement proposed vegetation rehabilitation management actions within the Draft CMP.



# Operational Plan 2018-19 Progress continued

	Community Goal	Annual Deliverable	Delayed	Deferred	Comment
		Carry out the Berkeley Commercial Land Study	Y		Project delayed due to the accelerated delivery of higher order precinct planning. A revised program is being prepared for discussion with Councillors.
		Engage with the community and carry out the Windang Town Centre Planning Study	Y		Project delayed due to the accelerated delivery of higher order precinct planning. A revised program is being prepared for discussion with Councillors.
		Engage with the community and carry out Bulli Town Centre Planning Study	Y		Project delayed due to the accelerated delivery of higher order precinct planning. A revised program is being prepared for discussion with Councillors.
3	We have a creative, vibrant city	Update the Wollongong Art Gallery Strategic Business Plan	Y		This project will begin in the 1st quarter 2019.
5	We have a healthy community in a liveable city	Reinstate Waterfall (Garrawarra) Cemetery	Y		A preliminary licence agreement has been received from the Department of Primary Industries. Minor amendments have been requested that will allow the progression of the development application for the works at the site.
		Implement Landscape Masterplan recommendations for Hill 60 Reserve at Port Kembla	Y		Council Officers have perused completion of interpretative artwork on MM Beach on Gloucester Boulevard. Council Officers have also engaged Niche Consultancy to undertake new Conservation Management Plan for Hill 60 with a goal to see the plan completed in October 2019.
		Develop an updated Landscape Master plan for Stuart & Galvin Parks North Wollongong		Y	An updated Landscape Plan for Stuart and Galvin Park is on hold noting that Landscape Design will be informed by key issues impacted the precinct, these include the Foreshore parking Strategy and drainage matters.
6	We have affordable and accessible transport	Investigate opportunities to install bike carriers on buses	Y		Council staff will be contacting bus operators and the Department of Transport prior to the end of the financial year to seek their views and ideas on the feasibility of installing bike carriers/racks onto their buses.



# GOAL 1: WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

# Investigate opportunities and make application for grant funding for floodplain and stormwater management

During the Quarter, the Australian Federal Government announced Council's Illawarra-Shoalhaven Smart Water Management Project Application under the Smart Cities and Suburbs Program was successful. The Application was a collaboration between Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils, Calderwood developer Lend Lease and the University of Wollongong SMART Infrastructure to apply smart technologies and develop data analytics to help improve water quality, improve flood mitigation and improve community safety during flood events. It includes the development of a pilot flash flood warning system, culvert blockage monitoring, lake entrance opening support systems and stormwater quality monitoring.

Council also secured funding of \$1.8M for the purchase of two properties under the Voluntary Purchase Scheme from the NSW Government.

Identify through the Regional Illegal Dumping Program (RID) dumping "hotspots" and develop and implement, as part of compliance activities, a community awareness and promotion program.

During the December Quarter, Council investigated 100 cases of illegal dumping throughout the City, as part of the Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Program.

Regulatory/enforcement action taken this quarter by Council against illegal dumping offenders is as follows:

- 4 Penalty Notices issued;
- 1 Clean Up Notice issued;
- 5 Clean Up Notices (Verbal) issued;
- 2 Section 203 interviews conducted; and
- 6 Investigative interviews conducted.

Additional signage has been installed at hotspot locations within the Local Government Area. There will be approximately another 50 signs ordered and installed as a part of the program, with the procurement process commenced.

Council and Housing NSW are currently working on a joint project to address ongoing illegal dumping issues at identified problem areas in the City. To date, further signage and surveillance cameras have been installed at these locations. Council is now working with Housing NSW on how to address the issue, with the information collected to inform future strategies.

Council staff and the Lord Mayor participated in a media opportunity in late November 2018 promoting Council's increased efforts to minimise illegal dumping and prosecute illegal dumpers. The media release covered the cost of dumping to Council, the impacts of illegal dumping to the environment and the potential penalties that would apply if someone were caught illegally dumping.



## GOAL 1: WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

# Maintain key statistics on beach usage, incidents and preventative actions and manage service levels accordingly

During the Quarter, Council Lifeguard staff experienced increased attendances on beaches due to improved conditions in December. Key statistics to date include:

- Attendance 453,129;
- Preventative Actions 12,334; and
- Rescues 124.

Coordinate community environmental programs, including Rise and Shine Program, Clean Up Australia Day, World Environment Day, National Recycling Week, International Composting Week and other waste education activities

The December Quarter focused on the Rise & Shine Program, which saw 118 clean up with 1,768 volunteers participating at various locations in the LGA as well as local schools competing in the Environmental Schools Competition. A recognition event was hosted by the Lord Mayor, with "Scooter Dave" receiving the overall Basil Ryan Award.



[IMAGE: Dave Williamson, the 2018 Basil Ryan Award winner.]

# Continue to deploy Council's Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy

A review of Council's hard rubbish collection service has commenced with a view to improving reuse/recycling of collected materials and increasing diversion from landfill. Following a Notice of Motion in November 2018, a trial of a Food Organics, Garden Organics system will be initiated in the next 6 months to increase the diversion of organic material from landfill. New landfill cell development at Whytes Gully Resource Recovery Park is now complete. Filling of the new cell will commence in mid-January 2019. Additional Christmas/New Year recycling collection points were also trialled with significant utilisation by residents. Additionally, a public place recycling trial has commenced in Crown Street Mall.

Negotiations with landfill gas infrastructure providers are continuing and it is hoped that revised tenders will be provided to Council by interested companies during the March Quarter 2019.



# GOAL 1: WE VALUE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

# Performance Measures

- Participation rate in environmental programs | 12,304 (Q2 2017/18 11,349)
- Number of volunteers for Environmental Programs Greenhouse Park | 24 (Q2 2017 41)
- Plants Propogated | 17,700 (Q2 2017/18 20,302)
- Plants Distributed | 12,982 (Q2 2017/18 13,564)
- Tonnes of Rubbish collected from clean up activities | 8.63 (Q2 2017/18 12)
- Number of volunteers worked at Bushcare and FIReady sites | 496 (Q2 2017/18 393)



# GOAL 2: WE HAVE AN INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

# Provide power supply to the Mt Keira Summit

Construction of the powerline to Mt Keira Summit Park has commenced and significant progress has been made. Trenching and backfilling of the underground power cables has been completed along Queen Elizabeth Drive, including the installation of power poles and within the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation area. Powerlines have also been strung.

Metering installations are currently in progress and permanent power supply is anticipated in January 2019.



[IMAGE: Helicopters fly over Mt Keira to supply permanent power to the Summit Park.]

# Implement a range of pilot projects and activation strategies across the city centre precincts

During the Quarter, Council has installed several temporary place 'The Parklets' within Crown Street Mall. Featuring real turf and floral plantings, these miniature parks soften appearance of the Mall and provide unique and interesting play and sitting spaces. Parklets will be in place until end January 2019.

The 'Renew Wollongong' program has also commenced in the City Centre, aiming to provide business creatives with the opportunity to grow their skills and develop projects that will help activate some of the currently underutilised spaces in Crown Street Mall. Over the coming weeks the Renew Wollongong Team in partnership with Council staff will continue to build relationships with creatives, property owners, leasing agents and businesses to identify vacant space. It is expected the first Renew participants will move into premises prior to Christmas 2018.



# GOAL 2: WE HAVE AN INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

# In partnership with NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet and the University of Wollongong, deliver the Advantage Wollongong program

Advantage Wollongong continues to promote Wollongong as a place to invest and do business. On 20 November 2018, Advantage Wollongong hosted an event Celebrating Wollongong: A city transformed at NSW Parliament House.

The event was co-hosted by the Lord Mayor, Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast and the University of Wollongong Vice-Chancellor. The event was well received and the region was positively promoted to a range of investors, businesses and key decision makers. Over 100 people attended the event, including the Premier, Ministers and Members of Parliament.

The event celebrated the achievements of Wollongong over the past five years, showcased our advantages, assisted in changing perceptions of Wollongong and launched the new 2018 Advantage Wollongong Investor Prospectus and video, 'Wollongong: a magnet for talent and new economy businesses.'

Advantage Wollongong commissioned a study into the competitiveness of Wollongong's shared services sector, compared to Sydney and other metro locations. Highlights from the report include:

- Staff turnover rates are 8% in Wollongong compared to 19% throughout Australia demonstrating a strong workforce with lower staff turnover costs for companies. For a 150 seat contact centre, this demonstrates a cost of staff turnover in Wollongong 70% lower than the rest of Australia, resulting in an annual saving of approximately \$220,000 per annum. This represents a range of benefits to businesses, including lower recruitment and training costs and higher productivity for workers.
- The study also found that the operating costs of a 150 seat contact centre were considerably lower in Wollongong compared to other key locations, demonstrating Wollongong represents a \$3.5M or 30% saving for companies looking to relocate, as compared to the Sydney Central Business District.

These findings will be used to promote Wollongong's capabilities in the knowledge services sector and a targeted marketing campaign will be undertaken in the coming months to distribute the results.

# Participate in relevant networks and support opportunities for social enterprise, including the provision of training

During the Quarter, a Social Enterprise - Social Procurement project was developed and approved for implementation from February to June 2019. The project will utilise existing Council systems, to develop an information database of the services types (for example lawn mowing, catering, manufacturing, laundry) that Social Enterprises (SE's) deliver in the Illawarra. The data base will enable Social Enterprises to self-update their service information electronically as a "supplier" on Council's supplier list on a regular basis. It will also be made available on Council's webpage under 'Social Procurement.'

### Performance Measures

- Number of visitations to the tourism information centres | 13,895 (Q2 2017 11,766)
- Tourist Park occupancy rate of cabins | 64% (Q2 2017 61%)
- Occupancy rates of paid on street parking | 75% (Q2 2017 79%)
- Tourist parks occupancy rate of unpowered sites | 54% (Q2 2017 46%)
- Tourist parks occupancy rate of powered sites | 39% (Q2 2017 49%)



# GOAL 3: WOLLONGONG IS A CREATIVE, VIBRANT CITY

# Deliver the annual Viva La Gong Festival

Viva la Gong was held on Saturday 10 November with between 20,000 to 25,000 people attending and enjoying a fantastic day of live music, performance and community participation. The event continues to attract local sponsors and community partners to support the festival.

Creative Displays and activities included the Archi-Loom giant participatory weaving loom, the 'Have your say' UNITY Project, and the U& Me Project which captured stories on film, live art making, Youth Centre photography exhibition and the Flourish Australia Art Showcase. Craft and art making workshops offered Zine making, mandala drawing, recycled bug or bag making, poetry writing, origami, lantern painting and ceramic ornament making.

There were over 50 performances across a range of genres, with the majority of performers coming from the local area. Different stages and performance areas included: The Folk Stage, Wollongong Conservatorium of Music Stage, Community Stage and Main Stage. Other performances and areas included Erth Dinosaurs, Tree Top Circus, La Petite Grand, Viva Film and the Family Interactive Zone.



[IMAGE: Charlie from the Tree Top Circus in front of the Archi-Loom.]



# GOAL 3: WOLLONGONG IS A CREATIVE, VIBRANT CITY

# Host six major events reflecting priority sectors and contribute to the acquisition of signature events in the city

During the quarter, Destination Wollongong sponsored the following major events:

- Beach Netball Festival, NSW Touch Country Championships,
- Ocean 6 Ironman Series
- Corona SunSets Festival on North Wollongong Beach.

The economic benefit of the major events program in the December quarter was estimated at \$9.63M with the Corona SunSets Festival contributing significantly to this with \$1.9M. Importantly, this event provided significant international exposure of the region, received via the 10-hour live stream broadcast of the event.

# Deliver key funded strategies from the Cultural Plan including community cultural development projects

Yarn Tree Decoration workshops and place making artwork were undertaken in Dapto Square. A textile artist was contracted to develop and facilitate a series of yarn based workshops aimed at the local Dapto community to activate the area and add amenity. Twelve workshops were held in the Creative Container in Dapto Square. Each workshop had between 3-20 participants. The larger participant groups spilled out onto the seating in the Square creating further engagement with passers-by.

Two main participation groups included local Aboriginal community with ties to Dapto and Dapto Square and Kanahooka High School students attending the Special Education Unit. A mix of knitting, crochet, quilting, pom pom and small ornaments were created by the community. The installation of the artworks took place during 18-21 December 2018.

During December discussions commenced with Council staff, Berkeley Pioneer Heritage Group and Wollongong Conservatorium of Music regarding a proposed community cultural development project "Words for the Soul".

A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed with HonkOz! 2019 regarding support for the Festival and event planning for Creative Dialogue Event on 9 January.



# GOAL 3: WOLLONGONG IS A CREATIVE, VIBRANT CITY

# Deliver the Living Books Program

In this Program, 'books' are local residents from many walks of life, who share their life experiences and choices. 'Readers' are invited to engage in a half hour conversation with a 'book' in a safe environment. During the quarter, the 10-year celebration of Living Books was held at the Music Lounge Wollongong Town Hall on 25 October. Thirty-five [35] volunteer books and key partners who had contributed to the program during the past 10 years attended. The night provided an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on Council's flagship program for community harmony. A playback theatre performance was also included as part of the night and was a highlight for the 'books'.

A Living Books event was also held at Bulli High School on 13 November with 87 students from Year 10 and 10 books including one new book participating in the event.



[IMAGE: Past and present Living Books Program members celebrate 10 years of Council's flagship community harmony initiative}

## Performance Measures

- Library visitations | 285,779 (Q2 2017 253,926)
- Library total number of loans | 311,453 (Q2 2017 338.835)
- Library programs: number of programs | 570 (Q2 2017 452)
- Library programs: number of participants | 12,182 (Q2 2017 10,000)



# 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 regarding Recreational Spaces for Dogs Policy Review, three proposed new off leash parks and infrastructure preferences. Stage 1 for a Bulli Showground Master Plan commenced and the draft Mount Keira Summit Plan of Management was exhibited.

Targeted participants were also invited to provide their experiences and ideas regarding Red Tape Reduction. Engagement also commenced on the City Centre creative wayfinding project, with feedback sought and collected.

Opportunities to provide feedback were also provided on the Windang Boat Ramp - Scour Protection Works; refurbishment of the Bellambi rock pool and repairs to the seawall; Station Road Otford upgrade works; safety improvements at Cliff Road and Bourke Street intersection; CCTV at Mt Keira; Unanderra Library; and Northcote Street footpath upgrades.

Engagement strategies were also deployed for a range of flood mitigation projects, including Dumbrell and Ursula Roads, Bulli as well as industry consultation to explain refinements of Australian Rainfall and Runoff Guidelines and to discuss the Development Control Plan (DCP) Review.

Internal engagement was undertaken to inform Council's draft Learning and Capability Policy and Communication Strategy.



 $[\mathit{IMAGE: Wollongong\ Council\ seeks\ community\ feedback\ on\ dog\ off-leash\ parks\ and\ recreation\ areas}]$ 

# Pilot and evaluate a 'Connecting Neighbours' Grants Program

Throughout the quarter, the Connecting Neighbours Grant recipients have been delivering projects within their local community. The evaluations and photos submitted showcase excellent community capacity building, strengthening of local connections and getting to know neighbours. All funded projects are on track with a report including the initial pilot evaluation to be submitted to Council in early 2019.



# GOAL 4: WE ARE A CONNECTED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY



[IMAGE: Local residents enjoying a street tea party as part of the Social and Active Ageing through Casual Dining Project. This project was funded through the Connecting Neighbours Grant Program

# Resource and support a range of engagement options to provide advice across identified target groups

Throughout the quarter, a range of engagement activities have been customised to enhance accessibility for our community.

The animated video produced to inform the community about flooding in the Wollongong region has been translated into Mandarin and Arabic.

A Register of Interest was launched, providing community members the opportunity to sign up to be notified about topics of interest to them including environment, disability inclusion, heritage, business, flood, culture and arts and red tape reduction.

Based on advice provided by members of the Aboriginal community, a range of methods were implemented to encourage participation by the Aboriginal community in relation to the Mt Keira Plan of Management and Illawarra Mountain Bike Strategy.

A co-design workshop was held with key stakeholders to develop the Communications and Engagement Strategy for the Helensburgh Town Centre Plan.

A children's version of the Community Engagement Policy has been developed with children and an Easy Read document produced to explain Community Engagement increasing accessibility to people with an intellectual disability.



# GOAL 4: WE ARE A CONNECTED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY

# Performance Measures

- Sick Leave | 7.73 Days (Q2 2017 7.57 days)
- Number of Twitter followers for Council | 5,715 (Q2 2017 5,288)
- Carers Leave | 0.64 Days (Q2 2017 0.61 days)
- Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate | 14.87 (Q2 2017 14.74)
- Number of media releases issued | 56 (Q2 2017 56)
- Number of Council Facebook page 'likes' | 25,024 (Q2 2017 22,471)
- Workers compensation costs as a percentage of payroll | 0.00 % (Q2 2017 1.73%)
- Telephone calls are answered within 30 seconds | 86 % (Q2 2017 83%)
- Enquiries made in person are welcomed and attended to within 5 minutes | 93 % (Q2 2017 90%)



# GOAL 5: WE HAVE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN A LIVEABLE CITY

# Investigate opportunities to enhance library multimedia and digital

## services

During the quarter, Council partnered with the University of Wollongong to design and trial the use of facial recognition software to examine the image of a photograph (not necessarily a face) and find a 'match' to other images held in the University's and our collections. The software is now in use across the libraries for customers to access.

Council also partnered with the State Library of NSW to trial voice recognition software that would transcribe recorded voices (from oral history recordings) to written text that is ready for verification. This software reduces the time taken to listen to recordings and transcribe the complete recording. The trial was successful and our libraries are one of the first of four libraries in NSW to use this software for their Local Studies collections. The Illawarra Remembers database also continues to expand as more records are added by the Local Studies team. 156 profiles were added this quarter. Accessible from anywhere across the globe, people can view profiles, create new profiles or add new information to a current profile, for example, a comment, image, story, link, or other media. People can share an image by uploading it to the Library's images page.

Over 70% of the Illawarra Mercury photographic collection has been digitised to date, with 140 images and stories digitised this quarter with 46 new images and 62 maps digitised, catalogued and added to the Local Studies Collection. One hundred and thirty-eight [138] new titles were added to the collection (monographs, manuscripts, stories and articles).



[IMAGE: Jenna Bain, from the State Library of NSW, and Hilary Powell, Council's Local Studies Team Leader, at the launch of Amplify, a new application to listen to and transcribe oral histories from across NSW]



# GOAL 5: WE HAVE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN A LIVEABLE CITY

# Incorporate child-friendly and age-friendly principles in design, planning and service delivery with the community

Child friendly principles are evident in a community where children are valued, supported, respected, provided for and actively included in decisions that affect them. Council continues its commitment to child and age friendly principles in service delivery. Highlights from the Quarter include:

- Contributed to the delivery of the Play Strategy which included hosting a key note speaker from a Sydney Metropolitan Council who gave an overview of their approach to accessible, diverse play spaces, providing input to the "everyone can play" funding application and providing feedback on designs for Charles Harper Playground and five other playground designs for local neighbourhood parks.
- Approximately 400 people, the largest to date, attended the 14th Annual Lord Mayors Transition to School Picnic in partnership with Big Fat Smile. The event celebrates with children, their families and the community, one of the most important transitions in childhood. Information was provided for families on the day to assist them with this often difficult transition. Council also worked with our local partners to ensure that the event was inclusive of all children and families. This included working with disability services and the Community Hubs to ensure children with disability and children from refugee backgrounds felt included and that their needs were met on the day. An increased number of activities were provided on the day to cater for children with sensory issues. This included a "quiet" tent that children could access if the event became too noisy or overwhelming. Additionally, in order to accommodate for our culturally diverse community, an Aboriginal artist ran an art table activity. Ideas for healthy lunchbox ideas were also provided on the day as well amongst fun activities. The event received positive feedback from the families in attendance.

An age-friendly city is one that encourages active ageing and supports opportunities for health, participation and security to enhance quality of life as people age. This is evident where a city adapts its services and the built environment to be accessible and inclusive of older people.

The Ageing Plan 2018-2022 continues to guide Council towards creating an Age Friendly City. During the quarter, a grant application was submitted for the 'Move it Aus - Better Ageing' grant program. It is anticipated the result of the application will be announced early in the new year. The focus of the application was "Come and Try it" sessions at Council's outdoor fitness equipment and a Passport Project which offers a diverse range of physical activities for older people to try. Investigation into suitable dementia friendly training for front-line staff also continued throughout the quarter.



# GOAL 5: WE HAVE A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IN A LIVEABLE CITY

# Support the delivery of programs that provide social connection for frail aged people and their carers

During the quarter, Council provided a variety of outcomes to the community to improve social connection for the target group (for example: bus outings, group activities). An estimated 11,107 hours of service were provided and is higher than the previous quarter (10,634 hours). The demand for Social Support services continues to grow, with estimate of 120 new referrals received during the quarter, slightly higher than the 117 new referrals received in the previous quarter. Specific highlights for this quarter include:

- Christmas lunches and events for all centre based groups, bus outings and carers;
- Participated in the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on 5 December-International Volunteers day to recognise
  the contribution that our volunteers make to our services;
- Men's Shed donated a large number of items to the Mayor's Giving Tree; and
- Staff began discussions regarding the new Aged Care Quality Standards.

## Performance Measures

- Community Transport trips | 33,500 (Q2 2017 35,824)
- Direct-Run District Level Community Facilities visitation | 64,768 (Q2 2017 57,549)
- Utilisation of Direct-Run District Level Community Facilities | 8,611 Hours (Q2 2017 8,234 hours)
- Social Support hours of service | 11,107 Hours (Q2 2017 8,234 hours)
- Total Visits commercial heated pools: Corrimal | 38,720 (Q2 2017 44,677)
- Utilisation/visitation at pools | 421,128 (Q2 2017 342,689)
- Utilisation/visitation at beaches | 453,129 (Q2 2017 493.728)
- Total Visits commercial heated pools: Dapto | 21,825 (Q2 2017 24,736)



# GOAL 6: WE HAVE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT

# Complete the construction of the Fowlers Road extension to Fairwater Drive

During the quarter, Stage 2 works of the Fowlers Road to Fairwater Drive project continued to make progress.

Specifically, works have been progressing in a number of areas including: excavation of the two flood channels; soil blending operations; embankment construction; piling works on all bridge piers and abutments; the installation of a reinforced earth retaining wall on the Marshall Street end; and the modified intersection at Fairwater Drive and Daisybank Drive.

Critical to the construction timetable was the completion of the bridge piers and abutment adjacent to the Illawarra rail line. This was because Council was booked in to erect the 'Super Tee' bridge girders over the rail line during a track possession scheduled for the weekend before Christmas.

Works have also commenced on the construction of the realignment to Marshall St. Other work currently in progress is the acquisition of relevant properties along the Princes Hwy to facilitate the improvement works to the Princes Highway/Fowlers Road intersection.



[IMAGE: A significant milestone in the Fowlers Road to Fairwater Drive road link will be reached in January when the pre-cast concrete 'Super T' girders are placed over the section of the bridge spanning the South Coast rail line.]



# GOAL 6: WE HAVE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT

# Grand Pacific Walk review of priorities and design of identified sections

Stage 1 of the Grand Pacific Walk is nearing completion, with the link between Stanwell Park and Coalcliff opening during the quarter. Murrawal Road and Stanwell Park shop precinct areas are now the final links to be constructed. Stage 2 is currently in scoping stage, with a decision on its location to be confirmed.



[IMAGE: Wollongong City Council General Manager David Farmer, Wollongong Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM, State Member for Heathcote Lee Evans and Wollongong Councillor Leigh Colacino celebrate the opening of the Grand Pacific Walk link between Stanwell Park and Coalcliff.]

## Performance Measures

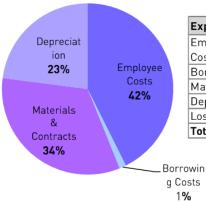
• Delivery of Council's Capital Program | 49.71% (Q2 2017 – 46%)



# How we performed against our budgets

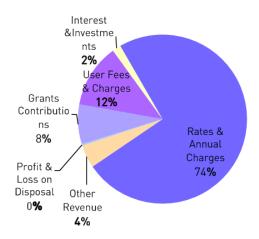
# Budget 2018-19

The graph below shows Council's expenses from ordinary activities by expense type for the quarter:



Expense Type (\$'M)	YTD Actual	Proposed budget
Employee		
Costs less Internal Charges	57.2	115.1
Borrowing Costs	1.7	3.3
Materials & Contracts	44.5	94.9
Depreciation	30.8	62.9
Loss on Disposal of Assets	0.0	0.0
Total	134.2	276.2

The graph below shows Council's revenue from ordinary activities by revenue type for the quarter:



Income Type (\$M)	YTD Actual	Proposed budget
Rates & Annual Charges	97.9	197.3
Other Revenue	5.9	11.1
Profit on disposal of Assets	-0.4	0.0
Grants & Contributions	10.1	21.0
User Fees & Charges	16.2	34.1
Interest &Investments	2.2	4.7
Total	131.8	268.1

The review of financial estimates at December proposes a range of adjustments that have impacted the forecast Operating Result [pre capital] but do not greatly impact the Funds Result.

The proposed variations generate an improvement in the Operating Result [pre capital] of \$2.0 million and deteriorations in the Funds Available from Operations of \$0.9 million and Funds Result of \$0.1 million.

The following table and comments provide a summary view of the organisation's revised forecast and proposed variations for the 2018-2019 financial year based on year to date performance and anticipated results to June 2019.

Table 1

FORECAST POSITION	Original Budget	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	YTD Actual	Proposed Variation
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
KEY MOVEMENTS	July	September	December	December	Proposed Variation
Operating Revenue	267.1	269.3	268.1	131.8	(1.1)
Operating Costs	(274.0)	(279.4)	(276.2)	(134.2)	3.1
Operating Result [Pre Capital]	(6.9)	(10.1)	(8.1)	(2.4)	2.0
Capital Grants & Contributions	53.8	39.4	42.1	24.7	2.7
Operating Result	46.9	29.3	34.0	22.3	4.7
Funds Available from Operations	56.2	55.9	55.0	27.8	(0.9)
Capital Works	98.0	100.8	108.2	52.7	7.4
Contributed Assets	10.2	10.2	10.2	-	-
Transfer to Restricted Cash	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.7	-
Borrowings Repaid	7.7	7.7	7.7	5.3	-
Funded from:					
- Operational Funds	56.2	55.9	55.0	22.5	(0.9)
- Other Funding	53.4	56.3	64.4	30.7	8.2
Total Funds Surplus/(Deficit)	(7.7)	(8.0)	(8.1)	(0.2)	(0.1)

## OPERATING RESULT [pre capital]

The major variations are summarised broadly below with further details provided through this report. Favourable variations are identified as (F) and Unfavourable (U):

The proposed Operating Deficit [pre capital] of \$8.1 million (which is inclusive of the \$9.3 million shortfall in the Financial Assistance Grant that was received in advance last year) represents an improvement against budget of \$2.0 million, made up of both funded and cash variations.



## Non Cash Variations (no Fund impact)

- Depreciation expense \$1.6M (F)
- Proposed reclassification of expenditure from capital to operational \$0.8M (U)

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#### Funded Variations (no Fund impact)

These are variations where the proposed adjustments are offset by transfers to or from Restricted Assets, therefore not impacting the Funds Result. These variations include:

- Operational Grants \$0.2M (U)
- Additional Domestic Waste Services \$0.2M (F)
- Net improvement in the waste facility operations \$1.5M (F) that is offset by a proposed transfer to internally restricted cash for the waste facilities

#### Other Variations

Other variations are cash type changes that impact both favourably and negatively on this year's Operating and Funds results.

Animal Penalty Income \$0.1M (U)

#### OPERATING RESULT

The proposed Operating Result of \$34.0 million represents an improvement of \$4.7 million compared to budget that includes the above variations as well as increased levels of developer contributions (\$1.4 million) and capital grants (\$1.3 million).

#### CAPITAL PROGRAM

During this Quarter, the capital budget expenditure projections have been increased by \$8.2 million that is fully offset by funding from restricted cash. Capital program changes have been reported and approved by Council through the monthly reporting process. This report, however, includes a proposed reduction in capital budget of \$0.8 million that has not been approved previously. This amount is proposed to be transferred to increase expenditure in maintenance projects classified as operational.

#### **FUNDS RESULT**

The Funds Result indicates a deterioration of \$0.1 million which is largely related to animal enforcement income. The net result of the operations at Whytes Gully waste facility, that includes an EPA levy reduction on landfill cover material (\$2.8 million) offset by lower commercial tipping income (\$1.0 million) and increased costs (\$0.3 million), is proposed to be transferred to the Waste Restricted Asset.

The net improvement in the waste facility operations has primarily been a result of current opportunities to use onsite material as cover. This is currently being considered as cyclical with the potential for the short term gains to be offset by costs in future periods. It is proposed, for this reason, that this gain be offset from a Funds perspective through a transfer of an equivalent amount to the Waste Disposal Facility internally restricted asset that is held for the future development, renewal and rehabilitation of waste facilities. This will be used in future periods to maintain a level of pricing stability.

The revised forecasts continue to hold a notional estimate for potential improvements of \$1.5 million for 2018-2019 that was introduced at the September Review. Current monthly financial reporting trends support this approach, however, this will be monitored closely over the coming periods.

Further details of variations are discussed through this report with favourable changes identified as (F) and Unfavourable (U) with a more comprehensive list provided in Table 7.



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#### Income & Expense

- Rates \$0.3M (F). The favourable variance is due to additional domestic services and lower pensioner rebates.
- User Charges & Fees \$1.0M (U). This unfavourable variance is due to lower Commercial Tipping income.
- Other Revenue \$0.1M (U). This unfavourable variance is largely due to lower animal enforcement income.
- Interest and Investment Income \$0.1M (U). Proposed variance is due to lower cash holdings offset by reduced transfers to corresponding restricted assets.
- Grants and Contributions Operating \$0.2M (U). This variation is due to grant adjustments relating to Community Transport (\$0.1 million) and Floodplain Management (\$0.1 million).
- Grants and Contributions Capital \$2.7M (F). This variation includes increases in Section 94 Developer Contributions for City Centre (\$0.8 million), City Wide (\$0.6 million) and floodplain capital works grants of \$1.3 million.
- Employee Costs \$0.3M (U). Employee cost projections have increased due to projects resourced under Materials and Contracts (\$0.1 million) and introduction of capital funded expenditure (\$0.2 million).
- Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses \$1.8M (F). Proposed decreases in budget includes lower EPA levy costs (\$2.8 million) and projects to be completed using employee resources (\$0.1 million). These are partially offset by increased maintenance works offset by capital (\$0.8 million) and Whytes Gully operational costs (\$0.3 million).
- Depreciation \$1.6M (F). The revised forecast is based on current asset holdings with an allowance for items that may be capitalised through the remainder of the year. The lower depreciation is due to a range of factors including valuation of assets, adjustments to expected lives and timing of recognition of completed assets. Long term depreciation forecasts and underlying assumptions that support these will be reviewed as part of the annual planning process in the coming months
- Internal Charges \$0.1M (F). The favourable variance is largely due to allocation of resourcing to capital projects.

### Cash & Investments

Projected cash and investments holdings at December indicate a decrease of \$4.1 million mainly due to the increase in funded capital works (\$8.2 million) that is partially offset by additional cash generated from waste facility operational net improvements (\$1.5 million) and additional stormwater grants and developer contributions (\$2.7 million).

The Available Funds forecast shown below is largely unchanged as it excludes movement in externally and internally restricted cash such as timing of special purpose grants and contributions and progress of funded projects.



Table 2

CASH, INV	ESTMENTS	& AVAIL	ABLE FUNI	OS	
	Actual 2017/18	Original Budget 2018/19	September QR 2018/19	December QR 2018/19	Actual Ytd December 2018
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Total Cash and Investments	157.8	148.5	136.4	132.3	152.0
Attributed to:					
External Restrictions					
Developer Contributions	19.0	43.1	26.3	28.0	28.6
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	2.7	3.6	2.3	4.9	5.1
Special Rates Levy City Centre	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
Unexpended Loans	21.7	11.3	13.2	3.5	11.9
Domestic Waste Management	12.8	12.9	13.4	13.6	13.7
Private Subsidies	5.0	4.5	5.5	6.4	5.0
Housing Affordability Program	10.5	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.6
Stormwater Management Charge	1.3	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.4
Total External Restrictions	73.1	87.7	72.6	68.3	76.6
Internal Restrictions Property Investment Fund	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
Strategic Projects	53.3	42.5	42.1	8.2 42.2	46.5
Sports Priority program	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8
Car Parking strategy	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.4
MacCabe Park Development	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2
Darcy Wentworth Park	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Garbage Disposal Facility	2.2	(1.7)	(1.1)	0.2	(0.9)
Telecommunications Revenue	0.2	- (1.1)	- (1.1)	0.5	(0.0)
West Dapto additional rates	0.8	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.5
Natural Areas	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Lake Illawarra Management Fund	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
Total Internal Restrictions	68.1	57.3	57.6	59.0	63.4
Available Cash	16.5	3.5	6.3	5.0	12.0
Net Payable & Receivables	7.0	11.6	9.2	10.3	11.4
Payables	(30.8)	(24.7)	(25.9)	(24.9)	(30.9)
Receivables	27.2	25.0	24.1	24.2	27.8
Other	10.6	11.3	11.1	11.0	14.5
Available Funds	23.5	15.1	15.5	15.3	23.4



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#### Long Term Financial Projections

The revised long term projections are continually 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 it comes to hand. 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 first of these is the potential impact of energy pricing. Council previously had contracts for the supply of electricity that provided Council with very favourable pricing and reversion to current market pricing will potentially increase this cost significantly. Council is currently working with Local Government Procurement on price negotiations and investigating mitigation strategies in particular for street lighting. A notional increase of \$0.5M has been made for electricity for 2019-2020 (indexed for future years) that may be adjusted as more information becomes available.

The second area is the revision of the impact of the West Dapto release area. The September Quarterly Review included a reduction of \$14.4 million in developer contributions for 2018-2019. Longer term projections are currently being reviewed along with assessment of the impact of industrial land contribution discount, contributed assets, voluntary planning agreements and potential grant funding. These will impact on future cash flow projections and may require consideration of alternative funding sources in the next two to five years.

Long Term Financial Projections will be updated as more definitive information becomes available on these issues and any other significant changes.

#### 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 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

The 2018-2019 deficit result is impacted by the early payment of the first two instalments of the current year Financial Assistance Grant during June 2018. The improvement in the forecast for 2018-2019 result at December Quarterly Review is mainly due to lower depreciation expenses and net operational improvements at the waste facility, partially offset by the reclassification of asset maintenance from capital to operating. As discussed earlier in this report, these adjustments do not flow on to the Funds Result. Future years have been impacted by the recurrent decrease in animal infringement income as the organisation takes an increased focus on education as opposed to penalties and other more minor operating expense increases. These projections are based on current decisions and assumptions and are subject to review through the 2019-2020 planning process.

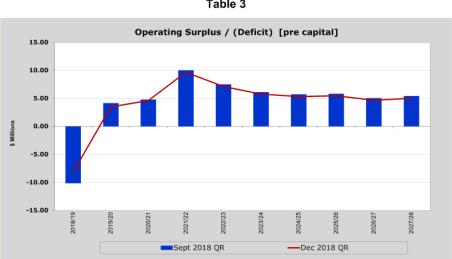


Table 3



#### **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

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 be further reviewed as part of the annual planning process in the coming months.

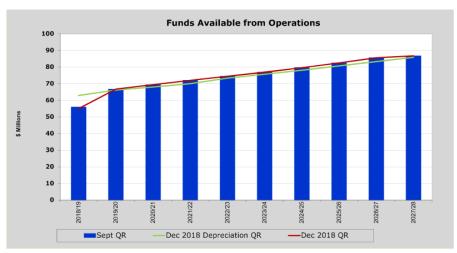


Table 4

#### **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 Available Funds remain within Council's Financial Strategy target of 3.5% to 5.5% of operational revenue [pre capital]. Based on the December 2018 Quarterly Review, the target range for Available Funds is between \$9.4 million and \$12.7 million (lower range) and between \$14.7 million and \$20.0 million (upper range) over the life of the Long Term Financial Plan.

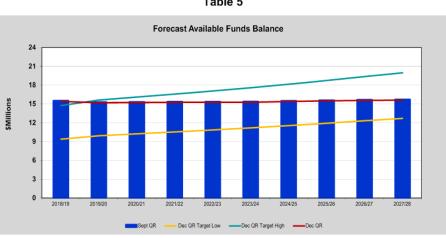


Table 5



## Table 6

	Original Budget \$'000	Current Budget \$'000	YTD Actual YTD \$'000	Proposed Variation \$'000	Proposed Budget \$'000
	Income S	tatement			
Income From Continuing Operations					
Revenue:					
Rates and Annual Charges	197,686	196,989	97,876	265	197,255
User Charges and Fees	34,967	35,130	16,215	(1,020)	34,110
Interest and Investment Revenues	4,572	4,790	2,157	(112)	4,678
Other Revenues	10,062	11,238	5,862	(107)	11,130
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	19,837	21,113	10,064	(161)	20,952
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	53,752	39,387	24,659	2,718	42,105
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	0	0	(390)	0	0
Total Income from Continuing Operations	320,876	308,647	156,443	1,583	310,230
Employee Costs	129,419	131,653	64,288	302	131,955
Borrowing Costs	3,310	3,310	1,706	20	3,330
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	94,926	98,274	45,526	(1,766)	96,509
Depreciation, Amortisation + Impairment	64,508	64,508	30,790	(1,589)	62,919
Internal Charges (labour)	(16,581)	(16,786)	(7,097)	(92)	(16,878)
Internal Charges (not labour)	(1,653)	(1,603)	(1,039)	1	(1,602)
Total Expenses From Continuing Operations	273,929	279,357	134,174	(3,124)	276,233
Operating Results From Continuing Operations_	46,947	29,291	22,269	4,706	33,997
Net Operating Result for the Year	46,947	29,291	22,269	4,706	33,997
Net Operating Result for the Year before Grants &	(6,805)	(10,097)	(2,390)	1,988	(8,108)
Contributions provided for Capital Purposes					

Funding Statement								
Net Operating Result for the Year	46,947	29,291	22,269	4,706	33,997			
Add back :								
- Non-cash Operating Transactions	82,076	82,374	40,228	(1,514)	80,859			
- Restricted cash used for operations	12,960	18,491	8,360	138	18,630			
- Income transferred to Restricted Cash	(72,658)	(60,802)	(36,268)	(4,154)	(64,956)			
- Payment of Accrued Leave Entitlements	(13,146)	(13,418)	(6,799)	(67)	(13,485)			
Funds Available from Operations	56,178	55,935	27,790	(890)	55,045			
Advances (made by) / repaid to Council	0	0	0	0	0			
Borrowings repaid	(7,692)	(7,692)	(5,278)	0	(7,692)			
Operational Funds Available for Capital Budget	48,486	48,244	22,511	(890)	47,353			
CAPITAL BUDGET								
Assets Acquired	(97,962)	(100,795)	(52,665)	(7,406)	(108,201)			
Contributed Assets	(10,169)	(10,169)	0	0	(10,169)			
Transfers to Restricted Cash	(1,497)	(1,497)	(749)	0	(1,497)			
Funded From :-								
- Operational Funds	48,486	48,244	22,511	(890)	47,353			
- Sale of Assets	1,795	1,795	752	0	1,795			
- Internally Restricted Cash	11,310	11,432	5,627	(51)	11,382			
- Borrowings	0	0	0	0	0			
- Capital Grants	12,210	12,938	11,443	1,878	14,815			
- Developer Contributions (Section 94)	8,195	9,245	843	(177)	9,068			
- Other Externally Restricted Cash	9,230	9,780	10,249	6,531	16,311			
- Other Capital Contributions	10,689	11,072	1,832	0	11,072			
TOTAL FUNDS SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(7,713)	(7,955)	(156)	(115)	(8,071)			



## Table 7

MAJOR VARIATIONS PROPOSED \$'000s	Offsetting Items for Fund	Surplus Defic	Net by type
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		our plus Belle	
Rates & Annual Charges			
Pensioner Rate Rebates	66		
Domestic Waste - Additional Services	215		
Rates City Centre	(16)		26
User Charges & Fees	(10)		
Rating Certificates	(36)		
Commercial Tipping	(984)		
Other	(50.)		(1,02
Interest and Investment Income			(-,
Lower investment income offset by transfer to reserve	(112)		(11:
Other Revenue	(112)		(
Animal Enfocement Income		(15)	1
Emergency Services Support		29	.)
New Years Fever	28	28	
			1)
Legal Services Income	(17)	(3	
Other		(19	(10)
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Employee Costs			
Tfr To/From Materials and Contracts			
Urban Greening Program	(110)		
Tourist Parks	57		_
Project Delivery	(58)		
Adjustment of funded projects			
IT Operational	(115)		
Legal Services	17		
Domestic Waste Projects	5		
Rating Salaries	(3)		
Other	(44)	(5:	) (30
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses			
Materials Handling Process			
EPA Levy Landfill	2,576		
EPA Levy Commercial	229		
Operational Works introduced, offset from Capital	(800)		
Whytes Gully Waste Depot Waste Contracts	(266)		
Reallocation to/from Other Categories	,		
Urban Greening Program	110		
Tourist Parks	(57)		
Rates	(27)		
New Years Fever	(28)	(2	2)
Adjustments to funded projects	(20)	(.	
King George V Sporting Infrastructure	(67)		
Other	44		
Domestic Waste Contracts	(29)		
Various other adjustments	25	58	1,76
Borrowing Costs	(20)	30	(2
Depreciation	1,589		1,58
Internal Charges	1,509		1,50
Project Delivery Recovery	58		
Motor Vehicle Charge Out	23		
Other	23	10	9
Profit on Sale of Assets		10	,



## Table 7 (cont'd)

MAJOR VARIATIONS PROPOSED \$'000s	Offsetting Items for Fund	Surplus	Deficit	Net by type
Grants & contribution - Operating	, and	Surpius	Deficit	
Community Transport	(100)			
Floodplain Management	(70)			
Other	9			(161)
Operating Variation [pre capital]	2,092	124	(227)	1,988
Capital Grants & Contributions	1			
Developer Contributions				
City Wide	600			
City Centre	850			
Grants & Contributions				
Floodplain	1,268			
Other				2,718
Operating Variation [post capital]	4,810	124	(227)	4,706
FUNDING STATEMENT				
Non Cash Items				
Leave Liability			(12)	
Interest on Tip Remediation	20			
Depreciation	(1,589)			(1,581
Payment of Leave Entitlements				-
Restricted Cash Used for Operations				
Externally funded project adjustments				
King George V Sporting Infrastructure	67			
Other	71			138
ncome Transferred to Restricted Cash	/-			
Whytes Gully Waste Surplus	(1,534)			
Developer Contributions	(1,450)			
Grants & contributions - capital	(1,268)			
Grants & contributions - capital  Grants & contributions - operational	161			
Interest applicable to restricted assets	112			
Domestic Waste				
	(191)			(4.154
City Centre Rates	16			(4,154
OPERATIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL	(775)	124	(239)	(890
CAPITAL BUDGET	222			
Increase in capital program	800			800
Purchase Motor Vehicle Funded from Operations TOTAL FUNDS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(25)	124	(239)	(25 (115



	C		PROJECT nber 2018 Qua		T		
	\$10						
ASSET CLASS PROGRAMME	EXPENDITURE			OTHER FUNDING	YTO EXPENDITURE		
Roads And Related Assets							
Traffic Facilities	3,287	(2,248)	3,210	(2,071)	1,120	(77)	17
Public Transport Facilities Roadworks	420 15,896	(190) (2,506)	420 15,796	(190) (2,506)	66 6,258	(0)	(
Bridges, Boardwalks and Jetties	1,069	(54)	1,069	(54)	457	(0)	
TOTAL Roads And Related Assets	20,673	(4,999)	20,496	(4,822)	7,901	(176)	17
West Dapto							
West Dapto Infrastructure Expansion	18,430	(18,430)	24,767	(24,767)	17,900	6,337	(6,33
TOTAL West Dapto	18,430	(18,430)	24,767	(24,767)	17,900	6,337	(6,337
Footpaths And Cycleways							
Footpaths	6,992	(2,060)	6,991	(2,059)	1,935	(1)	
Cycle/Shared Paths  Commercial Centre Upgrades - Footpaths and Cyclewa	2,729 3,900	(490) (30)	2,648 3,900	(409)	1,633 2,693	(81)	8
TOTAL Footpaths And Cycleways	13,621	(2,580)	13,540	(2,498)	6,261	(81)	1
		1,4,4,4		(-)			
Carparks  Carpark Construction/Formalising	770	(350)	770	(350)	307	0	
Carpark Reconstruction or Upgrading	1,550	0	1,650	0	968	100	
TOTAL Carparks	2,320	(350)	2,420	(350)	1,275	100	
Stormwater And Floodplain Manageme	ent						
Floodplain Management	2,466	(226)	4,393	(2,103)	3,073	1,927	(1,87
Stormwater Management Stormwater Treatment Devices	4,029 835	(1,264) (160)	4,470 795	(1,265) (160)	1,114 116	440 (40)	(
TOTAL Stormwater And Floodplain N	7,330	(1,650)	9,658	(3,528)	4,303	2,327	(1,87
Buildings							
Cultural Centres (IPAC, Gallery, Townhall)	1,382	0	1,382	0	205	(0)	
Administration Buildings	943	(40)	943	(40)	115	0	
Community Buildings	7,979	(547)	7,991	(559)	4,020	12	(1
Public Facilities (Shelters, Toilets etc.)  Carbon Abatement	770 0	0	770 0	0	410 (28)	(0)	
TOTAL Buildings	11,075	(587)	11,087	(599)	4,722	12	(1
Commercial Operations							
Tourist Park - Upgrades and Renewal	1,100	0	1,100	0	563	(0)	
Crematorium/Cemetery - Upgrades and Renewal	410	0	410	0	249	(0)	
Leisure Centres & RVGC	100	0	100	0	42	0	
TOTAL Commercial Operations	1,610	0	1,610	0	854	(0)	
Parks Gardens And Sportfields							
Play Facilities Recreation Facilities	920 961	0 (87)	920 180	0 (106)	134 101	0 (781)	(1:
Sporting Facilities	4,209	(3,494)	4,209	(3,494)	1,280	(0)	
TOTAL Parks Gardens And Sportfield	6,090	(3,581)	5,309	(3,600)	1,515	(781)	(1
Beaches And Pools							
Beach Facilities	495	0	395	0	49	(100)	
Rock/Tidal Pools	1,474	0	1,624	0	1,399	150	
Treated Water Pools	506	0	456	0	51	(50)	
TOTAL Beaches And Pools	2,476	0	2,475	0	1,499	(0)	



	C		PROJECT nber 2018 Qua		T		
	\$10	00	\$'000			\$100	
ASSET CLASS PROGRAMME	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING	EXPENDITURE	OTHER FUNDING	YTD EXPENDITURE	EXPENDITURE	
Natural Areas							
Natural Area Management and Rehabilitation	125	0	125	0	1	0	
TOTAL Natural Areas	125	0	125	0	1	0	
Naste Facilities							
Whytes Gully New Cells	4,547	(4,547)	5,505	(5,347)	3,255	959	3)
Whytes Gully Renewal Works	560	(560)	560	(560)	8	(0)	
Helensburgh Rehabilitation	1,200	(1,200)	241	(400)	80	(959)	
TOTAL Waste Facilities	6,307	(6,307)	6,307	(6,307)	3,342	(0)	
Fleet Motor Vehicles	1,700	(1.109)	1,725	(4.100)	331	25	
TOTAL Fleet	1,700	(1,108)	1,725	(1,108)	331	25	
	1,700	(1,100)	1,725	(1,100)	331		
lant And Equipment							
Portable Equipment (Mowers etc.) Mobile Plant (trucks, backhoes etc.)	100 3,850	(38)	100 3,850	(38) (650)	18 277	0	
Fixed Equipment	0,000	(030)	3,030	(030)	0	(0)	
TOTAL Plant And Equipment	3,950	(688)	3,950	(687)	295	(0)	
nformation Technology							
Information Technology	781	0	781	0	296	(0)	
TOTAL Information Technology	781	0	781	0	296	(0)	
ibrary Books							
Library Books	1,191	0	1,191	0	835	(0)	
TOTAL Library Books	1,191	0	1,191	0	835	(0)	
Public Art							
Public Art Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Art Gallery Acquisitions	100	0	100	0	62	(0)	
TOTAL Public Art	100	0	100	0	62	(0)	
mergency Services							
Emergency Services Plant and Equipment	1,200	(771)	1,200	(771)	911	(0)	
TOTAL Emergency Services	1,200	(771)	1,200	(771)	911	(0)	
and Acquisitions							
Land Acquisitions	200	0	493	(193)	347	293	(
TOTAL Land Acquisitions	200	0	493	(193)	347	293	(
Ion-Project Allocations							
Capital Project Contingency Capital Project Plan	1,597 20	0	947 20	0	0 11	(650) (0)	
TOTAL Non-Project Allocations	1,617		967	0	11	(650)	
						()	
GRAND TOTAL	100,795	(41,050)	108,201	(49,231)	52,662	7,406	(8,



#### **Supporting Documents**

Although there isn't any significant change proposed in the budgeted position for Supporting Documents at this Review, there remains a significant challenge organisationally for these projects to be delivered in full in the current reporting period. Project progress is monitored on an ongoing basis and where required, budget changes may be considered through the March Quarterly Review.

ervice & Project	Original Budget 2018/19 \$000's	Adopted Budget 2018/19 \$000's	Proposed Budget 2018/19 \$000's	Variance 2018/19 \$000's	Forecast 2019/20 \$000's	Forecast 2020/21 \$000's
Aquatic Services West Dapto Aquatic Facility Investigations Corrimal Pool Masterplan	0	<b>41</b> 13 28	<b>41</b> 13 28	0	0	
Botanic Garden and Annexes Botanic Garden Masterplan/Asset Mgmt. Plan Vit Keira Summit Park	0	<b>41</b> 1 40	<b>35</b> 13 22	(6) 12 (18)	0	
Community Facilities ntegrated Facilities Planning acilities Planning Development	0	<b>43</b> 9 34	<b>43</b> 9 34	0	0	
Community Programs Dapto Pilot Project	<b>82</b> 82	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	0	0	
Corporate Strategy Centralised Studies & Plans	0	0	0	0	0	<b>19</b>
Cultural Services Cultural Tourism Strategy	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	0	0	
Stormwater Services Floodplain Management Studies	<b>982</b> 175	<b>1,141</b> 135	<b>1,048</b> 35	<b>(93)</b> (100)	<b>350</b> 200	<b>3</b>
Brooks Creek Flood Study/Floodplain Risk Mgmt.	15	15		(15)		
Review of Towradgi Creek FRMS - 2015/16	80	100	100		75	
Review of Hewitts Creek FRMS - 2015/16	95	105	105		75	
ower Gurungaty Causeway Detailed Design + REF	0	22	29	7		
J Kelly Park Land Form Modification	50	60	75	15		
Review of Flood Studies & Floodplain Risk Mgmt Plans	99	187	187			
Ainnegang Creek Flood Study	20					
Ouck Creek Flood Study	65	75	75			
Review of Collins Creek Flood Study	46	56	56			
Review of Allans Creek Flood Study	70	85	85			
Review of Wollongong City Flood Study	17	42	42			
Review of Fairy Cabbage Tree Creek Flood Study	120	120	120			
(ully Bay Flood Study	60 70	65 75	65 75			
Ainnegang Creek Flood Study Review	50	50	50	0	0	
Review Economic Development Strategy	50	50	50			
invironmental Services Biocertification for West Dapto	0	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	0	0	
Sovernance and Administration	918	918	918	(0)	7	
Vest Dapto Review	918	358	358	(0)	7	
Vest Dapto Review Demographic and Economic Planning		140	140			
Vest Dapto Review Flood Consultant		150	150			
Vest Dapto Review Structure Plan		50	50			
Vest Dapto Review WaterCycle Masterplan		75	75	(20)		
Vest Dapto Review Specialist Consultants		100	80	(20)		
Vest Dapto Review Advisor Vest Dapto DCP Review 2019		45	45 20	20		
nfrastructure Planning & Support	0	0	0	0	0	
eisure Services	100	100	100	0	0	



Service & Project	Original Budget 2018/19 \$000's	Adopted Budget 2018/19 \$000's	Proposed Budget 2018/19 \$000's	Variance 2018/19 \$000's	Forecast 2019/20 \$000's	Forecast 2020/21 \$000's
Land Use Planning	450	452	452	0	305	6
Berkeley Commercial Centre Study	30	10	10			
Housing Study		40	40			
Port Kembla 2505 Study		62	62			
Tourism Accommodation Review Planning Controls	25	25	25		25	
ndustrial Land Planning Controls Review	30	60	60			
Heritage Asset Management Strategy	25	45	45			
Windang Town Centre Planning Study	90	10	10			
Mt Kembla Village Centre Planning Study					30	
Woonona Village Planning Study					30	
Helensburgh Town Centre Planning Study	60	10	10		30	
Fairy Meadow Town Centre Planning Study					60	(
Bulli Town Centre Planning Study	90	10	10		30	
City Centre Planning Review	100	180	180		100	
Property Services	20	64	64	0	0	
Bulli Showground Masterplan		44	44			
Foreshore Parking Strategy	20	20	20			
Parks and Sportsfields	298	220	220	0	200	
Cringila Hills Site Assessment	150	72	72		150	
Hill 60 CMP and Aboriginal HIL	98	98	98		50	
Blue Mile Masterplan - update	50	50	50			
ransport Services	416	559	559	0	322	20
Corrimal Traffic Study and Access Movement		27	27	•		_
accessible Car Parking and Bus Stops audit	125	150	150			
access and Movement Strategy Review	176	176	176			
City Centre Parking Surveys - EMS Report	1,0	1,0	2,0		67	
oreshore Parking Strategy	20	61	61		0,	
ntegrated Transport Strategy	20	01	01		50	
City Centre Parking Strategy					40	
Bellambi Foreshore Precinct Plan	50	50	50		150	10
Social Infrastructure Supporting Document	30	30	30		150	
Wollongong LGA Feasibility Studies	15	15	15		15	
Real Time Parking Information Signage	15	50	50		15	
Total Expenditure *	3,315	3,710	3,612	(99)	1,185	82

<sup>\*</sup> Expenditure shown above is for full project cost. A number of projects are supported from external grant funds or internal restrictions

The proposed reduction for floodplain management studies of \$0.1M reflects the revised level of expected funding from Office of Environment & Heritage. The Original Budget included an estimate of expected grants and corresponding expenditure that is reviewed when funding levels are confirmed.



WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL					
	Actual 28/12/2018 \$'000	Actual 2017/18 \$'000			
Balance Sheet					
Current Assets					
Cash Assets	18,788	26,491			
Investment Securities	119,203	109,162			
Receivables	27,756	27,037			
Inventories	316	306			
Other	14,480	10,666			
Total Current Assets	180,542	173,662			
Non-Current Assets					
Non Current Cash Assets	14,085	22,115			
Non-Current Inventories	5,835	5,835			
Property, Plant and Equipment	2,393,129	2,356,306			
Investment Properties	4,780	4,780			
Westpool Equity Contribution	2,637	2,637			
Intangible Assets	270	388			
Total Non-Current Assets	2,420,736	2,392,061			
TOTAL ASSETS	2,601,278	2,565,723			
Current Liabilities					
2 12 11	20,420	20.040			
Current Payables	30,439	30,010			
Current Provisions payable < 12 months	13,349 37,710	12,667			
Current Provisions payable > 12 months	7,716	37,710 7,716			
Current Interest Bearing Liabilities	7,710	7,710			
Total Current Liabilities	89,214	88,103			
Non-Current Liabilities					
		-			
Non Current Payables	384	700			
Non Current Interest Bearing Liabilities	22,856	25,039			
Non Current Provisions	45,491	44,567			
Total Non-Current Liabilities	68,732	70,306			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	157,946	158,409			
NET ASSETS	2,443,332	2,407,314			
Equity		•			
Accumulated Surplus	1,323,960	1,300,716			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	979,393	965,325			
Restricted Assets	139,979	141,274			
TOTAL EQUITY	2,443,332	2,407,314			



WOLLONGONG CITY  CASH FLOW STATEME as at 28 December 20	NT	IL.
	YTD Actual 2018/19 \$ '000	Actual 2017/18 \$ '000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIV	ITIES	
Receipts:		
Rates & Annual Charges	104,596	193,45
User Charges & Fees	19,060	35,362
Interest & Interest Received	803	5,426
Grants & Contributions	30,157	50,700
Other	8,036	23,789
Payments:		
Employee Benefits & On-costs	(62,526)	(107,925
Materials & Contracts	(22,281)	(65,774
Borrowing Costs	(590)	(1,26
Other	(20,747)	(53,568
Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities	56,508	80,201
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment Deferred Debtors Receipts  Payments:	752	10,923
Purchase of Investments		
Purchase of Investment Property		
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(60,578)	(93,550
Purchase of Interests in Joint Ventures & Associates	1	facion
Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities	(59,826)	(82,627
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVIT	ΓIES	
Receipts:		
Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances	-	
Payments:		
Repayment of Borrowings & Advances	(2,375)	(7,513
Repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities	-	
Other Financing Activity Payments	-	
Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities	(2,375)	(7,513
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	(5,693)	2,957
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents and Investments - beginning of year	157,768	154,81

	YTD Actual 2018/19 \$ '000	Actual 2017/18 \$ '000
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents and Investments - year to date	152,075	157,76
Attributable to:		
External Restrictions (refer below)	76,615	73.14
Internal Restrictions (refer below)	63,364	68.12
Unrestricted	12.096	16,49
Cinestroid	152,075	157,76
External Restrictions	102,010	101,10
Developer Contributions	28,622	18,9
RMS Contributions	478	10,5
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	4.633	2.7
Special Rates Lew Wollongong Mall	257	10
Special Rates Levy Wollongong City Centre	(74)	(4
Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme	6,547	14.73
Unexpended Loans	5,381	7.0
Domestic Waste Management	13,681	12,8
Private Subsidies	5,039	5,0
West Dapto Home Deposit Assistance Program	10,537	10,39
Stormwater Management Service Charge	1,429	1,26
West Dapto Home Deposits Issued	85	1
Carbon Price		
Total External Restrictions	76,615	73,14
Internal Restrictions		
Property Investment Fund	8,246	8,2
Strategic Projects	46,454	49.40
Sports Priority Program	776	64
Car Parking Stategy	1,365	1,00
MacCabe Park Development	1,215	1,14
Darcy Wentworth Park	171	17
Garbage Disposal Facility	(914)	2,10
West Dapto Development Additional Rates	5,458	4,7
Southern Phone Natural Areas	213	20
Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Fund	380	2



Item 6 - Attachment 1 - Draft Quarterly Review Statement December 2018

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) 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 QBRS 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 \$50 thousand, whichever is the lesser, are required to be provided.

Contract Listing						
	Budget Review for Quarter ended Dece	mber 2018				
Contract Value Commencement Duration of Buo Contractor Contract Detail & Purpose \$000's Date Contract						
Austen	Bong Bong Road and Station Street Traffic Signals	410	2/11/2018	2018/19	Υ	
Advanced Catering Systems Holdings Pty Limited	Lease for the Operation of Corrimal Beach Tourist Park Kiosk/Cafe	220	1/11/2018	2018/24	Υ	
Simpard Pty Ltd	Supply, Install and operation of coin operated laundry equipment at Wollongong City Tourist Parks	150	15/10/2018	2018/24	Υ	
Panel	CCTV Inspection and Reporting of Stormwater Pipelines	2,000	1/11/2018	2018/20	Υ	
Davone Constructions Pty Ltd	Baird Park Toilet Replacement	190	2/10/2018	2018/19	Y	
Brefni Pty Ltd	Retaining Wall Reconstruction - Princes Highway Russel Vale	1,660	3/10/2018	2018/19	Y	
Niche Environment and Heritage Pty Ltd	Hill 60 Conservation Management Plan and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report Consultancy	102	19/11/2018	2018/19	Υ	
Hytech Plastics Pty Ltd	Continental Pool Shade Sail Structure	67	27/11/2018	2018/19	Y	
SRG Services (Australia) Pty Ltd	Darkes Road Culvert Repair Works	346	31/10/2018	2018/19	Y	
Coastwide Civil Pty Ltd	Windang Boat Ramp Retaining Wall - Scour Protection Works	345	8/11/2018	2018/19	Y	
Rhelm Pty Ltd	Mullet Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan	165	3/12/2018	2018/21	Y	

The QBRS 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 December 2018					
Expense	Expenditure YTD \$000's	Budgeted (Y/N)			
Consultancies Legal Fees	1,307 444	YES YES			

## STATEMENT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

All investments held at 31 December 2018 were invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Bank reconciliations have been completed as at 31 December 2018.

Year to date cash and investments are reconciled with funds invested and cash at bank.

#### **BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - REVISION TO FULL YEAR ESTIMATES**

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

It is my opinion that the financial statements and schedules contained within the Quarterly Review Statement for Wollongong City Council for the quarter ended 31 December 2018 indicate that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2019 will be satisfactory having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

The overall year to date position is within expectations of the adopted budget across the broad range of indicators and on a budget outcome basis is acceptable

BRIAN JENKINS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
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	86%	0%	14%	0%	0%
1.1.2.2 Protect and conserve the health and biodiversity of our waterways and coast	80%	0%	20%	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	80%	0%	0%	0%	20%
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	80%	0%	0%	0%	20%
1.2.2.1 Our community is proactively engaged in a range of initiatives that improve the sustainability of our environments	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
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	40%	30%	30%	0%	0%
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	50%	50%	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	50%	50%	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	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
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	83%	17%	0%	0%	0%
2.3.1.2 Support projects that investigate opportunities for the provision of tourism infrastructure	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.3.2.1 Market and promote events in the city centre	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
2.3.2.2 Provide a diverse range of activities in the city centre that target and engage a broad community	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.1.4 Deliver sustainable and successful events and festivals through Council investment and delivery of the Events Strategy	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.1.1.5 Encourage Sports Associations to conduct regional, state and national events in the city	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
3.1.2.1 Provide opportunities for local artists and performers to exhibit, promote and perform at Council venues and events	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.2.1.1 Provide support to existing and emerging artists and performers	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%
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	100%	0%	0%	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%
3.3.1.1 Deliver a program of activities in local communities	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	100%	0%	0%	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%
4.1.2.1 Ensure the NBN is rolled out across the Wollongong LGA	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
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%
4.2.1.2 Support community participation in community activities	100%	0%	0%	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	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4.3.1.2 Build a workplace culture that is safe, engaged, responsive and professional	78%	0%	0%	0%	22%
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%
4.3.2.3 Improve the efficiency of supply management in order to achieve operational efficiencies	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
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%
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	75%	0%	0%	0%	25%
5.1.1.2 Continue to undertake social, land use and environmental planning activities that assists in service planning	100%	0%	0%	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	75%	0%	25%	0%	0%
5.1.4.1 Provide an appropriate and sustainable range of quality passive and active open spaces and facilities	91%	0%	0%	0%	9%
5.1.4.2 Review planning controls for priority locations	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.1.4.3 Policies and plans are developed, reviewed and implemented to encourage physical activity	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
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%
5.1.5.1 Increase opportunities to enhance library multimedia and online services	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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	100%	0%	0%	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	78%	11%	11%	0%	0%
5.2.1.4 Develop a Regional Botanic Garden of Excellence	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.2.1.5 Provide statutory services to appropriately manage and maintain our public spaces	50%	25%	0%	0%	25%



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
5.2.1.6 Implement Council's Planning, People, Places Strategy	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
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	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.3.2.1 In partnership with relevant agencies and networks lobby and advocate for improved service levels and quality enhanced access to services	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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	100%	0%	0%	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	100%	0%	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%



Goal	On track	Not Scheduled to Commence	Delayed	Deferred	Ongoing / Complete
6.1.1.1 Support the delivery of the Gong Shuttle Bus as an affordable transport option	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6.1.2.1 Implement a variety of projects and programs to encourage sustainable transport throughout the LGA	83%	0%	17%	0%	0%
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	100%	0%	0%	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	0%	100%	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%
Total Annual Deliverable Progress	93%	3%	3%	0%	2%



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ITEM 7

# CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2019

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee meeting was held on 23 January 2019. Items 2.1-2.7 and 4-5.1 be adopted by Council through delegated authority. Item 3.1 must be determined by Council and is recommended to Council for approval for temporary Regulation of Traffic on public roads for works or events by independent parties.

#### RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the powers delegated to Council, the Minutes and Recommendations of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee held on 23 January 2019 in relation to Regulation of Traffic be adopted.

#### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Mike Dowd, Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning

Authorised by: Andrew Carfield, Director Infrastructure and Works (Acting) - Connectivity Assets and

Liveable City

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1 Standard Conditions for Road Closures

- 2 Greater Fitness 5 and PeopleCare Kerryn MCann 10 Map
- 3 Traffic Control Plan for Run Wollongong 2019

### **WOLLONGONG - WARD 1 (ITEM 3.1 OF WCC MINUTES)**

Crown Street, Marine and Endeavour Drives, Cliff Road - Kembla Joggers - Road Closures for Fitness 5 and Kerryn McCann 10 Running Event.

## **BACKGROUND**

Kembla Joggers have proposed two events for Sunday 24 March 2019 which involve the closure of Crown Street (east of Harbour Street), Marine Drive, Endeavour Drive and Cliff Road between Harbour Street and Marine Drive. The closures take effect between 8.00am and 11.00am on the day. The Fitness 5 Event will start and finish on Crown Street adjacent to Parkside Avenue and the course extends to a turning point in Stuart Park. The Kerryn McCann 10 Running Event also starts and finishes in Crown Street however the turning point is the car park at Fairy Meadow Beach.

Once participants in both events reach the shared path opposite Harbour Street (Wollongong Harbour) the course follows the shared path to the turning points and further road closures beyond Harbour Street are not required. The submitted traffic management plans which include vehicle mitigation need to be adjusted to ensure consistent gaps of 1.2m between vehicles used for this purpose.

The organisers have arranged for residents of Parkside Avenue to be permitted access when safe to do so. With respect to bus services the organisers are required to arrange for temporary bus zones and a portable toilet facility to be located at Harbour Street on the western side to the north of Crown Street. A thirty metre temporary bus zone is also required on the northern side of Crown Street on the approach to the Harbour Street intersection. These temporary bus facilities should be installed on Saturday evening prior to the event and managed on the day by traffic controllers.



## **PROPOSAL**

The Road Closure on Sunday 34 March 2019 from 8am to 11am of Crown Street, Marine and Endeavour Drives, Cliff Road be approved subject to the provision of toilet facilities and temporary bus zones in Crown Street and in Harbour Street, and a revised plan setting out the distance of 1.2m between vehicles in the vehicle mitigation details and Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures. See Greater Fitness 5 and PeopleCare Kerryn McCann 10 Map and Traffic Control Plan for Run Wollongong 2019.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation with residents of Parkside Avenue and Cliff Road, and business operators in the vicinity of Wollongong Harbour and Flagstaff Hill is a requirement of approval for this item.

## PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

The report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal – *We have affordable and accessible transport.* 

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Draft Service Plan 2018-19.

Item 7 - Attachment 1 - Standard Conditions for Road Closures



#### Attachment 1 - Standard Conditions for Road Closure

### **Standard Conditions for Road Closures**

For Special Events and Work Related activities Within Council Road Reserves.

Following approval by Wollongong City Council, road closures are subject to the additional Council conditions:

- 1. The Applicant must complete the Council form 'Application to Open and Occupy or Underbore a Roadway or Footpath' (Refer to Checklist below relates to Section 138 of the Roads Act.)
- NSW Police Approval: The Applicant must obtain written approval from NSW Police, where required under the Roads Act.
- If the Road Closure is within 100m of any traffic control signals or on a 'State Classified Road' the Applicant must obtain a Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) from NSW Roads & Maritime Services (RMS).
- 4. The Applicant must advise all affected residents and business owners within the closure area of the date/s and times for the closure, at least 7 days prior to the intended date of works.
- 5. The Applicant must advise Emergency Services: Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Police, Taxi and Bus Companies of the closure dates and times in writing, 7 days prior to the intended date of works. The Applicant must endeavour to minimise the impact on bus services during the closure.
- Traffic Management Plan: The closure must be set up in accordance with the approved Traffic Management Plan (TMP) prepared by an appropriately qualified traffic controller; a copy of whose qualifications must be included with the submitted TMP.
- Traffic Management Plan Setup: The Traffic Management Plan must be set up by appropriately
  qualified traffic control persons or the NSW Police.
- Access to properties affected by the road closure must be maintained where possible. Where
  direct access cannot be achieved, an alternative arrangement must be agreed to by both the
  applicant and the affected person/s.
- Public Notice Advertisement: The Applicant must advertise the road closure in the Public Notices section of the local paper, detailing closure date/s and times at least 7 days prior to the closure.
- 10. Public Liability Policy: The Applicant must provide Council with a copy of their current insurance policy to a value of no less than \$20 million dollars to cover Wollongong City Council from any claims arising from the closure.

#### Checklist:

☐ Completed Council Form:

'Application to Open and Occupy or Underbore a Roadway or Footpath'.

#### Required information as shown below MUST be attached:

A copy of the letter from the Traffic Committee authorising the closure
The Traffic Management Plan (TMP)
The Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) if required
Written approval from NSW Police
Public Liability Insurance

**Applications may be lodged** in the Customer Service Centre located on the Ground Floor of Council's Administration Building, 41 Burelli Street Wollongong between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

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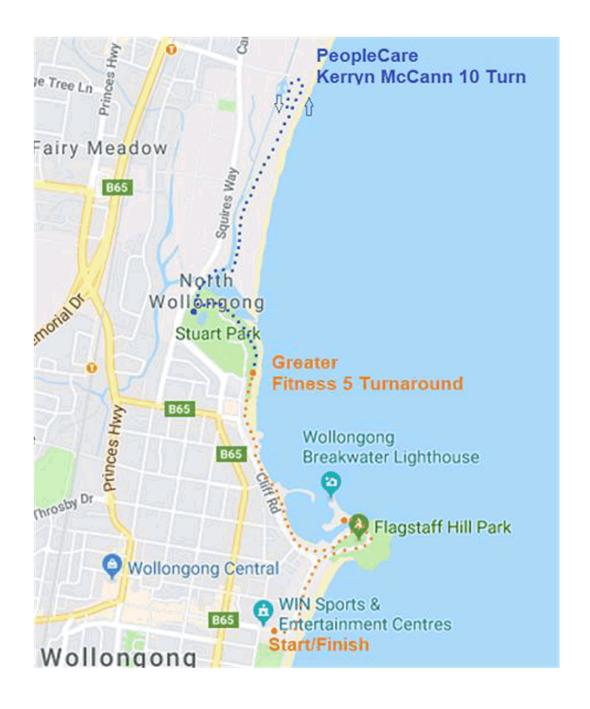
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# Attachment 2

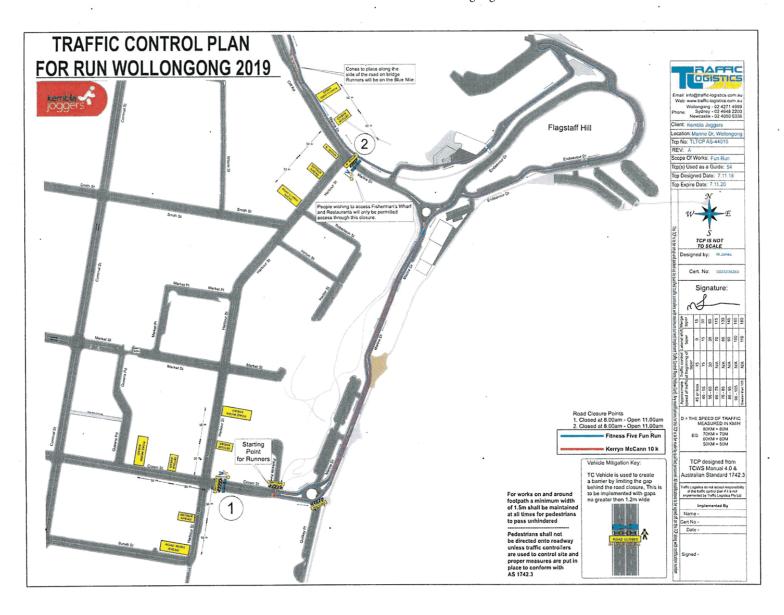
Item 7 - Attachment 2 - Greater Fitness 5 and PeopleCare Kerryn MCann 10

# **Greater Fitness 5 and PeopleCare Kerryn McCann 10 Map** Sunday 24th March 2019





## Attachment 3 - Traffic Control Plan for Run Wollongong 2019





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ITEM 8

# BI-MONTHLY RETURNS OF DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS FEBRUARY 2019

The Local Government Act 1993 requires the General Manager to table all Returns of Disclosures of Interest lodged by persons nominated as designated persons. Returns are submitted to Council on a bi-monthly basis.

## RECOMMENDATION

Council note the tabling of the Returns of Disclosures of Interest as required by Section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993.

## 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

## 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 Governance and Administration Service Plan 2018-19.