

Council responses to community submissions for Draft 2026-27 Operational Plan and Budget

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1	<p>Many years ago, maybe around about 2019, I made a presentation at a council meeting. I asked for the council to build a Hydrotherapy Pool at Des Renford Centre.</p> <p>I got a huge ovation and many counsellors were behind me but it appears nobody was really serious about it.</p> <p>I would like to ask if and when they would build a Hydrotherapy Pool. It would be a great addition to the Maroubra community.</p>	<p>At this stage, there are no immediate plans to construct a hydrotherapy pool at Des Renford Leisure Centre due to the significant capital costs and the need to prioritise funding across competing infrastructure needs. While dedicated hydrotherapy pools are typically heated to around 34–36°C, the Centre’s Training pool is currently maintained at approximately 32.5°C and supports many therapeutic uses.</p>
2	<p>It’s great to see investment in upgrading existing facilities. However, the current fuel and fertiliser crisis has highlighted that improving local food security represents a significant opportunity to deliver better access, affordability and health outcomes while also reducing fuel and fertilizer dependence and climate impacts of long supply chains.</p> <p>I would love to see investment in local food production and supply at the LGA level. There are many examples of where this is working well and delivering better outcomes for families and communities. For example Farm My School uses unused land in schools to produce food to sustainably feed school children and disadvantaged families in the community with affordable consistent supply of locally grown, nutritionally dense whole foods - delivering improved food security, education and health outcomes.</p> <p>https://www.farmmyschool.com</p>	<p>Yes, supporting local food production is important for resilience, including in response to shocks like the current fuel crisis. Randwick City Council has a number of programs which support local food production including the Community Gardens program, Grow it Local, supporting Organic Buyers Group operating at 2 locations and the School Grants program. Staff will share the information on Farm My School with the Eastern Suburbs Sustainable Schools Network for their information.</p>

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3	<p>Interesting to read the operational plan for La Perouse as there is no mention of completing the toilet upgrade to the toilet block to include showers that was approved 3 to 4 years ago and approved in that budget. Obviously paid for and costed but just a furphie it seems? Interesting to see if this much needed facility is ever completed.</p>	<p>Council is in discussions with the State Government in relation to land use for an alternate site for the proposed amenities. The original location was deemed not feasible through an extensive design and site investigation process.</p>
4	<p>The Operational Plan and Budget 2026-27 has various general references to the planning, design, construction and fit out of the Randwick Stables, which are located as part of the Newmarket development. The above document references in both the Randwick, as well as the Kensington and Kingsford, suburbs that the Council proposes for 2026-27 to "continue planning for reuse options for the Randwick Stables" as well as "construction and fitout of the Randwick Stables". Kindly let me know the current status of this project and as to the specific reuse options under consideration for the Stables.</p>	<p>The project is currently in the planning phase, with preliminary cost estimates and a scope of conservation works having been developed to inform future decision-making. At this stage, Council is continuing to investigate potential operating models and feasible reuse options for the site.</p> <p>As planning progresses and options are further interrogated, more detailed information will become available, including opportunities for stakeholder and community input.</p>
5	<p>I have looked at your budget for Maroubra and it does not include trimming harshly the council trees on the streets.</p> <p>I cannot remember the last time I saw this attended to. I live in Donovan Avenue at the corner of Parer and Donovan Avenue a tree is growing sideways across the road and downwards and it is virtually impossible to drive down to our house without going onto the wrong side of the road. I do not know how the garbage trucks do it.</p> <p>Can you please budget for this or at least send someone to come and cut it right back. There are many more like it.</p>	<p>Be advised that the trees in question have been inspected and pruning works will be arranged.</p>

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6	<p>Upgrade Playgrounds: Please include under the above heading of the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026-27 an upgrade to the grass area on the corner of Rae Street and Dutruc Street, Randwick. This is a large underutilised green space with one bench seat and a bubbler. It is in need of an upgrade and regular maintenance. It is well used by dog owners and residents of the neighbouring tower blocks in St Marks Road, Dutruc Street, Rae Street and Wood Street Randwick. With an upgrade and the addition of playground equipment it would even be more frequented by the many young families living in the immediate vicinity and beyond.</p>	<p>Thank you for taking the time to write to Council to suggest an upgrade to Tom Irwin Memorial Park in Randwick. While funding for a new playground at this location is not currently available, your suggestion is greatly appreciated.</p>
7	<p>I have looked at the draft plan, in particular the environmental section relating to weeds and maintains ESBS. There is an area at the end of Fisherman's Road leading to the national park that is in need of urgent attention. I believe this was included in past plans but has not had any action. Not only is it full of weeds but the path is very uneven and represents a trip hazard to users. When will this have some attention to remedy this.</p>	<p>Council is aware of the current issues, including weed infestation and the uneven path surface. In the short term, funding has been allocated to upgrade the existing footpath connection between the car park and the National Park boundary to improve safety and accessibility. This work is currently progressing through environmental assessment, after which construction will follow. In parallel, Council has secured funding to undertake detailed investigations and design for the broader rehabilitation of the former landfill site at the end of Fisherman's Road. This work will consider site remediation, retaining wall upgrades and improvements to the northern boat ramp, as well as ecological restoration outcomes.</p> <p>Given the scale and complexity of the site, the full rehabilitation will be delivered in stages and will require additional funding in future years to implement construction works.</p>

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8	<p>I have resided in a property I own at St Pauls Street for 20 years and am again extremely disappointed in the lack of plans for this area. I have been aware of the plans for The Spot Streetscape upgrade for over 5 years now with no meaningful progress noted (apart from a few shiny brochure updates). I note too the funds allocated to the project of only \$150K which would lead me to conclude that, again, there will be little progress with these plans. Disappointing from this local residents perspective though would be interested to be informed that I am incorrect and there will be, finally, meaningful changes/improvements made to this lovely part of Randwick.</p>	<p>Randwick City Council underwent major consultation for The Spot Streetscape Upgrades with the community and businesses in early 2025 and reported the outcomes of the consultation to Council in May 2025.</p> <p>In response to feedback received on the proposed works, Council has been further engaging with State Government to determine whether design alternatives exist which balance impact on public transport, traffic and parking, whilst also retaining the proposed benefits achieved through public domain enhancements.</p> <p>The \$150,000 allocated in the upcoming financial year is specifically intended to fund the design finalisation stemming from the aforementioned design alternatives. Notwithstanding, Council remains committed to delivering these works and has allocated a total of \$8 million up to the year 2030 to fund the works.</p>
9	<p>I note for Maroubra that it says implementation of Maroubra beach masterplan but that doesn't go into any details. What I was specifically wondering about is the proposed pedestrian island on Maroubra Rd near Hannan street and potential for making cars left turn only. Are either of those going ahead, and if so do you have a rough ETA. It's a rather dangerous crossing for both pedestrians and cars.</p>	<p>Regarding Maroubra Beach, Design works are currently underway for many upgrades at the beach including the surf club, playground and various other works. This is ongoing and we will see some major works begin in the coming months. Regarding the Maroubra Rd corridor near Hannan, we are undertaking investigations and have planned works for the Maroubra Road corridor in general, so this will be assessed as part of the process.</p>
10	<p>What ever happened to the BMX track in pioneer park? I thought that was approved</p>	<p>The BMX Track park is currently in the preliminary design phase, once a concept design has been developed Council will undertake community consultation this year.</p>

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11.1	<p>Paine reserve: please add sports ground (outdoor gym), like in Kensington Park - in a shaded location. Also, I feel like making the whole Paine reserve a fenced dog park would be nice - otherwise, it doesn't feel safe.</p>	<p>Council has received requests for an outdoor gym at this location and is currently assessing the financial feasibility of incorporating this element as part of a proposed playground upgrade in the 2026/27 financial year.</p> <p>In relation to your suggestion to convert the reserve into a fully fenced dog park, Council does not currently have plans to expand the number of fenced dog parks. This is to ensure a balanced provision of open space that caters to a range of recreational needs across the community. Your feedback will, however, be considered as part of any future reviews of the reserve.</p>
11.2	<p>New community precinct on Rainbow Street and Anzac Parade: more details, please! I will be glad if the car parking goes underground (several storeys), but I still want an easy "slip lane" from Rainbow Street to Anzac Parade (where Forsyth Street intersects Rainbow Street?). I will be glad if the alcohol-gambling-smoking place between Harbourne Road and Anzac Parade disappears/closes - it's a source of terrible air pollution. I would prefer if the precinct invited local craftsmen regularly - sort of like Smidmore markets in Marrickville metro? And I insist that every effort should be made to support local wildlife: plant native plants, provide safe road crossings for wildlife, have green roof and green walls - use rainwater tanks and other water efficiency and energy efficiency measures. And integrate a new return&earn centre somehow, similar to the one near Marrickville Metro - the existing return&earn on Anzac Parade is woefully inadequate.</p>	<p>The project is currently in the preliminary stages of planning, and a range of options and opportunities will be explored. Your suggestions around parking, traffic movements, sustainability initiatives, support for local businesses and craftspeople, and improved recycling facilities are all noted and will be assessed as this project develops. At this stage, no final decisions have been made, and there will be further opportunities for community input as planning progresses.</p>

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11.3	Just please, don't push your landfill rubbish problem out to rural NSW, be it by incinerator or by rural landfill - teach people to recycle, and provide incentives for businesses to generate less rubbish.	The comments are noted. The sentiment aligns with a number of Council's programs, including extensive education on recycling, reuse and waste avoidance. Further, Council continues to implement the EPA funded project this year assisting local cafe's and restaurants reduce and separate food waste.
11.4	More bicycles friendly infrastructure and dog friendly infrastructure. I would be glad if people could walk in the new precinct, anywhere, with dog and/or bicycle, without having to park it outdoors.	Council is actively progressing improvements in this space, with three projects within our active transport network scheduled to go to community consultation in June this year. In addition, Council delivers an ongoing annual rollout of dog-friendly infrastructure. This year includes upgrades to two off-leash dog parks, with further improvements planned in future years as part of this program.
12	The pump track for Malabar is missing. This was already confirmed earlier, why is it not in the plan	This project is scheduled in the capital works programme and is currently in the concept design phase.
13	Cycle paths: The council's CSP objective of increasing active transport use will never be achieved while council continues to neglect to provide even the most basic infrastructure for anyone who might consider using something other than a private vehicle for transport. The target of building a single solitary cycle path by 30 June 2027 is pathetic, yet lamentably, this would be more than Council achieved in 2025-26. It would be laughable if council's inaction wasn't risking people's lives. The gap between Randwick Council and the progress shown in neighbouring Councils such as Sydney City, Waverly and Inner West Councils is stark. To have a material impact on people's mode choice in line with what has been achieved by more competent administrations, Council should be building 50+km of cycle paths per year for the next few years. You already have a 10-year-old priority cycling project list of which nothing has been built, so get on with it.	We recognise your concerns about the pace of delivery and the need for safe, connected infrastructure to support a shift to active transport. Council is progressing a number of projects within the active transport network, including three key projects scheduled for community consultation in June this year. These form part of a staged delivery program that considers funding, resourcing and community support. For context, major cycling programs can take time to deliver at scale—such as the Inner West GreenWay, which took many decades to complete. We are also working closely with UNSW, who are specifically exploring ways to accelerate cycling project delivery and achieve faster outcomes. We agree with the need to do better and are actively working to strengthen our pipeline and increase the scale and pace of delivery.

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14	<p>Please provide more seating/benches in Snape Park for walkers and water bowls for dogs.</p>	<p>We appreciate your feedback regarding additional seating for walkers and the inclusion of water bowls for dogs. These are practical improvements that can enhance comfort and usability for a range of park users.</p> <p>Council is also planning to upgrade the dog park fencing at this location and will look to incorporate these elements as part of the upcoming works</p>
15	<p>Seems despite an obvious disapproval by local businesses and residents on the removal of Parking from Perouse Rd at The Spot and the impact that this will have on killing small business has gone unheard. Would you walk from Coogee Bay Rf to get a coffee? Pay \$25 to park your car whilst having dinner?</p> <p>Take your Mum to dinner and have her walk to Coogee Bay Rd</p> <p>What about locals parking?</p> <p>Locals gone unheard whilst council progresses with an expensive plan that will bankrupt small local businesses who are already under financial stress</p>	<p>Council has progressed with project planning for The Streetscape Upgrades and is rather undertaking some further design reviews to explore alternative arrangements and assess the capacity to which resident and business feedback can be incorporated into the design.</p> <p>Construction activities will not commence on site until further communications are made with stakeholders of the outcomes of these further considerations.</p>
16.1	<p>You are upgrading Cliff lane between Fern Street and Barry St. There needs to be work done on upgrading Clift/Cliff lane between Barry Street and Knox Street.</p>	<p>Council's Roads Engineers are aware of the condition of Clift Lane between Barry Street and Knox Street and have listed the works for a future programme for resheeting. During construction planning for the laneway upgrade, Council will consider whether the two works can be carried out simultaneously.</p>
16.2	<p>That is a huge and unreasonable increase in fees.</p>	<p>Council acknowledges that some of the proposed fee increases have increased from previous years. The Draft Budget has been prepared in the context of ongoing cost pressures, including increases in materials, maintenance and operating costs. In reviewing fees and charges, Council has also considered factors such as cost recovery and consistency across services.</p> <p>Community feedback will be considered before the final budget, and fees are presented to Council for adoption.</p>

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17.1	The white road marking all over Randwick roads are either faded or completely missing. Please have increased funds to repaint road markings. The schedule to repaint is too infrequent and it is a priority safety issue that should take precedent over all the other optional things council is spending on.	The draft budget includes a program of road line marking. Council recently undertook an extensive condition assessment survey of line marking across the local government area. The information collected will be used to take a more proactive approach to the refreshing of line marking through this ongoing program.
17.2	Start issuing small fines to people for putting the wrong garbage in the wrong bins e.g.: Putting plastic bags in recycle bins or building materials in red bins is an attack on our ability to reduce landfill and suppress rates. People will start to pay attention to what they throw in once they start to lose money.	The comments are noted. Council is currently participating in a regional project to investigate the effectiveness of approaches to improve waste separation compliance. Other projects include audits, letters and face to face discussions.
18	I noticed that the plan includes replacement of Wylie's Baths deck. I often go there for swim and am paying the full fee. If this facility is funded by the Randwick Council why the ratepayers do not have a discount and are paying the same fee as the visitors many of whom are tourists from overseas.	Wylies Baths is a Council asset, and Council does contribute funding towards capital works and ongoing maintenance, Wylie's Baths is operated under a lease arrangement with Wyles Baths Community Trust, with day-to-day operations, including pricing, managed by the leaseholder. Entry fees are therefore set to support the operational costs of running the facility, including staffing, utilities, maintenance and compliance.
19	There seems to be little to no information on cost-saving measures by council to ensure rate payers are getting value for their rates. In the People Section, How do you monitor and manage staff performance and hold people accountable to achieve the councils outcomes. What happens if they fail to do meet these. Focus seems to be on Wellness and Development which is fine if have a baseline of improved workforce performance. There is a reference to staff retention initiatives, there should be information measuring improvement in staff performance, and measuring leadership effectiveness across the business.	Council has an annual performance review process which follows a structured review of each staff member and measures performance against team service level agreements, role expectations, adherence to Council's values (which include customer focus) and Council's Code of Conduct. These reviews have a stringent approval process which includes review up to and including the General Manager.

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20	<p>Analysis of Randwick City Council's 2026-27 Draft Operational Plan and Budget</p> <p>The Fee and Charge Increases</p> <p>The draft budget shows several notable increases residents will face:</p> <p>Domestic Waste Management Charge rises from \$731.30 to \$789.80 — an increase of \$58.50 or 8.0%, well above both CPI and the 5% rate peg. The rate peg itself is set at 5%, which includes a 1.9% population growth factor, meaning existing ratepayers are absorbing a real increase above inflation.</p> <p>Ordinary Residential Rates increase from approximately \$81.1 million to \$85.2 million in total yield, and business rates from \$17.0 million to \$18.2 million.</p> <p>Total income is budgeted at \$234.4 million, up from the 2025-26 revised figure of \$246.8 million, though that higher figure was inflated by exceptional capital grants (\$37.1 million revised vs \$12.6 million budgeted for 2026-27).</p> <p>Where Potential Savings Could Offset These Increases</p> <p>1. Culture, Arts and Events Spending</p> <p>The Events Budget alone totals approximately \$3.98 million across three streams:</p> <p>Events: \$2.132 million Economic Development Strategy: \$1.294 million Arts and Culture: \$555,000</p> <p>Within this, some items are difficult to justify as essential municipal expenditure when ratepayers are absorbing an 8% waste charge increase. For example, the Coogee Carols event (\$340,000), the NYE Fireworks (\$237,000), the ANZAC Day Dawn Service (\$227,000), the Beach Break Carnival (\$100,000), and the Community Christmas Party (\$125,000) collectively represent over \$1 million in discretionary event spending.</p>	<p>Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding fees and charges and the potential savings identified across a range of program areas. In considering the Draft Budget, Council seeks to balance financial sustainability, essential infrastructure and service delivery, while also supporting broader community, cultural and economic outcomes.</p> <p>Programs relating to events, arts and culture, community services and economic development are intended to deliver a range of benefits to the Randwick community, including social connection, support for local businesses, community wellbeing and activation of public spaces. These programs are considered as part of Council's broader strategic objectives and community priorities.</p> <p>In relation to the Domestic Waste Management Charge, the proposed increase reflects rising waste processing, disposal, transport, fuel and other operational costs associated with delivering waste services across the Local Government Area.</p> <p>All feedback received during the exhibition period will be considered before the final Operational Plan and Budget are presented to Council for adoption.</p>

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	<p>The Arts and Culture stream adds further discretionary items including the Blenheim House opening as a cultural venue (\$150,000), arts programming (\$185,000), and the Randwick Literary Institute works (\$50,000).</p> <p>A 30% reduction across the Events and Arts and Culture budgets would yield approximately \$1.2 million in savings without eliminating any service entirely.</p> <p>2. Community Program Activities and Contributions The General Community Budget totals over \$2.37 million across Community Program Activities (\$748,000), Community Contributions Program (\$684,000), and the Community Investment Program (\$938,000).</p> <p>Within the Community Contributions Program, items such as the South Sydney Rabbitohs Partnership (\$40,000), the Roosters Partnership (\$35,000), and Committee for Sydney Membership (\$21,000) represent sponsorship-style expenditure that provides questionable direct service value to ratepayers facing cost-of-living pressures. These three items alone total \$96,000.</p> <p>The Community Investment Program's four streams — Community Connect (\$267,075 including in-kind), Community Creative (\$267,075 including in-kind), Community Partnerships (\$559,300), and Community Contributions (\$684,780) — total approximately \$1.78 million. While individually defensible on social grounds, collectively they represent a significant discretionary allocation that could be partially scaled back.</p> <p>A conservative 20% reduction across the broader community programs budget would yield roughly \$474,000.</p> <p>3. Economic Development Spending The Economic Development Strategy events allocation of \$1.294 million includes items such as:</p>	

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	<p>Christmas in Randwick decorations: \$520,000 Open Street Grant – Spot On: \$193,000 Amplify Annual Live Music Program: \$160,000 Al Fresco Dining Program: \$90,000 Lunar New Year: \$45,000 Pop Up Shop Program: \$23,000 Buy Local Shop Local: \$5,000</p> <p>The Christmas decorations alone at \$520,000 represent a significant discretionary spend. While such activations have some economic benefit for local traders, their direct return on investment is difficult to measure. Reducing or consolidating the Christmas, Open Streets and Amplify programs could realistically save \$300,000–\$400,000.</p> <p>4. Communications and Marketing</p> <p>The Communications budget under Materials and Contracts is \$776,000 for 2026-27, up from \$728,000 in 2025-26. The operational plan targets include producing at least 900 social media posts, 4 editions of Scene Magazine, 48 editions of Randwick eNews, 40 videos or animations, and 12 banner campaigns.</p> <p>Reducing the Scene Magazine to digital-only, cutting the video and animation target, and rationalising the banner program could realistically save \$100,000–\$150,000 without materially impacting community information access given the strength of digital channels.</p> <p>Quantified Savings Summary</p> <p>Area Potential Saving</p> <p>Events and Arts & Culture (30% reduction) ~\$1,200,000 Community Programs (20% reduction) ~\$474,000 Economic Development activations ~\$350,000 Communications rationalisation ~\$125,000 Total ~\$2,149,000</p> <p>Contextualising the Trade-Off</p> <p>The Council's own budget documents show the Operating Result before Capital Grants and Contributions is forecast at just \$2.661 million on a</p>	

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	<p>\$234 million budget — a very thin margin of approximately 1.1%. This means there is genuinely limited room to manoeuvre without either cutting services or increasing revenue.</p> <p>However, the savings identified above — approximately \$2.15 million — would be more than sufficient to either:</p> <p>Eliminate the above-CPI component of the Domestic Waste Management Charge increase (the portion above 5%, which equates to roughly \$13.50 per property on approximately 60,000 assessments, or around \$810,000); or</p> <p>Hold residential rates to below the full 5% rate peg for an additional year; or</p> <p>Fund additional capital works in high-priority areas like roads and drainage without increasing charges.</p> <p>Important Caveats</p> <p>It is worth noting that the Council's financial indicators are genuinely strong — all 10 Office of Local Government benchmarks are met, the Infrastructure Renewal Ratio sits at 109.1%, and the infrastructure backlog ratio is just 0.6%. The Council is not in financial difficulty.</p> <p>The argument for reducing cultural and community spending is therefore not one of fiscal necessity, but rather one of prioritisation and fairness — particularly when lower-income ratepayers (45% of households rent, and median household income is \$2,311 per week in a high cost-of-living area) are asked to absorb an 8% increase in waste charges that disproportionately affects those on fixed incomes.</p> <p>The counter-argument — which the Council would reasonably make — is that cultural and community programming directly contributes to the social cohesion outcomes measured in their Community Strategic Plan, generates economic activity through visitor spend, and supports vulnerable residents through programs like Hub@Lexo and the Deli Women and Children's Centre.</p>	

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	<p>Ultimately, this is a values question about what local government is for, and reasonable people can disagree. What the numbers make clear is that the savings exist if the political will were present.</p>	
21	<p>I would like to ensure the budget contains sufficient funds for gardening maintenance of our walkways, reserves and parks. Currently this is an area which is not up to standard. Whilst grass is well maintained and cut, the planting areas are not. They are overgrown with weeds in Coogee and South Coogee, my areas. On a daily basis, when walking our dog, my wife and I take 10 minutes to remove as many weeds as we can.</p> <p>On a second more fun note, I have lived and run in the area for 30 years. My knees are shot, but i have vowed to keep running until the walkway from Cuzco St to Lurline Bay is complete. I see it is in this budget - please get it done as soon as possible, as it is a race against time for my knees!!!!</p>	<p>Council maintains streetscape gardens on a three-week basis. In general, Council teams have met their scheduled servicing targets whilst also installing new gardens in various locations throughout the City. Council has also maintained the costal walkway and the Randwick Environment Park according to schedule throughout the year. If there are any areas that are of specific concern, please let us know and we can further address your concerns.</p>
22	<p>As long as you're not cutting anything in your reuse, recycle and sustainability programmes, I'm happy</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback and support for Council's reuse, recycling and sustainability programs.</p>
23	<p>The integrated parking strategy needs to take on board community advice regarding strong opposition to no parking meters and the seriously consider the wider Sydney community division it creates from others outside of the RCC community. RCC should pride its self on lowering the barrier for access and amenity to wider Sydney constituents for all those regardless of location and socioeconomic restrictions.</p> <p>Based on the assumption of listening to constituents of the RCC regarding parking meters - the budget as a whole need to factor in no revenue from parking meter for its future projects.</p>	<p>At this stage no decision has been reached in relation to the proposal, as such it has not been factored into the draft operational plan and budget. Council staff are currently reviewing the feedback received and the complete consultation outcomes will be presented to a meeting of Council in the coming months.</p>

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24	<p>NO PARKING METERS AT THE BEACHES</p> <p>beaches should be freely accessible by everyone. The onus for maintaining the beaches should not fall on local council's shoulders alone, the beaches are also the responsibility of the State and even Federal governments.</p>	<p>At this stage no decision has been reached in relation to the proposal. Council staff are currently reviewing the feedback received and the complete consultation outcomes will be presented to a meeting of Council in the coming months.</p>
25	<p>Why is there no funding allocation to resolve parking issues (such as trailers, boats, caravans etc being “dumped” on our streets) and finally issue parking permits to residents only ??</p> <p>Randwick streets have become a dumping ground for non- motorised “vehicles” , most of non-residents, and council, continuously , fails to address and resolve this.</p>	<p>Council understands residents’ concerns about trailers, boats and caravans parked on local streets.</p> <p>Council has introduced restrictions such as timed parking to address concerns relating to boat and trailer parking in some locations in recent years which had been viewed positively by some residents. In practice these restrictions have resulted in the relocation of boats and trailers to other locations across the local government area, including nearby streets. This can lead to unintended consequences, particularly in narrower residential streets where there is a greater risk of obstruction or reduced sight lines.</p> <p>Council’s powers are limited by NSW road rules. If these vehicles are registered and parked legally, Council generally cannot stop them from using public streets, it is mainly managed through enforcement.</p> <p>Council Rangers can take action if a vehicle is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unregistered • Abandoned (left in the same place for more than 28 days) • Parked illegally <p>If residents believe a vehicle is in breach, they can report it by calling Council Customer Service on 1300 722 542, and a ranger can attend and investigate.</p> <p>Council can also consider residential parking schemes where the area meets the required criteria and there is broader community support for their introduction</p>

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26.1	<p>1. Will the proposed gross pollutant trap at La Perouse improve water quality at Frenchman's Bay? Are there any other initiatives to improve water quality at Frenchman's Bay? Can a stormwater runoff solution be constructed to divert contaminants from entering what is a very popular swimming locale?</p>	<p>In addition to this upcoming GPT, a GPT was installed near the Boatshed at La Perouse in recent years.</p> <p>Gross pollutant traps are designed to prevent more substantially sized pollutants (rubbish, leaf litter etc) by collecting them upstream prior to discharge. This can be effective at improving the water quality of our beaches, however, there are often other contributors to water quality which are not addressed by GPT's. Council and other government bodies frequently look at methods which could address water quality at our local beaches. Given Frenchmans Bay's geographical location within a bay, and its proximity to the ports, airport and watercourses, there are often other major contributing factors than what can be addressed through managing runoff from our local government area.</p>
26.2	<p>2. Could you please provide a status update on the reconstruction of the amenities block at the La Perouse loop? Earlier consultation and investigation led to a deferral of the project due to geotechnical engineering issues, but what progress has been or is being made for an alternative solution in light of the high level of visitation to the area and the need for modern amenities?</p>	<p>Council is in discussions with the State Government in relation to land use for an alternate site for the proposed amenities. The original location was deemed not feasible through an extensive design and site investigation process.</p>
26.3	<p>3. La Perouse parking meter revenue will be substantial compared to other locations. What guarantees and/or oversight or accountability will be in place to ensure that the money collected from parking meter revenue in La Perouse will be used only for capital and operational infrastructure in that area, rather than diverted to other locations?</p>	<p>At this stage no decision has been reached in relation to the proposal. Council staff are currently reviewing the feedback received and the complete consultation outcomes will be presented to a meeting of Council in the coming months.</p>
26.4	<p>4. Is the Yarra Bay Sailing Club car park owned by the club or is this public land? If public land, the road surface is terribly poor and would benefit from resurfacing</p>	<p>Yarra Bay Carpark is located on public land, and is partially leased by Yarra Bay Sailing Club (The Club) meaning that both Council and The Club have interest in the condition of the carpark.</p> <p>In acknowledging the deteriorating quality of the surface, Council has commenced work to fully refurbish the entire carpark. It is expected that these works will be ready for the upcoming busy summer period.</p>

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26.5	<p>5. The site of the former Danny's Seafood Restaurant at La Perouse has been vacant for many years despite being offered for lease during the period. The site is becoming derelict in a location which attracts thousands of weekend visitors and reflects poorly on a historically significant locale. With the proposed construction of the First Nations Cultural Precinct nearby, could council give consideration purchasing or compulsorily acquiring the site for a public purpose use?</p>	<p>Whilst it is noted that the site is located on a prominent corner and within a cultural precinct, Council is not in a position to acquire the property. Any decision to purchase private property involves substantial financial commitment and must be balanced against a range of competing priorities including infrastructure delivery and broader community needs.</p>
27	<p>I've been patiently awaiting the promised upgrades to the Maroubra Beach playground. Community consultation took place well over a year ago, and yet there has been no visible progress since. While I appreciate the completion of the new gym, the playground itself remains in a seriously degraded state — with deteriorating equipment and poor overall park conditions that pose real safety concerns for children. I was disappointed to note that this playground does not appear to feature in your plans for 2026 at all. I'd be grateful if you could provide an update on the current status of this project — including any revised timelines or reasons for the delay.</p>	<p>We acknowledge your concerns about the current condition of the playground and the lack of visible progress since consultation.</p> <p>The project timeline has been extended following the confirmation of a significant increase in funding. This has enabled Council to undertake a full redesign to deliver a higher quality outcome, including improved inclusive and accessible play opportunities and design elements that respond to Country.</p> <p>With the expanded budget, we have also been able to coordinate delivery as part of a broader package of works alongside the planned Maroubra Surf Club renewal. This integrated approach will result in a significantly enhanced coastal precinct for the community.</p> <p>The revised timeline for delivery is approximately 12 months. We appreciate your patience while this work is progressed and look forward to delivering an exciting new space for the community.</p>
28	<p>Need to fix footpath foot path that is uneven and poses risks for both pedestrians and cyclists. Biggest problem on High St, going East bound, from Anzac Parade to Wansey Road, footpath is very uneven and too narrow for both pedestrians and cyclists to share. Other one on Anzac Parade between Doncaster Ave and High St, going south bound, two sections with very significant drop/ rise in height of footpath causing issues for cyclists and prams.</p>	<p>Your comments have been referred to Council's Engineering Services Team for review and evaluation.</p> <p>Each year, Council formulates a works program which is based on our asset assessment data and also request for works which are submitted by the public. Inclusion in the program for individual locations is subject to priority when compared to other locations throughout the Local Government Area.</p> <p>An Engineer will attend the site to evaluate the urgency of the works and include in our future works as appropriate.</p>

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29	<p>It's a shame to see the complete lack of funding for cycling infrastructure. Having more cycling infrastructure would take load off the congested roads and crowded public transport. Take a look at what the city of Sydney council has already done and how well utilised it is. It's frustrating that playground upgrades made the cut, yet cycling infrastructure did not.</p>	<p>We understand your concerns about funding and the need for a stronger investment in active transport. Council's cycling program is, however, significantly supported by external funding sources, including the NSW Government's Get NSW Active grants. As a result, Council directly funds only a small proportion of the overall program.</p> <p>We recognise the importance of continuing to scale up delivery and appreciate your feedback as we work to expand and accelerate our network.</p>
30.1	<p>The rates and waste management increases are enormous. There is currently a cost of living crisis in the city, with all living costs exceeding average wage increases. How can the council justify such a big increase during the present time?</p>	<p>Council understands that increases in rates and charges are challenging in the current cost-of-living environment. It is important to note that annual rate increases are regulated through IPART's rate pegging framework and are not solely determined by Council.</p> <p>The Domestic Waste Management Charge is required to reflect the actual cost of providing waste services and the proposed increase primarily reflects rising waste processing, landfill levy, fuel and operational costs.</p> <p>In preparing the Draft Budget, Council has sought to balance maintaining essential services and infrastructure while supporting the long-term financial sustainability of the Council.</p>
30.2	<p>Keep the budget flat, defer the councils vanity projects until residents are back on their feet.</p>	<p>Council acknowledges the financial pressures currently being experienced by many residents. In preparing the Draft Budget, Council has sought to balance cost-of-living considerations with the need to maintain essential infrastructure, community facilities and services relied upon by the community.</p> <p>Projects and programs included within the Draft Operational Plan have been assessed against Council's strategic priorities, long-term planning obligations and community outcomes. All feedback received during the exhibition period will be considered before the final budget is presented to Council for adoption.</p>

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31	Kingsford and Kensington so desperately need upgrades, yet the money from our rates is as always being spent elsewhere.	<p>Each year, Council formulates a works program (roads, drainage, footpaths, open spaces etc) which is based on our asset assessment data and also request for works which are submitted by the public throughout each year.</p> <p>Whilst Council endeavour to balance the portion of works through the LGA each year, Inclusion in the program for individual locations is subject to priority when compared to other locations throughout the Local Government Area.</p>
32	<p>Please start using the Newmarket stables and stop talking about using them!!</p> <p>Who is doing the feasibility study?</p> <p>What is the stable capital expenditure going towards?</p>	<p>The project is currently in the planning phase, with preliminary cost estimates and a scope of conservation works having been developed to inform future decision-making. At this stage, Council is continuing to investigate potential operating models and feasible reuse options for the site.</p> <p>As planning progresses and options are further interrogated, more detailed information will become available, including opportunities for stakeholder and community input.</p>
33.1	<p>I'm pleased that Randwick council is spending on infrastructure upgrades. Local amenities have been falling by the wayside over recent decades. I hope that council is able to recover funding from parking meters from visitors who put a strain on our world famous icons. Like other local councils with world famous icons relaying on rate payers alone is unsustainable.</p> <p>I would personally like to see more local architects and landscape architects used to reshape our future.</p>	<p>Council recognises the importance of maintaining and upgrading community infrastructure to support both residents and visitors across the Local Government Area, while balancing long-term financial sustainability and community expectations.</p> <p>Council also appreciates your comments regarding the value of good urban design, architecture and landscape architecture in helping shape the future character and amenity of the Randwick community.</p>
33.2	As long as funds are being spent appropriately and not misused I'm happy.	Noted and thank you for your feedback.

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34	<p>Re Clovelly Road footpath upgrade: it's good news that this project is being extended, but I hope it can be done better than the upgrades so far. Concrete footpaths very quickly look dirty & unattractive - it would be so much better to find a more stain resistant surface... they do exist! So disappointing to see 'new' footpaths all around Randwick quickly becoming grubby - here's hoping for better in future, especially in areas where people sit in cafes.</p>	<p>Council considers the material of footpaths based on the location, maintainability, and longevity to ensure that the assets are built to last and meet the desires of the community as much as practical.</p> <p>This location has been identified as an opportunity to utilise a more decorative pavement style which is used in other similar commercial areas.</p>
35	<p>I strongly feel that the playground at Maroubra beach is far more urgently in need of upgrade than some of the ones planned on the list. Compared to what is available at other local beaches it is a very poor playground which poor accessibility and lots of broken equipment. Considering it would have a lot more foot traffic than some of the others I would have thought it would be a priority.</p>	<p>This project is currently listed on Councils capital works programme and is in the preliminary design phase. It is anticipated that construction will commence in 2027 to upgrade the park.</p>
36.1	<p>Spend less on Library, Culture and Community Services and more on beaches, engineering and traffic. All the parties and fun is a distraction from the work that really needs doing. Roads are in chaos, beaches are suffering from too many visitors/overuse. Environmental sustainability is our future and needs more investment (trees, not bike lanes and EV charging spots). As far as capital works - no more pocket parks, street verges that take away parking spots! Your own statistics show you the volume of cars registered and yet you are in denial and keep taking spots away or approving apartments with insufficient parking.</p>	<p>In preparing the Draft Operational Plan and Budget, Council seeks to balance investment across a broad range of services, infrastructure and community outcomes, including roads, beaches, open space, environmental initiatives, libraries, cultural programs and community services.</p> <p>Council also recognises the ongoing challenges associated with population growth, visitor demand, transport pressures and parking across the Local Government Area. These issues continue to be considered through Council's strategic planning, infrastructure planning and community consultation processes.</p> <p>All feedback received during the exhibition period will be considered before the final Operational Plan and Budget are presented to Council for adoption.</p>

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36.2	<p>Stop spending our increased rates on parties, celebrations, events. And do NOT try to charge us for beach parking whilst increasing rates at the same time. Paid parking should only be introduced if every ratepaying registered car gets a permit.</p>	<p>Council recognises the importance of ensuring any future parking management approaches are carefully considered, including the impacts on residents, visitors, local businesses and community amenity.</p> <p>All feedback received during the exhibition period will be considered prior to the final Operational Plan and Budget being presented to Council for adoption, as well as through any future consultation processes relating to paid parking proposals.</p>
37	<p>Melrose Parade Footpath from 15 Melrose to higher numbers needs to be repaired as it has trip hazards along the path.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Melrose parade is constantly having vehicles going against the one way section. It needs to be much better signed and with arrows on the road surface at the bottom and middle section where Thorpe St branches off. There have been near misses which go unreported. I don't want to see an accident occur before anything is done!</p>	<p>Your comments have been referred to Council's Engineering Services Team for review and evaluation.</p> <p>Each year, Council formulates a works program which is based on our asset assessment data and also request for works which are submitted by the public. Inclusion in the program for individual locations is subject to priority when compared to other locations throughout the Local Government Area.</p> <p>An Engineer will attend the site to evaluate the urgency of the works and include in our future works as appropriate.</p>
38	<p>Please fix the lights at Heffron Park Tennis Courts. They are a disgrace. Playing on the synthetic courts is like playing in the semi dark and is a serious accident waiting to happen if a ball suddenly appears out of the gloom at high speed and smacks you in the face, eyes, neck, head. I have stopped playing social tennis there in Tuesday nights. Instead, I go to Parklands where the lights are what you would expect from a wealthy tax funded council.</p>	<p>Heffron Tennis Centre is under lease agreement. At this stage there are no current plans for additional lighting or upgrade the lights.</p>

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39	<p>I am writing to follow up regarding the proposed playground upgrades for Spider Park in Coogee NSW 2034 (proposed upgrade 25/26) has been dismissed in this plan budget. Please consider adding to upgrade playground for Coogee.</p> <p>The playground is now outdated and has remained largely unchanged for over 20 years. As a growing family community, Coogee urgently needs modern, safe, and engaging recreational facilities for children and teenagers of all age groups.</p> <p>Previous discussions and budget considerations from July 17, 2025 indicated that upgrades for the park were being considered. However, it is disappointing to see that Spider Park does not appear in the latest proposal list for Coogee.</p> <p>The current facilities are no longer adequately or safe to serve the needs of our community. We would strongly encourage Randwick Council to prioritise this project and consider upgrades that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modern playground equipment for toddlers and younger children - Inclusive play areas catering for children up to approximately 10 years of age - Recreational spaces for teenagers - A fenced playground area to improve child safety - Addition of a basketball/tennis court and multi-use recreation space similar to Heffron Park <p>Coogee is a vibrant and family-oriented suburb, and our children deserve updated recreational facilities that encourage outdoor activity, social connection, and healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>We respectfully ask Council to reconsider Spider Park as a priority community project and provide an update on whether the proposed upgrades can be reinstated into the current or upcoming budget plans.</p>	<p>Council acknowledges the concerns raised about the age and condition of the existing playground and the need for contemporary, inclusive and engaging recreational facilities to support the growing local community.</p> <p>Council is currently delivering safety improvements at the playground in Grant Reserve (Spider Park), Coogee. Construction is scheduled to commence in July 2026 and is expected to be completed in late 2026 (weather permitting), with works staged to ensure that part of the playground remains open throughout. These works will replace ageing equipment and introduce new play elements, planting and seating to improve safety, accessibility and overall amenity. While these works are not a full redevelopment, they represent a sustainable, interim upgrade that will provide a refreshed and enjoyable play experience for the community while Council continues to work towards securing funding for a comprehensive upgrade.</p> <p>A full upgrade of this site is more complex and costly than a typical playground renewal due to a range of site constraints, and this has been a key factor in staging improvements over time. The playground will remain open to ensure continued community access and play opportunities while funding approval for a full upgrade is being secured through future budget processes.</p> <p>Council appreciates your advocacy for improved recreational facilities in Coogee and will ensure that your feedback is considered as part of future planning and budget deliberations.</p>

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40	<p>I have several criticisms, particularly centered around the development of the Maroubra SLSC and Coogee bus stop. The designs and concepts submitted, especially for maroubra, are of very poor quality. It is my belief, and that of all my mates, that beach infrastructure should be bright and colourful, instead Council presents a boring concrete block reminiscent of 60s brutalism. I strongly oppose these concepts and recommend council engage architects who are able to design uplifting and more positive buildings for the beach. See the Bondi pavilion for comparisons with colourful roof tiles and cream colour.</p> <p>[Fees & Charges]: These are fine.</p>	<p>Council engaged the design team for the Maroubra SLSC and Coogee Amenities through a competitive procurement process, selecting qualified architects with relevant experience. The design has considered factors such as the coastal environment, durability, functionality and planning requirements. Council understands that design preference is subjective and will continue to consider feedback as the project moves forward.</p>
41	<p>I wish to ask why there isn't a recycling set up for electric globes disposal etc at the Margaret Martin Library? CoS, has them in most libraries. Officeworks, Glebe have a reasonable set for IT/'electronic disposal, and of course ALDI have battery disposal/recycling bin in shops. Coles, Randwick, I note have a used battery return bin, but I could not find a globe disposal Bin.</p> <p>I do not live in Randwick now, but I still come here to shop and pick up Mail at Post Office, use Library etc.</p> <p>I would appreciate your comments about Globe Disposal bins!</p>	<p>Local residents are able to dispose of light globes at the Randwick Recycling Centre. Local recycling locations for globes, and many other items, can be viewed on Council's website: https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/services/rubbish-and-recycling/household-rubbish/a-z-of-recycling</p> <p>Further, Council offers a free problem waste collection service, which includes light globes, via ReSmart. You can find more information on our website: https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/services/rubbish-and-recycling/recycling-centre/resmart</p>

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42	<p>I have received your information regarding the works planned round the Randwick etc., areas. I have written in the past about one small area in the Randwick area that I still believe is in dire need of attention. My previous efforts to try and focus the Council to this has resulted in the same answer, “we have no funds” yet I believe that this could, somehow be rectified.</p> <p>This is a cul de sac at the end of Market Street (and Clovelly) roads. It’s called The Mary McKillop Reserve. This is a very small area of land which is shared by residents, The Little Sisters of the Poor and the Literary Society. The Literary Society Building provides: Arts Classes, Adult music classes, Dance and music classes for children. As you see, it is a very important part of Randwick and the community.</p> <p>My issue: This area is in total neglect. Most of the area is constantly being covered by dead tree branches, ice cream wrappers, bits of plastic etc. etc. The Council organises the area to be “leaf blown” which causes more mess etc. My suggestion is to continue the existing brick pavers to cover the play area, perhaps in a step formation for parents and children to sit and wait for classes or to be picked up etc.</p> <p>It would also add a safety element to the area as one major issue is that parents park illegally to pick up their children or stay in the car and get the child to run on the road to get into the waiting vehicle.</p> <p>So, as you see there are several issues which I would be grateful if you could address. In addition the Literary Society Building is in a disgraceful state of disrepair. It’s an eye-sore and devalues the properties in and around Market Street.</p> <p>I realise there are several issues here which really do need addressing. I would be grateful if these issues in this area could be investigated and reviewed. Please.</p>	<p>There is a new roundabout treatment currently being designed for this intersection which should alleviate many of the illegal parking issues. Please contact the venues or art and culture team regarding the Literary building.</p>

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43.1	<p>Coogee Beach Kiosk: Whilst the new kiosk looks pretty, I don't believe it's practical or viable in its current format. The reasons are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The opening made for purchases appears small. 2. The current kiosk has glass windows so people can see the choice of what's on sale. This is important for customers and obviously assists staff. The extended current opening means staff making milk shakes at one end of the opening can easily hand them over to customers while staff at the other end are taking orders. One small opening will create large queues and not assist staff. 2. As well, the current kiosk has separate side openings where people collect drinks and cooked foods. It minimises clogging up the pavement with people waiting to order and those who've been served. 3. Thirdly apart from practical issues outlined above, sitting down and looking at a blank wall as is the current plan is not particularly appealing. 4. Finally, will less openings cause ventilation issues? <p>The kiosk does need some updating but I feel the practical aspects in relation to its planned replacement have been overlooked, and the result will be a congested pavement and a less appealing kiosk at which to enjoy coffee and food.</p>	<p>Council engaged the design through a competitive procurement process, appointing an experienced consultant team to develop the detailed design documentation. The design team has considered all key design aspects, including operational functionality, customer flow, visibility, and ventilation, as well as the challenges of a coastal environment. Council appreciates the detailed feedback provided and will continue to consider user experience and operational efficiency as the design is further refined.</p>
43.2	<p>Clovelly Draft Operational Plan: We have not received a copy but some residents have. There appears to be a Council distribution problem as the same thing happened in relation to the proposed parking changes (which I and most Clovelly residents think is an appalling idea).</p>	<p>The resident has been contacted in relation to the distribution of the two items and will be followed up.</p>

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44.1	<p>I read with interest in regard to the budget. You say "... we use your rates responsibly ...". \$219M of OpEx ! The CapEx is less than 25% of the OpEx! What percentage of the OpEx is people costs ? How many FTE employees do you have, how does that compare to pre COVID ?</p>	<p>Employee costs account for approximately 44% of Council's operating expenditure, reflecting Council's role as a service-based organisation delivering infrastructure, maintenance, waste, environmental, regulatory and community services across the Local Government Area.</p> <p>Staffing levels have increased since the pre-COVID period in response to factors including population growth, increased visitor activity, expanded public infrastructure and open space requiring maintenance, additional regulatory and compliance responsibilities, and growing demand for environmental and community services.</p>
44.2	<p>Considering cost of living and priorities, WHY do we continue to waste money on traffic calming measures? And often you have to redo them as the implications of a narrowing are not taken into account.</p> <p>Narrowing roads and adding garden barriers is increasing frustration and anxiety and decreasing wellbeing. So often its more difficult to make a left turn as you have removed the "angle" of the turn or you get stuck behind a car wanting to turn right as you have narrowed the access so the cars are backed up trying to turn left (which is the majority).</p> <p>If you want an example, Kemmis Street and Frenchman Road causes more hooting of horns than ever. This Clovelly Road precinct along Frenchmans is very busy and there are lots of shops/cafes/Bunnings trading although you make it so difficult for them to drive around due to street narrowing and have reduced the number of parks. You "responsibly" use our rates to create more noise and angst ...You have already tried to alleviate drivers of the responsibility of being actually capable to drive by making most areas 40KMPH. That said, you do mix it up with 60 and 50 so that we are confused and subsequently make a donation to the ORS for an infringement. Has no one realised that the slower you make the road trip, the more likely someone is to use their phone ... Sort of defeats the purpose ... Oh yes, its just about raising revenue from speeding. Very productive. Lets hire some more government workers.</p>	<p>We appreciate your feedback and understand that changes to road layouts can affect residents and daily travel routines.</p> <p>The introduction of these measures is part of a broader initiative aimed at improving road safety for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Traffic calming and reduced lane widths are commonly used to help lower vehicle speeds, enhance visibility, and create a safer environment, particularly in areas with higher pedestrian activity. The selection of locations for such measures is carefully considered and decisions are informed using traffic speed and count data.</p>

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44.3	Btw, congrats on the proposal to bring in beach parking permits - it would be a rarity for me to find a park. I can NEVER find a park in the huge car park at Clovelly beach - I am sure they are not locals. How about offering a 30 minute park for a quick swim? Please ensure we receive some extra permits as we do not always have the same number plate on the car that we may take to the beach. I suggest limiting the parking period to a shorter period so we ALL can have a go.	At this stage no decision has been reached in relation to the proposal. Council staff are currently reviewing the feedback received and the complete consultation outcomes will be presented to a meeting of Council in the coming months.
45	Additional Toilet block (Prince Henry precinct) proposal: I may have missed news on this item, so I would appreciate an update / progress with this item whose placement was being considered in proximity to Prince Henry Centre, Lister Avenue, Little Bay	Council notes that an additional amenities block within the Prince Henry precinct has been previously identified as a potential future project. However, it is not currently included in the adopted capital works program. Any future consideration of this project would be subject to consultation.
46.1	<p>Instead of wasting money on Lighting up Randwick Town Hall, Creating outdoor gyms, Refurbishing The Spot, streetscape, Spending \$23,000 on fairy lights in Coogee Bay Road, this money could have been more responsibly utilised in:</p> <p>1. Providing bus shelters so commuters do not have to stand in the rain or scorching sun. We lack bus shelters along Anzac Parade, Chifley on the forward journey to the city side of the road (located outside 1237 Anzac Parade Chifley (Bus Stop 2036130) heading north). This bus shelter was removed many years ago and not replaced despite being near 2 schools, a NDIS office , Long Bay Correctional Facility and a growing community .</p>	<p>Council's Engineering Services Department have been assessing the adequacy of bus stop infrastructure in preparation for an upcoming review of Council's approach to managing these assets. This assessment considers existing infrastructure at each stop, the tap-on and tap-off data for each stop, and the expected future uses of the bus stop.</p> <p>It is anticipated that a report will be submitted to Council with these findings later this year.</p>
46.2	2. Hiring full time (day and night) cleaners to constantly clean all beach toilets during the day to improve standards of hygiene and amenity conditions . Implementing a special clean each month to remove stickers/ graffiti from walls, spider's cobwebs, pressure cleaning disgusting, stained floors etc. The public toilets on every beach are disgraceful - liquid (urine ?) rubbish and spills on the floor, dirty basins, marks on the walls, cobwebs up high in the cubicles.	Council schedules the cleaning of all beach amenities on a daily basis, commencing from 4:00 am. Duties include intensive high-pressure cleaning, graffiti removal, servicing of toilet roll holders, and general maintenance. As these facilities are in constant use, they are inspected and cleaned multiple times throughout the day by dedicated cleaning teams. During the summer months, service levels are increased to meet higher demand, with additional staff rostered and extended operating hours in place.

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46.3	<p>3. Improving the mulching and watering program for new trees and hopefully improving their survival rate which at the moment is unacceptably low. Trees planted by council may as well just be thrown away rather than planted as most new trees will die within 6 months due to lack of watering and mulch.</p>	<p>Council takes this matter seriously and has recently resumed its planting program with a strong focus on improving the establishment and long-term success of saplings. To support this, we now have two full-time water trucks operating on a weekly watering schedule, adjusted as required based on weather conditions. In addition, there is an increased emphasis on ongoing maintenance, including mulching and aftercare. If you notice any recently planted trees that appear to require additional care, we encourage you to contact our call centre or submit a request via email. This allows us to investigate promptly and take appropriate action to support the tree's establishment and growth.</p>
47	<p>I would like Council to explain why repair of the kerb along Dolphin Street has not been included in the 2026-27 Operational Plan and Budget. The kerb between 9-21 Dolphin Street is made of broken and rotten timber edging and is effectively non-existent in several areas. The current kerb offers little to no barrier to stormwater runoff. Stormwater generated from moderate to high rain events flows from the road down to the footpath and topographic low point in front of number 17 Dolphin St. Each stormwater event results in the deposition of a fresh pile of sediment and rubble along the footpath (see photos) - this hinders access for less mobile members of the community and has a negative impact on resident amenity.</p> <p>In addition to the impact on residents and the local community, stormwater runoff is also impacting the heritage listed sandstone wall located below the roadway. Sections of the wall are bulging out and deteriorating in structural integrity. Sections of this wall have collapsed in the past and I fear the prolonged exposure to stormwater and lack of attention by Council could ultimately lead to serious personal injury and financial impact to Council.</p> <p>The use of a timber edging is not appropriate for a residential urban street and should be replaced with durable concrete kerb and gutter consistent with Council standards. This work should be included in Councils 2026-27 Operational Plan and Budget.</p>	<p>Your comments have been referred to Council's Engineering Services Team for review and evaluation.</p> <p>Each year, Council formulates a works program which is based on our asset assessment data and also request for works which are submitted by the public. Inclusion in the program for individual locations is subject to priority when compared to other locations throughout the Local Government Area.</p> <p>An Engineer will attend the site to evaluate the urgency of the works and include in our future works as appropriate or expedited if necessary. A staff member will be in touch with you separately with an update.</p>

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48.1	As part of the upgrade to Wylies Baths decking, please plan for installing lifts / ramps (1) from Neptune St to the main deck area and (2) from the main deck area to the pool.	Council advises that the primary focus of the Wylie's Baths decking project is to address the current dilapidated condition of the existing structure, ensuring it is made safe, structurally sound and fit for ongoing use. The scope of works is limited to renewal of the decking and substructure and does not include additional access upgrades such as lifts or ramps. The Wylies Baths Community Trust has in fact engaged an access consultant to conduct a masterplan of the site to improve accessibility from (including but not limited to) the street to the pool.
48.2	Can you consider a lift at the southern end of Coogee Beach between upper promenade to lower promenade, near the surf club. Make it slow running so only those who need a lift use it, instead of the stairs.	Access between the upper and lower promenade at Coogee Beach, including near the surf club at the southern end, is an important consideration. Lifts in coastal environments are generally not supported due to ongoing maintenance, reliability issues, and exposure to harsh conditions. Where possible, accessible design is typically achieved through ramps and graded pathways, which provide more durable and lower maintenance solutions for all users.
48.3	<p>To improve safety, please install better traffic barriers between Mount St and Division St - the metal rail that exists is inadequate.</p> <p>To improve safety, please install a traffic barrier in Coogee St, north side leading to Clyde Street. The wooden railing at road level is inadequate to protect pedestrians using the stairs to proceed along Coogee St and there is no southern side pathway in this section of Coogee St.</p> <p>To improve accessibility, please install a handrail at the steps at the intersection of Melody St and Stark St. Very limited railing exists and it is inadequate when using these stairs.</p>	Often, barriers such as these located on local roads are not designed to be vehicle resistant but rather to serve as visual delineations of the road geometry. Notwithstanding, Council Officers will review the existing infrastructure at these locations and determine whether works are required to be carried out as a matter of urgency, or whether upgrades can be incorporated into future asset renewal works in the area.

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48.4	<p>Road resurfacing - Dudley Street (St Pauls to Howard)</p> <p>Road resurfacing -Howard Street (Lee St to Dudley St)</p> <p>Road resurfacing - Warratah Avenue (Botany St to Clara St)</p> <p>Road resurfacing - Botany Street (High St to Gate 11 UNSW) - you already have a road resurfacing project listed adjacent</p> <p>Road resurfacing - Barker St (Botany St to Avoca St)</p>	<p>Your comments have been referred to Council's Engineering Services Team for review and evaluation.</p> <p>Each year, Council formulates a works program which is based on our asset assessment data and also request for works which are submitted by the public. Inclusion in the program for individual locations is subject to priority when compared to other locations throughout the Local Government Area.</p> <p>Some of these locations have been identified in our most recent LGA wide condition assessment process for road pavement and are likely to be included in works programs over the next 5 years. Where significant isolated defects exist, localised measures are implemented to mitigate any immediate concerns.</p> <p>An Engineer will attend the site to evaluate the urgency of the works and include in our future works as appropriate or expedited if necessary.</p>
48.5	<p>For the categories, partial cost recovery and regulated and proscribed, can you provide an indication of the amount of contribution from general Council revenue for these items:</p> <p>1 of 2: Section E2 fees for on-street hoardings - the increase proposed is too high, Council should be encouraging the use of hoardings at building sites as they vastly improve the safety of the surrounding area, pedestrians in particular,</p>	<p>Council's fees and charges have been benchmarked against comparable metropolitan councils to ensure they remain appropriate, competitive and reflective of the costs associated with administering, monitoring and enforcing these activities.</p> <p>In relation to hoardings, Council acknowledges their important role in public safety and effective building site management. The installation of hoardings is generally required as a condition of development consent to ensure the protection of pedestrians, road users and the surrounding environment during construction works.</p>
48.6	<p>For the categories, partial cost recovery and regulated and proscribed, can you provide an indication of the amount of contribution from general Council revenue for these items:</p> <p>2 of 2: The increase to the water management charge is too high. In coming years, this charge will exceed the minimum rate amount. Please limit increases to waste management to no more than the increase in rates.</p>	<p>The Stormwater Management Service Charge is a legislated charge that can only be used to fund drainage and stormwater-related services and infrastructure. While the charge contributes towards these activities, it does not cover the full cost of Council's stormwater program, with the balance funded from Council's general revenue.</p> <p>Similarly, the Domestic Waste Management Charge is a legislated cost-recovery charge that is required to reflect the cost of providing waste services. The proposed increase primarily reflects rising waste collection, processing, disposal and operational costs and is not linked to annual rate increases.</p>

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49	<p>Generally in Australia for many generations, going to the beach is and has been a free experience for all of society to share and I don't believe that elitism should be created by imposing parking fines, as well as creating division of wider society of Sydney. The values of Maroubra, for over a century has been of inclusiveness regardless of where you may be on fortune's ladder, and historically, outsiders have always had a place besides others...with equal footing in the society. In fact Maroubra headland was a meeting place for male indigenous tribes for all over Sydney for hundreds and thousands of years and south Maroubra pond a Secret women's meeting place for many tribes near and far (Reference-Mr Cann speech at Australia day exhibition sponsored by Randwick Council at maroubra beach near skate park). A Parking meter system is being put in place permanently at HUGE proportional cost for a 3-4 month problem, that could be solved by providing perpendicular parking along south edge of Fitzgerald avenue from Camira Street to Anzac parade. Cr has alleged at maroubra Precinct meeting that studies have shown that Fitzgerald avenue is NOT WIDE ENOUGH to provide such parking...I would like to see this study as it is already in place in other parts of the same street where the width is even less.</p> <p>Please do not impose this negative returning parking fee system in Randwick beaches above today's amenities. This would permanently change the culture, character, accessibility and economy of the Maroubra beach and other beach areas, irreparably.</p>	<p>At this stage no decision has been reached in relation to the proposal. Council staff are currently reviewing the feedback received and the complete consultation outcomes will be presented to a meeting of Council in the coming months.</p>

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50	<p>- it is noted that the new outdoor gym at Coral Sea Park is progressing - can this be prioritised? It was due to be finished in 2026 and would be a good addition to complement the playground and synthetic pitch;</p> <p>- with respect to the proposed renewal and upgrade of Coral Sea Park amenities, it is not entirely clear what this entails. Further detail is required on this. At a minimum, the green wooden fencing surrounding the park needs to be entirely replaced and secured with proper, fit for purpose fencing. The current fencing is often kicked in or needing replacement. It needs to be properly secured given it is also a dog park. Additionally, the Coral Sea Park Synthetic Pitch (on the side facing Midway Drive/Chester Ave) needs to have the fence/or netting extended to stop balls from going from the synthetic pitch onto the other pitches. It is not clear why the fence/netting is not higher on this side (unlike the Yorktown Parade side of the pitch), as this causes issues during busy weekends with balls flying onto the other side.</p> <p>- It is not clear what the road upgrade of Astoria Circuit (whole street) will entail. The street is in desperate need of fixing.</p>	<p>Regarding your query about the resurfacing work on Astoria Street, our plan indicates that the whole street will be addressed.</p> <p>Your concerns regarding the rail fence have been noted, this has been passed onto the Trade Services team for review and appropriate action. The existing discrepancy in fence and netting height compared to the Yorktown Parade side reflects the original design of the synthetic pitch. The perimeter fencing is a standard design outcome for community-level synthetic sports fields. This approach is commonly applied across similar facilities and reflects accepted industry practice, where lower perimeter fencing is used to define the field of play while maintaining visibility, access, and park amenity. Higher fencing or ball-stop netting is typically only installed in specific locations where there is a demonstrated need, such as interfaces with roads, residential properties, or other sensitive boundaries</p>
51.1	<p>1) Why is there such a drop in affordable housing contributions ie almost \$16million in 24/25 to less than \$3million in 25/26?</p>	<p>Where monetary affordable housing contributions are imposed on development, payment is required as a condition of development consent and must be paid prior to issue of a construction certificate. The difference in the payments between 2024/45 and 2025/26 relates to the higher number of applications determined and works commencing in the previous year.</p>
51.2	<p>2) A25.5.1 says: Provide comments and / or submissions to NSW Liquor & Gaming and other relevant agencies on Liquor Licensing applications and referrals. Did Council provide comments and a submission re Georges Cellar and their application to move to Shop 8, Coogee Village Shopping Centre, 180-196, Coogee Bay Road?</p>	<p>Randwick City Council provided a submission to Liquor and Gaming NSW regarding application no 1-9669337207. Submission ID SR0001487023 was confirmed as received by the office on 16/1/26.</p>

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52.1	<p>Supportive of new landscaping, however it appears Council does not have the budget to maintain what they plant. Prioritise maintenance/weeding over planting new. It is discouraging as a volunteer to see both Environmental Park, Coastal walk and town centre planting be neglected.</p>	<p>Council maintains the gardens in Dunningham Reserve, Goldstein Reserve, Grant Reserve, and Trenerry Reserve on a two-week basis. Council also maintains bushland areas in Coogee and South Coogee on a monthly basis. There are some areas that are east of the coastal walkway south of Trenerry Reserve that not maintained as they are on steep seaward sloping cliffs. If there is any area that is of specific concern, please let us know so this can be addressed.</p>
52.2	<p>eBikes are increasingly dangerous. There is limited signage in Maroubra junction (and only high up on poles). Please provide more cyclist education posters on bins (like you have done on Belmore Rd Randwick</p>	<p>Your suggestions have been referred to our Road Safety Officer for review and consideration in the development of future cycling safety campaigns.</p>
53.1	<p>IPART SV rate rises: The public are not necessarily fully aware of this permanent increase to the base rate above the annual rate peg. In the interests of transparency this should be clearly spelt out in every Operational Plan and Budget. This should not just detail the SV program but should clearly state the permanent annual increase the SV has on rates both in % and \$ value on top of the annual rate peg.</p> <p>It is concerning that in the approval for the Environmental SV, IPART made the following damning statements about RCC and how it applies for and implements its SVs.</p> <p>“The council did not adequately consider the impact of the SV on ratepayers in its Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents.”</p> <p>“We would have also expected to see this information in its IP&R documents, as stipulated by the OLG SV Guidelines.”</p> <p>“The IPART Chair has written to the OLG identifying the council’s failure to fully comply with past SV conditions.”</p> <p>These statements reflect poorly on RCC’s transparency with its public and its governance and would appear to tarnish RCC’s reputation.</p>	<p>The community member has also received a detailed response on the matter relating to the Environmental Special Variation (SV).</p> <p>In summary, IPART independently assessed Council’s application and supporting material against OLG criteria and found all six criteria were demonstrated. It approved the Special Variation (SV) on the basis that the required criteria were satisfied.</p>

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53.2	<p>Coastal walkways: It is not entirely clear how much of the budget is going towards Coastal walkway construction and maintenance. It appears under Capital works as \$1,008,000 this year (as part of a \$5million allocation over 3 years from the Environmental levy, detailed in the budget for 3 areas: coastal walkway \$1.008million p/a; whale watching platform\$400,000 p/a; and gross pollutant traps\$320,000 p/a. If that expenditure is multiplied by 3 (as it is over 3 years) = \$5million). This \$1.008million figure does not seem to tally with the Visitor Beach pay parking proposal which said that Coastal walkway improvements were \$5.1million per year. Please explain this discrepancy?</p>	<p>The estimate provided in the Visitor Pay Parking material for the coastal walkway construction and maintenance was based on actual expenditure incurred in 2024/25.</p> <p>The current allocation of approximately \$1.0m per annum under the Environmental Levy reflects the 2026/27 budget provision for progressing key stages of the project, including design, investigation and enabling works.</p> <p>The 2024/25 figure included capital expenditure incurred in that year and should not be read as the expected annual amount for the coastal walkway works.</p>
53.3	<p>Life guards at the beaches. RCC do not appear to detail the cost of Life guards at the beach in this budget. This should be a cost that is clearly itemised in the budget for public interest sake particularly in view of the disputed \$23million costs stated for the beaches in the Visitor pay parking proposal in which life guards services are quoted as \$6.5million. Why is this not clearly stated in the budget? I note Beach life guards was separated a few years back from Heffron pool life guards and Beach Life guards are now under Public safety together with costings for Animal (dog) Rangers. Please clarify Beach life guard costings.</p>	<p>Council notes the request for beach lifeguard costs to be separately itemised in the budget. Beach lifeguard services are included within broader public safety and beach operations functions. Council's budget does not separately list every individual operational cost.</p> <p>The wages and salaries of the beach lifeguards in incorporated in the overall "Employee Benefits and On-Costs" line of the budget papers.</p> <p>The \$23.5m figure referenced in the Visitor Pay Parking material was prepared as a broader analysis of beach and coastal-related costs in 2024/25. It includes costs from multiple parts of Council's budget and is not intended to align to a single budget line.</p>

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53.4	<p>Animal Ranger & parking patrol expenditure: RCC do not appear to detail the cost of Animal (dog) Rangers or Parking patrols in this budget. This should be another cost that is clearly itemised separately. Rangers & parking patrols are quoted as \$5.5million in the visitor pay parking proposal, but in the Operational plan the word “Rangers” primarily applies to animal rangers not parking rangers. This would appear to make the Visitor pay parking claim for \$5.5million for “Rangers” inappropriate as out of area visitors should not be paying Council Animal rangers costs. Please clarify expenditure for Animal rangers AND parking rangers.</p>	<p>Council notes the request for ranger and parking patrol costs to be separately itemised in the budget.</p> <p>Council’s rangers and parking patrol teams perform a range of regulatory, compliance, parking, public safety and enforcement functions across the local government area. These functions include responsibilities under relevant legislation, including the NSW road Rules 2014.</p> <p>Ranger and parking patrol costs are included within broader regulatory, compliance and public safety functions. The majority of parking patrols relate to peak demand at the beaches. Council’s budget does not separately list every individual operational cost by activity or location.</p> <p>The \$23.5m figure was not a single budget line item, but a broader analysis of beach and coastal-related costs in 2024/25.</p>
53.5	<p>Beach cleaning costs: In the Visitor pay parking proposal beach cleaning and waste was quoted as \$3million. Yet again this figure is used but not clarified in the budget. There should be a clear breakdown of beach cleaning costs and beach waste collection if Council wish to act with integrity and maintain the trust of its ratepayers. It is concerning that these figures are not clearly detailed as ratepayers have a right to have evidence of exactly where expenditure is made.</p>	<p>Council notes the request for beach cleaning and waste collection costs to be separately itemised in the budget.</p> <p>The figure referenced in the Visitor Pay Parking proposal includes staff costs but also disposal costs of waste and was provided to help explain the broader cost of servicing and maintaining high-use coastal areas.</p> <p>The \$23.5m figure was prepared as a broader analysis of beach and coastal-related costs in 2024/25. It is not limited to beach cleaning and waste removal.</p>

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53.6	<p>\$3.7million+ this year for Surf Lifesaving clubs: In this year's budget it records that from the Capital works budget: Maroubra SLSC will get \$1.5million; South Maroubra SLSC will get \$1million; Coogee SLSC will get \$1million; and separately, Surf club donations from RCC will amount to \$165,000. That is a total of nearly \$3.7million. Although beaches are our assets and the SLSC is a worthy cause the budget figures are interesting because they are significantly more supportive than in the past. Council already pays for Council Lifeguards but ongoing significant support of the voluntary SLSC organisation does not seem to be strictly accountable or equitable. The total of proposed expenditure for each club is not clear. In the past 3 years, each year Maroubra and South Maroubra SLSC have been allocated \$1million or \$1.5million yet it is never clear if this is spent, is cumulative, or what is happening. As there is much speculation in the community about the cost of the Maroubra Surf club rebuild there is need for the Council to clarify how much of ratepayers money is going to the rebuild. It is also not clear what the need is for the South Maroubra and Coogee upgrade?</p> <p>Clovelly SLSC is mentioned in the Mayors recent speech and in the "What's planned for Coogee" marketing material as getting funding for redevelopment in the 2026-2027 budget, but it does not seem to be mentioned in the budget anywhere. Was this a whimsical after thought? Or a politically motivated move due to adverse reaction to the Visitor beach pay parking? Or is it somewhere obscure in the budget? This would appear to be misleading the public if it is hidden or has been forgotten as this would take the annual expenditure over \$3.7million.</p>	<p>Council invests in Surf Life Saving Club facilities as they are critical community assets that support beach safety, emergency response and public use of our coastline. The funding referenced reflects multi-year capital works projects that are planned, staged and delivered over time, rather than necessarily being fully expended within a single financial year. Each project is subject to detailed planning, consultation, design, approvals and reporting processes to ensure appropriate use of public funds.</p> <p>The current program includes upgrades at Maroubra, South Maroubra and Coogee to address ageing infrastructure, compliance requirements and increased demand on these facilities. While Council's lifeguard service operates year-round, Surf Life Saving Clubs provide a valuable volunteer service that is an essential part of overall beach safety.</p> <p>With respect to Clovelly, this project has been identified as a future priority and planning work has commenced.</p>

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53.7	<p>Coogee favoured for events: The budget for events appears to be \$2,132,000. It is interesting that listed Coogee events makes up \$1,017,000 of that figure which is Coogee taking out nearly 48% of total budget. Coogee carols; Coogee NYE: Anzac dawn service; Koojay Corroboree; Randwick Pride; Step out Speak out (which ends in BBQ at Coogee beach); Bali memorial. These figures do not even include RCC expenditure on "Coogee Nights" which presumably would be a further huge cost but does not seem to be detailed anywhere. In the interests of transparency the expenditure on Coogee nights should be revealed along with why Coogee gets such a financial focus.</p>	<p>Council is committed to serving all Wards in the City of Randwick, and has in the past year delivered a diverse range of new events outside of Coogee including three new "Eat Drink Play" Food Truck and music events in the LGA, as well as the new "Culture Vibes" multicultural event, SoundWaves at Maroubra Beach and the expanding "Culture on Country" at La Perouse. Whilst the events cited in this query are based at Coogee, they also reflect the vibrancy, transport access and strong local economy in that area as well as the historical evolution of events such as the ANZAC Dawn Service, Coogee Carols and Koojay. Koojay reflects the cultural histories of Coogee as an important Corroboree location.</p> <p>"Coogee Nights" was part-funded by a state government grant and was included in the 2025/2026 Open Streets program. The budget allocation for this is under the Economic Development budget outline rather than Events.</p> <p>Council is continually reviewing the major events program and we have noted your comments to inform future delivery.</p>
53.8	<p>Environmental issues: RCC residents, according to RCC, support the environmental levy. It would therefore seem strange that the Council continues to 'groom' the beaches regularly when science confirms that removal of seaweed from the beach is destructive of habitat. Many more progressive Councils have ceased this practice. This would appear to be an anomaly. Could Council confirm the unnecessary costs of beach cleaning.</p>	<p>Balancing environmental protection with public amenity and access to our coastal areas is a complex and carefully managed responsibility. Randwick City Council recognises that seaweed plays an important ecological role, providing habitat, nutrients, and supporting coastal biodiversity. We do manage excessive accumulations from our beaches where they create amenity, health, or access issues. We do not generally interfere with seaweed along other areas of our coastline. As part of our ongoing maintenance program, beaches are groomed daily primarily to remove litter and debris that pose risks to public safety and the environment. Inevitably, this process also removes some seaweed. Each year, over 200 tonnes of waste and excess seaweed are collected across our coastline.</p>

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53.9	<p>La Perouse museum: Prior to 2017 this was a National Parks asset that RCC have taken on the management of. It is concerning each year to see the amount of expenditure on the maintenance and upkeep on the La Perouse museum. This year it appears to be \$500,000. Having a curator, an assistant curator, and several receptionists would seem to be over resourcing. The proposed \$99million expenditure of turning the museum and the area around the museum into a First Nations Cultural Precinct is deeply concerning. This should be a state project not a Council project. Ratepayers should not be paying huge sums for a Randwick City Council Cultural Statement. Randwick City Council should be sticking to its core remit of roads and rubbish.</p>	<p>Council took management and a lease of the Museum in 2017 at a time when the Museum was administered by NPWS through volunteers, with ageing displays and low visitation. The La Perouse Museum is Randwick Council's primary cultural venue and is now operating as a professional, best practice museum based on the operational models as established by Museums Australia and ICOM. The Museum now delivers an exciting and diverse range of exhibitions, education and public programs, research and events, and increasing visitation. The First Nations focus of the Museum has been informed by the results of community consultation, public exhibition and on-site survey outcomes, and has been endorsed by the Council. This further recognises that the Museum is located in a place with profound, enduring First Nations cultural significance. Comparatively to other LGA-managed cultural institutions, the staffing comprising a Head Museum coordinator, a Curator First Nations, Museum Officer and part-time Visitor Experience Officer (supported by venue casuals) has a relatively lean staffing structure. The increasing output of programs and events are supported through state funding.</p>
53.10	<p>Mayor's Community Christmas party: This \$125,000 expenditure needs scrutiny. It is certainly not a Community event as it is invite only and it is not clear what the criteria for an invite is. It appears to be used as a reward scheme.</p>	<p>The long-established Community Christmas Party provides Council with an important opportunity to recognise the enormous contribution made by a comprehensive range of community representatives and stakeholders to the City of Randwick across all sectors and areas. The event recognises the range of community who have assisted Council over the years in a voluntary and support capacity.</p>
53.11	<p>Public Toilets: The provision of adequate toilets is fundamental to Council responsibility as they are critical for young and old. For years, beach goers at Frenchmans beach, at La Perouse, have utilised a 1950's toilet block. The female toilet has just 2 cubicles. This means when a mother needs to take their child to the toilet there are substantial waits. In your photo used in your Operational budget you highlight the huge numbers of people visiting Frenchmans beach in summer. Do RCC really consider this adequate? It seems your priorities are very wrong. As a result visitors often ask at the Museum to visit their toilet. Is this a devious way to increase museum visitor numbers?!!</p>	<p>Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding the adequacy of the existing amenities at Frenchmans Beach. The need for upgraded and additional public amenities in the La Perouse and Frenchmans Beach area has been identified and will continue to be considered as part of Council's ongoing planning, prioritisation and funding processes for future capital works.</p>

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54.1	Review of Waste Management Strategy for both cost savings and alignment with environmental sustainability.	<p>Council is continuing to work towards delivering the actions set out in its Waste Management Strategy 2017-2030 and the targets outlined in the more recently adopted Environment Strategy 2022. Together, these strategies guide ongoing efforts to improve waste services and support better environmental outcomes for the community.</p> <p>Council will undertake a review of the Waste Management Strategy prior to 2030. This review would explore opportunities to incorporate circular economy principles/actions and align with any new or updated NSW Government Strategies and targets.</p>
54.2	Details on staff costs growth and what could be achieved with AI and other measures.	<p>Council continually reviews its staffing levels, service delivery models and business processes to identify opportunities for improved efficiency and value for money. This includes emerging technologies, such as AI where they can support customer service and improving internal processes. Staff costs are influenced by factors including award increases, associated oncosts and resources required to deliver Council services and maintain community infrastructure. There is no proposal to reduce staff number due to AI.</p>
54.3	Cancellation of the lease on the La Perouse Museum and surrounds and other State Government responsibilities. Randwick residents unlike most of Sydney and NSW are very fortunate to have easy access to a range of State Government funded cultural institutions in the CBD. It should understand principles of comparative advantage, cost benefit and also in the case of the Museum, sunk cost fallacy.	<p>Following the endorsement of the La Perouse Museum as the City of Randwick's primary cultural institution, part of a First Nations Cultural Precinct and further the extension of the 21 year plus renewal lease with NPWS, Council is now in consultation with NPWS to extend the lease. Community and Council endorsement recognise the unique cultural social and historical significance of this site as embodied in the Museum's programming and services - which is distinct, authentic and unique alongside Greater Sydney's cultural facilities and venues.</p>

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54.4	<p>Details on expenditure in the Parks and Recreation, Library and Community Services, and Culture group given that in 2021-22 it was at 19% and in the Draft at 27%. What are the big items and why is the spending so significantly higher since Culture was lumped with Library and Community Services and why is Parks and Recreation without Culture so much higher.</p>	<p>The increase in expenditure from 19% in 2021-22 to 27% in the Draft budget reflects both organisational changes and increased investment in community services, arts, culture and recreation. Since the establishment of the Community and Culture Directorate in 2023, Council has increased investment in arts and cultural programming, community grants through the Community Investment Program, and targeted services for young people, older residents, our First Nations Community and people living with disability. In addition, growth in operational costs, staffing, program delivery and facility management across community-facing services has contributed to the increased expenditure allocation.</p> <p>The Parks and Recreation category has also experienced increased expenditure due to Council's ongoing investment in the maintenance, renewal and activation of parks, open spaces, sporting facilities and recreational infrastructure. Major Projects are funded in the Parks and Recreation capital budget.</p> <p>As a result, expenditure in both categories is higher than in 2021-22, reflecting Council's continued commitment to community wellbeing, recreation and cultural outcomes.</p>
55.1	<p>What concerns me most is the apparent focus on modernisation and redevelopment rather than preservation, community connection, and thoughtful improvement of existing spaces. Coogee's identity has never been about sleek, overdesigned, "modern" infrastructure - its charm comes from its history, character, relaxed coastal atmosphere, and the memories generations of residents have built here.</p> <p>In particular, I am disappointed by proposals to redesign prominent and much-loved features such as the kiosk and bus shelter areas into something more modern and generic. These are not simply functional structures; they are part of the visual identity and soul of Coogee. Long-term residents like myself grew up around these spaces, and there is genuine emotional and cultural value attached to them.</p>	<p>Council notes the broader concerns raised regarding the design response to public buildings. Council's approach is to deliver high quality buildings and public infrastructure that responds to community needs and character of each site. This includes careful consideration of architectural design, amenity and how new infrastructure integrates with the local environment. Council recognises that coastal areas such as Coogee and Maroubra have distinct histories, character and community identity that are highly valued by residents. Council aims to adopt an appropriate balance between maintaining local character and ensuring new infrastructure meets the needs of a growing and changing community. Council's projects are intended to enhance accessibility, functionality and long term sustainability. An update to the Coogee Beach and Foreshore Plan of Management is currently underway and Council will be seeking feedback to understand community values, issues facing the area and future priorities.</p>

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55.2	<p>I also question the proposed reformer Pilates studio at DRLC and whether this is an appropriate or fair use of taxpayer funding. The planned studio appears to be extremely large in scale, yet reformer Pilates classes are typically expensive and inaccessible to many residents due to ongoing class costs.</p> <p>This raises concerns about whether public funds are being directed toward facilities that will realistically only benefit a smaller, more affluent portion of the community, rather than investing in initiatives and infrastructure that are broadly accessible to all residents. At a time when many locals are struggling with cost of living pressures, Council should carefully consider whether these types of boutique-style fitness projects align with the broader needs of the community.</p>	<p>Council has assessed this project to ensure it delivers broad community benefit, with pricing set to be among the most affordable locally to improve accessibility for a wider range of residents. There is strong community demand for reformer Pilates, particularly as a low-impact health and rehabilitation activity, and providing it within a Council facility supports more inclusive access. The studio is also forecast to recover its costs within approximately 3.5 years, after which any income will be reinvested back into Council services.</p>

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55.3	<p>I also strongly oppose the proposed gym at Bangor Park. This park is widely known and valued by locals as an off-leash dog area and open green space. The grassed areas are heavily used every day by residents walking and exercising their dogs, socialising, and enjoying one of the few remaining open recreational spaces in the area.</p> <p>It seems unnecessary to remove green space and alter the existing character of the park to install yet another outdoor gym facility when there are already numerous exercise options throughout the area. Not every public space needs to be converted into structured fitness infrastructure. Preserving open grass areas for community use, dogs, and passive recreation is equally important.</p> <p>Rather than installing more concrete exercise infrastructure, I believe this space would be far better utilised through increased planting of native bushland and coastal vegetation to support local biodiversity. Introducing more native plants, flowering shrubs, and habitat-friendly landscaping would encourage native birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife back into the area while preserving the natural atmosphere of the park. Projects like this would provide genuine environmental and community value while maintaining the open, relaxed character that locals appreciate.</p> <p>Once green open space is reduced and overdeveloped, it is very difficult to restore. Many residents value Bangor Park precisely because it feels simple, open, natural, and community focused rather than overly designed or commercialised.</p>	<p>Council recognises and values the role Bangor Park plays as an informal open space, including its use for off-leash dog exercise, social interaction, and passive recreation. Preserving access to open green areas is an important consideration in the planning and management of all our parks.</p> <p>The proposed outdoor gym has been carefully located to occupy a small area adjacent to the existing playground, rather than within the primary open grassed areas. This placement has been selected to minimise impact on the broader park while providing an opportunity for multi-generational use, enabling carers and parents to engage in physical activity while children utilise the neighbouring play space.</p> <p>The intent is not to overdevelop the park, but to introduce a modest, complementary facility that supports community health and wellbeing while retaining the overall open character of the space.</p> <p>We also acknowledge your interest in increased planting and biodiversity outcomes. Council continues to pursue opportunities to enhance native vegetation and habitat across the open space network, and your feedback in this regard has been noted for future consideration.</p> <p>Thank you again for your input. It will be considered as part of the broader assessment of community feedback on the proposal.</p>

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56.1	<p>I have reviewed all of the budget figures and am generally ok with what has been presented but there are some budgeted expenditures I am not sure what they are about. Is it possible to obtain an explanation of these items which are as follows:</p> <p>Maroubra Corridor Study Implementation program \$1mill - what is this project about</p>	<p>The Maroubra Corridor Study Program is funding relating to the upgrade of streetscapes around the Maroubra Junction Town Centre. This \$1 million is related to a state government grant for the upgrade of Anzac Parade Streetscape Between Maroubra Road and Boyce Road which should be ready for implementation by the end of the year.</p>
56.2	<p>Bicycle Parking Improvements \$100k - is this for shared e-bike parking as per Councils recent proposal to ring fence these bikes at Maroubra Beach, Coogee Beach and Randwick Junction. If this is the case then why are the owner operators of e-bikes not covering this cost.</p>	<p>An initial \$100,000 has been included within the budget to install the initial bike parking spaces. Following implementation of the new laws, NSW Government will be providing funding grants to recoup costs from the initial rollout.</p>
56.3	<p>Fishermans Road - site remediation \$1mill. Does this include improvements to the boat ramp facility as promised years ago or is this just confined to roadworks. If the latter is the case does this extend to the degraded section of the road now under control of NSW Parks.</p>	<p>This funding is for 2 key programs in the short term. Firstly, funding will be used to upgrade the footpath linking the carpark with the existing NPWS boundary. Secondly, finances are needed to undertaking investigation and design works for rehabilitation and upgrades to the former landfill site at the end of Fishermans Road. This will include site remediation, retaining wall upgrades and the Northern Boat Ramp. Further funding in following years will be required to carry out the works as this will be an extensive undertaking.</p>

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56.4	<p>Maroubra Beach Pavilion Roof Repair \$250k. I have inspected the roof and it seems to be in far condition. Also given that under the current Maroubra Beach management plan it is intended that the existing pavilion facility be demolished and a new facility constructed it makes little financial sense to be undertaking such repair work at this time. Money could be better spent upgrading the change room/ toilet wash basins etc with taps that stay operational for taps for a short time before automatically shutting down - as is the case for showers. It is archaic that you currently have to continuously hold the tap open with one hand when being used.</p>	<p>The Maroubra Pavilion is currently experiencing water ingress, attributed to deteriorating building elements including concrete spalling and a compromised waterproof membrane. Given that the Pavilion is an operational facility accommodating Council lifeguards and a Council tenant, the matter is considered a high priority. Water ingress, if left unaddressed, may result in further structural deterioration, increased maintenance costs, and potential health and safety concerns, such as mould growth and slip hazards. The site has been inspected by a suitably qualified consultant, who has undertaken an assessment of the building condition.</p> <p>The proposed remedial works include the installation of a new waterproof membrane system to reinstate the building's resistance to water penetration, as well as targeted repairs to areas of identified concrete spalling.</p>
56.5	<p>I also note that the planned upgrade the Maroubra Beach Playground is not included in this years 2026/27 construction plan. but has once again been listed as a longer term project. The community has been asking for this playground to be upgraded for many years and we were assured by Council senior management that construction would commence over 2026/27. Is this delay due to the planned commencement of work on the demolition / construction of the Maroubra Surf Club.</p>	<p>We acknowledge that the Maroubra Beach playground upgrade has been a long time coming, with the community advocating for improvements over many years. The project is progressing, with construction currently anticipated in approximately 12 months.</p> <p>Council had been preparing to move forward earlier; however, additional funding was secured, which has provided an opportunity to revisit and enhance the design. This will result in a significantly higher-quality outcome, including improved accessibility, more inclusive play opportunities, and stronger integration of Indigenous design elements.</p> <p>We are also coordinating delivery with the Maroubra Surf Club redevelopment. This approach will help improve the overall precinct outcome and enable works to be delivered more efficiently while minimising disruption to the community. While this has resulted in a delay from earlier expectations, it will ultimately allow us to deliver a more meaningful and enduring upgrade for local families.</p>

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57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocate a modest \$8,800 operational provision in the 2026/27 Budget for CPVA membership, funded from within existing climate, sustainability, waste or asset management budgets. Adopt CPVA Certified® or equivalent as the default solar PV circularity standard for Council funded and Council-procured solar PV. Incorporate the same standard into Sustainability Rebates guidance for households, businesses, schools and apartment blocks. Recognise solar PV explicitly within asset management and renewal planning as an asset class with defined renewal, replacement and decommissioning profiles. Include public guidance on responsible solar PV disposal, reuse and recycling pathways through sustainability, climate and waste education channels. Use the CPVA cohort to share Randwick's urban sustainability and rebate-program learnings with peer councils, while drawing on their experience in solar procurement, asset renewal and end-of-life planning 	Submission is received and being addressed and actioned by the Manager Sustainability and Resilience in direct dialogue with the non-profit industry alliance.

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58	Request for 2 changes to Fees and Charges	Currently being addressed by the relevant director.