

## Appendix 4: Council responses to community submissions: Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-25

| No. | Community Submission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Council Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 1   | <p>I have had a look at the Council's Draft Operational Plan &amp; Budget 2024-25 and there looks like there are some great things happening across the Randwick LGA.</p> <p>I notice that there will be an upgrade to the playground at Wills Reserve Kensington. With that upgrade, would it please be possible to put in some adult outdoor gym equipment? There are many unit blocks and houses in the area that would utilise the equipment. I walk the walk in the reserve every morning and to have the gym equipment would be awesome.</p> | <p>Council has progressively been installing outdoor gyms at various locations throughout the LGA. Due to the capital investment and maintenance funding required, we have been selecting parks and reserves with high visitation and usage. Consultation for the upgrade has commenced. If we receive feedback regarding outdoor gym equipment, it will be considered.</p> |
| 2   | <p>Be nice if some of the roads were repaired and included in this budget</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Council has proposed \$2.85 million towards road resurfacing and rehabilitation in the budget. This funding is allocated to local and regional roads managed by Randwick Council. State roads (main roads) are managed by Transport for NSW.</p>                                                                                                                         |
| 3   | <p>Yay!! So excited to see Matraville get an upgrade!</p> <p>It has so much potential!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>Thank you for your submission. We look forward to commencing works in the coming weeks!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4   | <p>Could you please advise the location of the proposed basketball half courts in the East and West Wards. I couldn't find that info in the Operation plan for 2024-25.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Council is currently reviewing our existing basketball courts throughout the LGA and will be preparing a plan to have at least 2 in each ward. The Plan will be reported to council for endorsement in the first quarter of the 2024-25 financial year.</p>                                                                                                              |
| 5   | <p>There is an amount of \$8,280 in the Budget for Christmas Cheer. I was informed a couple of years ago this Christmas Cheer for Seniors was no longer available. Is it coming back?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>The Christmas Cheer program ceased in 2019. The identified budget has been reallocated to deliver a broader range of events and programs targeting Seniors across the LGA.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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1. I can see below that you have budgeted for the replacement of picnic shelters. Could I have some information on this in case we are asked about it at the surf club?
  2. Clovelly Bay Plan of Management - can I have a copy of the current plan please and any insights you may have as to what changes you are thinking about? I found this document by searching your website, not sure if this is the current POM.  
[https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/23997/Clovelly-Bay.pdf](https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/23997/Clovelly-Bay.pdf)
  3. Improved accessibility to the swimming pool and the concrete spalling issue on the prom - do you have any updates on this? The pool was in last year's budget, no mention of it in the current plan. I thought Joe said he'd have a recommendation to discuss with me in April.
  4. Master Plan Clovelly Surf Club - can we lock in a date to do a tour of the Northern Beaches clubs that we've discussed as input to our own planning? Late May might be a good time, far enough away to get into diaries and still plenty of time for us to incorporate into our design thinking. Please suggest a couple of dates and times and I'll see who's interested/ available from our end.

Council is currently planning for future works in the Clovelly Beach precinct. Such works may be categorised in the following regard:

#### **Short Term – Accessibility and Maintenance**

- In the current 23/24 Budget, Council has funded the new 'step access' into the ocean pool as part of our capital works program. The design is scheduled to be completed in early June 2024. The funding for this project will be carried over in the new financial year for construction works to take place. Key stakeholders will be provided an opportunity to comment on the design.
- Council has recently purchased a new beach safe wheelchair for Clovelly and is currently working on Standard Operating Procedures with SLSNSW for use in the coming summer season.
- Council Officers have engaged a structural engineer who is currently assessing the asset condition and concrete spalling of the retaining wall and developing treatment options to repair the wall. These options will be costed and scheduled in a future works program depending on the risks identified in the condition assessment.
- In the proposed 24/25 Budget we are planning to fully replace the 3 existing picnic shelters on the Northern Side of Clovelly, given their current condition and age. The intention is to replace them with a similar design.

#### **Medium Term – Clovelly Beach Plan of Management**

In the proposed 24/25 Budget a funding allocation has been made for the Clovelly Bay Plan of Management Review. The objectives of the review include (but not limited to):

- Meet the requirements of the new Crown Land Management Act, 2016 for community land.
- Review land categorisation and the associated permitted land uses, development / improvements and leases or licences that can be issued for certain land categories.
- Outline management requirements for the land.

In relation to items raised in the operational plan submission this PoM review will consider (including but not limited to):

- Master planning for a future Surf Club Redevelopment
- Amenities:

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|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Upgrade to toilets including option for more privacy and separate baby change area, they noted it was run down and too small for the large number of users that Clovelly now attracts, those visiting the beach as well as the coastal walkers and dog park walkers.</li> <li>▪ Coin operated option for warm showers.</li> <li>• Accessibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neglected condition of the access ramp on the northern side of the beach, and that people want a new beach wheelchair access ramp on the sand that travels right down to the water, suitable for all tides.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• More trees.</li> <li>• Dog Walking and permitted activities in the Bay</li> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Signage (Regulatory, Way Finding and Informative)</li> </ul> |
| 7   | Coogee Bay Road resurfacing..how about Alison road..being looked at..pot holes..to name many more would take hours..Under Randwick Council ...Someone on Department should get out and about and see what Randwick Council Roads are like.... | <p>Coogee Bay Road between Arden Street and Brook Street is scheduled to be undertaken in June 2024. The potholes along Alison Road are in the section that is a State Road and managed by Transport for NSW (TfNSW).</p> <p>We will pass these concerns on to TfNSW.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8   | How about a beach for dogs                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Council has already nominated Yarra Bay Beach as a location to trial off-leash dogs. We have begun an environmental assessment which is required prior to commencing the trial. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in September / October 2024.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| 9   | <p>I wish to seek advice around whether there are any proposed changes to the LEP around subdivision. I am particularly seeking a special condition for those properties (an estimated) 105 properties (myself included) where we received approval for Dual occupancy to build on 450 SQM however sub division at 550 SQM.</p> <p>I was hoping the new LEP changes end of 2023 would see the sub-division rule change to 450 SQM, but unfortunately it hasnt.</p> <p>This is bringing us severe financial hardship in our inability to sell one duplex.</p> <p>Please advise who i can speak to, to request a special provision here</p> | <p>Council has completed the planning process to reduce the required minimum lot size for dual occupancy development from 800m2 to 550m2. The minimum lot size controls were introduced to ensure land subdivision creates lots that have adequate width and configuration to deliver suitable building design and amenity outcomes and do not unreasonably impact surrounding properties. Council considered the analysis and testing for smaller and larger lot sizes as well as submissions received during the exhibition of the Planning Proposal and decided that 550m2 provides an appropriate and balanced planning outcome in Randwick City.</p> <p>The NSW Government's Low and mid-rise housing reforms propose to reduce the minimum lot size for dual occupancy development to 450m2 and 12m frontage. Council's endorsed submission to the State Government raised objection to the reduced lot sizes and frontages (amongst other matters) and requested that Randwick City be exempt from these new dual occupancy State provisions. These new controls are yet to be finalised. Further information is available on the Government's Diverse and well-located homes website.</p> <p><a href="https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/diverse-and-well-located-homes">https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/diverse-and-well-located-homes</a></p> |

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| 10  | <p>1. Kensington is in a disgraceful state. The roads are a nightmare; too narrow. There is no flow. There are no ammentities. There are no off leash dog parks. It is a permanent construction site with student accoomodation.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. Rates increase by 4.9%* - this is outrageous!</p> <p>3. Domestic waste management charge up by \$26.55 to \$689.90 per annum - the streets in Kensington are filthy. Leaves, mud all over the footpaths. Rubbish constantly dumped on the streets. Council trees not maintanined regularly enough.</p> | <p>1. Council is currently completing a Local Area Traffic Management Study (LATM) in Kensington West Kingsford. Consultation was completed in late 2023 and Council officers are in the process of interpreting results. A funding allocation has been included in the 2024-25 Capital Works Budget to implement traffic calming devices in this area.</p> <p>LATM studies relate to the planning and management of road space within a local area with the objective of reducing traffic volumes and speeds in local streets, to increase amenity and improve safety and access for residents, especially pedestrians and bike riders.</p> <p>Specifically, the Kensington West Kingsford LATM study aims to:</p> <p>Improve the safety of pedestrians, bike riders and other road users.</p> <p>Safely integrate pedestrian and bicycle facilities into new traffic calming treatments</p> <p>Discourage the use of local roads for through traffic and promote the use of main road for such purposes.</p> <p>Maintain a good level of connectivity and accessibility for local road users.</p> <p>Encourage motorists in residential areas to adhere to appropriate speeds.</p> <p>Enhance the liveability of the area, via traffic management strategies, while ensuring appropriate traffic access for residents.</p> <p>In relation to the dog off leash area also in late 2023, Council resolved to install a new dog off leashes park in Kensington Rotary Reserve.</p> <p>2. We are conscious of cost of living pressures facing our community and rate increases are carefully considered. Council and the Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) conduct detailed financial analyses to ensure that increases are fair and necessary. The proposed rates increase in the 2024-25 Budget is 4.9% which is in line with the rate cap set by IPART. Our costs at Council is directly impacted by changes in the cost of materials, labour and utilities.</p> <p>3. Council's Domestic Waste Charge is directly attributed to the cost of conducting our domestic waste services i.e., waste collection, disposal and processing (recycling).</p> <p>Unfortunately, maintenance of trees and footpaths is not included in this domestic waste charge. Council has recently purchased two new footpath sweepers to increase the service offering provided in footpath cleaning and is considering the increased service levels of daily cleaning in town centres.</p> |

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| 11  | <p>Overall, I think the budget is straightforward and makes sense. There are a few points to work through and refine before finalising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-25, Page 158, Item 4.7 Events budget. Would it please be possible to sort this in the numerical descending order to improve readability (ie most budget to least budget)?</li> <li>2. Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-25, Page 153-155, Capital Works budget. Would it please be possible to sort this in the numerical descending order to improve readability (ie most budget to least budget)? It is difficult to read and analyse at the moment</li> <li>3. Page 145 - there is a substantial increase in "Commercial and Residential Rental Income" in FY25. Is it through increased rents? How does this align with supporting local businesses/organisations and encouraging greater physical business presence in the LGA?</li> <li>4. Page 146 Operating Grants. Some of the the FY25 budget numbers appear to be exactly the same as FY24 with no change (eg Library Grants). Is there a more updated information that can be used?</li> <li>5. Page 146 Capital Grants. Developer contributions are set at \$3.5m, same as in FY24 and more than 50% less than in FY23. With so much building and development activity taking place, is that number a good estimate? ie is it based on the current pipeline?</li> </ol> | <p>1&amp;2. Financial Tables (Events Budget / Capital Works Budget) updated to sort in descending order.</p> <p>3. The increase in commercial and residential rental income in FY25 is due to the additional facilities that are operating in the new Heffron Centre of Excellence and not through increased rents for local businesses. Randwick Council will continue to support local businesses/organisations wherever possible through our economic development strategy.</p> <p>4. Some contributions received from external bodies are in the form of recurring grants. The budget assumptions were based on the conservative view that our grants were consistent with the previous years. This is in line with current government funding pressures.</p> <p>5. Developer contributions estimates take into account expected income from lodged, approved applications and longer term forecasts. Council has a separate contributions plan for the Kensington and Kingsford Town Centres and a City-Wide Plan. Council's updated draft City Wide s.7.12 Contributions Plan was endorsed by Council at its meeting on 28 May 2024 and will be placed on exhibition in June 2024. This draft Plan shows a 10-year schedule of works. The total amount that is allocated to projects cannot be in excess of the estimated contributions that Council will likely receive per annum. The contributions take into account fluctuations in the property market which impacts the number of development applications that may be lodged per annum. Contributions from developments are set by legislation and capped/tied to the estimated capital value of development. Council applies a conservative approach to estimating development contributions, to provide certainty in the planning and delivery of capital works/projects.</p> |
| 12  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I am disappointed that there is no plan to upgrade the playground at upper Popplewell Park, Gregory Street, South Coogee</li> <li>2. Many of these playgrounds are in excellent condition and are not in need of an upgrading</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council has developed a Play Space Strategy that considers many factors for each existing playground and outlined future categories when they are next upgraded. Whilst Popplewell Park upper is not in the list of playgrounds for upgrade in the 2024-25 capital works program, it is listed for upgrade in future capital works programs.</li> <li>2. The playgrounds nominated for upgrade have aging equipment of do not comply with Australian Standards. Therefore, upgrades are required.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 13  | <p>I have a request not directly related to the Draft 2024-25 Operational Plan and Budget, however one that I would like to propose as an extra plan.</p> <p>The corner of Carr Street and Mount Street in Coogee is highly busy and cars tend to drive at high speeds, resulting in numerous accidents that I have personally witnessed. It is within a short distance from Coogee Public School and as a result many parents and children cross the street on the sides of the roundabout on the 7-9am and 3-6:30pm timeframes. Being a parent myself, I have frequently felt in danger while crossing the street there with my children. I therefore would like to request a pedestrian crossing added there or close-by to facilitate a safe crossing for pedestrians. I would personally recommend it to be on the Mount Street side (23 Carr Street precisely <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/vmwRPLCqe1zo5tqg8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/vmwRPLCqe1zo5tqg8</a>).</p>                                                                                                       | <p>An examination of the recent crash history at this intersection reveals only two incidents reported over a 5- year period (neither of which involved pedestrians). A further examination of more historic crash data, going back over 14 years, reveals a single reported incident involving a pedestrian. This incident occurred at around 8pm on 1st June 2017 when an older female pedestrian, from the Mudgee area, was struck by an eastbound car driven by a middle-aged Randwick male. According to the data provided to the Council, by Transport for NSW, this incident resulted in a minor injury.</p> <p>Overall, when considering the approximately 12,000 plus vehicles passing through this intersection on a daily basis, the intersection is performing relatively safely.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the positive road safety performance of this intersection, Council officers will include this site in a comparable assessment of the safety of numbers of intersections - from a pedestrian safety perspective. Such an assessment considers the safety performance of various intersections and other sites and determines a priority list of sites requiring attention.</p> |
| 14  | <p>1. I'd love to see some road upgrade works around the end of Finucane Crescent in the cul de sac by Finucane reserve, together with the playground upgrade in Finucane Reserve. The road here has deteriorated with multiple duplex construction projects in the last year including one ongoing, due to complete in about 6 months. The road has a lot of cracking and is in very poor condition. The worst part of the road is outside 1 and 3 Finucane Cr.</p> <p>2. I would also love to see exercise equipment and/or half - basketball courts installed in Finucane Reserve - together with the playground upgrades. It is a locally well known friction point that many kids/teens climb the fences to Soldier's Settlement school every weekend to use the basketball courts there. This has led to regular shouting matches between the kids and a few angry residents. The fence climbing may also lead to injury. It would be much better if there were external facilities, or if Soldiers settlement opened up some of it's facilities to general public use.</p> | <p>1. Council has committed funding in the draft 2024-25 capital works program to upgrade the facilities in Finucane Reserve including essential upgrades to the playground.</p> <p>In relation to the road pavement at the end of the cul-de-sac, we will place this request on our list of works for inclusion in an upcoming road resurfacing program.</p> <p>2. The request will be considered when we develop a plan for the upgrade facilities at Finucane Reserve in the draft 2024-25 capital works program.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 15  | <p>1. Once again, no progress at all on the endlessly promised and postponed southwards completion of the coastal boardwalk beyond Cuzco St., S. Coogee.</p> <p>2. Despite the lack of ambition, you intend an increase in fees and charges, as well as having rammed through the perpetual retention of your so-called environmental levy (for things which are your duty anyway) by shameless spending of ratepayers' money on advertising pushing the yes case in the recent referendum.</p> | <p>1. Council has long term plans to connect the coastal walkway from Cuzco Street to Seaside Parade and around Lurline Bay. These plans involve acquisition of private property. Following the property acquisition, planning for the coastal walkway from Cuzco Street to Seaside Parade will be scheduled accordingly. In the meantime, we are continuing the investigation and assessment of an elevated walkway around Lurline Bay.</p> <p>2. Thank you for your feedback. Your submission has been noted.</p>                  |
| 16  | <p>1. Would have preferred to see impact in ecology / public transport than entertainment</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. 4.9% is a lot</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>1. Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>2. We are conscious of cost of living pressures facing our community and rate increases are carefully considered. Council and the Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) conduct detailed financial analyses to ensure that increases are fair and necessary. The proposed rates increase in the 2024-25 Budget is 4.9% which is in line with the rate cap set by IPART. Our costs at Council is directly impacted by changes in the cost of materials, labour and utilities.</p> |

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| 17  | <p>1. It would be nice to see Council being a little more considered in major works. This year's delivery of the Clovelly pocket park was a local community fail. On a main road, no shade, increase risk of traffic zone, urban heat and imposing structure is not a great outcome. Perhaps some deeper consideration of the feedback would offset some unpopular decisions.</p> <p>2. It is great to see some of the fees for key community elements staying the same - venue hire and library for example</p> <p>3. I oppose the increase in resident parking permits. In the first instance, residents should not have to pay for the admin to administer parking. Surely the cost of property and rates should cover this.</p> <p>4. The 131% increase in assessment of tree management seems excessive. The increase cost should perhaps moved to offset the Fast track determination.</p> | <p>1. The Clovelly Road and Carrington Road pocket park was identified as a project in the adopted Clovelly Road Masterplan. The Masterplan was developed following extensive community consultation. Community feedback requested more pedestrian friendly places access, places for community to gather, increased tree planting and landscaping. The project delivers on these objectives. As the tree mature, there will be increased shade. Our seating structures provide a focal point as well as shade to the space.</p> <p>2. Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>3. Council operates its Resident Parking Scheme to manage the availability of on-street parking in 'high pressure' areas for those residents with no, or limited, off-street parking. The Scheme is based on the TfNSW's Guidelines for Permit Parking. Randwick City Council's general policy, in relation to any of the fees it charges, is to take into account equity aspects, as well as the benefits to the community, prior to the finalisation of Council's annual operating budget. Each year Council's projected budget, including all of the proposed Fees and Charges, is advertised and is available for public comment and submission, prior to formal adoption by Council.</p> <p>The fees for the Resident Parking Permits are intended to cover a proportion of the cost of production of the Resident Parking Permits, the cost of erecting and maintaining street side parking signage as well as covering a proportion of the administrative costs required to manage the Scheme.</p> <p>Therefore, in accordance with Section 608 of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council charges for any services it provides and in relation to Resident Parking Permits the fees applicable are reviewed and adopted annually by Council.</p> <p>4. Thank you for your enquiry, the amendment to Councils fee structure is based upon providing the community with a more streamlined review process. The fee structure has been amended after being benchmarked against other Councils who employ a similar fee structure and assessment process. Historically most applications cover multiple trees and at present this is charged at a per tree rate, the amendment includes a minimum quantity of trees inclusive of the fee that allows for a simplified review process as a result. This structure seeks to improve the assessment process for the members of the community seeking tree assessments.</p> |

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| 18  | <p>Designing and building a new BMX / pump park at North Cromwell Park, Malabar.</p> <p>I do not support this development at this location for the following reasons:</p> <p>The loss of a multi-use area in a natural environment:</p> <p>At is stands, North Cromwell Park provides the opportunity for multiple activities (walking, pic-nics, games, quite gatherings). It is a beautiful quiet enclave of which there are few left in this area. Quiet areas are important for the mental health of the community as much as recreational equipment and venues are important for the physical health of the community. It seems that any sort of slightly 'under used' area must be targeted for single purpose activity.</p> <p>Congestion:</p> <p>Yes, on a quiet winter's day – there is plenty of parking on Franklin Street, however, Malabar is suffering from congestion in the summer months and on weekends. On a summer's day cars are parked all along Bay Parade as far as Pioneer Park. There are only two roads in/out of Malabar and more traffic is not needed.</p> <p>It is worth noting that I am a biker. I ride MTBs and road bikes but there is no need to build facilities in a beach suburb for those sports.</p> | <p>The need for a BMX / Pump Park facility was identified in the Open Space and Recreation Needs Study conducted in 2020. It was included in the adopted 2021 Open Space and Recreation Strategy. The site at Cromwell Park was recommended following a feasibility study of suitable locations throughout our LGA.</p> |

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A roundabout should be added to the Fern Street, Mount street & clovelly road intersection. The amount of work done all around the area and that is the only work that actually needs to be done. For cars coming up mount street trying to go straight or turn right it is very hard to see traffic coming up clovelly Rd from the beach. Anyone trying to turn right onto fern street from clovelly Rd can hold up traffic all the way down the street if it's a busy day.

In mid-2019 the Council improved the situation at the Clovelly Road / Mount Street / Fern Street by shifting slightly west, the Clovelly Road pedestrian crossing. Additionally, this 'zebra' crossing (paint only) was converted to a 'wombat' crossing (a pedestrian crossing placed upon a raised platform. The raised pedestrian crossing at the intersection served the purpose of slowing vehicles and also increasing the visibility of pedestrians due to the increased height. The results from Australian research shows that such raised crossings can result in a reduction in mean speed of up to 8 km/h. Also, at Australian sites where these facilities have been installed, there has typically been a 45% reduction in vehicle-pedestrian crashes, a 40% reduction in casualty crashes and a 30% reduction in serious and minor injury crashes.

In consideration of the quite large volumes of traffic passing along Clovelly Road (and to a lesser extent along Fern and Mount Streets) this intersection does not have a poor crash rate – and the installed raised crossing is likely assisting in keeping the local crash rate low.

In fact, an examination of the most recently available crash data indicates that there have been only two crashes reported at the subject site; in the five years through to 30 June, 2022.

#### Crash No.1:

At 11:40am on Saturday 16th September, 2017, a 52 year old male, from the Randwick area, was riding a motor scooter – on his own – easterly along Clovelly Road, when a light truck, driven by a 36 year old man (on his own) from the Bondi area, emerged northbound from Mount Street, and the two vehicles collided. The sealed surface was dry and the road has a straight alignment; there was no particular safety hazard evident and no temporary traffic control was in place. It was almost midday and the weather was fine. The crash did not occur during school travel times. However, the crash did result in one minor injury to the scooter rider. Neither of the vehicles caught fire and neither required towing. No pedestrians, or pedal cyclist were involved in the crash and the crash was not determined as being related to excessive speed nor fatigue. Also, the crash was not related to brake failure or fault, steering failure or fault, tyre failure or fault (blow out or thrown tread), tyre tread smooth, wheel, axle or suspension failure or fault, towing or coupling fault or separation, headlamp failure or fault, rear lamp or clearance lamp failure or fault, vehicle with insecure or projecting load, vehicle overloaded, or any other vehicle equipment failure or fault.

#### Crash No.2:

At 12:05pm on Friday 10th May, 2019, a 20 year old male, from the Randwick area, was riding a motor cycle – without a passenger – easterly along Clovelly Road, when, for reasons unknown, he left the carriageway and struck a parked car some 10 metres east of Mount Street. It was just after

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|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>middy; the weather was overcast, and the sealed surface was wet. The road has a straight alignment. The crash did not occur during school travel times. However, the crash did result in a serious injury to the motorcyclist. Neither of the vehicles caught fire and neither required towing. No pedestrians, or pedal cyclist were involved in the crash and the crash was not determined as being related to excessive speed nor fatigue. Also, the crash was not related to brake failure or fault, steering failure or fault, tyre failure or fault (blow out or thrown tread), tyre tread smooth, wheel, axle or suspension failure or fault, towing or coupling fault or separation, headlamp failure or fault, rear lamp or clearance lamp failure or fault, vehicle with insecure or projecting load, vehicle overloaded, or any other vehicle equipment failure or fault.</p> <p>With regard to the installation of a roundabout or not, the situation is as follows: Currently, our two preferred north / south routes through this neighbourhood are via Carrington Road and via Arden Street. If the Council were to make it easier for north / south motorists to travel though this intersection (by, say, installing a roundabout), there would likely be a significant increase in north / south traffic volumes along Fern Street and Mount Street. Given the curvilinear and steep nature of Mount Street, and the challenging intersection of Fern Street and Albion Street, the Council does not consider that (from a road safety perspective) there should be encouragement for more traffic along these streets. Also, given the primarily residential nature of Fern Street and Mount Street, it is considered that action should not be undertaken which would result in poorer residential amenity - due to likely significant increased traffic flows along both Mount and Fern Streets.</p> <p>In the longer term, there are traffic improvements proposed for this intersection through the Clovelly Road Masterplan process.</p> |
| 20  | <p>Spend on cycleways doesn't align with strategic ambition. It is important and necessary to see more active transport links like the successful Doncaster avenue cycleway being implemented in the area. There is no time to lose. Suggest implementing trial road space reallocation to achieve goals in the short term. Parking is not strategically important to cities, but access and mobility is. walking, riding, and public transport achieve this, cars do not. Please increase budget allocation for implementation of cycleways.</p> | <p>Following successful funding applications to TfNSW, the Council is putting significant efforts into the detailed planning and designing of a number of walking and cycling improvement projects. Only with properly designed and costed projects can the Council then make formal application for the funding of the construction / implementation of these major walking and cycling improvement projects. The current projects under design include the South Coogee to Kingsford route, the Anzac Parade paths project (Stage 1 - Fitzgerald Avenue to Kingsford), the Coogee to Randwick route and the Todman Avenue route. Completion of these designs (including relevant community consultation) will be followed with formal submissions to TfNSW for construction / implementation funding.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| 21  | <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>Make users pay more increase fees instead of rates</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Our council charge user fees to cover the costs of providing various services and amenities to their communities. By implementing user fees, councils ensure that those who directly benefit from these services contribute to their upkeep, promoting fairness and sustainability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 22  | <p>Very positive forward action planning</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>Reasonable increase</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Thank you for your feedback.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 23  | <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>We just can't afford these year on year increases that are way above my pay increase. Not everyone gets a 5 percent annual pay rise like Randwick council employees. You should spend the ratepayer money on essential work not on ridiculous things like the pedestrian area on Clovelly Rd which I was told cost \$1 million!! Please consider the ratepayers who are also expected to also cough up for the environmental levy and an increase in the waste management fee.</p> | We are conscious of cost of living pressures facing our community and rate increases are carefully considered. Council and the Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) conduct detailed financial analyses to ensure that increases are fair and necessary. The proposed rates increase in the 2024-25 Budget is 4.9% which is in line with the rate cap set by IPART. Rate increases are necessary due to inflation and rising costs. Council prioritises the projects nominated in our Capital Works Programs which are identified in accordance with our adopted Community Strategic Plan, Informing Strategies, Plans of Management and Masterplans. These plans were developed in response to community expectations and community feedback. |
| 24  | I find it very disappointing that there are no projects or provisioning of budget to upgrade or introduce any new off-leash dog park areas in the Maroubra area. There are a number of children's playgrounds marked for upgrade and even catering to a niche sport like BMX'ing, and yet when 62% of Australian's now own a dog Randwick still remains so anti-dogs and does not cater to this group of residents that are crying out for more facilities for dogs off-leash.                                                   | Council currently has 16 off-leash dog parks across the local government area (LGA). We are conducting an environmental assessment of Yarra Bay Beach to determine if it is suitable as an off-leash dog beach. A recreational needs study undertaken to assess the demand and provision of facilities recommended that 2 new dog parks be added in areas where there were a low number of designated dog parks. In late 2022, council completed a review of our dog facilities, and it was resolved that 2 new parks be added in these areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 25  | Just noting that there is no mention of traffic lights at Maroubra beach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Funding for consultants to conduct planning and design has been included in 2024-25 Operational Plan and Budget                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 26  | <p>1. Until the economy improves next year, only the most necessary thing should be done.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. We are currently in a cost of living crisis with many of us struggling to make ends meet, I think the 4.9% raise in rates is outrageous and will add to inflationary pressures. Its not going to be an issue for those who own their properties, and it has come out in data that these people are the ones that are still spending a lot and adding to the inflation pressure.</p> | <p>1. Council's responsibilities and functions are wide and varied.</p> <p>We are conscious of the cost of living pressures facing our community and rate increases are carefully considered.</p> <p>Council prioritises the projects nominated in our Capital Works Programs which are identified in accordance with our adopted Community Strategic Plan, Informing Strategies, Plans of Management and Masterplans. These plans were developed in response to community expectations and community feedback.</p> <p>2. We are conscious of cost of living pressures facing our community and rate increases are carefully considered. Council and the Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) conduct detailed financial analyses to ensure that increases are fair and necessary. The proposed rates increase in the 2024-25 Budget is 4.9% which is in line with the rate cap set by IPART. Our costs at Council is directly impacted by changes in the cost of materials, wage increases and utilities.</p> |
| 27  | <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>Your budget % increase should be capped at being a maximum of the expected rate of inflation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>We are conscious of cost of living pressures facing our community and rate increases are carefully considered. Council and the Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) conduct detailed financial analyses to ensure that increases are fair and necessary. The proposed rates increase in the 2024-25 Budget is 4.9% which is in line with the rate cap set by IPART. Our costs at Council is directly impacted by changes in the cost of materials, labour and utilities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 28  | <p>I see that \$1 million has been allocated for the Coogee Beach kiosk, bus shelters etc upgrade.</p> <p>Three questions</p> <p>1) Is this a QS estimate?</p> <p>2) Is it coincidence that other listed capital projects are also \$1 million ?</p> <p>3) Does the \$1 million also include the substantive drainage and landscaping works associated with the land around the periphery of this construction?</p>                                                                                                                | <p>The nominated amount in the draft 2024-25 budget is not the total cost of the project. This funding is being allocated towards the project year on year until the project funding matches the project cost.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 29  | <p>What's the point ? You do what you want any way !</p> <p>Looking after yourselves as usual !</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Comment is noted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 30  | <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>1. A rate hike ? Are you kidding me ? I thought there was a financial struggle going on ? Why are rates going up 11% ? we don't actually get much value for the money I must say. We should all stop paying them until things improve in my opinion.</p> <p>2. Most roads are pathetic. The traffic flow needs to be addressed . Most of your workers don't do much having seen them. No parking in my local area when it's Summer.... the list is endless. But keep slogging us.... yeah that'll work out well. We should all stop paying them until things improve in my opinion...</p> | <p>1. The IPART determined a 2024-25 rate peg for Randwick of 4.9 per cent. The Council applied to IPART for a special rate variation of 11.67 per cent for 2024-25 inclusive of the rate peg. The special rate variation includes Environmental Levy which funds initiatives that address important environmental issues such as coastal protection and conserving our natural resources. Careful consideration is given to the services we offer in response to community expectations and the costs associated with the services we deliver. Our costs at Council is directly impacted by changes in the cost of materials, labour and utilities. Our objective has always been to be equitable and ensuring that the Council works directly with financially affected ratepayers with flexible repayment plans.</p> <p>2. Unfortunately, with over 270 kilometres of road length within the Randwick local government area, it is difficult to pinpoint the actual location/s of concern regarding traffic flow. Whilst acknowledging your view regarding Council workers, you can be assured that the significant majority of Randwick workers take great pride in the area and work hard to the benefit of the community.</p> <p>Based on community feedback the Council has expanded the Resident parking Scheme to many of our coastal areas. Again, without detailed information it is difficult to provide a detailed, localised response to this concern.</p> <p>Our advice is that Council rates continue to be paid, as legally required.</p> |
| 31  | <p>I suggest that, before committing expenditure to a BMX track, Council staff seek feedback from Bayside Council as to why the BMX track in Astrolabe Park was built at great expense, maintained for several years. but saw patronage dribble away over time, leading to eventual abandonment of the venture.</p> <p>Perhaps the Minister for Local Government, who was Botany mayor at the time, would be able to offer useful advice as to whether this expenditure is wise and what guarantees should be requested from BMX clubs to ensure their ongoing commitment.</p>                                                          | <p>As part of the planning process, we have spoken to councils that have constructed a bicycle facility. The objective is to have a facility that caters for the needs of different types of riders. We undertook a similar process when planning our current Pedal Park at Heffron Park. This facility is very popular with locals and visitors alike.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 32  | <p>1. Council sponsors and supports Zumba for anorexic gym junkies which is an admirable health focused programme but please, please consider the large number of elders within our community and sponsor regular Ballroom dancing social activities including lessons.</p> <p>2. Our municipality suffers from concrete cancer - it seems the answer to everything, just slap concrete down. Why not get serious with our environmental commitment and plant gardens/wedges instead of slapping concrete down. It's a pleasure to transit the Bay Area south of Randwick.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>3. Rates are increasing at a fast pace which is unacceptable. Council seriously needs to focus on reducing costs imposts.</p> | <p>1. Randwick City Council offers a wide range of programs, classes and activities to meet the needs and interests of Seniors living in Randwick City and surrounding areas. These programs and activities are designed to enhance community connection and participation, ultimately aiming to improve the health and wellbeing of people aged 55+ years and their carers. While we don't currently Ballroom Dancing, the programs listed below may be of interest.</p> <p>Randwick City Council Libraries deliver regular activities and classes including Tai Chi, Calligraphy, Chess, Bridge, Table Tennis, Ukulele for Intermediates, Art, and Brain Training Classes. The Libraries also offer Computer and Tech Savvy classes to increase digital literacy among the elder to ensure they remain connected with family and friends, and are able to access critical online care and support.</p> <p>The Des Renford Leisure Centre offers 2 programs specifically for Seniors, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stronger for Life fitness and mobility program for people aged 50+ years,</li> <li>• Coffee Club swimming and social club predominantly for older community members.</li> </ul> <p>We value your feedback and will consider Ballroom Dancing as a social and fitness activity into the future. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.</p> <p>2. Council will be developing a plan to increase the number of gardens across the local government area. The plan will include financial and staff resources to implement the initiative.</p> <p>3. We are conscious of cost of living pressures facing our community and rate increases are carefully considered. Council and the Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) conduct detailed financial analyses to ensure that increases are fair and necessary. The proposed rates increase in the 2024-25 Budget is 4.9% which is in line with the rate cap set by IPART. The Council finds efficiency and cost savings through several key strategies which include strategic allocation of resources and procurement initiatives, technology improvements, and environmental projects.</p> |
| 33  | <p>I am very happy to see half basketball courts being built. We need more facilities like this. Would you consider adding hitting walls (similar to the half basketball court and tennis hitting wall at Heffron Park). This is great and is the only one in the area that I am aware of.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>This request needs to be properly planned and will be added to our list of projects for consideration in future capital works programs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 34  | <p>1. You are doing good things particularly compared to the notoriously dreadful Randwick Council of the 1970s responsible for the 3 story redbrick monstrosities that replaced fine housing then. The current environmental policies are good.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. I believe that although council fees and charges are rising as permitted under law, they are always at or above inflation and the Council should employ a budgetary officer to keep rate increases to as low as possible. Otherwise the situation will be reached in another 20 or 30 years when rates will be unaffordable (as is happening with private school fees). This may mean cancelling vanity projects like the curious little park corner of Clovelly and Carrington roads.</p> | <p>1. Thank you for your feedback</p> <p>2. We are conscious of cost of living pressures facing our community and rate increases are carefully considered. Council and the Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) conduct detailed financial analyses to ensure that increases are fair and necessary. The proposed rates increase in the 2024-25 Budget is 4.9% which is in line with the rate cap set by IPART. Rate increases are necessary due to inflation and rising costs.</p> <p>The Council monitors its budgetary position every quarter and ensures that the financial governance and financial sustainability are at responsible and acceptable levels.</p> |

1. Re Malabar Lifeguard tower refurbishment at Malabar Beach UNNECESSARY especially when there has been no consultation about whether we actually need a Life guard service on Malabar. Following the trial - here is community feedback: The life boats and flags were transported to the beach by buggy every day tearing up lawn from amenities block to beach - with little regard for conserving the grass, trees, patrons or landscape. In addition, without consultation 13 fully grown banksia trees were cut down to facilitate the view from the tower of the shore to sea, AGAIN UNNECESSARY and causing coastal erosion somewhat mitigated by planting of small grasses. The entire ocean was visible from the tower - that's why it's a tower! The tower has been refurbished already - shutters and paint job. Please do not put any more resources into this building as the 3 month trial revealed there was little need for such a lifeguard service - Malabar is a small local beach with no rips, no big surf and no sharks and the lifeguard equipment on the beach took up a lot of the limited space on the sands and cut sight lines from sand to water for families with small children. Put resources into replacing the trees.

2. Fit out and reuse of Newmarket Stables - this should be a priority as it was identified in Council's Cultural policy plan over 5 years ago. Randwick Council has multiple sports facilities and no central hub, like the Bondi Pavilion for cultural activities especially in the Performing Arts, Music etc. Blenheim is too small for large scale cultural activities

1. Thank you also for expressing concerns about the lifeguard services and recent infrastructure modifications at Malabar Beach. We appreciate your feedback and the opportunity to address these issues.

In 2023, a comprehensive service level review was conducted in response to increasing visitation levels and a history of incidents at Malabar Beach. Among other measures, the review recommended the reinstatement of lifeguard services to ensure the safety of beachgoers. Based on these findings, minor works were required to enhance existing infrastructure to support lifeguard operations effectively. Additionally, our bushland management team identified the need for selective pruning of vegetation to enable lifeguards to maintain clear visibility and actively supervise the beach and water.

Regarding the specific concerns raised in your email:

a) Infrastructure Modifications:

The proposed modifications to the existing lifeguard tower are minor and include enclosing the base of the tower to provide storage capacity for a beach-accessible wheelchair. This adjustment is essential to support the needs of all beach visitors, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility.

b) Community Feedback and Environmental Concerns:

We acknowledge the feedback regarding the transport of lifeguard equipment and its impact on the lawn and landscape. Moving forward, we will look to implement measures to minimise any adverse effects on the environment. Additionally, we are committed to exploring ways to mitigate erosion resulting from our operations and to address any concerns about coastal erosion.

c) Tree Replacement and Environmental Restoration:

The removal of banksia trees was an unfortunate but necessary action to ensure clear sightlines for lifeguards. Council will continue to maintain the area and introduce low shrubs to support biodiversity in the area where trees have been removed. This work will be undertaken as part of our monthly bushland work at the site. A greater diversity of shrubs will be planted such as Correa, Westringia and Leucopogon to improve the habitat in this location.

d) Trial Evaluation and Lifeguard Service Necessity:

The three-month trial provided valuable insights, and we acknowledge your observation regarding the need for lifeguard services. While Malabar Beach may not exhibit the same hazardous conditions as larger beaches, the increased visitation and incident history necessitated this service. However, we remain open to continuous assessment and community feedback to ensure our services meet the needs of the local community.

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|     |                      | <p>We are dedicated to balancing safety, accessibility, and environmental stewardship at Malabar Beach. Your feedback is invaluable, and we will continue to refine our approach to best serve the community's needs. Should you have any further concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p>2. Thank you for your feedback, and for interest in the arts and culture opportunities in Randwick. We very much appreciate your views. The Big Stable in Newmarket is included in the Arts and Culture Strategy, and Council is committed to undertaking a review of the condition and potential of this iconic heritage building for future arts usage. Council Officers are currently in the process of testing the market for a consultant to conduct a full feasibility study for potential future uses of the Newmarket Stables site. We expect to report these results back to Council in Late 2024. We have noted your suggestions and will keep the community updated and engaged during this process.</p> |

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| 36  | <p>1. Delighted to see the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New amenities at Inglis Park</li> </ul> <p>The development new amenities of this heavily used playground is essential and is the more regular maintenance of the park is essential.</p> <p>2. Delighted to see the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for reuse of Randwick Stables, Newmarket</li> </ul> <p>The reuse of the "Big Stable" (Randwick Stables, Newmarket) should reflect the history and character of this historic building.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>3. Increased 2024-25 Fees and Charges should focus on the improvement and maintenance of Council parks, roads, footpaths and facilities that benefit rate payers. It would be of great concern that fees and charges continue to be used for events that are not for the benefit of the whole community. The Council should not conduct politically motivated events.</p> | <p>1. Thank you for the feedback.</p> <p>2. Thank you for your feedback, and for interest in the Big Stable in Newmarket. As part of the Arts and Culture Strategy Council is committed to undertaking a review of the condition and potential of this iconic heritage building for future arts usage guided by its history and heritage management plan. Council Officers are currently in the process of testing the market for a consultant to conduct a full feasibility study for potential future uses of the New Market Stables site. We expect to report these results back to Council in Late 2024. We have noted your suggestions and will keep the community updated and engaged during this process.</p> <p>3. User fees is a payment necessary for accessing a product, service or facility. These fees are directly tied to specific services or facilities that individuals actually use or benefit from. User fees and charges are intended to cover the costs associated with providing those services or maintaining the facilities.</p> <p>Randwick City Council's general policy in determining the amount of fees to be charged for goods and services considers the following factors which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The cost of providing the service</li> <li>· The importance of the service to the community</li> <li>· Prices fixed by the relevant industry body</li> <li>· Any factors specified in the Local Government Regulations</li> <li>· Equity factors</li> <li>· User pays principle</li> <li>· Market prices</li> </ul> |

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| 37  | <p>1. Kingsford has missed out again. All notable improvements are happening in surrounding suburbs. Upgrading existing facilities in other areas while Kingsford faces limitations is a missed opportunity. Since Kingsford residents pay rates just like everyone else, it feels deeply disappointing to see this plan and I urge the council to consider prioritising projects that directly benefit Kingsford residents.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. I'm sorry, I don't love the idea of more fees when Kingsford gets nothing and nothing is changing. I think I'd feel differently if there were strategic improvements.</p> <p>For example, the area would be elevated if we had a designated fortnightly dumping day instead of having to rely on people to request removal of dumped rubbish themselves or via Snap Send Solve, for example - with one additional "I'm moving" clean-up available too, if the fortnightly ones are somehow not sufficient. To cover costs, council could implement steep fines for items dumped outside of the dumping day.</p> <p>I digress though - it hurts that as a ratepaying resident of Kingsford, that our rates are increasing and we're not getting any additional benefit.</p> | <p>1. The draft program includes new softfall and shade structure at Shaw Reserve, local area traffic management in west Kingsford, footpath renewals to Botany Street, Harbourne Road, Kennedy Street and road resurfacing of Hayward Street and Anderson Street.</p> <p>2. Randwick City Council continues working towards reduction of illegal dumping by providing a wide range of services including free household collections for a variety of unwanted household goods, community education campaigns, a free recycling drop-off centre 5 days a week, clearing of dumped goods in hotspots, as well as signage and enforcement.</p> <p>Where identification of the offenders can be made, substantial fines of many thousands of dollars are applicable as well as court prosecution. Where there are no witnesses or evidence of the offenders, Council arranges removal of the dumped waste.</p> <p>Residents are entitled to 6 free (5 on call and an annual scheduled) household clean up collections per year to dispose of unwanted bulky waste material including a total of 4 mattresses.</p> <p>Residents also have an unlimited entitlement for household metal collections each year.</p> <p>Residents can also take recycling material to the Community Recycling Centre located at 72 Perry Street Matraville 5 days per week and as frequently as needed.</p> <p>Randwick City Council in conjunction with the NSW Environmental Protection Agency provide two chemical cleanout events each year for residents to safely dispose of chemicals and dangerous goods.</p> <p>Council is not able to determine the size of fines. Fines, and enforcement legislation, including the Burdon of proof required to prosecute offences is determined by the state government. Council's Operational Waste and Waste Education staff continue to investigate strategies to reduce illegal dumping. This is an ongoing mission with all Councils.</p> |

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| 38  | <p>We would love to have Spider Park Coogee added to the plan please. Spider Park in Coogee opposite the ladies rock pool has been the same over 20 years. There is a lot of accidental hazards not just for children but mostly adults too. We have seen the amazing upgrades around and we would love that our rates go towards this park please. I used to take my eldest daughter (12) when she was a toddler for many years, we started taking my 4 year as a toddler too. Though we haven't really been going there much as there real isn't much for a toddler, preschooler or any kid to much there. Lots of rides are either broken or not safe. The community would love this upgrade to be included please, thank you.</p> | <p>Planning for the playground at Grant Reserve, Coogee began in 2023-24. Funding will be carried over into the 2024-25 financial year.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 39  | <p>Chifley's baseball field needs new dirt. Red clay mixes with fine dirt will make the playing field much better, more safe, and look so much nicer.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Thank you for your feedback, the team in sports fields will investigate this matter</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 40  | <p>I am concerned at the state of the Fred Hollows Reserve walkway and not enough is being done to keep this tidy and safe. Several trees have fallen down, the boardwalk needs replacing in some areas and removal of unwanted debris that will not breakdown. Hundreds of local and visitors walk through here every week and I am disappointed that no funds have been put aside to clean up this very unique reserve which is used by the community. Appreciate the bush care do what they can but you need morre people in there to do an enormous tidy up.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>see above - allocate funds to the Fred Hollows reserve.</p>                                                        | <p>Some of the matters you have raised are maintenance works and will be undertaken as part of the work undertaken by our bushland team. Replacement of sections of the boardwalk will be added to our list of upgrades for consideration in future capital works programs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 41  | <p>I heard that Randwick Council had been given permission to raise rates by more than 11%.</p> <p>This draft document refers to a rate increase of 4.9%.</p> <p>What is the correct figure?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>The IPART determined a 2024-25 rate peg for Randwick of 4.9 per cent. The Council applied to IPART for a special rate variation of 11.67 per cent for 2024-25 inclusive of the rate peg. The special rate variation includes the Environmental Levy which funds initiatives that address important environmental issues such as coastal protection and conserving resources.</p> <p>The Environment Levy has been in place for 20 years and this is a continuation of the community's expectation supported through extensive consultation. Council submitted an application to IPART to make the levy part of the Council's permanent rate base from 1 July 2024.</p> |

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| 42  | <p>1. My comments are mainly concerned with the CapEx budget for the Maroubra Beach foreshore. There is, I believe some work planned for the playground and skate park. I would like to see further shading over the gymnasium equipment, and around the courtyard between the gymnasium equipment and blue building. Last summer's heat made shade an important feature of the foreshore, with record beach tents being hoisted along the beach. Again with the summer heat the beach would benefit from more fresh water drinking taps and bottle filling stations, and a couple more showers near the Maroubra Surf Lifesaving club would help ease some of the bottlenecks during hot weekends and holidays. Heat was a significant issue this year and for the safety of the public these features could help.</p> <p>2. The gymnasium equipment could also benefit from a chin-up bar which is a good upper-body exercise and a simple but useful addition.</p> | <p>1. The works nominated in the draft budget at Maroubra Beach include upgrade of the playground, the outdoor gym, and a shade structure for the Maroubra Skate Park. We intend to review the layout of the playground and outdoor gym to increase the size of the playground. Shade structures will be included in the design. Community feedback will be sought when we conduct community consultation in planning for these facilities.</p> <p>2. Thank you for the feedback. This will be passed on to the project officer planning the new equipment.</p> |
| 43  | <p>I notice the Avoca Street between Alison Road and intersection Belmore road is not on list for repair. It is in very bad shape with large indents in road.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Avoca Street is classified as a State road. The carriageway is managed by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). We will pass these concerns on to TfNSW.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 44  | <p>1. The Operational Plan Budget Proposed Projects lists, under item 32, Roads ...Traffic Improvements Maroubra Rd.</p> <p>This matter,. notably the Cnr. Mons Ave, Cooper St and Maroubra Rd has been on the Randwick Council action list since 2019 to my knowledge</p> <p>Please advise what is intended by the item 32 in the Proposed Projects for this bad inter-section to be done in 2024 /2025.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. Inflation is expected to fall, RBA's target band of 2-3% at the end of 2025. Wages growth will peak at 4.1% in the middle of 2024 before gradually declining to 3.2% in June 2026.</p> <p>Statement by RBA May, 2024....Inflation is still high and is falling more slowly than expected. Bringing inflation down to the 2–3 per cent target range is the Reserve Bank Board’s highest priority.</p> <p>Why are Randwick rates budgeted to increase by 4.9%..Rates increase by 4.9%</p> | <p>1. Following community concerns raised with the Council, a traffic corridor study was undertaken of Maroubra Road, from Bunnerong Road to Malabar Road, Maroubra. Arising from the study were proposals at nine key Maroubra Road intersections:</p> <p>At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 August 2023, the Council resolved, inter alia, That: “... A report be brought back to the Council detailing the outcomes of the consultation with recommendations on the proposed next steps along the Maroubra Road corridor....” (Rosenfeld/Said)</p> <p>Community consultation regarding this matter was undertaken between 13 December 2023 and 14 February 2024. A report on the outcomes of the community consultation and proposed next steps is planned to be considered by the Council at its meeting in June 2024.</p> <p>2. We are conscious of cost of living pressures facing our community and rate increases are carefully considered. Council and the Independent Pricing Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) conduct detailed financial analyses to ensure that increases are fair and necessary. The proposed rates increase in the 2024-25 Budget is 4.9% which is in line with the rate cap set by IPART. Careful consideration is given to the services we offer in response to community expectations which are prioritised by our Council. The Council provides a balance budget according to these expectations and delivers these services and infrastructure as efficiently as possible.</p> |

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| 45  | <p>I have received the detail in the mail about all the exciting plans for Maroubra. Can I please check 1 detail?</p> <p>I can see footpath upgrades from 372 Maroubra Road to the Causeway.</p> <p>I request that the historical pathway closest to the front of 400 Maroubra Road, on the corner of the Causeway remains?</p> <p>This is where it is branded into one panel saying “MAROUBRA BAY ROAD” in red. This is also repeated 2 more times along the right side of the footpath approaching the beach.</p> <p>This is an important part of the area's history, where locals called it Maroubra Bay Road, and Maroubra Bay, and should be preserved for future generations.</p> <p>Please advise if this is already taken in consideration?</p> | <p>Where there are street names inlaid into the footpath, we aim to either preserve or carefully relay the name into the new footpath. These requirements are issued to the contractor when the works are planned.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 46  | <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>I am not paying the environmental levy any more.</p> <p>Randwick Council has gone out of its remit . I and others intend reporting to the Ombudsman and/or the media</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Thank you for your feedback. Your submission has been noted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 47  | <p>I am questioning the additional \$300,000 in the 2024/25 Budget for Burrows Park amenities &amp; field upgrade, when \$250,000 was already allocated in the 2023/24 Budget for a Scoping Study. A total of \$550,000 is an excessive amount for a Scoping Study. What are the additional funds required for? Wouldn't the \$300K be better utilised in improving nearby iconic Clovelly Beach; fixing any damage caused to the stairs &amp; storm-proofing for future bad weather (which will only get worse); improving the BBQ &amp; picnic facilities on both sides of the bay; ensuring the safety &amp; accessibility of all entry/exit points into the bay, and providing better beach access for less able-bodied people?</p>                 | <p>The funding allocated in the draft 2024-25 budget is year on year funding until the project budget meets the project cost. Council has resolved to undertake a masterplan of Burrows Park to include existing facilities including off leash dog exercise, the sportsfield, amenities, outdoor gym and coastal walkway. The masterplan will include impact studies on local traffic and parking, bushland, coastal views etc. Design work for the amenities building will consider configuration to existing use and requirements for a larger sportsfield, support for women's participation in sport and storage for our bushcare team. Following the call for quotations, the cost for a lead consultant to undertake this work is \$415K + GST.</p> <p>The draft masterplan will be exhibited for full community consultation prior to a council decision.</p> |

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| 48  | <p>1. "Transform Newmarket stables into a cultural hub and ensure that at least 50% usage is for local artists by 2027" - Part of this building should be accessible to the broader public of Kingsford, such as rentable space for a community hall? Kingsford is the only suburb in the LGA without a community hall.</p> <p>2. Strongly support the delivery of funds to support the further investigation / finalisation of these Ops plan items.</p> <p>"Complete a detailed construction design for the South Coogee to Kingsford pedestrian and cycling improvements project." - strongly support this to be a top priority.</p> <p>"Investigate opportunities to safely activate Anzac Parade Corridor with recreation spaces such as half courts." strongly support</p> <p>"Develop a Masterplan of recreational spaces along the Anzac Parade corridor from Kingsford to Little Bay." - strongly support</p> <p>Use the Maroubra Road Corridor Study to inform the inclusion of appropriate provisions to promote walking and cycling connections in the Maroubra Junction town centre review. - strongly support</p> <p>Heffron Criterium upgrade - strongly support</p> <p>I strongly support the long overdue funding to upgrade the Criterium track in Heffron Park. This track is highly used, not only by the triathlon / cycling clubs but also by all members of the community that want to have a safe space for a cycle.</p> | <p>1. Council Officers are currently in the process of testing the market for a consultant to conduct a full feasibility study for potential future uses of the New Market Stables site. We expect to report these results back to Council in late 2024.</p> <p>Part of the feasibility will be to consider a range of options for the use of Newmarket and Council would want to ensure that there is community access. Further consultation will occur and you will have the opportunity to have your say on the options.</p> <p>Kensington Community Centre is an option if you are looking for a community space in the interim.</p> <p>2. Thank you for your feedback. These projects will have elements of community consultation specifically. Please keep an eye out on Councils website for our YourSay page, we would love to hear from you when we are testing concepts and community feedback.</p> |

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| 49  | <p>I'm writing to express my concern about the additional \$300,000 which has been included in the draft operational plan and budget for 2024-25 on page 155 as "Burrow Park Amenities and Field".</p> <p>Why is \$550,000 of rate payers money being spent on scoping a proposal which has not been based on any proper community consultation, with only one stakeholder having been invited to Council to discuss?</p> <p>At a time of a cost of living crisis and threats to environmental sustainability, I would much prefer to see this money being directed to healthcare, housing and social inclusion measure and the protection of our beautiful natural environment in Clovelly, rather than having the money wasted on developing a proposal that has not been developed in partnership with local residents, the broader community and other recreational users of the area.</p> <p>Please conduct a proper and transparent community consultation before any more money is spent on developing Burrows. The lack of transparency in this process is causing much alarm and concern.</p> | <p>The funding allocated in the draft 2024-25 budget is year on year funding until the project budget meets the project cost. Council has resolved to undertake a masterplan of Burrows Park to include existing facilities including off leash dog exercise, the sportsfield, amenities, outdoor gym and coastal walkway. The masterplan will include impact studies on local traffic and parking, bushland, coastal views etc. Design work for the amenities building will consider configuration to existing use and requirements for a larger sportsfield, support for women's participation in sport and storage for our bushcare team. Following the call for quotations, the cost for a lead consultant to undertake this work is \$415K + GST.</p> <p>The draft masterplan will be exhibited for full community consultation prior to a council decision.</p> |
| 50  | <p>Please consider upgrading Writtle park, it's well overdue.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Council has an adopted Play space Strategy which considered the playground condition and other criteria. Writtle Park was not identified for upgrade in the draft 2024-25 capital works program. However, it will be considered for inclusion in future capital works programs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 51  | <p>I am concerned that the amount of \$300,000 is earmarked to spend on Burrows Park Amenities and Field. Does this mean the total earmarked for the scoping project is \$550,000?</p> <p>Is this for planning purposes only or for the cost of works as well? If it is also earmarked for capital works, this rather begs the question whether council will genuinely consult on the plans prior to making a decision with respect to them.</p> <p>In any event, this is an absurd amount of money to spend on scoping a project that the consultation report records only 50% of the community support.</p> <p>Could you also please explain what exactly is being scoped? I was told it was just the increase in size of the field, but councillors have also said it will include more lights and other amenities, with flow on consequences to residents.</p> <p>While the amenities block needs to be fixed, it is set in a beautiful coastal landscape and should not be over-sized or detract from the natural beauty of the area.</p> | <p>The funding allocated in the draft 2024-25 budget is year on year funding until the project budget meets the project cost. Council has resolved to undertake a masterplan of Burrows Park to include existing facilities including off leash dog exercise, the sportsfield, amenities, outdoor gym and coastal walkway. The masterplan will include impact studies on local traffic and parking, bushland, coastal views etc. Design work for the amenities building will consider configuration to existing use and requirements for a larger sportsfield, support for women's participation in sport and storage for our bushcare team. Following the call for quotations, the cost for a lead consultant to undertake this work is \$415K + GST.</p> <p>The draft masterplan will be exhibited for full community consultation prior to a council decision.</p> |

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| 52  | <p>I am writing in response to the proposal in the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-2025 to resurface the section of Darley Road between Avoca Street and Clovelly Road. I was surprised to see that the section of Darley Road between Clovelly Road and Dangar Street was omitted. This section is in front of the six houses numbered 115, 113, 111, 109, 107 and 105.</p> <p>The photos below are of the section of road in front of 111 Darley Road. The road in front of 113 and 115 and opposite these three houses is in the same state. This section of road was last resurfaced for the Olympics Road Cycle race in 2000.</p> <p>The section of Darley Road between Clovelly Road and Dangar Street has the heaviest traffic flow of the road. At the intersection with Clovelly Road, about one quarter of the vehicles including all buses enter and exit. A small number of vehicles enter and exit via Dangar Street.</p> <p>Mid last year, after numerous phone calls to council re the state of the road resulting in our house vibrating when trucks and buses passed, an engineer was sent to inspect the situation. The engineer's exact words were " the road is failing" and "funds need to be allocated".</p> <p>At council's suggestion, I spoke to the Roads and Traffic Authority who informed me that council is given funds to maintain the road. I urge you to include the resurfacing of Darley Road between Clovelly Road and Dangar Street in council's budget.</p> | <p>The project nominated was for Darley Lane and not Darley Road. However, we have brought this project forward and completed it in the 2023-24 program. A reserve road resurfacing project will be added to the draft 2024-25 roads capital works program.</p> <p>Council uses asset management principles to assess condition of assets and determine when an asset has reached end of life and requires renewal.</p> <p>The section of Darley Road that you have requested be resurfaced has not been identified for renewal at this stage. It will be assessed and added to our list of projects for consideration in future capital works programs.</p> |
| 53  | <p>I am commenting on the Road upgrades Dangar St (White St to Tramway Ln) Just to remind Council that Dangar St is in such poor condition due the many 11Tonne Government Buses who use Dangar/King Sts as a part of bus rat run 6AM to 9PM. In peak times this can 50-60 buses a day. Wentworth St which surely is much more convenient is never used??? There is evidence of subsidence in Dangar St due to heavy vehicles. Any upgrades undertaken now will have to be repeated in the near future.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>The use of Dangar Street by the buses is the most direct route from the east between Darley Road and the bus depot.</p> <p>The proposed works include resurfacing and heavy patching works to improve the road pavement structure.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 54  | <p>1. I would like to know exactly what changes are being made to Maroubra SLSC.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. only that the fees and charges are unfair and exorbitant.<br/>not only the 4.9% increase, but the ever after environmental levy increase.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>1. A full knock down and re-build is being proposed for Maroubra Surf Club given the age and deteriorating state of the asset in its current condition. We are currently in the process of finalising concepts to seek community feedback on the proposal. Please keep an eye out on Councils website for our YourSay page, we would love to hear from you when we are testing concepts and community feedback.</p> <p>2. The IPART determined a 2024-25 rate peg for Randwick of 4.9 per cent. Our costs at Council is directly impacted by changes in the cost of materials, labour and utilities. The Council applied to IPART for a special rate variation. The special rate variation includes the Environmental Levy which funds initiatives that address important environmental issues such as coastal protection and conserving resources. The Environment Levy has been in place for 20 years and this is a continuation of the community's expectation supported through extensive consultation.</p> |
| 55  | <p>Why is council so obsessed with spending so much money on frivolous projects?<br/>Who benefits other than the contractors?<br/>Why do we need to add more playgrounds?<br/>Why does the Lionel library need a new facade? Seriously?<br/>Some of the landscaping works, notably in Heffron park has been remarkably unnecessary. Why are you doing this, what mandate is there to spend the money on that?<br/>2m dollars on two funnies at the Malabar pool- that's enough to build an eastern suburbs mansion- who's benefiting from that project?<br/>Randwick Council lacks transparency and is spending rate payer money frivolously.<br/>It's time to moderate expenditure in this LGA.<br/>The draft plan absolutely does not answer this basic requirement: how much are we spending on frivolous projects.</p> | <p>Capital works are planned based on our Community Strategic Plan and informing strategies that are underpinned by our asset management plans, plans of management and masterplans.</p> <p>Upgrades to open spaces or to town centres are based on requests that have been received from the community or agreed as part of community consultation. Different groups within the community may benefit from certain community land upgrades more than others.</p> <p>Please note that the upgrade of the Lionel Bowen facade includes new signage to make it more visible both at street level and from afar. It is funded by the State Library of NSW Special Purpose Grant funding. It is not funded by Council.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| 56  | <p>1. The focus in Matraville feels random. It is a low density area. Randwick Junction has a higher density and could do with improvements to prove utilisation of areas like Alison Park.</p> <p>2. More investment in cycleways to improve local connectivity to centennial Park is needed too. Same with pedestrian bridges, tunnels or walkways to pass over busy roads like Avoca and Alison which are dangerous to cross and have heavy foot traffic. People want to walk more and cycle to save money</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>3. As a young person that bought my first home recently and am struggling with cost of living, I'm unhappy that the rates are rising.</p> <p>I understand costs go up, but this is an opportunity to do right by people who are struggling and give them relief rather than things they don't need. For example, redoing parks and facades of libraries seems like something to do in better economic times rather than a cost of living crisis.</p> <p>Especially after the environmental levy decision.</p> | <p>1. Council has recently adopted a Matraville Town Centre Masterplan. This masterplan is aimed at supporting local businesses and the local community by improving local amenity and aesthetics.</p> <p>During 2023-24, we completed the final stage of road reconstruction along Belmore Road and we undertook a 'Town Centre Blitz' to repair the damaged infrastructure in the Randwick Town Centre.</p> <p>Our Strategic Planners have recently completed a Randwick Junction Town Centre Strategy which includes a planning proposal which will provide a range of public benefits and place-based outcomes including the provision of affordable housing, pedestrian through-site links, new plazas, the widening of footpaths, the redevelopment of detracting buildings (identified by the Heritage Assessment) and the restoration of heritage and contributory buildings to Longer Term.</p> <p>2. Following successful funding applications to TfNSW, the Council is putting significant efforts into the detailed planning and designing of a number of walking and cycling improvement projects. Only with properly designed and costed projects can the Council then make formal application for the funding of the construction / implementation of these major walking and cycling improvement projects. The current projects under design include the South Coogee to Kingsford route, the Anzac Parade paths project (Stage 1 - Fitzgerald Avenue to Kingsford), the Coogee to Randwick route and the Todman Avenue route. Completion of these designs (including relevant community consultation) will be followed with formal submissions to TfNSW for construction / implementation funding.</p> <p>Overhead bridges or underground tunnels traversing state roads would be very expensive (many \$M) and are often not utilised by pedestrians due to the extra effort required to negotiate them or due to personal security concerns - especially at night.</p> <p>The Council is soon to be undertaking community consultation on cycle route planning priorities - please check regularly for this consultation on the Council's 'Your Say' page at <a href="https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/</a></p> <p>3. The IPART determined a 2024-25 rate peg for Randwick of 4.9 per cent. Our costs at Council is directly impacted by changes in the cost of materials, labour and utilities. Council prioritises the projects which are identified in accordance with our adopted Community Strategic Plan, Informing Strategies, Plans of Management and Masterplans. These plans were developed in response to community expectations and community feedback.</p> |

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| 57  | Thankyou Council for including the upgrade of the Heffron Park Criterium track in the budget. This is very much overdue - it was in a very poor state. I'm sure the community will appreciate it a great deal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Thank you for your correspondence and feedback.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 58  | I support the works - especially the active transport / safe cycling provision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Your positive support is noted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 59  | <p>1. There seems to be a large increase in the amount to be spent on Burrows Park upgrade. I think the funds could be better utilised within the council area. If the upgrade is limited to a new amenities block on the same or similar footprint and the field resurfaced (which I understand was the initial improvement requirements by the playing clubs that's OK. If the upgrade means earthworks, retaining walls, moving existing lights etc...and encroachment on the important northern remnant bush headland this is really not acceptable from an environmental point of view. The populations and varieties of birds and reptiles living there is significant and each disruption to their home be it earthworks, additional lighting, noise from construction and increase in workmen in the area causes instability in these populations. The park is one of the few remaining largely undeveloped pieces of the coastal walkway which increases its beauty and is a real draw card for the thousands and thousands of visitors to the area. I understand the need for playing fields for sports activities but this piece of land really needs to be retained as is, so future generations can appreciate the bushland which is becoming more and more difficult to find. The birds and reptiles and small marsupials don't have a voice but we are responsible for their welfare, survival and allow them to remain in their current home. Aside from this, any major changes to the field will increase traffic to an already congested area via narrow Ocean street. Look at the poor bus drivers on any summer weekend who have to contend with the traffic on Ocean Street, increased traffic will exacerbate this and make it dangerous for pedestrians and cars alike. I think the increased budget is unnecessary to complete the initially discussed scope of work and think scope creep needs to be reined in.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. An increase to rates of 4.9% is high. I understand some of this is statutory, however the flow on to rate payers is immense.</p> | <p>1. The funding allocated in the draft 2024-25 budget is year on year funding until the project budget meets the project cost. Council has resolved to undertake a masterplan of Burrows Park to include existing facilities including off leash dog exercise, the sportsfield, amenities, outdoor gym and coastal walkway. The masterplan will include impact studies on local traffic and parking, bushland, coastal views etc. Design work for the amenities building will consider configuration to existing use and requirements for a larger sportsfield, support for women's participation in sport and storage for our bushcare team. Following the call for quotations, the cost for a lead consultant to undertake this work is \$415K + GST.</p> <p>The draft masterplan will be exhibited for full community consultation prior to a council decision.</p> <p>2. Any decision to raise rates must be approached with sensitivity and careful consideration of the impact on residents. The IPART determined a 2024-25 rate peg for Randwick of 4.9 per cent. Our costs at Council are directly impacted by changes in the cost of materials, labour and utilities. The council require increased rates to maintain essential services and infrastructure in line with our communities' expectations.</p> |

1. Fantastic to see that at long last, Council's Weedy Landfill site at Long Bay will be remediated. Named cryptically as "Fishermans Road - Site remediation Design and documentation" on page 154 of the Operational Plan and Budget, I see that an amount \$2,500,000 is to be spent - which seems rather expensive just for design and documentation. There's no indication of when the ACTUAL remediation will occur, or how much the ACTUAL remediation will cost.

2. I would also like to comment on the fabulous work that the Bush Care Unit does on a tight budget, and reiterate that they really need to have one more staff member, given their extra responsibilities outlined on Page 36 ("3.1 Delivering the outcomes of our Community Strategic Plan" - A1 = Increase by at least 60% the number of native and indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline; >5000 plantings in 2024-25.) Even if contractors are employed to plant so many native bushes and trees etc, they still have to be looked after and weeded. Relying on the community to do weeding for free as volunteers is not a sustainable strategy. Council needs to employ people to do this ongoing work, which is never-ending - as Council knows, of course, given the amount of time, money and effort put into keeping our public parks neat and weed-free.

3. Congratulations to Council for a program of installation of Gross Pollutant Traps on our stormwater system, since most of our stormwater ends up in the ocean, it is our responsibility to make sure it is as clean as it can be - given that stormwater is some of the most polluted water on earth (a toxic cocktail of car paint, car oils, car grease, tyre bits, car crash bits - glass, plastics, etc; dog poo, garden fertilizers, plastic trash from gutters, rubber and plastic bits from Synthetic grass playing fields, etc). I have suggested over the years that you replace the mechanical street cleaning machines with street cleaners, as in the old days. They have a manual cart, a broom & a scoop - they can clean up behind parked cars to rescue litter before it gets washed down the drain. They also have another advantage: "eyes on the street" - they can see crimes/accidents happening & alert authorities, and they can be a cheery person to say hello to/have a conversation with. Such an employee can also check on blocked drains & alert the drain crew; cracked pavements, tree roots, faulty Council infrastructure, vandalised bus stops, etc. Employing a crew of manual street cleaners would save Council the cost of buying and maintaining the

1. The funding for the planning of this project is included in the 2023-24 capital works budget. We are currently finalising engagement of consultants to undertake this work. The funding allocation nominated in the draft 2024-25 capital works budget is to commit funding towards the remediation works.

Development of the design will include community consultation and require council approval. Once the design is adopted, we can estimate the cost of remediation and plan the funding allocation. We will also be able to schedule the works. At this stage, commencement of works may still be 2-3 years from now.

2. Thank you for your correspondence and feedback.

3. The street cleaning program is part of our entire catchment management program. We have litter bins installed throughout our City including shopping centres, parks and coastal reserves. Council has installed gross pollutant traps (GPTs) in many coastal locations to capture rubbish via the stormwater, and prevent it ending up on our beaches. These GPTs are often cleaned especially after major rain events that can leave them full of rubbish, branches and other organic material.

Council initiatives like "Beach pollution Ends here <https://endbeachpollution.sydney/>, YouTube videos, advertising campaigns and endorsement of events such as Clean up Australia Day <https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/> are all targeted towards educating and encouraging positive steps that everybody can take to improve beach water quality.

Council's website contains a range of information about education, what Council is doing and how residents can help:

Water management: <https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/environment-and-sustainability/what-were-doing/water-management>

Cleaning streets, footpaths and gutters: <http://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/services/rubbish-and-recycling/keeping-our-city-clean/street-cleaning>

Monitoring water quality <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/beach/>

Randwick City Council's continual street-cleaning program includes manual and mechanical sweeping of footpaths and gutters. The frequency of the cleaning depends on the type of cleaning required and the amount of litter or type of cleaning required. For example, in shopping centres, we undertake regular footpath cleaning using mechanical sweepers. In local streets, we use a combination of mechanical street sweepers and manual sweeping.

mechanical street cleaning machines, which do a very poor job, resulting in a very poor quality of stormwater, which then has to be cleaned with GPTs or other means, or just discharged into the ocean as if it is a garbage dump. Council would be able to employ some local people who are on Jobseeker, as there would be no qualifications required except to be able to walk and bend and lift! A great starter job for, say, a long-term unemployed person.

4. Housing strategy, from Page 50. Affordable housing. Council could play a large part in provision of temporary or permanent housing in this housing and rental crisis. eg. Ask those owners who have Airbnb units to let them out instead to long-term tenants. One of the Councils on the South coast wrote to 2nd home owners to ask them if they would be willing to do this, as local tradies and hospitality workers literally had no where to live. About 90 owners responded offering their properties. I also read that in Perth, the Council is offering \$10,000 to Airbnb owners to rent out their units or houses to long-term renters instead of keeping them mostly empty.

Council could also loosen up restrictions on people having demountable granny-flats in their backyards, and allow "tiny homes" to be installed in suitable back yards. Both demountables and tiny homes can be moved when no longer required. Both are a quick solution to the terrible housing crisis we have now.

Owners of large blocks could be encouraged to build on top of their back lane garages, creating studio apartments. Council could offer some sort of incentives for people to rent out their spare bedrooms, or allow home owners with spare space to create a separate rentable studio flat by blocking off part of a large house & installing a separate entrance?

There are so many possibilities! Why not find some spare land and allow residential caravan parks - for example, there's a ready-made caravan park on Malabar Headland, used once a year by shooters participating in the King's Shoot. It has power and water to about 20 sites, and shower/toilet facilities in the NSWRA HQ, Jamieson House. It would raise much-needed revenue for the NSWRA! I personally know people living in their cars, showering at the Seals Club, who cook at the free BBQs. Given that Australia is one of the richest countries on earth, and Randwick i+G66s a prosperous city, this is an utterly shameful situation. We don't need to wait until some developer decides to build on a block & grudgingly include some "affordable" units, as that is NOT the answer to the immediate problem.

In busy business districts, such as Randwick, Maroubra Junction, Kingsford, Kensington and Coogee, cleaning is carried out daily. In other areas street cleaning may be carried out every two days, weekly or fortnightly.

Council also responds to resident requests and pro-actively targets areas that have a high amount of leaf litter. The amount of leaf litter is dependent on the street tree species, the time of year and weather conditions.

4. Providing opportunities for increasing affordable housing is a key priority for Council as outlined in the Randwick Housing Strategy. Council continues to investigate planning mechanisms for affordable housing across the local government area including direct purchasing and construction of properties as opportunities arise, new planning controls requiring developers to dedicate completed units to Council and working with Community Housing Providers who manage properties on behalf of Council. Council currently has 30 dwellings in the Randwick Affordable Housing program. There are a further 300 dwellings or equivalent monetary contributions anticipated to be provided from redevelopment of the Kensington and Kingsford Town Centres, Randwick Junction Town centre and recent housing uplift areas. Council has also investigated its own land holdings for future affordable housing potential. Council officers are currently updating the Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan which sets a clear vision and direction for future affordable housing acquisitions, tenancy management and advocating to the State Government to increase affordable housing within our area.

5. The comment is noted and acknowledges the recent grant announcement from the NSW State Government. With contributions from Randwick Council, NSW State Government and private companies a further 98 charge points are due to be delivered in the next 12 months.

Council will also continue to include rooftop solar in its rebates program to encourage further uptake within the community.

6. Thank you for your correspondence, there are many benefits to the installation and use of synthetic fields, through increased hours of use including during wet weather, Council's current natural turf fields are at capacity in terms of hours of usage. Council acknowledges that there are environmental concerns regarding synthetic fields. The NSW Government is currently creating a document titled 'Synthetic Turf in Public Open Spaces – Guidelines for Decision-Makers'. This document has been on public exhibition and is expected to be finalised later this year. These guidelines, when finalised, will provide direction to local government and other industry participants. and is seeking to address these through investigation and is looking forward to the creation of a set of

We need housing NOW - shelter is a human right.

5. Integrated Transport Strategy, page 60: Council is ahead of many other areas of Australia in providing EV charging points. Thank you.

I don't yet have an EV, but I will soon. I am going to use it as battery storage when I install my rooftop solar system. Many people don't have solar, can't afford the upfront costs, or have no access to EV charging points, if they live in units or public housing. I see that only yesterday, the government is planning to install dozens of new street EV charging points in Randwick City. This is good progress towards a renewable economy, and is to be applauded.

6. Page 68: Open Space and Recreation Strategy; item A20.5 on Synthetic Grass for playing fields. In my opinion, Synthetic Grass is an environmental horror - people report that it heats up in the sun to over 80°C!! This would cause anyone playing on it heat stress; it also warms the surrounding air and surfaces, contributing to the Urban Heat Island effect! Natural grass does not do this; in fact, it has the OPPOSITE effect: it COOLS the air above it and cools surfaces around it through transpiration. If the "rubber crumb" under the plastic grass is made of old tyres, there are nasty chemicals and heavy metals which leach out over time; and bits of crumb and bits of plastic "grass" break down and end up in the stormwater system, inevitably entering the sea given our extensive coastline.

There's evidence that properly maintained natural grass fields can withstand even heavy use. There's plenty of information on synthetic turf vs natural grass, see this webpage: <https://naturalturfalliance.org/> and see this video

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gDs9Z4kQME>) about the success of Mosman oval's natural turf which was laid using best practice and allows 55 hours of use per week with no problems; There's also the 2022 report from the Chief Scientist, [https://www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/542263/CSE-Synthetic-Turf-Review-Final-Report.pdf](https://www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/542263/CSE-Synthetic-Turf-Review-Final-Report.pdf) to read.

In short, Synthetic Grass is a total disaster. Someone is making a lot of money selling this cheap and nasty product to Councils. I object to the waste of ratepayers money in this fashion, it is false economy. Please re-instate natural grass playing fields, properly constructed and maintained, and PLEASE, so not install any more fake grass! It does not sit well with RCC's claim to Green Credentials.

guidelines that can facilitate the implementation of synthetics and assist in the mitigation of adverse impacts. Council's current position noted in our Open Space and Recreation strategy, being the need for more flexible and multipurpose facilities that can cater to a range of uses, including synthetic fields.

7. Thank you for your correspondence and feedback. Council has a number of initiatives currently within our Operational Plan that seek to increase native planting and canopy cover within our LGA. One example is the aim to increase by at least 60% the number of native and indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030; including >5000 plantings in 2024-25. In addition, Council is also part way through the delivery of the Greening Our Cities project which is a grant program to plant over 2000 mature trees within the LGA. The teams that maintain the parks and gardens around the LGA do regularly check and monitor the plants and trees within them including Broadarrow Reserve.

8. The suggestion to develop a guided walk for the Malabar Headland National Park is noted. This initiative will be added to the list for consideration in future capital works programs.

9. Thank you for your feedback. The Environmental Levy which funds initiatives issues such as coastal protection and conserving resources. The Environment Levy has been in place for 20 years and this is a continuation of the community's expectation supported through extensive consultation. The funds raised are for environmental initiatives and are reported in our annual budgets and operational reports.

10. As stated in the submission solar and battery storage are two key actions that will support the community and Council transition to net zero. Furthering investigations and expanding both solar and batteries, including community batteries, is included in the current and future projects identified for the Environmental Levy.

11. Thank you for your feedback. The Maroubra Surf Club is embarking on an upgrade project so we will mention community access for meetings and other more informal community gatherings to them to consider for non-members as a community room.

The South Maroubra Surf Club do open on Sundays for the community and offer places to sit, refreshments and live music. We can speak to them about advertising this more widely so that other local residents are informed about it. Access to the Horizons area is under a commercial arrangement.

Council worked on an initiative to close one section of McKeon St Plaza to traffic to offer open spaces for community to gather. We appreciate that this is not an inside space for meetings however the space is used publicly and open for all.

7. On Page 36: Section 3.1 "Delivering the outcomes of our Community Strategic Plan - Environment Strategy - Outcome: A city with diverse ecosystems that are restored and protected."

Referring to Broadarrow Reserve at Maroubra Beach: it is a sadly neglected part of our ecosystem which is not being restored or protected, in my view. I have urged the Council many times to implement tree succession plantings at Broadarrow. We cannot afford to lose any established canopy in Randwick city. Broadarrow's mature trees are ~50 years of age, approaching the end of their lives. Most are large *Banksia integrifolia* (Coastal Banksias) producing a lot of nectar-laden flowers; they are a vital source of food for many visiting birds, possums, bats, etc. No young trees have been planted for 50 years, except those Eucalypts planted between Broadarrow and the school to the west, about 20 years ago. There are no young trees amongst the old Banksias, and little diversity. When the old trees die - any many have already dropped limbs during drought - there will be no canopy cover in Broadarrow.

Some Councilors want it to be a permanent car park, but a recent motion to this effect was knocked back, the majority of Councilors voting for the status quo: Occasional temporary overflow car parking for summer or weekend events. This is a good outcome for visitors, but possibly not a good outcome for senescent trees, whose roots are not protected from compaction by cars, utes, and G88d 4WDs. Broadarrow is also in daily use as one of the rare off-leash dog parks in our city. Added pressure is coming with the decision to stage monthly Sunday markets at Broadarrow. I fear for the trees and their roots - maybe the tree roots could be cordoned off to prevent compaction from cars & people? And I reiterate that if we want to keep Broadarrow's lovely tree canopy, we need to plant young trees, preferably a mix of suitable species rather than just a monoculture of Coastal Banksias. Since the construction of the stormwater harvesting system close by in Arthur Byrne Reserve, it would be simple to plumb in a watering system for both trees, grass and any new plantings.

It has occurred to me that someone should check on the health of the old Banksias to make sure that rotten limbs are not going to fall during markets or on parked cars! Broadarrow really is a neglected and forgotten part of Maroubra Beach, but it could be so much more if we started to think of it as a vital part of our living corridors of biodiversity instead of just a spare car park. PLEASE think about this.

8. Congratulations to Council for the great guided walk at the Randwick Environment Park. One can just use your phone to scan the QR codes on strategically spaced posts and learn about the wetland, the birds, etc. Would Council be interested in investing money/time/expertise on a similar project on Malabar Headland? I know it is owned by NPWS, but Council contributed several million dollars to the Coastal Walk in the Western Section, and pays f+G66or its upkeep. The guided walk could either be just for the Western Section of Malabar Headland NP or for the whole loop, incorporating the Eastern Section too. There's plenty of history to comment on, starting with Aboriginal occupation, engravings, middens, quartz quarry, and the Corroboree ground at Malabar Beach; then there's the long military history of the Rifle Range; how it was filled in with landfill; the Sewage Works, the WWII coastal defences, and the history of the fight to stop it being developed by Friends of Malabar Headland. There's also Plant ID, and an explanation of ESBS (Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub) which is a critically endangered plant community present on the Headland, the reason for it's protection as a NP. There are over 400 species of plant on the headland, and plenty of birds to ID, eg the nesting pair of Peregrine Falcons, Honey-eaters, Wrens, etc. Then there's the yearly Humpback Whale migration, with Boora Point being the BEST place to observe them, as MH sticks out to sea further than any other Headland in this stretch of coast; there's seals, Grey Nurse Sharks at Magic Point, fishing, and so on. Please consider this as a possible project, the community will love it! It will encourage people to take an interest in the Headland, to "own" it as theirs, and to love it, instead of just using it as a running track! People might even be moved to volunteer to take care of Malabar Headland! Pulling weeds out is good for exercise, social contact, the environment and the bush.

**Comment on fees and charges:**

9. We should have been offered a 3rd option for the Environmental Levy - namely, another review after 5 years. We were asked to either indicate our preference for dropping it altogether, OR to lock it in forever. The small proportion of residents who bothered to voice an opinion voted for the "forever" option it seems, even in the midst of a cost of living crisis, where every \$ counts. Nevertheless, if the money raised is to be used SOLELY on environmental projects, it has to be seen as good.

10. Can I suggest Council use some of the Environmental Levy to invest in Community Batteries in the vast areas where there are private units and large public housing estates, so that ALL citizens can benefit from renewable power, regardless of whether they are able/can afford to have rooftop solar. This will help with grid stability, and lessen CO2 & other emissions too. In fact there should be a major program of Council buildings installing solar where possible - for example, there's a vast amount of roof space at Council's depot/SES HQ on Storey St, Maroubra, not being used for solar - and that Community Batteries should be installed in as many places as possible/necessary to hasten the shift to renewables and grid stability.

11. Given the large amounts of Ratepayers money continually expended by Council upon the 2 Surf Clubs at Maroubra, could Council please think about allowing community groups to gather in one of the surf clubs' rooms - either the upstairs room at Maroubra Beach Surf Club - or if it is being remodeled, in a purpose-built room; or in one of the many rooms at the South Maroubra Surf Life Club. These rooms are very under-used by the Surf Clubs. The top floor at S Maroubra Surf Club is reserved for renting out as a venue for weddings, etc. to gain extra income for the Club. I have no objection to that, but perhaps there could be a wider Community use when it is not being rented out as a venue?

Over the decades, various community meetings have happened in the upstairs room at Maroubra Beach Surf Club, and we used to hold the Precinct meetings there once a month, but there was much resistance to non-surf club members using "their" facilities.

We lost the Maroubra Bay Bowlo several years ago. By the way, the "affordable living" and geriatric care home should really have been built there by now, but all that's happened is they bulldozed the Bowlo, which was a REALLY GREAT community space, and left a hole in the ground! In this age of housing and rental crisis this is disgusting, especially since the owner is the Catholic Church. They should be made to complete the project. I suspect they are "land-banking", hoping for a massive windfall or hoping to alter the DA and sell it on???) Since losing the Bowlo, the wider Maroubra community has been scratching around for suitable community venues. The current Maroubra Precinct has taken to meeting at the Souths Juniors at Maroubra Junction! Hardly anyone attends. It's not a community

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|     | <p>space, it's a club!</p> <p>We really need a Community Centre at Maroubra Beach. (However, NOT at Broadarrow Reserve which has been suggested in the past).</p> <p>I urge you to consider incorporating a community meeting hall on top of the Surf Club if it is being redeveloped using public money, or alternatively, at the back of the Maroubra Beach Surf Club, where there is plenty of room in an unused public space, with no biodiversity or any other values. The Community room could be entirely separate from the Surf Club or not; they could use it or not; they could look after it or not. Surely this isn't too much to ask, as we desperately need community space at the beach, and not everyone is a Surf Club member!</p>                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 61  | <p>1. I am very disappointed that there is nothing included about upgrading cycle paths within Randwick. I would like to know why Randwick Council is not taking advantage of the grants available from Transport for NSW. There are very few separated cycle paths in Randwick, we need more to encourage people onto bikes. It should be a priority to construct separated cycle paths that link up to the City of Sydney cycle paths to create safe routes into the city. It is only just over 10kms to cycle into town, very simple, especially with the proliferation of E-bikes. Build the cycle paths and they will come.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. I have no problem with the fee increases, but would like to see Council funds spent in more sustainable way - that is - planning for a mode shift to cycling.</p> | <p>1. Following successful funding applications to TfNSW, the Council is putting significant efforts into the detailed planning and designing of a number of walking and cycling improvement projects. Only with properly designed and costed projects can the Council then make formal application for the funding of the construction / implementation of these major walking and cycling improvement projects. The current projects under design include the South Coogee to Kingsford route, the Anzac Parade paths project (Stage 1 - Fitzgerald Avenue to Kingsford), the Coogee to Randwick route and the Todman Avenue route. Completion of these designs (including relevant community consultation) will be followed with formal submissions to TfNSW for construction / implementation funding.</p> <p>Pages 56 &amp; 57 of the Operational Plan and Budget 2024-25 identifies actions regarding proposed delivery of cycle facilities.</p> <p>2. Thank you for your feedback. The Council promotes alternative modes of transportation, such as cycling. Encouraging cycling like in our "sustaining our city program" not only reduces carbon emissions but also fosters healthier and more active communities. Proactive initiatives like these, are in line with our commitment to building a greener and more sustainable future for our LGA and our community's' expectations.</p> |

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| 62  | <p>The operational plan and budget appears to be well structured. In a council of this complexity there will always be aspects of the plan you question but overall the determination of projects is very fair and addresses issues that will be seen as important and appreciated by the community.</p> <p>From what I can determine the budget for Randwick is managed very effectively and efficiently and the fees and charges are very reasonable both for this year and for future budgetary needs and demands.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Thank you for your feedback. Your submission has been noted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 63  | <p>I am writing in regard to the funding provisioned for the Burrows Park Amenities and Field item of \$300,000, noted in the Budget.</p> <p>As a local resident I am particularly concerned about the preservation of the unique, natural state of the Burrows Park area which is enjoyed by a wide range of people from Randwick residents to international visitors from dog owners to those enjoying the coastal walk.</p> <p>There has been very limited transparency around the scope of planning that funding has been allocated to. To that end I request that the Council please provide details of such to the local community, plus specifics regarding the \$300,000 in question (is it an increase on top of the \$250,000 which I believe has already been approved) as soon as possible</p> | <p>The funding allocated in the draft 2024-25 budget is year on year funding until the project budget meets the project cost. Council has resolved to undertake a masterplan of Burrows Park to include existing facilities including off leash dog exercise, the sportsfield, amenities, outdoor gym and coastal walkway. The masterplan will include impact studies on local traffic and parking, bushland, coastal views etc. Design work for the amenities building will consider configuration to existing use and requirements for a larger sportsfield, support for women's participation in sport and storage for our bushcare team. Following the call for quotations, the cost for a lead consultant to undertake this work is \$415K + GST.</p> <p>The draft masterplan will be exhibited for full community consultation prior to a council decision.</p> |
| 64  | <p>The purpose of this email is to express my concern over the additional 300k allocated to assessing the feasibility of extending Burrows Park.</p> <p>It seems the cost of this scoping project has more than doubled a short time after initiation. Did the consultant involved mislead Council over the cost and extent of works required to investigate the viability of extending the field?</p> <p>This is a significant amount of money that could have been directed to the upgrading and extension of the current clubhouse/change rooms.</p> <p>I see no value in extending the field size. Any loss or minimisation of the natural headland and neighbouring dog park would be a travesty.</p>                                                                                                 | <p>The funding allocated in the draft 2024-25 budget is year on year funding until the project budget meets the project cost. Council has resolved to undertake a masterplan of Burrows Park to include existing facilities including off leash dog exercise, the sportsfield, amenities, outdoor gym and coastal walkway. The masterplan will include impact studies on local traffic and parking, bushland, coastal views etc. Design work for the amenities building will consider configuration to existing use and requirements for a larger sportsfield, support for women's participation in sport and storage for our bushcare team. Following the call for quotations, the cost for a lead consultant to undertake this work is \$415K + GST.</p> <p>The draft masterplan will be exhibited for full community consultation prior to a council decision.</p> |

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| 65  | Council consider reduce if household waste by residents pay for waste disposal of over a specified reasonable weight. Also consider fines after preceding information & warnings reflecting contamination over a specified %                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Council will review its Waste Management Plan 2017-2030 during the 2024-2025 financial year and the proposed waste reduction options will be considered in the review process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 67  | <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>The council collects enough money to “service” the community and does not need to increase rates. The council should concentrate its efforts on local community projects and not waste our money on ideological beliefs.</p> <p>As an example - Kingsford and Kensington are in a flood zone and all the residence pay \$1500 to \$2500 extra for insurance every year. This has been brought to councils attention but it's ignored in favour of projects like planting more trees on footpaths that will do nothing for the environment or costly bicycle paths that only a very small fraction of the community use.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 69  | <p>1. No initiatives to improve the scenic environment by undergrounding overhead utility wires.<br/>For example:<br/>In Coogee - Dolphin Street between Arden &amp; Beach Streets and Carr Street between Arden and Beach Streets - both an important contribution to the scenic coastal area and the commercial environment<br/>In Kensington - Alison Road between Anzac Parade and Cowper St - a pre-eminent entry point to Randwick City and including Randwick Racecourse.<br/>At least two undergrounding of overhead wires should be included in each annual Operational Budget.</p> <p>2. 'Footpaths - not enough spend in the east &amp; northern areas of the City.<br/>Specifically:<br/>The footpath on Coogee Bay Road between Mount and Brook Streets needs upgrading, particularly the northern side of Coogee Bay Rd, bad even by Randwick Council "standards'.</p> <p>3. Mobility - Handrails requested at:<br/>- Thorpe Street stairs to Cliffbrook Avenue Clovelly (leads to coastal walkway)<br/>- Outside 5 Melrose Ave Clovelly - small section of stairs on footpath<br/>- Leading from Coogee Promenade to beach - those stairs just north of the boatshead - realise that ground levels (sand) can change, but the handrail can continue to a low point</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>4. Continue to keep rates to the IPART peg thanks.</p> | <p>1. Undergrounding of powerlines requires significant funding which has previously been estimated to cost over \$750 million across the LGA. Consideration for only undergrounding powerlines along the coastline was assessed and it was determined that the proposal is not supported. On this basis, we do not have plans to underground powerlines along coastal areas.</p> <p>2. Thank you for your correspondence.</p> <p>3. These sites will be investigated for possible handrails and will be added to the list for consideration in future capital work upgrades. Additionally, Council is also planning for an access audit of its coastal reserves which will include consideration of handrails.</p> <p>4. Thank you for your feedback. Your submission has been noted.</p> |

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| 72  | <p>1. I was very surprised to see an additional \$300,000 put towards the Burrows Park Amenities and Field. This is in addition to the \$250,000 already allocated. What is the additional \$ for? If its for the scoping study on the field extension, that is an obscene amount of money for a scoping study. Regardless, Council needs to be clear with ratepayers on what \$ are being spent on this project and for what purpose. As you know, there is significant community resistance to this field expansion, so Council needs to be careful to ensure they are open and clear with ratepayers on what \$ are being spent and on what i.e. how much for the scoping study, what is this additional \$300K for etc, as opposed to what appears to be an attempt to push through the project in smaller funding amounts with no explanation to ratepayers.</p> <p>2. I was also surprised to see there was to be a review of the Clovelly Bay Plan of Management. There is obviously an existing plan, which balances very well the various stakeholders including sporting team field usage, the environment, dog park, residents etc. I am not in favour of revisiting the Plan of Management. Given Council's proposed scoping study of Burrows Park, I have a real concern that this is not a genuine review, but rather will be an attempt to justify what is potentially very controversial work to Burrows Park under a new Plan of Management.</p> <p>An overall comment, is that there appears to be very poor visibility to ratepayers on what are potentially major and very expensive works being planned for Burrows Park and the Clovelly Bay area. Council ultimately is in the service of ratepayers, and if the information (full costs, due process and implications) is not available in a digestible format (or for example, has \$ spread across multiple different budgets), the community is unable to provide relevant feedback on what our desires are for the areas in which we live, work and play.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>3. I would like to see more \$ spent on things that are cultural, community based. The plan is excessively weighted towards capital projects, and sporting projects in particular, particularly for North Ward Clovelly, where there are very limited cultural/community projects.</p> | <p>1&amp;2. The funding allocated in the draft 2024-25 budget is year on year funding until the project budget meets the project cost. Council has resolved to undertake a masterplan of Burrows Park to include existing facilities including off leash dog exercise, the sportsfield, amenities, outdoor gym and coastal walkway. The masterplan will include impact studies on local traffic and parking, bushland, coastal views etc. Design work for the amenities building will consider configuration to existing use and requirements for a larger sportsfield, support for women's participation in sport and storage for our bushcare team. Following the call for quotations, the cost for a lead consultant to undertake this work is \$415K + GST.</p> <p>The draft masterplan will be exhibited for full community consultation prior to a council decision.</p> <p>The Plan of Management (PoM) on our website for Clovelly Bay is the current PoM. Council will be reviewing all of our area specific PoMs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet the requirements of the new Crown Land Management Act, 2016 for community land.</li> <li>- Review land categorisation and the associated permitted land uses, development / improvements and leases or licences that can be issued for certain land categories</li> <li>- Outline management requirements for the land</li> </ul> <p>3. Noted, thank you for your feedback. Council has adopted a 10 year Arts &amp; Culture strategy which aims to celebrate the arts in a range of ways across the LGA.</p> |

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| 77  | <p>1. Overall I am supportive of the Council's budget plans as it appears that the Council appears to strike the right balance in its expenditures with the major spends of 20% on Major works &amp; construction with 23% on Waste Management, with a scaling down to 14% Parks &amp; recreation, 12 Library &amp; Community services with remaining amounts distributed across moon but essential series. One aspect that is not clear to me is how under the Community strategic plan that the aim of increasing by at least 605 the number of native and indigenous planting will take place. while it appears that most will be achieved at the south of the municipality the Local Strategic Planning Statement vision 2040 at pg 58 points to the Urban heat zones and despite recognising the benefits of tree canopies contributing" to the environmental quality, liveability and amenity of the local area and is highly valued by our community." there does not appear to be a strategy to improve the canopy in this heat zones such. as Randwick shopping zone, five ways Kensington and the multi-storey unit packed zone at Coogee between Carrington Rd and Arden St.</p> <p><b>Comment on fees and charges:</b></p> <p>2. I believe that the 2024-25 budget offering a net operating surplus of 4.7% on the total revenue of some \$203m is responsible in providing a suitable reserve to allow flexibility for unforeseen occurrences which we know from past history is always a matter of when not if.</p> | <p>1. Council has an adopted Environment Strategy that sets out a strategic approach to increase the number of trees planted to provide shade, habitat and heat reduction benefits. The approach seeks to increase tree planting to achieve the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% canopy cover across council by 2040.</p> <p>To implement this approach, council has undertaken tree data collection of its street trees as a baseline measurement. We also received funding from the Greening our City Grant program to plant 2000 trees. The program focuses on tree planting in the south of the LGA as this area currently has the lowest canopy cover.</p> <p>It is proposed to continue to monitor our tree canopy and continue our tree planting programs to increase the urban forest. Tree planting will be allocated to streets and open spaces accordingly.</p> <p>Reference to town centres is noted. Whilst trees have been planted in town centres, the awnings create a constraint, although they also provide shading.</p> <p>2. Thank you for your feedback. Your submission has been noted.</p> |

1. A.1. The plan makes reference to a preference for new and replacement plantings to comprise of native and indigenous plantings. It would be preferable for there to be a sensible mix of species which could add colour to the LGA. These could include non - native species and deciduous plantings. It is a pleasant and uplifting experience to travel through other areas of Sydney where there is an abundant mix of colour – this is not the case within Randwick. Local residents are doing their bit to brighten up and variety to the LGA but Council is lacking on this front.

2) A.1.7 it would be preferable for council to set a higher target of 25% for reduction in weed density, particularly on the coastal fringes where Bitou infections are out of control. Cooperation is needed with National Parks NSW and the Commonwealth government to eradicate Bitou on the Malabar headland, Cape Banks and laPouse.

3) A.2. While it is desirable to have more shade trees within the LGA it is important that in doing so we do not obscure the public view of our beaches and coastal landscape.

4) A.5. It is pleasing that after many years of community concern, the Gross Pollution Trap infrastructure within Byrne Crescent will finally be relocated down stream. It is regrettable though that there is no mention of the proposal submitted via the Maroubra Precinct Committee, for the storm water discharged via the GTP to be diverted into the Groundwater recycling retention facility within Byrne Reserve thus minimising flooding of the Sth Maroubra car park and the pollution of the South Maroubra rock pool which is the final destination of the storm water. Senior Council staff indicated that this was a doable project and would be incorporated into the Maroubra Beach management plan – this has not occurred.

5) A.6. The concept of a Coastal walkway around Lurline Bay and the southern coastal golf courses has been on the Council agenda for many years with very little evidence of any real progress. There is a pressing need to progress beyond the undertaking of more studies as detailed in the plan.

6) A.7. The delivery of at least 5 First Nations history events/programs is appropriate on the basis that this is not in addition to existing events etc. However, it is agreed that there is good case for 10 % increase in art, cultural and historic events/programs over the period to 2031. There are also opportunities for expansion of street art and maybe public art exhibitions along the lines of Sculpture

1. Section A1 within the plan is specifically in relation to protecting and restoring natural ecosystems. Planting non-native/ exotic species is not an ecological management and restoration (EMR) industry approved action to achieve this objective. Council has several initiatives related to urban planting, for example Councils Street Garden Policy, a framework for residents to create, install and maintain a nature strip garden.

2. The 25% reduction target is on Council owned land, non-council owned/ managed parcels of land would fall to the specific property owners. With regard to large infestations of bitou remaining in the Malabar – La Pouse area, these occur mostly on degraded land consisting of landfill where there is no capacity for native plant regeneration in most instances. The best achievements and improvement regarding bitou removal are made when the works is performed slowly and systematically with native plant regeneration/ installation keeping pace with bitou removal. If not, secondary weed infestations can be more difficult to control. Weeds such as Morning glory, Madeira vine and Turkey rhubarb quickly take over and can have a more detrimental impact on surrounding native vegetation and biodiversity.

3. When planting trees of planning facilities along the coastline, views are considered in the planning to minimise any impact.

4. The purpose of stormwater harvesting is to collect, treat and store water for reuse based on demand. The Maroubra stormwater harvesting system is currently used for irrigation of our coastal reserves and will in the future be used for toilet flushing of our community facilities. The system collects water from the major drainage pipeline along McKeon Street which has a Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) at Marine Parade.

The system is designed to extract water and store water based on the demand (irrigation needs). The treatment flow rates of stormwater for reuse are limited to approximately 8-12 litres per second. Therefore, it requires significant storage tanks that have been designed with a capacity to balance demand and treatment flow rates.

The Maroubra stormwater harvesting system does not require stormwater flows from the Byrne Crescent GPT.

I understand the request to harvest stormwater is to divert more stormwater from the ocean. Due to the small flow rates required for stormwater harvesting, it is not feasible to eliminate the drainage pipeline and divert all drainage flows from discharging at Maroubra Beach.

by the Sea. Outdoor's musical entertainment in the right public setting would also be a positive and welcome initiative.

7) A.8.5. There is a pressing need for transformation of the la Perouse museum. The complex is very run down and the range of exhibits limited. More needs to be done to make this iconic facility more appealing to the public by featuring a much broader range of exhibition topics and subjects than just local cultural and historic paraphernalia. Parking to service the museum is very limited and there could be scope for revenue generation by having a small paid parking facility adjacent to the museum.

8) Housing Strategy: No comment other than to state that Council should not be bullied into adoption of gross over development planning as is being currently proposed by the NSW Government along transport corridors. It is also an imperative that Council does not reduce the minimum size for residential subdivision to less than 500 square metres.

#### 9) Integrated Transport Strategy

There is a pressing need to examine all transport options to compensate for the severe reduction in public transport services in recent years. More bike transport might appropriate for younger members of the community but has little relevance to older generations or family groups and there traffic safety concerns with more bike traffic on public roads. The concept of "on demand" transport may be an option and should be explored.

10) Lighting and shelter at bus stops is lacking and more thought needs to be given to the provision of longer term parking to allow the community to drive to their main bus and light rail transport corridors. The provision of parking at the old market site adjacent to Souths Juniors and the light rail station was a condition of approval for the light rail and yet we have seen no progress made to initiate these works even though Council was obligated to purchase this property for the purpose of parking. Now that Council is proposing to use this site for the relocation of its main office in Frances St Randwick some time in the future, the question needs to be asked if and when this does occur, how much public parking will be included in the development and will it be free. Also in the interim where can you park to visit the city for more than 4 hours as is the case with most parking areas. The 2024/25 strategic plan is silent on this topic.

5. These sections of the coastal walkway are very complex and challenging to plan. Around Lurline Bay, we have to consider the safety of walkers and need to design a structure that can withstand ocean waves. For the coastal walkway along the golf courses, there needs to be consideration of the existing use of the land as a golf course and community safety. These sections of the coastal walkway have always been long term projects, requiring significant funding.

6. Thank you for your feedback on the arts and culture program for Randwick; it is appreciated. First Nations programming and opportunities across Council's cultural venues and locations is a high priority based on community feedback and as outlined in our Arts and Culture Strategy. Alongside this focus, Council will also be implementing a Cultural Vision and a Public Art Plan in 2024, that will provide guidelines and encourage new public works including street art, arts installations and new partnerships with leading creatives and organisation. We look forward to engaging with the community in the delivery of these new arts and culture initiatives.

7. Thank you for your feedback regarding the La Perouse Museum. As Council's leading cultural facility, Council is committed to developing the Museum and improving its condition, access, appearance and programming. There will be an innovative schedule of exhibitions and workshops to be promoted to the community in 2024 for the upcoming years, whilst Council also develops plans for significant upgrades to this iconic building. We look forward to keeping the community informed and engaged in this process.

8. Your comment is noted and Council has made a submission to the State Government on the Low and Mid-rise housing reforms raising a number of concerns for the proposed changes that proposes a blanket application to increasing housing density across the Council area including a reduction in the lot size for subdivision to 450m<sup>2</sup>. The proposed reforms undermine significant work undertaken by Council to date with community involvement. Council is on track to meeting housing targets. Council has made a number of separate representations to the State Government to make our position clear and to reiterate that medium density housing characterises many areas of Randwick City.

9. Following successful funding applications to TfNSW, the Council is putting significant efforts into the detailed planning and designing of a number of walking and cycling improvement projects.

The provision of public transport within NSW is the responsibility of Transport for NSW. Local Councils can only make suggestions to TfNSW regarding proposed improvements.

With regard to progressing with innovative public transport related activities it is acknowledged that over the last 12-18 months the State Government's NSW Bus Industry Taskforce has been deliberating.

11) It is appreciated that Council is planning for the provision of 5 new publicly accessible electric vehicle parking stations per year until 2031. Perhaps a more ambitious target could be considered over the first 2 years having regard to the continued growing public demand for these facilities.

12) It is also pleasing that Council is looking at expansion in the number of car share parking spaces – which hopefully will not compete with existing residential parking across most of the LGA. It is also worth noting that there is an ever increasing number of private rent a car service providers operating in the LGA who make it a habit of parking cars in residential streets while waiting for a potential hirer. It is not uncommon for there to be at least 3 rental cars to be parked in my own street on a regular basis – often in front of my home. I am mindful that this is not an illegal activity but it is a nuisance on par with hire bikes also dumped in the street. These hire cars are readily recognisable by the security lock up boxes affixed to the doors handles etc which contain the vehicle keys are accessed via a security code provided by the service provider.

13) Council also needs to seriously consider the introduction of a paid parking capability on our beaches. This needs to be a modern app type of process where parking time is limited and paid for via phone etc. Local residents should be exempt from paid parking and time limitations and issued with a parking permit. Compliance will be a challenge but additional rangers could be engaged and paid from parking fee revenues.

14) Thought also needs to be given to the provision of off street parking for trailer boats and caravans etc across the LGA. Council did adopt the NSW boat trailer parking regulations in 2020 and since then we have had to endure the ridiculous situation where boat owners have to move their boat and trailer from one location to a new location every 28 days or face the risk of impoundment and financial penalties. This is a ludicrous situation which causes understandable anger and frustration when a boat is parked in front of someone's home. Surely there must be scope for an off street parking facility for trailer boats and caravans to be established somewhere within the LGA. This could be a fee paying facility particularly if a security capability was to be incorporated.

15) While the LGA is blessed with considerable open space the reality is that much of it is in the form of golf courses where public access is discouraged or denied. The

“The NSW Bus Industry Taskforce was the outcome of a NSW Government commitment, and it has drawn on the expertise of industry, the crucial input of communities, and insights from data to fully chart the challenges and opportunities of the existing system, and to propose new solutions for the path forward.”

Published information indicates that the NSW Bus Industry Taskforce final report was due to the Minister on 1 May 2024. At this time, the status of the final report is unknown. The final report will be reviewed once released and opportunities for improvements to public transport within the Randwick LGA will be examined.

10. The Council has a program of reviewing facilities at the 626 Bus Stops located throughout the Randwick LGA. And, we will continue to improve facilities over time.

The carparks near to the light rail terminus have been time limited for many years - even prior to implementation of light rail.

The purpose of these carparks is to meet the parking needs of the retail and commercial premises in Kingsford, including some of the parking needs of the adjacent The Juniors Kingsford Club and Churchills Public Hotel. The parking supply available for the Kingsford retail / commercial businesses was significantly affected by the implementation of the light rail service. Many hundreds of on-street parking spaces were removed along the light rail alignment – to the detriment of the many local businesses.

Whilst the Kingsford carparks are not intended as commuter carparks, the four hour time limit DOES allow enough time for people to park, take the light rail into Central or the City and attend, say, a one hour appointment, or a lunch rendezvous etc.

The Council has no plans to create a commuter carpark near to the Kingsford Light Rail Terminus. Introduction of commuter carpark conditions would likely result in fully subscribed carparks – with no parking provision for the commercial / retail centre including the nearby club and pub. Also, the ongoing negative effects of traffic noise, congestion, pollution and road safety would be exacerbated if the Council was to actively encourage commuters to drive along local streets, in order to access a commuter carpark. Additionally, overflow parking, caused by ‘late arriving’ commuters, would adversely affect the parking amenity in nearby local streets.

11. Council has been seeking grant support to accelerate the installation of EV chargers with the area. Considering the importance of supporting vehicles transitioning to electric power the target the target for 24/25 was increased to more than 15.

same can be said about the Malabar Rifle Range and the adjoining national park areas where access is restricted. It is pleasing that Council will continue to advocate for better public access to the Malabar headland but it would be progress if similar advocacy was adopted for the golf courses. This would be consistent with Council's ambition to have a whole of coast walk way.

16) Council's intention to upgrade the Northern Malabar boat ramp is noted as being subject to funding from Roads and Maritime Services. Given that there is little prospect of future funding under the Better/ Future boating program in the foreseeable future this may be an ambitious strategy. It also deserves mentioning that Council went down this path several years ago but grant funds were not forthcoming as the extent of associated infrastructure sought by Council at the time and the associated cost was well beyond what Roads and Maritime services had in mind budget wise for a straightforward ramp upgrade project.

17) In terms of the development of a playground plan it is agreed that such a plan must cater for all age groups and those in the community with disabilities. However, it is not always appropriate to have a combination of all age play facilities in the one location – a good example of this is bike and skate board tracks where it is unsafe for young and older age users to share a common facility. Such facilities should be fit for purpose and take into consideration the unique characteristics and safety of user groups.

18) There is scope for an improvement in Ranger Services particularly after hours and on weekends. This is particularly so in terms of managing the conduct of users of parks and reserves and the consumption of alcohol ( in no alcohol zones) and excessive late hour music supported by the use of amplified loud speaker systems powered by generators.

It is acknowledged that Council rangers do deliver a great service most of the time but the issues that arise on weekends and weekend evenings are a concern given that most rangers are off duty at that time, particularly late in the evenings when the problems escalate. The safety risk for Rangers when dealing with some of these partying groups is also acknowledged.

It is apparent that there needs to be a greater deal of cooperation between Council rangers and local police and a much better understanding of jurisdictional responsibility of all regulatory parties.

12. Council is aware of the introduction of additional 'non-fixed' share vehicles within the LGA and is reviewing appropriate management of these operations.

13. The Council has had a long-standing position against the expansion of parking meters within the LGA. Its position remains unchanged at this time.

14. A privately operated 'trailer storage' facility currently exists in Chifley. Recent aerial imagery shows that some 40 boat trailers are currently stored at this location. The area taken for the storage of these 40 trailers exceeds 3,500m square metres. Such facilities take up significant amounts of open space - for a sole use.

Unfortunately, the land costs, operational costs and security costs of establishing a sizable facility for the parking of many trailers / caravans etc would prove very prohibitive. Boat storage is not an activity of focus of the Council. The proposal to charge a fee to cover those costs seems not realistic - especially given that the owners could generally park their trailers on any street without any fee.

15. Council has significant open space available to our community to access along the coastline and for active recreation. The golf courses are established facilities and 3 of them have leases directly with Crown Lands. Therefore, council has no direct control over this crown land.

16. Council will continue to seek grant funding for the Malabar Boat Ramp to upgrade this facility.

17. Council provides many facilities for various members of the local community with varying needs. Due to financial constraints, our priorities have been developed based on the Open Space and Recreation Needs Study and the Open space and Recreation Strategy.

18. Thank you for your submission regarding the draft operational plan, specifically concerning the improvement of Ranger Services after hours and on weekends. We appreciate your feedback and recognise the importance of effectively managing the conduct of park and reserve users, particularly in relation to the consumption of alcohol in no-alcohol zones and the use of amplified loudspeaker systems.

We are pleased to hear your positive acknowledgment of the service provided by Council Rangers. Our Rangers patrol from 6 am until 10 pm, seven days a week, to ensure the safety and enjoyment of our community spaces. We understand, however, that issues can arise outside these hours when our Rangers are off duty.

To address these concerns, Council actively engages with the Eastern Beaches Crime Prevention Unit to ensure effective management and enforcement of regulations in our parks and reserves. This

19) There is scope to improve the quality of maintenance services particularly within the Maroubra Beach precinct. Work undertaken by contractors needs to be better supervised and remediated when of a sub standard.

20) Council is doing a good job providing communication to the community but it could be better. In the absence of a local print newspaper, the avenues of reaching out to the community will remain a challenge. Council needs to do better in terms of the audience for its eNewsletters and perhaps consider expansion of face to face engagement opportunities.

#### 21) **Financial Information**

No concerns in terms of the financial information provided and the manner of presentation.

However, there are queries with some of the items of budgeted expenditure listed under capital works a - these include;

Fishermans Road. Site remediation – design and documentation. \$2.5 million. Has this work been approved?

Maroubra Beach Master Plan implementation stage1. \$500k. This seems low in contrast to the cost of work expected to be required under the plan, South Maroubra Walkway. \$250k. This presumably refers to the extension of the missing section of walkway north of Sth Maroubra surf club. Does this amount include the cost of repair to the existing walkway which is in a poor condition? Sth Maroubra Surf Club. \$1.5 million. What is the purpose of this expenditure? Maroubra Surf Club. \$1mill. Presumably this will be Councils contribution towards the cost of reconstruction of new club facilities.

Pedestrian Signals McKeon St \$300k. Do we really need this?

It is noted that there is no mention of intended expenditure in relation to the demolition and reconstruction of the Paddy Bastic amenities facility.

#### 22) **Statutory and supporting information**

No comment other than to state that the Council has to cease reliance on the environmental levy to fund its operations.

#### 23) **Activities of a commercial and business nature.**

It is interesting to note that Council does generate revenue of some \$1 million from the DRLC facility via kiosk sales and merchandise. On the contrary there is no mention of any revenue generated via the South Sydney complex in Heffernan park

collaboration aims to enhance the coordination between Council Rangers and local police, ensuring a clear understanding of jurisdictional responsibilities.

Outside the hours when our Rangers are on duty, the NSW Police are the appropriate authority to respond to any incidents. They will attend to these matters subject to their availability. We are committed to working closely with the police to improve the safety and enjoyment of our community spaces and to address any concerns that may arise.

Thank you again for your valuable input. We are dedicated to continuously improving our services and ensuring the well-being of our community.

19. Council manages a variety of contractors that carry out a diverse variety of works throughout the LGA, civil contractors, arborists, engineers, electricians etc, Council endeavours to manage these contractors to the best industry standard as possible. If the works are delivered that are not too standard, then remediation is actioned according to the specific contract with which they are engaged.

20. Thank you for your feedback and positive comment about Council's communications activities. We recognise how important regular, clear and effective communication is. Council currently undertakes a range of communication activities including a quarterly magazine sent to every household, an opt-in weekly email sent to over 50,000 subscribers, regular content on Facebook, Insta, YouTube as well as targeted communications for Council events, projects, services and consultations. The demise of the Southern Courier print edition in 2020 has resulted in less regular media coverage of local issues and less opportunities for exchanges of information. While Council's role is not to be a media agency, we do recognise that as a community leader we have a role to play in this space. Your suggestion about additional face to face engagement opportunities is commended. Council supports a local Precinct system, and this year we have supported three local communities in Kingsford, Kensington and Malabar recommence precincts in their area. We also hold more local events to celebrate the completion of capital works projects like playgrounds and plazas. Additionally we continue to hold face to face engagement activities to involve residents and community members in Council projects and decision-making process. Often these engagement activities are quite targeted at local residents affected by a particular project. We will continue to ensure they remain a priority for the coming financial year.

21. The funding for the planning of the former landfill site at the end of Fishermans Road is included in the 2023-24 capital works budget. We are currently finalising engagement of consultants to undertake this work. The funding allocation nominated in the draft 2024-25 capital works budget is to commit funding towards the remediation works.

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|     | <p>complex. Is this an oversight or is there no revenue generated for Council via this complex?</p> | <p>Development of the design will include community consultation and require council approval. Once the design is adopted, we can estimate the cost of remediation and plan the funding allocation. We will also be able to schedule the works. At this stage, commencement of works may still be 2-3 years from now.</p> <p>The funding allocated to the Maroubra Masterplan implementation is only for the Playground and outdoor gym at this stage. The masterplan will be implemented over time as further detained planning is undertaken.</p> <p>The funding for the coastal walkway path along the sand dune is to extend it to the South Maroubra Surf Club. Maintenance of the existing path will be included in the scope of works.</p> <p>The funding allocations nominated for the surf clubs is to allocate funding towards planning and also future construction contributions by council.</p> <p>The proposed pedestrian signals at Marine Parade and McKeon Street have been proposed to address congestion issues raised by the local community on busy days.</p> <p>22. Thank you for your feedback. Your submission has been noted. The Environment Levy has been in place for 20 years and this is a continuation of the community's expectation supported through extensive consultation. The funds raised are for environmental initiatives and are reported in our annual budgets and operational reports.</p> <p>23. Thank you for your feedback. The DRLC Facility is owned and managed directly by the Council. In contrast, the Heffron Centre operates through an outsourcing arrangement, where the Council receives rental income from the property.</p> <p>For the indoor sports and gymnastics component of the Heffron Centre, the rental income for 2024-25 is \$331,000. In addition, the South Sydney Rugby League Football Club Centre of Excellence has a contra income arrangement with Council.</p> |

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| 79  | <p>I would like to add to the discussion regarding Burrows Park and the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-225</p> <p>I have questions and concerns regarding this Budget and the allocation of \$300k to “Burrows Park Amenities and Field”. Is this \$300k in addition to the \$250k already allocated in the previous 2023 -24 Budget?</p> <p>Does this mean that the budget for Burrows Park now sits at \$550k - and is this money just for plans and development?</p> <p>I am very concerned about the environmental impact, the increase in traffic, and the loss of habitat for the many small birds and animals that are part of this unique corner of the world that is Burrow Park. I would like there to be a great deal more transparency as to how this money is being spent.</p> <p>Burrows Park is a great playing field right now, with more than 4 different football codes being played. Of course, the Amenities block should be updated and storage be supplied for the various teams, but my concern is very much about over-development. Please don’t!</p> | <p>The funding allocated in the draft 2024-25 budget is year on year funding until the project budget meets the project cost. Council has resolved to undertake a masterplan of Burrows Park to include existing facilities including off leash dog exercise, the sportsfield, amenities, outdoor gym and coastal walkway. The masterplan will include impact studies on local traffic and parking, bushland, coastal views etc. Design work for the amenities building will consider configuration to existing use and requirements for a larger sportsfield, support for women's participation in sport and storage for our bushcare team. Following the call for quotations, the cost for a lead consultant to undertake this work is \$415K + GST.</p> <p>The draft masterplan will be exhibited for full community consultation prior to a council decision.</p> |