



# Camden Council

## Business Paper

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
**13 April 2021**

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**Camden Council  
Administration Centre  
70 Central Avenue  
Oran Park**



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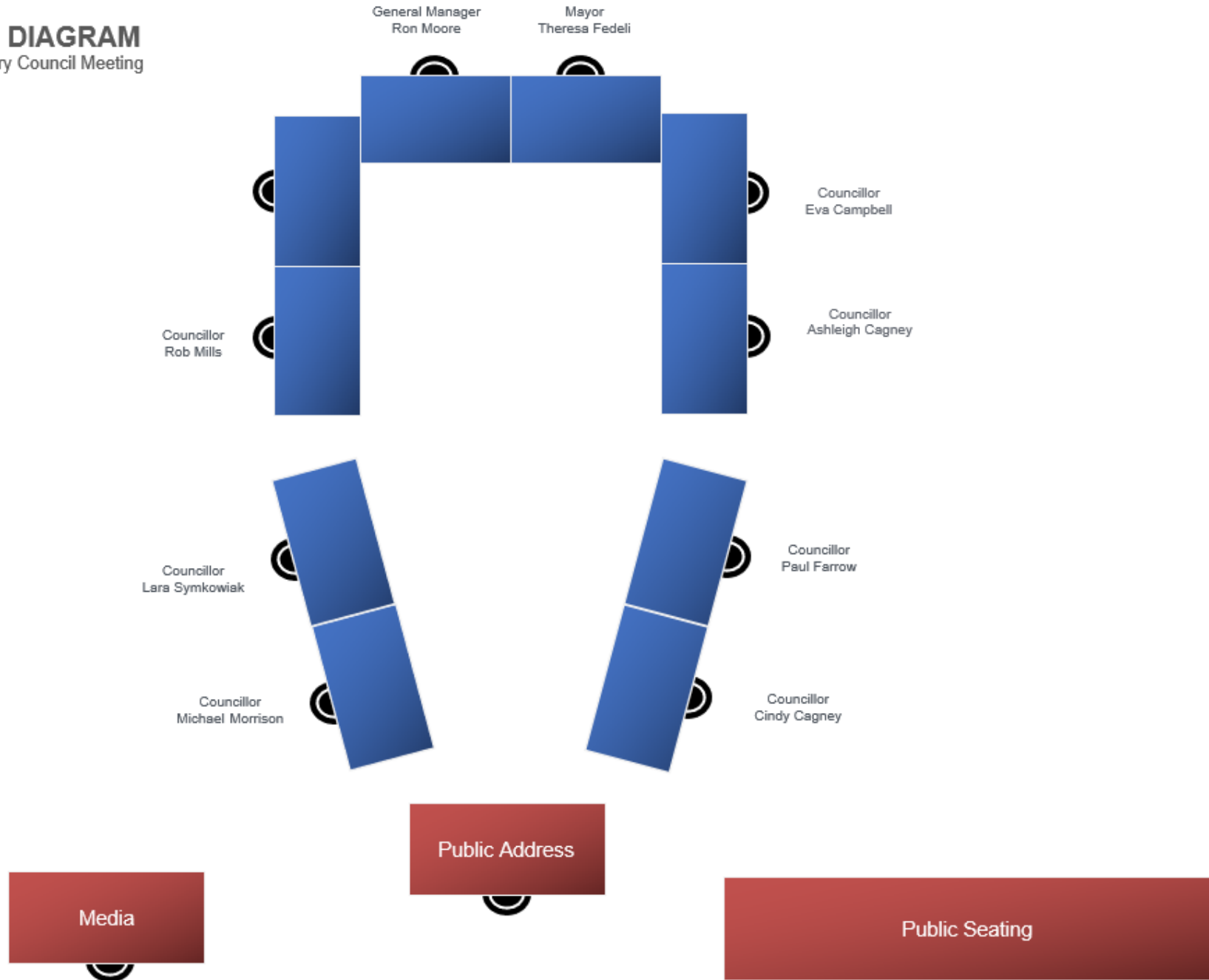


## COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

AEP	Annual Exceedence Probability
AHD	Australian Height Datum
BCA	Building Code of Australia
CLEP	Camden Local Environmental Plan
CP	Contributions Plan
CRET	Camden Region Economic Taskforce
DA	Development Application
DCP	Development Control Plan
DPIE	Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
TfNSW	Transport for NSW
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EP&A Act	Environmental Planning & Assessment Act
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EPI	Environmental Planning Instrument
FPL	Flood Planning Level
GSC	Greater Sydney Commission
LAP	Local Approvals Policy
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LGA	Local Government Area
LSPS	Local Strategic Planning Statement
REP	Regional Environmental Plan
PoM	Plan of Management
RL	Reduced Levels
S10.7 CERTIFICATE	Certificate as to zoning and planning restrictions on properties
S603 CERTIFICATE	Certificate as to Rates and Charges outstanding on a property
S73 CERTIFICATE	Certificate from Sydney Water regarding Subdivision
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SREP	Sydney Regional Environmental Plan
STP	Sewerage Treatment Plant
VMP	Vegetation Management Plan
VPA	Voluntary Planning Agreement

# SEATING DIAGRAM

Camden Ordinary Council Meeting



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## ORDINARY COUNCIL

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT: PRAYER**

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### PRAYER

Almighty God, bless all who are engaged in the work of Local Government. Make us of one heart and mind, in thy service, and in the true welfare of the people we serve: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Almighty God, give thy blessing to all our undertakings. Enlighten us to know what is right, and help us to do what is good: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Almighty God, we pause to seek your help. Guide and direct our thinking. May your will be done in us, and through us, in the Local Government area we seek to serve: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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### AFFIRMATION

We affirm our hope and dedication to the good Government of Camden and the well being of all Camden's residents, no matter their race, gender or creed.

We affirm our hope for the sound decision making by Council which can improve the quality of life in Camden.

*Either – “So help me God” or “I so affirm” (at the option of councillors)*

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We pledge ourselves, as elected members of Camden Council, to work for the provision of the best possible services and facilities for the enjoyment and welfare of the people of Camden.

*Either – “So help me God” or “I so affirm” (at the option of councillors)*

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## **ORDINARY COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT:       ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet and pay our respect to elders both past and present.

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT: WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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In accordance with Camden Council's Code of Meeting Practice and as permitted under the *Local Government Act 1993*, this meeting is being live streamed and recorded by Council staff for minute taking and webcasting purposes.

No other webcasting or recording by a video camera, still camera or any other electronic device capable of webcasting or recording speech, moving images or still images is permitted without the prior approval of Council. Council has not authorised any other webcasting or recording of this meeting. A person may, as provided under section 10(2)(a) or (b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, be expelled from a meeting of a Council for using or having used any device in contravention of this clause.

I remind those that are in the chamber that your image and what you say will be broadcast live to the public and will also be recorded so please be mindful of your actions and comments. You should avoid making statements that might defame or offend and note that Council will not be responsible for your actions and comments.

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## **ORDINARY COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT: LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

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Leaves of absence tendered on behalf of Councillors from this meeting.

### **RECOMMENDED**

**That leaves of absence be granted.**



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## ORDINARY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT:       DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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NSW legislation provides strict guidelines for the disclosure of pecuniary and non-pecuniary Conflicts of Interest and Political Donations.

Council's Code of Conduct also deals with pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflict of interest and Political Donations and how to manage these issues (Clauses 4.28-5.19).

Councillors should be familiar with the disclosure provisions contained in the Council's Code of Conduct.

This report provides an opportunity for Councillors to disclose any interest that they may have or Political Donation they may have received relating to a Report contained in the Council Business Paper and to declare the nature of that interest.

### **RECOMMENDED**

**That the declarations be noted.**

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL

### SUBJECT: PUBLIC ADDRESSES

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The Public Address session in the Council Meeting provides an opportunity for people to speak publicly on any item on Council's Business Paper.

The Public Address session will be conducted in accordance with the Public Address Guidelines. Speakers must submit an application form to Council's Governance team no later than 5.00pm on the working day prior to the day of the meeting.

Speakers are limited to one topic per Public Address session. Only seven speakers can be heard at any meeting. A limitation of one speaker for and one speaker against on each item is in place. Additional speakers, either for or against, will be identified as 'tentative speakers' or should only be considered where the total number of speakers does not exceed seven at any given meeting.

Where a member of the public raises a question during the Public Address session, a response will be provided where Councillors or staff have the necessary information at hand; if not, a reply will be provided at a later time. There is a limit of one question per speaker per meeting.

Speakers should ensure that their statements, comments and questions comply with the Guidelines.

All speakers are limited to four minutes, with a one minute warning given to speakers prior to the four minute time period elapsing. The commencement and conclusion of time shall be advised by the Mayor/Chairperson.

Public Addresses are recorded for administrative purposes. It should be noted that speakers at Council meetings do not enjoy any protection from parliamentary-style privilege. Therefore they are subject to the risk of defamation action if they make comments about individuals. In the event that a speaker makes potentially offensive or defamatory remarks about any person, the Mayor/Chairperson will ask them to refrain from such comments.

The Mayor/Chairperson has the discretion to withdraw the privilege to speak where a speaker continues to make inappropriate or offensive comments about another person, or make a point of order ruling if a speaker breaches the Guidelines.

Only the audio recording of the public address speakers will be heard on Council's webcast. Visual images of the speaker will not be captured as part of that webcast.

### **RECOMMENDED**

**That the public addresses be noted.**

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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Confirm and adopt Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 2 February 2021 and Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 9 March 2021.

### **RECOMMENDED**

**That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 2 February 2021 and Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 9 March 2021, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.**

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### Mayoral Minute

**SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY HAILED A SUCCESS**

**FROM:** The Mayor

**TRIM #:** 21/83563

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On Thursday, 11 March, Council celebrated International Women's Day by hosting its inaugural Gala Evening at Gledswood Homestead.

I'm so pleased to say the night was an incredible success. We heard award-winning journalist and keynote speaker, Tracey Spicer, share her experiences in the media industry, shedding light on how far gender equality has come, and how much further it needs to go.

We also heard from inspirational panel members, including community leader and Australia Day Local Hero 2021 award recipient, Rosemary Kariuki-Fyfe; Western Sydney-based lawyer and founder of Bankstown Poetry Slam, Sara Mansour; and Blue Wren House Chair, Scott Taylor.

While it's difficult to choose a highlight of the event, I would have to say it would be the money raised, through the ticket sales of the event, for Blue Wren House – Camden Women's Shelter. More than \$16,000 was raised for the charity, which is just fantastic.

Once complete, Blue Wren House will provide safe accommodation and support for women and their dependent children who are escaping domestic violence or homelessness. I can't think of a better charity to support, as part of International Women's Day, than one that empowers women to take their lives back into their own hands.

Over the years, Council has continued to solidify its commitment to stand up against domestic violence, and I am proud that we have been able to provide the house in which the first Camden Women's Shelter will be established.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge McDonalds of Macarthur, The Narellan Chamber of Commerce and Sweet Treats by Rhi for partnering with Council and sponsoring this event.

Additionally, I would also like to thank Council's Events & Economic Development Teams for organising and putting this incredible event together.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

**That Council note the information.**



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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**ORD01**

**SUBJECT: 2017/18 - 2021/22 REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM AND 2021/22 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN (BUDGET)**

**FROM:** Director Customer & Corporate Strategy

**TRIM #:** 21/87133

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the Draft 2017/18 - 2021/22 Revised Delivery Program and Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan (Budget) are now able to be formally considered by Council and, if endorsed, placed on public exhibition.

### BACKGROUND

Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Package was adopted on 27 June 2017. The package included the following key documents:

1. Community Strategic Plan – Camden 2040;
2. Resource Strategy (comprising a Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP), Asset Management Plans and a Workforce Plan);
3. 2017/18 – 2020/21 Delivery Program;
4. 2017/18 Operational Plan (including the 2017/18 Budget).

It should be noted that the current adopted 4-year Delivery Program finished in 2020/21. With local government elections not being held during 2020/21 due to the COVID pandemic, legislation was passed to extend the current Council term by one year; this resulted in the Delivery Program also being extended by one year to include 2021/22.

The *Local Government Amendment (Planning and Reporting) Act 2009* states that any major variations to the adopted budget must be publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days (minimum).

As part of the 2021/22 annual budget process, there have been a number of recommended inclusions to the 2021/22 Operational Plan (budget) over and above what was included in the Long-Term Financial Plan for 2020/21 – 2029/30. For these reasons, it is appropriate that Council publicly exhibit the relevant documents for a period of 28 days.

In addition to the 2021/22 proposed Operational Plan (Budget), on the 9 March 2021 Council adopted Stage Three of its Community Support Package, valued at \$113.9 million. The package is estimated to raise Camden's economic output by up to \$195 million, which is a measure of the value of all sales of goods and services. Additionally, 437 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs will be supported by Stage Three and contribute between \$76.1 million and \$89.4 million to Camden's Gross Regional Product (GRP).

All draft 2021/22 Budget documents were provided to Council under separate cover on 10 March 2021. A Councillor briefing was held on 16 March 2021.

## 2021/22 OPERATIONAL PLAN (BUDGET)

In summary, the draft 2021/22 Operational Plan (Budget) is as follows:

<b>Draft Operational Plan</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
Operating Expenditure	\$136,053,000
Capital Works Program Expenditure – Council Deliver	\$64,823,000
Capital Works Program Expenditure – Developers Deliver	\$110,732,000
Other Capital Expenditure	\$4,977,600
Loan Principal Repayments	\$2,353,900
Transfers to Reserves	\$25,621,800
<b>Gross Expenditure Budget</b>	<b>\$344,561,300</b>
Less: Capital Works Program Expenditure – Developers Deliver	(\$110,732,000)
Less: Depreciation Expense	(\$30,000,000)
Less: Transfer to Cash Reserves	(\$25,621,800)
<b>Net Cash Expenditure Budget</b>	<b>\$178,207,500</b>

Council's proposed gross expenditure budget for 2021/22 is \$344,561,300. Upon removing works undertaken by developers, depreciation expense and transfers to reserve, Council's proposed cash budget for 2021/22 is \$178,207,500.

### Total Capital Works Program Summary

The Capital Works Program for 2021/22 is \$180,532,600. A breakdown of this program is shown in the following table:

<b>Local Service</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
Road/Transport Infrastructure	\$101,558,200
Drainage Infrastructure	\$32,502,700
Parks & Playgrounds	\$26,830,300
Community Facilities	\$1,200,000
Recreation Facilities	\$394,100
Corporate Buildings	\$125,000
Community Support Package Stage 3 (21/22 works only)	\$13,012,000
Library Services	\$372,000
Information Technology	\$778,900
Plant and Equipment Replacement	\$3,759,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,532,600</b>
<b>Funded By</b>	
Works in Kind Agreements	\$110,732,000
Section 7.11 Funds (Cash Reserves)	\$43,883,200
External Grants	\$11,529,400
Waste Management Reserve	\$2,928,200
Internal Reserves	\$1,412,500
Loans	\$7,800,000
General Fund	\$2,247,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,532,600</b>



## DRAFT 2021/22 BUDGET RESULT

The 2021/22 Operational Plan (Budget) provides the financial resources for Council to continue to deliver the services, programs and activities outlined within the Delivery Program. In reviewing the 2021/22 Operational Plan (Budget), Council has prudently considered the needs of the community through COVID-19 and long-term financial sustainability of the organisation.

A review of the 2021/22 Operational Plan identified a budget surplus of \$1,777,700. The surplus is before the allocation of the budget to 2021/22 initiatives.

The proposed allocation of the budget surplus is shown in the following table:

Balanced Budget Position	2021/22
Draft Budget Surplus	<b>(\$1,777,700)</b>
<b>Allocation:</b>	
Technology Solutions	\$667,300
Strategic Planning	\$358,000
Public Affairs - Community Engagement	\$116,000
Parks and Community Buildings	\$636,400
Domestic Waste Services	\$814,400
Less: Funding from Domestic Waste Reserve	(\$814,400)
<b>Balanced Budget Position</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Community Support Packages (Stages One, Two and Three)

Stages One & Two of the Community Support Packages focused on immediate support to the wider community and businesses to ease the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is estimated that Stages One and Two have raised Camden's economic output by up to \$26.7 million, which is a measure of the value of all sales of goods and services. Additionally, 70 FTE jobs will be indirectly supported by Stages One and Two and contribute between \$11.3 million to \$13.3 million to Camden's gross regional product (GRP). Council adopted the following Community Support Package as part of the 2020/21 budget:

Community Support Package (Stages One and Two)	2020/21
Rates and Charges Rebate (reduction in Domestic Waste charge in 2020/21)	\$3,800,000
Rates - Interest not charged under hardship	\$200,000
Domestic Waste no increase 2020/21 Fees and Charges	\$350,000
Business Support Package	\$350,000
Community Response Grants	\$150,000
Council Fee Waiver	\$320,000
Council Rental Waiver	\$180,000
Accelerated infrastructure projects	\$11,400,000
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$16,750,000</b>
Less Funding:	
Council Reserve Funds	\$1,200,000

Community Support Package (Stages One and Two)	2020/21
Domestic Waste Reserve (100% funding for Rates and Charges Rebate and no increase)	\$4,150,000
Developer Contributions (Section 711)	\$11,400,000
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$16,750,000</b>

Council adopted Stage Three of Community Support Package at its meeting on 9 March 2021. The Stage Three package focuses on longer term recovery across a 4.5-year program and generating local employment both directly and indirectly.

Community Support Package	2020/21 – 2024/25
Local Road and Community Infrastructure Grants (LRCI) Round 1	\$874,692
Local Road and Community Infrastructure Grants (LRCI) Round 2	\$3,249,586
Community Infrastructure Projects	\$104,995,000
Events	\$320,000
Grants and Assistance	\$359,600
Local Employment	\$675,000
Building Renewal Works	\$150,000
Programs	\$248,000
City Beautification Program	\$2,980,000
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$113,851,878</b>

The funding of the Community Support Package is detailed below.

<b>Funding:</b>	
Section 7.11 Funding	\$60,950,000
Grant Funding	\$10,536,278
Internal Reserves	\$1,609,800
Loan Income (over 4 years)	\$37,300,000
General Fund	\$3,455,800
<b>Total Funding - Stage Three Community Support Package</b>	<b>\$113,851,878</b>

As previously indicated, the package is estimated to raise Camden’s economic output by up to \$195 million, which is a measure of the value of all sales of goods and services. Additionally, 437 FTE jobs will be indirectly and directly supported by Stage Three and contribute between \$76.1 million and \$89.4 million to Camden’s Gross Regional Product (GRP).

#### Community Infrastructure Renewal Program (CIRP) - Update

The program of works below are the same consulted with the community when Council considered whether to make application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a continuation of a 1.10% special rate variation (SRV).

Council, at its Ordinary Council meeting 12 February 2019, decided not to continue with the SRV but requested officers identify other opportunities to fund the program as part of considering the 2019/20 and future years Operational Plan’s (budgets).





Council proposed the following additional priority works as part of the 2019/20 budget:

Community Infrastructure Renewal Program	Cost	Expected Delivery
Ingleburn Road - Camden Valley Way (CVW) to Rickard Rd - part 100 overlay, patch, 2 coat seal	\$400,000	Completed
Dickson Road - Ingleburn Rd to Heath Rd - patch and 1 coat seal	\$64,000	Completed
Heath Rd - CVW to Rickard Rd - patch and 2 coat seal	\$155,000	Completed
Byron Road - full length - patch and 2 coat seal	\$162,000	Completed
Hulls Rd - full length - 1 coat seal	\$19,000	Completed
Liquidamber Reserve - Car parking spaces	\$250,000	Completed
The Cascades, Mt Annan Park improvement works - seating, bridges and bollards	\$300,000	Completed
Improvements to Kirkham Park amenities	\$300,000	Completed
Onslow Oval Entry Gates Heritage Renewal	\$200,000	Completed
John Oxley Cottage - Building improvements to the Visitor / Tourist Centre	\$250,000	Completed
Pat Kontista Reserve - Ground improvements - seating, pathways	\$250,000	Completed
Narellan Park - Ground improvements (Part of Narellan Hub Stage 2)	\$300,000	Completed
Nott Oval buildings - Repair of old building	\$300,000	Completed
Jack Nash Reserve - Playing surface and ground improvements	\$400,000	2020/21
Catherine Fields Reserve - Ground and building improvements	\$150,000	2020/21
Camden RSL Youth Club - Building improvements	\$200,000	2020/21
Narellan Library - Forecourt improvements - shade, landscaping, paving	\$300,000	2020/21
Camden Pool Buildings - Canteen and residential unit - improvements to the building	\$150,000	2021/22
Cowpasture Oval Amenities - Refurbishment of amenities	\$150,000	2022/23
Civic Centre Undercroft - Building and interior - improvements, minor upgrades, drainage improvements	\$800,000	2022/23
<b>Total - Community Infrastructure Renewal Program</b>	<b>\$5,100,000</b>	

A combination of Council reserve funds, the 2019/20 budget surplus and a review of current priorities within Council's capital works programs has allowed the proposed CIRP to be funded over 4 years. This did not require Council to change the priority of any major projects currently endorsed in its 4-year Delivery Program. An update on Council's major projects is detailed below.

### Major Projects Update

The following information provides an update on Major Capital Works including references to major projects already completed or nearing completion as part of Council's adopted 2019/20 Operational Plan (budget) and 2017/18 - 2020/21 Delivery Program. The projects continue to be a prudent response to the needs of a growing community over the remaining year of the Delivery Program.

Capital Works Projects (Project Description)	Cost	Expected Delivery
Works Depot Redevelopment Stage 1 & 2	\$9,000,000	2021/22
Herbert Rivulet Drainage Land Purchase - Elderslie	\$4,221,500	2021/22
Ferguson Land - Bridge Construction	\$1,150,000	2021/22
Fergusons Land - Cricket Facility	\$7,200,000	2021/22
Narellan Sports hub Stage 2	\$17,300,000	2021/22
Leppington - Byron Rd - Design - Ingleburn to Bringelly	\$7,600,000	2022/23
Leppington - Ingleburn Rd - Design Rickard Rd to Eastwood Rd	\$6,700,000	2022/23

Other major projects that have been completed during this Delivery Program period:

Completed

- Harrington Park youth facility \$1.14 million;
- Sedgewick Reserve youth facility \$1.36 million;
- Curry Reserve water play facility \$2.5 million;
- Oran Park Library \$13.7 million;
- Stage 3 – Camden Town Centre Upgrade \$3.4 million;
- Stage 4 – Camden Town Centre Upgrade \$3.6 million;
- Camden Valley Way / Macarthur Road Intersection Upgrade \$4.95 million;
- Graham Hill Road / Richardson Road Upgrade \$3.9 million;
- Spring Farm Community Facility \$3 million;
- Kirkham BMX \$1.7 million;
- Kirkham Park Playing Fields \$1.8 million;
- Bandara Circuit Playground \$1 million;
- Duncombe Avenue Playground \$400k;
- Spring Farm Amenities \$290k;
- Spring Farm Playground \$200k;
- Howard Park \$1.9 million;
- Julia Reserve Community Centre \$10.6 million;
- Julia Reserve Skate Park \$3.5 million;
- Catherine Park Sporting Fields \$5.1 million;
- Catherine Park Community Facility \$2.2 million;
- Nott Oval \$2.8 million.

**2021/22 OPERATIONAL PLAN HIGHLIGHTS**

Rate Income

Council’s 2021/22 notional yield (total amount of income received by Council) will increase by 2.0% as allowed by IPART. The impact on the average residential assessment is approximately \$26.21 per year (50c per week).

In 2020/21, Council’s COVID-19 Community Support Package included a \$100 Rates and Charges rebate for each rateable property.



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Rates for the 2021/22 rating year will be based on 2019 land valuations as provided by the NSW Valuer General's Office. Under the *Valuation of Land Act 1916*, Council must use the 2019 valuations for the issuing of 2021/22 rate notices.

### Stormwater Management Levy

Council will continue to levy properties that receive a stormwater service with the Stormwater Management Levy, which is \$25 per annum for land categorised as residential. The proposed charges for the Stormwater Management Levy can be found in Council's Fees and Charges schedule and the proposed program of works for the 2021/22 financial year can be found in Council's Revenue Policy.

### Domestic Waste Charges

It is proposed to increase Domestic Waste Management charges by 2.5% for 2021/22. The impact on the average 120 litre service is approximately \$9.00 per year (17c per week). This increase is required to recover the cost of providing the service, future increases in disposal costs and funding Council's waste plant replacement program.

Council did not increase Domestic Waste Management Fees in 2020/21 and added a third kerbside pickup service at no additional cost.

The proposed charges for Domestic Waste Management can be found in Council's Fees and Charges schedule for the 2021/22 financial year.

### Fees and Charges

It is proposed to increase the fees and charges by the projected CPI increase of 1.1% in 2021/22, except for fees which are set by legislation.

Council's Fees and Charges for the 2021/22 financial year will be part of the documentation placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

It should be noted that following feedback from Council the Fees and Charges for the Camden Civic Centre and Art Gallery have been restructured for 2021/22. The Fees and Charges are now more user friendly and consistent with other similar venues. It is also proposed that there be a 12-month trial period for the new fee structure to ensure no user is disadvantaged under the new structure. In the unlikely event that a user is disadvantaged, the fees and charges document will allow for an adjustment back to the 2020/21 fees and charges plus the appropriate CPI for 2021/22.

A report on the success of the new fee structure will be provided to Council as part of the 2022/23 Operational Plan (budget) briefing/s before Council considers the 2022/23 draft Fees and Charges.

### Investment Income

Council has an adopted investment policy which outlines the way Council may invest funds, risk profile considerations and the types of institutions and products which it may invest in.

Interest projections for 2021/22 have been prepared based on generating a return on investment of 1.00% (this includes a performance factor of up to 0.50%). Council is currently achieving a return on its investment portfolio of approx. 1.14% (February 2021).

Loan Borrowings - External

The proposed loan borrowings for 2021/22 are shown below. Loan borrowings are indicative only and revisited at each review of the Operational Plan (budget). Council’s capacity to borrow is strong and within the industry benchmarks for a growing Council.

Purpose	2021/22
Renewal Program	\$3.5m
Community Support Package Stage Three	\$4.3m
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.8m</b>

Where possible, Council will also take advantage of low-cost interest schemes offered by the NSW State Government that assist councils with the cost of growth.

Council’s proposed debt is shown in the table below:

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b>Principal Outstanding</b>	\$41,062,300	\$52,404,400	\$63,110,000	\$92,647,325
<b>Debt Servicing Costs (principal &amp; interest)</b>	\$3,580,400	\$4,427,700	\$5,275,400	\$5,993,000

Reserve Transfers

In addition to the reserve transfers already approved in the LTFFP, the following reserve transfer is also proposed to be made as part of the 2021/22 budget:

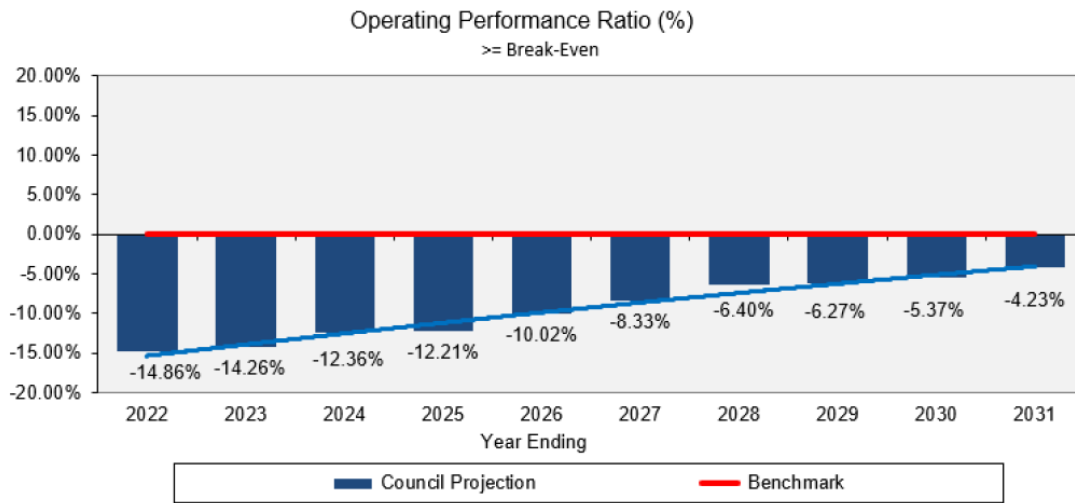
Proposed Reserve Transfers (Net)	2021/22
Transfer from Working Funds Reserve - Part funding for CSP 3 in 2021/22	\$548,400

Other minor or recurrent reserve transfers are contained within the draft 2021/22 Operational Plan (budget). This report will recommend that Council approve all internal reserve transfers.

**FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS**

Operating Performance Ratio

This ratio measures Council’s ability to fund operations (including depreciation) now and into the future. The benchmark for this ratio is to break even.

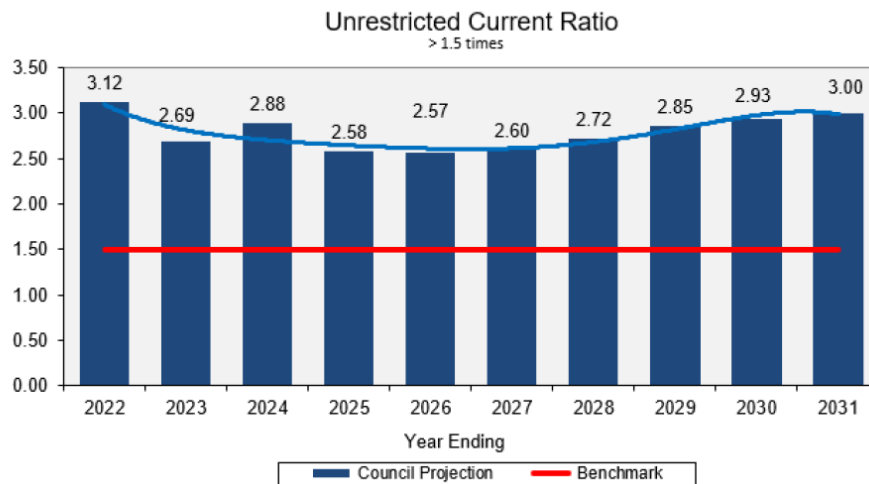


The Camden LGA is one of the fastest growing areas in NSW. This brings the challenges of planning and delivering service demand and infrastructure sometimes years before additional income is realised through growth. Rates and Annual charges income are expected to double over the next 10 years, providing greater economies of scale in the later years of the long-term financial plan. The Operating Performance Ratio remains below breakeven in the early years predominately due to high depreciation expense, resulting from infrastructure constructed for future growth in the area. A Council undertaking greenfield developments cannot decide to deliver infrastructure once the population is fully realised, it must deliver services and infrastructure from the time growth commences.

It is important to note that the operating performance ratio is not a measure of the Council’s budget. Council’s budget is reported on a cash basis. Council has a history of adopting balanced budgets and prudently managing expenditure throughout the year to ensure at each quarterly budget review the budget remains in a balanced or surplus position.

Unrestricted Current Ratio

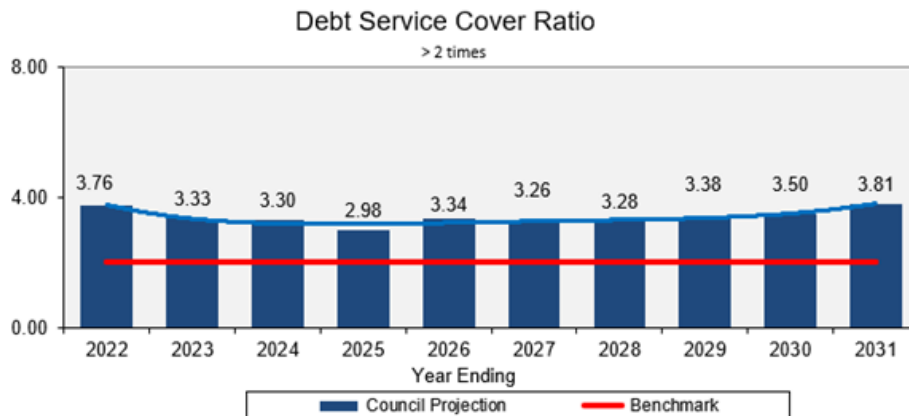
The unrestricted current ratio measures Council’s ability to fund short term financial obligations such as loans, payroll and leave entitlements (measures liquidity).



Council’s Unrestricted Current Ratio remains above the industry benchmark of 1:1.50 meaning that Council has over double the minimum unrestricted current assets required for a sustainable Council. This ratio will decrease at times as cash reserves are used to fund major projects. The use of reserve funds does not impact Council’s ability to deliver existing services or service levels. Council’s budget remains funded and balanced over the life of the LTFP. Reserves are essentially created to hold funds for a future purpose. The use of reserve funds is completely justified and ultimately reduces Council’s reliance on long-term debt.

**Debt Service Cover Ratio**

This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal, and lease payments. The benchmark for this ratio is great than 2.



Council’s capacity to service debt remains strong. Council has the capacity to service additional debt in future years as our budget capacity grows over the next ten years.

**MAJOR RESERVE BALANCES**

The balances available to Council for future allocation from its three major reserves are shown below.



It should be noted that Council's reserves are lower than in previous years primarily due to the impact of COVID-19 and Council's use of reserves (in-part) to support the community through the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes Community Support Packages One, Two and Three.

The balance of these reserves will be increased over time. Any budget surplus realised at the March 2021 budget review and/or June 2021 year-end budget review could be considered as ways of increasing the balances in these reserves.

### **Capital Works Reserve**

The Capital Works Reserve is predominantly used to fund capital works or to match grant funding as part of a capital grant funding agreement.

<b>Capital Works Reserve</b>	
<b>Balance of Reserve</b>	<b>\$3,278,523</b>
<b>Committed Funds Held in Reserve</b>	
Less: 2019/20 Revoted projects	(\$2,142,172)
Less: 2020/21 Approved budget allocations	(\$631,000)
Less: Proposed 2022/23 CSP3 Funding	(\$205,000)
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>(\$2,978,172)</b>
<b>Uncommitted Balance - Capital Works Reserve</b>	<b>\$300,351</b>

The balance of this reserve can be used to fund new or existing projects unable to be funded as part of considering the 2021/22 Operational Plan (budget).

### **Asset Renewal Reserve**

Council approved the creation of the Asset Renewal Reserve as part of adopting the 2013/14 - 2016/17 Delivery Program. Funds from this reserve are primarily used for the replacement and/or maintenance of existing assets.

<b>Asset Renewal Reserve</b>	
<b>Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$631,700</b>
<b>Committed Funds Held in Reserve</b>	
Less: 2019/20 Revoted projects	(\$89,973)
Less: Proposed 2022/23 CSP3 Funding	(\$291,800)
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>(\$381,773)</b>
<b>Uncommitted Balance – Asset Renewal Reserve</b>	<b>\$249,927</b>

### **Working Funds Reserve**

The Working Funds Reserve is a holding reserve for uncommitted funds or to move funds between financial years.

<b>Working Funds Reserve</b>	
<b>Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$2,050,000</b>
<b>Committed Funds Held in Reserve</b>	
Less: 2019/20 Revoted projects	(\$550,000)
Less: 2020/21 Approved budget allocations	(\$650,000)
Less: Proposed 2021/22 CSP3 Funding	(\$548,400)



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Less: Proposed 2022/23 CSP3 Funding	(\$301,600)
Total Allocated	<b>(\$2,050,000)</b>
<b>Uncommitted Balance – Working Funds Reserve</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### **FUTURE QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEWS**

Future quarterly budget review surpluses had been used as a funding source for Council's major projects. Council endorsed this as part of adopting its 2017/18 - 2020/21 Delivery Program. It was estimated that \$500,000 could be funded from each quarterly budget review from September 2017 through to March 2021. Council required \$5.7 million from future quarterly reviews to fund its Capital Works Program.

As at 31 March 2021, Council will have funded the required \$5.7 million.

### **PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Public exhibition will commence Wednesday, 21 April and conclude Tuesday, 18 May 2021 (inclusive).

The draft documents - Revised Delivery Program (DP) and the Operational Plan (OP) (Budget) - are prepared in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework and the *Local Government Act 1993*. The draft documents must be publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days as per the legislation. The documents will be available on Council's website throughout the exhibition period. Notices will also be placed on Council's social media platforms.

Submissions and/or comments received will be reported back to Council as part of the adoption of the Revised Delivery Program (DP) and Operational Plan.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Integrated Planning and Reporting package is now able to be presented to Council and, if approved, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The Draft Delivery Program and Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan (budget) is a responsible budget and continues Council's prudent financial management of historically adopting balanced budgets. The prudent management of Council's finances has allowed Council to also deliver Community Support Package Stage Three, a \$113.8 million works and services package over the next 4.5 years. This package was adopted by Council at its Ordinary Council meeting on 9 March 2021.

Council will continue to deliver services to a high standard, support its community through COVID-19 and ensure its long-term financial position remains sustainably strong.

### **RECOMMENDED**

**That Council approve for public exhibition:**

- i. the Draft Delivery Program, Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan (Budget), Draft 2021/22 Capital Works Program and the Revised Long-Term Financial Plan;**
- ii. the 2021/22 Draft Revenue Policy and Draft Fees and Charges;**





- iii. **the Minister's allowable limit of a 2.00% increase to the notional yield for the 2021/22 rating year; and**
- iv. **the reserve transfers and loan borrowings for 2021/22 as detailed in this report.**

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

ORD02

**SUBJECT: BUILDING IN A SALINITY PRONE ENVIRONMENT POLICY -  
RESCISSION**

**FROM:** Director Customer & Corporate Strategy

**TRIM #:** 20/271774

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council rescind the Salinity Prone Environment Policy (the Policy).

### BACKGROUND

The Policy was first adopted on 8 March 2004 and was last reviewed in September 2017. The Policy was due for review again in September 2020.

Councillors were briefed on this matter 23 March 2021.

### MAIN REPORT

The contents of the Policy are now replicated in the various Development Control Plans (DCP) that cover the Camden Local Government Area (LGA) as well as in Council's Engineering Design Specifications.

Council's Specialist Support Environmental Health Officers have reviewed the Policy and advise that it is no longer required as the various DCPs that cover the Camden LGA contain sufficient background, objectives and controls for the assessment and management of salinity.

The Policy is provided as **Attachment 1**.

The relevant DCP provisions are outlined below and are provided as **Attachment 2**:

- Camden DCP 2019 (pages 23-25);
- Growth Centre Precincts DCP (pages 18-19);
- Oran Park Precinct DCP (pages 64-65); and
- Turner Road Precinct DCP (page 53-54).

Council's Engineering Design Specifications also require salinity assessments for development applications involving subdivision, major development sites and industrial developments.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has no financial implications for Council.



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## **CONCLUSION**

It is proposed that Council rescind the Policy as its contents are covered within various other Council documents.

## **RECOMMENDED**

**That Council rescind the Building in a Salinity Prone Environment Policy.**

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Building in a Salinity Prone Environment Policy
2. DCP provisions



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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**ORD03**

**SUBJECT: INVESTMENT MONIES - FEBRUARY 2021**  
**FROM:** Director Customer & Corporate Strategy  
**TRIM #:** 21/89289

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

In accordance with Part 9, Division 5, Section 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, a list of investments held by Council as at 28 February 2021 is provided.

### MAIN REPORT

The weighted average return on all investments was 1.14% p.a. for the month of February 2021. The industry benchmark for this period was 0.01% (Ausbond Bank Bill Index) and the current official cash rate as determined by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) is 0.10%.

The Responsible Accounting Officer (the Chief Financial Officer) has certified that all investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the relevant regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

Council's Investment Report is provided as an **attachment** to this report.

### RECOMMENDED

**That Council:**

- i. note that the Responsible Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy;**
- ii. note the list of investments for February 2021; and**
- iii. note the weighted average interest rate return of 1.14% p.a. for the month of February 2021.**

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Investment Report - February 2021



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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**ORD04**

**SUBJECT: SPRING FARM PRECINCT 5 PLANNING AGREEMENT - POST EXHIBITION**

**FROM:** Director Sport, Community & Activation

**TRIM #:** 21/89333

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to execute the Spring Farm Precinct 5 Planning Agreement (PA) with Landcom, which seeks to accomplish the following:

1. Resolve outstanding credits for works and land dedication Landcom have completed in Spring Farm Precinct 5; and
2. Resolve historical credits between Landcom and Council generated by previous Works-in-Kind Agreements (WIKAs) and land dedications.

### BACKGROUND

An agreement has been reached between Council and Landcom to enter into a PA for Landcom's Spring Farm Precinct 5 development. The PA will also include settlement of historical credits resulting from numerous developments that Landcom have undertaken over a 25-year period in Spring Farm, Smeaton Grange and Mount Annan. The draft agreement represents the conclusion of several years of negotiation.

Resolution of the historical credits will result in a net settle-up amount of \$1,456,638 to be paid to Council.

Councillors were briefed regarding the draft Planning Agreement on 02 February 2021, prior to the draft Planning Agreement being placed on public exhibition.

The PA was publicly exhibited from 4 February 2021 to 19 March 2021. No community submissions were received during the exhibition period.

### **Spring Farm Precinct 5**

The Landcom development in Precinct 5 at Spring Farm was approved on 29 May 2015 for 43 lots and 43 dwellings, a public reserve and a lot for a future community centre. Figure 1 shows the land included in the development.



Figure 1: Spring Farm Precinct 5 land

A copy of the draft PA is provided as **Attachment 1** to this report.

## MAIN REPORT

This PA addresses developer contributions from Landcom developments in Spring Farm, Mount Annan and Smeaton Grange. Following is how these obligations have been accounted for in this PA. All figures in this report have been indexed as per Council's policy to today's value.

The following matters are addressed by this PA:

- Spring Farm Precinct 5 Works; and
- Historical Credits.

### **Spring Farm Precinct 5 Works**

Below is a summary of the Precinct 5 infrastructure works:

- Half road construction and road reserve dedications;
- Two roundabouts;
- Land dedication for the Spring Farm Community Centre; and
- Parcel of open space of 2,598 m<sup>2</sup>, which has already been embellished and dedicated to Council.

These items are shown below in Figure 2.





Figure 2: Spring Farm Precinct 5 works

All of the above infrastructure items have already been completed and are being used by the Spring Farm Community.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Precinct 5 credits generated by the works and land dedications completed by Landcom. The total value figure in Table 1 also appears in Table 2, on the following page, in the item titled Spring Farm Precinct 5.

Table 1: Summary of Precinct 5 Credits

Item	Value
Works	\$3,094,052
Land	\$2,262,865
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$5,356,917</b>

Officer Comments

Council’s Contributions Planners support the inclusion of Precinct 5 works in this PA. The works are included in Council’s Camden Contributions Plan 2011 and have been completed in accordance with the plan.

**Historical Credits**

The historical credits being resolved by the PA are set out in Table 2. The credits result from numerous developments that Landcom have undertaken over a 25-year period in Spring Farm, Smeaton Grange and Mount Annan.

**Table 2: Summary of Historical Credits**

Item	Details	Credit due to Landcom	Credit Due to Council
<b>2004 Mount Annan Open Space land dedication</b>	Land dedicated at Mount Annan	\$1,700,000.00	
<b>Garden Gates WIKA Credit</b>	Credit to Landcom due from the Garden Gates WIKA.	\$272,804.00	
<b>Liz Kernohan Drive WIKA</b>	The indexed value of works undertaken, and land dedicated less the indexed value of monetary contributions, indexed to the date of signing of the agreement.	\$151,304.48	
<b>Richardson Rd, Spring Farm WIKA</b>	Outstanding contribution amount		\$5,868,561.58
<b>Spring Farm Precinct 5</b>	Outstanding monetary contributions		\$3,047,668.00
<b>Spring Farm Precinct 5</b>	Works and land dedication credits	\$5,356,917.21	
<b>Plan Admin</b>	Monetary Contributions for Plan Admin		\$21,433.71
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$7,481,025.69</b>	<b>\$8,917,804.10</b>
<b>Net Position (in favour of Council)</b>			<b>\$1,456,637.61</b>

Officer Comments

Council’s Contributions Planners support the resolution of these historical credits via this PA. The credits listed in Table 2 have been agreed to by Council and Landcom.

In coming to this recommendation, Council officers, along with Landcom, have been guided by independent legal and audit advice. The calculations have been re-checked and WIKA deeds and contribution plans have been reviewed.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Upon signing the PA, a settle up amount of \$1,456,637 (excl. GST), will be payable to Council. The amount payable is general funds and will be considered for allocation as part of the 2020/21 March Quarterly Budget Review.





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## **CONCLUSION**

The settlement arrived at as a result of this negotiation is considered a good outcome for the community and Council. The PA was placed on public exhibition from 4 February 2021 to 19 March 2021. No community submissions were received during the exhibition period.

It is therefore recommended that Council endorse the execution of this agreement.

## **RECOMMENDED**

### **That Council:**

- i. endorse the Spring Farm Precinct 5 Planning Agreement and authorise the relevant Planning Agreement documentation be completed under Council's Power of Attorney;**
- ii. publicly notify the execution of the Planning Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Regulations; and**
- iii. forward a copy of the executed Planning Agreement to the Minister for Planning and Environment in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Regulations.**

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Spring Farm Precinct 5 Planning Agreement

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**ORD05****SUBJECT: 187-191 TURNER ROAD PLANNING AGREEMENT - POST EXHIBITION****FROM:** Director Sport, Community & Activation**TRIM #:** 21/98636

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the draft Planning Agreement for the development of 187-191 Turner Road, Currans Hill by Turner Road Developments NSW Pty Ltd, following the conclusion of the public exhibition period.

### BACKGROUND

Council has received Gateway Approval from the Department of Planning and Environment for a Planning Proposal submitted on behalf of the landowners for the rezoning and development of 187-191 Turner Road, Currans Hill.

The draft Planning Proposal seeks to amend Camden LEP 2010 by rezoning approximately 0.7ha of land zoned E4 Environmental Living and 1.0ha of land zoned E2 Environmental Conservation (the riparian corridor) to R1 General Residential.

Turner Road Developments NSW Pty Ltd (the Developer) submitted a Planning Agreement (PA) offer to deliver the infrastructure associated with the Planning Proposal. The PA seeks to facilitate the delivery of 69 residential lots, drainage infrastructure, riparian corridor embellishment and associated shared pathways (Figure 1).

A copy of the draft PA is provided as an **attachment** to this report.

Councillors were briefed regarding the draft PA on 2 February 2021, prior to the draft PA being placed on public exhibition.

### MAIN REPORT

#### **Proposed Planning Agreement**

Turner Road Developments NSW Pty Ltd (the Developer) submitted a Planning Agreement (PA) offer on 29 October 2019 to deliver the infrastructure associated with the Planning Proposal. The PA proposes to fulfil the developer's obligations under the Camden Contributions Plan 2011 (the CP).

The draft Planning Agreement was prepared in accordance with Council's 'Dedication of Constrained Land Policy' and seeks to incorporate additional recreational areas and key facilities to support the draft Planning Proposal (as shown in Figure 2), including:

- Shared path providing a pedestrian and cycle way connection from Turner Road to Orbit Street in Gregory Hills;

- Portion of the proposed E2 Environmental Conservation zoned land adjoining the riparian corridor to the north of the site being embellished and including seating and outdoor gym equipment;
- Pedestrian refuge island at a section of Arlington Road crossing the stream channel;
- Regional drainage basin and drainage channel; and
- Approximately \$300,000 in monetary contributions towards public purposes under the CP including off-site district open space and recreation facilities, community facilities, volunteer emergency facilities and administration.



Figure 1: Site Location 187 & 191 Turner Road, Currans Hill

## Assessment of proposed PA

### Riparian Corridor & Recreation

Under the PA and as part of the draft Planning Proposal, a portion of the proposed E2 zoned land adjoining the riparian corridor is being embellished to provide approximately 1,000m<sup>2</sup> of open space area for the community. The location of the proposed open space can be seen in Figure 2.

The proposed open space location is zoned E2 Environmental Conservation for the purpose of conserving environmentally sensitive Cumberland Plain Woodland vegetation on the site. The proposed area of open space will be embellished under the PA to include seating, outdoor gym equipment and associated landscaping.

To further promote recreation along the riparian corridor, the PA proposes that a shared pathway be constructed in accordance with the DCP which will connect through to Gregory Hills. The shared pathway will promote pedestrian activity within the Currans Hill area and provide a pedestrian link from Turner Road to Gregory Hills.

To link the pathway to Gregory Hills, the PA proposes that the pathway be extended beyond the limits of the planning proposal and connect to the end of the existing pathway in Gregory Hills. This link will provide opportunities for pedestrians and cyclists to access other areas of active and passive open space that both suburbs have to offer.



**Figure 2: Proposed Planning Agreement Works**

### Water Cycle Management

The draft PA includes the construction of a regional drainage basin that will be sized and designed to cater for water treatment on the site as well as several properties in the same catchment upstream.

Typically, a contributions plan would allow for regional drainage systems but, in this case, CP 2011 does not provide for regional drainage works in this area. As a result, each development within the catchment is required to address their own water quality and quantity issues. This results in multiple facilities in each development that would end up in Council’s ownership. Maintaining multiple small facilities, in lieu of one large facility, requires much higher maintenance costs for Council.

To address this, the PA has proposed a facility sized to adequately treat water and reduce peak flows from the adjacent lots which are in the same drainage catchment. Creating a regional drainage facility benefits Council and the community through reduced expenditure on maintenance costs.

### **Exhibition of draft Planning Agreement**

The draft PA was exhibited on Council’s website for a period of six weeks from Monday, 8 February to Monday, 22 March 2021. No submissions were received in response to the exhibition of the draft PA.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The PA includes approximately \$1.275m worth of local facilities (land and works) and approximately \$300,000 in monetary contributions. The total value of the PA is approximately \$1.575m.





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## **CONCLUSION**

The Developer has made an offer to Council seeking to enter into a Planning Agreement for their development of 187-191 Turner Road, Currans Hill located in Manooka Valley. The proposed PA will deliver \$1.275m worth of local facilities (land and works) and \$300,000 in monetary contributions associated with the development of 69 lots. The proposed works and land dedications are in accordance with the approved Planning Proposal for the site.

The overall assessment of the offer demonstrates that the draft PA provides material public benefit for the community.

Following the public exhibition of the draft PA, there were no submissions and it is recommended that the draft PA be endorsed as exhibited

## **RECOMMENDED**

### **That Council:**

- i. endorse the 187-191 Turner Road Planning Agreement and authorise the relevant Planning Agreement documentation to be completed under Council's Power of Attorney;**
- ii. publicly notify the execution of the Planning Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Regulations; and**
- iii. forward a copy of the executed Planning Agreement to the Minister for Planning and Environment in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Regulations.**

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Turner Road Planning Agreement

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

ORD06

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - BICENTENNIAL EQUESTRIAN PARK RECREATIONAL TRAIL - METROPOLITAN GREENSPACE PROGRAM 2019/20**

**FROM:** Director Community Assets

**TRIM #:** 21/91672

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's acceptance of grant funding from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, under the Metropolitan Greenspace Program, for the Bicentennial Equestrian Park Recreational Trail in the sum of \$250,000 (excl. GST).

### BACKGROUND

Council made an application for funding the Bicentennial Equestrian Park Recreational Trail project under the Metropolitan Greenspace Program 2019/20 funding round. Council has been advised that our application has been successful.

### MAIN REPORT

The Metropolitan Greenspace Program provides funding to assist councils in Greater Sydney to deliver projects that improve regional open space. The Program seeks to invest in links between Sydney's bushland, parks, centres and waterways, and promote public use and enjoyment of these spaces.

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has approved grant funding of \$250,000 (excl. GST) on a dollar-for-dollar basis, for the Bicentennial Equestrian Park Recreational Trail project. This project incorporates installation of gravel paths and restoration of Cumberland Plain Woodland to be undertaken within the 2021/22 financial year.

It is recommended that Council accept the offer of grant funding for the Bicentennial Equestrian Park Recreational Trail project.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$520,000 (excl. GST) required for the Bicentennial Equestrian Park Recreational Trail is currently funded in Council's budget through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI). Following the successful Greenspace Program grant, \$250,000 (excl. GST) of the LRCI funding will now be available for allocation to other projects that meet the conditions of the LRCI program. The allocation of those funds will be considered as part of the 2020/21 March Quarterly Budget Review.



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## **CONCLUSION**

Council has been successful in securing grant funding under the 2019/20 Metropolitan Greenspace Program to the value of \$250,000 (excl. GST) for the Bicentennial Equestrian Park Recreational Trail in Camden. It is recommended that the grant funding be accepted.

It is also recommended that Council write to The Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, thanking him for the grant, and write to Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP, Member for Camden, thanking him for his support.

## **RECOMMENDED**

**That Council:**

- i. accept grant funding of \$250,000 (excl. GST) from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment under the Metropolitan Greenspace Program for the Bicentennial Equestrian Park Recreational Trail;**
- ii. write to The Hon. Rob Stokes, MP Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, thanking him for the grant; and**
- iii. write to Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP, Member for Camden, thanking him for his support.**

## ATTACHMENTS

1. BEP Recreational Trail - Concept Plan

# ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**ORD07**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM - FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STIMULUS COMMITMENT**

**FROM:** Director Community Assets

**TRIM #:** 21/98531

## PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's acceptance of grant funding in the sum of \$1,475,000 (excl. GST) from Transport for NSW, under the Federal Government Stimulus Commitment, for projects under the Road Safety Program.

## BACKGROUND

Council has responded to an expression of interest for project funding for the Road Safety Program under the Federal Government Stimulus Commitment. Council has been advised that a number of projects have been successful in receiving funding.

## MAIN REPORT

The new Road Safety Program funded by the Australian Government is administered by and builds on the NSW Government's Safer Roads Program. The Road Safety Program funding prioritises the development and delivery of road safety infrastructure projects across NSW to support jobs and stimulate local economies. The focus of funding is School Zone infrastructure.

It is recommended that Council accept the offer of grant funding for the following projects:

<b>School / Other Facility</b>	<b>Location / Scope of Works</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Spring Farm Public School	Harland Road, Spring Farm - Children's crossing with kerb extensions and footpath	\$50,000
Gledswood Hills Public School	Paramoor Street, Gledswood Hills - Children's crossing with kerb extensions	\$35,000
St Justin's Catholic Parish Primary School	Hollows Drive, Oran Park - Children's crossing	\$20,000
Camden Public School	Mitchell Street, Camden - Indented bus bay (line marked)	\$10,000
Cobbitty Public School	Cobbitty Road, Cobbitty - Indented bus bay	\$100,000
Camden Public School	Exeter Street, Camden - Indented drop off / pick up bay	\$100,000
The Hermitage Way	The Hermitage Way - Three pedestrian refuges	\$180,000





Gledswood Hills Drive	Gledswood Hills Drive - Three pedestrian refuges	\$180,000
Harrington Park Public School	Sir Warwick Fairfax Drive, Harrington Park - Raise existing pedestrian crossing, upgrade lighting and extend 40km/h zone	\$200,000
Elderslie Public School	Lodges Road, Elderslie - Raise existing pedestrian crossing	\$200,000
Camden Public School	Mitchell Street, Camden - Raise existing pedestrian crossing and upgrade lighting	\$200,000
Camden Public School	John Street, Camden - Raise existing pedestrian crossing and upgrade lighting	\$200,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,475,000</b>

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total offer from the Road Safety Program is \$155,000 (excl. GST) in 2020/21 and \$1,320,000 (excl. GST) in 2021/22, totalling \$1,475,000. The projects are fully funded under the grant program and require no further contribution from Council.

### CONCLUSION

Council has been successful in securing grant funding under the Federal Government Stimulus Commitment to the value of \$1,475,000 (excl. GST) for projects under the Road Safety Program. It is therefore recommended that the grant funding be accepted.

It is also recommended that Council write to The Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, and The Hon. Andrew Constance, MP, NSW Minister for Roads and Transport, thanking them for the grant, and write to The Hon. Angus Taylor MP, Federal Member for Hume, Dr Mike Freelander MP, Federal Member for Macarthur and Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP, Member for Camden, thanking them for their support.

### RECOMMENDED

**That Council:**

- i. accept grant funding of \$1,475,000 (excl. GST) from Transport for New South Wales under the Federal Government Stimulus Commitment for the Road Safety Program;**
- ii. write to The Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, and The Hon. Andrew Constance, MP, NSW Minister for Roads and Transport, thanking them for the grant; and**
- iii. write to The Hon. Angus Taylor MP, Federal Member for Hume, Dr Mike Freelander MP, Federal Member for Macarthur, and Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP, Member for Camden, thanking them for their support.**

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

ORD08

**SUBJECT: TENDER T004/2021 - CONSTRUCTION OF WANDARRAH RESERVE AMENITIES BUILDING, MOUNT ANNAN**

**FROM:** Director Community Assets

**TRIM #:** 21/98148

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the tenders received for T004/2021 - Construction of Wandarra Reserve Amenities Building, Mount Annan and recommend that Council accept the tender submitted by Cranebrook Constructions.

### BACKGROUND

Wandarra Reserve hosts the Mount Annan Mustangs Football Club as well as several other users. The Mount Annan Mustangs Club currently has both male and female teams, with a membership base of over 550 players from juniors to open age.

The existing facility on the site, consisting of a canteen, toilets and minor storage area, does not meet the level of amenity required to support the club's needs.

In recognition of this, Council allocated funding in the 2020/21 Capital Works Program for the upgrade of the site amenities to include expansion of the existing canteen, changeroom facilities and additional undercover storage.

During the design development phase of the project and through consultation with the club, it was identified that expansion of the existing building would not allow the agreed building areas required to be achieved. This was due to the proximity of the existing building to the school boundary and adjacent road. An alternate design solution was developed, and the project was broken into two stages.

The first stage was to make alterations to the existing building allowing the canteen to be expanded. These works were prioritised, so they were completed for the 2021 season and are nearing completion. The second stage, the subject of this tender, is to construct a separate new building with change rooms and increased storage. Additional drainage and electrical works were also identified as being required to address issues at the existing site.

Layout plans of the proposed building are provided in **Attachment 1** of the report.

### MAIN REPORT

#### Legislation

This tender process was conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Procurement Policy and Guidelines.



## Contract Term

The contract term is for the duration of the construction works which is anticipated to be completed by the end of September 2021.

## Financial Implications

Due to the design changes and the additional drainage and electrical works identified as required during design development, the tender submissions were above the allocated project budget.

Further funding for this project is available from Council's Section 7.11 Camden Contributions Plan which will allow all the required site improvements to be completed, and for this tender to be accepted. A full breakdown of project costs is provided in the confidential **supporting document**.

A financial review of the information available demonstrates the tenderer's ability to service the requirements of the contract.

## Work, Health & Safety Requirements

The selected tender meets all WHS requirements for this contract.

## Certificates of Currency

The selected tender provides all current insurances as required for this contract.

## Advertising of Tenders

Tender T004/2021 for Construction of Wandarrah Reserve Amenities Building, Mount Annan was invited on 16 February 2021 and publicly advertised on Council's website.

The tender period was open for a period of 21 days until the closing date of 10 March 2021 and was available through the e-tendering website: [www.tenders.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au).

## Tenders Received

Council received 17 tender responses from the following organisations:

<b>Tender</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Advanced Constructions Pty Ltd	Unanderra
AJ Grant Building Pty Ltd	Kirrawee
Alpall Pty Ltd	Springwood
Avant Constructions Pty Ltd	Glendenning
Axis Constructions Pty Ltd	Arndell Park
Brenic Constructions Pty Ltd	Cranebrook
Construction Pty Ltd	Bonnyrigg
Cooper Commercial Constructions Pty Ltd	Caringbah
Coverit Building Group Pty Ltd	Penrith
Cranebrook Constructions	Cranebrook
M W Civil Engineering & Constructions Pty Ltd	Canley Heights
Dezign	Lawson
Odyssey Interiors NSW Pty Ltd	Wetherill Park
Project Coordination (Australia) Pty Ltd	Unanderra
Rogers Construction Group Pty Ltd	Riverstone

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<b>Tender</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
SDL Project Solutions Pty Ltd	North Rocks
Westbury Constructions Pty Ltd	Vineyard

### Tender Evaluation Process

Tenders were assessed by the Tender Evaluation Panel, in accordance with Council's Procurement Procedures and Guidelines 2019 and using a tender evaluation and pricing matrix with the following criteria:

- Price;
- Program & methodology;
- WHS;
- Current commitments;
- Proposed team including subcontractors; and
- Locality.

A summary of the tender assessment is provided as a **supporting document**. Please note this information is commercial-in-confidence.

Cranebrook Constructions submitted a conforming tender and was evaluated by the Evaluation Panel as the best value for Council.

### Tender Compliance Panel

Tender submissions and evaluations were reviewed by the Tender Compliance Panel and all recommendations have been addressed.

### CONCLUSION

The alternate design approach and staged construction outlined in the report, enables Council to provide the required facilities as originally agreed, to cater for users of this site. The additional drainage and electrical works will also address existing issues identified during design development. Additional Section 7.11 funding of \$80,000 is available to allow all the required site improvements to be completed and for this tender to be accepted.

It is recommended that Council accept the tender from Cranebrook Constructions in the sum of \$375,002.00 (excl. GST). This tenderer overall provided a submission that demonstrated a thorough understanding of the project, provided evidence of relevant experience in similar sized projects and demonstrated value for money.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council:**

- allocate funding of \$80,000 from Council's Section 7.11 Camden Contributions Plan to this project; and**
- accept the tender provided by Cranebrook Constructions as per the terms and conditions of T004/2021 Construction of Wandarrah Reserve Amenities Building Mount Annan, for the lump sum of \$375,002.00 (excl. GST) in accordance with Council's adopted budget.**



## ATTACHMENTS

1. Wandarrah Reserve Amenities Building
2. T004/2021 - Construction of Wandarrah Reserve Amenities Building -  
*Supporting Document*

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

ORD09

### NOTICE OF MOTION

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION - OLD HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION  
OPTIONS**

**FROM:** Cr Farrow

**TRIM #:** 21/83459

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“I, Councillor Paul Farrow, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following at the Council Meeting of 13 April 2021:

Noting that Council currently has funding for traffic modelling and concept development for only two of the four intersections that intersect the Old Hume Highway, which are Elizabeth Macarthur and Armour Avenues in Camden South, it is proposed:

That Council write to the State Minister for Transport and Roads, The Hon. Andrew Constance, and the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, The Hon. Michael McCormack MP, requesting further funding to undertake investigations for traffic modelling and intersection options for Wire Lane and Cowper Drive, Camden South.

In addition, that Council request that funding be made available for detailed design and construction of the preferred intersection treatments at Elizabeth Macarthur Avenue, Armour Avenue, Wire Lane and Cowper Drive where they intersect the Old Hume Highway, Camden South.

These roads are heavily utilised by residents who are experiencing long delays entering and exiting the Old Hume Highway, who require improved access through intersection treatments such as, roundabouts, slip lanes or traffic lights.

This issue is also causing concerns for pedestrians, including school students who are required to traverse the Old Hume Highway from Bus Stops on either side of the road, without access to pedestrian crossings, crossings at traffic lights, or pedestrian refuges.”

### RECOMMENDED

**That Council:**

- i. write to the State Minister for Transport and Roads, The Hon. Andrew Constance, and the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, The Hon. Michael McCormack MP, requesting further funding to undertake investigations for traffic modelling and intersection options for Wire Lane and Cowper Drive, Camden South; and**
- ii. request that Government funding be made available for detailed design and construction of the preferred intersection treatments at Elizabeth Macarthur Avenue, Armour Avenue, Wire Lane and Cowper Drive where they intersect the Old Hume Highway, Camden South.**



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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

ORD10

### NOTICE OF MOTION

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION - CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL PARKING FEES AND CHARGES**

**FROM:** Cr C Cagney

**TRIM #:** 21/108888

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“I, Councillor Cindy Cagney, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following at the Council Meeting of 13 April 2021:

Council write to the New South Wales Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP and the Minister for Health, The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP to request that the New South Wales Government remove the parking fees and charges that have recently been implemented at Campbelltown Hospital.

A copy of the letter be forwarded to the Member for Camden, Peter Sidgreaves.

The intent of the letter is for Council to write on behalf of the men, women and children of the Camden LGA, as well as Council.”

### RECOMMENDED

**That Council:**

- i. **write to the New South Wales Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP and the Minister for Health, The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP to request that the New South Wales Government remove the parking fees and charges that have recently been implemented at Campbelltown Hospital; and**
- ii. **forward a copy of the letter to Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP, Member for Camden.**