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Central Coast Council
Business Paper
Ordinary Meeting
23 July 2018



Meeting Notice

**The Ordinary Meeting
of Central Coast Council
will be held in the Council Chamber,
2 Hely Street, Wyong on
Monday 23 July 2018 at 6.30pm,
for the transaction of the business listed below:**

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Gary Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

Item No: 1.1
Title: Disclosure of Interest
Department: Governance



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Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13274769

Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("LG Act") regulates the way in which the councillors and relevant staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public functions.

Section 451 of the LG Act states:

- (1) A councillor or a member of a council committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the council or committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.*
- (2) The councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the council or committee:*
 - (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the council or committee, or*
 - (b) at any time during which the council or committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.*
- (3) For the removal of doubt, a councillor or a member of a council committee is not prevented by this section from being present at and taking part in a meeting at which a matter is being considered, or from voting on the matter, merely because the councillor or member has an interest in the matter of a kind referred to in section 448.*
- (4) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a councillor who has a pecuniary interest in a matter that is being considered at a meeting, if:*
 - (a) the matter is a proposal relating to:*
 - (i) the making of a principal environmental planning instrument applying to the whole or a significant part of the council's area, or*
 - (ii) the amendment, alteration or repeal of an environmental planning instrument where the amendment, alteration or repeal applies to the whole or a significant part of the council's area, and*

1.1 Disclosure of Interest (contd)

- (a1) the pecuniary interest arises only because of an interest of the councillor in the councillor's principal place of residence or an interest of another person (whose interests are relevant under section 443) in that person's principal place of residence, and*
- (b) the councillor made a special disclosure under this section in relation to the interest before the commencement of the meeting.*
- (5) The special disclosure of the pecuniary interest must, as soon as practicable after the disclosure is made, be laid on the table at a meeting of the council and must:*
 - (a) be in the form prescribed by the regulations, and*
 - (b) contain the information required by the regulations.*

Further, the Code of Conduct adopted by Council applies to all councillors and staff. The Code relevantly provides that if a councillor or staff have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed as well as providing for a number of ways in which a non-pecuniary conflicts of interests might be managed.

Recommendation

That Council now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 1.2
Title: Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings
Department: Governance

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Summary

Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2018.

A motion or discussion with respect to the Minutes is not order except with regard to their accuracy as a true record of the proceedings.

Recommendation

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2018.

Attachments

1 MINUTES - Ordinary Meeting - 9 July 2018 D13274142



Central Coast Council

**Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting of Council**

**Held in the Council Chamber
49 Mann Street, Gosford
on 9 July 2018
Commencing at 6.30PM**

Present

Mayor Jane Smith and Councillors Richard Mehrrens, Troy Marquart, Chris Holstein, Rebecca Gale Collins, Jeff Sundstrom, Lisa Matthews, Jilly Pilon, Bruce McLachlan, Kyle MacGregor, Louise Greenaway, Doug Vincent, Jillian Hogan and Greg Best.

In Attendance

Gary Murphy (Chief Executive Officer), Boris Bolgoff (Acting Director Assets, Infrastructure and Business), Julie Vaughan (Director Connected Communities), Scott Cox (Director Environment and Planning), Brian Glendenning (Executive Manager Governance) and Vivienne Louie (Acting Chief Financial Officer).

The Mayor, Jane Smith, declared the meeting open at 6.30pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting is being recorded.

The Mayor, Jane Smith read an acknowledgement of country statement.

The Mayor, Jane Smith welcomed Chief Executive Officer, Mr Gary Murphy, to his first Central Coast Council Ordinary Meeting.

At the commencement of the ordinary meeting report no's 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 7.1, 8.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 2.4 were dealt with first then the remaining reports in order. However for the sake of clarity the reports are recorded in their correct agenda sequence.

Apologies/Leave of Absence

Council, at its meeting held 25 June 2018 resolved:

540/18 *That Council grant Councillor Burke a leave of absence from the Ordinary Meetings being held on 9 and 23 July 2018 due to annual leave.*

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

4.1 Deferred Item - Free Shade Tree Program

Councillor Gale Collins declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as the acquaintance is a parent at the primary school where her son attends. Councillor Gale Collins chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting.

Councillor Greenaway declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she believes there may be a perceived conflict of interest in the community because of her engagement with bush care groups and the Community Environment Network. Councillor Greenaway chose to remain in the Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the interest to be minor and will not affect her ability to carry out her public duty.

Mayor Smith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she was a former voluntary CEO/Board member of the Community Environment Network (CEN). CEN may have made submissions related to this matter. Mayor Smith chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the potential conflict to be minor and will not affect her consideration or decision making on this matter.

4.8 Central Coast Comprehensive Crown Land Negotiation Program

Councillor McLachlan declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as he has had prior dealings for the Saltwater Park tender EOI crown land lease to The Entrance with the former Wyong Shire Council. Councillor McLachlan chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting.

7.1 Notice of Motion - Council Bans Cats

Councillor Greenaway declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as since 2009 she has sometimes had association with CEN promoted National De-sexing Month, an initiative of Animal Welfare Queensland. In 2010 she developed, in association with the BBSBPA a flyer 'Catiquette for Owners' which Wyong Council adopted and had on its website. In September 2011, she travelled to Charlestown to meet Andrew Cornwell MP, the then Chair of the Companion Animals Task Force, to discuss companion animal management and welfare. There is a connection between her and one of the speakers, and the #2 on her election ticket is a long term cat owner. Councillor Greenaway chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting.

8.1 Rescission Motion - Draft Aviation HUB

Councillor Gale Collins declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she is in contact with a member of the Australian Gliders Association. Councillor Gale Collins chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the conflict is minor and does not impact her decision making ability.

Councillor Greenaway declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she is a previous member of CEN who may have made submissions regarding the airport. Councillor Greenaway chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the conflict is minor and does not impact her decision making ability.

Mayor Smith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she was a former voluntary CEO/Board member of the Community Environment Network (CEN). CEN may have made submissions related to this matter. Mayor Smith chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the potential conflict is minor and will not affect her consideration or decision making on this matter

9.1 Rescission Motion - Legal Advice - commercial dispute

Councillor Gale Collins declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she is in contact with a member of the Australian Gliders Association. Councillor Gale Collins chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the conflict is minor and does not impact her decision making ability.

Mayor Smith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she was a former voluntary CEO/Board member of the Community Environment Network (CEN). CEN may have made submissions related to this matter. Mayor Smith chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the potential conflict to be minor and will not affect her consideration or decision making on this matter.

Moved: Mayor Smith
Seconded: Councillor Sundstrom

Resolved

616/18 That Council receive the report on Disclosure of Interest and note advice of disclosures.

For:
Unanimous

Procedural Motion – Address by Invited Speakers

Moved: Councillor Gale Collins
Seconded: Councillor Pilon

Resolved

617/18 That Council invite the following speakers to address Council;

SPEAKERS	REPORT
Jeffrey Evans Against the recommendation	Item 2.1 - Planning Proposal No 2016/91 - 376-392 Manns Road West Gosford
Tze-Wei Chong For the recommendation	Item 2.1 - Planning Proposal No 2016/91 - 376-392 Manns Road West Gosford
Brian McCallum Against the recommendation	Item 2.2 - DA 51743/2017 - 222 Grants Road, Somersby
Elisabeth Bik For the recommendation	Item 2.2 - DA 51743/2017 - 222 Grants Road, Somersby
Wolfgang Koerner For the recommendation	Item 2.2 - DA 51743/2017 - 222 Grants Road, Somersby (Mr Koerner was absent and did not speak)
Peter Donnelly For the recommendation	Item 2.2 - DA 51743/2017 - 222 Grants Road, Somersby
Jim Davies For the recommendation	Item 2.3 - DA 52576/2017 - 620-658 Terrigal Drive, Erina
Brendon Neilly For the recommendation	Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion – Council Bans Cats
Luke Hessel For the recommendation	Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion – Council Bans Cats
Elizabeth Shorter For the recommendation	Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion – Council Bans Cats (Ms Shorter was absent and did not speak)
Anne Greenaway For the recommendation	Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion – Council Bans Cats
John Codrington For the recommendation	Item 8.1 - Rescission Motion – Draft Aviation Hub

For:

Mayor Smith and Councillors Marquart, Holstein, Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins, Matthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Hogan and Best

Against:

Councillors Greenaway and Vincent

Procedural Motion – Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved: *Mayor Smith*
Seconded: *Councillor Vincent*

Resolved

618/18 *That Council suspend standing orders and consider items 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 7.1, 8.1 after each speaker address and then the remaining items in agenda sequence.*

For:
Unanimous

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Councillor Vincent left the Chamber at 8.45pm during consideration of this item, returned at 8.47pm and was absent for the vote.

Councillor Hogan left the Chamber at 8.45pm during consideration of this item, returned at 8.47pm and was absent for the vote.

Moved: *Councillor Holstein*
Seconded: *Councillor Mehrtens*

Resolved

619/18 *That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2018.*

For:
Unanimous

1.3 Notice of Intention to Deal with Matters in Closed Session

Councillor Vincent left the Chamber at 8.45pm during consideration of this item, returned at 8.47pm and was absent for the vote.

Councillor Hogan left the Chamber at 8.45pm during consideration of this item, returned at 8.47pm and was absent for the vote.

Moved: *Mayor Smith*
Seconded: *Councillor Sundstrom*

Resolved

620/18 *That the Council resolve that the following matter be dealt with in closed session, pursuant to s. 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the following reasons:*

Item: 9.1**Title: Rescission Motion – Legal Advice – Commercial Dispute****Reason for considering in closed session:**

2(g) – advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

For:

**Mayor Smith and Councillors Holstein,
Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Matthews,
MacGregor and Greenaway**

Against:

**Councillors Marquart, Gale Collins,
McLachlan, Pilon and Best**

Procedural Motion – Exception

Moved: Councillor Holstein

Seconded: Councillor Gale Collins

Resolved

621/18 That with the exception of the following reports, Council adopt the recommendations contained in the remaining reports:

2.4	DA 53610/2018 - 44 Campbell Crescent, Terrigal
4.1	Deferred Item - Free Shade Tree Program
4.2	Open Pile Burning Policy - Community Consultation Submissions Report
4.3	Kerb and Gutter and Footpath Contributions
4.4	Amendments to the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy
4.5	Meeting Records of the Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee and the Gosford Foundation Trust Management Committee held on 5 June 2018 and Appointments to the Committees
4.6	Response to Notice of Motion – Easy To Do Business
4.8	Central Coast Comprehensive Crown Land Negotiation Program
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5.2	Response to Notice of Motion - Carters Road, Lake Munmorah
5.3	Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches
5.4	Response to Mayoral Minute - Climate Change
5.5	Grant Funding Update as at June 2018
7.2	Notice of Motion – Formal Welcome and Thank You
9.1	Rescission Motion – Legal Advice – Commercial Dispute

622/18 That Council adopt the following items en-masse and in accordance with the report recommendations:

3.1	Proposed Closure and Sale of Part of Finch Place, Bateau Bay
4.7	Response to Notice of Motion - Central Coast Pathways Sub Committee

For:

Unanimous

2.1 Planning Proposal No 2016/91 - 376-392 Manns Rd West Gosford

Mr Jeffrey Evans addressed Council at 6.40pm.

Mr Tze-Wei Chong addressed Council at 6.44pm.

Moved: **Councillor Holstein**

Seconded: **Councillor Mehrtens**

Resolved

623/18 That Council supports the planning proposal as exhibited to alter cl.11(2)(a) of schedule 1 of the Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014 by increasing the maximum floor area for Bulky Goods Premises from 10,700m² to 32,870 m².

624/18 That Council request, the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the delegation issued by the Department of Planning and Environment for Planning Proposal 2016/91 Gosford and proceed with the steps for drafting and making of Amendment No. 34 to Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014.

625/18 That Council advise all those who made a submission of the decision.

For:

Unanimous

2.2 DA 51743/2017 - 222 Grants Road Somersby

Mr Peter Donnelly addressed Council at 6.50pm.

Mr Brian McCallum addressed Council at 6.56pm.

Ms Elisabeth Bik addressed Council at 6.59pm.

Mr Wolfgang Koerner was absent and did not speak.

Moved: **Councillor Pilon**

Seconded: **Councillor Holstein**

Resolved

626/18 That Council grant consent subject to the conditions detailed in Attachment 1 of this report and having regard to the matters for consideration detailed in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and other relevant issues.

627/18 That Council advise those who made written submissions of its decision.

For:

**Mayor Smith and Councillors Marquart,
Holstein, Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Gale
Collins, Matthews, Pilon, McLachlan,**

Abstain:

Councillor MacGregor

Greenaway, Vincent, Hogan and Best**2.3 DA 52576/2017 - 620-658 Terrigal Drive, Erina**

Mr Jim Davies addressed Council at 7.22pm.

Moved: Councillor Best

Seconded: Councillor Marquart

Resolved

628/18 That Council grant consent subject to the conditions detailed in the schedule attached to the report and having regard to the matters for consideration detailed in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and other relevant issues.

For:

Councillors Marquart, Holstein, Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins, Matthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Vincent, Hogan and Best

Against:

Mayor Smith and Councillor Greenaway

2.4 DA 53610/2018 - 44 Campbell Crescent, Terrigal

Moved: Councillor Holstein

Seconded: Councillor Mehrtens

Resolved

629/18 That Council grant consent subject to the conditions detailed in the schedule attached to the report and having regard to the matters for consideration detailed in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and other relevant issues.

630/18 That Council advise those who made written submissions of its decision.

For:

Councillors Marquart, Holstein, Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins, Matthews, Pilon, McLachlan, Vincent, Hogan and Best

Against:

Mayor Smith and Councillor Greenaway Smith

Councillor MacGregor (Abstained)

3.1 Proposed Closure and Sale of Part of Finch Place, Bateau Bay

Moved: Councillor Holstein
Seconded: Councillor Gale Collins

Resolved

631/18 That Council resolve to apply to the Minister for Roads and Maritime, pursuant to s. 34 of the Roads Act 1993, to close Finch Place, Bateau Bay and vest the land in Council as Operational Land.

632/18 That Council resolve that, upon the land comprising the above road vesting in Council, the land be classified "operational" for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993.

633/18 That Council authorise the sale of the closed road land to the owner of the adjoining property for market value as assessed by a qualified valuer engaged by Council staff and subject to the road closure land being consolidated with the adjoining land.

For:
Unanimous

4.1 Deferred Item - Free Shade Tree Program

Councillor Gale Collins declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as the acquaintance is a parent at the primary school where her son attends. Councillor Gale Collins chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting.

Councillor Greenaway declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she believes there may be a perceived conflict of interest in the community because of her engagement with bush care groups and the Community Environment Network. Councillor Greenaway chose to remain in the Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the interest to be minor and will not affect her ability to carry out her public duty.

Mayor Smith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she was a former voluntary CEO/Board member of the Community Environment Network (CEN). CEN may have made submissions related to this matter. Mayor Smith chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the potential conflict to be minor and will not affect her consideration or decision making on this matter

Moved: Councillor Mehrtens
Seconded: Mayor Smith

Resolved

634/18 That Council note the deferred Free Shade Tree Program report which is Attachment 1 to this report.

635/18 That Council notes that the Central Coast is a national outlier in not having a free tree policy.

- 636/18 That Council continues its preparation of an Urban Forest Policy.**
- 637/18 That Council supports increasing the shade canopy across the LGA, with a more developed Free Shade Tree Policy to form part of that strategy, including consideration of ways to facilitate easier planting of trees on residential nature strips and road reserves.**
- 638/18 That in the short term, Council makes available at least 1,500 items of native tube stock for distribution at public events (such as Lakes Festival, or National Tree Day) and on application from interested residents, with a limit of two per resident or block.**
- 639/18 That Council notes the reduction of nursery staff employed by Council over recent years, and requests a review of the number of and training of staff to better reflect the importance of the work done by nursery staff in maintaining and growing our natural environment.**
- 640/18 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer implement the above subject to appropriate provision in the adopted 2018/19 budget.**

Procedural Motion – Motion be Put

Moved: Councillor Best

Resolved

That Council put the motion to the vote.

For:

Mayor Smith and Councillors Holstein, Mehrrens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins, Matthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Greenaway, Vincent, Hogan and Best

Against:

Councillor Marquart

The Procedural Motion was put to the vote and declared CARRIED. The Motion was then put.

For:

Mayor Smith and Councillors Holstein, Mehrrens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins, Matthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Greenaway, Vincent, Hogan and Best

Against:

Councillor Marquart

4.2 Open Pile Burning Policy – Community Consultation Submissions Report

Councillor Vincent left the Chamber at 9.31pm during consideration of this item, returned at 9.34pm and was absent for the vote.

Moved: Mayor Smith
Seconded: Councillor MacGregor
Resolved

641/18 That Council adopt the Draft Open Pile Burning Policy specifically amended as follows:

- a Identify that the Policy is a self-approval process.**
- b Delete a 'class of persons'.**
- c Include RU1 Primary Production and R5 Large Lot Residential.**
- d Include RU5 Rural Village as a prescribed zone.**
- e Reflect legislative changes to meet the NSW Government's reforms**
- f Increase the size of vegetation diameter from 150mm to 300mm.**
- g Increase the size of open burn piles from 2m to 4m.**
- h Clarify notification requirements.**
- i Prohibit non-vegetative waste, ecological burns or Aboriginal cultural burns.**
- j Exempt burning for agricultural operations.**
- k Exempt burning for recreational purposes.**
- l Include Fire Permit requirements.**
- m Include Council's compliance and enforcement provisions,**
- n Contact details for authorised regulatory authorities other than Council**
- o Exclude environmental zones**

642/18 That the Chief Executive Officer note that if the draft Central Coast Open Pile Burning Policy is adopted by Council it will be necessary to seek the following from the Environmental Protection Authority before that Policy can be implemented:

- a. The listing of the Central Coast Council as an approval authority for the burning of vegetation under Part 2 of Schedule 8 under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010.**
- b. Request the removal of the former Gosford City Council from Part 1 of Schedule 8 under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010.**
- c. Request the removal of the former Wyong Shire Council from Part 2 and 3 of Schedule 8 under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010.**

643/18 That Council advise all those who made a public submission of the decision.

644/18 That Council undertake a community education program for open pile burning in collaboration with NSW Rural Fire Service.

645/18 That Council review the Central Coast Open Pile Burning Policy within two years.

646/18 *That Council report data regarding open pile burning and also permits issued on a six monthly basis.*

For:

Mayor Smith and Councillors Holstein, Mehrstens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins, Matthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Greenaway, Vincent, Hogan and Best

Against:

Councillor Marquart

4.3 Kerb and Gutter and Footpath Contributions

Moved: **Councillor Gale Collins**

Seconded: **Councillor Mehrstens**

Resolved

647/18 *That Council resolve that it will not require contribution, pursuant to s. 217 of the Roads Act 1993, for the provision of kerb, guttering and footpaths.*

648/18 *That Council rescind the former Gosford City Council policy titled "Contributions for kerb & guttering and paving".*

For:

Unanimous

4.4 Amendments to the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

Moved: **Councillor MacGregor**

Seconded: **Councillor McLachlan**

Resolved

649/18 *That Council adopt the amended Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy set out in Attachment 1 to this report, with the following amendment to Clause 116;*

- *To allow Councillors to claim expenses up until the end of the financial year or within three months of the occurrence of the expense, whichever comes last.*

For:

Mayor Smith and Councillors Marquart, Holstein, Mehrstens, Sundstrom, Matthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Greenaway, Vincent, Hogan and Best

Against:

Councillor Gale Collins

4.5 Meeting Records of the Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee and the Gosford Foundation Trust Management Committee held on 5 June 2018 and Appointments to the Committees

Moved: Mayor Smith
Seconded: Councillor Sundstrom

Resolved

650/18 That Council note the 5 June 2018 Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee Meeting Record that is Attachment 1 to this report.

651/18 That Council note the 5 June 2018 Gosford Foundation Trust Management Committee Meeting Record that is Attachment 2 to this report.

652/18 That Council determine that the Councillor representative on the Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee is:

- Mayor Jane Smith

653/18 That Council determine that the community member to be appointed to the Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee is:

- Mr Alan Ford

654/18 That Council determine that the Councillor representative on the Gosford Foundation Trust Management Committee is:

- Mayor Jane Smith

655/18 That Council determine that the community member to be appointed to the Gosford Foundation Trust Management Committee is:

- Mr Clive Blunt

656/18 That Council resolve, pursuant to s.11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Attachment 3 to this report remain confidential as that attachment includes "personnel information" about individuals who are not Councillors.

For:
 Mayor Smith and Councillors Holstein,
 Mehrrens, Sundstrom, Matthews,
 MacGregor, McLachlan, Vincent, Hogan
 and Best

Abstain:
 Councillors Marquart, Gale Collins, Pilon
 and Greenaway

4.6 Response to Notice of Motion - Easy To Do Business

Moved: **Councillor Pilon**
Seconded: **Councillor Gale Collins**

Resolved

657/18 That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Service NSW for the Easy to do Business program.

658/18 That Council become a member of the Small Business Friendly Councils (SBFC) initiative.

For:
Unanimous

4.7 Response to Notice of Motion - Central Coast Pathways Sub Committee

Moved: **Councillor Holstein**
Seconded: **Councillor Gale Collins**

Resolved

659/18 That Council note the information.

660/18 Council readvertise for expressions of interest for community representatives on the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Committee.

For:
Unanimous

4.8 Central Coast Comprehensive Crown Land Negotiation Program

Councillor McLachlan declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as he has had prior dealings for the Saltwater Park tender EOI crown land lease to The Entrance with the former Wyong Shire Council. Councillor McLachlan chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting.

Moved: **Mayor Smith**
Seconded: **Councillor MacGregor**

Resolved

661/18 That Council receive this report on the Central Coast Comprehensive Crown Land Negotiation Program.

662/18 *That Council form a Committee comprised of one Councillor from each ward, to receive reports and information on Council's participation in the Central Coast Comprehensive Crown Land Negotiation Program. The Councillors on the Committee will be:*

- (i) Mayor Smith*
- (ii) Councillor MacGregor*
- (iii) Councillor Hogan*
- (iv) Councillor Holstein*
- (v) Councillor Matthews*

663/18 *That Council defer consideration of the "Central Coast Council Principles for Claiming Interests in Crown Land" in Attachment 2 to this report, to come back to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council with the first meeting of the committee to be held before that (within the next two weeks).*

664/18 *That Council note that the decision to accept the vesting of any Crown land in Council will require a resolution of Council, and that no binding decision will be made to accept the vesting of land other than by the Council.*

For:

Unanimous

5.1 Response to Notice of Motion - Domestic Violence Policy

Moved: **Councillor MacGregor**

Seconded: **Councillor Sundstrom**

Resolved

665/18 *That Council note this report.*

For:

Unanimous

5.2 Response to Notice of Motion - Carters Road, Lake Munmorah

Moved: **Councillor Hogan**

Seconded: **Councillor Vincent**

Resolved

666/18 *That Council receive the report and thank staff for preparing the report.*

667/18 *That Council, in alignment with the adoption of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2018-19, which was passed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting held 25 June 2018, independently fast track the master planning of the Carters Road upgrade, so it is not dependent on the Greater Lake Munmorah Structure Plan, with the view of starting intersection, parking and signage changes within the 2018/19 financial year.*

668/18 *That Council source external grants to help fund the Carters Road traffic studies, road, pedestrian walkways and parking upgrades.*

For:
Unanimous

Procedural Motion – Defer Items

Councillor Hogan left the Chamber at 10.28pm during consideration of this item, returned at 10.30pm and was absent for the vote.

Councillor Best left the Chamber at 10.29pm during consideration of this item, returned at 10.30pm and was absent for the vote.

Moved: **Mayor Smith**
Seconded: **Councillor Mehrtens**

Resolved

669/18 *That Council defer matters 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council being held 23 July 2018 in accordance with the adopted Code of Meeting Practice, with the exception of items 7.2, 9.1 and Questions on Notice.*

For:
Unanimous

5.3 Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches

Moved: **Mayor Smith**
Seconded: **Councillor Mehrtens**

Resolved

670/18 *That Council defer consideration of this item to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 23 July 2018.*

For:
Unanimous

5.4 Response to Mayoral Minute - Climate Change

Moved: Mayor Smith
Seconded: Councillor Mehrtens

Resolved

671/18 That Council defer consideration of this item to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 23 July 2018.

For:
Unanimous

5.5 Grant Funding Update as at June 2018

Moved: Mayor Smith
Seconded: Councillor Mehrtens

Resolved

672/18 That Council defer consideration of this item to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 23 July 2018.

For:
Unanimous

7.1 Notice of Motion - Council Bans Cats

Councillor Greenaway declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as since 2009 she has sometimes had association with CEN promoted National De-sexing Month, an initiative of Animal Welfare Queensland. In 2010 she developed, in association with the BBSBPA a flyer 'Catiquette for Owners' which Wyong Council adopted and had on its website. In September 2011, she travelled to Charlestown to meet Andrew Cornwell MP, the then Chair of the Companion Animals Task Force, to discuss companion animal management and welfare. There is a connection between her and one of the speakers, and the #2 on her election ticket is a long term cat owner. Councillor Greenaway chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting.

Mr Brendon Neilly addressed Council at 7.31pm.

Mr Luke Hessel addressed Council at 7.36pm.

Ms Anne Greenaway addressed Council at 7.43pm.

Ms Elizabeth Shorter was absent and did not speak.

Moved: Councillor Best
Seconded: Councillor Gale Collins

Resolved

- 673/18** That Council note that cats can now again be surrendered to Council's animal cares facilities/pounds.
- 674/18** That further, Council thanks senior staff for their intervention around this important animal welfare issue.
- 675/18** That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer report to Council on the progress of the Central Coast Regional Animal Cares Facility and the feasibility and benefits around forming a Central Coast Companion Animals Advisory Committee.
- 676/18** That further, Council recognise the outstanding contribution made by our Animal Cares Facility contractors and indeed their supporting animal welfare volunteer groups.

For: Mayor Smith and Councillors Marquart, Holstein, Mehrtens, Sundstrom , Gale Collins, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Greenaway, Vincent, Hogan and Best	Against: Councillor Matthews
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7.2 Notice of Motion - Formal Welcome and Thank You

Moved: Councillor MacGregor
Seconded: Councillor Vincent

Resolved

- 677/18** That Council formally welcome our new Chief Executive Officer Gary Murphy and his family to the Central Coast.
- 678/18** That Council officially thank the Acting Chief Executive Officer Brian Glendenning along with Directors, Acting Directors and Executives, Scott Cox, Mike Dowling, Julie Vaughan, Viv Louie, Kellie Reeves, Martin Elwell, Shane Sullivan and their staff for an outstanding contribution to the operations of Council throughout this initial amalgamation period.

For:
Unanimous

8.1 Rescission Motion - Draft Aviation HUB

Councillor Gale Collins declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she is in contact with a member of the Australian Gliders Association. Councillor Gale Collins chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the conflict is minor and does not impact her decision making ability.

Councillor Greenaway declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she is a previous member of CEN who may have made submissions regarding the airport. Councillor Greenaway chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting.

Mayor Smith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she was a former voluntary CEO/Board member of the Community Environment Network (CEN). CEN may have made submissions related to this matter. Mayor Smith chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the potential conflict is minor and will not affect her consideration or decision making on this matter.

Mr John Codrington addressed Council at 8.08pm

Moved: Councillor Best
Seconded: Councillor Pilon

That Council rescind the following resolution carried at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 November 2017:

- 756/17 That Council fully support the Warnervale Airport Restrictions Act (WAR Act) (1996).*
- 757/17 That Council not approve any development at the Warnervale Airport which is not consistent with the WAR Act (1996).*
- 758/17 That Council not immediately extend or remove the current 1196 metre runway.*
- 759/17 That Council not alter the position, length, width, thickness or strength of the current runway.*
- 760/17 That Council immediately suspend all works, land acquisitions and expenditure on the Central Coast Airport, except where those works are required by law or the suspension of those works would put Council in breach of existing contractual obligations and/or expose Council to claims for damages or variation under any such contract.*
- 761/17 That Council reallocate the Budget for the Airport of \$6 million to employment generating projects across the former Wyong Shire with staff to prepare a strategy and report to council by the 12th February meeting for approval of the strategy.*

- 762/17 *That Council maintain the current site zoning, unaltered and not approve rezoning to SP2.*
- 763/17 *That Council permanently protect all of the Porters Creek wetland owned by Council and south of the current runway, from development for biodiversity, emergency drinking water supply and protection of the water quality into the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary.*
- 764/17 *That Council staff prepare a report to protect the Porters Creek Wetland, as per item 8, and the report be brought back to council for approval on the 26th February meeting.*

Procedural Motion – Motion be Put

Moved: **Mayor Smith**

Resolved

679/18 That Council put the motion to the vote.

For:
Unanimous

The Procedural Motion was put to the vote and declared CARRIED. The Motion was then put.

For:
Councillors Marquart, Holstein, Gale Collins,
Pilon, McLachlan and Best

Against:
Mayor Smith and Councillors Mehrtens,
Sundstrom, Matthews, MacGregor, Greenaway,
Vincent and Hogan

The Rescission Motion was put to the vote and declared LOST.

Procedural Motion – Questions on Notice

Moved: **Mayor Smith**
Seconded: **Councillor MacGregor**

Resolved

680/18 That Council consider Questions on Notice before moving in to Closed Session.

For:
Unanimous

Questions on Notice

Q103/18 Webcast Delay
Councillor Troy Marquart

I just had a question to day from someone just in regards to why we have delayed the podcast?

Q104/18 Jasmine Greens Break Ins
Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins

That Council acknowledges Jasmine Greens on the Peninsula Recreational Precinct has been broken into 31 times over a 4 year period. Can Council ensure the contracted Security Company provide footage when break-ins and vandalism occur and ensure building and the door is secure, as well as assist with graffiti removal kit?

Q105/18 Avoca Beach Pre School
Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins

Can the Council please investigate safety and pathway access needs for residents using the Avoca Beach Preschool on Avoca Drive?

Q106/18 Council Minutes Removed from Website
Councillor Lisa Matthews

Can staff please advise why the former Council meeting minutes of former Wyong and Gosford have now been removed from the website?

Response from Brian Glendenning, Executive Manager, Governance

I'm not sure that they have. They have been moved as part of the updating of the website into a different part. One of us will show you where it is.

Q107/18 Register of Art
Councillor Kyle MacGregor

Does Council have a register of all Council owned displayed or administrated art and what management plans of the like do we have regarding the storage, display, purchase or sale of Council owned or administrated artwork?

Q108/18 Breaches of Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act
Councillor Kyle MacGregor

Is Council aware of any breaches of the 88 movement cap under the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act between April 2017 and the date of this meeting? If so, what action is being taken by ourselves or external bodies to ensure compliance with the Act?

Q109/18 Year Round Life Guard
Councillor Jilly Pilon

Given the level of community support for a year round life guard at The Grant McBride Baths, can you please provide a detailed information report regarding operational costs to Councillors via a Council Report?

Q110/18 Smoking at local Skate Parks
Councillor Jilly Pilon

Can you please advise what the policy is for no smoking in local Skate Parks? Is it possible to have a Council sign erected at Banjo's Skate Park and other local Skate Parks stating it's a non-smoking area? There has been a post put on Banjo's Skate Park Facebook site from parents wanting signage there and a ban on smoking.

Q111/18 Petition for Public Toilets at Oval
Councillor Bruce McLachlan

The new Lions Park, Jimmy Jurd Park at Chittaway Bay there was a petition being raised there on the weekend for toilets. Is Council aware of the request for toilets?

Q112/18 Confidential Council Documents
Councillor Louise Greenaway

Is there a time frame after which confidential Council documents become accessible to the public? If so, what is this time frame?

Q113/18 Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act
Councillor Louise Greenaway

What is the fine per breach of the 88 movement cap of the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act?

Q114/18 Food Scrap Recycling
Councillor Doug Vincent

Following on from the previous question on notice, asked at the Council meeting held on 26th March 2018, regarding compostable food scrap recycling, could staff please advise if compostable food scrap bags can be disposed of in the current green waste recycling bins.

Q115/18 Roads
Councillor Jillian Hogan

I understand there is technical criteria within our pavement management system however, in our older suburbs, the roads are deteriorating rapidly. What plans are in place to address the issue?

Closed Session

Moved: Mayor Smith
Seconded: Councillor Sundstrom

Resolved

681/18 That the meeting move into Closed Session.

For:	Against:
Mayor Smith and Councillors Marquart, Holstein, Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Matthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Greenaway, Vincent, Hogan and Best	Councillor Gale Collins

At this stage of the meeting being 10.40pm the meeting moved into Closed Session with the members of the press and public excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session being withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10a of The Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-

2(g) – advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Open Session

Moved: Councillor McLachlan
Seconded: Councillor Best

Resolved

682/18 That Council move back in to Open Session.

For:
Unanimous

The meeting resumed in open session at 11.09pm and the Chief Executive Officer reported on proceedings of the confidential session of the ordinary meeting as follows:

9.1 Rescission Motion - Legal Advice - Commercial Dispute

Councillor Gale Collins declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she is in contact with a member of the Australian Gliders Association. Councillor Gale Collins chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the conflict is minor and does not impact her decision making ability.

Mayor Smith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as she was a former voluntary CEO/Board member of the Community Environment Network (CEN). CEN may have made submissions related to this matter. Mayor Smith chose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as she believes the potential conflict to be minor and will not affect her consideration or decision making on this matter.

Moved: Councillor Best

Seconded: Councillor McLachlan

That Council rescind the following resolution carried at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 July 2018:

612/18 That Council receive and note the correspondence set out in confidential attachment 1 to this report.

613/18 That Council receive and note the legal advice set out in confidential attachment 2 to this report.

614/18 That Council instruct the Acting Chief Executive Officer to pursue the "Recommended Action" set out in this confidential report.

615/18 That Council resolve, pursuant to s. 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that this report and confidential attachments 1 and 2 to this report remain confidential, on the basis this report and attachment 2 contain legal advice from legal practitioners that are subject to client legal privilege, and attachment 1 includes material that if disclosed will be likely to prejudice future negotiations.

For:

*Councillors Marquart, Holstein, Gale Collins,
Pilon, McLachlan and Best*

Against:

*Mayor Smith and Councillors Mehrtens,
Sundstrom, Matthews, MacGregor, Greenaway,
Vincent and Hogan*

The Rescission Motion was put to the vote and declared LOST.

The Meeting closed at 11.10pm.

Item No: 1.3
Title: Notice of Intention to Deal with Matters in Confidential Session
Department: Governance



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Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13278022

Summary

It is necessary for the Council to adopt a resolution to formalise its intention to deal with certain matters in a closed and confidential Session. The report is incorporated in the "Confidential" business paper which has been circulated.

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires the Chief Executive Officer to identify those matters listed on the business paper which may be categorised as confidential in terms of section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It is then a matter for Council to determine whether those matters will indeed be categorised a confidential.

Recommendation

That Council receive the report and note that no matters have been tabled to deal with in a closed session.

Context

Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) states that a Council may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:

- 2(a) *personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors),*
- 2(b) *the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,*
- 2(c) *information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,*
- 2(d) *commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:*
 - (i) *prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or*
 - (ii) *confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or*
 - (iii) *reveal a trade secret,*
- 2(e) *information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,*

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- 2(f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property,*
- 2(g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege,*
- 2(h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.*

Further, the Act provides that Council may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public (section 10A(3))

As provided in the Office of Local Government Meetings Practice Note August 2009, it is a matter for the Council to decide whether a matter is to be discussed during the closed part of a meeting. The Council would be guided by whether the item is in a confidential business paper, however the Council can disagree with this assessment and discuss the matter in an open part of the meeting.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 2.1
Title: NSW Government Architects Urban Design
Implementation Framework Phase 2
Department: Environment and Planning



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Trim Reference: F2010/00500 - D13253407

Author: Gary Hamer, Section Manager, Urban Growth Strategies

Manager: Matthew Prendergast, Unit Manager Strategic Planning

Executive: Scott Cox, Director Environment and Planning

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the Government Architects' Place Reports for City North and City South as well as the Department of Planning and Environment's *Gosford City Centre Revitalisation – Proposed Delivery Mechanisms*.

The report also outlines the key issues raised in Council's Draft Submission (Attachment 2) regarding the abovementioned reports and seeks Council's endorsement to forward the draft submission to the Coordinator General for the Central Coast.

Recommendation

- 1** *That Council endorse the draft submission to Ms Lee Shearer, Coordinator General for the Central Coast in response to the Phase 2 Reports on the Urban Design Implementation Framework and the Gosford City Centre Revitalisation – Proposed Delivery Mechanisms (Attachment 2).*
- 2** *That Council request that the Chief Executive Officer forward the endorsed submission to Ms Lee Shearer, Coordinator General for the Central Coast.*
- 3** *That Council note the submission written by Council staff and forwarded to the Co-ordinator General of the Central Coast on 29 June 2018.*
- 4** *That Council continue to work collaboratively with the Department of Planning and Environment and NSW Government Architects office on the implementation of the Urban Design Implementation Framework, and the preparation of any new planning controls for the Gosford City Centre.*

Background

In November 2017, the Coordinator General for the Central Coast commissioned the NSW Government Architects Office to develop the Gosford City Urban Design Implementation Framework (UDIF).

Phase 1 of the UDIF focused on the Civic Heart, being the area immediately surrounding Kibble Park. Council endorsed a submission on Phase 1 at its meeting of 14 May 2018.

On 28 May 2018, Phase 2 of the UDIF was released for public exhibition. Phase 2 included Place reports for City North and City South as well as the *Gosford City Centre Revitalisation – Proposed Delivery Mechanisms*. Public Exhibition on Phase 2 closed on 29 June 2018.

Council, at its meeting of 28 May 2018, resolved to facilitate community workshops on Phase 2 of the UDIF and requested that the submission period for Phase 2 be extended to 31 July 2018.

On 5 June 2018, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) wrote to Council advising that the period for public consultation and feedback had been extended until 5pm on 29 June 2018. In order to meet this timeframe, a submission was forwarded by council staff to the Coordinator General of the Central Coast on 29 June 2018. A final submission will be forwarded to DPE once the matter has been considered by Council.

Council staff facilitated a Councillor workshop on 17 June and two community workshops on the 18 and 19 June 2018.

The Proposal

The Government Architects 'place based' approach to transformation of the City North and City South focus on the expansion of key assets such as Gosford Hospital, Gosford Train Station and the Gosford Waterfront as part of the strategic planning for the city centre. The place based approach ensures that all levels of government focus on the public domain as a means to connecting the natural environment with the city centre, as well as promoting pedestrian and vehicular connectivity as part of the long term planning of the Gosford City Centre.

The Place Based Reports for City North and City South are supported by urban design principles that promote best practice urban planning and design of the city centre.

City North focuses on connecting the expanded Gosford Hospital, medical precinct and the high schools to the city. This connectivity will spread the benefits of the large investment and development of the health and education precinct across the city centre. City South focuses on linking the city to an activated Central Coast Leagues Club Waterfront Parklands.

The initiatives identified for City North and City South, which include bridge upgrades, a pedestrian bridge connecting the hospital to the city centre, upgrade of the Gosford Railway Station/Interchange, development of a cultural precinct connecting the waterfront and the city centre, and development of a recreation/play area within the Central Coast Leagues Park are considered to be transformative projects that will assist in the revitalisation of the Gosford City Centre.

The *Gosford City Centre Revitalisation – Proposed Delivery Mechanisms* (the Delivery Mechanism) provides the framework for the delivery of a new assessment and determination framework of development applications with the Gosford City Centre, including the ability to vary statutory controls such as height and floor space ratio subject to design excellence criteria.

The Delivery Mechanism also outlines a new legal mechanism to fund State and Regional infrastructure with the introduction of Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) and the amendment of Council's existing contributions plan (*Gosford Civic Improvement Plan*). It also proposes a new schedule of infrastructure works which will outline responsibility for state, regional and local infrastructure to enable better planning for the growth enabled through the revitalisation. Currently, Council levies a 4% contribution for development within the City Centre. The Delivery Mechanism outlines a reduction to the levied contributions to 3% (2% SIC and 1% Local Contribution Plan).

Assessment

1. Assessment and Decision Making Framework

A new *State Environmental Planning Policy (Gosford City Centre) 2018* for Gosford City Centre is proposed. This will mean that the existing controls within *Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014* will no longer apply to Gosford City Centre. This new *State Environmental Planning Policy* (SEPP) will be supported by a new Development Control Plan (DCP) for the Gosford City Centre. This DCP has not been released for community consultation.

The proposed SEPP will amend the current Development Application (DA) Assessment and Determination Framework (Refer Figure 1) so that any development application with a capital investment value of \$10 million dollars or greater will no longer to be assessed by Council. The DPE will undertake the assessment and the Minister for Environment and Planning or the Independent Planning Commission will be the Determination Authority.

In accordance with Council's resolution of 28 May 2018, Council requests that "*it continue to have a significant role and say in the determination and assessment of development applications and therefore remain the consent authority for all development applications for Gosford City Centre (noting the current role of the JRPP)*".

Capital Investment Value	Pathway	Assessment	Determination
More than \$75 million	State Significant Development under the <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011</i> .	Department of Planning and Environment	Minister (or delegate) OR Independent Planning Commission, if the council or more than 20 submitters object, or if the applicant discloses a political donation
\$10m-\$75m	Part 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>	Department of Planning and Environment	Minister (or delegate) OR Independent Planning Commission, if the CIV is more than \$40million and the Council objects
Less than \$10 million	Part 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>	Central Coast Council	Central Coast Council

*Note that regionally significant development arrangements will not apply to proposals in the Gosford City Centre, however proposals could be State significant development for other reasons based on the classes in *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011*.

Figure 1: Proposed Assessment and Determination Framework

2. Land Use Zones

It is proposed to rezone parts of the Gosford City Centre from B3 Commercial Core to B4 Mixed Use, and B4 Mixed Use to B3 Commercial Core under the *Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014* (refer Figure 2). It is also proposed to allow for additional permitted uses within these zones to facilitate mixed use development. No concern is raised with the proposed changes, however Council does request that justification of the zone changes be provided.

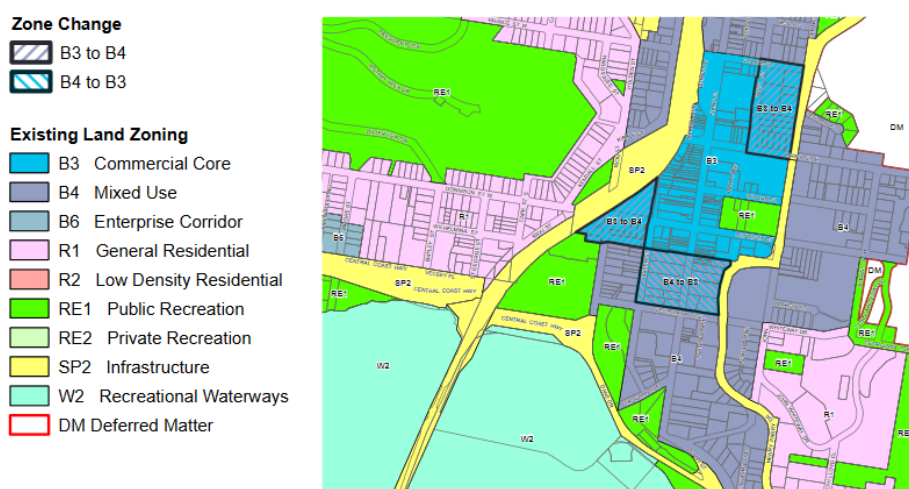


Figure 2: Proposed Zoning Changes

3. Amendments to car parking requirements

The provision of public and private car parking in Gosford City Centre is critical to the long term success of the city centre. No details are provided within the Delivery Mechanism, however any variation to existing car parking requirements should be considered against a city wide car parking strategy.

4. Solar Access

The provision of solar access to key public domain areas within the city centre is a key criteria for design and development of Gosford City Centre. Council supports a balanced approach to the revitalisation of the city centre and the provision of solar access to Kibble Park and Central Coast Leagues Club Park.

The Delivery Mechanism identifies a new solar access control to replace the existing controls within the *Gosford Development Control Plan 2013* (GDGP2013). It is recognised that the approach taken by DPE in the drafting of the control is reflective of best practice across other local government areas, however Council is concerned that the new control will reduce the level of solar access to Kibble Park in comparison to the existing provisions. It is requested that the performance based controls ensure *“that overshadowing of Kibble Park should not deviate from the current planning controls”*, as resolved by the Council, at its meeting of 28 May 2018.

5. View Corridors

Council supports the protection of key view corridors between the City Centre to Presidents Hill, Rumbalara, and the Waterfront.

It is recommended that the proposed SEPP and DCP protect these view corridors and enable through the development assessment framework a performance based approach to views and view sharing from the public domain.

6. Street wall and fine grain

Council supports the approach to reduce the street wall height from the current control with the GDGP 2013 from five storeys down to three storeys as this reduction supports the introduction of a human scale of architecture at the pedestrian level.

Council also supports the retention of a fine grain character at ground level within the podium of future developments. This approach is reflective of the existing approach and represents best practice in re-interpreting the streetscapes within Gosford City Centre. Council requests that all developments irrespective of scale are required to adhere to the street wall and fine grain character requirements as outlined.

7. Bonus provisions (floor space ratio and height)

The new statutory provisions allow for variations to the mapped height and floor space ratio subject to design excellence criteria and lot site and site frontage dimensions being achieved. It is requested that these bonus provisions only apply to development within an identified boundary that reflects a commercial core within the Gosford City Centre to support revitalisation of the core. As exhibited the draft SEPP would allow these bonus provisions to apply to development outside a traditional commercial core and further exacerbate development on the edges of Gosford City Centre and not in the heart of the City Centre where the revitalisation is needed. Whilst Council staff see development opportunities in City North, development further south, particularly in Point Frederick are of concern.

Proposed provisions:	Height and FSR	Clause 4.6	Exception
Small Site <2,800sqm; or <36m primary street frontage	HOB Map FSR (2:1 - 4:1*)	Applies	Minor variations to HOB only
Medium ≥ 2,800 and < 5,600 sqm; or ≥ 36m primary street frontage	HOB Map FSR Map	Applies, except for FSR	Variations to HOB permitted subject to: Design Review Panel Minimum sustainability/ environmental performance (for example, NABERS 5-star rating) Additional commercial floor space
Large ≥ 5,600 sqm	HOB Map FSR Map	Excluded, however may be applied to site criteria for minor variations	Variations to HOB and FSR permitted subject to: Design Review Panel Design Competition process Minimum sustainability/ environmental performance (e.g. NABERS 5-star rating) Additional commercial floor space Site masterplan

* The base FSR will be 2:1, with additional FSR achievable based on a percentage of non-residential uses (up to 4:1 for a wholly non-residential building)

Figure 3: Proposed Exceptions to Floor Space Ratio and Height of Buildings Controls

In addition to the above, the following specific issue are raised:

- For small scale development (i.e. <2800m²) the base FSR of 2:1 can be varied up to 4:1 subject to the provision of "a percentage of non-residential uses". Further clarification is required as to how a variation will be assessed, including what is considered to be a non-residential land use under this clause and how does this clause support revitalization.
- One of the requirements for the variation to the base height and FSR controls on medium and large sites is the provision of "additional floor space". Further clarification is required to how this will be assessed in mixed use developments or stand-alone commercial developments.

- For small scale development (i.e. <2800m²) "*minor variations*" to the base height control is permissible. Clarification on how this provision would be assessed is required.

8. Development Contributions and Infrastructure Provision

The Delivery Mechanism outlines a new legal mechanism to fund State and Regional infrastructure with the introduction of special infrastructure contribution and the amendment of Council's existing levy contributions plan. The new SIC and a revised local contribution rate result in a reduced contribution from 4% (Gosford Civic Improvement Plan) to 3% (2% SIC and 1% Local Contribution Plan). The loss in development contributions has not been justified, nor has any detail been provided on what state and local infrastructure will be provided under these new Plans.

It is also requested that DPE provide further clarification on how a reduced contribution rate will enable state and local government to fund the UDIF implementation, including required drainage and road infrastructure. It is also requested that Council be involved in the identification of a schedule of infrastructure projects and public domain works to be funded under the SIC and Local Contributions Plan. Council also requests increased accessibility and transparency regarding funds collected and the future of these funds.

9. Place Making

The Delivery Mechanism recommends state and regional level strategies and actions, the need to establish a place based approach that is supported by the functions of place management to ensure the proper coordination and activation of key public domain spaces. Council supports this approach and requests that Central Coast Regional Development Corporation and the Department of Planning and Environment collaborate with Central Coast on place making projects within the Gosford City Centre.

Internal Consultation

The UDIF reports were circulated internally to all Business Units. Comments received have informed this submission.

Community Information Sessions

At its meeting held 28 May 2018, Council resolved as follows:

"The Council facilitate a minimum of two workshops to gauge community views in relation to proposed changes to planning in the Gosford City Centre, noting Sect 1.3(j) of the EP&A Act which legislates the requirement to provide increased opportunity for community participation in environmental planning and assessment."

Community information sessions were held in Wyong on Tuesday 19 June and in Erina on Wednesday 20 June.

A total of 32 people (including the Mayor, Jane Smith) attended the information sessions. All attendees were asked to complete a survey which was designed to gauge the level of community interest as required in the Council resolution. A total of twenty survey responses were received. In summary the results of the survey are as follows:

UDIF Place Reports

- 89% of people supported a revitalised Gosford
- 35% of people were supportive or very supportive of the Government architect's vision for the Civic Heart. 35% were not supportive and 30% unsure.
- 65% supported the Government architect's vision for City North. 15% were not supportive and 20% unsure.
- 35% supported the Government architect's vision for the City South. 30% were not supportive and 35% unsure.

Gosford City Centre Revitalisation – Proposed Delivery Mechanisms

- 20% supported the proposed delivery mechanism for planning of the Gosford City Centre. 50% were not supportive and 30% unsure.
- 20% supported the proposed delivery mechanism for infrastructure provision and funding within the Gosford City Centre. 60% were not supportive and 20% unsure.
- 32% supported the proposed delivery mechanism for place making in the Gosford City Centre. 47% were not supportive and 21% unsure.

Conclusion

Phase 2 of Urban Design Implementation Framework provides the guidance for Local and State Government and private development intervention to create a vibrant and active Gosford City Centre that reflects the vision of not only the Council but the community as expressed through the Community Strategic Plan.

This report provides an overview of Council's draft Submission on Phase 2 of the UDIF. It is recommended that Council endorse this submission and support the NSW Government's recent focus on the revitalisation of Gosford City Centre including recent funding commitments for infrastructure and public space upgrades within the Gosford City Centre.

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Attachments

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- The impacts of the proposed delivery mechanism for developer contributions and any potential shortfalls in revenue.
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- Connectivity within the City North and the Civic Heart Precincts.
- Clarification as to the future land uses for City Park including the reactivation of Baker Street Boulevard.
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UDIF Place Reports

- 89% of people supported a revitalised Gosford
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Gosford City Centre Revitalisation – Proposed Delivery Mechanisms

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Executive summary

A revitalised Gosford City Centre will bring investment into the city and attract new residents, business, tourists and cultural activity. Gosford's renewal will help the Central Coast to reach its potential and make the region an even more desirable place to live, work and play.

This Consultation Paper formally starts the conversation about how best to realise the NSW Government's ambition for a multi-faceted revitalisation program for Gosford. The program will be underpinned by the recommendations and design principles in the Urban Design and Implementation Framework (UDIF) prepared by Government Architect NSW.

The UDIF stems from the consensus view that the vision of the *Central Coast Regional Plan 2036* – for Gosford to be the capital of the Central Coast – needs a clear framework with a focus on key places to shape decision-making and prioritise investment.

This Consultation Paper uses the recommendations of the UDIF to outline a package of initiatives to support and encourage revitalisation and investment in Gosford City Centre.

Appendix A sets out the proposed planning controls:

- amending the *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011*, recognising that revitalising the Gosford City Centre can meet the NSW Government's objectives for increased housing and jobs; and
- a proposed Gosford City Centre State Environmental Planning Policy 2018 to bring development controls in the Gosford City Centre into line with the UDIF and Government Architect NSW recommendations.

This is the legal mechanism through which the proposals will be delivered.

Appendix B details a proposed special infrastructure contribution for Gosford City Centre to better align infrastructure planning to the growth enabled through the revitalisation.

This Consultation Paper builds on work by Central Coast Council and the Government Architect NSW to integrate a program of initiatives for the long-term revitalisation of Gosford City Centre.

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Gosford revitalisation program

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Based on the recommendations of the UDIF, the revitalisation of Gosford City Centre is proposed to go beyond changes to the planning framework, and encompass other aspects of city making that have proven to drive revitalisation around the world.

The major components of the revitalisation of Gosford are land use planning, infrastructure (including public domain improvements) and place-based, design-led principles and processes.

This Consultation Paper outlines a program of statutory changes, a special infrastructure contribution and collaborative approaches between Central Coast Council, Central Coast Regional Development Corporation and the Coordinator General for the Central Coast. Specifically, the program will lead to:

- an amended planning framework to promote growth, activity, development and well-located land uses that protect and enhance what makes Gosford attractive and distinctive
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- better infrastructure planning and prioritisation of public domain improvements
- greater opportunities to bring people to the city centre
- better physical and visual connections between precincts.

Revitalisation will allow Gosford City Centre to evolve into a more sustainable, liveable and resilient city. More jobs and housing in the city centre will bring economic, environmental and social benefits to deliver the goals and actions in the *Central Coast Regional Plan 2036*.

Engagement programs conducted by the Department of Planning and Environment, Government Architect NSW and Central Coast Council make it clear that stakeholders support the approach of focusing growth in Gosford City Centre to enhance its function as a regional capital.

Implementation and delivery

A partnership between many stakeholders is essential to success.

To achieve real change and realise the potential of Gosford City Centre, the initiatives in this Consultation Paper are proposed to be cooperatively implemented by the NSW Government, Central Coast Council, the private sector and the community.

The Coordinator General for the Central Coast will guide and oversee the delivery of the initiatives, in part through the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation and the Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee that has been established to oversee implementation of the *Central Coast Regional Plan 2036*.

Some initiatives will have significant short-term benefits, as well as being catalysts for encouraging private investment and stimulating a wider change in the city centre. These include:

- planning initiatives supported by urban design principles and processes, such as a Gosford State Environmental Planning Policy, and clarifying the assessment pathway by amending the *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011*.
- infrastructure initiatives, such as implementing a special infrastructure contribution, expediting open space and social infrastructure improvements and accelerating infrastructure, housing and jobs through funding programs.

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Figure 1: Gosford Revitalisation Program

Previous efforts to stimulate development

Gosford City Centre planning provisions have progressively changed over the last 15 years.

The Gosford City Centre LEP 2007, prepared by the Cities Taskforce, included provisions for the city centre. These were amended and included in the Standard Instrument-consistent Gosford LEP 2014. The Gosford LEP also includes specific provisions for the city centre's south. A *Civic Improvement Plan 2007*, also prepared by the Cities Taskforce, includes a development contributions plan for the city centre.

Other initiatives to stimulate development – including bonuses in allowable height and floor space and reduced developer contributions – have had varying results. It is likely that the bonus scheme led to an increase in applications for residential and mixed use developments over what may otherwise have occurred. However, these have not all translated into construction in the city centre. Reduced developer contributions have limited available funding for public improvements, with a resultant longer lead time in those improvements being provided and a shortfall in available funds.

This Consultation Paper proposes several changes to the planning framework to address these issues.





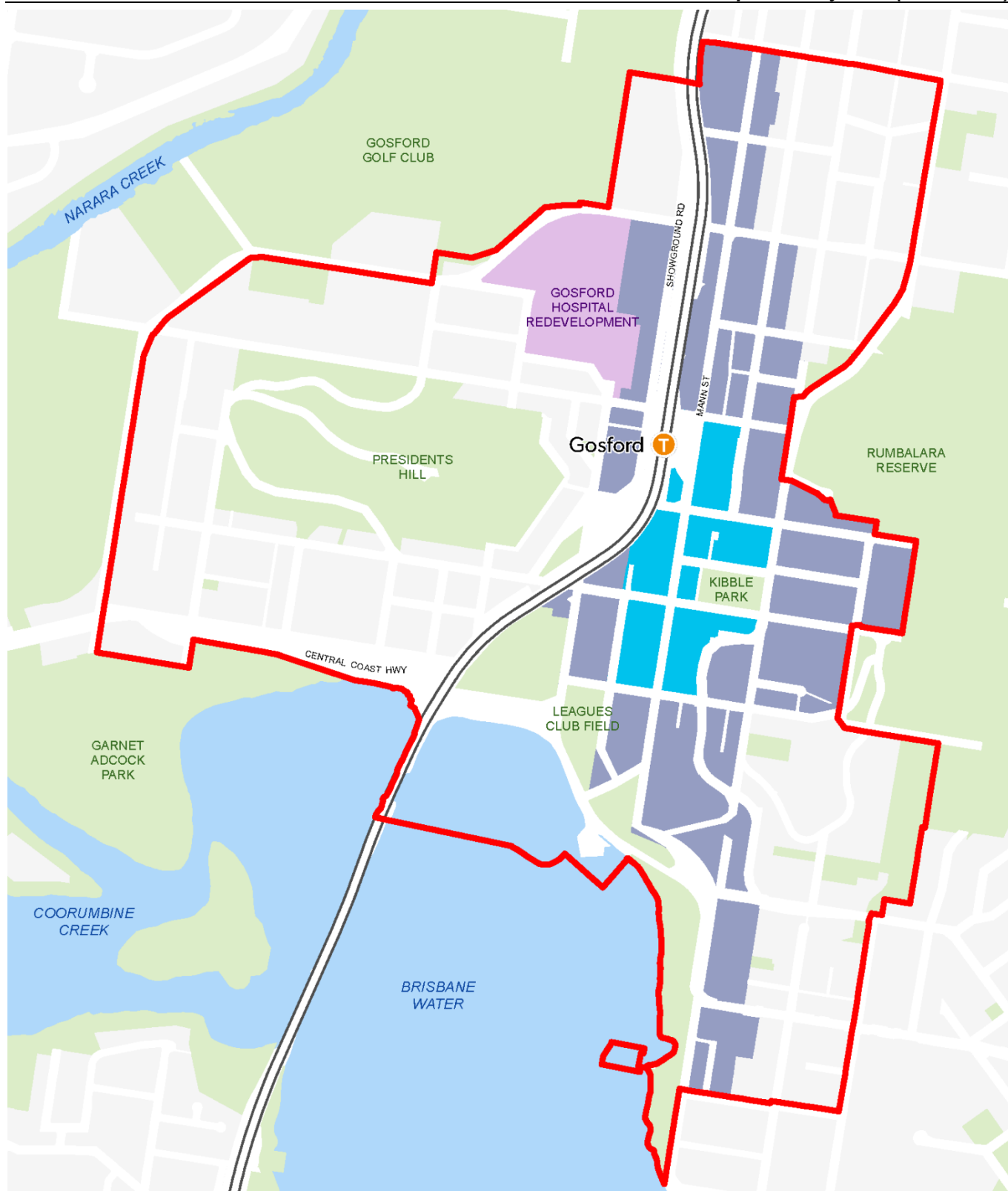
Central Coast Regional Development Corporation

The Central Coast Regional Development Corporation will drive delivery of Gosford City Centre revitalisation.

The Corporation will identify development opportunities to drive job growth and provision of strategic regional facilities in Gosford City Centre by helping to shape market drivers.

The Corporation's Strategic Priorities are:

- 1.** Working with all levels of government and industry to unlock underutilised government-owned lands, repurpose government assets, capture value and facilitate transit-orientated development that contributes to Gosford's role as a regional city.
- 2.** Leading the promotion and branding of Gosford.
- 3.** Delivering public domain and place-based projects with Central Coast Council.
- 4.** Attracting private investment.



Map 1: Gosford City Centre
Gosford NSW



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| Gosford City Centre Boundary | T Railway Station | B4 Proposed Mixed Use Zone |
| Railway | B3 Proposed Commercial Core | |



Have your say

The NSW Government is seeking comments on the proposed approach to land use planning, infrastructure and place.

This Consultation Paper sets out several initiatives for Gosford City Centre's revitalisation. Feedback is specifically sought on:

- the proposed Gosford City Centre State Environmental Planning Policy that would amend the planning controls applying to Gosford City Centre
- proposed amendments to *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2017* so that development over \$10 million is assessed by the Department of Planning and Environment
- a proposed Gosford City Centre Special Infrastructure Contribution and the infrastructure it would fund.

You can provide feedback on this Consultation Paper by:

- making an online submission at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/gogosford
- emailing: centralcoast@planning.nsw.gov.au
- writing to Department of Planning and Environment, PO Box 1148, Gosford, NSW, 2250.

The Department will review all submissions and use this feedback to inform the preparation of the State Environmental Planning Policy and Special Infrastructure Contribution that will be presented to the Minister for Planning for consideration.

Published submissions will include your name and the organisation on whose behalf you may be writing. Contact details, such as email and postal addresses, and telephone numbers are not published. The NSW Department of Planning and Environment reserves the right to not publish selected submissions (in full or part). Please read the privacy statement available on the Department's website, www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy.



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Program Goal 1: Land use planning

The UDIF provides early recommendations to implement simplified, flexible and streamlined development controls for Gosford City Centre:

- provide statutory weight to the UDIF urban design principles
- establish a case management approach to manage major development applications that includes pre-application design review and planning advice
- utilise a Government Architect NSW-led Design Review Panel to promote good design throughout the development process and merit-based assessment processes
- work with relevant agencies to fast track referral processes and provide pre-application advice.

Figure 2: Proposed Response to the UDIF



The UDIF recommends updating planning controls in the Gosford City Centre to remove complexity, protect and enhance what makes Gosford attractive and create an efficient framework for revitalisation and growth. It recommends processing these amendments quickly to provide a clear framework to help shape development proposals and decision making and avoid a protracted period of uncertainty.

This new approach will provide a framework for investment and development, recognising that, like other cities, Gosford City Centre needs to be continually designed as it transforms.



Proposed amendments to the planning framework

Implement a design-led approach to planning

Strengthen solar access and view corridor controls

Strengthen street frontage, building separation and setback controls

Apply an enhanced design excellence process to guide exceptions to height and floor space controls

Simplify and rationalise local provisions and development standards

Remove 24-metre minimum street frontage requirement from the B4 zone

Remove provisions that are no longer required

Review car parking standards

Development Control Plan considerations

Increase mixed use opportunities and preserve the commercial core

Protect Gosford City Centre's commercial function as a regional city

Expand the B4 Zone to increase mixed use development opportunities

Provide a clear assessment and determination framework

Classify certain development as of Regional or State Significance

Coordinate and fast track the agency referral process

Accelerate civic improvement works

Implement a design-led approach to planning

Gosford's location between two hills is one of the city's defining characteristics. Rumbalara Reserve rises east of Kibble Park forming part of a longer natural reserve system that extends to Katandra Reserve and beyond.

Gosford's harbour, network of waterfront parkland and areas of natural bush, closely connects the urban centre with its natural environment.

Kibble Park has the potential to be the city centre's civic heart, connecting the green spaces surrounding the city. It is the only significant open space in the City Civic Heart.

Strengthen solar access and view corridor controls

The UDIF recommends providing enough sunshine and open views to the surrounding bushland by:

- locating development height, setbacks and street walls to minimise overshadowing of Kibble Park and the public domain
- protecting solar access to public places ensuring that at least 50 per cent of Kibble Park and 70 per cent of Leagues Club field receives sunlight for four hours between 9am and 3pm at the winter solstice
- retaining view corridors through to Presidents Hill and Rumbalara Reserve.

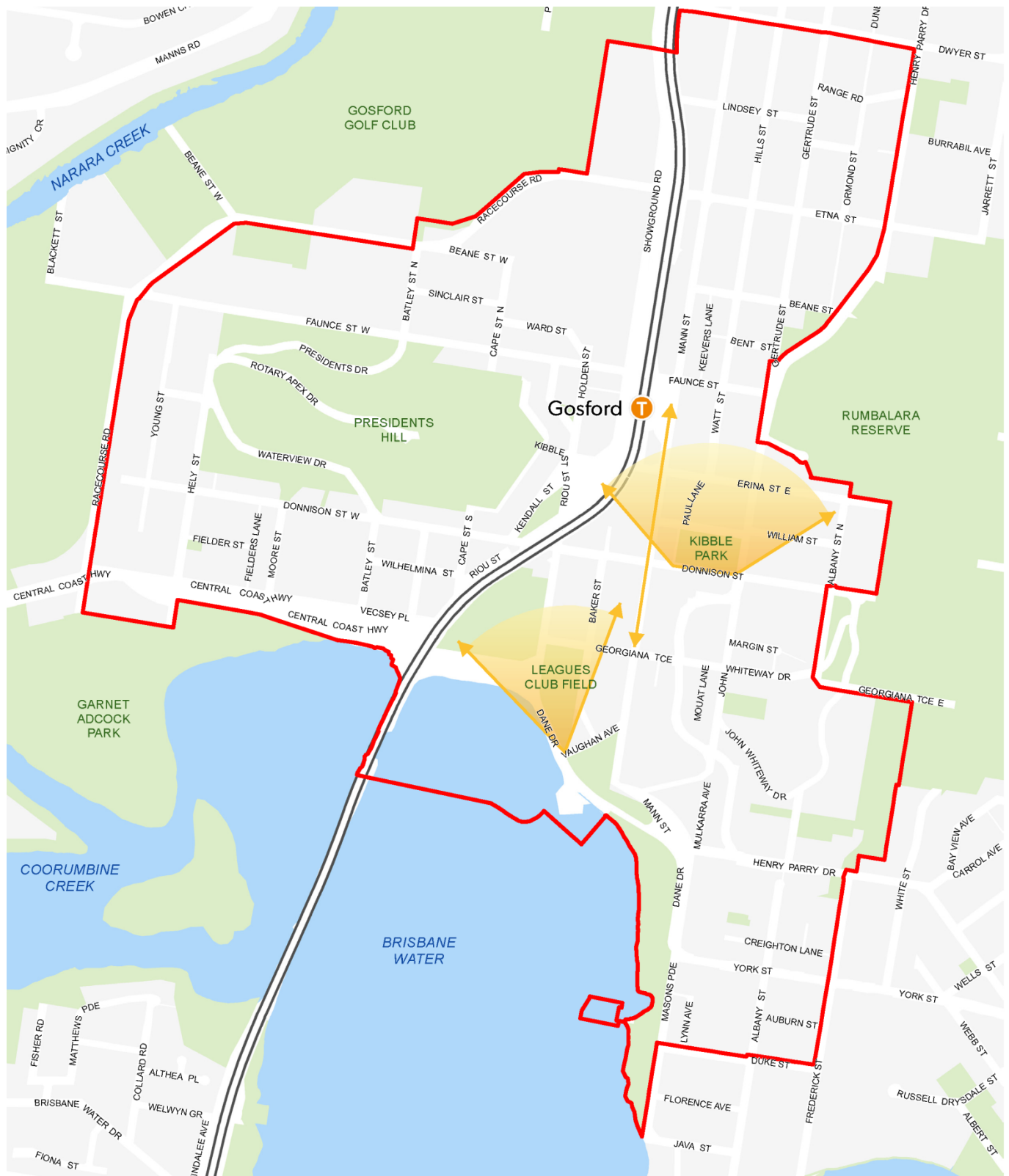
It is proposed that the sun access, street vistas and view corridors in the following indicative maps be used in the development assessment process. A maximum podium height of three storeys around the fringe of Kibble Park and along Mann Street at the street level is also proposed.

Strengthen street frontage, building separation and setback controls

Maximum street wall and façade heights on certain sites in the city centre is proposed to achieve a comfortable street environment for pedestrians in terms of scale of development, overshadowing and visual impact at the street level in clearly identified locations and maximum wall heights. It is also proposed to identify building separation and building setbacks.

These controls will help to preserve the character of Mann Street and other key locations, protect views and openness of the city, protect residential amenity and privacy, and ensure solar access to the public domain and important recreation areas.





Map 2: Open Space and Sun Access
Gosford NSW



- Gosford City Centre Boundary
- Sun Access Area
- ↔ Sun Access Corridor
- T Railway Station
- Railway



Map 3: Street Vistas & View Corridors
Gosford NSW

- Gosford City Centre Boundary
- → Street vista to landscape
- → Street vista to water
- View Corridors
- T Railway Station
- Railway



Apply an enhanced design excellence process to guide exceptions to height and floor space controls

The Gosford LEP 2014 requires the consent authority to be satisfied that a development or an alteration to an existing building exhibits design excellence. However, no associated design excellence review process applies to Gosford City Centre.

The recommendations of the NSW Government Architect (the UDIF, and the Urban Design Principles and Built Form Principles in each Place Based Report) will guide development proposals in the city centre by forming part of the heads of consideration for development applications.

New provisions are proposed to simplify access to increased height and FSR when specified site requirements are met and when enhanced design excellence processes are met.

Where increased heights are possible, these will respect the topographical character of the city centre, with building heights following the visual ridge lines of Rumbalara Reserve and Presidents Hill.

The new provisions have been framed to avoid the loss of existing entitlements, while clarifying the parameters by which existing height and FSR standards can be exceeded. For smaller sites, FSR controls will be simplified whilst maintaining existing height controls. The presentation of the height of building and floor space ratio maps has been altered, by excluding local roads, to provide clear and transparent planning controls.

Proposed provisions:	Height and FSR	Clause 4.6	Exception
Small Site <2,800sqm; or <36m primary street frontage	HOB Map FSR (2:1 - 4:1*)	Applies	Minor variations to HOB only
Medium ≥ 2,800 and < 5,600 sqm; or ≥ 36m primary street frontage	HOB Map FSR Map	Applies, except for FSR	Variations to HOB permitted subject to: Design Review Panel Minimum sustainability/ environmental performance (for example, NABERS 5-star rating) Additional commercial floor space
Large ≥ 5,600 sqm	HOB Map FSR Map	Excluded, however may be applied to site criteria for minor variations	Variations to HOB and FSR permitted subject to: Design Review Panel Design Competition process Minimum sustainability/ environmental performance (e.g, NABERS 5-star rating) Additional commercial floor space Site masterplan

* The base FSR will be 2:1, with additional FSR achievable based on a percentage of non-residential uses (up to 4:1 for a wholly non-residential building)

Simplify and rationalise local provisions and development standards

Planning provisions applying to Gosford City Centre are complex and are being reviewed to provide greater certainty to investors regarding potential development outcomes for land in Gosford City Centre.

Gosford LEP 2014 contains principal development standards and additional local provisions that apply to development in Gosford City Centre. Most planning controls are applicable across the city centre, and some provisions are specific to certain zones or specific to location.

Gosford Development Control Plan 2013 provides supplementary detailed built form controls.

Reviewing existing development standards contained in Part 8 of Gosford LEP 2014 will support revitalisation and reduce complexity.

Remove 24-metre minimum street frontage requirement from the B4 zone

Current development standards seek to encourage amalgamation of smaller lots to achieve the efficient development of land and design of buildings (Clause 8.4 in the Gosford LEP 2014).

A review of opportunity sites and amalgamation opportunities indicates some sites in Gosford City Centre are unlikely to be able to be amalgamated.

The UDIF emphasises the importance of the city centre's fine grain character and recommends removing the requirement of a minimum 24-metre street frontage to allow for smaller and fine-grained development, particularly for sections of Mann Street where fine grain building and frontages are part of the character of the area and provide a diversity of spaces and building types. Smaller sites are also more likely to come forward in the short to medium term.

It is proposed to remove Clause 8.4 containing the requirement for a minimum 24 metre street frontage from the B4 (Mixed use) zone.

Remove provisions that are no longer required

It is proposed to remove Clause 8.9 and Clause 8.10 in the Gosford LEP 2014, which have ceased operation or are no longer applicable.

Clause 8.9 (Development Incentives) aimed to stimulate development by temporarily allowing an increase of 30 per cent bonuses in allowable height and floor space. The clause ceased operation after 2 April 2016 and is no longer needed.

Clause 8.10 (Development requiring the preparation of a development control plan—South Mann Street) accords with a site-specific development control plan which has been incorporated into the Gosford DCP 2013 and is also no longer needed.

Review car parking standards

Cities across the world are reviewing car parking standards in city centres that are easily accessed by public transport and offer potential for ride and car sharing. The amount of car parking required, the visual impact of this car parking, and how cars and pedestrians interact, will all affect how Gosford City Centre looks and operates.

The provision of adequate car parking in Gosford is contentious, with competing requirements for resident car parking, visitor car parking, worker parking and commuter car parking.

The UDIF recommends providing commuter parking in the right places. This includes moving it out of the central city core to sites within an 800 metre to one kilometre (10-minute) walk to the train station, with a further recommendation to identify sites suitable for all day car parking outside the city centre core in the short term together with the provision of shuttle bus services. This frees the inner core for short-term parking.

Mann Street must be protected as the high street for people. As such, it is proposed that no new parking entries will be accessed from Mann Street or key places such as Kibble Park. In response, these streets may be mapped as 'active street frontages' with a supporting provision to meet the intention for these streets to be pedestrian friendly and, where possible, not used for vehicular access points into buildings.

Gosford DCP 2013 requires on-site parking to be provided underground to manage the visual impact of car parking in the city centre. Anecdotal evidence indicates that the cost of car parking adds significantly to the cost of development, which challenges development feasibility. In other cases, it is not possible to provide underground car parking for geotechnical reasons. This issue is further exacerbated by minimum car parking requirements for all types of development, both in the LEP and in the DCP.

Car parking provisions are proposed to be amended to:

- Review and update car parking development standards and supporting development controls, and reduce car parking requirements where appropriate;
- Provide greater flexibility for the provision of parking above ground, where underground parking isn't possible or suitable on that site, subject to the parking being sleeved car parking; and
- Provide greater flexibility for reduced parking provision, during development application stage, where it can be supported by a technical report and where the consent authority is satisfied that the provision of parking is adequately provided elsewhere.

Development Control Plan considerations

The Development Control Plan (DCP) provides additional detailed planning and design guidelines to support the planning controls applying to Gosford City Centre.

The Department of Planning and Environment will make a DCP to support the SEPP.

The DCP will be prepared using recommendations of the NSW Government Architect NSW within the UDIF and Place Based reports. This will include reflecting the Urban Design Principles and Built Form Principles and the proposed updates to built form development standards and the requirements for building separation and tower setback.

Proposed DCP provisions will be published for public comment under the provisions of the *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.



Increase mixed use opportunities and preserve the commercial core

The UDIF recommends amending planning controls to permit additional mixed use development in the city centre, while still protecting the commercial core related to its regional capital role.

Recently, the preferred development outcomes in the Gosford City Centre have been standalone residential flat buildings. Placing a requirement for these developments to have ground floor retail and commercial components could create token retail elements and vacant shopfronts. Instead, additional residential development should be permitted across the city centre and retail and commercial activity consolidated around existing commercial, civic and cultural activity.

Protect Gosford's commercial function as a regional city

As a regional city with increasing commercial activity, Gosford must continue to provide local jobs for to the Central Coast. Revitalisation projects elsewhere (such as Newcastle) demonstrate that maintaining commercial activity is critical to revitalisation. Commercial activity will allow the city centre to support a scale of employment that aligns with its regional capital role.

The UDIF recommends protecting the commercial core in "appropriate areas and on key sites which can support large floor plates". This responds to the existing low-grade commercial floor space - with 'A-Grade' commercial floor space generally limited to the new Australian Tax Office (ATO) building.

In response, a B3 (Commercial Core) zone in the city centre would be retained and the provisions would be amended to allow residential development on the third level, with floorplates and ceiling heights that could be converted to commercial floor space when demand allows.

The aim is to rationalise the current B3 (Commercial Core) zoned area around Mann Street, Kibble Park and towards the waterfront, where commercial activity has recently expanded, via the ATO and Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) buildings. This will enable an evolution of the commercial core around existing commercial and civic functions and allow housing to be developed around this area.

Expand the B4 Zone to increase mixed use development opportunities

The UDIF recommends expanding the B4 (Mixed Use) zone to allow for more mixed use development to increase the number of residents in the city centre and support greater retail and night-time activity.

B4 (Mixed Use) permits a range of compatible activities, including commercial and retail development, cultural and entertainment facilities, tourism, leisure and recreation facilities, social, education and health services and higher density residential development.

Recently, significant residential development has been approved in existing mixed use areas and additional mixed use development locations have been identified. This will build a livelier, more attractive and safer city.

The proposed changes to controls would rezone certain B3 (Commercial Core) land away from Mann Street to B4 (Mixed Use) to increase the mix of housing and other mixed use opportunities.

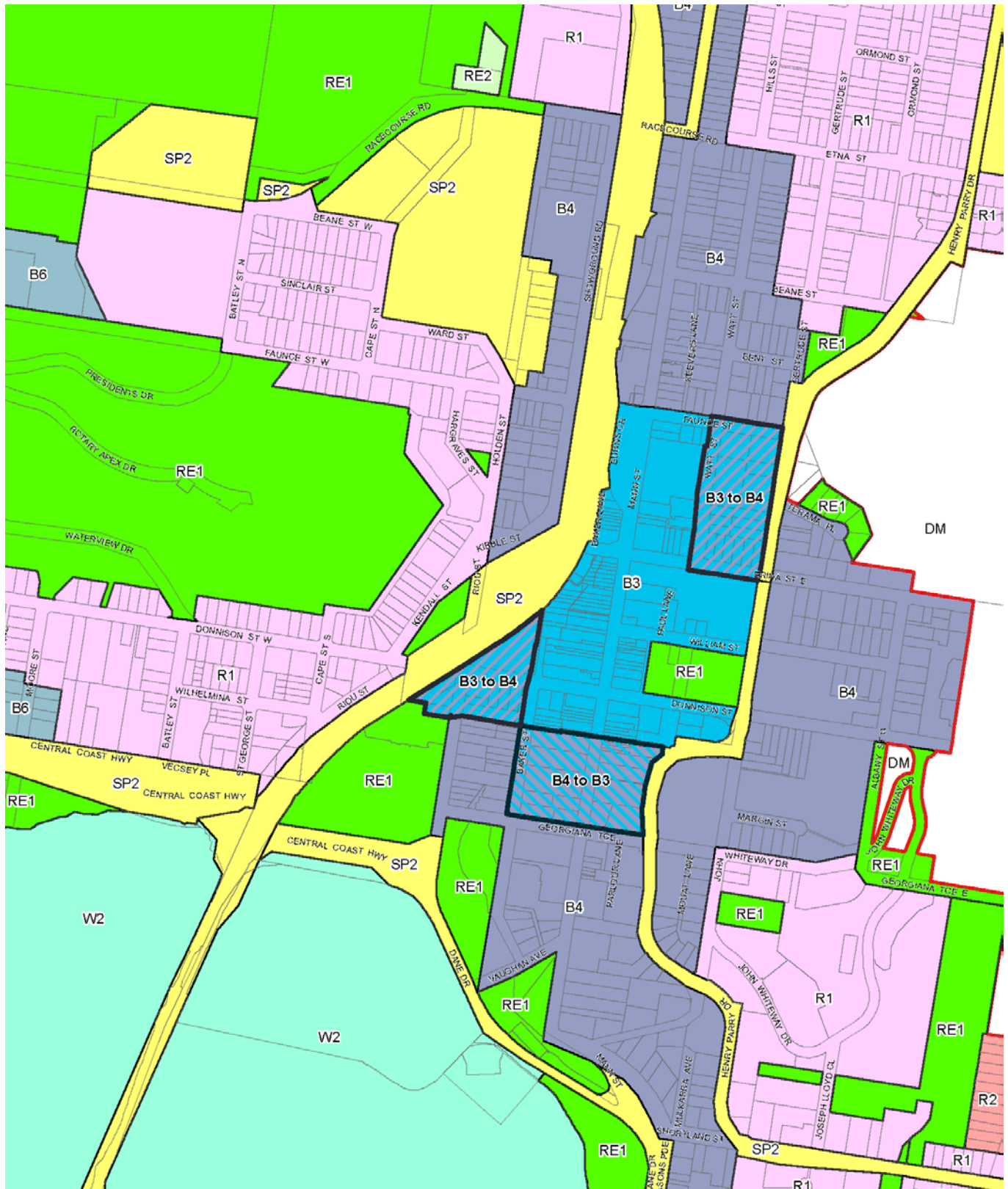
Provide a clear assessment and determination framework

Classify certain development as being of Regional or State Significance

Gosford City Centre can deliver more housing and jobs through its role as the capital of the Central Coast and its ability to provide jobs closer to where Central Coast residents live.

The city centre is a major centre for commuting to Sydney. It has good transport accessibility with potential visitor catchment from neighbouring communities of approximately 172,000 people. It can be accessed by the broader Central Coast population of approximately 339,550 people.

The proposed changes to planning controls outline a specific approach to the assessment of development in Gosford City Centre. After the Central Coast Council comprehensive LEP has been developed and adopted, applications will be assessed by Central Coast Council in line with the relevant policies contained within it.



Map 4: Proposed Land Zoning
Gosford NSW



Zone Change	Existing Land Zoning	R1 General Residential	SP2 Infrastructure
B3 to B4	B3 Commercial Core	R2 Low Density Residential	W2 Recreational Waterways
B4 to B3	B4 Mixed Use	RE1 Public Recreation	DM Deferred Matter
B6 Enterprise Corridor	RE2 Private Recreation		

Certain types of development are identified as being State Significant no matter what their capital investment value, examples include new educational establishments, hospitals and tourist and recreational facilities. The assessment process for those types of development will remain as is.

Coordinate and fast track the agency referral process

The UDIF recommends the Department of Planning and Environment work with agencies and utility providers to develop fast-track referral processes for development in the city centre.

The Central Coast Coordinator General and the Department will work with agencies and Council to streamline technical referrals for development proposals and to identify any issues or opportunities early in the process, preferably prior to application lodgement.

Accelerate civic improvement works

Civic improvements are traditionally carried out by Council or by developers as part of their planning consents. It is proposed to include a provision that would enable civic improvements and activation activities to be carried out by, or on behalf of, Council or Central Coast Regional Development Corporation without development consent on any land if:

- the development does not have a capital value exceeding \$1 million
- it meets the recommendations and design principles outlined in the UDIF.

This will enable Council or Central Coast Regional Development Corporation to undertake civic improvements and activation activities to Kibble Park, Leagues Club Field and Burns Place without delay.

Proposed Assessment Process:

Capital Investment Value	Pathway	Assessment	Determination
More than \$75 million	State Significant Development under the <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011</i> .	Department of Planning and Environment	Minister (or delegate) OR Independent Planning Commission, if the council or more than 20 submitters object, or if the applicant discloses a political donation
\$10m-\$75m	Part 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>	Department of Planning and Environment	Minister (or delegate) OR Independent Planning Commission, if the CIV is more than \$40million and the Council objects
Less than \$10 million	Part 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>	Central Coast Council	Central Coast Council

*Note that regionally significant development arrangements will not apply to proposals in the Gosford City Centre, however proposals could be State significant development for other reasons based on the classes in *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011*.

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Program Goal 2: Infrastructure for revitalisation

The UDIF provides early recommendations on infrastructure requirements and developer contributions:

- prepare an updated schedule of infrastructure projects and public domain works
- prepare a revised local development control plan based on this updated schedule
- finalise Central Coast Council's review of the existing local contributions plan and other approaches to developer contributions and be transparent on how contributions are spent
- prioritise funding on projects identified in the UDIF that will have a high impact and build confidence
- apply a special infrastructure contribution to help fund the delivery of some of the key pieces of State and regional infrastructure required to support the revitalisation of Gosford City Centre.

Figure 3: Proposed Response to the UDIF



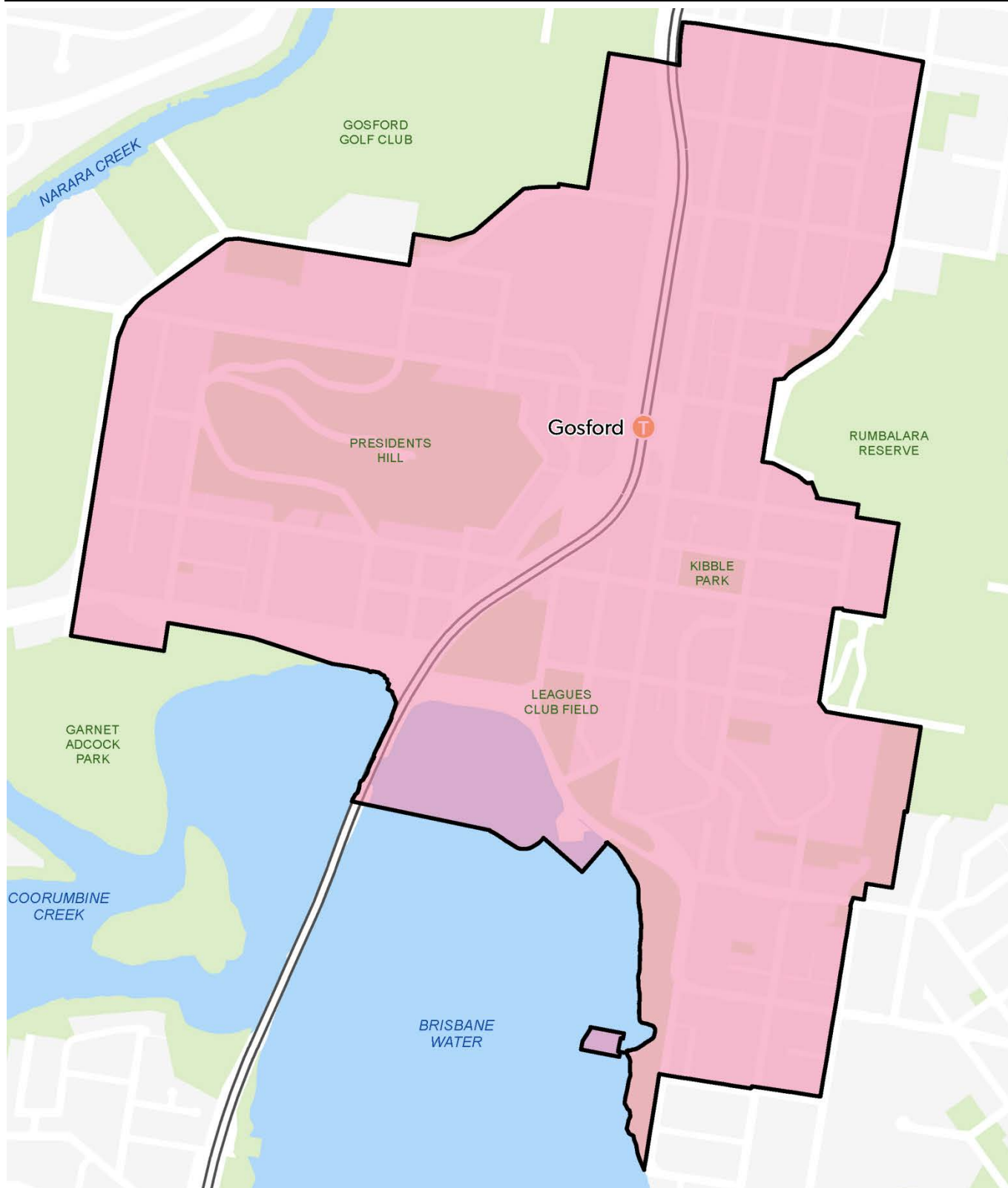
The NSW Government is upgrading Gosford Hospital and has invested in the new Department of Finance, Services and Innovation building and expansion of TAFE.

For this investment to catalyse a successful revitalisation, coordinated planning, funding and delivery of infrastructure projects is required. The lack of a clear line of sight between developer contributions and how they are spent reduces confidence for all involved in the process, including the development industry.

Opportunities exist to better align Council, NSW Government and other funding sources with growth infrastructure projects.

The proposed approach to infrastructure planning for Gosford City Centre will:

- clarify Central Coast Council's and the NSW Government's infrastructure priorities
- better leverage funding collected through developer contributions
- increase transparency on the expenditure of developer contributions
- align a range of public funding towards Gosford City Centre infrastructure priorities
- support in-kind contributions where more efficient.



Map 5: Gosford Special Contribution Area
Gosford NSW



- Gosford Special Contribution Area
- T Railway Station
- Railway

Prioritise infrastructure in the city centre

Prepare a list of infrastructure priorities and public domain

The Department of Planning and Environment will work with Central Coast Council, agencies and infrastructure providers to align infrastructure needs and priorities, including the public domain improvements identified in the UDIF.

Improving public domain infrastructure is a clear priority for community and industry and will underpin the revitalisation of Gosford City Centre. The UDIF identifies public domain improvements to knit together three focus areas: City North, Civic Heart and City South. These works include:

- improvements to Kibble Park, Leagues Club Field and Burns Place and a potential new public space in City North
- a new pedestrian and cycling bridge to connect Gosford Hospital, Gosford High School and regional facilities on the west side of the railway to the core and north of Gosford City Centre
- upgrades to the bridges on Etna Street and Donnison Street.

Development contributions alone will not be sufficient to fund the required infrastructure and as such other funding sources and approaches to delivery will be required.

Work will continue to prioritise public domain and infrastructure improvements based around the above works with funding from the NSW Government, Central Coast Council and developer contributions used to deliver the works.

Leverage contributions in the Gosford City Centre

Development contributions collected in Gosford City Centre will be leveraged by the NSW Government working with Council to update the *Civic Improvement Plan 2007* and introduce a special infrastructure contribution (SIC) for the Gosford City Centre.

A Special Infrastructure Contribution is a levy paid by developers to share the cost of delivering the infrastructure required to support new development and growth. The SIC funds a variety of infrastructure types.

Contributions are collected for new developments within a defined boundary called the special contributions area. Sharing the cost of growth infrastructure is an important principle. Both regional and local infrastructure contributions will be used to fund infrastructure in Gosford City Centre.

To achieve this, the NSW Government is proposing to update local contributions that apply to development in Gosford City Centre and introduce a SIC to fund regional infrastructure.

The approach taken for the Gosford City Centre may differ from that being investigated for a broader Central Coast Region SIC, which will identify additional infrastructure funding and delivery opportunities and apply to areas outside the city centre.

Update local contribution plans

Local infrastructure contributions are collected by Council in line with the *Civic Improvement Plan 2007*. Specific city centre projects include development of a waterfront precinct and a cultural centre. These projects were identified prior to 2007 as important to the city centre's character and sustainability. As at April 2018, Council has collected more than \$8.1 million in contributions towards projects in the *Civic Improvement Plan 2007*.

The NSW Government will work with Council to expedite the delivery of local infrastructure set out in the *Civic Improvement Plan 2007* through a targeted spending plan that will clarify which items remain a priority, where contributions are expected to be spent and the timeframe for delivery.

The *Civic Improvement Plan 2007* will be updated to include an infrastructure schedule of projects and public domain works that will guide the collection and expenditure of local infrastructure contributions. This will be based around the prioritised public domain infrastructure improvements previously outlined.

The NSW Government and Council will work together to develop a new local contribution plan through section 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The proposed update will encourage and incentivise development with development costs of between \$20,000 and \$1million.



Principles for the Gosford City Centre SIC

Apportion infrastructure cost to growth

Share infrastructure costs across all development that generates demand for infrastructure to achieve a more equitable distribution of costs.

Identify the type of development suitable for contributions

Identify what development types create demand for infrastructure and match costs to the type of development to achieve fairer contribution amounts.

Identify potential exceptions

Exempt schools, places of public worship and public hospitals. Consider exemptions for other uses that provide a public benefit.

Identify priority infrastructure for funding

Apply special infrastructure contributions to partly fund regional infrastructure, public domain works and community facilities. It cannot be applied to water supply or sewerage services.

Apply contributions

Simplify the special infrastructure contribution by charging a percentage of the development cost for all types of development.

Monitor and implement

Monitor growth data throughout implementation to prioritise infrastructure as growth occurs.

Calculating the SIC rate

Developer contributions can impact the feasibility of development; the existing local infrastructure plan and interface with a SIC must be rationalised to support growth.

A two per cent charge could be collected for regional infrastructure under the proposed SIC and a separate local infrastructure contribution of one per cent collected by Council for local infrastructure. These rates are subject to feasibility testing.

The ability for the development industry to pursue works in kind arrangements, such as a developer delivering infrastructure or dedicating land for the provision of infrastructure, will be investigated as a means of paying a SIC.

Compiling the SIC infrastructure list

In addition to infrastructure projects in the UDIF, and necessary public domain works advocated for by community, other inclusions on the regional infrastructure list could be:

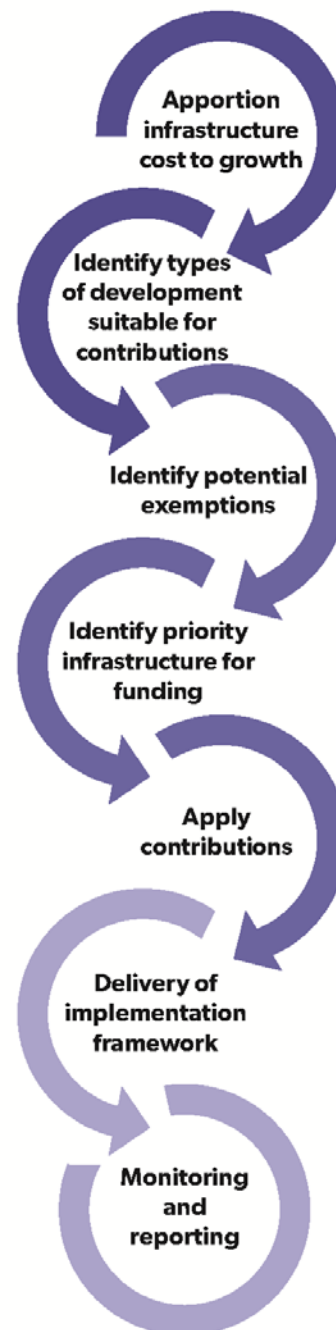
- improvements to Kibble Park
- a pedestrian connection over the rail corridor to connect the hospital, school and station
- Etna St and Donnison Street Bridge upgrades.

Land use planning work is helping to identify additional regional infrastructure needs to support growth. These will be shared with agencies to understand the cost implications and potential funding sources. The NSW Government will work with Council to align infrastructure priorities and investment.

The SIC will only seek to recover a portion of funding required to deliver regional infrastructure projects. Money collected will need to be combined with other funding from agencies. Aligning Gosford infrastructure priorities with agency capital programs will help secure both funding and a clear commitment to delivery.

If you would like to nominate regional infrastructure that supports growth, please make a submission at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/gogosford

Figure 4: Steps in applying a SIC



Applying the SIC

The proposed SIC will apply to all new development in the Gosford City Centre shown as the special contributions area on Map 5 that exceeds a development cost threshold of \$1 million. The proposed procedure for determining the cost of development will be based on those used by Council for their local contribution plans, as outlined in clause 25j of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. The cost of development would include the costs of all out works associated with building works, change of use and subdivision. Some costs are excluded from the development cost calculation. See Appendix B for further detail. A cost report would need to be submitted with the development application.

Council's threshold value for collection of local contribution plans will remain at \$250,000. The SIC plan would have a higher threshold to reflect regional infrastructure's natural relationship with larger-scale growth. The SIC is not intended to levy minor development such as alterations and additions and small-scale development.

A limited number of development types that serve a public benefit will be exempt from paying a SIC. This may include development for schools, places of worship and public hospitals. Appendix B lists the proposed exemptions.

Monitoring and reporting

The Department of Planning and Environment will monitor and annually report on development activity and contributions collected to inform the funding priorities. The Department will also report on collection and expenditure of SIC contributions.

This will involve collection of population and housing data, reprioritisation of infrastructure to adapt to forecasted growth, and snapshots of contributions collected and spent. Input from Central Coast Council, agencies, and the development industry will be essential.

Identify infrastructure funding and delivery opportunities

The Department of Planning and Environment will identify a range of infrastructure funding and delivery opportunities in addition to the contributions collected through a SIC. The Department will provide growth data and infrastructure priorities to agencies, including Transport for NSW, Roads and Maritime Services, the Department of Education and NSW Health to inform capital programming.

	Local Infrastructure Contribution	Special Infrastructure Contribution
A development with a Development Cost of <\$250,000	No Local Infrastructure Contribution required	No Special Infrastructure Contribution required
A development with a Development Cost of \$250,000 - \$999,999	1% of cost Local Infrastructure Contribution required	No Special Infrastructure Contribution required
A development with a Development Cost of \$1M or more	1% of cost Local Infrastructure Contribution required	2% of cost Special Infrastructure Contribution required

Facilitate housing through infrastructure

The Housing Acceleration Fund seeks to facilitate new housing by funding critical infrastructure projects. Since 2012, the Fund has set aside over \$900 million towards infrastructure, with an additional \$600 million made available in 2017-18. Housing Acceleration Fund investments include road infrastructure, and critical electricity, water supply, sewer and drainage projects.

Gosford City Centre is expected to support over 13,000 new dwellings over the next 20 years. With critical infrastructure challenges hindering the realisation of new growth opportunities, the NSW Government will investigate opportunities to use the Housing Acceleration Fund to resolve infrastructure blockages in the Gosford City Centre, in the short term.

Other funding opportunities

The Department will continue to look at other opportunities to align Gosford City Centre's infrastructure priorities with appropriate funding opportunities. This could include one-off grant funding opportunities or utilisation of other State funding, such as Restart NSW.

Unlock surplus or underutilised government land

The full utilisation of NSW Government assets is an important component when assessing infrastructure requirements and provisions for funding. The Department is investigating existing and dispersed NSW Government-owned sites to identify renewal opportunities.

The Central Coast Regional Development Corporation will work with Property NSW to develop business cases to coordinate this asset renewal.

Next steps for creating the Gosford City Centre SIC

- **the NSW Department of Planning and Environment will seek nominations on regional infrastructure that supports growth in Gosford**
- **government Architect NSW will finalise recommendations informing an infrastructure list that supports growth**
- **a Special Infrastructure Contribution Determination and associated infrastructure list will be prepared**
- **the Department, Council, agencies and private sector infrastructure providers will continue to provide infrastructure through other infrastructure planning and delivery processes.**

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Program Goal 3: Great Places

The UDIF provides early recommendations to revitalise Gosford as a place:

- develop place-based strategies to focus activity and investment in key places
- establish a place manager to focus on the use and activation of these places
- prioritise public transport investment to connect people across the Central Coast into Gosford to support its regional capital role
- prioritise the place-based integrated transport plan with a car parking strategy
- fast track the car parking review and strategy
- use the Coordinator General role to maintain momentum and integrate approaches
- coordinate activity, especially around NSW Government-owned land and projects.

Figure 5: Proposed Response to the UDIF



The UDIF proposes an approach to revitalisation that puts public domain and people first. This is described as a place-based approach. It recognises that Gosford is a compilation of buildings and a network of well-connected places that will create an attractive city with lively streets.

A place-based approach creates social, economic and environment benefits for the community. It encourages growth, supports investment and creates places that attract people to live, work and visit.

In Gosford City Centre, this will require:

- strong leadership and collaborative governance arrangements, including community, business and government partnerships
- initiatives to improve how the built environment look and feels, to bring more people into the city centre
- improvements to public areas
- making it easier to access and move around the city.



Planning for a place

A multi-faceted approach to the planning, design, maintenance and management of public spaces helps to create places that promote health and wellbeing.

The notion of place relates to how it is used. It is a social and physical concept – a physical setting, point or area conceived and designated by people and communities. It describes different scales of the built environment. For example, Kibble Park, the Civic Heart, City North and City South, as well as a building, can all be a place.

Why is this important?

The built environment influences the quality and wellbeing of the people and communities who inhabit it. Cities, precincts, suburbs, places and individual buildings shape daily experiences and the way people live. How they are planned, designed and constructed, managed and maintained is important to health, happiness and prosperity.

What makes great places?

Great places are considered, cohesive and well-designed. They put people very much at the centre. Creating great places requires place-based planning, supported by a design-led way of thinking. This approach needs strong leadership, effective governance and the buy-in of key stakeholders.

Improve the public domain

Public domain improvements will be prioritised through the collection and expenditure of development contributions and identification of grant funding opportunities. NSW Government funding and development contributions will provide initial funding to enable improvements to the public domain, including improvements to Kibble Park, Leagues Club Field and Burns Place.

Improve parking and access

Most workers and visitors travel to Gosford by car and most Gosford residents own a private vehicle. This creates a city with high car dependency and related car parking issues.

The car will continue to be the key transport mode in the short term. While it needs to be accommodated, car parking needs to be designed to be repurposed as public transport access improves and private transport needs evolve.

The UDIF recommends fast tracking work, as identified under Program Goal 1, to address traffic and car parking issues to facilitate easy access to the city centre.

In response to transport and parking issues, a Traffic and Parking Subcommittee has been established with representatives from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Central Coast Council, Roads and Maritime Services and Transport for NSW to coordinate the response.

The Subcommittee will monitor the impacts of renewal and prepare a network study to support the car parking strategy.

The Coordinator General and the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation will work with key agencies to facilitate these solutions.

Investigate a facade improvement program

A facade improvement program would support commercial property owners and businesses wishing to improve the overall appearance of their buildings. The program could include guidance on colour schemes, planting, character elements and signage, and be coordinated by Central Coast Council, Gosford Business Improvement District Incorporated or the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation.

Consider tactical urbanism approaches

Tactical urbanism is the term given to the implementation of small-scale and relatively small budget renewal projects to make places more attractive to pedestrians. This approach allows public authorities to respond to private investment as it occurs and spreads the benefits of revitalisation.

These early changes would build community interest and momentum and test ideas for future permanent changes.

Attract more people to the city centre

The revitalisation of Gosford City Centre is not only about making the city a great place to live and work, but also a great place to visit. Gosford needs places that offer art and music, entertainment, active nightlife and green open spaces.

Opportunities to attract more people in the city centre include:

- using branding and promotion to attract people and investments
- holding events and activating open spaces including Kibble Park and the waterfront
- working with businesses and the community to coordinate initiatives to promote a night time and weekend economy
- working with tourism operators to strengthen the visitor economy
- bringing streets and public spaces to life with a series of activations, pop-up events and projects for specific places
- providing opportunities for residents and businesses to think about shared spaces and how they can be used
- investing in wider footpaths, street furniture and outdoor dining infrastructure.

There is an opportunity to build on existing events and activities and encourage more activities and events into Gosford City Centre at places like Kibble Park, Leagues Club Field and the waterfront.

GoGosford

The Department of Planning and Environment launched a community engagement campaign called 'GoGosford' in February 2018 to drive community support for revitalisation of Gosford.

People were asked about their impressions of Gosford, what is required to make it a thriving regional capital and whether revitalisation was important. Most (83 per cent) respondents believe the revitalisation of Gosford is of high importance to the broader Central Coast. Following on from this campaign, and learning from other regional cities like Newcastle (see case study), a place marketing approach is proposed to support Gosford City Centre's revitalisation.

Renew Newcastle, Renew Adelaide, Renew Townsville, Made in Geelong and Pop-up Parramatta seek to revitalise and activate empty spaces. A Renew Gosford program was initiated in 2011, with a pop-up gallery experience. Revitalisation offers the opportunity for Central Coast Council and the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation to utilise this project model in Gosford, revitalising empty spaces and encouraging interesting and exciting projects.

A combined a place-based and place marketing approach will entice investment to energise the city centre, and attract new residents, business, tourists and cultural activity.

GoGosford Information Centre

The Department of Planning and Environment opened the Central Coast Regional Plan Information Centre on the corner of Mann and Donnison Streets in February 2018. People can find out more about the Regional Plan, how it impacts their day-to-day lives and give their feedback.

This space could be reinvented as the information centre for revitalisation of Gosford, a place where the community can visit and see what is planned, what is happening now and how the city centre will transform.

A flexible work hub close to home

Nearly a quarter (23 per cent) of employed Central Coast residents travel outside of the region for work each day. Around 4,000 of these are NSW Government employees who live on the Central Coast and commute to Greater Sydney.

The NSW Government opened a flexible work hub pilot for Central Coast-based NSW Government employees in office space behind the Information Centre in March 2018. The work hub is a partnership between the Department of Planning and Environment and Property NSW that can accommodate up to 45 people a week.

The work hub brings residents into Gosford City Centre while providing more options for Central Coast commuting residents and a life-changing opportunity to work closer to home.

The flexible work hub pilot will test shared office systems for potential use in the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation building.



Strengthen leadership and collaborative governance

Gosford City Centre's revitalisation needs to establish leadership and collaborative governance arrangements at a region, city and place level from the outset.

The Central Coast Coordinator General will drive implementation of the *Central Coast Regional Plan 2036*, including the revitalisation of Gosford City Centre. This will require coordination between State agencies, Central Coast Council, the local community and industry groups.

This role will be supported by a range of organisations:

- Central Coast Delivery Coordination and Monitoring Committee is the governance framework to coordinate implementation of the *Central Coast Regional Plan 2036*
- Central Coast Regional Development Corporation will support the revitalisation and is tasked with identifying development opportunities to drive economic growth
- Central Coast Council will partner with the NSW Government to represent the community as the city centre is revitalised. Council undertakes many strategies that support the revitalisation program
- Gosford Business Improvement District will represent the business community and drive promotion activities. It has formed strategic partnerships with community, business and government sectors
- Other agencies and stakeholders include NSW Health, NSW Education, TAFE NSW and universities
- A Place Manager will be established by the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation to foster stronger community, business and government partnerships, with oversight of activity that impacts Gosford City Centre.

Case Study: Newcastle City Centre – A partnership approach

Initiatives that support place, design and revitalisation in Newcastle could be applied to Gosford City Centre to build on investment, new commercial developments, and the work of Council and the Gosford Business Improvement District and the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation.

Revitalise Newcastle is the NSW Government's \$650 million investment program related to the long term lease of Newcastle Port that includes new light rail, the Wickham Transport Interchange and proposed bus interchange and redevelopment. It also includes activation activities while the light rail is constructed, and new places along the former heavy rail corridor, such as a new Civic heart, heritage conservation and interpretation, active green spaces, places for families, and walking and cycling.

Renew Newcastle is a not-for profit organisation that connects owners of vacant floor space within the Newcastle City Centre with temporary tenants who are often entrepreneurs, artists and community groups. The program has generated activity and investment in buildings that could otherwise have been vacant, contributing to the strengthening of the arts and culture movement and supporting the ongoing revitalisation of the city centre. Landowners have also benefited from having their buildings tenanted, improvements being made by tenants and areas becoming more attractive to long-term tenants.

Newcastle City Council programs include its Smart City program, walking and cycling infrastructure investment and supporting events such as the Supercars and festivals and markets. Given the existing NBN provision at Gosford City Centre, the opportunity exists to leverage this and existing wi-fi provision to establish a similar Smart City initiative supporting changes in innovation, education, mobility, public infrastructure, way finding and promotion of the city centre.



Future development
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Appendix A

Proposed planning controls

Proposed State Environmental Planning Policy for Gosford City Centre

1. Introduction

The Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) is proposing to introduce a State Environmental Planning Policy (the proposed SEPP) which will contain provisions relating to Gosford City Centre. This discussion paper explains the intended effect of the proposed SEPP.

The proposed SEPP will amend Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014 (Gosford LEP) to implement aspects of the policy by relocating and replicating relevant provisions of the LEP to the SEPP. The SEPP will adopt standard provisions which exist in the current version of the Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014 which can be accessed at - <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2014/42/full> as well as propose new controls to apply to Gosford City Centre.

Gosford LEP 2014 will no longer apply to the Gosford City Centre.

A supporting Development Control Plan (DCP) will be prepared by the Secretary of the Department to support the intended effect of the SEPP. The DCP will not form part of this discussion paper, however it will be an important guide to achieve the best design and built form outcomes in Gosford City Centre.

2. State Environmental Planning Policy (Gosford City Centre) 2018

It is proposed to amend the SEPP to apply to all land in the Gosford City Centre boundary (as shown on the land application map).

2.1. Part 1 Preliminary

1. Name of Plan

State Environmental Planning Policy (Gosford City Centre) 2018

2. Commencement

This SEPP will commence on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3. Aims of Plan

Apply relevant provisions of the Gosford LEP 2014 (Clause 1.2 and Clause 8.1) in the proposed SEPP, with recommendations of the Government Architect NSW (contained within the Gosford Urban Design and Implementation Framework 2018).

4. Land to which Plan applies

This SEPP would apply to Gosford City Centre as shown on the Land Application Map which identifies the Gosford City Centre boundary.

5. Definitions and notes

Apply relevant provisions of the Gosford LEP 2014 (Clause 1.4 and Clause 1.5) in the proposed SEPP, with any necessary changes to support the intended effect.

6. Assessment Authority

In Gosford City Centre, the proposed assessment framework is:

Capital Investment Value	Pathway	Assessment	Determination
More than \$75 million	State Significant Development under the <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011</i>	Department of Planning and Environment	Minister (or delegate) OR Independent Planning Commission, if the council or more than 20 submitters object, or if the applicant discloses a political donation
\$10m-\$75m	Part 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>	Department of Planning and Environment	Minister (or delegate) OR Independent Planning Commission, if the CIV \$40million or more and the Council objects
Less than \$10 million	Part 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>	Central Coast Council	Central Coast Council

Regionally significant development arrangements will not apply to proposals in the Gosford City Centre, however proposals could be State significant development for other reasons based on the classes in State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011.

Development in the B6 (Enterprise Corridor) zone will continue to be assessed by Central Coast Council.

7. Maps

Apply relevant provisions of the Gosford LEP 2014 (Clause 1.7) in the proposed SEPP, with any necessary changes to support the intended effect.

It is proposed to include the following maps in the SEPP to support the planning controls:

- Land Application map
- Land Zoning map
- Height of Building map
- Floor Space Ratio map
- Lot Size map
- Heritage Map
- Additional Permitted Uses Map
- Acid Sulfate Soils Map
- Active Street Frontages Map (if required)
- Land Reservation Acquisition Map (if required)

It is proposed to simplify the Height of Buildings and Floor Space Ratio maps to reduce complexity and provide clear and transparent planning controls

8. Repeal of planning instruments applying to land

All local environmental plans and deemed environmental planning instruments applying only to the land to which this Plan applies are repealed.

9. Savings provision relating to development applications

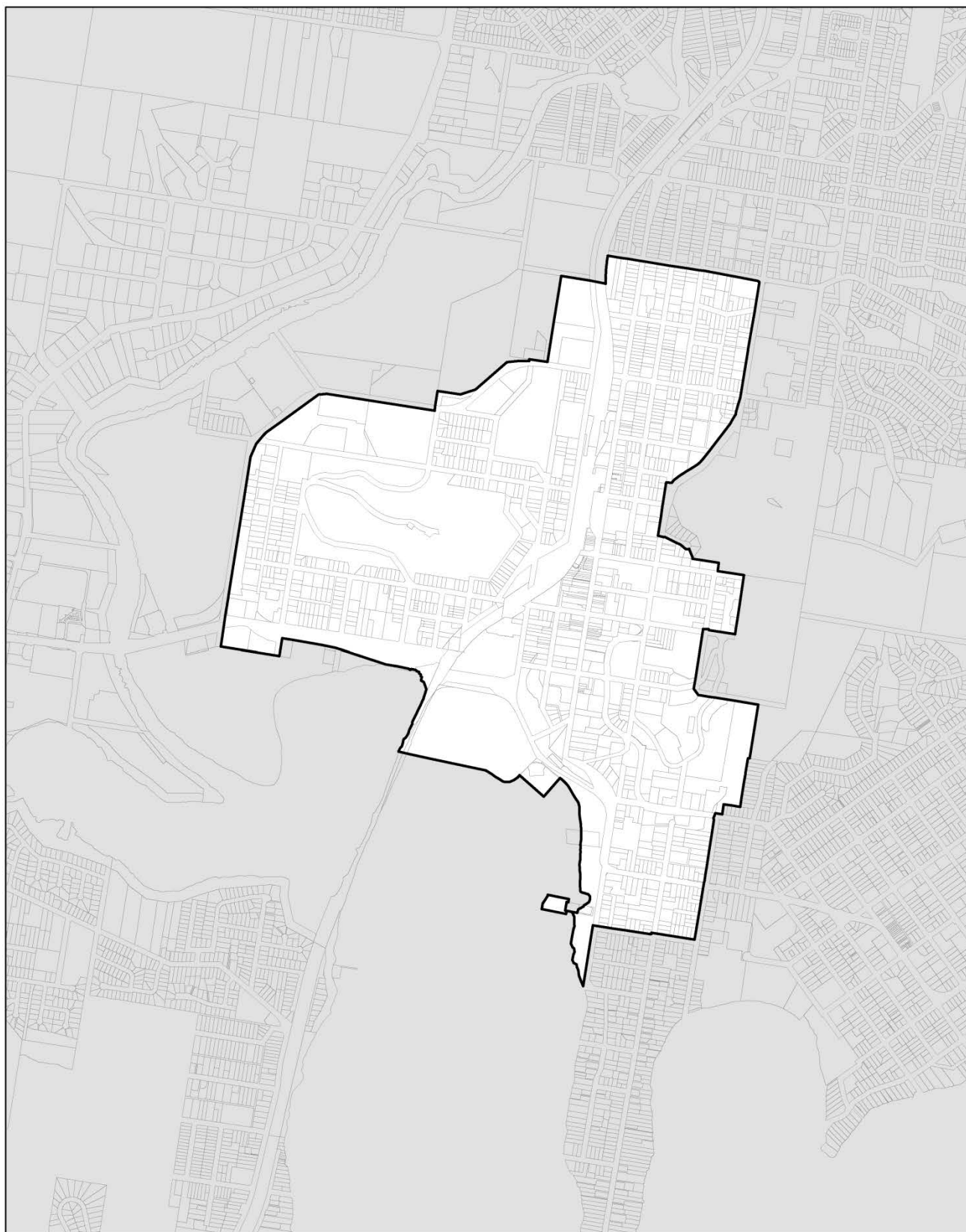
Apply relevant provisions of the Gosford LEP 2014 (Clause 1.8A) in the proposed SEPP.

10. Application of other SEPPs

This Plan is subject to the provisions of any State environmental planning policy that prevails over this Plan.

11. Suspension of covenants, agreements and instruments

Apply relevant provisions of the Gosford LEP 2014 (Clause 1.9A) in the proposed SEPP.



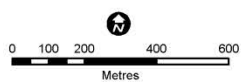
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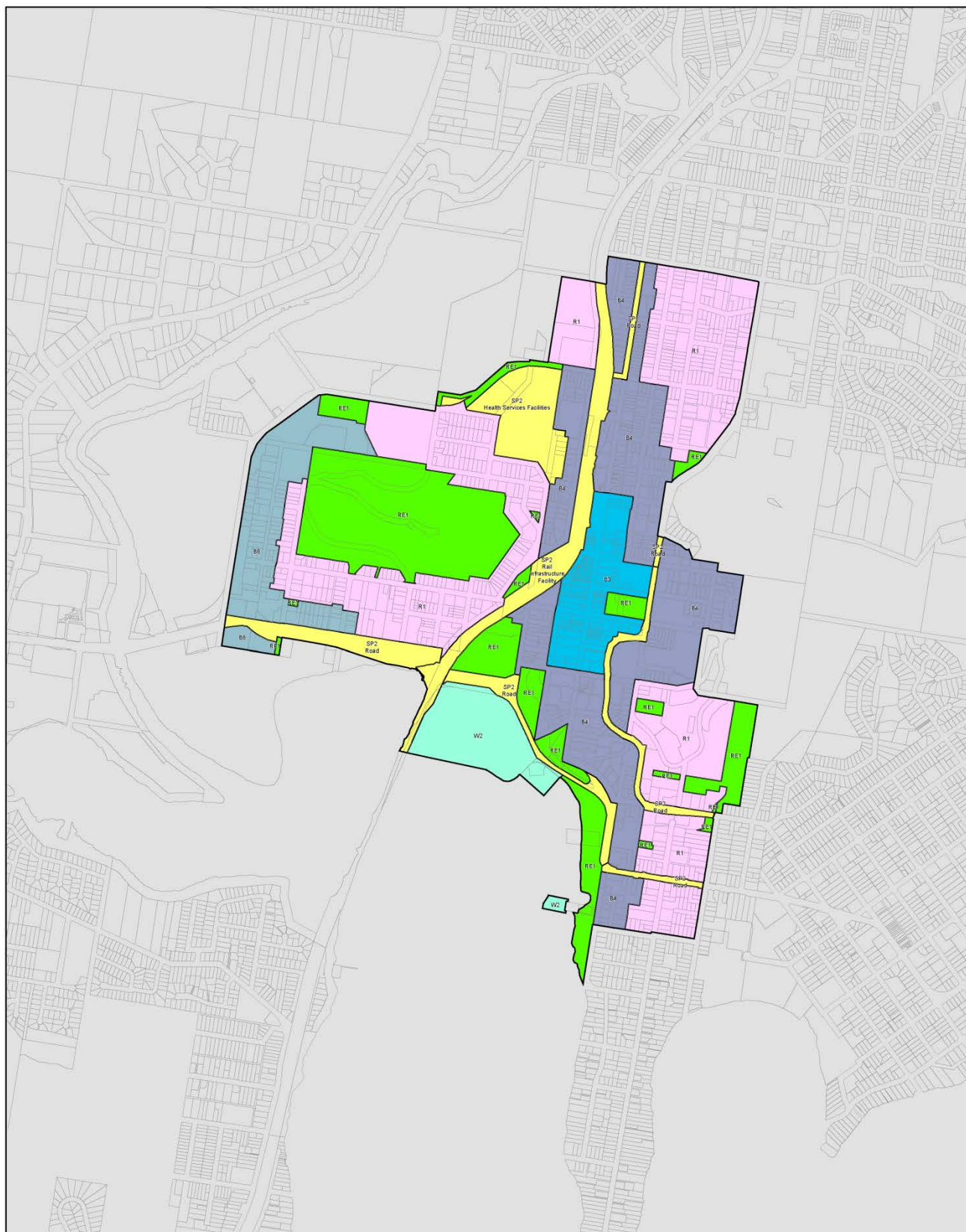
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State Environmental Planning Policy (Gosford City Centre) 2018

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Zone

E3 Commercial Use	R2 Low Density Residential
B4 Mixed Use	RE1 Public Recreation
B6 Enterprise Corridor	SP2 Infrastructure
R1 General Residential	W2 Recreational Waterways
	Gosford City Centre

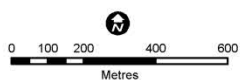
Gosford City Centre - Land Zoning Map

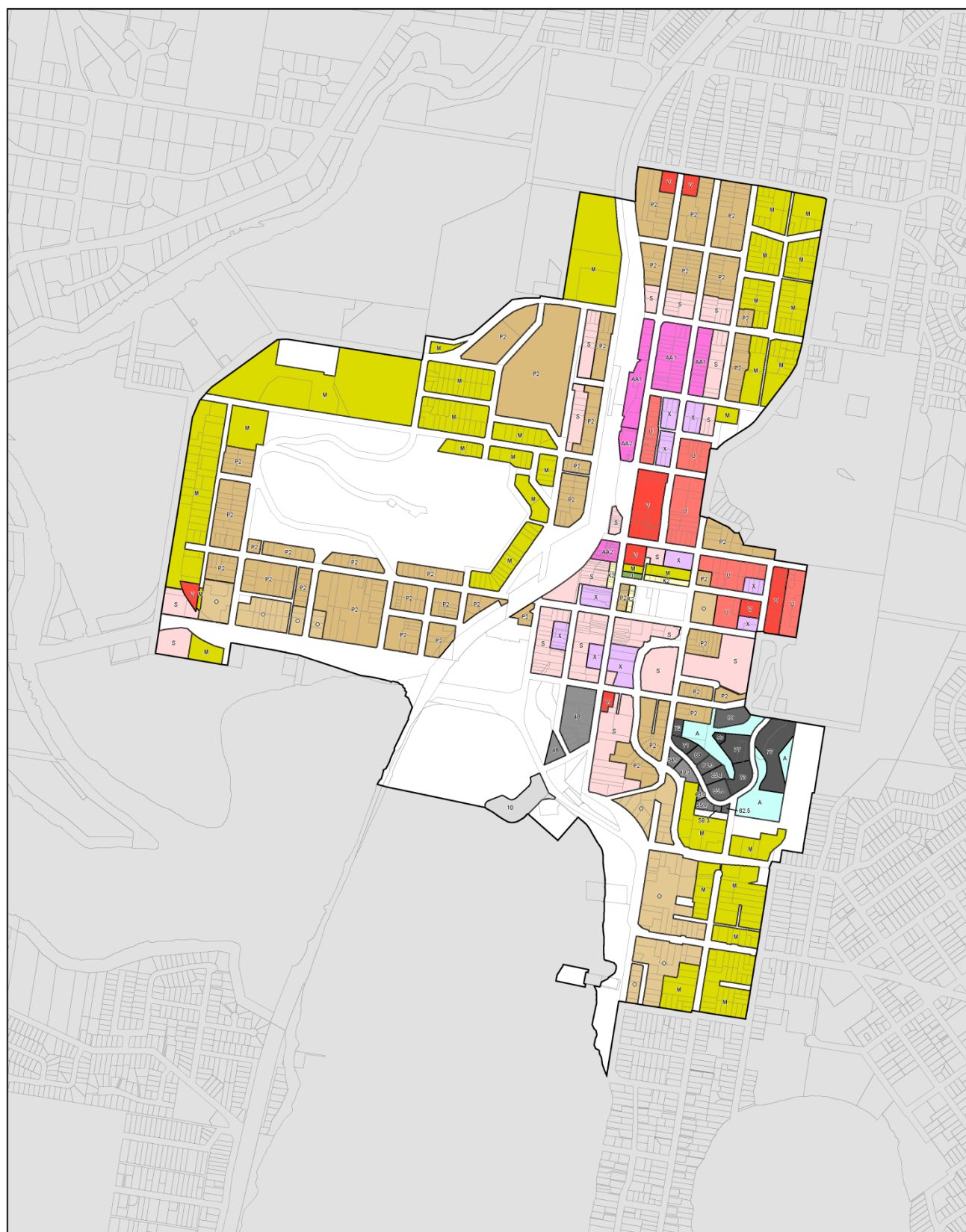
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Maximum Building Height (m)	
A	0
AA1	60
AA2	72
J	9
K2	10.5
M	12
O	15
P2	18
S	24
U	30
V	36
X	48

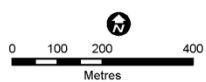
Maximum Building Height (RL)	
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	30 - 39.9
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	50 - 59.9
	60 - 69.9
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	80 - 89.9

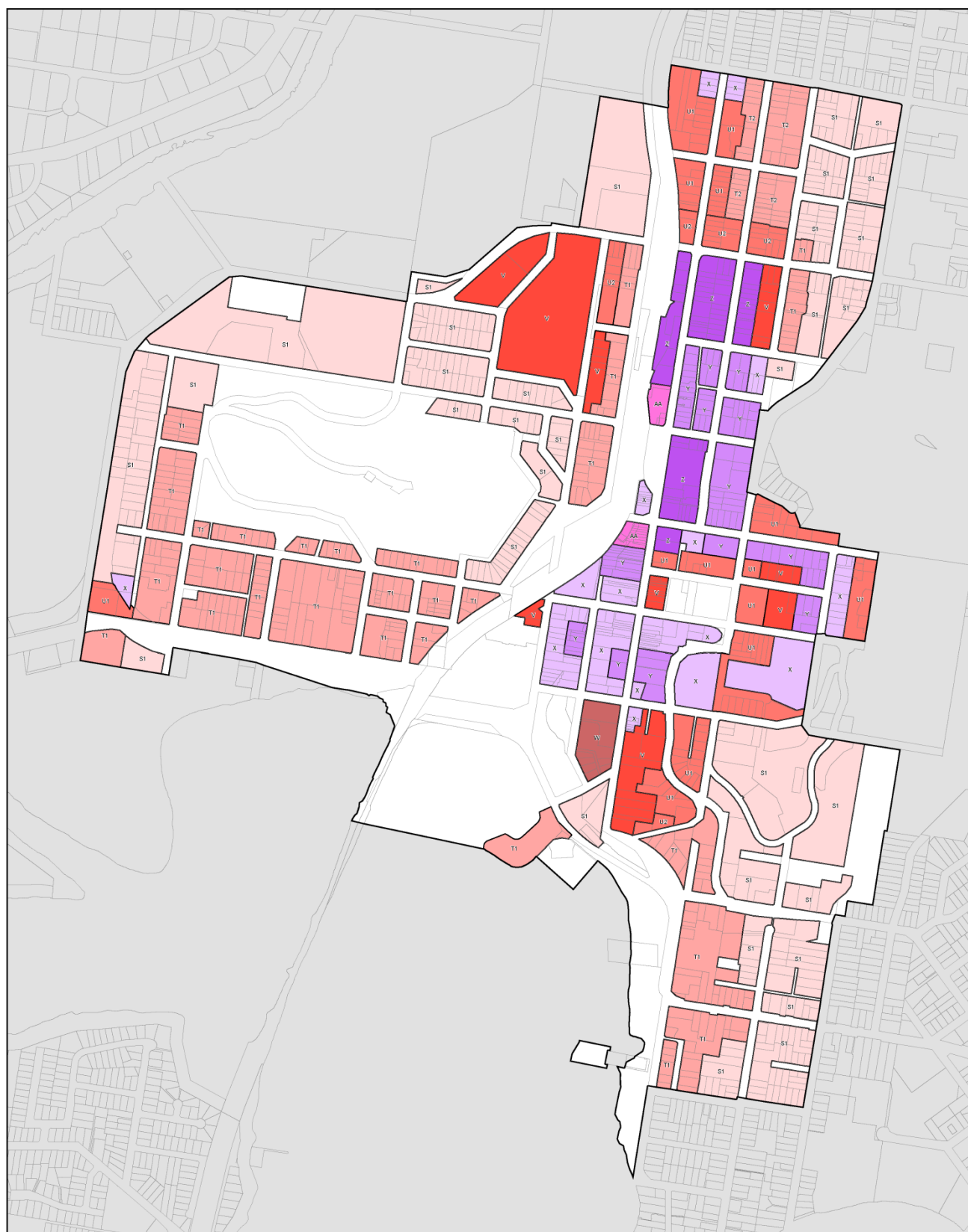
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Maximum Floor Space Ratio (n:1)

AA	6	X	4
S1	1.5	Y	4.75
T1	2	Z	5
T2	2.25		
U1	2.5		
U2	2.75		
V	3		
W	3.5		

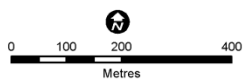
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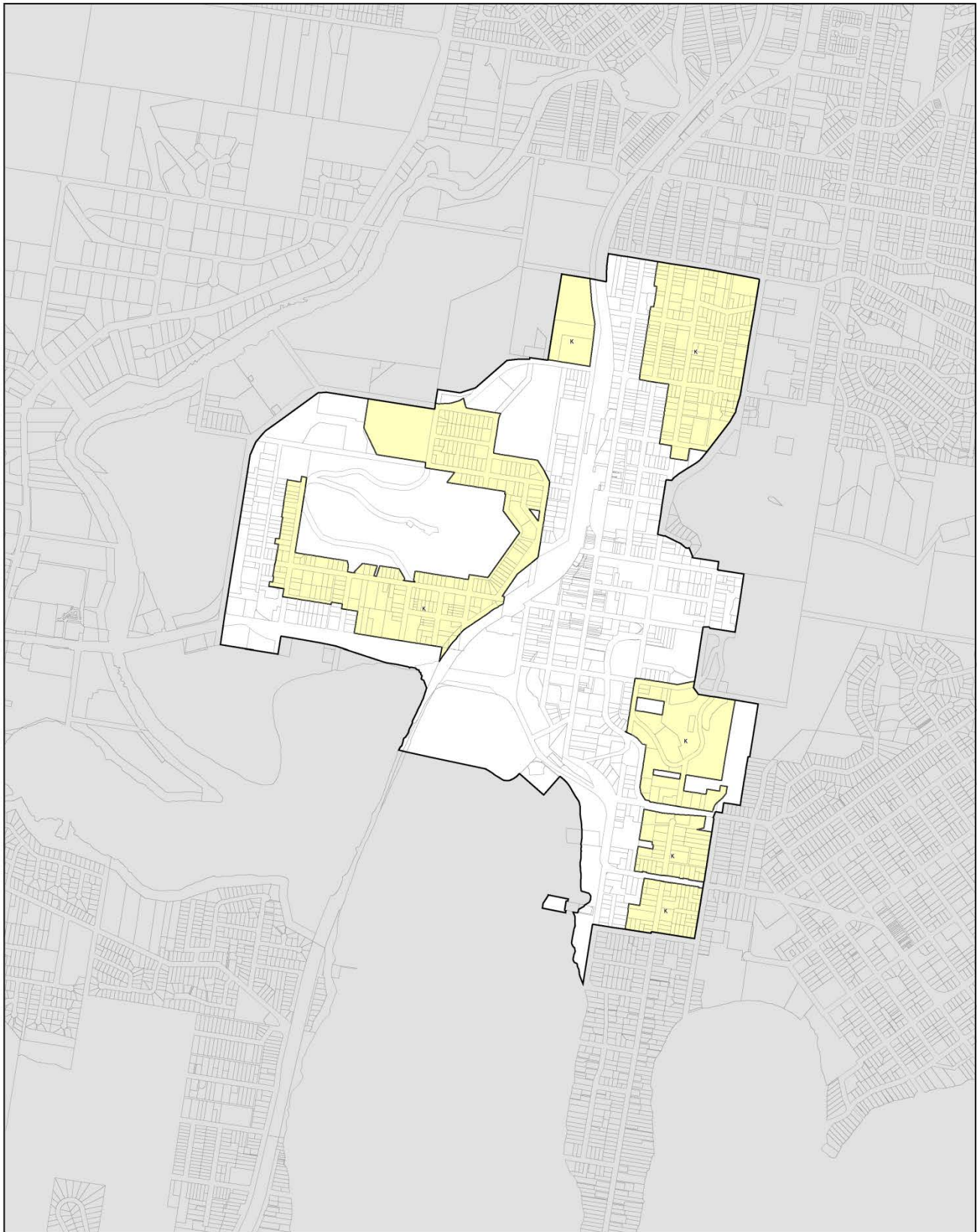
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Minimum Lot Size (sq m)

K 550

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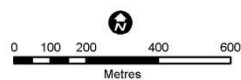
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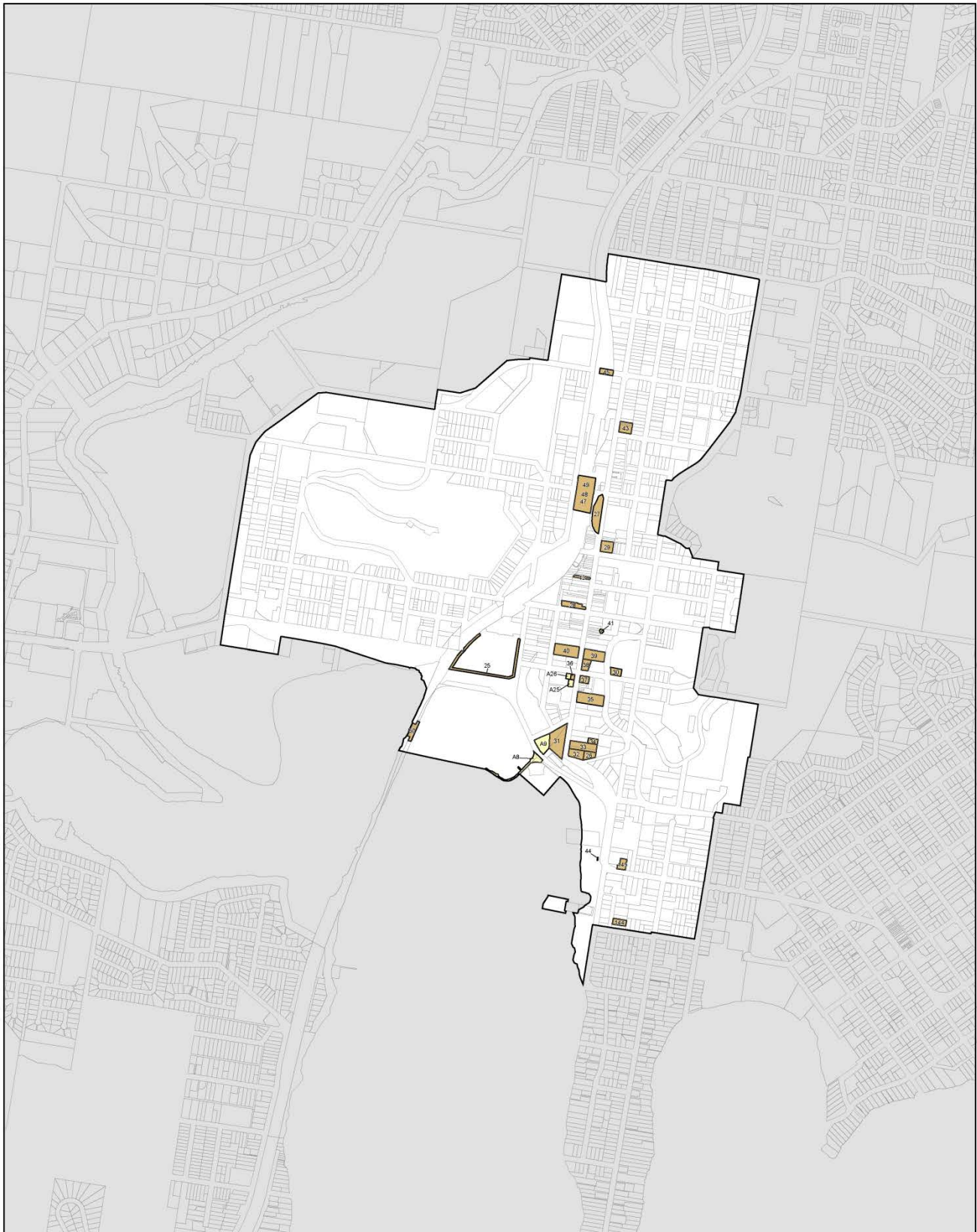
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Heritage

- Item - Archaeological
- Item - General
- Gosford City Centre

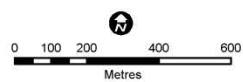
Gosford City Centre - Heritage Map

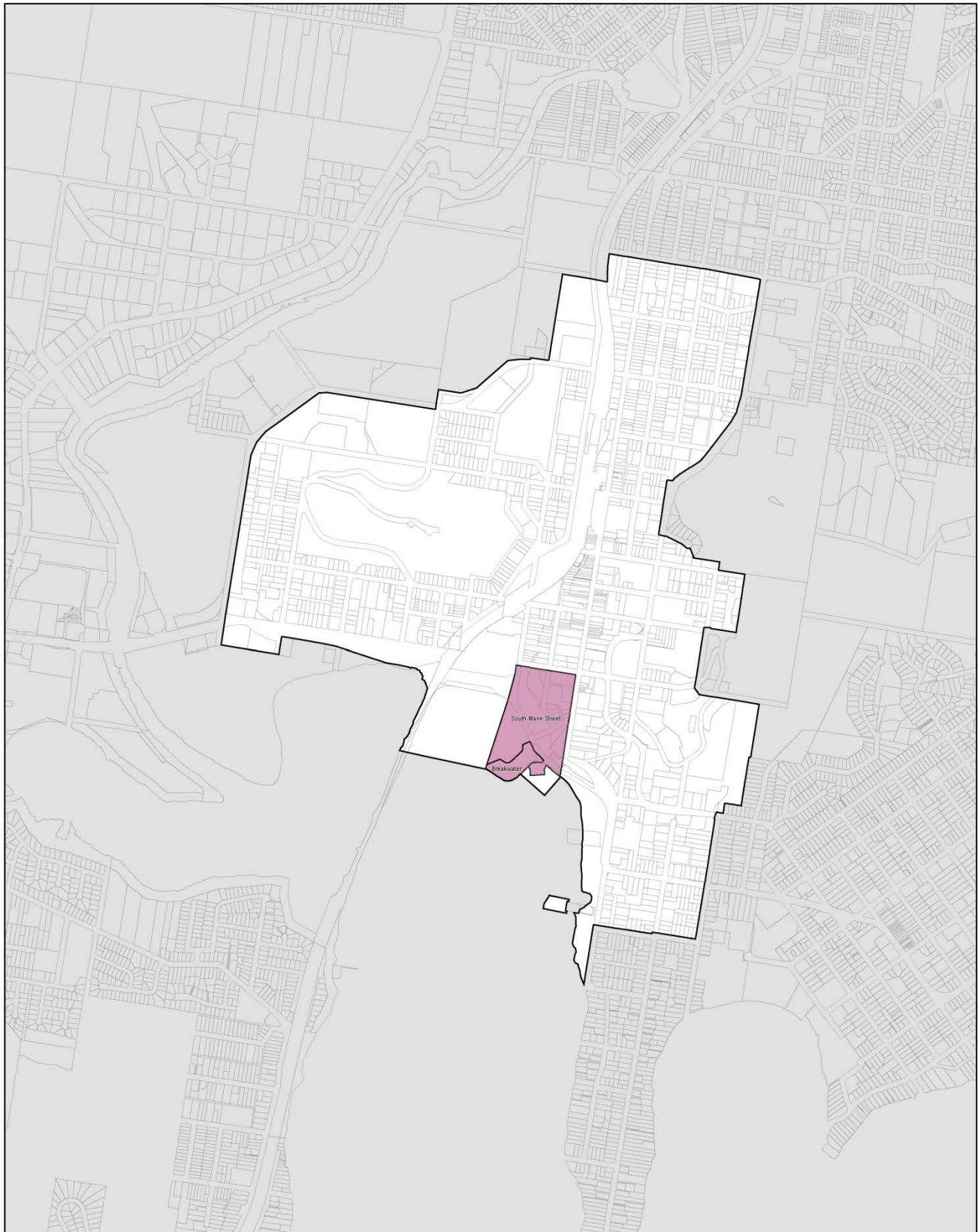
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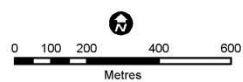
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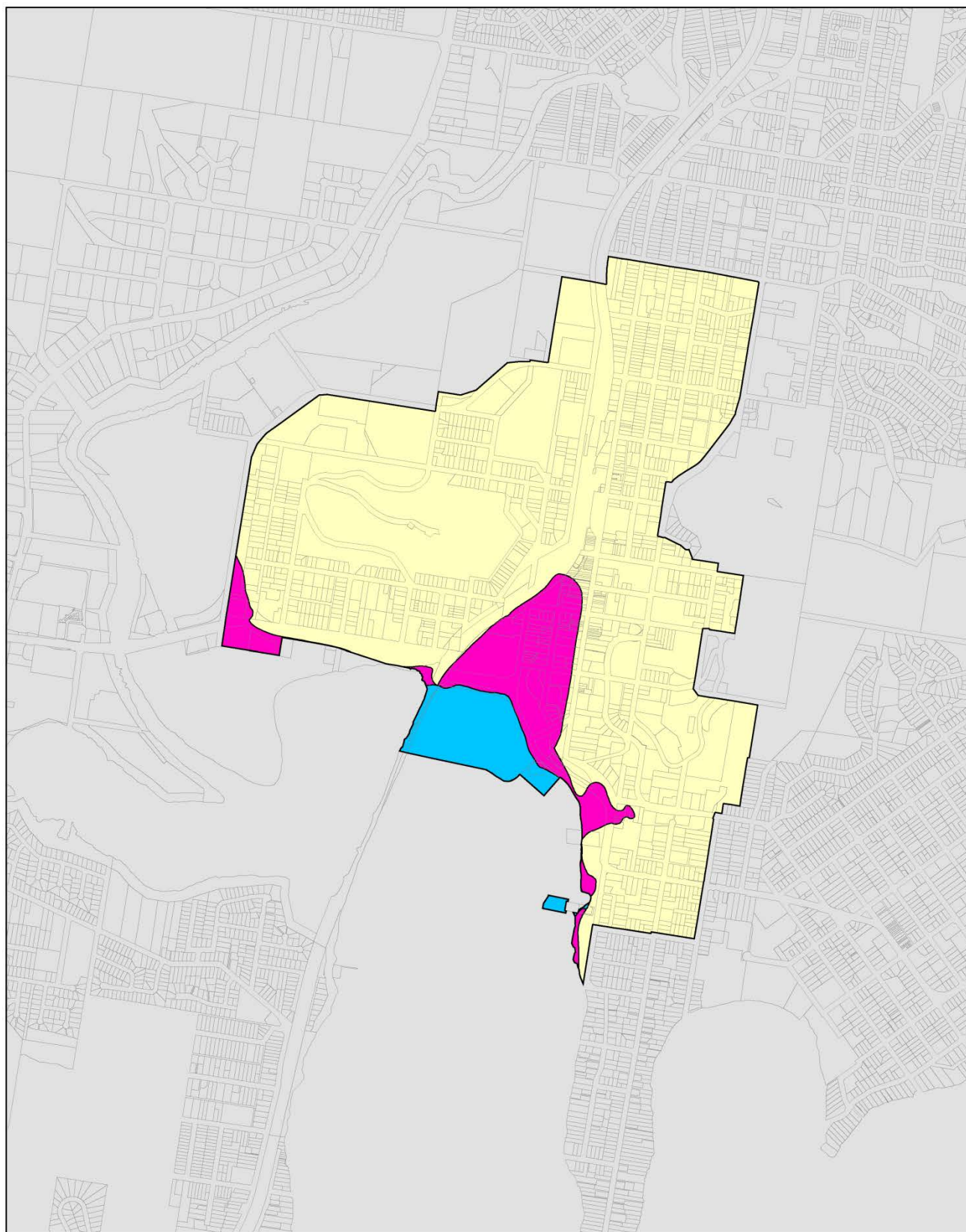
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Acid Sulfate Soils

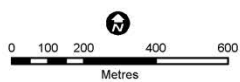
- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 5
- Gosford City Centre

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Part 2 Permitted and prohibited development

Apply relevant provisions of Part 2 of the Gosford LEP 2014 (clause 2.1 to 2.8) in the proposed SEPP.

Land Use Table

Apply land use tables from Gosford LEP 2014 in the proposed SEPP, for the following zones:

- Zone R1 General Residential
- Zone B3 Commercial Core
- Zone B4 Mixed Use
- Zone B6 Enterprise Corridor
- Zone SP2 Infrastructure
- Zone RE1 Public Recreation
- Zone W2 Recreational Waterways

It is proposed to rezone land in Gosford City Centre from B3 Commercial Core to B4 Mixed Use and from B4 Mixed Use to B3 Commercial Core.

The land use table in Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014 outlines the land uses that are permissible without consent, permissible with consent and prohibited in each zone. It is not proposed to amend the land use table.

Part 3 Exempt and complying development

Apply relevant provisions of Part 3 of the Gosford LEP 2014 (Clause 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3) in the proposed SEPP.

Part 4 Principal development standards

Apply relevant provisions of Part 4 of the Gosford LEP 2014 (Clause 4.1 to Clause 4.6) in the proposed SEPP, except where they are not required or do not apply to Gosford City Centre.

The following provisions will be replicated:

- Clause 4.1 – Minimum Subdivision Lot Size
- Clause 4.1AA - Minimum Subdivision for community title schemes – this clause will apply to the RE1 Public Recreation zone

- Clause 4.1A - Minimum subdivision lot size for strata plan schemes in certain rural, residential, recreation and environment protection zones - this clause will apply to the RE1 Public Recreation zone
- Clause 4.1B - Minimum lot sizes for attached dwellings, dual occupancies, multi dwelling housing and residential flat buildings this clause will apply to the R1 General Residential zone
- Clause 4.3 - Height of buildings
- Clause 4.4 - Floor space ratio
- Clause 4.5 - Calculation of floor space ratio and site area
- Clause 4.6 - Exceptions to development standards

12. Height of buildings and Floor Space Ratio Control

It is proposed to retain the existing height of buildings and floor space ratio maps in Gosford LEP 2014 (Clause 4.3 and Clause 4.4 of the Gosford LEP 2014). However, exceptions to mapped controls will be prescribed in a clause which is explained below under “additional local provisions”. It is also proposed to simplify the Height of Buildings and Floor Space Ratio maps to reduce complexity and provide clear and transparent planning controls.

Part 5 Miscellaneous Provisions

Apply relevant provisions of Part 5 of the Gosford LEP 2014 (Clause 5.1 to Clause 5.15) to the SEPP, except where they are not required or do not apply to Gosford City Centre.

The following provisions will be applied:

- Clause 5.1 – Relevant Acquisition Authority
- Clause 5.2 - Classification and reclassification of public land
- Clause 5.3 – Development near zone boundaries
- Clause 5.4 – Controls relating to miscellaneous provisions
- Clause 5.6 – Architectural roof features
- Clause 5.7 – Development below the mean high water mark

- Clause 5.8 -Conversion of fire alarms
- Clause 5.10 – Heritage conservation
- Clause 5.11 – Bush fire hazard reduction
- Clause 5.12 -Infrastructure development and use of existing buildings of the Crown

Part 7 Additional Local Provisions - Generally

Apply relevant provisions to Part 7 of the Gosford LEP 2014 in the proposed SEPP, as follows:

- Clause 7.1 – Acid sulfate soils
- Clause 7.2 - Flood planning
- Clause 7.3 – Floodplain risk management
- Clause 7.6 – Short-term rental accommodation
- Clause 7.9 – Location of sex services premises

Part 8 Additional local provisions - Gosford City Centre

Move relevant provisions from Part 8 of the Gosford LEP 2014 to the proposed SEPP, except as specified below.

8.1. Design excellence

The proposed SEPP will apply a new design excellence provision to Gosford City Centre. The provision will ensure development delivers the highest standard of architectural and urban design apply to all of Gosford City Centre.

This design excellence provision will apply to new buildings and alterations to existing buildings in Gosford City Centre. It will require that the development consent not be granted unless the consent authority considers the development exhibits design excellence. The matters that must be addressed will be the similar to those in current clause 8.5 of the Gosford LEP 2014.

The SEPP will look to include a provision ensuring that the recommendations of the NSW Government Architect form part of the heads of consideration for development in the city centre (i.e. UDI recommendations, and Urban Design Principles and Built Form Principles in each Place Based Report).

8.2. Car parking

The proposed SEPP will apply a car parking provision to Gosford City Centre on land in the B3 Commercial Core and B4 Mixed Use zone.

The SEPP will look to reduce car parking requirements for development where appropriate, and this will also trigger supporting car parking requirements in the new DCP.

The SEPP will look to provide greater flexibility for car parking to be provided above ground. A provision may be introduced allowing sleeved above-ground parking where it can be shown in a geotechnical report prepared by a qualified professional that underground parking is not possible on that site.

The SEPP will also look to provide greater flexibility for reduced parking provision. A provision may be introduced to allow reduced parking provision in circumstances where a development application is supported by a technical report, prepared by a qualified professional, justifying the adequacy of parking, and where the consent authority is satisfied that the provision of parking is adequately provided elsewhere.

8.3. Active street frontages

The proposed SEPP will apply an active street frontage clause to key locations, such as Mann Street and around Kibble Park.

The objective of this clause is to ensure that active uses are provided at street level to encourage the presence and movement of people.

8.4. Ground and first floor development in B3 Commercial Core

The proposed SEPP will include a requirement for non-residential development on the lower floors in B3 Commercial Core zone (which is reflective of clause 8.7(4) of Gosford LEP). The existing LEP clause requires that premises on the ground floor, first floor and second floor of the building will not be used for residential accommodation.

The SEPP will reduce the requirement for non-residential development to apply to the first two floors of a building (ground floor and first floor) in the B3 Commercial Core zone.

8.5. Solar Access and View Corridors

The proposed SEPP will introduce a provision for solar access and view corridors. The provision will refer to the building height provisions and facilitate opportunities to exceed the identified maximum height of buildings control for a site if the solar access and view corridors are not impacted.

The intent of the clause is to protect solar access to public places so that at least 50 per cent of Kibble Park and 70 per cent of Leagues Club field receives sunlight for four hours between 9am and 3pm at the winter solstice.

The SEPP will exclude variations under Clause 4.6 from applying to these provisions.

The clause will require that the consent authority, in determining a development application, must take into consideration the relevant sun access plane controls specified for that land in the relevant development control plan.

The provision relating to view corridors will apply to any development that may impact view corridors to key sites within Gosford City Centre, including Presidents Hill, Rumbalara Reserve and the waterfront. The view corridor clause will protect view lines and corridors as shown on the map.

Indicative sun access and view corridor maps are included in Program Goal 1.

8.6. Converting serviced apartments to residential flat buildings

It is proposed to transfer the existing provisions of Gosford LEP relating to the conversion of serviced apartments to residential flat buildings (clause 8.8) into the proposed SEPP. This provision seeks to prevent residential accommodation occurring through the conversion of serviced apartments into residential flat buildings that do not comply with the design quality principles in State Environmental Planning Policy No. 65 – Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development and the design principles in the Apartment Design Guide.

8.7. Residential Flat Building in zone B6

It is proposed to relocate the existing provisions of Gosford LEP 2014 relating to residential flat buildings in B6 Enterprise Corridor (clause 8.11) to the proposed SEPP.

This clause will require that any residential flat building in the B6 Enterprise Corridor zone does not have a dwelling on the first floor. The intention of this clause is to be consistent with the zone objectives, which is to provide for residential uses, but only as part of a mixed-use development.

8.8. Civic infrastructure improvements

The SEPP proposes to introduce a new provision to enable development to be carried out by or on behalf of the Council or Central Coast Regional Development Corporation without development consent on any land, if the development does not have a capital value exceeding \$1 million.

This would enable Council or Central Coast Regional Development Corporation to undertake necessary infrastructure development and improvements to Kibble Park, Waterfront Park and Burns Place without delays.

8.9 Minimum building street frontage and built form controls

The SEPP will apply an updated minimum building street frontage in Gosford City Centre. The current provision (clause 8.4) applies to B4 and B6 zone, the revised clause will apply to B6 zone only.

In addition, it is proposed to apply a new provision for street wall height on Mann Street, setting the street wall height (podium) to maximum of three storeys, and setting built form around Kibble Park and other key locations.

The SEPP will also specify a minimum residential tower setback of 12 metres to side and rear site boundaries for buildings greater than 20 metres on sites with frontages greater than 36 metres.

8.10. Exceptions to Floor space ratio and height of buildings controls and height of buildings controls

It is proposed to simplify the existing floor space ratio provision (Clause 8.3 in Gosford LEP 2014). The proposed SEPP will identify floor space ratio controls on a map like the existing Gosford LEP 2014 FSR map. The proposed SEPP will also provide exceptions to mapped floor space ratio development standards. Exceptions will be prescribed in a clause which will identify the controls that apply to specific development and are based on site area and the primary street frontage.

The proposed SEPP will identify height of building controls on a map like the existing Gosford LEP 2014 HOB map and provide exceptions to height of building controls based on site area and the primary street frontage.

The proposed controls are described below:

Site		Controls			
Size	Criteria	Height	FSR	Clause 4.6	Exceptions
Small site	<2,800sqm; OR <36m primary street frontage	HOB Map	The base FSR will be 2:1, with additional FSR achievable based on a percentage of non-residential uses (up to 4:1 for a wholly non-residential building)	Applies	Where achievement of FSR is constrained by maximum height, maximum height cannot be varied (beyond minor variations)
Medium site	>= 2,800 and < 5,600 sqm; OR >= 36m primary street frontage	HOB Map	FSR Map	Applies, except for FSR	Variation to HOB permitted subject to: 1. Enhanced design excellence process involving a Design Review Panel 2. Achievement of minimum sustainability/ environmental performance (for example, NABERS 5-star rating) 3. Additional commercial floor space is provided
Large site	>= 5,600	HOB Map	FSR Map	Excluded (However, may be applied to site criteria for minor variations)	Variations to HOB and FSR permitted subject to: 1. Enhanced design excellence process involving a Design Review Panel 2. Achievement of minimum sustainability/ environmental performance (for example, NABERS 5-star rating) 3. Additional commercial floor space is provided 4. Satisfactory completion of a site masterplan 5. Design Competition process

Schedule 1 Additional Permitted Uses

Relocate relevant provisions of from the Gosford LEP 2014 to the proposed SEPP.

Schedule 2 Exempt development

Relocate relevant provisions of from the Gosford LEP 2014 to the proposed SEPP.

Schedule 3 Complying Development

Relocate relevant provisions of from the Gosford LEP 2014 to the proposed SEPP.

Schedule 4 Classification and reclassification of public land


Relocate relevant provisions of from the Gosford LEP 2014 to the proposed SEPP.

Schedule 5 Heritage items

Relocate relevant items from the Gosford LEP 2014 to the proposed SEPP.



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Appendix B Gosford City Centre special infrastructure contribution - proposed approach

Funding infrastructure to revitalise Gosford City Centre

The proposed Gosford City Centre special infrastructure contribution (SIC) seeks to help fund infrastructure and public domain improvements in Gosford City Centre.

Legislative basis

The NSW Government collects SICs under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act) to help fund special infrastructure. The Act allows the Minister for Planning to determine what contributions are to be made by development towards infrastructure in a special contribution area. The contributions must be reasonable and have regard to the cost of providing infrastructure associated with development.

When a SIC is payable for a development, this is imposed as a condition of consent on that development. A SIC is paid by the developer. SICs are one way to equitably apportion and share the cost of new infrastructure costs arising from development activity. The proposed Gosford City Centre SIC will operate alongside the current Gosford City Centre Local Contribution Plan (previously called Section 94A plan).

Purpose

This appendix represents a proposed approach to implementing a SIC for Gosford City Centre. The application of the SIC, proposed levy and proposed list of infrastructure is open for consultation and subject to change. The SIC for Gosford City Centre does not come into effect until the Minister for Planning makes a determination.

Feedback will inform the design and preparation of a determination for the Gosford City Centre SIC.

Application of the Gosford City Centre SIC

Contributions area

A SIC determination will set a contribution rate for all new development in the Gosford City Centre special infrastructure contributions area where the development cost exceeds the threshold of \$1 million. The determination map is shown in Figure 7.

Development required to pay SIC

Development over \$1 million within the Gosford City Centre special infrastructure contributions area will be required to pay a SIC. This includes residential, non-residential development and complying development, unless exemptions apply.

The SIC will relate to the development proposed, not to the land on which it is levied. Contributions will be payable based on the cost of each proposed development.

Exemptions and exclusions from payment of SIC

The SIC does not apply to development provided for public housing, seniors housing or affordable housing where provided by a public authority, or specific development serving a public benefit.

A SIC will not be required for a development when the cost of the development is less than \$1 million.

A proponent must provide evidence that establishes that their development is exempt or excluded from payment of the SIC.

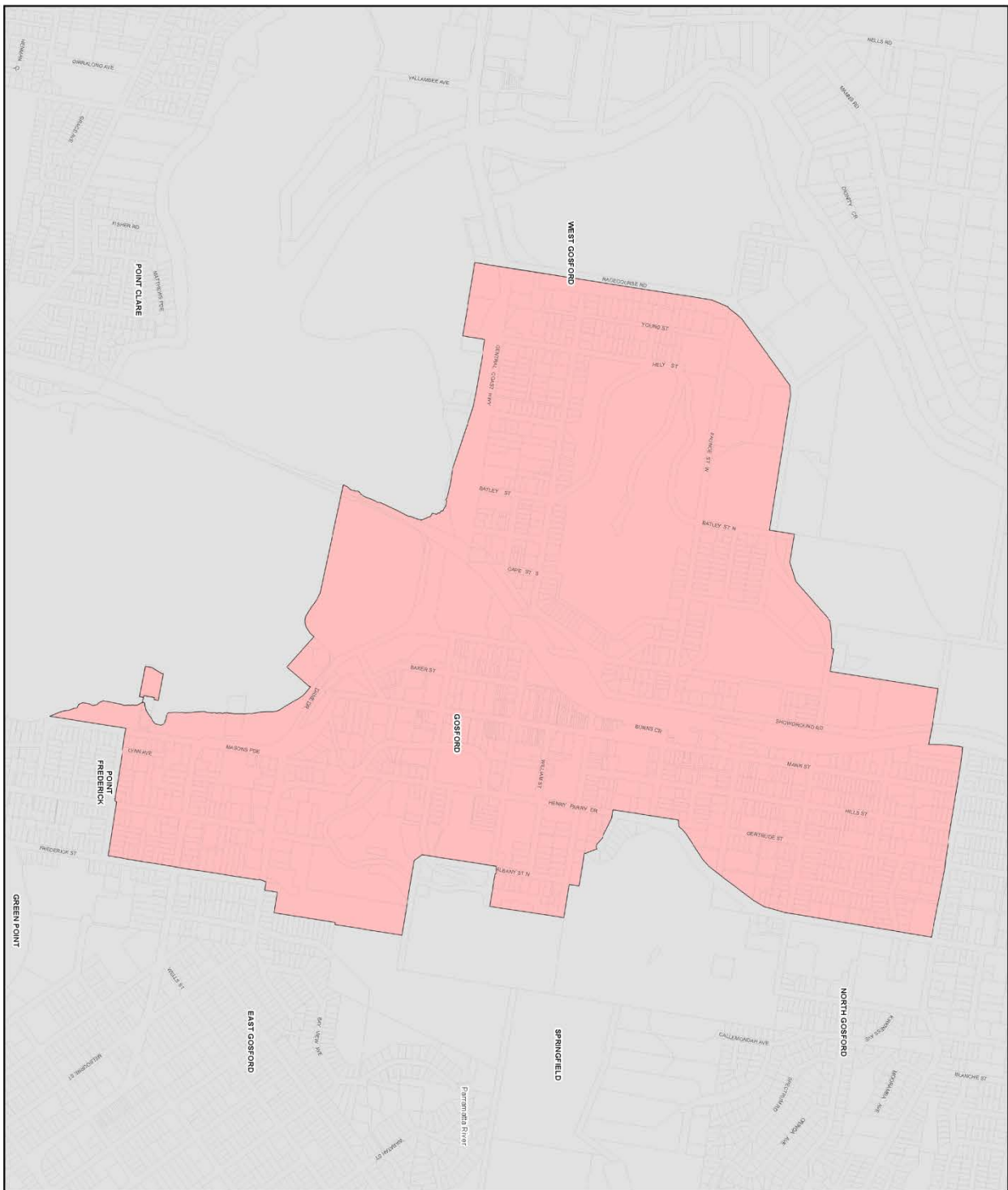
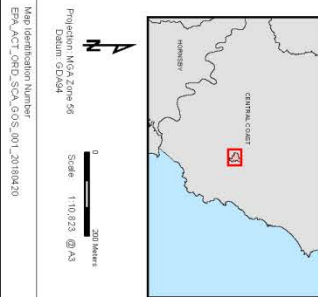
**Environmental Planning and
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 (Gosford - Special
 Contributions Area) Order 2018**

Environmental Planning and
 Assessment Act 1979
 Gosford
 Special Contributions Area Map -
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Legend

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- Gosford City Centre Boundary

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Exclusions: Development exempt from a SIC:

- school
- TAFE establishment
- emergency services facility
- health services facility owned or operated by a public authority
- passenger transport facility
- place of public worship
- public open space, including a public reserve
- drainage reserve
- public utility undertaking
- bus depot
- recreation area
- public amenities or public services, for which development contributions have already been imposed or may be imposed under a local infrastructure contributions plan of a local council
- infrastructure for which a contribution may be required in accordance with the SIC determination
- public housing and seniors or affordable (only where provided by a public authority).

Contribution rate

The proposed Gosford City Centre SIC determination will set a contribution rate for development within Gosford City Centre. The proposed rate that applies in the calculation of the monetary contribution for new development is two per cent of the cost of development.

Calculating the development costs

The procedure for determining the cost of development will be derived from the procedure used by Council for local contribution plans, as outlined in clause 25j of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

The development cost calculation is completed by adding up all the costs and expenses that have been or are to be incurred by the applicant in carrying out the development, including:

- erection of a building, or the carrying out of engineering or construction work including preparation costs such as excavation and site preparation
- activities to effect a change of use of land
- activities involved in undertaking the subdivision of land.

The following costs can be excluded when determining of the proposed cost of carrying out development:

- land costs
- marketing, financing or legal costs
- project management and building insurance costs
- taxes, levies or charges (other than GST) paid or payable in connection with the development by or under any law.

The development costs need to be compiled by a quantity surveyor, submitted at the time of lodging a development application, and revised for a modification application. The development costs will be indexed via a Producer Price Index (PPI) over the life of the development until the SIC payment is made. PPI is an index which relates more appropriately to construction costs as opposed to a Consumer Price Index.

Applicable infrastructure

The Gosford City Centre SIC is one of several funding sources proposed to support growth in the City Centre. The SIC can contribute to the following regional infrastructure:

- public domain works
- road and intersection upgrades
- pedestrian and cycleway connections
- community facilities and open space.

A proportion of the SIC (up to 1.5 per cent of the total costs collected) will support administration of the SIC and coordination of infrastructure delivery.

The UDIF identifies the regional infrastructure projects that can be considered for inclusion:

- improvements to Kibble Park
- connection over the rail corridor
- pedestrian bridge to connect the hospital, school and station
- Etna Street and Donnison Street bridge upgrades.

The final list of regional infrastructure to be included in the SIC will be published in the determination.

In implementing the Gosford City Centre SIC, the NSW Government will work with Central Coast Council to determine infrastructure priorities and coordinate funding and delivery.

Payment of the SIC

Contribution types

A SIC can be made as either a monetary contribution or works-in-kind (infrastructure provision or land), implemented through a works-in-kind agreement. Contributions may also be made as a combination of both a monetary payment and works-in-kind.

Timing of monetary contributions

The timing of when SIC payments are to be made needs to be balanced against the need for revenue security, existing statutory and business processes and cash flow. The timing of contribution payments aims to ensure infrastructure funding supports the optimal sequencing of infrastructure provision.

Payment of the SIC is required before the issue of the construction certificate to allow for payment security.

Collection mechanisms and processes

The proposed payment approach will be to integrate contribution payments into existing development assessment and approval processes. This achieves an effective and efficient payment of contributions and is critical to the timely estimation of SIC obligations and regional infrastructure funding.

To give the proposed Gosford City Centre SIC effect, the Minister for Planning will issue a direction under section 7.24 of the Act. The direction will require Central Coast Council, the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel (and any local planning panel), and private certifiers to impose where appropriate a condition of consent that requires payment of a SIC. An example of a potential condition is:

A special infrastructure contribution must be made in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Special Infrastructure Contribution – Gosford City Centre) Determination 2018 (as in force when this development consent becomes operative).

A proponent cannot apply for a construction certificate without written evidence from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment that the SIC has been made or that arrangements are in force to make the contribution.

If a consent authority fails to notate the condition, the condition is deemed to apply, and has the effect of requiring payment of the SIC, outlined in section 7.24(3) of the Act.

Figure 8 details the proposed SIC payment process.

Contribution management, monitoring and reporting

Transparent and accountable procedures are in place to manage infrastructure contributions and monitor delivery. This allows consent authorities, industry and the community to see that contributions are being applied appropriately.

Monetary contributions are held in the Special Contributions Areas Infrastructure Fund, established under the Act as a fund in the Special Deposit Account.

Payments from this fund can only be used for the delivery of infrastructure by public authorities, to meet administrative expenses, or as authorised by the Act or regulations (section 7.30). The NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Secretary administers the Fund in consultation with the Secretary of NSW Treasury.

The Department will implement a monitoring, evaluation and reporting program for the Determination that:

- stores SIC obligation assessments, keeps account of contributions and reports on disbursements of SIC funds for Gosford City Centre infrastructure projects
- uses housing supply forecasts to monitor growth and progress
- implements governance measures around collection and expenditure of funds, including annual reporting on contributions collected.

Administrative costs will represent 1.5 per cent of the total contributions collected for the Gosford City Centre SIC.



Step 1

Proponent to complete Department SIC eligibility and estimation form



Step 2

DPE to confirm the SIC payable for the development and any exemptions that apply



Step 3

Proponent to submit response to proposed SIC including any proposals for works-in-kind as an alternative to monetary contributions



Step 4

DPE to confirm how the SIC will be made



Step 5

Proponent to pay SIC



Step 6

DPE to issue a certificate of payment upon receipt of SIC payment for each development stage



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Design objectives for NSW

Seven objectives
define the key
considerations in
the design of the
built environment.



Better fit
contextual, local
and of its place



Better performance
sustainable, adaptable
and durable



Better for community
inclusive, connected
and diverse



Better for people
safe, comfortable
and liveable



Better working
functional, efficient
and fit for purpose



Better value
creating and
adding value



Better look and feel
engaging, inviting
and attractive

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01. INTRODUCTION

Government Architect NSW (GANSW), supporting the Central Coast Coordinator General and in close collaboration with a consultancy team led by CHROFI, has initiated work to support the ongoing revitalisation of the regional city of Gosford.

The Urban Design and Implementation Framework (UDIF) will help to shape the continued development and renewal of the Gosford City Centre and support implementation of the *Central Coast Regional Plan 2036* vision for Gosford. Capitalising on government and private sector investment in Gosford will strengthen its role as the regional capital and benefit current and future residents of the entire Central Coast.

This Place based report explores and describes in greater detail the issues, constraints, uses and opportunities associated with City North. It considers the hospital, station, schools and residential areas north of the station.

1.1 Preamble

Great places and cities don't happen by chance. They are designed and continue to be designed to manage their transformation over time. The need for the UDIF has arisen from the growing consensus that a vision needs a framework for implementation. The implementation of strategies and recommendations will enable the urban design outcomes to be delivered.

When undertaking urban design analysis and developing strategies and recommendations for collaborative implementation, engaging with people fosters confidence, development and investment. Done carefully, with focus on natural attributes, amenity, public domain and quality, it has the potential to transform quality of life for people, stimulate the economy, and enhance the environment.

The current context

There have been several ad hoc responses to support revitalisation in the city centre including sporadic development of new buildings, largely in the residential market concentrated around the fringe of the city centre itself.

There remains a run-down appearance in the buildings and vacant shops, with poor quality public domain and way finding, poor pedestrian amenity and poor connectivity with surrounding areas.

Previous plans have:

- not resolved issues relating to investment in public domain and the city's key public places
- led to individual developments but not significantly improved the public domain or overall attractiveness of the city
- not inspired confidence and investment in the Gosford City Centre leaving a run-down appearance, and building stock as well as empty shops
- delivered limited development contributions for public domain infrastructure.

However, there has been progress with the establishment of new government projects and jobs (Hospital, Australian Tax Office and NSW Finance, Services and Innovation) within the city centre and commitments for a regional library and arts centre. This has built both momentum for change and boosted private sector investment confidence.

The UDIF report

The UDIF has identified a different methodology to the revitalisation of Gosford City Centre, one that takes a place-based approach. It prioritises and focuses interventions spatially and in terms of implementation and deliverability, with potential catalytic impact. This approach focuses on key public places where there is existing momentum in terms of public and private sector investment, prioritising public focused

initiatives in the overall city centre renewal.

The UDIF will provide a series of recommendations regarding the design of places and spaces to support delivery of the vision for Gosford City Centre. It will also provide recommendations relating to governance, infrastructure and other matters that will be critical to the ongoing urban renewal and quality outcomes for Gosford.

An integrated design approach can collaboratively create the framework for the delivery of great places, spaces and buildings that attract and retain residents, jobs, tourists, and further investment.

The UDIF is a design-led methodology, balancing multiple and sometimes competing agendas. It is for all agencies, levels of government, industry and the community to plug in to for action. It builds on the vision of the regional plan, which has consensus.

The UDIF proposes an urban logic to assist with decision making and outlining recommendations. It provides an implementation plan to guide rejuvenation, growth and foster good design and a high quality public realm.

The three places which the UDIF provides analysis, principles and recommendations for in the most detail are:

- City Middle: Kibble park and the civic heart
- City North: The health and education precinct
- City South: Leagues Club Field and water edge

This report provides the detailed urban design framework for the City North and follows the release of the draft UDIF and the Civic Heart reports on 9 April 2018.

Purpose of this Report

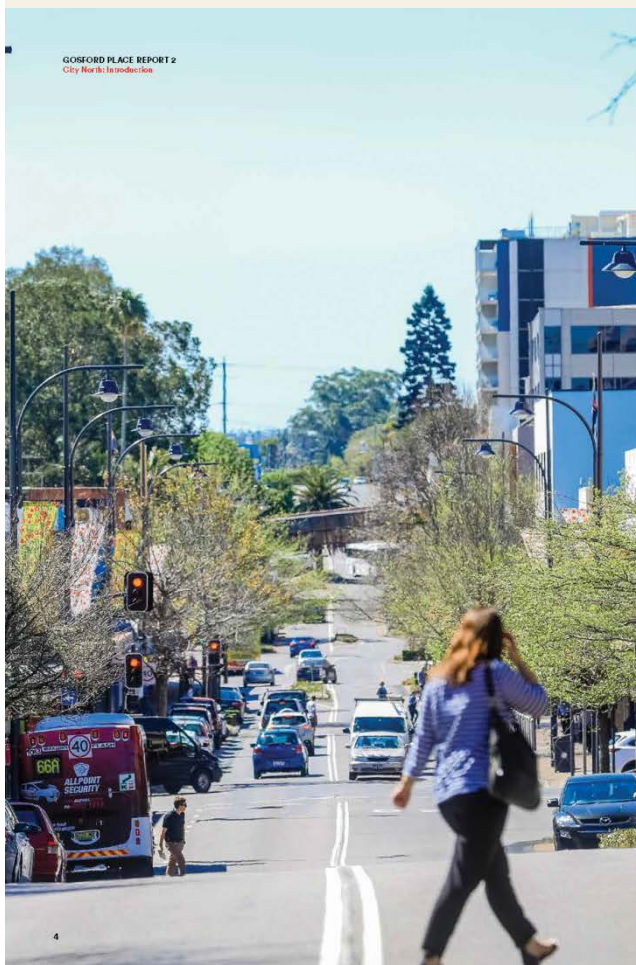
This Place Based Report provides guidance to help shape and inform the development of the next stages of planning and investment decisions in Gosford.

This report will inform:

- Early urban design advice to assist with shaping and the assessment of time sensitive projects ensuring that they contribute positively to the vision for Gosford e.g. Regional Library and RPAC.
- Development of new and emerging planning controls for the city centre and the three places
- Contribute to the schedule of projects to be included in the preparation of state and local infrastructure contribution plans
- Public and private sector investment decisions in the three key places
- Pre-application advice to developers
- Consideration of planning proposals and applications including proposed design review processes
- Negotiation of voluntary planning agreements (VPA) and the potential inclusion of regional and community facilities in proposals
- Potential partnerships opportunities for mixed use projects
- Inform and support bids for funding e.g. upgrades in public realm, active transport, etc.

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1.2 Creating three places

When examining the scale of Gosford, the city is large and spread out relative to regional cities of similar population catchment. By creating key places within walking distance to each other, they become stepping stones to connect across the city.

Three places for Gosford have been identified:

- Kibble Park
- City North
- City South

City North location

The City North area includes the expanded Gosford hospital site, the schools west of the station, Burns Park and the station precinct. This latter area comprises the crossing of the railway line and includes the eastern side of the station to Mann Street.

The hospital is a major investment in the future of Gosford. By connecting the hospital to a re-imagined rail corridor and main street, its potential is expanded to start a new generation of innovation, allied health and education in the northern end of Gosford.

The focus on this area is to provide a gateway precinct with pedestrian connections, improved walkability and an attractive public domain.

The place based approach for change in Gosford addresses three key areas:

1. Green Infrastructure
2. Public Domain
2. Built form

These three broad areas can be found throughout the report in both urban design analysis and the recommendations.

The development of a Green Infrastructure Strategy, like Parramatta Ways or Greater Sydney Green Grid, can support the establishment of a network of well-connected places that create an attractive capital city with vibrant street life.

Improvements in the public domain create an attractive city which is a platform for investment with short term returns and long term growth.

With the public domain and green infrastructure creating a desirable place to live and work, private and public investment in the built environment can provide the final ingredient for change. The built form strategies in this report champion good design, support development opportunities and protect the public domain for all by placing a value on solar access, views, and consistent built form controls.

Many of the ideas for this place based report start with the green and public assets of the community, and develop strategies to unlock their potential.

Max Street Image: City Design

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The potential of Gosford

Gosford has the potential to be an attractive regional capital but needs further public and private investment to build on existing assets including the city's distinctive natural setting, rail connections and continued investment in jobs at the ATO, DFSI building and expansion of the hospital.

Role of Gosford

Gosford is important at a local, regional and state context.

Its role as a regional capital brings with it aspirations, including:

- Growth of a Civic and cultural hub in the heart of the city centre with the provision of services for a regional city providing employment and residential
- Prominent commercial core functions – professional services, civic services (such as banks, police, court house, government agencies, Council, or regional library facilities)
- Consolidation of government and professional services
- Accessible city that is the focus of efficient movement networks.



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Gosford Hospital development in the City North is a major investment in the future of Gosford, and will be a catalyst for investment in the regional capital. Connecting the hospital back into the city is key to enable Gosford to build on this investment and promote the co-location of a range of associated uses to revitalise the area.

A range of important regional services, including education and health facilities, are located to the north of Gosford's civic heart and station, as well as significant open space and recreational assets. Although within walking distance, they are poorly connected with the centre due to the barrier of the railway corridor and the less developed pedestrian environment of the streets.

With improved connections, the City North is an area of great opportunity for Gosford. The varied lot size will support a range of development types and a diversity of uses, with public and private investment and support for quality public domain outcomes, it is possible to create a place with a distinct identity in Gosford.

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2.1 An area of opportunity for Gosford

Existing assets provide opportunity and current developments offer momentum for the revitalisation of the area.

The hospital is an important investment which will promote the growth of allied health services in the surrounding area.

A hospital development of this scale will promote growth of allied health services that support the hospital such as fitness and rehabilitation facilities, scanning services, medical consultation rooms and accommodation for key hospital staff and doctors. It is important to strengthen the connectivity between the hospital development and the city across the rail corridor, to connect the investment with an area of potential growth in the City North.

The City North can build on existing education assets by investigating the potential for an expansion of TAFE, and increased university presence associated with the hospital, the Central Coast Medical School.

The City North has many high school students, and the potential to accommodate additional TAFE facilities. In the future the City North could consider further opportunities for industry, health and education facilities to collaborate. The potential of university presence in Gosford should be explored, particularly in association with the health facilities. This would be a critical addition to the regional capital, and develop a co-location of uses that can support an expansion in research and innovation industries in Gosford.

The station is a major transport interchange in the region.

Gosford Station is an important transport interchange for the Central Coast, with express train services to Sydney and Newcastle and regional bus services. It currently carries over 4000 commuters a day from the region to Sydney, with over 22 million trips a year. The station is used by a large wider population through significant commuter parking, with the potential for improved active transport links.

There are station upgrades planned for the new intercity fleet of trains due to arrive 2019, including platform extensions and improved wayfinding. With regional importance, the interchange, station and rail corridor will require further investment and upgrades to improve access and connectivity through the city, and between the station, buses, and commuter parking.

City North has the potential to support a diverse range of development and housing.

The urban grain of City North has diverse lot sizes and land holdings which can facilitate a broad range of development in type and scale to occur in this area. Like many other precincts at the edge of the city core, City North can build upon the fringe character which allows it to evolve in ways that is different to the centre of the city. The diversity is its strength, providing opportunity for a rich mix of use and investment to occur.

The area can also support the growth of a range of housing types suited to an increase in population generally and more specifically to the health sector workforce. The potential growth of student housing, as well as new models of aged living can bring a diverse population to the City North area.

The City North has the opportunity to connect its surrounding population and growing health and education uses to the Mann Street 'spine' and into the civic heart of the city, setting up a framework for synergies and investment in the area. The east west connections also link the recreational and natural assets of Gosford.



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2.2 Health and education uses can form the basis for an innovation district

The investment in the hospital is of a scale that will promote the growth of associated allied health uses in the surrounding area. With the existing co-location of health and education facilities, including North Gosford Private hospital and Central Coast Medical School, City North has the key ingredients which the Greater Sydney Commission identify as the basis for innovation districts.

The Greater Sydney Regional Plan 2017 defines an Innovation precinct as a:

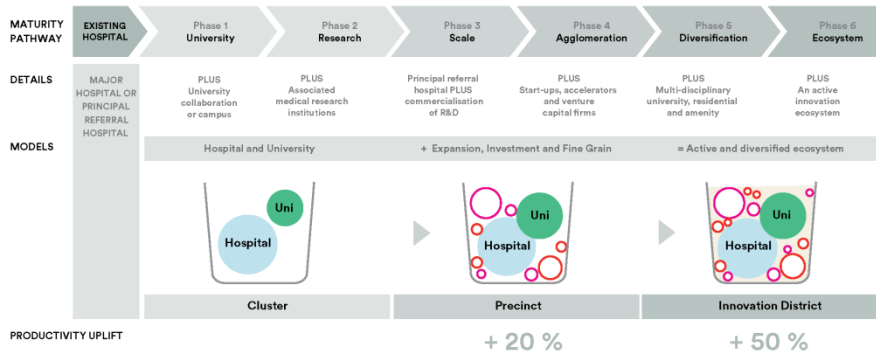
"transit accessible precinct with an active ecosystem that includes health and education assets, surrounded by a network of medical research institutions, a mix of complementary industry tenants, housing, ancillary facilities and services. Economic productivity is created by the agglomeration benefits flowing from an active innovation ecosystem."

City North has the opportunity to support a diverse range of housing types, as well as a range of service industries, attracted by this co-location of uses. The city can investigate attracting educational institutions, as well as business incubators and flexible working spaces.

City North has a diverse range of building types and lot sizes which offers huge adaptive potential and flexibility. Connecting the large investment of the hospital over the rail corridor into the city offers potential for a range of developments, from reuse to redevelopment, large education footprints, to smaller shared workspaces and service functions. The area can support the development of a rich ecosystem over time, to create a place with a distinct identity in Gosford.

A illustration of how a health and education innovation opportunities could develop within the City North precinct. Please note specific sites shown are indicative only.

Health
Education
Other
Public space



Pathway to Maturity for Innovation from the Greater Sydney Regional Plan.

Source: Deloitte 2016

Artist Impression: Possible design scenario City North – Looking North along Mann Street and Watt Street.

2.3 Make the most of the hospital investment to revitalise the city

1. Connect the hospital with the city.

The investment in the Gosford hospital development can be connected into an area that has the potential for growth to enable Gosford to promote the co-location of a range of associated uses. In the first instance this should focus on improved pedestrian links across the area, in advance of longer term options to provide new connections across the railway line. The area must provide active movement connections to the city and to the surrounding natural assets.

2. Varied built form and public space.

There is potential to create attractive environments for pedestrians and to bring people together. Planning controls should encourage a diversity of building types and styles, a mix of scales of open spaces and active edges. Built spaces that enable people to converge during and after work hours are key, such as cafes, meeting places and a night time economy to support a safe public domain.

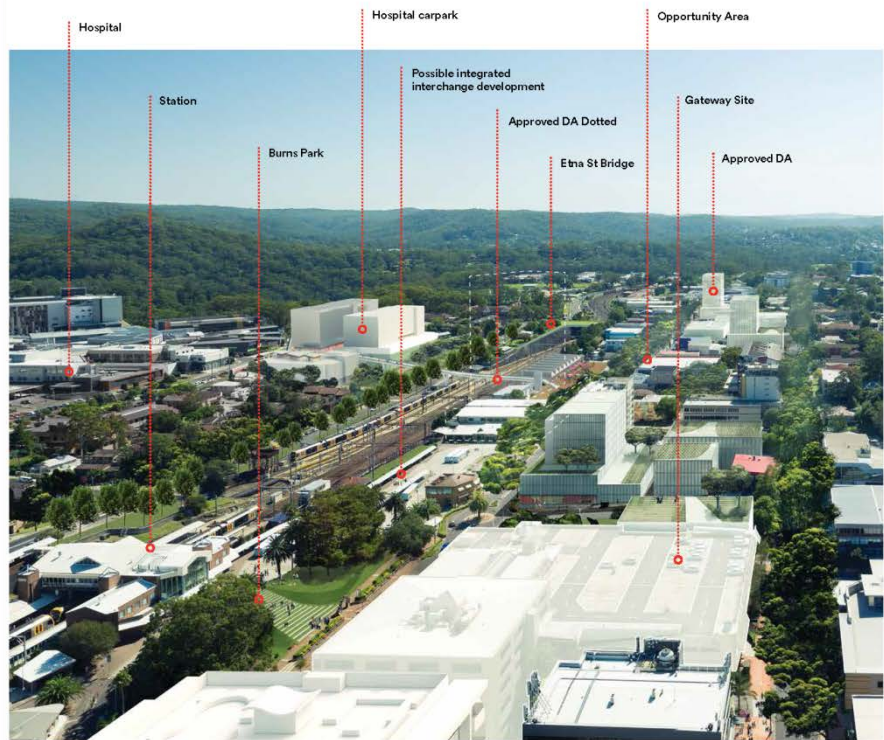
3. Attract the right mix of people, uses and housing types.

An innovation district should have a diversity of uses and foster diversity of development types and scales to attract and retain a range of businesses, residents and visitors. The city may target key partnerships, such as higher education or research institutions to locate in the area. They may identify emerging local companies, or offer residences to innovative businesses. Business incubators, flexible working spaces, low cost shared spaces and event spaces should be investigated.

By providing a range of housing types and tenures, a diverse population will be attracted and accommodated to the area including students, workers in key growth sectors including health and aged care, people wanting a city centre lifestyle, aging population etc.

4. The city becomes a 'host'.

The city should promote a clear vision of an innovation district, establishing an identity for the district as a distinct place. Places, programmes and events in a vibrant public realm bring people together, as the city shifts from a 'service provider' to a place 'to be'.



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2.4 About City North

What do locals say

The UDIF process involved consultation with a range of key stakeholders and representatives from the local Gosford community. It has also benefited from the findings of the CCC Community Strategic Plan online and face to face surveys.

"I live in City North, it is a 10 minute walk to work, but I still drive into the CBD every day"

"Our students do not use the hospital facilities at this time – this may change with the redevelopment."

"While the railway corridor is conveniently located for the hospital – the topography makes it virtually impossible for people to walk, resulting in the need for a shuttle bus" (Hospital Redevelopment Master plan Report)

"I'm not sure what is in the North...nothing?"

"I think of lots of car yards and warehouses. But I wouldn't spend time there."

"We have 600 students walking everyday from our school to the station. We have to take the younger students along a tight Etha Bridge, and Mann St. Showground road is just unsafe."

"Walking from the train station to the car is really really nerve-racking!" (Showground Rd: PlanFreeToBe.org)

History

The history of this area highlights:

- the importance of the station and railway in the economic prosperity of this area
- the significant and rapid growth of the hospital.
- issues associated with a master plan for the hospital focused on expansion rather than its role with regional capital and strong public domain
- general decline in the quality of the buildings and public domain in the City North area
- limited investment in the public domain particularly for active transport
- increased pressures on the road system, public transport and commuter parking
- traditionally light industry and auto focus due to its position on the fringe of the city.

Values

- excellent schools with strong community of families in the area
- a valuable hospital with exceptional facilities for the wider community
- a good rail network
- good sporting facilities and some significant outdoor spaces with the golf course, tennis facilities and President's Hill
- variety of employment opportunities.



Images: Getty Images

2.5 What we heard

This table captures a summary of feedback from workshop 5 that relates to City North and the surrounding area – current issues, opportunities for the future and the role its can play in making Gosford a regional capital and great place.

Each grey square represents the relative number of mentions each issue had during the workshop.

GREEN LINKS

Link reserves to the city
Trees

More parks and gardens, better quality existing parks, botanical gardens
Better promote the areas outstanding natural environment
In the longer term develop parts of the showground for public open space
Better connections to Rumbalara Reserve and Presidents Hill

PARKING

Parking at night (noting council car park at Baker St shuts at 8pm)
More short term parking (currently used by commuters)
More commuter parking, parking for workers

TRANSPORT OPTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Better public transport options, other than the car, more direct bus routes
Better pedestrian access and accessible footpaths for all (will help things feel closer)
Reduce through traffic on Mann St, including buses. Make Mann St for people
Better signage and way finding
Better linkages over the station and rail line
Improved train services
Better cycle access and paths
Infrastructure to feed in and be coordinated

SAFETY

Improved safety – particular at night, and for women
Passive surveillance
Lighting

DESIGN

A distinct design style, not cookie cutter
Improved public domain and streetscape, public art, better footpaths, bins
Make use of the Gosford Sandstone quarry
Integration of arts and design, cultural trail

Quality first, not low budget, which will entice further investment
Wider footpaths
Link people to specific quality of place

SOCIAL

Diversity of users (youth, aging population)
Improved social agenda, mental health, bring everyone along
More people will attract more people
Indigenous history of President's Hill and other locations respectfully displayed

PROGRAMME AND ATTRACTORS

Active usages at all hours, 7 days
Night life (after 5pm), including small bars
Start-up/ Entrepreneurial Hubs
Youth place to occupy, youth entertainment
Tertiary Institutions - Smart Economy / Smart City Strategy
Space for sports and outdoor recreation
Coordinated activities and events

IDENTITY

A big clear idea, not band-aid solutions
Action, lots of plans that have not come to fruition
Coordinated events to create a cultural destination
Retain and preserve any historic character and fabric

ECONOMY

More variety of retail and jobs
More high quality shops, culture and arts, high quality office space

HOUSING

More variety and more residents living near and in the city
More affordable housing, social housing and diversity in housing options

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2.6 Observations

The following pages explore the existing condition of the public domain and the network of streets. These urban design based observations explore the current identity and physical reality of the City North, including challenges with access and mobility.

Mann Street in the north is dominated by on grade car parking and car sales showrooms. This map shows the amount of land visibly dominated by parked cars in the public domain.

The overall effect is a poor public domain with little shade, greenery or pedestrian amenity. There are no parks or public spaces.

The rail corridor is currently a physical and psychological barrier, but is also a strategic opportunity to bring east and west sides of the City North community together.

The quality of pedestrian access and mobility is often compromised with uneven, inconsistent footpath surfaces, little or no weather protection.

Showground Rd, looking south past the hospital and towards the station offers little amenity, shade, or good walking access for the many students and hospital workers.

The many schools in the area offer a strong community focus and network of families and children, many of whom live in the suburbs of North Gosford. By comparison Gosford High School attracts students from greater distances with long commutes.

All images: Sally Craig





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2.7 Four challenges

1.

The rail corridor forms a significant barrier through the city, restricting physical, economic and social connections between places on either side of the railway line in the City North.



Image: James Woodall

2.

The station lacks the quality and amenity expected of a regional capital and a significant transport interchange.



Image: Sally Dwyer

3.

The hospital is an inward focused facility which does not connect well with its surrounding public domain or the city. It is separated from Mann Street and the civic heart by the railway corridor and steep topography.



Image: Sally Dwyer

4.

The poor public domain contributes to a lack of connectivity between health and education facilities and the civic heart of the city. The streets have a lack of trees and active street frontages, and no public spaces. Walkability is typically poor.



Image: Sally Dwyer

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2.8 Four opportunities

1.

Current investment in the hospital will promote the growth of allied services in the area and potentially attract health workers to live in the city centre. Opportunities exist to provide better walkability and pedestrian connectivity to a make it easier to work and use the services in the city centre.



Image: Tilly Design

2.

City North is surrounded by a system of open spaces, regional natural and recreational assets that add to the attractiveness of North Gosford as a place to live work, invest and visit.



Image: Jervis Visual

3.

The varied lot size and diversity of built fabric, offers the opportunity for a rich mix of use, scale and investment to occur.



Image: Highangle Project by Saville Architects

4.

The City North is an area of opportunity for Gosford, offering a place for the city to grow. It has a character defined by existing light industrial uses and the rail corridor to draw on, to form a place with a distinct identity in the city.

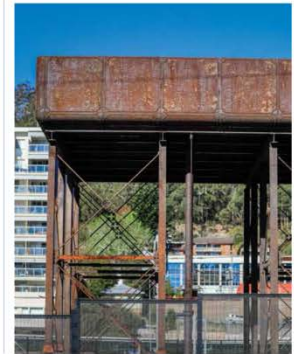


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2.9 Design principles for the City North

The following design principles outline the key moves for City North, which can enable investment in this part of the city.

On the following pages these principles are investigated in more detail, suggesting a range of opportunities and potential projects to consider.



The existing lot and building size of City North to the east of the railway line, is varied and sits within a walkable street grid. Smaller lot sizes and multiple owners constrain easy amalgamation of sites into super lots, therefore the potential exists to promote a more organic, varied and finer scale of redevelopment in this area.

This area is in close proximity to a station and commercial centre, offering an area of potential with diversity and flexibility for the city to grow.

1.

Improve pedestrian connections across the rail corridor



Observation:

The hospital development is a large investment in Gosford which will bring large numbers of people into the area, and drive the growth of related allied health services, but it is not well connected across the railway into the civic heart of the city.

Principle:

Connect investment into the high potential of the City North with a range of short, medium and long-term projects

1. Improve the existing connections at Etna Street prioritising pedestrian, cyclist and emergency vehicles and reduce traffic on sections of Racecourse Road prioritising 'destination' related traffic
2. Investigate options for a new pedestrian crossing from the hospital to Beane Street in the east
3. Investigate options for an addition crossing of the railway at Etna Street linked to the extension of the platforms and a potential new station entry point.

2.

Improve pedestrian environment



Observation:

The poor pedestrian environment of the City North impacts the connectivity of the surrounding uses with the civic heart of the city and the ability to support innovation related activities including health and education.

Principle:

1. Establish Mann St as a strong green spine through the city, connecting the distinct areas along its length.
2. Improve pedestrian amenity along Showground Rd, Etna Street and Faunce St to connect the schools and hospitals into the station and centre of Gosford
3. Connect City North with the surrounding green spaces in a wider active transport network
4. Investigate opportunities to widen footpaths and create active transport links on Mann St and Showground Road. Also consider improved footpaths and active transport across Etna Bridge.

3. Provide a new public space



Observation:
There is a lack of public open space

Principle:

1. Provide a public open space for the City North area
2. Investigate a location for public open space that can bring east and west of the city together, as well as connect to the Civic Heart.
3. Consider that it has a unique and authentic identity based on the character of the City North.
4. Provide a variety of soft and hard spaces for people to meet, enjoy a lunch break and engage as a community.
5. Ensure the space has good solar access.
6. Provide trees and greener places.

4. Promote a diversity of built form

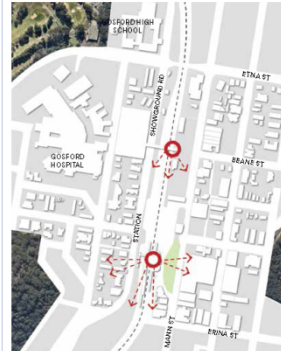


Observation:
The varied grain of the built fabric and the robust street grid offers a range of opportunities for refurbishment, adaptive re-use and new buildings.

Principle:

1. The opportunity for a diversity of building types and scales of spaces should be encouraged, to create a varied grain and pedestrian scale environment along Mann St.
2. Retain existing trees and plant new ones.
3. Encourage through site links and porous built form.

5. Celebrate glimpsed views



Observation:
Glimpsed views of President's Hill, Rumbalara Reserve and Brisbane waters connect the area with the wider landscape.

Principle:

1. Views to key landmarks should be celebrated at the station, the arrival to the city. Careful redesign of Burns Park, the Gateway Centre site, and any future station redesign, could create a glimpsed view of Rumbalara Reserve from the station. The concourse should consider water views whilst any other opportunities to view President's Hill from the station and its surrounds should be explored.
2. Views to key landmarks should be considered from existing and new public vantage points and be a consideration in new or changes to built form.

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2.10 Connections, movement and access options

1. Etna St Bridge Upgrade

Investigate options for improved priority access for the ambulance to the hospital. This is a critical functional challenge for the hospital.

Investigate improved active transport connections for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly for students and hospital workers to connect to Mann Street in the east.

Consider options for traffic congestion reduction for the Etna St/ Racecourse Rd and Showground Rd intersection.

Consider parking options in the Showground and nearby sites with shuttle bus access to the hospital and station to help reduce traffic congestion.

Consider the heritage value of Etna Bridge in any proposed changes.

2. Hospital Pedestrian bridge.

Investigate options for a pedestrian and active transport bridge from the main concourse of the Hospital at Holden Street, over the new hospital carpark and railway corridor to Mann Street. The link could align with the street grid at Beane Street. This is roughly half way between Etna Bridge and the station and possibly form part of the development of a mixed use transport interchange.

This clear pedestrian route and site line could offer the greatest potential to draw the staff and patients of the hospital across the rail corridor to activate Mann Street. Consider landing the bridge in an improved public domain and improved Mann Street.

The following opportunities for improved movement and accessibility have been considered for the City North, which together could form a connected community and public domain. These options are listed from the north moving towards the south.

3. Active movement network.

Connect City North with the surrounding green spaces along green corridors such as Faunce Street which connects the northern edge of President's Hill with Rumbalara Reserve.

4. Gosford Station upgrade.

Consider the station as an important civic link for the east and west of the city, used daily by the wider community, not just station users.

Encourage direct access to platforms to release capacity on the concourse.

5. Consider a southern rail platform entry/exit with the required platform extensions for the InterCity Fleet trains.

With the station platform extensions proposed to be towards the south this provides an opportunity to consider a southern platform entry and exit aligned with Erina Street East.

This could be a new rail crossing that links the State Commuter Parking station and Mann Street, encouraging commuters to have easy access to the station, and the commercial, retail and food and beverage options on Mann Street. It also has close connections to Kibble Park.

Consider whether some pedestrianisation of Erina Street East between Mann Street and the rail corridor could create a new public domain for pedestrians to land into, activated with commercial opportunities. It could also link to Baker Street Carpark and an improved laneway pedestrian environment.

6. Active transport loop around the rail corridor.

Consider an active transport loop that could connect Mann Street, Showground Rd, Etna Bridge and the Station (at either entry).

Consider the potential of this loop (approx 1.25km) to make a pedestrian focused core for the City North for the students, hospital workers, commuters and wider community.

Consider potential links to Presidents Hills, Kibble Park, Rumbalara Reserve and the Waterfront.

Consider a unique identity for the loop that expresses the active and healthy lifestyles of the Central Coast.

7. Improve north south links along Showground Rd, Mann Street and within the station precinct.

As discussed in the public domain suggestions, consider improved accessibility, active transport connections and wider footpaths to Mann Street and Showground Road.

The east of the station including Baker Lane and the bus interchange could be an improved pedestrian zone with links to Mann Street. The secondary laneway character with active frontages from surrounding buildings could be a unique environment in the city.



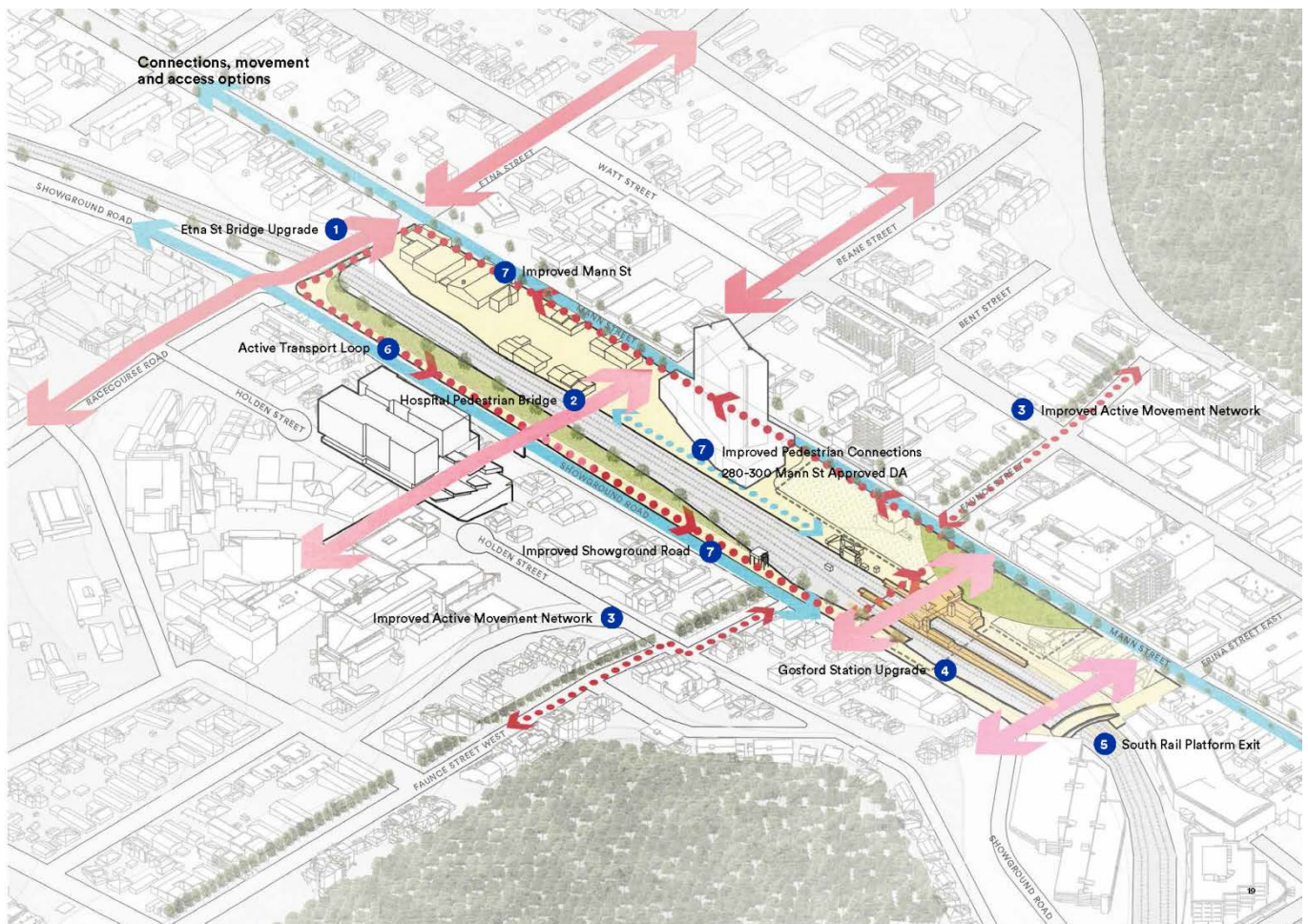
Image: Sally Diego



Image: Bourke Street Cycling, City of Sydney



Image: Sally Diego



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2.11 Public domain investigations

1. Public open space: Option 1 – Rail corridor

Increase pedestrian access across the whole city north precinct by improving conditions for pedestrians but also the need visit places.

Investigate the potential for a public space that links both Mann Street and the hospital on the land between the rail corridor and Mann Street.

This option indicated could connect the public on Mann Street, the hospital staff, the school students who walk past this area, and station users.

This option could build on the authentic rail character.

It could be a public domain integrated with a fine grain of private, commercial and public buildings that offer spaces for industry, food and beverage and community uses.

2. Potential Open Space: Option 2 – Beane Street

This option explores the potential for public open space to be created on some of the government owned land at the junction of Mann Street and Beane Street.

Provision of this space could activate Mann Street, be connected to the hospital and delivered in-conjunction with a new development of this land.

City North is lacking in a public open space that offers relief, green infrastructure and a public identity to the north. The following ideas for the City North public domain were considered:

3. Burns Park Upgrade

Explore an upgraded park that offers improves site lines to Mann Street, passive surveillance, increased accessibility, improved appearance and safety. It should function as the civic entrance to the city for people arriving by train.

The station upgrades should include improving direct access from platform one to the city centre at both the current station location and a second potential entrance at Erina Street.

A station masterplan should consider additional entrances in the context of potential for redevelopment of the interchange site to include improved facilities for passengers.

If the station master plan allows, the park upgrade could consider a broader rethink of the eastern station entrance including the bus and taxi interchange.

Pedestrian access from the station, through Burns park to Mann Street should be a priority. Consider opportunities relocating the road access for cars and buses to the interchange to be north of the station exit and entrance.

Reconsider landscape design of Burns Park to create clear site lines to Mann Street. Design of the future Gateway Centre should allow for glimpses of Rumbalara from the station exit. These glimpses of the ridge line and site lines to the main street are important wayfinding opportunities that help people orient themselves in the city.

4. Investigate the potential widening of Mann Street footpaths and public domain

Mann Street in the City North has narrow pedestrian footpaths and limited street trees. An improved public domain could include street trees, wider footpaths, improved lighting, wayfinding and active building frontages.

Mann Street would be a preferred route for the school students to walk along, as they could activate the main street, and potentially encourage new commercial and retail opportunities (which would be limited on Showground Road due to the hospital).

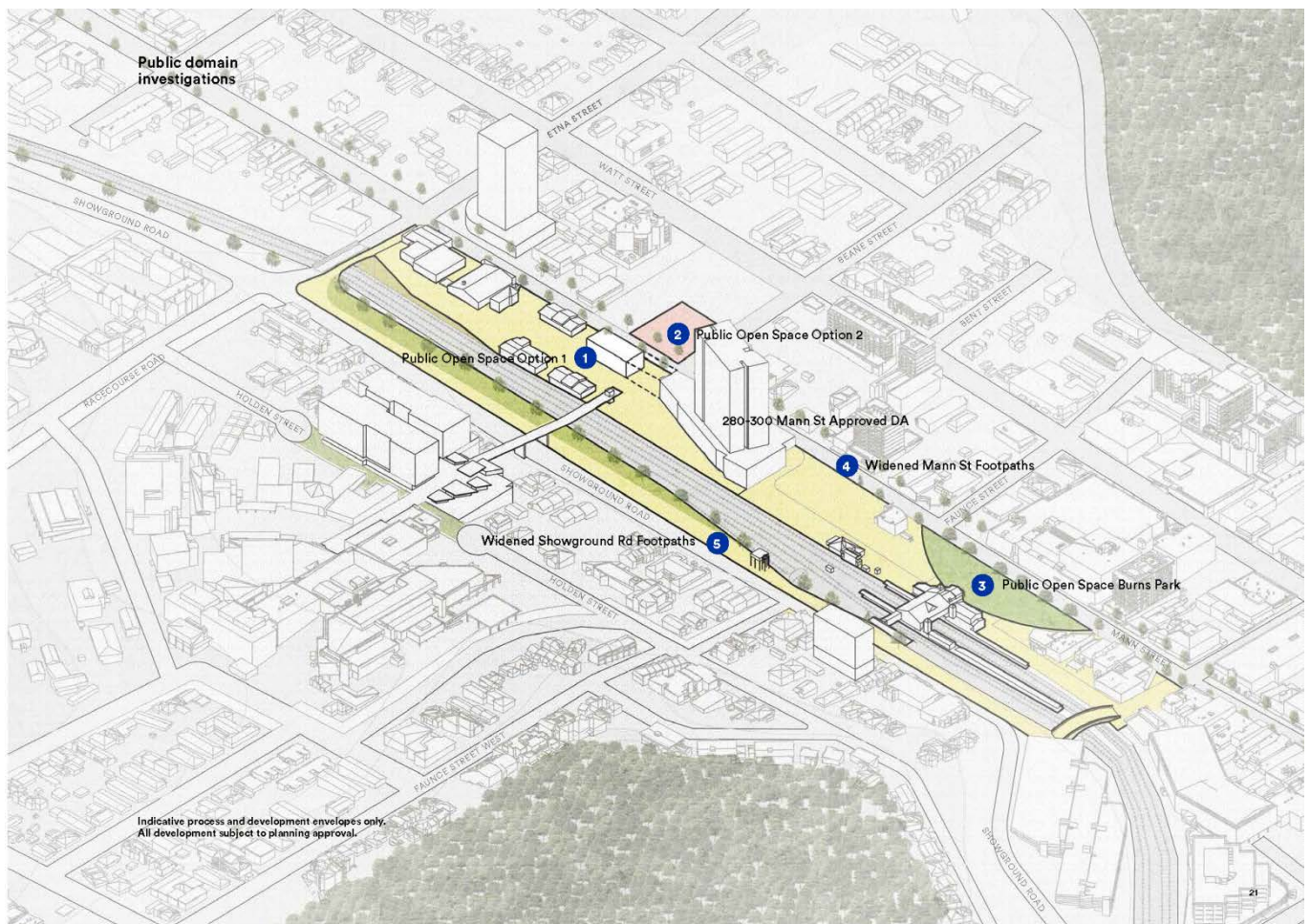
In order to allow for a widened active transport connection to the station and street tree planting, the building setbacks could increase. The western side of Mann Street has the greatest opportunities to allow for this, with fewer land owners.

5. Investigate the potential widening of Showground Road footpaths and public domain.

In order to provide wider and safer footpaths between the schools, hospital and station, tree planting, Showground Road should be considered as part of a wider upgrade of the public domain.

The western side of the road has limitations for widening paths with more land owners and the hospital parking station under construction.

The eastern side of the street has land between Showground Rd and the rail corridor with fewer private owners between the station and Etna Street and the high school. This land should be explored for an improved pedestrian environment.



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2.12 City North possible scenario

The projects identified below are one potential combination of design principles when applied to City North, emphasising better connections and an improved public domain. Further studies are required to identify the staging and ideal combination of these elements as explained in later stages of the report.

1. Etna St Bridge Upgrade

Improve connection across Etna Street bridge. Prioritise pedestrian, bicycle and emergency vehicles.

2. Hospital Pedestrian bridge.

Strengthen connection between hospital and CBD/ Civic Heart. Further investigation is required to identify options for a suitable location for a new pedestrian bridge over railway corridor and explore active edges around the built form of surrounding development.

3. Active movement network.

Connect City North with the surrounding green spaces in the wider active transport network.

4. Gosford Station upgrade.

Investigate station upgrade and options as part of a wider master plan to take in bus interchanges, Burns Park and surrounding public domain - refer to master plan considerations.

5. South Rail Entry/Exit

Consider Southern rail entry and new rail crossing including required platform extensions.

6. Improved Showground Rd Footpaths

Reinforce link between the station and schools/ hospital with new active transport/ civic boulevard to match investment in the hospital.

7. Improved Mann St Footpaths

Explore the potential of widening Mann St footpaths and improving the public domain.

8. Connected public domain

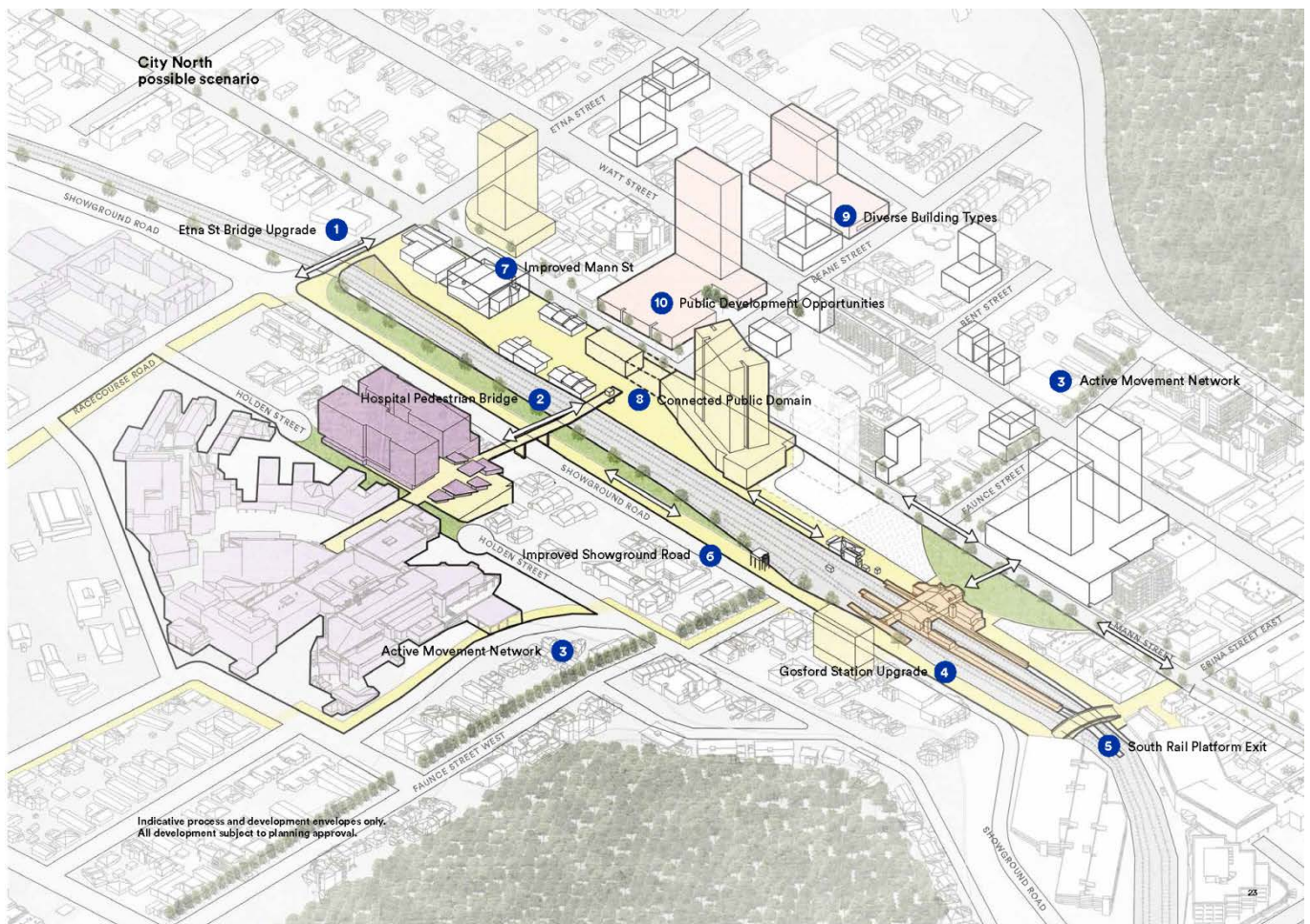
Mixed use innovation destination that draws together neighbours and key connections.

9. Diverse building types

The opportunity for a diversity of building types and scales of spaces should be encouraged, to create a varied diversity of building sizes and types and a pedestrian scale environment along Mann St. Explore retaining existing trees to help define a porous built form.

10. Public development opportunities

Explore public land use in City North for further catalyst projects and their relationship and proximity to key East/West connections on the Beane St alignment.



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Opportunity

Investigate location of a new public space adjacent to Mann Street.

Mann Street is the primary spine that connects different areas of the city along its length. It provides clear way finding and an organisational line to the city.

Throughout all three places, Mann street is the common thread that links each place together.

As a high street, it offers a historically important civic quality to the city. It has a fine grain streetscape that is human scale, offering diversity of shop-fronts and reflecting the city's history as a regional centre.

For the City North place, there are few connections back to Mann Street. The civic quality reduces as footpaths narrow and retail fine grain is replaced by larger car showrooms and light industrial.

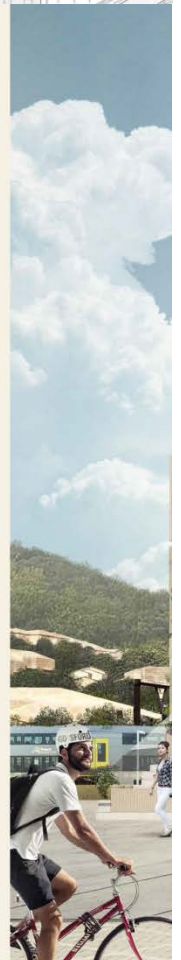
The aim of this place is to draw the civic quality of Mann Street up to the station area, and moving north to consider a new type of unique public domain.

This new public domain should be accessible, public, green and active. Its position should be adjoining one of the key railway corridor crossings.

This public space should be unique, helping to form a new identity for the City North. A good open space can focus investment, provide spaces for the community. It could include create collaboration spaces, research spaces for health and education, opportunities for industry, business and services, and more options for food and beverage.



Image: Library Street





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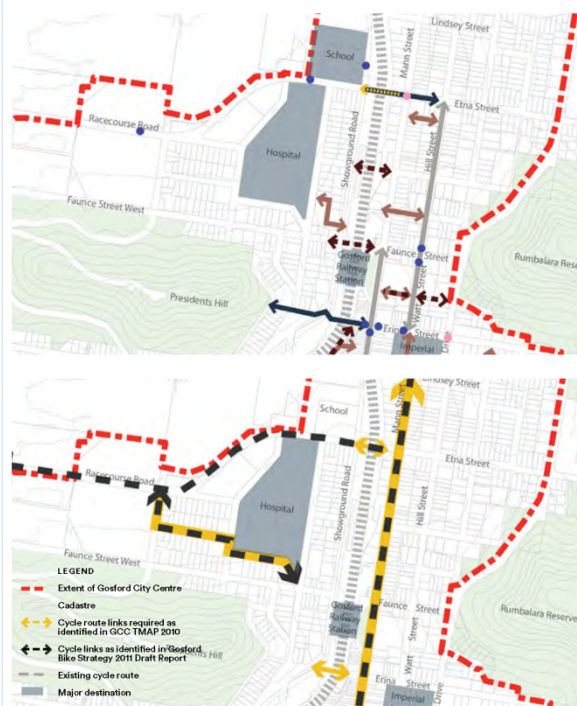
2.13 Past reports – access and movement

When evaluating options to improve access and movement in the north of the city, these following reports and previous studies should be taken into consideration:

Streetscape Design Guidelines
OCULUS FOR GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL

This set of streetscape design guidelines provided a more detailed analysis of the missing connections and links in the active transport network, as well as suggesting improvements to the streetscapes. The following two key diagrams (right) outlined the suggestions for an improved network.

- LEGEND**
- Extent of Gosford City Centre
 - Cadastre
 - Desired pedestrian links identified in Gosford City Centre DCP 2007
 - Desired pedestrian links identified in GCC TMAP 2010
 - Links as identified in GSS Master Plan 2010
 - Public link
 - Through site link (Private Site)
 - Main Street Linkages
 - Major Destination
 - Existing crossing
 - Traffic light crossing (no intersection)
 - Four way crossing with traffic light



Images (both diagrams) Streetscape Design Guidelines, Oculus for Gosford City Council

Our City Our Destiny 2010
COX FOR GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL

The 2010 master plan identified two precincts including a **Railway Precinct** and **Hospital Precinct** with the following projects which all remain relevant:

The Railway Precinct:

TMAP (complete)

Review possible improved interchange

Mann St north upgrade

Hills/Watt St green spine and upgraded pedestrian street to link northern residents to Kibble Park

Upgrade Burns Park

Upgrade Bus Interchange

Removal of Gateway Centre bridge (airspace owned by council)

Hospital Precinct:

Support the expansion of health and wellbeing services

Etna St Bridge upgrade – priority to service the hospital and schools

Holden St, Racecourse Rd and Showground Rd pedestrian upgrades and green infrastructure

New development along Showground Road

Gosford Public School Relocation (completed)

Gosford and Henry Kendall High School oval upgrades, in partnership with council to help provide these facilities for the wider community

Railway pedestrian link upgrades acknowledging the challenges of topography



Upgraded Bus Stop/Waiting Place – Our City Our Dream, Our Ambitions



Showground Road before



Showground Road after

Upgraded Showground Rd Vision – Our City Our Dream, Our Ambitions

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Gosford City Centre Transport management and accessibility plan (TMAP), 2010

AECOM FOR TRANSPORT NSW

The TMAP provided detailed analysis and suggested projects for active transport, public transport and the vehicular network as suggested below:

Improve connectivity for cycle and pedestrians across the Etna St Bridge and Donnison Street Bridge.

Pedestrian upgrades to Racecourse Rd.

Improve the Railway Pedestrian bridge, in particular the south bound platform on the Mann St side of the bridge could be access on level with the street, rather than going up and down stairs.

Improved pedestrian connectivity to the Waterfront from the city centre.

Overcome gradient changes and improve pedestrian connections to the Gosford Hospital.

Improving bus services is suggested as a key way to reduce east/west congestion at Etna St and Donnison St.

Create a city centre loop bus to connect the city centre, station and hospital precincts. This should be linked to possible park and ride facilities.

Consider a "Gosford Interchange transit oriented development" at the station to consolidate and strengthen the public transport core of the city centre. This could help overcome grade level changes between Mann St, the Station and Showground Road. It may also act as a catalyst project for Gosford.

The Draft Masterplan for the Renewal of Gosford City Centre recommends a pedestrian and cycle bridge over the station at Etna St to tie into the parking facilities.

Identify suitable bike parking and end of trip facilities for workers in Gosford. Consider in particular on the west side of Gosford Station to cater to the population arriving on this side.

Gosford City Centre Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), 2009

MASSON WILSON TWINEY FOR GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL - NSW RTA

The PAMP aimed develop an improved, interconnected and safe pedestrian network in the city centre. Observations and key projects included:

Wider footpaths with the upgrades to Donnison Rd and Etna St bridge overpasses.

Bus congestion on Mann St through the city centre as most of the routes use Mann Street.

Improve Baker Lane and Baker Street pedestrian route from the Station to the waterfront, noting this is the most level access to the water.

Create through block pedestrian connections from Mann St to Baker St on the larger southern sites.

Noted conflict between on street commuter parking and safe pedestrian routes to Henry Kendall High School. Similarly conflict between hospital parking at the school along Racecourse and Showground Rd.

A number of pedestrian footpath projects were suggested including widening footpaths on Mann St, providing safe crossings particularly across Mann St and Danes Drive, and linking the schools to the station.

Commuter Parking Stations

The State Rail commuter parking is contributing to traffic congestion on Showground Rd, and consultation has indicated that issues of drug use and homelessness make the parking station feel unsafe.

The Baker Street carpark is often full by 7am with commuters, reducing short term parking options in the city centre. Pedestrians use the laneway connection of Baker Lane rather than activating Mann Street. The experience is a poor public domain that feels unsafe and no activity at night.

DPE and the Central Coast Council are undertaking a study to explore commuter parking options to support the revitalisation of Gosford.

Current Transport Studies Underway

RMS and Transport for NSW have committed to work with Council on a detailed joint movement and access plan for the Gosford City Centre and the wider Central Coast Region. At the time of this report the findings of this study were not yet known.

Recently the state government has invested significant funds towards upgrades to the Central Coast Highway West Gosford Intersection, the Northconnex Motorway, train passing loops to improve commuter services. The impact of these changes would require further analysis. It is not expected that any of these changes will materially change the urban structure and recommendations of this report. Options suggested in this report will be able to be tested as part of the traffic study.

Central Coast Council Active Transport Strategy – 2018 (Draft)

The Central Coast Council 2018 Draft Active Transport Strategy envisages a diverse and robust economy for Gosford, linked by active and sustainable transport to improve productivity and liveability. Improvements to the region focus on safe and friendly walking and cycle environments to create healthy communities, reduce traffic congestion and improve sustainability. The strategy outlines that strategic network connectivity in major town centres like Gosford is the priority. Priority projects identified in the action plan include:

Short term:

Mann St (Dane Drive to Etna St) cycleway.

Connecting cycleway of the waterfront to Mann St.

Cycleway between intersection of Racecourse Rd / Faunce Street West, continuing north along Showground Rd.

Medium - Long Term:

Gosford to Point Clare waterfront cycleway.

Cycleway connection and bridge connecting to the West Gosford Industrial Estate.

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2.14 Hospital improvement options

The following two areas (the hospital and the station) are priorities for public domain and accessibility improvements as part of a wider network. These upgrades will link the city centre, station, schools and strategic recreational facilities.

The hospital is an important anchor and key attractor of people. The following projects can be clustered together around the hospital to improve the public domain and access to this asset. Working with key stakeholders, the following public domain and accessibility options around the hospital could be considered in more detail:

Improvements to Showground Road between the station and Etna street will create a pedestrian and cycle friendly environment. Improvements to be considered include widened footpaths, street tree planting, possibly moving power lines underground, improved pedestrian crossings, lighting, cycle paths, new signage from the station to the hospital.

The station western exit could consider a small retail development on Showground road to include local commercial services like a corner shop, small grocery store or food and beverage options.

Consider active frontages to the hospital carpark. Possible uses could include anything with activity or allowing public use including a commercial space, small retail or food and beverage, or even car wash facilities.

Racecourse Road and Showground Rd intersection at Etna Street is a challenging place requiring further consideration of traffic, ambulance access, public transport, parking and active transport connections.

Consider options to reduce through traffic on Showground Road and Racecourse Road. Consider including speed restrictions, road design and traffic calming.

Consider the pedestrian, cycle and public transport links to potential parking provided at the Showground.

Consider the impact of Holden Street closing to through traffic in the future (as is planned).



Image: Jolly Design

Observation:

Pedestrian access to the hospital is often along narrow footpaths of residential streets and busy roads.

The steep topography and heavy traffic of Showground Rd combined with disconnected footpaths creates an unsafe route for children to Gosford High School.

The future hospital changes include the closure of Holden Street to through traffic and the creation of a pedestrian zone. The main car park access will be off Showground Rd and Beane Street West between Holden Street and Showground road will also be closed.

Pedestrian movements across the hospital site to the schools will not be encouraged due to the conflict with emergency vehicles and hospital security.



Image: Gosford Hospital Redevelopment 2020-2030 Traffic Assessment by Parking and Traffic Consultants June 2015



Image: Getty Images

Car parking and a blank facade facing Showground Rd offers little activation, passive surveillance or engagement with the street. The public domain needs more consideration for a pedestrian friendly, planted street, ideally with active uses that could suit the hospital and educational facilities like food and beverage or fitness services. Altering some key street facing carparking spaces to these uses could help activate the street and would benefit from good footfall.

Pedestrian safety on Showground Road must also be a priority requiring consideration. There is a potential conflict with pedestrians (including school children) and the carpark entrance and emergency vehicles in the area.

Showground Road entry
Design: Gordon & Hargrett Architecture; 3D: 3D; Photograph: Gordon & Hargrett



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2.15 The station challenges today

The station currently carries over 4000 commuters a day from the region to Sydney. Over 22 million trips a year are completed or commenced in this station, it is the busiest station on the Central Coast.

Some station changes are planned to accommodate the new intercity fleet of trains due to arrive on the line in 2019 including platform extensions. The new trains will offer commuters improved amenities including wifi, power supply and tables. New cafe facilities for customers will also be opening soon along with enhanced wayfinding.

Most of the changes to the station are relatively minor upgrades rather than a complete reconsideration of this powerful asset for a regional capital. Some fundamental accessibility and place making issues need further consideration. As the front door for many tourists and locals arriving on the Central Coast by train, the station presentation is crucial.

Key observations include:

- Station is heavily congested at peak times.
- Poor way-finding and legibility.
- Limited amenities, retail offering or opportunities for food and beverage.
- Congested bus and taxi interchange with poor pedestrian amenity.
- Poor lighting and safety issues identified at night.
- Lack of activation and services at night.
- Limited platform access at ground level.
- The station does not help to activate Mann Street or the city centre.
- Concourse is currently fulfilling both the role of accessing platforms and providing a pedestrian crossing of the rail line.





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2.16 Station improvement options

The station needs a variety of short term and long term projects to enhance its position in the regional capital. There is an opportunity to maximise existing and future investment at Gosford station and surrounding sites to contribute further to the revitalisation of Gosford as a regional capital. As the city grows and attracts more people to live, work and visit, and with the introduction of the new Intercity Fleet, the station will need to accommodate more people and services. It is suggested that further detailed master planning is carried out by Sydney Trains with key stakeholders including GANSW, DPE, TINSW Property and the Central Coast Council.

A master plan for this region should consider the following projects around the station and their interrelationships:

1. Install Opal gates to Platform 1 directly from the Mann Street Entry

An Opal gate would ensure patrons of the station arriving from Mann Street in the east do not need to unnecessarily climb stairs to the concourse level, then descend back down to the platform at all times of the day. Through access directly onto the platform already exists, however it is only open at peak periods.

2. Burns Park Upgrade

Improve site lines to Mann Street and passive surveillance.

Increase accessibility.

Improve appearance and safety.

3. Improved sense of place and arrival to the western station entry.

Consider the drop and pick up facilities in light of increased traffic on Showground Rd.

Create safe access to residential areas, the hospital, schools and parking stations at all hours.

4. Improve building quality, appearance and accessibility across the concourse allowing the station to be a significant connector for the community.

5. Consider improved overall amenity including retail, and food and beverage offerings, amenities, review of existing cycle storage and facilities including their use and location, improved lift access and upgrades to platforms.

6. The new Intercity Fleet of trains drive platform extensions to the south.

This provides the opportunity to explore a southern station platform exit aligned with Erina St East which links directly to Mann Street and the parking station. This southern exit could help activate Mann Street and deliver pedestrians close to the heart of Kibble Park.

As a second stage this could also include an additional pedestrian crossing of the railway line and a connection into the commuter carparking and Showground Road.

7. Consider an activated laneway for Baker Lane with improved pedestrian amenity.

Safety, passive surveillance and active frontages to the buildings should be considered. As activating Mann Street is a priority, Baker Lane should have good links back to the main street. Commercial premises or food and beverage could be double fronted.

8. Possible future redesign of the Gateway Centre should consider solar access to Burns Park and view corridors to Rumbalara Reserve from the station exit.

Design for this site would need to be subject to design excellence processes as it is a strategically important site and gateway to the city centre.

In the short term consider removing the bridge over Mann Street to encourage street level footfall.

9. Consider connections from the station to a new public domain in the north.

The new public domain may include a mixed use, fine grain of buildings for startup companies, food and beverage, and private development.

10. Consider development potential within the proximity of the station and bus interchange.



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2.17 Precedents – public domain, accessibility and places

The following precedents create a visual story board of public domain improvements, built form opportunities, and diverse industry opportunities that could be considered for City North.

Whilst any one project will be important, the network of new places and improved assets need to work together in order to create a quality environment that attracts locals and visitors to the regional capital.



Explore opportunities for a bridge to the hospital.
Jana River Building, The University of Sydney



A public domain that both connects people and places, is distinctive and celebrates the rail character.
The Goods Line by Airport and CROPS, Image: Pictorial Services



Explore a station master plan that supports the regional capital.
Oxford Rail Station by Tishler 2-Edith Green for TSHO, Image: Eric Tasson



Create flexible outdoor places for popups and markets.
David Street Market, Market, Image: CROPS



An active transport loop with safe connections to the schools and other community facilities.
Bicycle Street, City of Sydney



A public domain that encourages a night time economy.
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Flexible spaces for community events.
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2.18 Precedents – built form, industry and research opportunities



Opportunities for small scale exhibitions and engagement with the arts community of Gosford.

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An integrated hospital that creates a place for the community and engages with the streets.

Image: Bradman Beale's Hospital by BVN



Encourage local producers in the Central Coast to contribute a strong food and beverage culture in Gosford like award winning Distillery Botanica in Erina.

Image: <https://distillerybotanica.com.au>



Opportunities for the schools and the educational facilities to engage with industry and the cultural offering of the city.

Image: Gosford High School @Gosford_High



Draw on the rail and industrial character of the area to create a unique place.

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Consider opportunities for medical research, connected with school and tertiary educations.

Image: Gosford Private Hospital Workshop - Health Care Australia



Coordinated Events calendar for community programming of events like markets, music or yoga.

Image: Coasts International Community Co Llc - Facebook.com/CoastsInternational



Encourage a diverse mixture of built forms and housing diversity including student housing, aged care, affordable accommodation and serviced apartments.

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Design objectives for NSW

Seven objectives
define the key
considerations in
the design of the
built environment.



Better fit
contextual, local
and of its place



Better performance
sustainable, adaptable
and durable



Better for community
inclusive, connected
and diverse



Better for people
safe, comfortable
and liveable



Better working
functional, efficient
and fit for purpose



Better value
creating and
adding value



Better look and feel
engaging, inviting
and attractive

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01. INTRODUCTION

Government Architect NSW (GANSW), supporting the Central Coast Coordinator General and in close collaboration with a consultancy team led by CHROFI, has initiated work to support the ongoing revitalisation of the regional city of Gosford.

The Urban Design and Implementation Framework (UDIF) will help to shape the continued development and renewal of the Gosford City Centre and support implementation of the *Central Coast Regional Plan 2036* vision for Gosford. Capitalising on government and private sector investment in Gosford will strengthen its role as the regional capital and benefit current and future residents of the entire Central Coast.

This Place based report explores and describes in greater detail the issues, constraints, uses and opportunities associated with City South. It considers Baker Street, Leagues Club Field and the city's connect to the water's edge.

1.1 Preamble

Great places and cities don't happen by chance. They are designed and continue to be designed to manage their transformation over time. The need for the UDIF has arisen from the growing consensus that a vision needs a framework for implementation. The implementation of strategies and recommendations will enable the urban design outcomes to be delivered.

When undertaking urban design analysis and developing strategies and recommendations for collaborative implementation, engaging with people fosters confidence, development and investment. Done carefully, with focus on natural attributes, amenity, public domain and quality, it has the potential to transform quality of life for people, stimulate the economy, and enhance the environment.

The current context

There have been several ad hoc responses to support revitalisation in the city centre including sporadic development of new buildings, largely in the residential market concentrated around the fringe of the city centre itself.

There remains a run-down appearance in the buildings and vacant shops, with poor quality public domain and way finding, poor pedestrian amenity and poor connectivity with surrounding areas.

Previous plans have:

- not resolved issues relating to investment in public domain and the city's key public places
- led to individual developments but not significantly improved the public domain or overall attractiveness of the city
- not inspired confidence and investment in the Gosford City Centre leaving a run-down appearance, and building stock as well as empty shops
- delivered limited development contributions for public domain infrastructure.

However, there has been progress with the establishment of new government projects and jobs (Hospital, Australian Tax Office) within the city centre and commitments for a regional library and arts centre. This has built both momentum for change and boosted private sector investment confidence.

The UDIF report

The UDIF has identified a different approach to the revitalisation of Gosford City Centre, one that takes a place-based approach. It prioritises and focuses interventions spatially and in terms of implementation and deliverability, with potential catalytic impact. This approach focuses on key public places where there is existing momentum in terms of public and private sector investment, prioritising public focused initiatives in the overall city centre renewal.

The UDIF will provide a series of recommendations regarding the design of places and spaces to support delivery of the vision for Gosford City Centre. It will also provide recommendations relating to governance, infrastructure and other matters that will be critical to the ongoing urban renewal and quality outcomes for Gosford.

An integrated design approach can collaboratively create the framework for the delivery of great places, spaces and buildings that attract and retain residents, jobs, tourists, and further investment.

The UDIF is a design-led methodology, balancing multiple and sometimes competing agendas. It is for all agencies, levels of government, industry and the community to plug in to for action. It builds on the vision of the regional plan, which has consensus.

The UDIF proposes an urban logic to assist with decision making and outlining recommendations. It provides an implementation plan to guide rejuvenation, growth and foster good design and a high quality public realm.

The three places which the UDIF provides in the most detail are:

- City Middle: Kibble park and the civic heart
- City North: The health and education precinct
- City South: Leagues Club Field and water edge

This report provides the detailed urban design framework for the City South.

Purpose of this Report

This Place Based Report provides guidance to help shape and inform the development of the next stages of planning and investment decisions in Gosford.

This report will inform:

- Early urban design advice to assist with shaping and the assessment of time sensitive projects ensuring that they contribute positively to the vision for Gosford e.g. Regional Library and RPAC.
- Development of new and emerging planning controls for the city centre and the three places
- Contribute to the schedule of projects to be included in the preparation of state and local infrastructure contribution plans
- Public and private sector investment decisions in the three key places
- Pre-application advice to developers
- Consideration of planning proposals and applications including proposed design review processes
- Negotiation of voluntary planning agreements (VPA) and the potential inclusion of regional and community facilities in proposals
- Potential partnerships opportunities for mixed use projects
- Inform and support bids for funding e.g. upgrades in public realm, active transport, etc.

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1.2 Creating three places

When examining the scale of Gosford, the city is large and spread out relative to regional cities of similar population catchment. By creating key places within walking distance to each other, they become stepping stones to connect across the city.

Three places for Gosford have been identified:

- Kibble Park
- City North
- City South

City South Location

Parklands in the City South have the potential to bring the locals, the landscape and the water together. This report looks at the Leagues Club Field (also known as Gosford City Park), Gosford Stadium, the Australian Tax Office (ATO) building, the Finance building, and Baker Street.

This is focused on providing a sense of place and a strong identity for Gosford. It will guide the opportunities to maximise the contribution of the next stage of development while ensuring public access and amenity. A place to arrive but also to spend time.

A place based approach for change in Gosford falls broadly into three key areas:

1. Green infrastructure
2. Public domain
2. Built form

These three broad areas can be found throughout the report in both urban design analysis and the recommendations.

The development of a Green Infrastructure Strategy, like Parramatta Ways or Greater Sydney Green Grid, can support the establishment of a network of well-connected places that create an attractive capital city with vibrant street life.

Improvements in the public domain create an attractive city which is a platform for investment with short term returns and long term growth.

With the public domain and green infrastructure creating a desirable place to live and work, private and public investment in the built environment can provide the final ingredient for change. The built form strategies in this report champion good design, support development opportunities and protect the public domain for all by placing a value on solar access, views, and consistent built form controls.

Many of the ideas for this place based report start with the green and public assets of the community, and uncover strategies to unlock their potential.

The potential of Gosford

The city of Gosford has enormous potential; the structure of the city has all the ingredients to be a successful regional capital. The reality on the ground is not as favourable. Public investment is needed to change the reality of Gosford.

Role of Gosford

Gosford's role extends beyond the immediate towards a local, regional and state context.

Its role as a regional capital brings with it aspirations, including:

- Civic and Cultural role as the heart of city centre with the provision of services for a regional city providing employment and residential
- Prominent commercial core functions – professional services, civic services (such as banks, police, court house, government agencies, Council, or regional library facilities)
- Consolidation of government and professional services
- Accessible city that is the focus of efficient movement networks.



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02. CITY SOUTH

A region is defined by its capital. For Gosford, the south of the city is a major draw for people from the wider region. This is due to its composition of major destinations including the Stadium, the Olympic Swimming Pool, Leagues Club and boat ramp.

There is also a growing local population of workers and residents in this part of the city. At a local level, the city south should better connect Gosford's city centre to the water's edge.

The city south is also a key arrival point for visitors to the Central Coast and for the communities who live around Brisbane Water. In this way, it is important that this part of the city showcases some of the defining character of the region.

In the south, Gosford's relationship with its landscape is strong, a modern city framed by green ridgelines which meet the Brisbane Water. Together the City South project has the potential to be a unique and defining image of the city, and of the Central Coast.

This report specifically does not address or examine Gosford's waterfront.

Focus in the short term should be on where investment and change is occurring in the city and where building momentum for improvements can be supported and implemented efficiently and effectively. Once the Civic Centre is revitalised; the hospital is completed and better connected to the city; Mann St is improved; and the investment in jobs and growth in the south is leveraged; collectively government and key stakeholders will be in a better position to examine what the Waterfront needs to be to best support the City and the region.

While there has been focus on the waterfront in previous documents and clearly evident as a concern in ongoing community consultation, there are complex and inter-related issues and opportunities that need to be explored in greater detail than possible in the scope of work defined for this UDIF. The Waterfront is important to the City, the region, the people and the place. It has the capacity to be a regional attractor. Previous plans and visions have failed to deliver a publicly desirable, economically viable and implementable outcome for the waterfront.

GA NSW recommends undertaking a specifically designed process that involves genuine and broad stakeholder and community engagement to develop a shared understanding and approach to its future. There should be extensive analysis of potential uses, physical challenges, strategic objectives, movement requirements and public domain, cultural and development opportunities. Planning controls, governance, ownership and management should all be examined as part of the process.

As with any waterfront for any city, public access and public benefit needs to be paramount, as the natural and cultural qualities of the environment need to be respected and enhanced. Equally, opportunities for investment and the creation or improvement of regional attractors should be explored. Ultimately, the vision, viability and feasibility of ideas and proposals should be evaluated against a clear vision supported by shared values and principles.

As such the work in this report focusses on the important area of the city to the north of the Central Coast Highway and how this part of the city connects to the civic centre and over time, will function as a physical, social and economic connection to the waterfront. It outlines specific and tangible urban moves that can be made to improve how the area works along with key principles to be followed to, builds on existing assets and ensure the natural assets of the place so important to the identity of the city are respected

2.1 A city framed by its landscape and connected with its wider region

City South should reinforce the role of Gosford as the regional capital, which brings together the qualities and character of the Central Coast.

City South accommodates many existing regional attractors, drawing a large population into the area.

The regional attractors include the Stadium, Gosford Olympic Swimming Pool, Central Coast Leagues Club, Conservatorium of Music, Sailing Club and boat jetty. The proposed Regional Performing Arts Centre will add to this collection of regional destinations. The park offers a huge opportunity to accommodate a range of uses from active sport, to children's play, to walking and passive recreation.

Recent commercial developments of the ATO offices and further government offices on Mann St have brought a large daytime population to the area. This diverse population needs to be supported by new public domain, allowing the city to function well in event mode as well as day to day.

City South has a rich history

The Darkinjung are the original indigenous inhabitants of this land. They have a deep connection to this place which must be respected, engaged with as a living culture and brought to the surface in any future development of the southern city.

Brisbane Water has always been a place of boat building activity and this rich history should be communicated as part of a low key wayfinding and place approach.

City South is a key arrival point, and must be defined as such, both for the regional population as well as for visitors to the Central Coast. The City South must connect these people into the civic heart.

Key modes of arrival include the highway, the train line and perhaps in future, a ferry service. Active transport links are key between Gosford, and the region's communities surrounding Brisbane Water. A more direct cycle and walking trail to Point Clare should be considered as a priority.

Quality public domain should draw people to the destinations in City South as well as through to the civic heart.

City South brings together many of the defining qualities of the region. The strong relationship between the city and the surrounding landscape creates a defining identity and image for the city.

There is the opportunity to strengthen the iconic image of the city at the arrival to the Central Coast, by rail or on the highway, which defines the character and identity of Gosford and the Central Coast region.

City South is integral to connecting the civic heart of Gosford with the surrounding Central Coast region, and defining the image of Gosford as a modern city framed by its natural landscape.



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2.2 Baker St becomes a pedestrian prioritised boulevard and catalyst for the reinvention of City South

The extension and activation of Baker St will help start the reinvention of the south of Gosford city. An active park and pedestrian prioritised boulevard connecting the city with the water will become a focus of City South and create a civic space as the arrival place in the city.

City South is currently poorly connected to the city centre with a low quality public domain. Issues with connectivity and walkability between the city centre and the south include:

1. Mann St cannot meet the water due to the high topography. The cliff and parks at the end are important and highly valued by the community, but the routes through the park and down Vaughan Ave do not connect the city well with the southern area of the city and the stadium.
2. Baker St has low active street fronts and does not continue to the water.
3. Walkability is poor, with poor pedestrian environments.
4. The park is not well defined or activated. It is not a destination for a diverse population.
5. Dane Drive has no pedestrian crossing at the junction with the highway due to the roundabout intersection.
6. The highway impacts the pedestrian environment and crossing opportunities.



1.
Existing: No clear route between the city centre and the south, with no active frontages to define the park and attract people.



2.
Proposed: Baker St is the catalyst to define, connect and activate a place in the City South, and to connect the city centre to an evolving waterfront. There is also the potential to close the southern end of Vaughan Avenue.



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2.3 About City South

What do locals say

The UDIF process involved consultation with a range of key stakeholders and representatives from the local Gosford community. It has also benefited from the findings of the CCC Community Strategic Plan online and face to face surveys.

City South is highly valued by the community. It has been the focus of many design proposals and strong community opinions. It is home to many of the Central Coast and Gosford's key institutions.

"There is no better setting to watch a game"

"Potential is the best thing about the waterfront"

"The stadium is great, but most of the time the area is dead with nothing to do. Gosford City Park is well used for sports a lunch, but is empty the rest of the time."

"Tommy's Cafe is great. We need more like that."

"It would be great to be able to swim."

"The public has been pushed to the edges. The edges of the park, the road and the stadium. Slowly over time the public water edge has been lost."

"With strong southerlies, poor water quality and little to do, the city south doesn't offer much."

"It is important to get the city centre right and humming and not be distracted by proposals and planning for the waterfront."

"Previous plans have enclosed the waterfront and blocked connections to the city. It will be important to get it right this time."

History

The history of this area highlights:

- the importance of the local indigenous history of the Darkinjung people on this land
- the seawall is often identified as a landmark, or something to walk towards, there was no place to stay once you were there.
- the development of the ATO building on the former primary school site raised community concern for public land in this area.
- there was general resistance to further privatisation of the water's edge of Leagues Club Field, including The Landings scheme and locating the RPAC on the field.
- the park was seen as the last publicly owned vestiges of the water's edge.

Values

- a public water's edge for all of the community
- to protect the views of the water
- quality public open space for play



City South Aerial Design: courtesy of Central Coast Seaplan Club



Historical Map of Gosford: Courtesy of Central Coast Seaplan Club



Gosford Park Design: courtesy of Central Coast Seaplan Club

2.4 What we heard

This table captures a summary of feedback from workshop 5 that relates to City South and the surrounding area – current issues, opportunities for the future and the role it can play in making Gosford a regional capital and great place. Whilst not the subject of this report, feedback on the waterfront has been captured here because it helps inform thinking on the wider area.

GREEN LINKS

Link reserves to the city

Trees

More parks and gardens, better quality existing parks, botanical gardens

Promote Gosford's natural assets and ecology

Greenscape and open space on the Showground in the future

Bay to Bay type run that links recreation and fitness to the environment, trails

Waterplay/ Lagoon

Better connections to Rumbalara Reserve and Presidents Hill

PARKING

Parking at night (noting council car park at Baker St shuts at 6pm)

More short term parking (currently used by commuters)

Parking (for events on the waterfront)

More commuter parking, parking for workers

TRANSPORT OPTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Better public transport options, other than the car, more direct bus routes

Ferry Service to Woy Woy and Sydney

Better pedestrian access and accessible footpaths for all (will help things feel closer)

Water access is too distant improve the connection

Better signage and way finding

Marine for boats, may require dredging

Better cycle access and paths

Pedestrian access around station, and CC Leagues Club Site

Infrastructure to feed in and be coordinated

SAFETY

Improved safety – particular at night, and for women

Passive surveillance

Lighting

DESIGN

A distinct design style, not cookie cutter

Improved public domain and streetscape, public art, better footpaths, bins,

Each grey square represents the relative number of mentions each issue had during the workshop.

Integration of arts and design, cultural trail

Quality first, not low budget, which will entice further investment

Wider footpaths

Link people to specific quality of place

SOCIAL

Diversity of users (youth, aging population)

Indigenous history of President's Hill and other locations respectfully displayed

PROGRAMME AND ATTRACTORS

Active usages at all hours, 7 days

Night life (after 5pm), including small bars

Upgrade the pool with relocated grandstand and connection to the water.

A cultural centre for the region, appropriately funded

Youth place to occupy, youth entertainment

Support Gosford as a cultural capital with diverse arts and music

Space for sports and outdoor recreation

Power to support pop-ups or events on the harbour of Kibble Park

Family playground with BBQs, shelter, preferably near the water

Coordinated activities and events

IDENTITY

A big clear idea, not band-aid solutions

Action, lots of plans that have not come to fruition

Coordinated events to create a cultural destination

Retain and preserve any historic character and fabric

ECONOMY

Options for food + beverage after events, e.g.: a Saturday Game at the stadium

Improve the stadium – address event mode pedestrian access, improved members and sponsor area

More high quality shops, culture and arts, high quality office space

HOUSING

More variety and more residents living near and in the city

More affordable housing, social housing and diversity in housing options

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2.5 Summary of key regional assets

The City South is rich in cultural, natural and economic assets. These assets are brought together at the entrance to the city in the south.

The unique natural and civic assets are listed on the left, whilst the cultural, economic and private investments in the city south are listed on the right.



Image: Jody Dwyer

Mann Street – a High Street

The important structural element of the city can be strengthened as a place for the people.

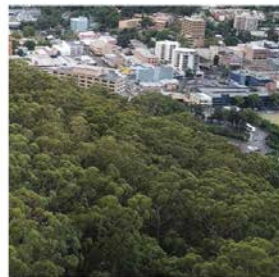


Image: Jody Dwyer

Bushland Reserves

The bushland reserves sit on either side of the city on President's Hill and Rumbalara Reserve.



Image: Jody Dwyer

Water's Edge

The south of the city is formed by Brisbane Water, an estuary ecosystem with mangroves and calm waters.



Image: Jody Dwyer

Poppy Park and War Memorial

Formally known as Memorial Park and Rotary Park these much loved spaces at the end of Mann Street reflect on the historic contributions of residents.



Image: Jody Dwyer

Railway Causeway

The railway causeway over Brisbane Water is a unique feature in the city linking Gosford to Point Clare.



Image: Jody Dwyer

Heritage Buildings

Throughout the City South heritage buildings offer some diversity to the built form, and form a vital connection to the city's past.



Gosford Stadium

This unique stadium is home to the Central Coast Mariners association football club and captures a spectacular view of Brisbane Water beyond.

Image: Jilly Design



Olympic pool

The pool currently attracts 200 000 visitors per year, but needs significant upgrades and currently makes no connection to its views and location.

Image: Jilly Design



Finance building

Developed by the State Government, the Finance Building will be located on southern Mann St near the ATO and is under construction.

Image Source: Group 344



Regional Performing Arts Centre

This local government project (RPAC) has time limited financial backing to create a regional performing arts centre, and looks to be located on Mann Street.

Image Source: RPAC Library



Waterside - 50-70 Mann Street

This 25 story development includes hotel, 150 apartments and commercial space. Demolition of the site has commenced but project status is unknown.

Image Source: CGO Architecture



ATO offices

These new offices will be home to 300 ATO staff members. The building represents the strategy of government services moving to regional capitals.

Image source: 3103



Central Coast Leagues

The Leagues Club is a community place for all ages offering a popular gym, food and drink, community hall, lawn bowls and parking for its patrons.

Image: Jilly Design



Conservatorium of Music

This cultural asset is also look to improve its facilities and link to the possible new RPAC position on Mann Street creating a cultural hub in the city that celebrates the historic buildings.

Image: Jilly Design

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2.6 Observations

The following pages explore the existing condition of the public domain and the network of streets. These observations explore the current identity and physical reality of the City South, including challenges with access and mobility.

Whilst the area is rich in assets, attractors of people like the Leagues Club focus inwards and don't contribute to activating the parks or streets. The people who visit drive to the facility rather than walk, and the blank facades offer no activation of the surrounding streets.

The public domain experience is often dominated by the Central Coast Highway, on street parking, empty lots or construction sites.

Many of the developments around the Leagues Club have failed to address the park or offer active facades.

Access and mobility through the City south is a significant challenge. Most active transport options are limited with significant missing connections.

Overall the built form character and quality is poor. Buildings like the Council Offices require investment. Surface car parking without landscaping together with large stalled development sites create 'holes' in the city. Streets like Baker Street appear run down, dominated by on grade parking and are often covered in graffiti.



Images: Jilly Design



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2.7 Four Challenges

1.

The topography and orientation of the city makes it difficult to link the city to the water's edge and the areas regional assets.



Image source: Sally Elgar

2.

Between Kibble Park and the water's edge the city lacks diversity, attractors or places that engage and enliven the regional capital.



Image source: Sally Elgar

3.

Significant investment is coming to this part of the city bringing jobs and people. The challenge is to strengthen the public walkability and public uses in the City South. No single development can resolve the public domain and accessibility improvements needed.



Image source: Sally Elgar

4.

To create places that protect and reflect the character of Gosford's unique natural setting while supporting activity and investment.



Image source: James Whittall

2.8 Four Opportunities

1.

For Gosford to be more than an 'event city'. There is the opportunity to enliven the City South for more times of the day, and for more locals, regional visitors and tourists.



Image source: Gosford Council Museum

2.

To strengthen the image or identity of the city's landscape setting, particularly as the city is approached from the south by car and train.



Image source: Brian Croxall

3.

To capitalise on the investment in new jobs and homes in the City South, helping to bring together the social and economic opportunities in this area.



Image source: City Edge

4.

To create public connections to a unique and evolving water's edge that supports the identity of the regional capital.

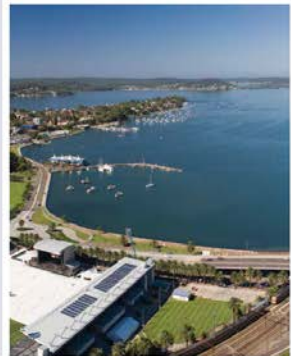


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2.9 Design principles for City South: context scale

The following design principles outline the key moves for City South.

On the following pages principles at a place scale are outlined, followed by more detailed investigations of a range of opportunities and potential scenarios.

1.

Preserve and strengthen the connection with the distinct landscape setting which frames the city.

Observation:

The city centre forms a north-south spine, framed by the ridgelines. There is a strong visual connection to President's Hill, Rumbalara Reserve, Memorial and Rotary Park and existing tree canopies along the ridges.

This creates a unique identity, with the defining image of Gosford as a city framed by the surrounding landscape.

Principles:

Protect and strengthen the connections to the landscape ridges, by protecting and enhancing the parks and reserves, including President's Hill, Rumbalara, Memorial Park, Rotary Park and Leagues Club Field and Gosford City Park as well as existing trees.

Maintain key view lines (refer to Principles 6 and 7).

Focus development and height in the North-South spine and around the city centre to create an attractive skyline in the landscape.





Leagues Club Field facing west.
Image: Bruce Evans

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2. Connect the city with the region through an active transport network

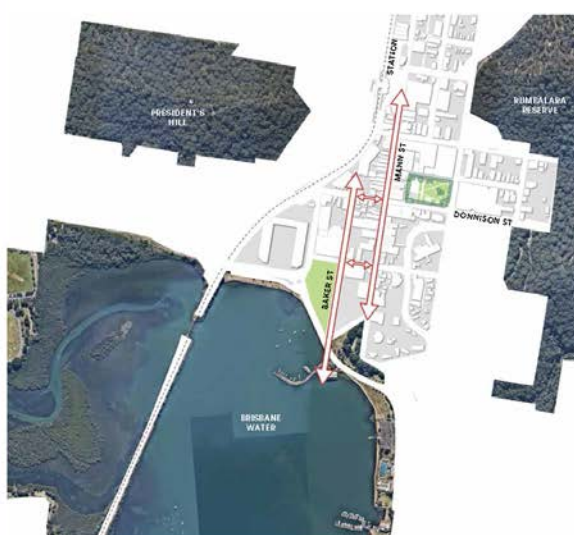
Observation:

City South is key to connecting Gosford City centre to the wider regional population, recreation and natural assets, but current connectivity is poor.

Principles:

Connect the Civic Heart, through City South, to the wider region and landscape with strong active transport connections.

Consider connections to Point Clare, East Gosford, West Gosford, Adcock Park, Carawah Reserve and Narara Creek, the Olympic Swimming Pool and Gosford City Park.



3. Connect the civic heart to the south by improving walkability.

Observation:

The civic heart of the city is poorly connected with City South, its regional attractors and the wider landscape.

Principles:

Continue the established city grid from the Civic Heart and Mann Street through City South by extending Baker St as a vibrant pedestrian boulevard.

Improve the walkability of streets from the city centre to the south, including Mann St, Baker St, Downison St and Georgiana Terrace. Developments should present active frontages to key streets and create a safe and attractive pedestrian environment.



4. Promote a diversity of uses and attractors in City South.

Observation:

City South has important regional attractions including the Stadium, Olympic Swimming Pool, Boat ramp, Leagues Club and the Conservatorium of Music.

Principles:

Build on these to offer a diverse range of uses in City South, for a range of demographics and market segments. Include passive and active uses; large and smaller spaces, accommodating a range of businesses, events and offerings at different times of the day, week and seasons.

There is an important opportunity for League's Club Field to accommodate a range of uses, including a regional playground, and active and passive recreation.



5. Maintain views from the stadium and Leagues Club Field to the water

Principles:

Maintain views out from key public places in City South, including the stadium and the park.

Ensure significant developments are assessed regarding the impact on views.

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6. Maintain views of the City and Hills

Principles:

Maintain the visual connection to the ridgelines of the landscape around the city to protect the defining image of Gosford.

Ensure significant developments are assessed regarding the impact to views.



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2.10 Design principles for City South:

Place scale

1. Investigate temporary activation of the park in the short term



Observation:

The park is currently not well activated, and does not cater for a large range of users.

Principle:

Consider temporary activation strategies for the park in the short term, such as food trucks and events.

2. Define and frame the open space with active streets and landscaped edges



Observation:

The park is not well defined, and is not operating effectively as part of the city for a broad range of people.

Principle:

Make the park an attractive place within the city. Define and frame the edges at the park and attract people to use the park with active street frontages. Establish planting to reduce the impact of the highway. Rename the park to define its importance as a public space for the city of Gosford.

3. Active pedestrian boulevard



Observation:

There is no clear connection from the city centre and Mann St to the waterfront.

Principle:

Establish Baker St as an active pedestrian promenade along the edge of the park connecting the city to the south and the evolving waterfront. Limit internalised retail, food and drink areas in the surrounding developments. Limit vehicular access to existing driveways, with no further driveways located on Baker St. Service entries to be located on Vaughan Avenue, with access from Mann St and no through traffic to the highway.

4.**Uncover the creek****Observation:**

The park is separated from the water, and the creek which used to run through the park is now piped underground.

Principle:

Draw the experience of water into the city by reimagining the piped creek which runs through the park.

Establish water play and cooling recreation activities in the park, related to a new regional playground.

Engage with the Indigenous community around the uncovering of the creek.

5.**Accommodate a range of users and activities****Observation:**

The park only caters for a single use, and has no attractor to define it, or to draw people from the city centre. It is not a destination.

Principle:

Foster a diversity of uses in the park including regional playground, water play, and sports, all to be considered during detailed design.

Our City Our Destiny proposed a Regional Playground of 2500sqm in the park.

Locate the playground near Georgian Terrace to activate the park by drawing people from the city centre.

Locate amenities along the Baker St promenade.

6.**Improve pedestrian amenity and connections over time****Observation:**

Currently Dane Drive between the stadium and the Leagues Club Field is temporarily closed for major events to create spill-over space and ensure safety for the crowds exiting the stadium. Connections are poor at other times. Closing Dane Drive in event mode is an additional operating cost and has limited impact on improving amenity.

Principle:

Formalise road infrastructure to allow shared use of Dane Drive (to east of the stadium) and the pedestrianisation of the street during events at the stadium or the park.

Improve pedestrian crossings on Dane Drive, Georgiana Terrace and Baker Street.

Over time as sites are developed and upgrades to the Central Coast Highway are delivered, investigate option to improve pedestrian connections across the highway.

7.**Maintain solar access to public space****Observation:**

New developments around the park have the potential to impact on the amenity of the park during the day by overshadowing the space.

Principle:

Maintain solar access to public spaces, including the park and the boulevard.

More specifically, ensure solar access for 4 hours between 9am – 3pm at the winter solstice to 70% of the Leagues Club Field.

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The projects identified below are one potential combination of design principles and projects in the City South, emphasising better connections and an improved public domain.

1.**Activate park edges**

Make the park a place within the city, and attract people to use the park. Strengthen the definition of the edges of the park with active built edges (including commercial, retail and food and beverage tenancies and main entries to developments). Establish planting to reduce the impact of the highway.

2.**Baker St boulevard**

Establish Baker St as an active pedestrian and cycle promenade along the edge of the park connecting the city to the south and the water's edge. Ensure new development overlooks and interacts with the park.

3.**Uncover the creek**

Draw the experience of water into the city and across the Central Coast Highway by reimagining the piped creek which runs through the park. Establish water play and cooling recreation activities in the park, related to a new regional playground. Engage with the Indigenous community and their history when uncovering of the creek and designing the park.

4.**A regional playground**

Create a regional playground to activate the city south by drawing people from across the region to the city centre. The playground should be unique, for all ages, fully accessible and attract both local and regional visitors.

5.**Improve pedestrian amenity and connections**

Redesign Dane Drive (east of the stadium) to enable it to transition to shared use as a pedestrianised space in event mode. Include formal infrastructure such as raising bollards to reduce the operational costs. Improve conditions for pedestrians crossing roads to access the reimagined park.

6.**Improve active transport**

Consider active transport connections to Point Clare, East Gosford, West Gosford, Adcock Park, Carawah Reserve and Narara Creek, the Olympic Swimming Pool and Gosford City Park.

7.**Connect civic heart to the South**

Continue the city grid from the Civic Heart and Mann Street through the City South by extending Baker St as a vibrant pedestrian boulevard. Improve the walkability of streets from the city centre to the city south, including Mann St, Baker St, Donison St and Georgiana Terrace. Developments should face the street and create a good pedestrian environment.



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2.12 Built form principles

The City South is rich in cultural, economic and private assets that provide great regional and local attractors. The following observations identify potential developments and principles to be considered in order to protect and improve Gosford's connection to its natural assets and public domain.

1. Stadium Precinct

Opportunity:

The stadium has direct connection to the waterfront and also forms part of the key arrival sequence into Gosford. It's location and relationship to Brisbane Water makes it iconic.

Stadium upgrades may include development of corporate boxes, improved amenities, and redesign of the underside of the stadium seating to include active uses and improve design of the curtilage facing Dane Drive. Improve the relationship of the stadium to Leagues Club Field and the city centre.

Principles:

Ensure any significant development around the stadium improves the connection and relationship to the park, water and city centre and retains glimpses of the ridge line views from the park and from Brian McGowan Bridge.

2. Central Coast Leagues Club

Opportunity:

As a popular city wide destination the Leagues Club and its redevelopment has the potential to link visitors to the city centre by providing a active edge to the park and connections through the site.

It's prime waterfront location and proximity to the stadium offers a unique opportunity to integrate further community uses.

Principles:

Ensure future Leagues club development provides an active frontage to the park. Any future development to ensure solar access is maintained to the park by means of adequate setbacks. Carparking entry should ideally be off Dane Drive (not Georgiana Terrace or the improved Baker Street).

Built form setbacks and footprints should be evaluated to protect views to surrounding ridgelines from key public places. Consider staggering built form of towers in order to widen view corridors from key arrival points and public spaces.

Provide public connections through the site to improve access between the park and city centre.

3. Waterside Development

Opportunity:

The 'Waterside' development forms part of a key connection between Mann St and Baker St.

Principles:

Ensure active edges are strengthened on both Georgiana Terrace and Baker St frontages. Ideally provide a public through site link from Mann Street to Baker Street. Reconsider design of car park entry to reduce impact on pedestrian amenity on all surrounding street which will become key pedestrian links.

4. Cultural Precinct

Opportunity:

The proposed location of the RPAC and Central Coast Conservatorium can form a new cultural precinct in the city.

Principles:

The future development of these sites should prioritise an improved public domain and an activated plaza linking Mann St, the existing Council offices and heritage buildings.

5. 32 Mann St Development

Opportunity:

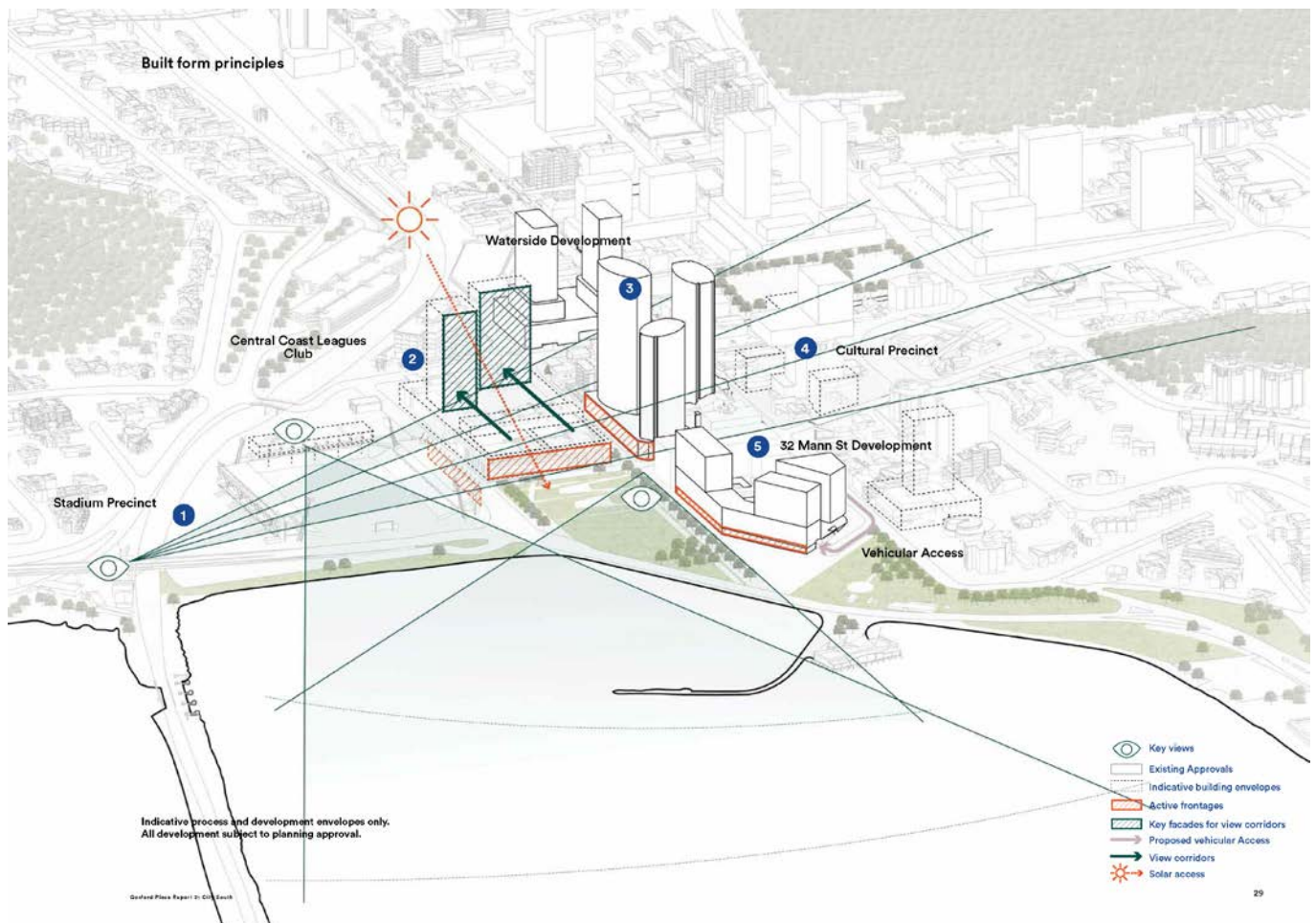
The 32 Mann St site forms part of the future Baker Street extension and is a key link in reconnecting the city with the waterfront and park. It's prime position on the key arrival axis and view (from the Central Coast Highway) forms a key part of the city image. It also forms an important edge to the park and the pedestrian focused Baker Street.

Principles:

Prioritise active edges to the proposed Baker St extension, with no internalised retail, food and drink areas whilst also presenting an attractive 'front door' to Mann Street.

Service entries to be located on Vaughan Avenue, with access from Mann St and no through traffic to the highway. Consider lengthening the built form along the Baker St edge to further strengthen an active edge to the park and better connection to the waterfront.

Incorporate accessible through site links connecting higher levels of Mann Street to Baker Street.



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This artist's impression of Gosford Leagues Club Field shows a new activated centre for the City South.

The regional playground will bring children and families to the city centre.

A lively Baker Street Boulevard will be planted with trees and activated by commercial frontages, cafes and retail, providing services and facilities for visitors.

The uncovered creek will provide opportunities for water play and connect with the indigenous history of the land.

The playing field will allow for active play.

Dane Drive (east of the stadium) will have a shared way character that allows the street to be a pedestrian boulevard on game day and when there are events in the park.

Development surrounding the park will bring people to live and visit the city centre and the park. It will be designed to overlook the park providing informal surveillance throughout the day.





Indicative process and development envelopes only.
All development subject to planning approval.

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2.13 Connections, movement and access investigations

As the number of people living, working and visiting the south of the city increases it will be important to consider opportunities to deliver a balance between achieving the necessary movement to support the growth of Gosford whilst also facilitating and creating places that the community and visitors to Gosford will value.

Better connections and places will allow the City South to successfully play its important role as a regional event centre and important public space. The following opportunities for improved movement and accessibility should be considered and tested further as part of the joint Access and Movement Strategy, parking and traffic studies.

The critical movement function of the Central Coast Highway is acknowledged but over time needs to be considered alongside the need for the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists to support Gosford City, especially in event mode. Over time, this part of the city centre, the important connections and movement corridors will evolve into a safe and inviting place. One that is home to many important regional attractors, places for people, new economic development and growth.

1. Improved north/south connections to the City South.

Investigate options for improved north south connections for pedestrians and active transport.

Baker Street is the logical and level access to the Leagues Club Field and waterfront beyond from the station and civic heart. It is the only gently graded street that provides active transport linkages and ties the city core to the waterfront. Together with Georgiana Terrace it has been emphasised as the active transport focus and a continuation of the Mann Street 'civic spine'.

Whilst **Mann Street** is the civic main street, its topography rises in the south making access to the waterfront challenging. Potential bridge crossings from Mann Street to the potential future waterfront development should be explored to exploit the topography to benefit pedestrian accessibility. The connection could be integrated into and protect the natural features of the cliff face and the significant trees.

Whilst options for this potential elevated crossing needs to be planned for now, delivery is likely to be a medium-long term opportunity and short-term opportunities to improve north south connections should be investigated.

Dane Drive (alongside the Stadium) is another important connection between Grahame Park and Donnison Street. The conversion of this road to a shared way should be investigated, helping to slow traffic, improve safety, connectivity and amenity at all times. This could include introducing raising bollards and supporting infrastructure to efficiently and attractively pedestrianise the street during events without the expensive and inconvenience of temporary street closures.

As part of the proposed Access and Movement Strategy and the current traffic study, consider options for improvements to the Dane Dr intersection with the Central Coast Highway including pedestrian and cycle crossing. Objectives of the review would include:

- improving pedestrian safety and accessibility
- enable pedestrian crossing or vehicle movements to be prioritised at different times of the day and/or for events
- provide an opportunity to improve the gateway to the regional capital.

The **Point Clare cycleway** and footpath alongside the rail corridor have been identified as having potential to be a regional attractor for visitors, and be a more direct commuter link for communities in Point Clare. This would include utilising the historic rail piers. (Investigations completed by Central Coast Council.)

Grahame Park under the highway overpass offers another unique level crossing under the Central Coast Highway. Public accessibility under the highway should be explored for active transport connections. This crossing has the least impact on the highway and could support more active uses of Grahame Park. In the future it could link to improved access to Adcock Park and the Point Clare cycleway.

2. Improve east/west connections to the City South.

Investigate options for improved east and west connections that help to connect the natural features including Rumbalara Reserve and President's Hill to Leagues Club Field.

Donnison St is an important gateway and access road to the city and is identified as a green planted boulevard linking President's Hill and Rumbalara Reserve.

Georgiana Terrace plays an important role linking Mann Street to Baker Street and onto regional attractors in the south, the park and waterfront. Future development should include active street frontages and new public connections and laneways through large sites to improve access to and from Leagues Club Field.

3. Consider short stay parking options for visitors to the city south.

Parking options for the city south are limited. Short stay or time restricted parking is needed to allow visitors to more easily access the City, Leagues Club Field and waterfront. Parking options are particularly useful for families and visitors with restricted mobility.

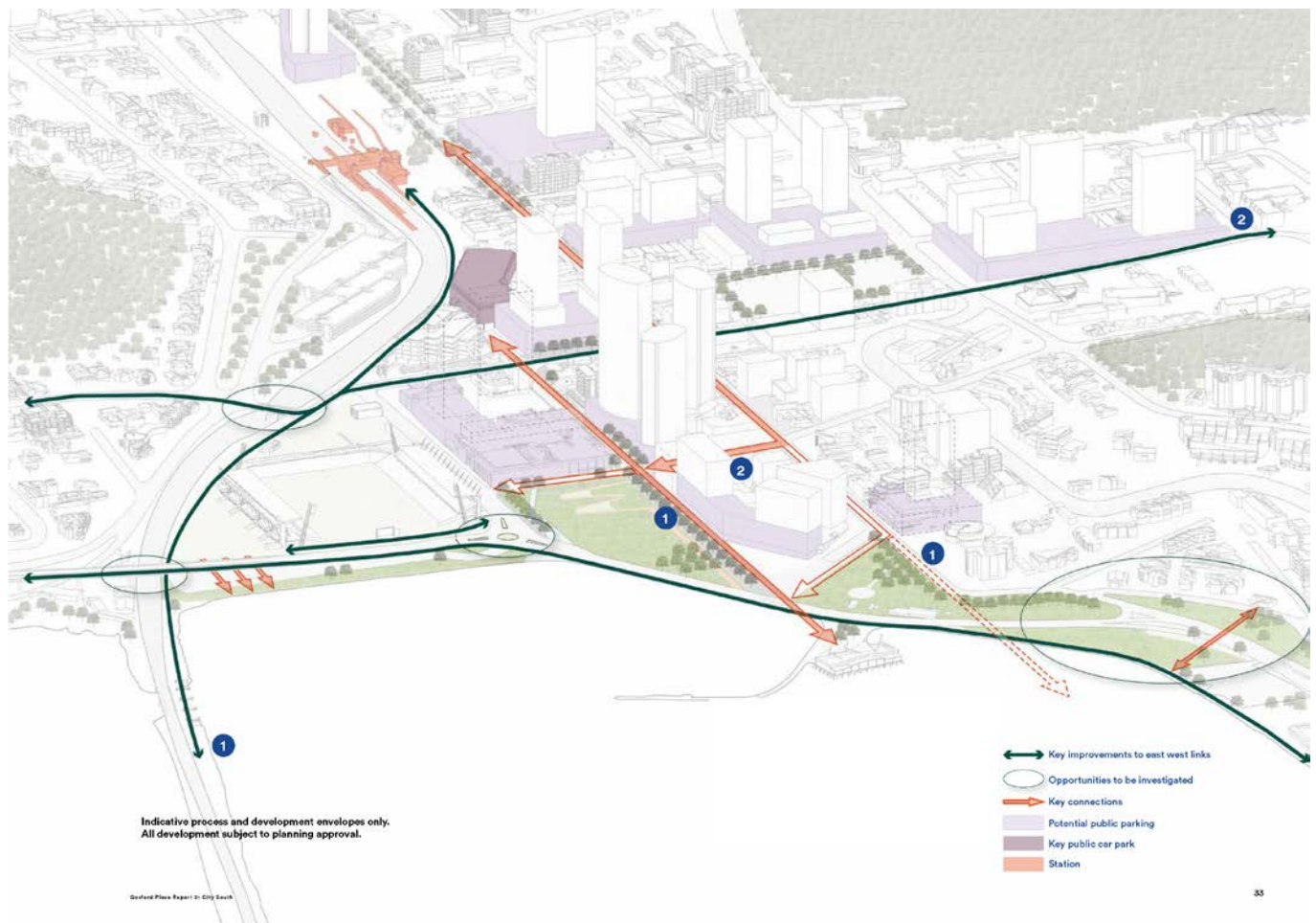
Baker Street is the closest publicly owned parking station. Its close location to Kibble Park and Leagues Club Field make it ideal for short stay parking that supports access to the civic centre, the public parks and the city's commercial core.

Options for the provision of public short stay parking should be considered within each of the major new developments in the City South or amendments to existing approvals.

The parking strategies for the stadium and city south in event mode should build on the current public transport and shuttle buses from distant commuter parking. Parking at Adcock Park on game days could be supported by improved walking and cycle connections to the stadium (1.2km), or shuttle buses. These arrangements may also demonstrate the opportunity and be extended to other times to benefit a range of visitors to the city centre.

Similarly people access the stadium on game day from the east could consider a similar parking arrangement at Hylton Moore Oval.

All these options and others should be explored in the Access and Movement study and current parking study.



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2.14 Past reports Access and movement

When evaluating options to improve access and movement in the south of the city, these following reports and previous studies should be taken into consideration:

Streetscape Design Guidelines OCULUS FOR GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL

This set of streetscape design guidelines provided a more detailed analysis of the missing connections and links in the active transport network, as well as suggesting improvements to the streetscapes. The following two key diagrams (right) outlined the suggestions for an improved network.

Projects include prioritising Mann Street and Baker Street for active transport.
Baker street shown as a straight line to the highway.
Point Clare cycle link
Upgrades of pedestrian access across Donnington Street bridge
Through site links on the St Hilliers Site and Waterside Development
Stronger pedestrian access to the Baker Street carpark.

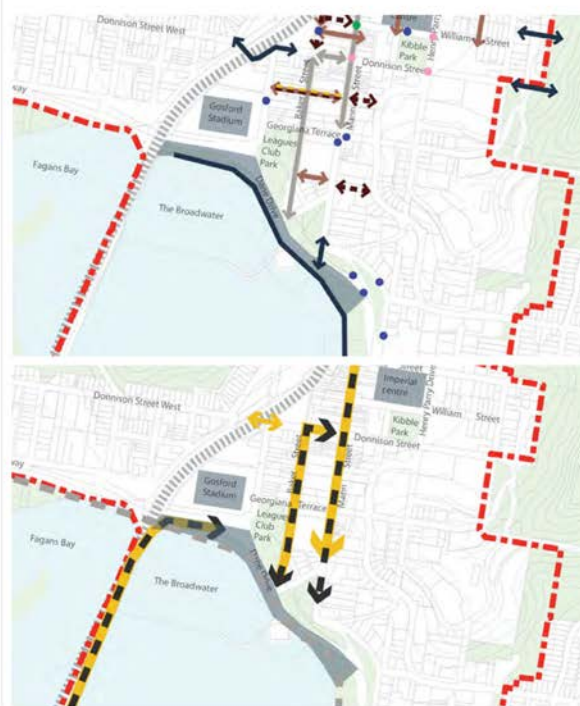


Image sources for both diagrams: Streetscape Design Guidelines, Oculus for Gosford City Council

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Waterfront

Gosford Waterfront Strategy, 2007 TAYLOR, QUALITY LETHLEAN

Whilst the waterfront is not a focus of this report, this strategy is included to focus on the relationship to the city South.

This early report, prior to the Our Vision Our Destiny masterplan of 2010 suggests the Waterfront is considered as a staged development of nodes along a cycle and pedestrian route. Development sites like a medium sized marina are proposed, however the focus is on community driven recreation spaces and a journey that links them along the water.

The strategy recommends that the optimum width of the recreational land between the water and road should be 50-60 meters to allow for walking, cycling, landscape and playgrounds. For this space to be possible the strategy has considered land reclamation or realignment of Dane Drive further north.

Key concepts that remain relevant: create a series of activity nodes or precincts along the waterfront linked by walking or cycle tracks with key nodes easily accessed across Dane Drive.

Experiences, activities and facilities should be authentic, relevant to the amenity of the waterfront location in terms of scale and design, and they must be relevant to the needs primarily of the local community. "...linkage to the CBD is vital for this important asset to be integrated once more into the city fabric."

"It is the usual arrival point for people travelling to other Central Coast destinations and, with the turn off from the Pacific Highway passing the waterfront, this highly visible precinct must present as a gateway and arrival point that complements the capital city status of Gosford."

Suggests including boating activities, childrens playground, picnic facilities, sporting activities, events, cultural activities, restaurants, cafes and bar.

Insufficient crossing points of Dane Drive noted, making the waterfront feel isolated.

Detailed recommendations highlight functional issues like tourist coach access to the waterfront, limited off street parking in this area and access issues with southern end of Mann Street with the escarpment.

It notes that dependence on a single large scale commercial or marina development places the waterfront revitalisation at risk. Rather a number of appropriate sites and uses should be identified with complementary uses that together aid the creation of a visitor destination, but individually can be realised by themselves.

Observations:

This report places a stronger focus on the Leagues Club Field and its surrounds as an important linking space between the city and the future waterfront.

Activation and diversity of uses on the city side of the Dane Drive is critical to draw the city and its people towards the waterfront (as shown on the diagram below, this area is the overlap between the two precincts). These recommendations have influenced the decision to delay detailed investigation of the waterfront.

Since this 2010 plan opportunities for creating these nodes with a widened waterfront have proven to be difficult and limited. The highway remains a key challenge. The proposed cultural art and performance core has also moved closer to the Civic Heart.

Future options for marinas and boating activities with wharf access need to be balanced with the need for a public waterfront character with continuous public access to the waters edge.



Source: Gosford Waterfront Strategy, 2007



FIGURE 20

Source: Gosford Waterfront Strategy, 2017

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Urban design

Our City Our Destiny 2010 COX FOR GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL

The 2010 master plan identified two precincts in the City South with the following projects and principles:

The Waterfront Precinct:

New waterfront development with marina, wharf, retail, entertainment, offices, apartments and hotel.

Continuous public access to the waterfront.

Public square on the waterfront to host events

Minimise view loss from the city

Developments should maintain or enhance the natural environment.

Dane Drive reconceived as an urban street with possible parking on both sides and traffic signals with grade crossings at the bottom of Brian McGowan Bridge and the end of a new Baker Street.

Point Clare cycle link

Regional playground on the waterfront adjacent to the existing pool.

The Arts and Entertainment Precinct:

Upgrade Baker Street as a tree lined boulevard with a strong pedestrian focus

Upgrade Leagues Club Field

Reimagined water element following the original creek

RPAC located in the St Hilliers site area with possible connection to the conservatory.

Create a strong through site link through 'Waterside' on Mann St to Baker St and through the Leagues club to Dane Drive to create a strong pedestrian link from Mann St to the stadium.

Through site links through the St Hilliers site for pedestrian access.

Rejuvenation of the Leagues Club contributes to the entertainment precinct.

Observations:

The 2010 masterplan, as visualised in this render, should be reviewed in light of current thinking.

Most of the suggested improvements for accessibility, particularly the importance of Baker Street and crossing Dane Drive, remain relevant today.

In this 2010 masterplan the focus of the City South is the waterfront, which to date has proved difficult to implement.

The identity of the buildings in the City South around Leagues Club Field was focused purely on entertainment uses, some of which are now proposed for Mann Street, a better civic location. This offers the opportunity for more diversity of uses in the City South. The anchor space remains an upgraded Leagues Club Field.

Relocating the regional playground from the waterfront to Leagues Club Field has many benefits, including its ability to activate the park and surrounding buildings. It also has more parking options nearby.

In 'The Landings' scheme by Lend Lease, the regional playground was suggested in Leagues Club Field with community gardens, water play and kick about space. The pool facility was also relocated here to enable a marina expansion with parking on the waterfront. The pool's current location on the water is an interesting attractor on the waterfront. Its unique position allows for future water views, and possible connection to swimming in Brisbane Water.

The extension of Baker Street and Leagues Club Field across Dane Drive could create a strong connection and public open space, away from Dane Drive.

The 2010 masterplan proposed public open space on the water side of the highway in line with Leagues Club Field. This proposal helps to move the public experience away from the highway. It also helps to reduce the scale of the highway with public open space. This quality was lost in the 2011 'The Landings' scheme.

'The Landings' scheme by Lend Lease from late 2011 received strong community feedback that the development proposals privatised the waterfront with a series of residential wharf fingers.

The scale of development was also challenged. The 2010 masterplan demonstrated reduced building heights moving south from Kibble Park. The 2011 'The Landings' scheme had more built form and height.

Recent proposals have focused on a smaller food and beverage modular development on Grahame Park, in front of the Dane Drive Highway. Any development here would need to ensure public accessibility as outlined under the bridge, to the water's edge and to future active cycle paths. Access to this attractor will be crucial, and its design should feel seamless to the public domain of the waterfront.



Image: Our City Our Destiny 2011

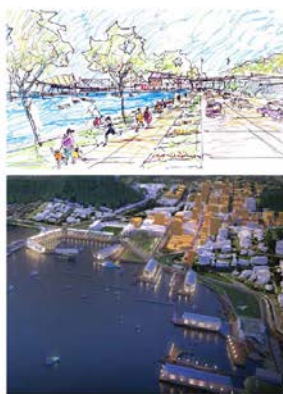


Image: Our City Our Destiny 2011



Image: 'The Landscape' 2011 by David Bates - 'New Waterfront' January 2012 onwards designs

Image: 'Our City Our Destiny' 2011
Source: City of Gosford, City of Gosford 2011

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2.15 Precedents – Water's Edge and Public Domain

The following precedents create a visual story board of public domain improvements that could be considered for City South.

Whilst any one project will be important, the network of new places and improved assets needs to work together in order to create a quality environment that attracts locals and visitors to the regional capital.



Narrabeen Lagoon Trail offers a unique 8.4km active transport loop around Narrabeen lakes that draws locals and tourists.

Image: DIF Lake Park - Narrabeen Lagoon Trail by Landscape Architecture



The Narrabeen Lagoon Trail offers moments to view the water, stop, and engage with the natural ecology.

Image: DIF Lake Park - Narrabeen Lagoon Trail by Landscape Architecture



Water sensitive design including a resurfaced city creek is a key concept for the Waitangi Park in Wellington.

Image: Waitangi Park - Wellington City Council



Light weight structures on Brisbane Riverwalk create a continuous and unique water's edge for pedestrians and cyclists.

Image: Riverwalk



Brisbane foreshore is an active movement boulevard softened with significant trees and natural water's edge ecology.

Image: Brisbane Foreshore - Brisbane City Council



Opportunities to engage with the natural ecology create unique places in Martin Luther King Park in Paris, designed by Atelier Jacqueline Cury & Associés.

Image: Martin Luther King Park

2.16 Precedents – Leagues Club Field and Baker Street



Rather than equipment, the land itself becomes the focus for play in a regional playground.
Image: English Park Landscape designed by Kateina Landscape Architecture, photo by Robyn Taylor



Unique features like climbing walls are challenging for all ages, and offer great scenes for other to people watch.
Image: Riverbank, The Taper designed by Oyston Jones, photo: Image by Jenny + Graham Pedersen



Baker Street Boulevard by day is upgraded public domain and key link to the city.
Image: Studio Towne, Editor: @michael@studiohouse.com



By night, Baker Street Boulevard could be an active street, for events and the community like the Adelaide Night Markets.
Image: Facebook @adelaidenightmarkets



Open playing field offer flexible open space for active play like at Prince Alfred Park Sydney.
Photo: Designing the Future Design for City of Sydney, Image by Shoshana McDaniel



Water play brings the landscape and community together in unique ways. This should be considered for the uncovered creek.
Image: Children's Wharfedale, Architecture designed by Operative Studio and Brunson, Image by Theater 101/102



Water play elements create movement and activation, ideal for a regional scale playground.
Image: Super Beach, Structure designed by Circle Concepts and Fabricated, Image by Jason Cole Johnson



Baker Street can be the focus for night markets and food trucks like the Hyde Park Noodle Markets which draws large numbers of locals and visitors.
Image: Facebook @hydeparknoodlemarkets

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Item No: 3.1
Title: Impacts to Council of National Recycling
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

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Report Purpose

This report is in response to Council's resolution of 26 March 2018:

- 235/18 *That Council note with concern the recent announcement by China to significantly reduce its intake of recyclable materials and that this has the potential to derail kerbside and processing activities.*
- 236/18 *That Council recognise significant challenges ahead, however equally recognises that there are significant opportunities, particularly around supporting local community based recycling initiatives.*
- 237/18 *Further, that Council understands the importance of resourcing and supporting key recycling initiatives.*
- 238/18 *That Council note that the State Government through its Waste Levy has raised from NSW Residents and Ratepayers \$659m in just 2016-17 and only returned 18% (\$118m) of these funds to Local Government to assist in waste management and recycling*
- 239/18 *That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer provide a report on the possible impacts on Councils waste stream management, identification of these opportunities globally, waste minimisation initiatives, kerbside and processing contracts along with possible budget implications.*

Recommendation

That Council receive the report on the response to Notice of Motion - Impacts to Council of National Recycling.

Background

The majority of urban Councils in Australia have implemented household kerbside recycling collection services. The markets for recyclable products have however been impacted nationally over recent years by a number of factors. This includes increasing volumes of recyclable commodities, cheap imports and the China National Sword Policy which is described below.

These relatively recent events have resulted in the changes to traditional markets and resulted in some reduction in prices for recyclable commodities thereby placing pressure on the industry and increased costs to Councils for the provision of household recycling services. Whilst some local governments may have indicated possible cessation of kerbside recycling schemes, the NSW State Government and Central Coast Council have remained committed to the provision of this service.

China National Sword Policy

The recent enforcement action by China to implement import standards for recyclable products is referred to as National Sword. Until recently China has been the world's largest importer of recycled paper, cardboard and plastics. The decision by China in July 2017 to notify the World Trade Organisation of its plan to mandate and enforce stringent quality requirements from March 2018 for imported recycled materials intended for re-processing has resulted in a sharp reduction in exports of recycled paper, cardboard and plastics.

The impacts of China's 'National Sword' are being felt around the world, and the Australian recycling industry is no exception. The Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA) estimates that China National Sword 2017 affects an annual average of 619,000 tonnes of materials generated in Australia, worth \$523M.

Increased recyclable commodity volumes

Increasing resource recovery practices have increased the volume of materials available in the market place. Cleaner recyclable material, such paper and cardboard direct from businesses and containers collected via the Container Deposit Scheme, are being preferred by recyclers over kerbside recyclables due to higher quality product with lower contamination levels. This has reduced the demand for kerbside recyclable materials which may have lower quality and higher levels of contamination.

Cheap imports

The availability of relatively cheap imported products has offset the demand for the recycling of various products nationally. For example, the domestic market for recycled glass has diminished across Australia. Whereas glass and glass fines kerbside collections were previously reused in bottle making, it is it has become more cost effective to import whole new bottles rather than make bottles from recycled glass. The result has been large amounts of glass stockpiled awaiting future recycling opportunities.

Current Status

There is a strong kerbside recycling system on the Central Coast supported by the community which has developed over a number of decades. This is best evidenced by high participation and low contamination rates. The NSW Government and Central Coast Council remain committed to the delivery of successful kerbside recycling services.

Central Coast currently collects approximately 37,000 tonnes of kerbside recyclables per annum from its domestic waste and public litter bin services. These recyclable products are delivered directly to a purpose built materials recovery facility located at Somersby on the NSW Central Coast by Council's waste collection contractor. Recyclable materials are recovered and processed for reuse/sale and ultimate beneficial reuse.

Recyclables are not permitted to be landfilled under Council's existing contract and Council monitors the destination of the recovered products. Glass, cardboard and 75 per cent of mixed plastics are now being processed in Australia, with any contaminated or waste materials diverted to local facilities. Currently no recyclables are exported to China. Opportunities for integration of processed recycled products back into Council's operations are also being investigated.

Council is proposing to undertake a waste management strategy in 2018/19, which will investigate how additional diversion rates from landfill can be achieved.

Financial Impact

Under the terms of the current contract Council is required to pay a gate price for each tonne of recyclables delivered. The full risk of volumes and commodity pricing currently rests with the contractor under the terms of contracts entered into by the former Councils' when commodity prices and the recycling markets were different. In late 2017 Council was required to renegotiate the existing contracts to ensure continuity of the kerbside recycling service in an uncertain environment due to legislative change and the structural changes within the industry. Council's budget in the 2018-19 year reflects these increased recyclable processing costs which are funded through the existing domestic waste management charge. The budget impact to Central Coast Council resulting from the changes across national and international recycling markets is estimated at \$4M per annum.

Central Coast Council's current contract for kerbside recycling is due to expire in February 2019. Council has recently released a tender into the market for the provision of recyclable processing services and this is currently undergoing an assessment and a consideration of options. Council is also working with neighbouring Councils to identify longer term joint opportunities to obtain best value kerbside recycling services. Impacts of costs will be identified through this process.

Further information and the consideration of options are proposed to be presented to Councillors at a forthcoming briefing.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 3.2
Title: Meeting Record of the Catchments and Coast Committee - Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons held on 21 June 2018
Department: Governance



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13265420

Author: Kathy Bragg, Acting Section Manager, Governance
Manager: Peter Ham, Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Business

Report Purpose

To note the Meeting Record of the Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons (the Committee) held on 21 June 2018 and to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

Recommendation

- 1 *That Council note the Meeting Record of the Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons held on 21 June 2018 that is Attachment 1 to this report.***
- 2 *That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons, as set out in Attachment 2 to this report.***
- 3 *That Council appoint the Mayor as the Chairperson for the Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons.***

Background

The Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons held its inaugural meeting on Thursday, 21 June 2018. The Meeting Record of that meeting is Attachment 1 to this report.

At that meeting the Committee considered and adopted the Terms of Reference and recommended that Council appoint the Mayor as Chairperson of the Committee.

The Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons Meeting Record is being reported to Council in accordance with the relevant Terms of Reference.

3.2 Meeting Record of the Catchments and Coast Committee - Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons held on 21 June 2018 (contd)

Attachments

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| 1 | Catchments and Coast Committee Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons Meeting Record 21 June 2018 | D13276919 |
| 2 | Catchments and Coast Committee - Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons - Terms of Reference | D13276922 |

Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons Meeting Record 21 June 2018



Location:	Gosford Smart Work Hub Imperial Centre, 28 William Street GOSFORD
Date:	21 June 2018
Time	Started at: 4.10pm Closed at: 5.48pm
Chair	Mayor Jane Smith
File Ref	F2018/00097

Present

Mayor Jane Smith, Adrian Williams, Ian Carruthers, Andrew Jones, Michael Kilp

Also present were:

Boris Bolgoff – Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Business, Peter Ham – Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection, Kathy Bragg – Section Manager Governance, Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Apologies

Jenny McCulla

Item 2 Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures were received.

Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons Meeting Record
21 June 2018



Item 3 Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons Terms of Reference

The Advisory Group discussed the draft Terms of Reference.

The Advisory Group adopted the Terms of Reference.

Action: The adopted Terms of Reference be reported to Council as soon as practicable.

The Advisory Group discussed the election of a Chairperson.

Action: The Advisory Group recommends to Council that the Mayor be appointed as the Chair of the Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons.

Action: The Advisory Group recommends that Staff write to the Office of Environment and Heritage inviting them to have two non-voting representatives as regular committee members (1 x Environment Management and 1 x Floodplain Management).

Item 4 Action Plan for the next 12 months

1 st Quarter – June	2 nd Quarter - September	3 rd Quarter - December	4 th Quarter – March
Introduction	Overview of Coastal and Estuary Management plans – Detail Objectives	Discussion of Floodplain Management Plans – Detail Objectives	Catchment Management Program
Terms of Reference Discussion	Finances adopted for 2018/19 – Information	DCP Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion - Presentation - Feedback
Priority of Review (which Plan to target first)	Grants – Information		Coastal Management Act Overview
Actions (which are past or due)	Funding 2019/20 - Draft		DCP Discussion
	Vision for the Committee		

Action: Overview to be provided at future meetings by Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection on the 8 Management plans as per above table.

Brisbane Water Estuary Management Plan, Pearl Beach Coastal Zone Management Plan, Gosford Beaches Coastal Zone Management Plan, Gosford Lagoons, Floodplain Management Plan.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to provide list and web link of the 8 Management plans to the committee members.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to provide link to the Office of Environment and Heritage Website to the *Coastal Management Act*.

Catchments and Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons Meeting Record
21 June 2018



Item 5 Consideration of Late Application

Action: The Advisory Group Support Officer will write to Michael Alsop inviting him to attend the Catchments and Coast Committee Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoons meetings as a specialist.

The committee has not accepted any new members.

Item 6 Confirmation of Next Steps

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to send out quarterly Meeting Schedule (Thursdays 2pm – 4pm) for the next 12 months to committee members.

Action: All Committee communications to go through the Advisory Group Support Officer.

The meeting closed at 5.48pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday 20th September**
 2pm – 4pm
 Central Coast Council Gosford Committee Room
 49 Mann Street, Gosford

Terms of Reference - Catchments & Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons

1. Role

Central Coast Council has an adopted Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Plan that will shape all activities and projects over the next four years. Council's Advisory Groups are an important mechanism for consultation, advice and feedback to Council staff on implementation and review of the Community Strategic Plan.

The role of the Catchments & Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons is to advise Council on all matters relating to Council's responsibilities in relation to sustainable management of its coastal, estuarine, waterways, catchment and flood liable areas.

2. Responsibilities

The Advisory Group is responsible for providing advice and feedback to Council on:

- Ensuring that current community values are considered in the development of local floodplain risk, estuary and coastal zone management planning
- Identify the flood, coastal and estuary health problem areas to be assessed and provide input into known hazard behaviour
- In undertaking the Committee's duties, include sustainable climate change adaptation actions based upon widely accepted competent scientific opinion. In the implementation of this duty ensure consistency with Council's Climate Change Policy
- Support and promote public education and other community focused programs essential to the long-term viability of the flood, estuary and coastal zone risk management plans
- Monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of local management plans during and after their implementation
- Promoting linkages and co-operation between the community, Council, State and Federal Governments, and other key stakeholders in the development and implementation of coastal, estuarine, catchment and floodplain management studies and plans
- Advising on associated funding, capital works, maintenance & operations, environmental protection, social and economic opportunities, financial sustainability, planning instruments, land management, community education, or associated policies, strategies or legislation
- Support, promote and liaise with relevant authorities in the development of emergency management and catchment management strategies

Draft Terms of Reference - Catchments & Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons

3. Membership, Chairperson and Voting

Membership

Councillors:	Mayor Smith (Chair)	Voting Member
	Councillor Marquart	Voting Member
	Councillor Mehrtens	Voting Member
Community Members:	Ian Carruthers	Voting Member
	Andrew Jones	Voting Member
	Michael Kilp	Voting Member
	Jenny McCulla	Voting Member
	Adrian Williams	Voting Member
	Samantha Willis	Voting Member

- Additional Representation:
- Representatives from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (x 2)

Participation by invitation:

- NSW State Emergency Service
- NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fishing and Aquaculture)
- Hunter Local Land Services
- NSW Land and Property Information
- NSW Roads and Maritime Services
- Local Aboriginal Community Representative
- Commercial Fishing Representative

Community representatives shall be appointed by resolution of Council following advertisement for nominations. Nominations are to be in writing and will circulate in full to Councillors for evaluation and consideration. The Advisory Group is not involved in the evaluation or selection process, it is a matter for Council.

The staff holding the following Central Coast Council positions may attend Advisory Group meetings:

- Director, Assets Infrastructure and Business
- Unit Manager, Waterways and Coastal Protection
- Sectional Manager, Coastal Protection
- Section Manager, Waterways

Council officers will provide professional advice and administrative support. Employees of the Council are not subject to the direction of the Advisory Group or any members of it. Staff attendance is at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

Terms of Reference - Catchments & Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons

Non-staff members are appointed to the Advisory Group are appointed for the remainder of the current Council term, although membership can be altered at anytime by a resolution of Council.

Membership can be withdrawn by resolution of Council.

If a member misses three consecutive meetings without apology, their membership may be withdrawn and their position deemed vacant.

Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy is caused by the resignation or death of a member or the withdrawal of membership. To fill a casual vacancy:

- The Advisory Group staff contact will report the vacancy to the Advisory Group and then to the next available Council meeting.
- If the member was nominated as a representative of an organisation, it will be recommended that the organisation be invited to nominate a replacement member.
- If the member was nominated as an individual, the original expressions of interest will be reviewed to identify an appropriate replacement member.
- Where there are no appropriate alternate nominations, expressions of interest will be called for to replace the member.
- Where the vacancy occurs within nine months of the end of the term of the Advisory Group the vacancy will not be filled.

Chairperson

The Chairperson is a Councillor. Where a Councillor is not present at the meeting a staff member will act as Chairperson.

The Chairperson is to have precedence at the meeting and shall determine the order of proceedings, generally as set out in the Agenda.

A staff member acting as a Chairperson of an Advisory Group does not become a formal member of the group by virtue of this position. It is not necessary that the Chairperson be a member of the Committee.

Where the Mayor is appointed to be a delegate to an Advisory Group it is not necessary that the Mayor be the Chairperson.

Convenor

A Central Coast Council staff position shall be nominated as convenor by the Chief Executive Officer. They will be a staff member responsible for coordinating the preparation of agendas, invitations and minutes.

The Unit Manager, Waterways and Coastal Protection shall be the convenor of the Catchments & Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons

Draft Terms of Reference - Catchments & Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons

Voting

No formal voting rules apply.

As the Advisory Group has an advisory role, its recommendations are to be made by consensus. Where consensus cannot be reached, a vote may be taken at the request of the Chair. The vote will be carried by a majority of voting members. The minutes would reflect this process.

Council is the decision making body and the Advisory Group provides recommendations for consideration.

The Advisory Group may agree to allow participation in meetings through conference calls and other technology.

As no formal voting rules apply, there is no proxy voting. The Quorum for a meeting is half the Advisory Group voting membership plus one, including a Councillor. However the Chairperson shall use their discretion to determine if a meeting should be postponed due to insufficient members being able to attend.

4. Meetings

- Meetings are held quarterly
- The Chairperson has the authority to call additional meetings
- The Agenda and meeting papers will be distributed to members at least three days prior to the meeting
- Meetings will be recorded by the taking of minutes. The minutes are a record of agreed outcomes and do not record discussion.

Community representatives shall be appointed by resolution of Council following advertisement for nominations. Nominations are to be in writing and will be circulated in full to Councillors for evaluation and consideration. The Advisory Group is not involved in the consideration of membership.

5. Communications and reporting

The agendas and minutes of the Advisory Group will be stored as a permanent record of Council. All agendas and minutes will be published on Council's website.

Where the Advisory Group recommends an action that is outside the delegation of staff to determine a report will be provided to Council.

Staff will prepare the report that recommends that the Council note the minutes of the Advisory Group. Reporting of Advisory Group recommendations to Council will be reported as Committee Recommendations without change, noting that staff are encouraged to provide comment where appropriate. The Council may, at its discretion, resolve to adopt some or all of the Advisory Group's recommendations and advice and will provide the Group's recommendation to Council with the minutes of the relevant meeting.

Terms of Reference - Catchments & Coast Committee – Brisbane Water & Gosford Lagoons

Staff will also provide professional commentary on the Group's recommendation and provide a staff recommendation which may or may not align to that of the Group.

Where the Advisory Group has not recommended an action the minutes will be reported to Council as an Information Report only.

6. Conduct

Members of the Advisory Group will be provided with Council's adopted Code of Conduct. Conduct of members is expected to be consistent with the principles outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Members of the Advisory Group are not permitted to speak to the media or make representations on social media on behalf of the Advisory Group or Council unless approved by Council.



Item No: 3.3
Title: 2017-18 Community Support Grant Program and Heritage Grant Program
Department: Connected Communities

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2017/00816 - D13269175

Author: Stuart Slough, Team Leader Community Planning and Funding

Manager: Glenn Cannard, Unit Manager Community Partnerships

Executive: Julie Vaughan, Director Connected Communities

Summary

This report considers the applications and recommendations for the following 2017/18 community grant programs:

- **Community Support Grant Program** – supports the community to deliver community activities which require a small amount of funding and/or in-kind support.
- **Heritage Grant Program** - supports and celebrates local history, culture and diversity across the region. It aims to encourage the retention, conservation and promotion of the material and social heritage of the Central Coast.

Recommendation

- 1 That Council allocate \$80,196.20 from the 2018-19 grants budget to the community grant programs as outlined in the Community Support and Heritage Grant programs recommended for funding (Attachment 1)***
- 2 That Council decline applications as outlined in the Community Support and Heritage Grant programs. Not recommended for Funding (Attachment 2), and the applicants be advised and where relevant, directed to alternate funding.***

Context

Council's grant programs are provided to support the community to deliver quality programs, projects or events that build connections, celebrate our local community and build capacity across the entire Central Coast community.

Current Status

The recommendations within this report relate to applications received and assessed within the 2017/18 Community Grants and Sponsorship Program.

3.3 2017-18 Community Support Grant Program and Heritage Grant Program (contd)

These are the final applications to be assessed within the existing 2017/18 Community Grant and Sponsorship Programs.

Council's Community Grant and Sponsorship Program is currently being reviewed and a revised suite of Community Grant and Sponsorship Programs will be reported to Council for endorsement and the 2018/19 program will open in late August 2018.

2017/18 Community Support Grant Program

The 2017/18 Community Support Grant Program is open for application to the end of June and is assessed monthly. The Community Support Grant Program provides a maximum allocation of \$5,000 per application.

2017/18 Heritage Grant Program

The 2017/18 Heritage Grant Program is open for application to the end of June and is assessed bi-monthly. The Heritage Grant Program provides a maximum allocation of \$5,000 per application.

Assessment

2017/18 Community Support Grant Program

Twenty seven (27) applications were received and assessed by 30th June 2018, with twenty one (21) recommended for funding in this Council report.

The Community Support Grant applications were assessed by Council's Unit Manager Community Partnerships and the Community Planning and Funding team.

2017/18 Heritage Grant Program

Eight (8) applications were received and assessed from Sunday 1st April through Saturday 30th June 2018 with six (6) recommended for funding, and two (2) not-recommended for funding in this Council report.

The Heritage Grant Program assessment panel comprised:

- Council's Unit Manager Community Partnerships
- Council's Town Planner
- Council's Grants Officer
- Council's Heritage Program and Projects Officer
- Council's Contractor Heritage Advisor

Consultation

The availability of grant funding is provided on Council's website and promoted through Council's Social Media platforms.

An email with relevant information was provided to the community grants database

Council staff also provided information and individual appointments for the period that the grants were open.

General grant information sessions and drop-in sessions were held during January and February 2018 at:

- Council's Wyong office
- Smart Work Hub, Gosford
- The Hub, Erina
- Woy Woy Library
- The Entrance Community Centre
- Kincumber Library
- Blue Haven Community Centre

Options

- 1 Approval of all recommended applications as submitted will provide a community benefit to residents of the Central Coast Local Government Area.
- 2 Non approval of some or all applications, as recommended, may result in projects not being undertaken if the respective proponents are unable to secure alternate funding.

Financial Impact

Council's 2018/2019 Operational Expenditure budget allocates \$1,395,000.00 to the Community Grants and Sponsorship Program.

Expenditure is approved until the end of the 2018-19 financial year. Unspent funds will lapse on 30 June 2019.

Social Impacts

Funds allocated through the community grant programs will provide the following significant positive change in the community:

3.3 2017-18 Community Support Grant Program and Heritage Grant Program (contd)

- Increased community participation through creating vibrant neighbourhoods and public spaces
- Increased opportunities for recreation and leisure
- Increased arts and cultural activities, celebrations and events
- Enhanced sense of local identity
- Increased promotion of green spaces and the environment
- Strong and innovative community infrastructure

Environmental Considerations

Relevant events and activities funded through the community grant program are required to consider environmental impacts through procedures outlined in Council's Sustainable Events guidelines.

Any funded infrastructure projects are required to obtain all relevant Council approvals prior to funding being released.

Funded heritage applications encourage the retention, conservation and promotion of the material and social heritage within the Central Coast Local Government Area.

Risk Management

All successful applications will receive a letter of offer outlining Council's requirements of funding, service delivery and accountability for both Council and the funded organisation.

Critical Dates or Timeframes

Many of these grant applications are dependent upon support via Council's grant program. Should decisions be delayed or not supported, projects may not be undertaken.

Attachments

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| 1 | Attachment 1 -2017-2018 Community Support and Heritage Grant Program - Recommended for Funding | D13277000 |
| 2 | Attachment 2 - 2017-18 Community Support and Heritage Grant Program - Not Recommended | D13277002 |

2017-18 Community Support and Heritage Grant Program - Recommended for Funding

Community Support Grant Program – Recommended for funding

Applicant	Project	Amount	Staff Funding Recommendation
Ourimbah Lisarow RSL Sub Branch	Defibrillator	\$1,229.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Lutanda Children's Services	Tools for Volunteers	\$4,727.78	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Shoebox Revolution	Shoebox Revolution Premises	\$4,940.00	Recommended for funding conditional on the approval of the facility license and the required \$20.0M Public Liability Insurance is updated prior to funds being released.
Tempo Terrific Incorporated	Development of Band Repertoire	\$3,410.00	Recommended for funding conditional on required \$20.0M Public Liability Insurance being obtained by the applicant prior to funds being released.
Toukley & Districts Art Society Inc.	Upgrading Kitchen Facilities – Purchase of Refrigerator	\$1,099.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.

Applicant	Project	Amount	Staff Funding Recommendation
Central Coast Kids In Need Inc	Adam Molch Hillier Memorial Surf Classic	\$2,317.00	Recommended for funding conditional on confirmation of Open Space booking prior to funds being released.
Coast Shelter	Coast Connect Day 2018	\$3,500.00	Recommended for funding on confirmation of venue availability and cost prior to release of funds.
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	Connecting Community through Song - A Social Inclusion Project	\$3,100.00 .	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Country Women's Association of NSW	Rates Subsidy	\$1,385.70	Recommended for funding conditional on documentation demonstrating payment of current rates is provided prior to funds being released.
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	Engaging Fathers	\$5,000.00.	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Tuggerah Lakes Art Society Inc	Carnevale 2018	\$2,739.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Chain Valley Bay Progress Association Incorporated	Joshua Porter Reserve Enhancement Celebration	\$2,870.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
China Australia Friendship Association Inc	2018 Central Coast Chinese Cultural Festival	\$4,380.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Coast Shelter	Coast Shelter Community Festival	\$5,000.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.

Applicant	Project	Amount	Staff Funding Recommendation
Empire Bay Probus Club Incorporated	Purchase of multi-media projector and portable screen	\$994.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
San Remo Neighbourhood Incorporation	Mannering Park Progress Sustainability Project	\$500.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Wyongah Progress Association	Rates Subsidy for Hall and Tennis Court	\$1,525.72.	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	'ODD SOCKS DAY' because anyone can have an odd day!	\$3,240.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Mannering Park Public School P&C Association	Mannering Park Public School P&C Fete	\$2100.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Central Coast Cyclones Veterans Cricket Club	Australia Versus Wales over 50's international cricket trial match	\$1400.00.	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated conditional on Open Space booking confirmation prior to funds being released.
Scholarships in Radiation	Twilight Soiree	\$1280.00	Recommended for funding as community benefit demonstrated and support information is provided.
Total Recommended		\$56,737.20	

Heritage Grant Program – Recommended for funding

Applicant	Property	Amount	Staff Funding Recommendation
Gregory Tunn	Various (Central Coast Surf Clubs)	\$5,000.00	Recommended for funding conditional on Council logo placement on the publication in accordance with the Council Design Guide and ten (10) copies are provided to Council for use in local libraries. The project utilises a proven approach to sharing an important aspect of local history. The surf clubs on the Central Coast provide significant focal points for community events and culture as well as providing the role of safety and protection on our beaches..
Woy Woy Presbyterian Church	St David's Presbyterian Church	\$1,875.00	Recommended for funding conditional on the works replacing existing materials with the same. The project is for essential building works and maintenance that will ensure the longevity of the building and its long term conservation.

Applicant	Property	Amount	Staff Funding Recommendation
Ms Sharon Hill	Scandrett's Boatshed, Wharf & Slipway	\$5,000.00	<p>- The proposed works are necessary for the continued use and structural integrity of the draft heritage item.</p> <p>Conditions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant will need to comply with the conditions as outlined in the letter from the Department of Industry NSW (dated 21 June 2018) as attached to the grant application with regard to the license agreement. The applicant will also need to check for any other statutory approvals and provide proof to Council prior to commencement of works. 2. Decking must be replaced in hardwood timber and not the specified composite material.
Mr Deryck Davis (Holy Cross Catholic Church)	Holy Cross Catholic Church	\$5,000.00	The work is supported on heritage grounds as the church is significant and the proposal supports both the structural integrity of the building as well as its aesthetic significance.
Friends of St Paul's Heritage Church	St Paul's Heritage Church	\$1,584.00	<p>This project is supported as it provides interpretation and security for this significant building. The church is located on a prominent corner within Kincumber and the night time illumination will further add to the character and visibility of this location.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The location of the new light needs to be finalised with the Heritage Officer prior to installation. 2. The electrical contractors need to be fully briefed on the potential and procedures surrounding potential archaeological items as outlined in the NSW Heritage Act 1977.

Applicant	Property	Amount	Staff Funding Recommendation
Terrigal-Wamberal RSL Sub-branch	Relocation of Erina War Memorial	\$5,000.00	The project has been approved by Council. The grant is approved and the funds recommend put towards the heritage interpretation element as defined by the conditions of consent.
TOTAL		\$23,459.00	

2017-18 Community Support and Heritage Grant Program - Not Recommended for Funding

Community Support Grant Program – Not Recommended for funding

Applicant	Project	Staff Funding Recommendation
The Cancer Council NSW	Stars of the Central Coast – Dance for Cancer	Not recommended for funding as the project has occurred retrospective to the funding application date.
Home Among The Gum Trees NSW Inc	Home Among the Gum Trees Central Coast Region Expansion and Support	Not recommended for funding due to insufficient information and quotes. Applicant advised to liaise with Council Grants Officer to clarify and consider resubmitting in a future round.
Central Coast ARAFMI Inc	Stepping Stones	Not recommended for funding due to insufficient information on the program and Project Manager role. Applicant advised to liaise with Council Grants Officer to clarify and consider resubmitting in a future round.
Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)	Playgroup for young children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder	Not recommended for funding due to insufficient information on the program and staffing. Applicant advised to liaise with Council Grants Officer to clarify and consider resubmitting in a future round.
Killarney Vale Australian football club Inc.	Point of Sale Solution, cash registers and Eftpos	Not recommended for funding as broader community benefit is not demonstrated.
Green Point Community Centre	Reducing Energy Consumption	Not recommended for funding as the applicant has outstanding acquittals from previous Council funded projects.

Heritage Grant Program –Not recommended for funding

Applicant	Property	Staff Recommendation
Davistown Progress Association	Davistown Progress Hall	The applicant is advised to liaise with the Heritage Officer to address the choice of materials, including roofing, and consider resubmitting in a future round.
Ms Karen Askew	Point Clare Cemetery	The applicant is advised to work with Council Heritage Officers to further develop the scope of works and to and consider resubmitting in a future round.

Item No: 3.4
Title: Meeting Record of the Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee held on 26 June 2018
Department: Governance

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13270696

Author: Kathy Bragg, Acting Section Manager, Governance

Manager: Shane Sullivan, Unit Manager Governance and Business Services

Executive: Brian Glendenning, Executive Manager

Report Purpose

To note the Meeting Record of the Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee held on 26 June 2018 and consider the recommendations to Council from the Committee, including staff consideration of those recommendations for Council determination.

Recommendation

- 1 That Council note the Meeting Record of the Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee held on 26 June 2018 that is attached to this report.**
- 2 That Council write to the Environment Protection Authority requesting:**
 - **increased monitoring of surface and groundwater quality in relation to the Mangrove Mountain landfill site;**
 - **whether it is able to provide a copy of the Follow Up Independent Environmental Report to the Committee;**
 - **water quality data from Mangrove Mountain Landfill site;**
 - **clarification as to the determination of the Environmental Risk Assessment for Mangrove Mountain Landfill site and any changes in the determination.**

Background

The Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, 26 June 2018. The Meeting Record of that meeting is attached to this report.

At that meeting the Committee considered the items and made recommendations. The items have been received by staff and the following is now provided to Council:

Committee Recommendation – Requests to the Environment Protection Authority

The Committee has recommended that Council write to the Environment Protection Authority requesting:

- increased monitoring of surface and groundwater quality in relation to the Mangrove Mountain landfill site;
- whether it is able to provide a copy of the Follow Up Independent Environmental Report to the Committee;
- water quality data from Mangrove Mountain Landfill site;
- clarification as to the determination of the Environmental Risk Assessment for Mangrove Mountain Landfill site and any changes in the determination.

Staff Response

No objection is raised to Council writing to the Environment Protection Authority requesting the above information/actions. The Environment Protection Authority representatives present at the meeting indicated they were willing to consider the requests identified by the Committee.

Recommendation to Council

That Council write to the Environment Protection Authority requesting:

- increased monitoring of surface and groundwater quality in relation to the Mangrove Mountain landfill site;
- whether it is able to provide a copy of the Follow Up Independent Environmental Report to the Committee;
- water quality data from Mangrove Mountain Landfill site;
- clarification as to the determination of the Environmental Risk Assessment for Mangrove Mountain Landfill site and any changes in the determination.

Legal Liabilities and Risks – Operation of Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee

At its meeting held on 25 June 2018 Council requested the Acting Chief Executive Officer to report to Council regarding how best to minimise legal liabilities and risks to the ratepayer purse with regard to the operation of this Committee.

It is acknowledged that there are potential legal issues related to key aspects considered by the Committee. Council is advised that at this time the risk of a negative impact upon Council in legal terms is being mitigated by the attendance of appropriately informed and qualified staff at the meetings.

Attachments

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| 1 | Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee Meeting Record
26 June 2018 | D13270636 |
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Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee Meeting Record 26 June 2018



Location:	Central Coast Council Wyong Office Committee Room Level 2 2 Hely Street, Wyong	
Date:	26 June 2018	
Time	Started at: 5.05pm	Closed at: 6.50pm
Chair	Mayor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2017/02125	

Present

Mayor Jane Smith, Councillor Chris Holstein, Councillor Richard Mehrtens, Councillor Kyle MacGregor, Margaret Pontifex, John Asquith, Dr Stephen Goodwin, Marilyn Steiner, Pam O'Sullivan, Danny Willmott, Wolfgang Koerner, Joy Cooper, [Catherine Wade (observer only)]

Also present were:

Brian Glendenning - Acting Chief Executive Officer, Shane Sullivan - Acting Executive Manager Governance, Daniel Woods - Section Manager Compliance and Health (on behalf of Director Environment & Planning), Kathy Bragg - Acting Section Manager Governance, Kelly Drover - Advisory Group Support Officer, Greg Sheehy, Director Waste Compliance - Environment Protection Authority, Cate Woods, Manager Regional Waste Compliance - Environment Protection Authority

Item 1 Apologies

Scott Cox - Director Environment & Planning, Councillor Troy Marquart, Stephen Rickards, Gary Chestnut

Item 2 Disclosure of Interest

Danny Willmott has ongoing less than significant pecuniary interests.

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Item 3 Confirmation of 26 April 2018 Meeting Record

The Committee confirmed the 26 April 2018 Meeting Record.

Item 4 Update from Council Staff Regarding Current Council Actions

Brian Glendenning, Acting Chief Executive Officer gave the Committee an update on Mangrove Mountain Landfill site.

Daniel Woods - Section Manager Compliance and Health gave the Committee an update on Spencer.

Action: Staff are to investigate whether the letters to the Minister for Environment and NSW Premier regarding Recommendation 27 of the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Waste are able to be circulated to the Committee.

Item 5 Update Regarding Communications with the EPA and the NSW DOI – Lands and Water

Action: Follow up action be taken with the Department of Industry - Water on their availability to attend the next committee meeting.

Action: Dr Stephen Goodwin to forward Mountain Districts Association letter received from Natural Resources Access Regulator regarding Mangrove Mountain Landfill and other issues to the Advisory Group Support Officer to then be forwarded to all Committee Members.

Item 6 Presentation from the Environment Protection Authority

Greg Sheehy, Director Waste Compliance – Environment Protection Authority provided an update on Spencer. Cate Woods, Manager Regional Waste Compliance – Environment Protection Authority provided an update on Mangrove Mountain.

Action: The Committee recommends that Council write to the Environment Protection Authority requesting increased monitoring of surface and groundwater quality in relation to the Mangrove Mountain landfill site.

Action: Margaret Pontifex to pinpoint location of water pollution to Advisory Group Support Officer to be forwarded to the Environment Protection Authority.

Action: The Committee recommends that Council write to the Environment Protection Authority requesting whether it is able to provide a copy of the Follow Up Independent Environmental Report to the Committee.

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Item 7 Base Flow – Ourimbah Creek

Pam O'Sullivan spoke about concerns regarding Base Flow Ourimbah Creek.

Action: The Committee requests that the CEO obtain information from Council Staff regarding monitoring of base flow for Ourimbah creek and any distinct differences over a period of the past 3 – 5 years for presentation to the Committee.

Item 8 Close and Confirmation of Next Steps

Action: The Committee recommends that Council discuss with the Environment Protection Authority an ongoing relationship in terms of sharing of information with the Committee. The Mayor undertook to follow up on this action.

Action: The Committee recommends that Council write to the Environment Protection Authority requesting the water quality data from Mangrove Mountain Landfill site.

Action: The Committee recommends that Council seek clarification from the Environment Protection Authority as to the determination of the Environmental Risk Assessment for Mangrove Mountain Landfill site and any changes in the determination.

Action: The Committee requests that Staff provide clarification on the status of the issue of naming Stringybark Creek.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st August 2018
 5pm – 7pm
 Central Coast Council Wyong Office
 Committee Room
 2 Hely Street, Wyong

Item No: 3.5
Title: Annual Insurance Renewal with Statewide Mutual
Department: Governance



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13270955

Author: Michael Tattoli, Section Manager, Insurance and Risk

Manager: Shane Sullivan, Unit Manager Governance and Business Services

Executive: Brian Glendenning, Executive Manager Governance

Report Purpose

To propose that Council accept offers from Statewide Mutual in respect to the following indemnities:

- Public liability and professional indemnity;
- Councillors and Officers Liability;
- Property (Industrial Special Risk);
- Comprehensive Motor Vehicle

Recommendation

- 1** ***That Council resolve to accept offers from Statewide Mutual for indemnities under the following schemes for the financial year ended 30 June 2019, and note the respective premiums for participation in those schemes described below :***
 - a.** ***a Liability Scheme (Public Liability and Professional Indemnity): \$870,789.78 ex GST;***
 - b.** ***b Councillors' and Officers' Scheme: \$121,462.50 ex GST;***
 - c.** ***c Property Mutual (Industrial Special Risk) Scheme: \$975,146.16ex GST;***
 - d.** ***d Comprehensive Motor Vehicle: \$416,947.19 ex GST;***
- 2** ***That Council note that Council is not required to invite tenders before accepting offers made by Statewide Mutual, as it and other local councils are members of Statewide Mutual and the exception under s. 55(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 applies to those offers.***
- 3** ***That Council determine, for abundant caution and in accordance with s. 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the insurance services, for the following reasons:***
 - a** ***Council has no ability to withdraw from the Statewide Mutual funds until 30 June 2020;***
 - b** ***Council has an urgent operational need to maintain insurance cover or similar indemnity at all times, to properly manage operational risks; and***

- c Council's broker, Jardine Lloyd Thompson, has extensive experience in brokering insurance for local government, and has negotiated competitive "insurance" services from the Statewide Mutual Schemes for Council; and**
- d Not all of the indemnities offered by Statewide Mutual are available from commercial insurers**

Context

Statewide Mutual is a discretionary "self-insurance" mutual that provides insurance-like cover to its 117 NSW council members.

The following Table identifies the proposed renewal of cover under nominated Statewide Mutual schemes for the financial year that will end on 30 June 2019 along with the respective premiums, retention (excess) and relevant notes.

Scheme	Premium for 18/19 FY (incl GST)	Retention per claim	Notes
Liability Scheme (Public Liability and Professional Indemnity)	\$870,789.78	\$100,000	Limits of cover are \$600M for Public Liability + Products Liability; \$600M for Professional Indemnity.
Councillors' and Officers' Scheme	\$121,462.50	\$10,000	
Property Mutual (Industrial Special Risk) Scheme	\$975,146.16	\$30,000	Retention for earth movement and flood is \$100K; Business interruption is 72hrs (waiting period)
Comprehensive Motor Vehicle	\$416,947.19	\$5,000	The premium is based on a "per vehicle" basis, with Council having 1,408 vehicles at 30 June 2018.
TOTAL	\$2,384,345.63		

Sub-section 55(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("LG Act") requires that Council invite tenders before entering in to a contract for services, unless at least one of the exceptions in s. 55(3) of the LG Act applies. The relevant exceptions are:

- s. 55(3)(c) of the LG Act, which provides *inter alia* that there is no need to invite tenders for a contract "entered into by a council with another council";
- s. 55(3)(i) of the LG Act, which relevantly provides that there is no need to invite tenders for contracts that "...because of extenuating circumstances...a council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders".

Council's membership of Statewide Mutual is a contractual relationship with the other local council members of Statewide Mutual. The offers of indemnity that are made to Council by Statewide Mutual for the 18/19 financial year are offers to Council as a member of that Mutual. In those circumstances there is no requirement for Council to invite tenders before accepting the offers of indemnity from Statewide Mutual.

Council can also conclude (and for abundant caution, should resolve) that a satisfactory result would not have been achieved by inviting tenders for such "insurance", due to the following extenuating circumstances:

- To withdraw from the Statewide Mutual Schemes Council must give at least 12 months written notice prior to the end of a financial year. Council would need to have in place, or have reasonable grounds for believing that it would have in place, appropriate "insurance" cover prior to its departure from Statewide Mutual. Council has no capacity to withdraw from the Statewide National Services for the 2018/19 financial year.
- Not all of the "insurances" offered by Statewide Mutual are available from the commercial insurance markets.
- Council's broker, Jardine Lloyd Thompson, has extensive experience in brokering insurance for local government, and has negotiated a competitive "insurance" services from the Statewide Mutual Schemes for Council for the 2018/19 financial year.

Current Status

Council has accepted, under delegation, offers pending formal resolution of Council.

Financial Impact

Premiums are within adopted budget

Link to Community Strategic Plan

Theme 4: Responsible

Goal G: Good governance and great partnerships

G4: Serve the community by providing great customer experience, value for money and quality services.

Attachments

Nil.



Item No: 4.1
Title: Deferred Item - Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18
Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13276601
Author: Ben Fullagar, Section Manager Coastal Protection
Manager: Peter Ham, Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Business

Summary

Council, at its meeting held on 9 July 2018 resolved:

670/18 That Council defer consideration of this item to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 23 July 2018.

Recommendation

- 1 That Council note the Deferred Item - Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos – Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches which is Attachment 1 to this report.**
- 2 That Council receive and note the report on Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches.**

Attachments

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| 1 Deferred Item - Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos -
Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches | D13277064 |
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Item No: 5.4
Title: Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business

9 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-02 - D13229784

Author: Ben Fullagar, Section Manager

Manager: Peter Ham, Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection

Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide a response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 raised at Council's meeting on 23 April 2018 requesting information regarding Council's response and actions in relation to asbestos found on Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report on Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches.

Background

Council, at its meeting held on 23 April 2018, resolved;

321/18 *That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to:*

- 1 *Provide a written management plan to Council by the next Ordinary Meeting explaining how this asbestos issue will be resolved, including implementation dates to ensure safety of the public.*
- 2 *Proactively release the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report" which was based on site inspections undertaken on 15 June 2016. Allow this report to be published and publicly available on the council website, minus any necessary personal information redactions.*
- 3 *Report back to Council in writing of all subsequent actions taken by Council since the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report".*
- 4 *Advise if all issues raised in this document and any issues raised at alternate times, were subsequently actioned and dealt with by Council adequately?*

5.4 Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches (contd)

- 5 *Provide Councillors with any survey reports identifying private and public boundaries of effected properties noted in the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report".*
- 6 *Proactively release the cost benefit analysis report from the Office of Environment and Heritage.*
- 7 *Publish an information sheet that is distributed to residents adjoining the Wamberal and Terrigal beaches concerning the potential risks associated with asbestos material.*

Responses to issues raised in Council's resolution are provided as follows:

- 1 *Provide a written management plan to Council by the next Ordinary Meeting explaining how this asbestos issue will be resolved, including implementation dates to ensure safety of the public.***

Council's Interim Plan of Management

- Council staff are conducting daily inspections of the beach to identify any 'items that could potentially be Asbestos Containing Material (ACM),
- When any material suspected of being ACM is found by Council staff or the public, trained Council staff remove the material and dispose of it to landfill in accordance with legislative requirements,
- Council has engaged a qualified Environmental Consultant to inspect the Wamberal and Terrigal Beach area and provide advice to Council on the risk to public health and recommendations for future management. The scope of work includes:
 - a. A site inspection of the Wamberal and Terrigal Beach area (undertaken 4 May 2018).
 - b. A review of historical aerial photographs and other available information.
 - c. Laboratory testing of a sample of fragments of 'fibro' found, to determine if they contain asbestos.
 - d. A Site Inspection Report summarising the findings of the above tasks.
 - e. Preparation of a Risk Management Plan to advise Council on the level of risk to the public and recommended management actions for Council.
 - f. Preparation of a Community Fact Sheet outlining the potential risks and how to best manage the identified risk.

5.4 Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches (contd)

- 2 Proactively release the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report" which was based on site inspections undertaken on 15 June 2016. Allow this report to be published and publicly available on the council website, minus any necessary personal information redactions.**

It is exclusively a matter for the Acting Chief Executive Officer to determine whether information held by Council is proactively released.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer determined that this document, in redacted form, will be proactively released. This has previously been reported to Council.

- 3 Report back to Council in writing of all subsequent actions taken by Council since the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report".**

The Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation report (WBSER) remains in draft form, and has not been finalised.

The WBSER was prepared to assist Council in addressing remediation of the beachfront following the storm event of 4 and 5 June 2016 that caused significant coastal erosion at Wamberal. It was not prepared to address potential Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) at the location. A disclaimer within the WBSER acknowledges that the advice is preliminary in nature and the WBSER contains no clear actions for Council.

The WBSER does give consideration (as an immediate response to the storm event) to removal of all inappropriate material from the beach areas seaward of the escarpment toe that may cause a danger. Council staff at the time removed materials from public areas of the beach. A gradual net accretion of sand (estimated at >1 metre depth) has since occurred along Wamberal Beach burying most other materials that may have still been present and exposed.

The WBSER also suggests as an immediate response to the event, restricting public access to the base of the erosion scarp. Prior to preparation of the WBSER, Council staff had already taped off by areas of potential instability in order to restrict public access to these hazardous areas soon after the event.

As a long term solution, the report then identifies that the gazettal of the relevant Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) be sought and actions arising from it subsequently implemented. The CZMP has been certified by the Minister and gazetted, and actions identified within the CZMP affecting the Wamberal area are being progressed in consultation with the members of the Wamberal Beach Terminal Protection Project Working Group. Actions identified within the CZMP are not yet complete.

5.4 Response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches (contd)

4 Advise if all issues raised in this document and any issues raised at alternate times, were subsequently actioned and dealt with by Council adequately?

Refer to response provided at 3 above.

5 Provide Councillors with any survey reports identifying private and public boundaries of effected properties noted in the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report".

Surveys of some of the properties have been undertaken, as part of an ongoing informal action. A confidential report on that action will be considered by Council after the new Chief Executive Officer has been briefed. However Council's cadaster has been overlaid onto aerial photographs of the area, to give an indication of where the boundaries are located. The aerial photographs which include Council's cadaster, are added to this report as Attachment 1. It should be noted that the cadaster may contain errors.

6 Proactively release the cost benefit analysis report from the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Refer to response provided at 2 above.

7 Publish an information sheet that is distributed to residents adjoining the Wamberal and Terrigal beaches concerning the potential risks associated with asbestos material.

On 17 May 2018 a Community Information Sheet – "Potential Asbestos Containing Materials – Terrigal Beach and Wamberal Beach" (see attachment 2) was distributed to 200 residents adjoining the Wamberal and Terrigal beaches.

Attachments

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| 1 | Aerial with Cadaster - Wamberal - Terrigal Beaches | D13241079 |
| 2 | Final - Asbestos monitoring Wamberal and Terrigal Beach A5 single sided | D13231788 |

Aerial with Cadaster - Wamberal - Terrigal Beaches

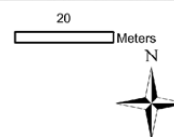


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GNSS Survey 28th March 2017



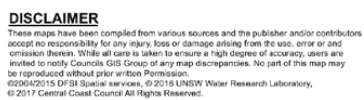
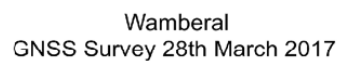
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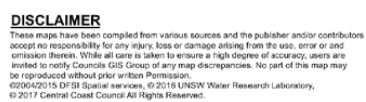
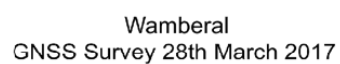


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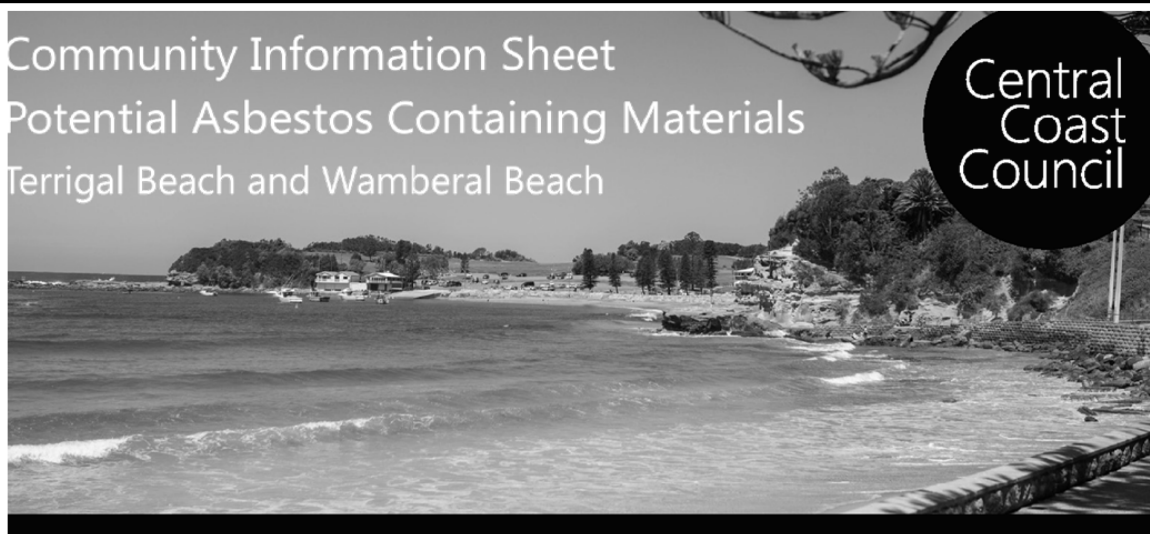
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Attachment 2

Final - Asbestos monitoring Wamberal and Terrigal Beach A5 single sided



Background to Current Concerns at Terrigal and Wamberal Beaches

- A number of fragments of material have been located on Terrigal Beach, Wamberal Beach, and some of the foreshore areas near the mouth of Terrigal Lagoon. These fragments may be Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM).
- The source of this material is not clear, and is being investigated by expert consultants. The beach is a complex and constantly changing environment, and it is important to understand how this material came to be on parts of the beach and to best manage its removal.
- Central Coast Council has been undertaking inspections to identify any such materials, and if identified, they have been removed and disposed of by appropriately qualified Council Officers.

What is Asbestos?

- Asbestos is a natural occurring mineral. It was typically used, and now found in old building products such as fibro (cement sheeting). Newer materials do not use asbestos in their fabrication.
- If handled, stored or disposed incorrectly, asbestos can release fine particles of dust containing asbestos fibres. The guidelines from Safework NSW 'Asbestos in Soils' indicates that the risk from small quantities of bonded asbestos 'fibro' material in soil

How is Central Coast Council Responding?

- Council will prepare a Plan of Management for the area to investigate the potential sources of the material, what risks are present and how to best manage any risks that are identified.
- The Plan of Management is expected to be finalised in June 2018.

Further Information

For general information on Asbestos, please visit the following websites:

- NSW Health - www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/asbestos-and-health-risks.aspx
- Safework NSW - www.safework.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/329171/Managing-asbestos-in-soil-guide.pdf
- If you identify material that you think may be Asbestos Containing Material in these locations, please call the EPA Pollution hotline 131 555
- For any further information from Central Coast Council please refer to Council's Asbestos advice at www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/my-property/waste-and-recycling/asbestos or contact our Gosford Office – 02 4325 8222, or our Wyong Office 02 4350 5555



Item No: 4.2
Title: Deferred Item - Response to Mayoral Minute - Climate Change
Department: Environment and Planning

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13276612
Author: Anumitra Chand, Principal Strategic Planner
Manager: Matthew Prendergast, Unit Manager Strategic Planning
Executive: Scott Cox, Director Environment and Planning

Summary

Council, at its meeting held on 9 July 2018 resolved:

671/18 That Council defer consideration of this item to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 23 July 2018.

Recommendation

- 1 That Council note the Deferred Item - Response to Mayoral Minute - Climate Change which is Attachment 1 to this report.**
- 2 That Council receive the report on Response to Mayoral Minute - Climate Change.**

Attachments

- 1** Deferred Item - Response to Mayoral Minute - Climate Change D13277367



Item No: 5.4
Title: Response to Mayoral Minute - Climate Change
Department: Environment and Planning

9 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2010/00500 - D13217223

Author: Anumitra Chand, Principal Strategic Planner

Manager: Matthew Prendergast, Unit Manager Strategic Planning

Executive: Scott Cox, Director Environment and Planning

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to the Mayoral Minute of 12 March 2018 on climate change.

Background

Council, at its meeting held on 12 March 2018 resolved the following Mayoral Minute:

That council:

- 136/18 *Commit to strong action on climate change including mitigation and adaptation measures.*
- 137/18 *Investigate, and if appropriate, apply to join the free program Cities Power Partnership (CPP).*
- 138/18 *Request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to convene a workshop and briefing on climate change for Councillors.*
- 139/18 *Develop a Central Coast Climate Change Policy that includes, but is not limited to, initiatives such as:*
 - a Targets consistent with the Paris Agreement and an action plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Council's operations and activities;*
 - b Initiatives to promote actions on climate change within the Central Coast community, development, business and industry sectors, including the uptake of renewable energy; and*
 - c An overview of issues related to adaptation to climate change including emergency management (including bushfires and extreme weather events), sea level rise, risks to and management of infrastructure and impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems.*
- 140/18 *Provide a report outlining progress against these actions by July, 2018*

Recommendation

That Council receive the report on Response to Mayoral Minute - Climate Change.

Response

Council's Strategic Planning Unit is developing a Draft Climate Change Policy that will be a framework for Council to undertake key actions on climate change as well as implement community initiatives for climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience. The draft Climate Change Policy and recommendation on whether Council should join the Cities Power Partnership Program ("CPPP") will be detailed in a report for Council's consideration in August 2018.

The Draft Climate Change Policy acknowledges the Paris Agreement commitment by the Federal Government as well as being consistent with the NSW State Climate Change Policy direction to achieve a net-zero emissions by 2050 and help NSW become climate resilient.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 4.3
Title: Deferred Item - Grant Funding Update as at June 2018
Department: Governance

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13276387

Author: Louise Fisher, Special Projects Coordinator Funding

Manager: Shane Sullivan, Unit Manager Governance

Summary

Council, at its meeting held on 9 July 2018 resolved:

672/18 *That Council defer consideration of this item to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 23 July 2018.*

Recommendation

- 1 *That Council note the Deferred Item Grant Funding Update as at June 2018 which is Attachment 1 to this report.***
- 2 *That Council receive the report on Grant Funding Updates as at June 2018.***
- 3 *That Council resolve, for the purposes of s.10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Attachment 3 to that report (included as part of Attachment 2 to this report) remain confidential because the attachment includes commercial information of a confidential nature.***

Attachments

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| 1 | Deferred Item - Grant Funding Update as at June 2018 | D13262238 |
| 2 | Confidential - External Funding Applications under consideration - 25 June 2018 - | D13262392 |



Item No: 5.6
Title: Grant Funding Update as at June 2018
Department: Governance

9 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13262238

Author: Louise Fisher, Special Projects Coordinator Funding

Executive: Shane Sullivan, Acting Executive Manager Governance

Report Purpose

To provide a monthly report to Council on grant funding as at 25 June 2018.

Consideration of confidentiality

It is recommended that the Attachment 3 to this report, External Funding Applications under consideration, remain confidential, and that to effect that confidentiality that Council resolve, for the purposes of s. 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that the attached report remain confidential on the grounds that it includes:

- 2(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council,

In addition, release of the information in Attachment 3 could jeopardise Council's ability to obtain funding in the future.

Summary

There are currently unprecedented levels of funding opportunities available through the State and Federal Governments and a significant amount of focus by staff have produced a large number of highly complex expressions of interests, business cases and applications.

A concise list of the major funding opportunities is provided as Attachment 1.

Two spreadsheets are attached to identify how much Central Coast Council has applied for; all projects applied for; successful grants received and unsuccessful applications (detailing reasons why if available).

The following are attached:

- Applications for funding where the outcome has been finalised – 25 June 2018 – Attachment 2
- Confidential - Applications for funding that are still under consideration – 25 June 2018 – Attachment 3.

Recommendation

- 1 *That Council receive the report on Grant Funding Update as at June 2018.***
- 2 *That Council resolve, for the purposes of s.10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the Attachment 3 to this report remain confidential because the attachment includes commercial information of a confidential nature.***

Attachments

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| 1 | Overview major funding opportunities as at 25 June 2018 | D13262387 |
| 2 | External Funding Applications where the outcome has been finalised - 25 June 2018 | D13262388 |
| 3 | Confidential - External Funding Applications under consideration - 25 June 2018 - | D13262392 |

Attachment 1

Overview major funding opportunities as at 25 June 2018

Overview of Major Funding Opportunities as at 25 June 2018



Central Coast Council
Overview of Major Funding Opportunities

Louise Fisher

25 June 2018



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Overview of Major Funding Opportunities as at 25 June 2018

Major NSW Government Funding Opportunities

- Housing Acceleration Fund - \$1.6 Billion across all of NSW
- Regional Growth Fund - \$1.6 Billion across regional NSW
 1. Regional Growth Environment & Tourism Fund
 2. Stronger Country Communities
 3. Regional Cultural Fund
 4. Growing Local Economies
 5. Regional Sports Infrastructure
 6. Resources for Regions
 7. Connecting Country Communities

Major Federal/NSW Government Funding Opportunities

- Australian Government Black Spot Programme and the NSW Government Safer Roads Program

Overview of Major Funding Opportunities as at 25 June 2018

NSW HOUSING ACCELERATION FUND	
NSW	Department of Planning and Environment
WEBSITE:	http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/Our-Programs/Housing-Acceleration-Fund
FUNDING:	Established in 2012 with \$875 million Recently received an additional \$1.6 billion in funding across all of NSW
PURPOSE:	To deliver critical enabling infrastructure to stimulate and accelerate housing development in NSW (i.e. Roads, Water and Sewer in new residential precincts)
PROGRAMS:	Continual Program

Attachment 1

Overview major funding opportunities as at 25 June 2018

Overview of Major Funding Opportunities as at 25 June 2018

NSW REGIONAL GROWTH FUND	
NSW DEPT:	Department of Premier and Cabinet – Office of Regional Development
WEBSITE:	https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/regional-nsw/regional-growth-fund/
FUNDING:	\$1.6 billion across regional NSW
PURPOSE:	To turbocharge economic growth, spur investment, create jobs and revitalise public infrastructure across regional NSW
PROGRAMS:	<p>Seven programs available: (individual program details listed below)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Growth Environment & Tourism Fund 2. Stronger Country Communities 3. Regional Cultural Fund 4. Growing Local Economies 5. Regional Sports Infrastructure 6. Resources for Regions 7. Connecting Country Communities

REGIONAL GROWTH ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM FUND	
Applications Closed:	20 April 2017. Business Cases are currently being assessed.
Program Funding	The NSW Government has committed \$300 million to RGETF. Up to \$100 million is available in the first round of funding. There is a minimum funding threshold of \$500,000 but no maximum.
Purpose:	This fund is targeting environment and tourism projects of regional significance and is expected to deliver regional economic, tourism, environmental and social benefits.
Applicants	<p>Project applications are invited from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local and State government agencies; - Aboriginal Land Councils and other Aboriginal groups; - Community groups registered as incorporated associations; and - Non-government organisations.
Partners:	Applicants who have secured co-contributions from other sources through partnership agreements will be considered favourably.

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	Applicants are also encouraged to work with private operators and industry organisations to identify potential projects. Applications that involve public private partnerships are encouraged.
Projects:	<p>Eligible projects must be for new or enhanced regional infrastructure that will drive growth in the visitor economy including growing regional visitor numbers, increasing overnight visitor expenditure and extending visitor overnight stays.</p> <p>Projects should demonstrate that they achieve the criteria, meet the RGETF objective to grow and further diversify NSW regional economies and also meet the purpose of the Restart NSW Fund.</p> <p>Projects will need to demonstrate that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have the capacity to deliver jobs and economic growth; - have a Benefit to Cost Ratio (BCR) higher than 1.0; and - maximise other co-investment by the applicant and, potentially, by the Commonwealth or other industry contributions.
Land requirements:	The RGETF is open to regional environment infrastructure projects on publicly owned land and regional tourism projects.
EOI Assessment:	<p>Across 4 stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic assessment - Economic assessment - Affordability - Deliverability
Eligibility:	Eligible projects must be located in an eligible regional LGA
Project examples:	<p>Examples of suitable projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new or upgraded visitor infrastructure to national parks; • new or upgraded camping facilities; • repurposing of Crown Lands or heritage buildings for tourism, and • development of infrastructure to support ecotourism and new visitor activities
Website	https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/invest-in-nsw/regional-opportunities/regional-growth-environment-and-tourism-fund

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STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND (SCCF)	
Applications Opened:	Round 1 – 20 September 2017
Applications Closed:	Round 1 – 18 October 2017 Round 2 – 4 May 2018
Partners:	Limit of 1 partner per project (state government agencies & non-government organisations)
Project criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New projects - Minimum \$100,000 projects - Projects typically in range of \$250,000 to \$1 million - Projects must be started within 12 months of funding approval - Projects must be completed within 2 years of funding approval - Local suppliers to be used - Projects must contribute to local employment and skill development - Projects must be sustainable and used/maintained beyond funding period - At least 2 quotes should be provided
Typical Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - construction of new or refurbishment/upgrade of existing community infrastructure - construction of new or refurbishment/upgrade of existing local sporting infrastructure - capital works related to street beautification and public 'place making'.
Website	www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities

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REGIONAL CULTURAL FUND	
Applications Opened:	Round 1 - 17 July 2017 Round 2 expected to be open early 2018
Applications Closed:	Round 1 - 4 September 2017
Program Funding	\$100 million available over 4 years
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support investment in new and upgraded arts and cultural infrastructure - Support the provision of operational funding - Address the significant disparity in the quality and quantity of arts and cultural resources between regional and metropolitan areas
Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councils - Aboriginal land councils - Other aboriginal groups - Incorporated associations - Educational institutions - Non-government organisations
Partners:	Encourage co-investment
Funding categories:	There are four categories of funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small scale regional cultural infrastructure (under \$60,000) - Medium scale regional cultural infrastructure (\$60,000 to \$1 million) - Large scale regional cultural infrastructure (over \$1 million) - Operational Grants
Eligibility:	
Project examples:	Buildings/structures that support or accommodate the arts, cultural expression and heritage like visual arts, crafts, media arts, performing arts, heritage, museum, archives, libraries, publishing, sound recording, film, audio visual, radio and television
Website	www.nsw.gov.au/regionalculturalfund

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GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES	
Applications Opened:	7 August 2017
Applications Closed:	Open to applications year-round
Program Funding	\$500 million available over 4 years The smallest projects are expected to be worth approximately \$1 million.
Purpose:	To develop the enabling infrastructure to grow regional centres (outside Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong)
Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councils - Aboriginal Land Councils - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups - Infrastructure providers eg telecommunication firms - Incorporated associations (business, industry and community) - Cooperatives - Educational institutions - Non-government organisations
Partners:	Partnerships are encouraged
Projects:	<p>Open to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have capacity to deliver jobs & economic growth - Supports projects of economic significance. This could include road works, natural gas mains and pipelines, water supply, sewerage connections and telecommunications (including data networks). - Help communities capitalise their strengths or broaden/reposition their industry base - Demonstrate benefits beyond one organisation - Have minimum project size of \$1m - Align with state/regional priorities - Cost Benefit Ratio > 1 as assessed by the NSW Government. <p>Applicants will be required to provide a full financial business case to provide the inputs for the Cost Benefit Analysis.</p>
Land requirements:	Projects are ineligible if they are on private land and/or have exclusive private benefits
EOI Assessment:	<p>Across 4 stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic assessment - Economic assessment - Affordability - Deliverability <p>Potential projects will be asked to submit a business case following EOI assessment</p>
Website	www.nsw.gov.au/growinglocaleconomies

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REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE	
Applications Opened:	7 August 2017
Applications Closed:	Open to applications year-round
Program Funding	\$100 million available over 4 years This fund targets investments over \$1 million.
Purpose:	To foster the benefits of sport in communities
Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councils - State sporting organisations - Incorporated, community based, not-for-profit sporting organisations (clubs or district associations) - Educational organisations (schools/TAFE/Universities) in conjunction with Councils and local/state sporting entities - Private enterprises
Partners:	Encourage significant financial or in-kind contribution
Projects:	Funding priority will be given to proposals which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide an economic benefit such as increased tourism or the creation of jobs - meet a demonstrable need in the community - establish regional sports hubs - enhance regionally significant sporting facilities - can be used by more than one sporting code - are aligned with the facility plans of state sporting organisations, regional sporting associations and local sporting clubs - are identified in the Office of Sport's regional sport and active recreation plan - are financially sustainable - provide the highest net benefits - increase participation opportunities in sport - provide infrastructure that enables economic growth and boosts productivity
Land requirements:	The land on which the facility is to be developed must be one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crown reserve land - Land owned by a public authority - Municipal property - Land held for public purposes by trustees under a valid lease, title or trust deed that adequately protects the interests of the public - Private land that benefits the community's interests in sport and active recreation

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EOI Assessment:	Across 4 stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strategic assessment- Economic assessment- Affordability- Deliverability
Eligibility:	Potential projects will be asked to submit a business case following EOI assessment process Cost Benefit Ratio > 1
Project examples:	New and existing venues to improve the participation and performance in sports at all levels (investments over \$1 million)
Website	www.nsw.gov.au/regionalsportsinfrastructure

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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BLACK SPOT PROGRAMME and the NSW GOVERNMENT SAFER ROADS PROGRAM	
Applications Closed:	31 July 2018
Program Funding	The Australian Government has extended the Black Spot Programme and is providing \$60 million per year from the 2021 to 2022 financial year onwards, building on the current \$684.5 million investment from the 2013 to 2014 financial year to the 2020 to 2021 financial year.
Purpose:	Black Spot Programme targets road locations where crashes are occurring by funding measures such as traffic signals and roundabouts at dangerous locations to reduce the risk of crashes occurring.
Applicants	Local councils and Roads and Maritime users
Projects:	Funding is mainly available for the treatment of Black Spot sites, or road lengths, with a proven history of crashes. For individual sites such as intersections, mid-block or short road sections, there should be a history of at least three casualty crashes over a five-year period. For lengths of road, there should be an average of 0.2 casualty crashes per kilometre per annum over the length in question over five years.
EOI Assessment:	Project proposals should be able to demonstrate a benefit to cost ratio of at least 2 to 1.
Website	http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure_investment/black spot/

External Funding Applications where the outcome has been finalised - 25 June 2018											
Date	Application Type	Program	Funding Body	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Budget	Funding Requested	Status	Notes	Unsuccessful	Funding Allocated
2014	Application	Public Reserves Management Fund Program	NSW Government	Garnet Adcock Memorial Park	The project will involve the redevelopment of Garnet Adcock Memorial Park, the premier regional community sporting facility in the Gosford LGA & includes construction of a new multipurpose clubhouse/amenities building, car parking & landscaping works.	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Extension granted	This is not a new allocation for funding but negotiations for an extension of funding.	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
2017	Application	Federal Floodplain Grants Scheme	Federal Government	Flood Gauging Network Audit – Northern Central Coast	The project will involve a flood gauging network audit of the existing telemetry network of rainfall, water level and other environmental monitoring gauges, including The Entrance Channel Camera.	\$ 45,000	\$ 30,000	Funding Allocated	Very successful funding applications with a total of \$44,334 allocated for floodplain risk management and floodplain infrastructure projects in the region of the Northern Central Coast. The funding was allocated prior to funding applications for events.	\$ -	\$ 30,000
2017	Application	NSW Floodplain Management Program	NSW Government	Levee Macquarie Catchments Overland Flood Study	This study will involve a fully 2-dimensional hydrologic model to be developed for the catchments, with associated flood extents, levels, depths, velocities, hazards, hydraulic categories and flood planning areas to be mapped.	\$ 130,000	\$ 86,667	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 86,667
2017	Application	NSW Floodplain Management Program	NSW Government	Wallarah Creek Catchments Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan	Following the Wallarah Creek Flood Study completed in 2006, Council intends to undertake a comprehensive Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. The Plan will guide land use planning, development control and prioritise critical trunk drainage infrastructure for upgrade.	\$ 100,000	\$ 66,667	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 66,667
2017	Application	NSW Floodplain Management Program	NSW Government	Darwin & Empire Bay Catchments Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan	The management study will investigate various options to manage the risk of flooding and inundation of properties in the catchment of Darwin and Empire Bay in accordance with NSW Government's Floodplain Development Manual.	\$ 150,000	\$ 100,000	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 100,000
2017	Application	NSW Floodplain Management Program	NSW Government	Woy Woy Catchments Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan	The Woy Woy Peninsula is prone to flooding, in both short and long duration rainfall events. Flooding occurs both in road reserves and on numerous residential properties throughout the peninsula.	\$ 240,000	\$ 160,000	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 160,000
20-Aug-17	Application	Boating Now Round 2	NSW Government	Dunk Corner Boat Ramp, (Patonga Road) Patonga	Construct a formal car park to improve access and safety for users of the ramp and increase the parking available to meet increasing demand.	\$ 295,000	\$ 295,000	Funding Allocated	Very successful funding applications with a total of \$1,215,000 allocated for wharf and river projects in the region of the Northern Central Coast. The funding was allocated prior to funding applications for events.	\$ -	\$ 295,000
20-Aug-17	Application	Boating Now Round 2	NSW Government	Central Wharf Bowstern	Construction of modular floating finger pontoons and upgrades to the existing wharf facilities. These upgrades will also allow ease of access to and from the wharf and improve accessibility.	\$ 250,000	\$ 150,000	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 150,000
20-Aug-17	Application	Boating Now Round 2	NSW Government	Kendall Road Wharf	Construction of modular floating finger pontoons and upgrades to the existing wharf facilities. These upgrades will also allow ease of access to and from the wharf and improve accessibility.	\$ 250,000	\$ 150,000	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 150,000
20-Aug-17	Application	Boating Now Round 2	NSW Government	Spencer Public Wharf	Construction of modular floating finger pontoons and upgrades to the existing wharf facilities. These upgrades will also allow ease of access to and from the wharf and improve accessibility.	\$ 175,000	\$ 75,000	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 75,000
20-Aug-17	Application	Boating Now Round 2	NSW Government	Eufalia Street Wharf	Construction of modular floating finger pontoons and upgrades to the existing wharf facilities. These upgrades will also allow ease of access to and from the wharf and improve accessibility.	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 210,000	
20-Aug-17	Application	Boating Now Round 2	NSW Government	Woy Woy Bay Wharf	Construction of modular floating finger pontoons and upgrades to the existing wharf facilities. These upgrades will also allow ease of access to and from the wharf and improve accessibility.	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 40,000	
20-Aug-17	Application	Boating Now Round 2	NSW Government	Wyong River at Tacoma South (South Tacoma Road)	Construct a new boat ramp, install pontoon, formalise parking and install lighting to improve safe access to the river.	\$ 299,000	\$ 299,000	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 299,000

External Funding Applications where the outcome has been finalised - 25 June 2018											
Date	Application Type	Program	Funding Body	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Budget	Funding Requested	Status	Notes	Unsuccessful	Funding Allocated
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Hylton Moore Oval	Hylton Moore Oval Floodlighting Upgrade Field 7	\$ 205,700	\$ 205,700	Unsuccessful	The program had a limited amount of funding allocated to the Central Coast LGAs. Some unsuccessful priority projects were selected and resubmitted in round 2 of the ACCC.	\$ 205,700	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Terrigal Rotary Hall	Refurbishment/Compliance Upgrade of Terrigal Rotary Hall	\$ 229,310	\$ 229,310	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 229,310
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Refurbishment of Terrigal Rugby Clubhouse	Refurbishment of Terrigal Rugby Clubhouse, including partial roof replacement and refurbishment to modernise the building.	\$ 156,558	\$ 156,558	Unsuccessful		\$ 156,558	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Warnervale Oval Building Extension	Extension of the existing amenities building	\$ 132,500	\$ 132,500	Unsuccessful		\$ 132,500	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Tunkawallin Park Hall	Refurbishment of Tunkawallin Park Hall	\$ 191,000	\$ 191,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 191,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	McMasters Beach Public Beach Public Toilets and Change rooms Replacement	McMasters Beach Public Beach Public Toilets and Change rooms Replacement	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 260,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Terrigal Haven Oval Floodlighting Upgrade	Terrigal Haven Oval Floodlighting Upgrade	\$ 168,583	\$ 168,583	Unsuccessful		\$ 168,583	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Sparks Road, Woongarah	Shared Pathway Sparks Road, Woongarah	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 25,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Cresthaven Avenue, Bateau Bay	Shared Pathway Cresthaven Avenue, Bateau Bay	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 750,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Footpath Chittaway Road, Chittaway Bay	Footpath Chittaway Road, Chittaway Bay	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 500,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Malaya Road, Dunsborough	Shared Pathway Malaya Road, Dunsborough	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 1,000,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Barrerjory Road, Ettalong Beach	Shared Pathway Barrerjory Road, Ettalong Beach	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 800,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Eastern Road, Tumby Bay	Shared Pathway Eastern Road, Tumby Bay	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 250,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Pacific Highway, Hamlyn Terrace	Shared Pathway Pacific Highway, Hamlyn Terrace	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 500,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Kurrawa Avenue, Point Clare	Shared Pathway Kurrawa Avenue, Point Clare	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 1,000,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Carrak Road, Kincumber	Shared Pathway Carrak Road, Kincumber	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 500,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Brisbane Water Drive, Point Clare	Shared Pathway Brisbane Water Drive, Point Clare	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 1,000,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Pacific Highway, Lake Munmorah	Shared Pathway Pacific Highway, Lake Munmorah	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 500,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Shared Pathway Bungary Road, Norah Head	Shared Pathway Bungary Road, Norah Head	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 1,000,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Amenities Upgrade at Central Coast Stadium	Amenities Upgrade at Central Coast Stadium	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	Funding Allocated		\$ -	\$ 700,000
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Women's Changing Rooms at Central Coast Stadium	Women's Changing Rooms at Central Coast Stadium	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 600,000	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Wyong Community Cultural Hub	Wyong Community Cultural Hub	\$ 1,548,999	\$ 1,548,999	Unsuccessful		\$ 1,548,999	
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	Patonga Holiday Park	Amenities Block Upgrade - Patonga Holiday Park	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 100,000	
31-Oct-17	EOI followed by Business Case	Regional Growth Environment & Tourism Fund	NSW Government	Ettalong Beach Ferry Wharf	Ettalong Beach Ferry Wharf	\$ 6,755,083	\$ 6,755,083	Unsuccessful	Exceeded outcome in all four shortlisted. Feedback given was that two wharf projects require further development.	\$ 6,755,083	
31-Oct-17	EOI followed by Business Case	Regional Growth Environment & Tourism Fund	NSW Government	Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf	The redevelopment of the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf	\$ 5,120,000	\$ 5,120,000	Unsuccessful		\$ 5,120,000	
13-Dec-17	Application	Social Housing Community Improvement Fund	NSW Government	Upgrades to Jarrett Street Reserve in Gosford North	The funding will provide for the replacement of soft fall materials to rubber soft fall to improve safety and attractiveness of the reserve for social housing residents.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Funding Allocated	This is the fourth & final round of funding for this program.	\$ -	\$ 50,000

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Date	Application Type	Program	Funding Body	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Budget	Funding Requested	Status	Notes	Unsuccessful	Funding Allocated
18-Oct-17	Application	Stronger Country Communities Round 1	NSW Government	North Entrance Beach and Surf Life Saving Club	Design and construction of beach amenities at North Entrance Beach and Surf Life Saving Club	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000	Funding Allocated			\$ 260,000
3 Apr 18	Application	Donate Life Community Awareness Grants Program	Federal Government	Official Opening of Banjo's Skate park	Official Opening of Banjo's Skate park including stage and sound equipment hire and promotion.	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Unsuccessful	The program provides funding for community-based awareness and education activities that contribute to the reduction of road deaths and injuries. The program provides support for organ and tissue donation for transplantation.	\$ 30,000	
12-Feb-18	Application	Housing Acceleration Fund	NSW Government	Gosford CBD sewerage infrastructure	Gosford City Centre sewerage infrastructure improvement projects including sewerage gravity mains, sewerage pressure mains and 2 new sewerage pumping stations and 1 sewerage pumping station upgrade. This project aims to accelerate the construction of the DAs in Gosford CBD.	\$ 30,053,562	\$ 30,053,562	Funding Allocated	Initial funding provided from the sewerage infrastructure improvement project response forms from Central Coast Council were one of the higher quality and detailed than we received.		\$ 30,053,562
12-Feb-18	Application	Housing Acceleration Fund	NSW Government	Gosford CBD water infrastructure	Gosford City Centre water supply infrastructure improvement projects including water mains, Pressure reduction valve and a non-return valve. This project aims to accelerate the construction of the DAs in Gosford CBD.	\$ 12,524,360	\$ 12,524,360	Funding Allocated			\$ 12,524,360
14 Nov 17	Application	Safer Communities Fund Round 2	Federal Government	CCTV Cameras	Install 21 CCTV cameras in and around the community facilities at San Remo BMX Facility, McEvoy Oval, Banjos Skate Park and Peninsula Recreation Precinct which have been highlighted as locations where anti social behaviors and vandalism are high. These measures will increase feelings of safety for community members and will complement the extensive work done by Council to activate places and spaces within the Local Government Area.	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000	Funding Allocated			\$ 47,000
31-Oct-17	EOI followed by Business Case	Regional Growth Environment & Tourism Fund	NSW Government	Winey Bay Clifftop Walkway Stage 2	The Winey Bay Clifftop Walkway involves the creation of an all abilities access pathway, via a pedestrian bridge over a sea cliff chain, to a north facing viewing platform. The design's underlying theme being indigenous culture.	\$ 4,615,000	\$ 4,615,000	Funding Allocated	Excellent outcome as all four projects submitted were prioritized.		\$ 4,615,000
31-Oct-17	EOI followed by Business Case	Regional Growth Environment & Tourism Fund	NSW Government	Terrigal Boardwalk	Design and construction of a new boardwalk and viewing platform linking the Terrigal Beach promenade to The Haven precinct in Terrigal.	\$ 5,877,213	\$ 2,432,141	Funding Allocated			\$ 2,900,000
TOTALS						\$ 35,597,772	\$ 26,791,107			\$ 23,429,423	\$ 53,791,606

Item No: 4.4
Title: Blue Ringed Octopus - Netted Baths
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2004/06257 - D13252751

Author: Karen Tucker, Section Manager Sports Facilities and Planning
Manager: Brett Sherar, Acting Senior Manager
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Business

Report Purpose

Council at its meeting of 28 May 2018, resolved as follows:

496/18 That Council requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to provide a report on a strategy for the upgrading of all netted baths.

497/18 That Council gives consideration to that report.

Summary

This report provides information on the development of the Aquatic Infrastructure Strategy and the management of the blue-ringed octopus in Council tidal pools. It identifies that a future report will be presented once the Aquatic Infrastructure Strategy is complete.

This report also identifies that it is not practical to install netting to Council's tidal pools that have the capability to restrict access to blue-ringed octopus due to their diminutive size.

Recommendation

That Council receive the report on the blue-ringed octopus – netted baths.

Context

Council has recently undertaken a condition audit inspection of its aquatic infrastructure including tidal pools and rock pools.

From the audit, Council will be developing an Aquatic Infrastructure Strategy for the management and development of these assets across the Central Coast in the 2018/19 financial year.

Vales Point Park swim enclosure has been listed for a net upgrade as part of the 2018/19 Capital Works budget as a result of the condition inspection. The enclosure net is comprised of nylon rope consisting of 100-150mm squares.

A list of the Region's netted swimming enclosures is provided below:

- Gwandalan Lioness Park swimming area
- Pretty Beach Baths
- Wisemans Ferry Baths
- Woy Woy Baths
- Vales Point Park swimming area

Council is actively seeking approvals from the Department of Fisheries to undertake remedial works on all netted swimming enclosures in the Region. These works will include removal of rubbish or large debris; removal of seagrass or seaweed wrack; scrubbing algae from stairs and entryways and removal of sand from the floor of ocean baths; scraping of oysters and algae from pylons, steel bars and /or concrete walls.

In reference to the exclusion of the blue-ringed octopus from these areas, there are several species of blue-ringed octopus native to Australia, with the most common around the local area being the blue-lined octopus (*Hapalochlaena fasciata*). Blue-ringed octopus are found from southern Queensland to southern New South Wales within intertidal rocky shores, coastal waters and estuaries.

Blue-ringed octopus inhabit depths from intertidal flats down to 50m and tend to hide in crevices or under rocks during the day, and emerge at night. They are generally shy creatures and will only bite if harassed or poked. There have only been two known reported cases of death caused by the blue-ringed octopus in Australia (in 1954 and 1967).

With an average size of less than 5cm, the blue-ringed octopus is unable to be excluded from Council's netted baths. Nets in the North of Queensland are constructed of a robust floating tube that defines the swimming area. Hanging from this floating tube is 25mm square mesh that descends to the ocean floor and is weighed down by chain. This type of system would not be suitable as it would still allow a blue ring octopus through the holes and would impact on water flow through the netting.

Council periodically removes encrusting aquatic growth from the walls of netted baths in accordance with an Environmental Assessment and permit from the NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries).

Existing signage has been installed at a number of Council swim enclosures where previous reports of blue-ringed octopus have been reported. The signs provide information on identification, symptoms and treatment for a blue-ringed octopus bite. Refer to image below.



Additional or upgraded signage at all other Council tidal pools will be considered as part of the Aquatic Infrastructure Strategy.

Attachments

Nil.



Item No: 4.5
Title: Investment Report for 30 June 2018
Department: Finance and Information

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13268633

Author: Devini Susindran, Financial Accountant Treasury and Taxation

Manager: Carlton Oldfield, Unit Manager

Executive: Vivienne Louie, Acting Chief Financial Officer

Report Purpose

To present the monthly report on the investment portfolio as required in accordance with cl. 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

Summary

This report details Council's investments as at 30 June 2018.

Recommendation

That Council receive the Investment Report for 30 June 2018.

Background

Council's investments are made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, the investment policy adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 November 2017, Ministerial Investment Order issued February 2011 and Division of Local Government (as it was then known) Investment Policy Guidelines published in May 2010.

Current Status

Council's current cash and investment portfolio totals \$476.4m at 30 June 2018.

Source of Funds	Value (\$'000)
Investment Portfolio	\$467,254
Transactional accounts (per bank statements) and cash in hand	\$9,175
Total	\$476,429

This investment report will focus on the investment portfolio of \$467.3m. Cash flows are managed primarily through term deposit and floating rate note maturities, with a net inflow of \$26.4m in June 2018. During the month of June we received considerable cash inflows from quarter four instalments receipts and an early payment on our Financial Assistance Grant worth approximately \$13.0m.

4.5 Investment Report for 30 June 2018 (contd)

Total net return on the portfolio for Council, in June was \$1.0m, comprising entirely of interest earnings. The total value of the Council's investment portfolio as at 30 June 2018 is outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Portfolio movement

Description	Full Year ended June 2017 \$'000	Quarter 1 to September 2017 \$'000	Quarter 2 to December 2017 \$'000	Quarter 3 to March 2018 \$'000	April 2018 \$'000	May 2018 \$'000	June 2018 \$'000	Year to-date June 2018 \$'000
Opening Balance	315,179	409,890	415,057	433,228	437,295	427,305	440,834	409,890
Movement for the period	94,711	5,167	18,171	4,067	(9,990)	13,529	26,420	57,364
Closing Balance	409,890	415,057	433,228	437,295	427,305	440,834	467,254	467,254
Interest earnings	10,828	2,904	2,925	2,923	955	961	957	11,625
Gain / (Loss) on disposal of Floating Rate Notes	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Council's investments are evaluated and monitored against a benchmark appropriate to the risk (Standard and Poor's BBB long term or above) and time horizon of the investment concerned. Council's investment portfolio includes rolling maturity dates to ensure that Council has sufficient funds at all times to meet its obligations. A summary of the term deposit and floating rate notes maturities are listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2 - Investment Maturities

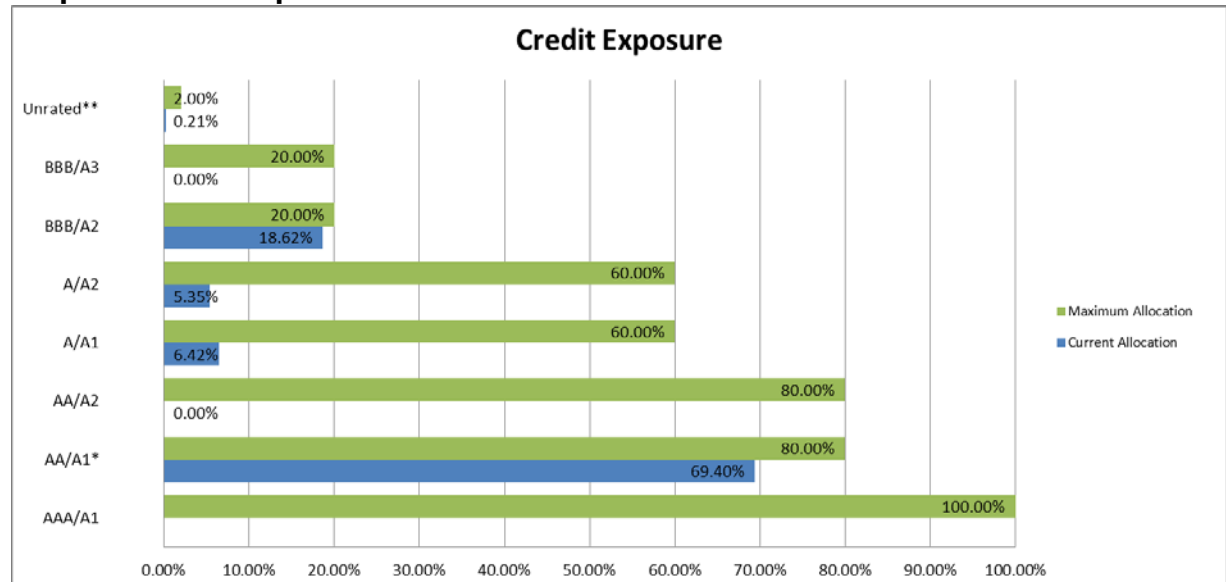
Time Horizon	Percentage Holdings	Maturity on or before	Value \$'000
At Call	10.71%	Immediate	50,051
Investments			
0 - 3 months	12.63%	Sep-2018	59,000
4 - 6 months	14.55%	Dec-2018	68,000
7 - 12 months	30.92%	Jun-2019	144,453
1 - 2 years	18.57%	Jun-2020	86,750
2 - 3 years	8.35%	Jun-2021	39,000
3 - 4 years	2.14%	Jun-2022	10,000
4 - 5 years	2.14%	Jun-2023	10,000
Total Investments	89.29%		417,203
Total Portfolio	100.00%		467,254

The investment portfolio is concentrated in A1/AA (69.40%) and A2/BBB (18.62%). The investments in A1/AA are of a higher credit rating and A2/BBB represented the best returns at the time of investment within Policy guidelines. Financial institutions issuing fixed income investments and bonds are considered investment grade (IG) if its credit rating is BBB or higher by Standard and Poor (S&P).

Council will continue to monitor the portfolio and manage investments taking into consideration credit ratings of financial institutions, interest rates offered for the maturity dates required and the amount of our investment portfolio already held with each financial institution.

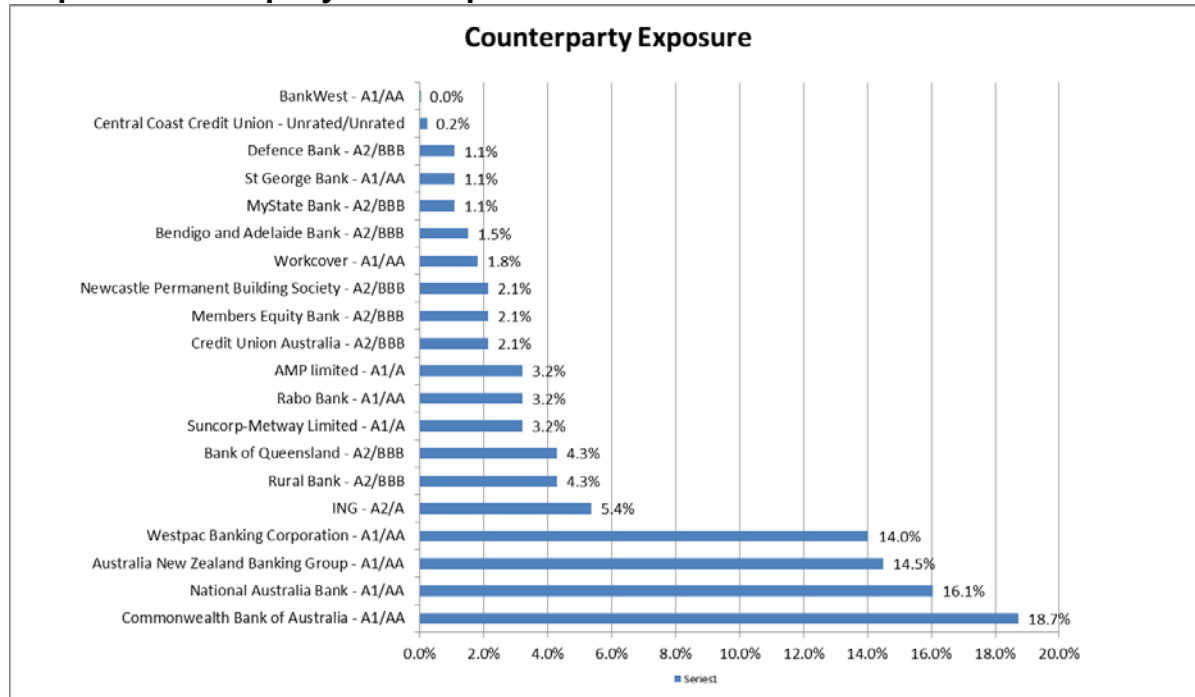
The current spread of investments is listed in Graph 1 and counter party credit exposure is listed in Graph 2.

Graph 1 – Credit Exposure



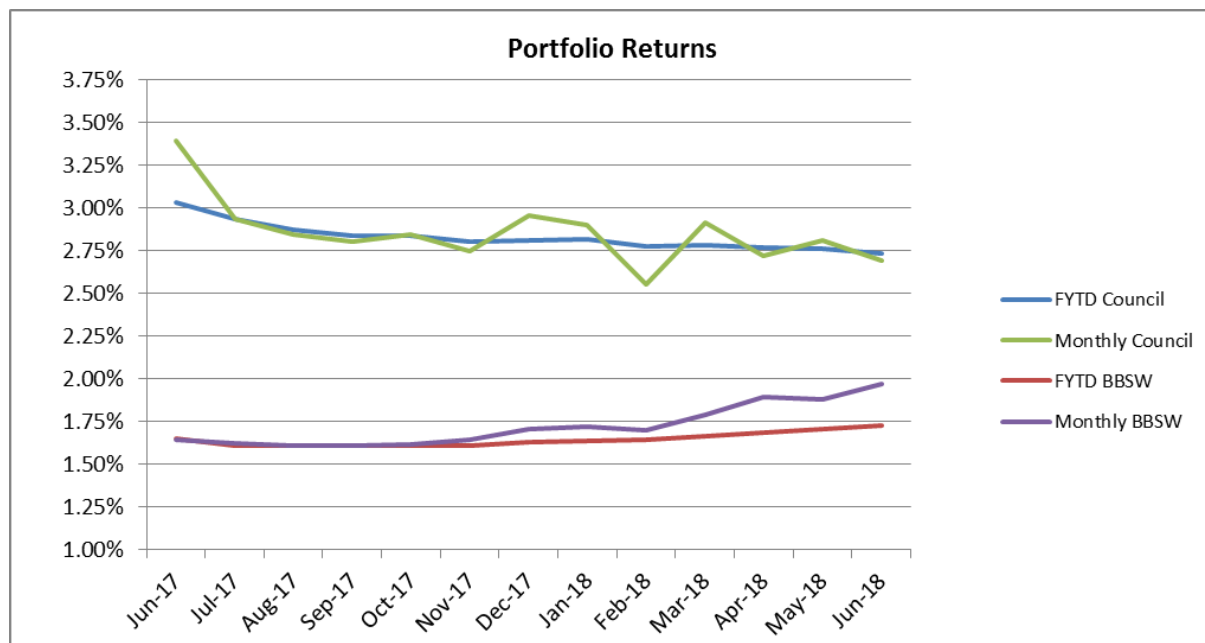
* **AA/A1:** Council has provided security for self-insurance by way of a term deposit invested in an ADI (with a short term S & P rating of A1) through State Insurance Regulatory Authority (formerly WorkCover NSW). This security has been included as part of Council's investment portfolio. Council regularly conducts a review to identify the optimal security providing Council with the best return possible.

** **Unrated:** Unrated investment comprises of a term deposit with Central Coast Credit Union

Graph 2 - Counter party credit exposure

Portfolio Return

Interest rates on investments in the month, ranged from 2.40% to 4.87%, all of which exceeded the annualised monthly Bank Bill Swap Rate (BBSW) benchmark of 1.97%. The annualised financial year to date return for June of 2.74% for Central Coast Council is favourable compared to benchmark bank bill swap (BBSW) *financial year to date* Bank Bill Index of 1.73% as shown in Graph 3 - Portfolio returns.

Graph 3 – Portfolio Returns

Council's portfolio by Source of Funds

Council is required to restrict funds received for specific purposes. Restricted funds consist of funds in the investment portfolio and in transactional accounts as follows:

Source of Funds	Value (\$'000)
Investment Portfolio	\$467,254
Transactional accounts	\$9,175
Total	\$476,429
Restricted Funds	\$358,326
Unrestricted Funds	\$118,103

Attachment 2 details the restrictions for Council by fund as at 31 May 2018. The restrictions for June 2018 will be finalised as part of completing the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Attachments

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| 1 | Summary of Investments By Type at 30 June 2018 | D13271120 |
| 2 | Summary Of Restrictions by Fund 31 May 2018 | D13253035 |

Central Coast Council Summary of Investments as at 30-June-2018							
Financial Institution	Type of Investment	Short Term Rating	Long Term Rating	Maturity Date	Portfolio Balance as at 30 June 2018 \$	As a % of the total Portfolio	Interest Rate %
CASH AT CALL:							
Westpac Banking Corporation	Corporate Investment Account	A1	AA	Daily	2,549,786	0.55%	1.60
Workcover	At Call Deposit	A1	AA	Daily	-	0.00%	1.60
Bankwest	At Call Deposit	A1	AA	Daily	1,552	0.00%	1.75
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Business On-line Saver	A1	AA	Daily	47,500,000	10.17%	1.20
Total Cash At Call					50,051,338	10.71%	
TERM DEPOSITS, FLOATING RATE NOTES & BONDS:							
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	A1	AA	10-Jul-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.58
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	A1	AA	17-Jul-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.58
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	A1	AA	24-Jul-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.58
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	31-Jul-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.58
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	07-Aug-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.58
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	A1	AA	14-Aug-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.62
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	A1	AA	21-Aug-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.64
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	A1	AA	04-Sep-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.64
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	A1	AA	11-Sep-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.66
ING	Term Deposit	A2	A	18-Sep-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.68
ING	Term Deposit	A2	A	25-Sep-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.69
Westpac Banking Corporation	Term Deposit	A1	AA	25-Sep-2018	4,000,000	0.86%	3.10
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	02-Oct-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.50
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	09-Oct-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.50
Suncorp-Metway Limited	Term Deposit	A1	A	16-Oct-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.50
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	23-Oct-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.50
Suncorp-Metway Limited	Term Deposit	A1	A	30-Oct-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.50
Australia New Zealand Banking Group	Term Deposit	A1	AA	30-Oct-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	4.87
St George Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	04-Nov-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	3.00
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	A1	AA	06-Nov-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.50
Westpac Banking Corporation	Term Deposit	A1	AA	13-Nov-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.52
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Floating Rate Note	A2	BBB	14-Nov-2018	3,000,000	0.64%	BBSW + 1.27%
Westpac Banking Corporation	Term Deposit	A1	AA	20-Nov-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.55
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	A2	BBB	22-Nov-2018	5,000,000	1.07%	2.90
Westpac Banking Corporation	Term Deposit	A1	AA	05-Dec-2018	10,000,000	2.14%	2.58
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	03-Jan-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.52
Australia New Zealand Banking Group	Term Deposit	A1	AA	29-Jan-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.55
Central Coast Credit Union	Term Deposit	Unrated	Unrated	16-Feb-2019	1,000,000	0.21%	2.75
Westpac Banking Corporation	Floating Rate Note	A1	AA	25-Feb-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	BBSW + 0.94%
Australia New Zealand Banking Group	Term Deposit	A1	AA	06-Mar-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.75
Australia New Zealand Banking Group	Term Deposit	A1	AA	20-Mar-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.40
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	03-Apr-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	3.10
Australia New Zealand Banking Group	Term Deposit	A1	AA	17-Apr-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.69
Workcover	Term Deposit	A1	AA	18-Apr-2019	8,453,000	1.81%	2.72
Australia New Zealand Banking Group	Term Deposit	A1	AA	02-May-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.70
Australia New Zealand Banking Group	Term Deposit	A1	AA	15-May-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.70
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	A2	BBB	27-May-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.75
AMP Limited	Term Deposit	A1	A	04-Jun-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	2.85
Defence Bank	Term Deposit	A2	BBB	04-Jun-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	2.86
AMP Limited	Floating Rate Note	A1	A	11-Jun-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	BBSW + 1.10%
AMP Limited	Term Deposit	A1	A	18-Jun-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	2.90
ING	Term Deposit	A2	A	18-Jun-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	2.70
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	A2	BBB	24-Jun-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	2.75
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	28-Jun-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.80
Credit Union Australia	Term Deposit	A2	BBB	03-Jul-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.82
Rural Bank	Term Deposit	A2	BBB	09-Jul-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.85
Australia New Zealand Banking Group	Floating Rate Note	A1	AA	25-Jul-2019	2,750,000	0.59%	BBSW + 0.82%
Rural Bank	Term Deposit	A2	BBB	06-Aug-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.85
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	19-Aug-2019	10,000,000	2.14%	2.80
MyState Bank	Term Deposit	A2	BBB	03-Sep-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	2.85
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	03-Sep-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	2.80
Westpac Banking Corporation	Term Deposit	A1	AA	24-Sep-2019	4,000,000	0.86%	3.20
ING	Term Deposit	A2	A	13-Dec-2019	5,000,000	1.07%	2.83
ING	Term Deposit	A2	A	26-Feb-2020	5,000,000	1.07%	2.75
Westpac Banking Corporation	Term Deposit	A1	AA	17-Mar-2020	10,000,000	2.14%	3.10
Members Equity Bank	Floating Rate Note	A2	BBB	05-Apr-2020	10,000,000	2.14%	3.05
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Floating Rate Note	A2	BBB	18-Aug-2020	4,000,000	0.86%	BBSW + 1.10%
Rabo Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	07-Sep-2020	5,000,000	1.07%	3.50
Suncorp-Metway Limited	Floating Rate Note	A1	A	20-Oct-2020	4,500,000	0.96%	BBSW + 1.25%

Central Coast Council Summary of Investments as at 30-June-2018							
Financial Institution	Type of Investment	Short Term Rating	Long Term Rating	Maturity Date	Portfolio Balance as at 30 June 2018 \$	As a % of the total Portfolio	Interest Rate %
Suncorp-Metway Limited	Floating Rate Note	A1	A	20-Oct-2020	500,000	0.11%	BBSW +1.25%
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	10-Dec-2020	5,000,000	1.07%	2.80
Westpac Banking Corporation	Term Deposit	A1	AA	10-Dec-2020	10,000,000	2.14%	2.90
Westpac Banking Corporation	Term Deposit	A1	AA	21-Jun-2021	10,000,000	2.14%	3.06
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Floating Rate Note	A2	BBB	24-Jan-2022	10,000,000	2.14%	BBSW + 1.65%
Rabo Bank	Term Deposit	A1	AA	12-Dec-2022	10,000,000	2.14%	3.18
Total Term Deposit & Bonds:					417,203,000	89.29%	
TOTAL PORTFOLIO					467,254,338	100.00%	
Current					321,504,338	68.81%	
Non-Current					145,750,000	31.19%	
TOTAL PORTFOLIO					467,254,338	100.00%	

Central Coast Council

Summary of Restrictions 31-May-2018

Fund	Source of Funds	Principal Amount
		\$'000
GENERAL FUND	Loans	4,426
	Unexpended grants	15,143
	Contributions to works	5,799
	Developer Contributions	70,346
	Developer Contributions (VPA)	2,449
	Developer Contributions (Bonus Provisions)	4,821
	RMS Advances	13
	Self Insurance	8,019
	Stormwater Levy	3,636
	Waste Management (Tip Rehabilitation)	20,158
	Unexpended Contributions	0
	Other Crown Land	1,444
	Holiday Park Surplus	7,335
	Cemeteries Surplus	662
	Internal commitments	80,031
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND RESTRICTIONS	224,282
DRAINAGE FUND	Developer Contributions	26,818
	Contributions to works	100
	Internal commitments	484
	TOTAL SEWER FUND RESTRICTIONS	27,402
SEWER FUND	Developer Contributions	16,919
	Developer Contributions (VPA)	381
	Developer Contributions (Prepaid)	1,087
	Contributions to works	366
	Loans	706
	Self Insurance	285
	Internal commitments	919
	TOTAL SEWER FUND RESTRICTIONS	20,664
WATER FUND	Developer Contributions	34,621
	Developer Contributions (VPA)	2,280
	Developer Contributions (Prepaid)	56
	Unexpended grants	2,355
	Self Insurance	338
	Contributions to works	283
	Internal commitments	999
	TOTAL WATER FUND RESTRICTIONS	40,933
DOMESTIC WASTE FUND	Domestic Waste Management	43,455
	Unexpended grants	1,589
	TOTAL WASTE FUND RESTRICTIONS	45,044
	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	358,326

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Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the ongoing release of Council information under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (the GIPA Act) and on Council's proactive active release program as it progresses

The report provides background as to the process and legislative context for proactive release. It also sets out what information has been released to date, the proposed future program and education within the local government sector that has commenced.

Recommendation

That Council receive the report providing an update on the ongoing release of Council information under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and Council's proactive active release program.

Background

As has been noted in previous monthly reports, in March 2018 Council staff initiated a project to create a framework that promotes the proactive release of Council held information.

Authorised proactive release facilitates unbiased and impartial access to Council held information. This supports open government, which in turn builds community, strengthens community participation and promotes organisational transparency.

Council's additional focus and resourcing on proactive release is to ensure that Council delivers on its commitment to transparency and accountability through the efficient and useful release of Council held information.

Between October 2017 and 30 June 2018 a number of Council resolutions have related to the public's access to Council's information. These resolutions have been actioned by Council and are well documented in previous reports. These resolutions are at **Attachment 1**.

At the Ordinary meeting on 28 May 2018 Council resolved:

- 435/18 *That Council receive the report providing an update on the ongoing release of Council information under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and Council's proactive active release program.*
- 436/18 *That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to consider the following as a proactive release of documents on the Council website:*
- 1 A link to the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act.*
 - 2 The Ministers reasons for retaining the Act.*
 - 3 Letter dated 13 March 2018 to Council from Lake Macquarie City Council.*
 - 4 Development Application Notice of Determination for DA/1055/2017 for clearing of native vegetation which was refused on 6 April 2018.*

A response to this resolution is included as part of this report.

The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (the GIPA Act)

In New South Wales access to government information is regulated mainly by the GIPA Act. An explanation of the GIPA Act has been provided in previous reports.

Council's website provides advice to members of the public about how they may access Council held information under the GIPA Act.

Council responds to a large number of formal and informal information requests. Between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2018 Council received 61 formal requests for information. All these requests have been actioned within the required timeframes.

Formal applications were more resource intensive than informal requests, as applications often included third party consultation and required a formal statement of reasons. They also generally involved more complex issues that require consideration of privacy impacts. These decisions can be appealed internally, or externally. The fee for formal applications is a statutory fee that does not cover the actual cost to Council.

Between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2018 Council completed 561 informal requests for information. The majority of informal requests related to private matters specific to an individual such as details of building plans of their own property.

Managing informal requests can be resource intensive due to the volume of requests. Council will require a formal GIPA application to be submitted if the request for information relates to a third party because Council needs to consult with third parties before any information related to them is released.

Proactive release under the GIPA Act

Section 7 of the GIPA Act provides for authorised proactive release of government information. This authorises Council to make publically available Council held information, where there is no overriding public interest against doing so.

Section 4 of the GIPA Act defines “government information” as information contained in a record held by an agency. Clause 10 of, Schedule 4 of the GIPA Act defines “record” as any document or other source of information compiled recorded or stored in written or by electronic process, or in any other manner or by any other means.

Examples of the type of information that Council will consider for public release under section 7 include correspondence, consultant reports and Council memos. If a third party is connected with a document consultation about its release will be undertaken prior to release.

Council will not proactively release information that is not held by Council and/or is already publically available. For example, links to legislation or other government agencies will not be publically released by Council because the public is already able to access this information at its originating source.

Proactive release is not a mechanism for providing a narrative to the community about key activities, but is an unfiltered method to allow the community to access source information. The unbiased and impartial provision of access to Council information is a key element of promoting openness and transparency.

Information proactively released by Council under section 7 of the GIPA Act will be made available in the most appropriate manner. Council will endeavor to make all proactively released information available on Council’s website. However, if Council does not have the permission of the Copyright holder this will not be possible. In those circumstances, the document will be able to be viewed at the Gosford or Wyong Council offices. Further information about Copyright restrictions is available on Council’s website.

It is exclusively a matter for Council’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to determine whether information held by Council is proactively released. The CEO must ensure that all commercially sensitive information is redacted from documents that are proactively released, as well as ensuring that all personal information and personal identifying information is redacted from any document released so that Council complies with the *Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998*.

Further information about proactive release under the GIPA Act can be found in a [fact sheet](#) prepared by the Information and Privacy Commission (IPC).

Update on Council's proactive release program

Council has updated the webpage devoted to Central Coast Airport and Wyong Employment Zone information. This update improves the accessibility of documents that were proactively released on 12 February 2018, and also incorporates documents that were subsequently proactively released after third party consultation. As noted below, one of the documents requested in resolution 436/18 is also included.

A 'Proactive Release of Council Information' page has been created on Council's website. The Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report and the Wamberal Beach Management Options: Cost Benefit and Distributional Analysis Report prepared for the Office of Environment and Heritage can now be accessed from that page.

Documents relating to Winney Bay Reserve project and the Mangrove Mountain Landfill will also be placed on this page.

Council Resolution from Ordinary Council Meeting 28 May 2018

As noted above, Council resolved at the 28 May 2018 meeting to request the Acting CEO to proactively release 4 documents:

- 1 *A link to the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act.*
- 2 *The Ministers reasons for retaining the Act.*
- 3 *Letter dated 13 March 2018 to Council from Lake Macquarie City Council.*
- 4 *Development Application Notice of Determination for DA/1055/2017 for clearing of native vegetation which was refused on 6 April 2018.*

The Acting CEO proactively released, under section 7 of the GIPA Act, the letter from Lake Macquarie City Council's CEO dated 13 March 2018 (Item 3 above). This letter is available on the Central Coast Airport and Wyong Employment Zone information webpage.

The other three items were not deemed appropriate for proactive release for the following reasons:

1. Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act

This is not a Council document and as such does not fall under the purview of public information held by Council for release. As stated above, proactive release is not a mechanism for providing a narrative to the community about key activities. Rather it is an unfiltered method to allow the community to access source information. The unbiased and impartial provision of access to Council information is a key element of promoting openness and transparency.

Further the principles of knowledge management mean that provision of information from a primary source is preferable where possible.

2 The Ministers reasons for retaining the Act.

- 4 *Development Application Notice of Determination for DA/1055/2017 for clearing of native vegetation which was refused on 6 April 2018.*

These documents were not deemed appropriate for proactive release as they are already publicly available, thereby meaning there is no release to be done.

Systematic improvement for a sustainable program of proactive release

To date, work done under this program of proactive release has been reactive, generally in response to areas of interest identified by previous access information requests under the GIPA Act.

Ideally, providing public access to Council held information would be more embedded in Council processes. In this regard, work is commencing to identify documents that can and should be released as part of "business as usual". This will require some changes in managing GIPA applications to access information and also how documents are identified and stored in Council's electronic document management system.

In addition, there will need to be consideration as to how information is provided. A balance will need to be struck between ensuring accessibility and ensuring Council is providing meaningful and timely access to information.

It is acknowledged that while this process is being developed there may not be visible release of information for the community. However, it is considered that this investment in a sustainable process will result in a better longer term outcome.

This focus on developing a sustainable process does not preclude requests that the CEO consider certain of documents for proactive release.

Education within the Local Government sector and advocacy

As previously advised, authorised proactive release under section 7 of the GIPA Act has not historically received much attention from local government. As a result of Council's recent work in this area, Council was asked to host a webinar for Local Government Professionals in June 2018. Council staff shared some experiences and challenges arising from our new proactive release program. The webinar was well received.

In addition, Council's submissions and comments with regards to copyright and its relationship to proactive release have resulted in discussions with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Reporting and resourcing

To date, reports regarding this program have been provided to Council each month. The preparations of these reports have a resource impact that mean in practical terms less effort is able to be applied to the release of documents. In addition, as set out in this report, it is proposed that efforts now be focused on embedding a sustainable process of proactive release as part of Council's business as usual.

As such, it is proposed that updates be provided to Council quarterly regarding this program. However, regular updates be provided directly to Councillors as documents are made publically available.

Attachments

- 1 Related Council Resolutions D13226911

At the Ordinary meeting on 28 May 2018 Council resolved:

- 435/18 *That Council receive the report providing an update on the ongoing release of Council information under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and Council's proactive active release program.*
- 436/18 *That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to consider the following as a proactive release of documents on the Council website:*
- 1 *A link to the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act.*
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 - 3 *Letter dated 13 March 2018 to Council from Lake Macquarie City Council.*
 - 4 *Development Application Notice of Determination for DA/1055/2017 for clearing of native vegetation which was refused on 6 April 2018.*

At the Ordinary meeting on 23 April 2018 Council resolved:

- 329/18 *That Council receive the report providing an update on the ongoing release of information under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.*
- 330/18 *That Council notes the revised Notice of Intention to deal with Matters in Confidential Session template which sets out greater detail as to recommended reasons for confidentiality.*
- 331/18 *That Council requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to write to the NSW Information Commissioner regarding the impact of the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) on Council's ability to proactively release documents that are of interest to the community.*

and

- 321/18 *That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to:*
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- 2 *Proactively release the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report" which was based on site inspections undertaken on 15 June 2016. Allow this report to be published and publicly available on the council website, minus any necessary personal information redactions*
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- 6 *Proactively release the cost benefit analysis report from the Office of Environment and Heritage.*

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 9 April 2018, Council resolved as follows:

- 287/18 *That Council recognises the importance of providing open and transparent reporting to our residents and ratepayers.*

288/18 *That Council notes the requirement pursuant to the Local Government Act 1993, in particular Section 10(a). That a number of categories of information are required to be considered in confidential by Council. However where discretion can be achieved it must arrive at reporting transparency.*

289/18 *Where Councillors have been provided with information from staff but have been instructed that it is confidential and they are not to share it with fellow Councillors, that the basis of that decision be reported back to the requesting Councillor (e.g. What section of what Act?).*

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 12 February 2018 it was resolved:

47/18 *That Council receive the report on the authorised proactive release of information relating to the future development of the Wyong Employment Zone (including the Warnervale Airport/Central Coast Airport.)*

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 26 March 2018 it was resolved that:

230/18 *Council adopt a policy that actively seeks to engage consultants who do not retain copyright over their reports (save for commercial in confidence issues and other specific confidential information).*

231/18 *Where members of the public request copies of documents over which copyright is retained that Staff approach the consultant for permission to distribute the report (maybe with certain sections redacted).*

232/18 *That Council request that the acting Chief Executive Officer give consideration to ensuring that any documents made available to a member of the public be made available on Council's website to obviate the need for residents to make individual requests for the same document.*

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of Council on 23 October 2017 it was resolved:

658/17 *That Council request the Chief Executive Officer do each of the following:*

- 1 *Make an 'authorised proactive release' of information relating to the future development of the Wyong Employment Zone (including the Warnervale Airport/Central Coast Airport) under s. 7 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, with such information to be made available on the Council website by the end of 2017.*
- 2 *Provide a report to Council in respect to any documents that the Chief Executive Officer determines should not be disclosed, including the reasons for coming to that decision by the end of 2017.*

- 3 *Provide a report to the last ordinary meeting in November 2017 on the draft Masterplan including supporting documents for the Central Coast*
- 4 *Provide a briefing on the proposed strategic development of the Wyong Employment Zone prior to the last ordinary meeting in November 2017 with further information requested from the Department of Planning including an option for a briefing.*
- 5 *Suspend all works on the Central Coast Airport until the last ordinary meeting in November 2017, except where those works are required by law or the suspension of those works would put Council in breach of existing contractual obligations and/or expose Council to claims for damages or variation under any such contract.*
- 6 *Invite the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to provide a briefing to the council.*

Item No: 4.7
Title: Insurance Renewal Workers Compensation
Department: Governance



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13270330

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Report Purpose

To propose that Council accept an offer to provide Workers Compensation reinsurance services from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and related matters.

Recommendation

- 1 That Council resolve to accept the offer Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for Workers Compensation reinsurance for the period 30 June 2018 to 30 June 2019.**
- 2 That Council resolve for the purposes of s. 55 (3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for these reinsurance services because those services are highly specialised and Council has engaged an experienced insurance broker with specific knowledge of Council's needs to test the insurance market for appropriate compliant reinsurance products.**

Background

Council is "self-insured" for its workers compensation obligations, pursuant to a licence issued pursuant to s. 211 of the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*. Condition 4 of that licence requires that Council have in place reinsurance arrangements with an APRA approved insurer that limit Council liabilities to between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 per event, and unlimited cover above the retention amount.

Council's broker, Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) is an experienced broker that has extensive experience in the negotiation of insurance and reinsurance contracts on behalf of local councils. It monitors the insurance and reinsurance markets, and negotiates to secure competitive rates for its local government clients. JLT has negotiated reinsurance that meets the requirements of the abovementioned licence. The negotiated offer is from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company ("Liberty"), which can be summarised as follows:

- The term of the proposed reinsurance is from 30 June 2018 to 30 June 2019;
- \$500,000 (indexed) retention, with unlimited cover above that amount;
- Premium for the year ended 30 June 2019 is \$172,125.00 excluding GST.

Liberty is an Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) approved insurer.

Sub-section 55(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) requires that Council invite tenders before entering in to a contract for services, unless at least one of the exceptions in s. 55(3) of the LG Act applies. The relevant exceptions are:

- s. 55(3)(c) of the LG Act, which provides *inter alia* that there is no need to invite tenders for a contract "*entered into by a council with another council*";
- s. 55(3)(i) of the LG Act, which relevantly provides that there is no need to invite tenders for contracts that "*...because of extenuating circumstances...a council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders*".

Council's membership of Statewide Mutual is a contractual relationship with the other local council members of Statewide Mutual and the offering includes workers compensation insurance. The offers of indemnity that are made to Council by Statewide Mutual for the 2018/19 financial year are offers to Council as a member of that Mutual. In those circumstances there is no requirement for Council to invite tenders before accepting the offers of indemnity from Statewide Mutual and therefore the insurance services offered from Liberty Mutual.

Council can also conclude (and for abundant caution, should resolve) that a satisfactory result would not have been achieved by inviting tenders for such "insurance", due to the following extenuating circumstances:

- By virtue of procuring workers compensation re-insurance as part of Council's relationship with Statewide and as part of Statewide's suite of offerings, Council obtains a stronger financial outcome. Council's broker, Jardine Lloyd Thompson, has extensive experience in brokering insurance for local government, and has negotiated a competitive "insurance" services from the Statewide Mutual Schemes for Council for the 2018/19 financial year.

It is recommended that Council accept the offer of reinsurance made by Liberty, noting the annual premium of \$172,125.00 excluding GST.

Financial Impact:

The premium is within the adopted budget of Council for 2018/19.

Link to Community Strategic Plan

Theme 4: Responsible

Goal G: Good governance and great partnerships

G4: Serve the community by providing great customer experience, value for money and quality services.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 4.8
Title: Response to Notice of Motion - Disability Inclusion Action Plan
Department: Connected Communities

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2004/06893 - D13269238

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Summary

This report provides an update on the progress of the Year 1 actions of the Central Coast Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2017-2021. This report is not intended to replace Council's formal reporting requirements on the implementation of the DIAP as part of the Annual Report.

Recommendation

That Council receive the report on the Response to Notice of Motion - Disability Inclusion Action Plan Year 1 Implementation.

Context

At the Ordinary Meeting dated 26 February, 2018 the following Notice of Motion it was resolved:

125/18 That Council meet the project delivery of the Central Coast Council Disability Inclusion Plan by end of the July 2018, which adheres to the legislative requirements of the NSW Disability Act 2014.

One of Council's key business priorities and a legislative requirement under the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 is for all Government agencies and local Councils to develop and implement a Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP).

The Central Coast Council Disability and Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) was adopted by Council on 24 May 2017 and implementation commenced from 1 July 2017. The DIAP defines the strategies and actions that Council will deliver over the next four years to enable people with disabilities to better access services, facilities, information and support to be fully included and able to participate in the community.

In developing the DIAP, Council ensured the strategies and actions were informed by genuine community consultation and that they were measurable and achievable. Actions outlined within the DIAP are presented with key performance indicators, timeframes and required resources. Relevant Business Units were identified as being responsible for the implementation of actions including their monitoring and reporting.

The DIAP outlines 58 actions for Council to complete over the four year period, 2017 to 2021. These actions are aligned under four specific outcome areas based on the framework of the DIAP:

- 1 Developing positive community attitudes and behaviours
- 2 Creating liveable communities
- 3 Supporting access to meaningful employment
- 4 Improving access to services through better systems and processes

Current Status

Forty two actions were to commence or be implemented in Year 1. Progress of these actions can be viewed in Attachment 1. The information contained in Attachment 1 is an interim high level update that has been compiled from relevant Business Units prior to the end of the agreed reporting period and does not replace Council's formal reporting requirements on the implementation of the DIAP.

Section 13 of the Disability Inclusion Act 2014, stipulates that Councils in NSW must include a progress report on the implementation of their Disability Inclusion Plan within their Annual Reports and forward a copy of the relevant part of the Annual Report to the Minister for Disability Services. The Annual Report will be presented to Council in November for adoption.

The NSW Disability Inclusion Action Planning Guidelines for Local Government (2015) pg. 33, states that "Regular monitoring of disability inclusion actions enables Councils to:

- Amend their objectives and actions to reflect achievements and adapt and respond to new inclusion challenges;
- Redirect attention and resources to areas where changes prove difficult to achieve
- Provide accurate and timely reporting; and
- Meet their obligations under the Disability Inclusion Act including how disability inclusion action planning supports the goals of the NSW Disability Inclusion Plan."

For 2018/19 all individual actions have been included in relevant Service Unit Business Plans to ensure the DIAP is implemented.

Attachments

- 1** DIAP Year 1 Progress Updates Highlighted- 10 July 2018 D13275295

Disability Inclusion Action Plan Year 1 Progress Comments 1

Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
ATTITUDES & BEHAVIOURS: Increase positive perceptions of disability within Central Coast Council staff, management & Councillors				
AB.001 Develop and implement disability awareness training at new staff inductions.	Disability awareness training is included in induction for all staff inductions.	People & Culture	Year 1, Ongoing	Monthly new staff induction training now includes Disability Awareness presentation delivered by Council's Disability Inclusion Officer.
AB.002 Develop and implement disability awareness and education activities for all Central Coast Council staff that are relevant, current to local needs, include a level of practical interaction and utilise various external facilitators and resources. E.g., Disability Confidence Week aligned to International Day of People with a Disability or Mental Health Month.	Deliver 2 programs annually	Community Partnerships	Year 1, Annually	To coincide with the launch of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan in 2017, an article was included in the internal staff newsletter and the intranet informing staff of the Plan, reporting requirements and internal staff contact point. Staff were educated on inclusion of people with disability in the workplace as part of the Equity, Diversity and Respect policy training. This included internal staff newsletter articles, a video and presentation at team meetings.
AB.003 Include regular contributions regarding disability inclusion/access to internal communication mediums.	6 items in various Council newsletters/staff communication annually, ensuring articles are broadly representative of all disabilities.	Community Partnerships	Year 1, Ongoing	Internal communication regarding access and inclusion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) staff screen saver awareness campaigns promoting the Disability Inclusion Officer role and principles of universal design • Two (2) general articles included in internal staff newsletter • Information on universal design distributed to all relevant business units • Access Awareness Handbooks for specific built and open space environments procured from The Access Institute and distributed to all relevant Unit Managers.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
AB.004 Develop and implement relevant and targeted disability awareness training for frontline staff, incorporating information specifically required for the business unit e.g. customer service, lifeguards, libraries, rangers, childcare workers. Ensure training is relevant and related to role (e.g. Rangers will require different training to Childcare staff)	Key frontline staff are identified and provided relevant training.	People & Culture	Year 1, Ongoing	Collaborating with external partners to customise staff training for business units on access and inclusion, universal design principles and disability confidence and awareness Presented on Disability Inclusion Action Plan to People and Culture and Community Partnerships staff.
AB.005 Develop and implement training for relevant Communications and Engagement staff to better represent the reality of people with a disability in media and other communication mediums. Training to include a practical component to ensure the "lived experience" of people with a disability is properly conveyed.	100% of relevant staff completed training.	Community Engagement	Year 1, Ongoing as required for new staff	Training needs analysis completed in early 2018. Training to be undertaken on 2018/19.
AB.006 Include disability awareness training in induction for Councillors. Training to include a practical component to ensure the "lived experience" of people with a disability is properly conveyed.	New Councillors complete training through induction and training is both practical and theoretical.	Governance and Business Services	Year 1, Ongoing as required	To be delivered prior to December 2018 through interactive sessions with appropriately qualified provider as part of ongoing professional development program for Councillors.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
AB.007 Develop a library of appropriate, positive and contemporary images that depict a broad representation of people with a disability to be used within general Council publications and communication mediums.	Photo library is developed	Community Engagement	Year 1, Ongoing	<p>Photographs from "I Am Not Invisible" exhibition launched and added to image library.</p> <p>Digital library of images representing people with a disability now available for utilisation in Council documentation and promotions.</p> <p>Further photo shoots are being organised to increase image collection.</p>
AB.008 Through programs like This Is the Life & Coast Alive –develop videos that portray the experiences of local people living with a disability	Videos developed and utilised in community engagement campaigns	Community Engagement	Year 1, Ongoing	<p>Filmed interview with Central Coast local sportsperson with a disability to be utilised for future promotional activities.</p> <p>Two (2) 'This is the Life' video documentaries featuring social enterprises have been filmed that showcase employing people living with a disability living on the Central Coast.</p>
AB.010 Develop and implement an innovative, relevant and holistic annual disability awareness and education campaign for the broader Central Coast community, Campaign to include information from and partnerships with relevant external organisations.	Deliver a minimum of 1 campaign annually	Community Partnerships	Year 1, Ongoing	Promotion of 25th Anniversary of Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 was held throughout March with displays from local disability service providers in Erina Centre foyer gallery.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES: Improve Council's commitment and approach to designing inclusive and 'liveable communities'				
LC.001 Identify and deliver training on universal design and access standards to staff responsible for developing and delivering projects, (e.g., town, environmental, recreation and traffic planners) to ensure staff responsible for developing and delivering projects are also delivering "liveable communities"	Relevant training identified & sourced 90% of key staff that have been identified by unit managers receives training.	People & Culture	Year 1, Ongoing as required for new relevant staff	A brief was developed to source a training provider and a proposal has been received from a certified supplier to deliver training on universal design and access standards. Key staff are currently being identified and training scheduled to be delivered in Year 2.
LC.003 Develop a checklist tool to ensure all new projects incorporate accessibility at the concept design stage. Tool to include all relevant design improvements, not just those covered through legislation.	Accessibility checklist tool developed and incorporated into project management system	Strategic Planning	Year 1, Ongoing	Council has commenced a process to prepare a comprehensive Development Control Plan for the Central Coast Region, which will further build upon the existing accessibility provision in the current controls. As part of the development of this project Disability Inclusion Action Plan will be introduced into key chapters relating to the design and layout to support adaptability and flexibility in new development. This project is a medium term project being developed in association with Council's Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan, due to be completed in 2021.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
LC.006 Promote Central Coast Council community funding programs to assist local organisations to access funding to increase opportunities for inclusion and infrastructure enhancements.	Information on Central Coast Council community funding programs made available to all relevant local organisations Relevant local organisations made aware of grant writing and aligned skill development opportunities Greater support to submit applications is provided including alternate formats for submission such as video if approved by Council	Community Partnerships	Year 1, Ongoing	Disability sector and stakeholder list added to community grants distribution list. Content of external grant writing training was reviewed to ensure that changes were made that increased accessibility of the material and demonstrated community benefits of inclusive projects. Scoping underway to investigate possible alternative formats for future grant submissions.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
LC.007 Review and update the playground strategy for the Central Coast to ensure accessibility requirements are addressed at identified playgrounds- this should include but may not be limited to access, fencing, equipment at existing and proposed playgrounds. Ensure relevant playground information is available on Central Coast Council website.	Relevant playground information available on Council website Deliver an updated playground strategy Identified playgrounds are upgraded, and new playgrounds constructed to ensure accessibility	Open Space & Recreation	Year 1, Ongoing Year 2	Council's Recreation Planner is on the NSW Government 'Everyone Can Play' advisory group for the new inclusive playground guidelines. Information on accessibility of playgrounds has been updated and will be available on Council's new website when it goes live at the end of August. This information will include items such as play equipment, pathways, soft fall and other accessible features in an easy reference, locality based listing. Year 2 action will include access audits by trained Council staff and recommendations will be used to develop a priority list for upgrades and retrofitting which will be included in the new playground strategy.
LC.008 Ensure all significant Council and external events adequately consider and demonstrate accessibility and inclusivity in planning, delivery, and infrastructure (e.g. wheelchair portable toilets and communication methods such as interpreters and signage).	Update Planning Accessible Events Guide & accessibility checklist Update internal event kit/ guidelines with accessibility requirements & checklist Policy developed & promoted	Community Partnerships	Year 1	Planning Accessible Events Guide and checklist has been reviewed and updated. Accessible checklist has been added to internal Event Kit. Ability Links "Including You" tent to be used at four (4) key Council hosted events annually.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
LC.011 Develop an accessibility audit program for the long term improvement of identified beaches, pools, leisure centres, jetties and wharves to inform related works program and prioritise improvements/upgrades.	Audit process developed Key audits & work program completed	Waterways & Coastal Protection Leisure & Lifestyle	Year 1 - 2	<p>An audit program has been developed (partly funded by the Stronger Communities Fund 'Disability Matters' project). In Year 1 beaches, pools and leisure centres were identified as priorities.</p> <p>Key audits have been completed for the following Council owned facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peninsula Leisure Centre • Gosford Olympic Pool • Niagara Park Stadium • The Entrance Ocean Baths • Accessible parking signage at beaches • The Entrance Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) (provided by Ability Links) • North Entrance SLSC (provided by Ability Links) • Macmasters SLSC (provided by Ability Links) • Umina SLSC (provided by Ability Links) • Toowoona Bay SLSC (provided by Ability Links) <p>Three (3) more Leisure & Lifestyle facilities in the north will be completed in July.</p> <p>As part of the 'Disability Matters' project work program, pathways to the fishing platforms at Gwandalan and Terilbah Reserve are planned for completion early July.</p>

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
LC.013 Review trial operation and develop procedure for operation and manual handling of existing beach matting, ensuring relevant external stakeholders participate in review and development of procedures.	Trial program reviewed, documented and new procedures developed and implemented.	Leisure & Lifestyle	Year 1	As part of the trial operation of beach matting by Avoca Beach SLSC, Council undertook a risk audit for community safety and manual handling. Recommendations of this risk audit are currently being considered and all relevant stakeholders are being consulted as a process is finalised.
LC.014 Develop procedure for procurement, management and operation of beach wheelchairs at appropriate patrolled beaches ensuring relevant external stakeholders participate in development of procedures.	Procedure for procurement, management and operation implemented with relevant external input Purchase a minimum of 4 beach wheelchairs	Leisure & Lifestyle	Year 1	Eight (8) new wheelchairs purchased (floating & Sand Cruiser style models) Council now has a total of eighteen (18) beach wheelchairs and recommendations from the beach access audits will determine locations and availability.
<i>Increase accessibility and inclusivity of Council owned community facilities</i>				
LC.015 Develop accessibility audit program for council owned community facilities to inform related works program and prioritise improvements/upgrades.	Audit program developed Key audits and work program undertaken	Property & Asset Management	Year 1 - 2	An audit program has been developed (funded by the Stronger Communities Fund 'Access Upgrades to Community Facilities' project). Facilities were prioritised based on usage, condition of asset and location (ensuring access to facilities across the region). In Year 1 access audits for this program included: • 33 buildings (20 properties) in the north • 25 buildings (22 properties) in the south.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
LC.017 Ensure current leasing agreements with external tenants occupying Central Coast Council owned community facilities include conditions to maintain accessibility features of the relevant facility. (e.g. possible removal of access ramp)	New or renewed leases include accessibility and inclusivity conditions	Property & Asset Management	Year 1 Ongoing	Maintenance of accessibility features will be included as lease agreements are renewed.
<i>Increase availability of accessible amenities</i>				
LC.018 Identify potential locations and funding for changing place(s) including adult change table and amenities. Ensure this action is considered through other identified audit programs	Location identified and funding sourced.	Community Partnerships	Year 1 - 2	Leisure and aquatic centres have been identified as the initial priorities for adult changing places to be installed. Asset managers have identified that installation of changing places will be included when upgrades occur to major leisure centres and when new infrastructure is built. Additionally provision for adult changing places will be considered throughout 2018/19 aligned to Council's major project development plan. All planned, suitable facilities will incorporate these features.
LC.021 Develop appropriate Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans (PAMPs) in key areas	Scope and plan projects	Roads & Drainage	Year 1	Draft PAMP currently under review. The key areas identified include the four (4) main CBD centres being Gosford, Woy Woy, Wyong-Tuggerah and The Entrance plus Erina, Terrigal, Avoca and Gorokan/Lake Haven. Final draft document due in mid-July. It will be then be placed on public exhibition prior to Council adoption.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
LC.022 Deliver accessible bus stops and supporting infrastructure including footpaths	Accessible bus stop program identified	Roads & Drainage	Year 1	<p>During the last year 20 Bus Stops have had the following upgrades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaced five (5) bus shelters of very poor condition with Australian Standard compliant shelters • Constructed 20 Australian Standard compliant standard concrete pads along with accessible footpaths (where necessary) including tactile ground surface indicators • Replaced kerb & guttering at various locations • Replaced four (4) bench seats in poor condition • Road work maintenance and retaining walls constructed in association with bus stop replacement <p>During the next financial year 26 more bus stops will be made compliant with Australian Standards.</p>
<i>Increase tourism and economic development opportunities</i>				
LC.024 Identify opportunities to promote existing information portals/apps such as Wheel Easy, finder website.	Existing and appropriate information identified and promoted	Community Partnerships	Year 1 - Ongoing	<p>Assisted Ability Links to gather accessibility data on Council owned assets for inclusion in their Better Maps web app.</p> <p>Invited developers of Wheel Easy, Accessible in the City and Naturally Accessible to provide us with information and links once apps and Council website are at go live stage.</p>

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Progress Comments
LC.026 In partnership with relevant organisations/entities (e.g. Central Coast Tourism) explore accessible tourism opportunities through infrastructure improvements, marketing and promotion to develop the Central Coast as a highly attractive tourist destination for people with disabilities, friends and families.	Opportunities identified Plan developed Required works considered within capital works program Accessible tourism resources & information delivered to the tourism sector to increase knowledge and awareness Promotion and marketing campaign developed and delivered	Community Partnerships	Year 1 - 2	<p>The following capital works programs have commenced or been completed that will enhance accessibility to areas regularly visited by tourists and residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of wheelchair accessible picnic tables, shelters, pathways and barbeque at Memorial Park, The Entrance • Renewing the walkway between the Surf Club and the eastern rock shelf at Avoca Beach • Koolewong boat ramp, jetty and foreshore is being extensively upgraded to increase accessibility including ramped access to the jetty • Chittaway Lions Park play space upgrades include a concrete path connecting the shared pathway and seating area, and partial rubber flooring, creating an inclusive play space for the whole community • Gosford Lions Park upgrades will include increased access to a new play space, picnic tables and new pathways linking park furniture, shelter sheds and barbeque areas <p>Council has ensured that all capital works access upgrades have been included in media releases and are available through social media and the website.</p> <p>Year 2 actions will include increasing the knowledge and awareness of the tourism sector on the benefits of access and inclusion and ensuring accessible tourism opportunities are captured through the development of Council's Tourism Opportunity Plan. .</p>

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Comments
EMPLOYMENT: Improve inclusive employment practices and increase the rate of meaningful employment of people with disabilities with Central Coast Council				
<i>Increase inclusivity of the workplace and recruitment processes for people with disabilities</i>				
E.002 Review and update all relevant Central Coast Council People and Culture policies to ensure inclusive employment practices that consider all types of disabilities, e.g., leave policies, including sick and carers, general work conditions policies and work from home policy.	All relevant policies reviewed and updated.	People & Culture	Year 1 - 3	<p>Council developed a project to look at harmonising all People and Culture Policies. In relation to this action, there have been four (4) policies launched that each reference Equal Employment Opportunity principles, specifically those relating to people with a disability to support an inclusive workplace.</p> <p>Policies are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity Diversity and Respect • Learning and Development Policy • Talent Acquisition Policy (Recruitment) • Workplace Leave and Flexibility Policy <p>A new Work Health Safety policy is also due for adoption within the next quarter which will address disability inclusion.</p>
E.003 Develop inclusive recruitment and employment policy and supporting documentation.	Policy developed and implemented.	People & Culture	Year 1	New Talent Acquisition policy developed that includes reference to Equal Employment Opportunity and specifically identifies disability as part of this. This has been endorsed by internal Consultative Committee.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Comments
E.004 Develop clear and concise procedure/brief to engage only relevant organisations and employment agencies who demonstrate a commitment to inclusive services, e.g. appropriate language, inclusive training methods and alternate formats.	Procedure/brief documentation is developed and implemented All documentation will ensure training is specific to the needs of the individual	People & Culture	Year 1 - 2	Council's standard brief when procuring training providers is being reviewed to ensure any training provider engaged ensures their training approach encompasses various learning styles and abilities.
E.005 Inclusive employment training provided for all People and Culture staff, ensuring 'hidden disabilities' are adequately understood.	Training successfully delivered to all relevant existing staff Training supplied through induction process to all new relevant staff	People & Culture	Year 1 - Prior to inclusive employment policy being developed	Principles of reasonable adjustment and inclusive employment are included as part of new staff induction training. In Year 2, People & Culture staff will receive targeted training on inclusive employment practices.
E.006 Develop and utilise accessibility statement for all job adverts e.g. equity statement, key contact person, stating inclusivity of workplace and support available	100% of all job adverts	People & Culture	Year 1	An accessibility statement has been completed and is on all online job advertisements. Additional support is offered through National Relay Service for applicants who may be deaf, hearing or speech impaired. Invitation with contact details is also included to discuss any reasonable adjustment needs to submit application. This is also included when applicants are invited to interview.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Comments
E.007 Ensure online recruitment processes use Easy English and are meeting relevant standards (i.e. WCAG2.0) and explore options for a recruitment process that does not require online application submissions.	Meeting compliance for WCAG2.0 or relevant standard Options for non-online application system investigated and reported	People & Culture	Year 1	Council currently uses SCOUT as the online recruitment system and we will continue to look at how we can increase the accessibility of our online system as part of continuous improvement. In addition, whilst Council does not currently have an option to submit hardcopy applications, our job adverts now also include a statement that encourages any person with a disability that may require reasonable adjustments (other than online) in completing / submitting their application to please contact the Talent Acquisition team. The applicant can then be supported through a process that meets their requirements.
E.008 Develop and provide training for supervisory staff regarding mental health and disability awareness.	Training developed or incorporated into existing training and supplied to all supervisory staff	People & Culture	Year 1 - 2	Mental Health training commenced in mid-June 2018 with sessions for the Connected Communities management team completed and sessions are being scheduled for other directorates. In Year 2, supervisory staff will receive further disability awareness training.
SYSTEMS & PROCESSES: Procure goods, materials, works and services including infrastructure, facilities and information technologies that are accessible to staff and community members with a disability				

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Comments
SP.001 Develop and implement procurement policy, procedures, and guidelines that facilitate the inclusion of people with disabilities and ensure social procurement opportunities are realised (e.g. strive to support social enterprise/businesses that employ people with a disability).	<p>Identification of relevant policy, procedures, and guidelines</p> <p>Consultation with key stakeholders regarding disability inclusion provisions</p> <p>Update relevant documentation</p> <p>Communication to end users</p> <p>Monitor, review and report on effectiveness</p>	Procurement & Projects	Year 1 - Ongoing	<p>In Year 1 the focus has been on raising the awareness of Council staff about the benefits of social procurement.</p> <p>The Procurement Procedure was reviewed and as a result references to the Disability Inclusion Action Plan and supporting businesses that are inclusive will be incorporated into the Evaluation Plan when purchasing goods and services.</p> <p>Procurement evaluation criteria are being aligned to meet requirements with the existing legislation including the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014.</p>
SP.002 Purchase software, hardware and platforms which meet accessibility standards, including , WCAG2.0 and which are compatible with assistive technologies	All new software/hardware procured must demonstrate accessibility compliance	Information Technology	Year 1 - Ongoing	Development of the new Central Coast Council website has included a Customer Management System that is compatible with WCAG2.0. The site will be tested for compliance by Vision Australia.
SP.003 Ensure newly developed Central Coast Council website and intranet adheres to relevant accessibility standards (e.g. WCAG2.0)	Website meets relevant standards.	Community Engagement	Year 1 - 2 Ongoing	The brief to website contractors stipulated the website must adhere to WCAG 2.0 to ensure website is accessible. Website is due to go live at the end of August.

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Comments
SP.004 Deliver accessible documents training to staff who produce documents for upload to the website	At least one person per business unit receives training – as determined by unit manager	Community Engagement	Year 1 - 2	Two (2) Digital Media staff members trained. Training needs analysis of new content contributors for new website completed in May 2018. Training budget allocated for delivery of training for new content contributors in 2018/19.
SP.005 Ensure Central Coast Council website has a dedicated area that contains accurate and relevant information for people with a disability – encompassing residents, tourists and businesses.	Website information is continually available Content is relevant and current External agencies/organisations engaged with people with a disability are accurately recognized and acknowledged	Community Partnerships	Year 1 - Ongoing	Information for people with a disability including resources and important contacts has been reviewed and is being incorporated within the new CCC website. Content is continually being reviewed and updates submitted as required.
SP.006 Ensure new content uploaded to website and intranet meets relevant accessibility requirements.	100% of new uploads (unless meets business content exception rule) and identified key historical documents made available in accessible format.	Community Engagement	Ongoing post launch of new website	A range of business controls and rules have been put in place to ensure that all documents moving into the new website environment will be made accessible.
<i>Better promote and share information about accessibility services, features and equipment that Council has available</i>				

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Action	Key Performance Indicator(s)	Responsibility: Project Delivery/Financial	Timing	Comments
SP.007 Liaise with people with intellectual disabilities and/or relevant external organisations to help the identification and prioritisation of key customer service enquiries/complaints identified for development into resources to alleviate these issues e.g. Easy English documents and forms.	Customer service complaints identified Solutions and/or resources developed and implemented	Community Engagement	Year 1 - 3	Customer Service team are analysing existing complaints data. Additional functions are to be added to the customer management system to better capture and analyse instances of access and inclusion complaints. Complaints about access and inclusion will be included on agenda for future reference group engagement meetings. Resources and information are being developed and added ongoing to CCC website.
SP.009 Audit of existing hearing loops at Council facilities, including libraries, customer service centres, Council chambers and Theatres. Audit to also identify additional key community facilities that could benefit from the installation of hearing loops and other technology such as captioning.	Audit completed, priority list for repair identified and work progressively completed	Property & Asset Management	Year 1 - 3	New hearing loops have been installed in the Council Chambers at both Gosford and Wyong Council Administration buildings. Hearing loops at both Administration buildings are scheduled for servicing in July/August 2018. Testing and maintenance of hearing loops in libraries have been added to the regular ongoing building inspection schedule.

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Ensure community engagement practices are inclusive of people with disabilities				
SP.010 Implement signage at beaches and all relevant facilities and open spaces that indicate locations accessibility features, e.g., beaches with wheelchairs and or matting, parks with suitable equipment.	Signage implemented at all relevant beaches/spaces/facilities with accessibility features/equipment Relevant information also available on Central Coast Council website	Open Space & Recreation Leisure & Lifestyle	Year 1 - Ongoing	Signage needs are being considered within all beach and community facilities access audit reports and will be added to the ongoing program of works.
SP.011 Promote the role and function of the Disability Inclusion Officer within Central Coast Council and the broader community - with information available through various mediums (e.g. website, interagency, media, written information, etc.)	Increased community and staff understanding of the Disability Inclusion Officer role.	Community Partnerships	Year 1 - Ongoing	Coast Connect article to promote role of Disability Inclusion Officer on 1 March coincided with 25th Anniversary of Commencement of the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992. Disability Inclusion Officer presented at various and numerous interagency meetings e.g. Central Coast Disability Network and Central Coast Ageing & Disability Association. Details of new Disability Inclusion Officer have been forwarded to Local Government NSW.
SP.012 Incorporate strategies and measures into the Community Engagement Framework to increase opportunities for people with a disability to engage with Council	Strategies and measures developed and included in Community Engagement Framework These strategies are implemented and	Community Engagement	Year 1	Accessibility is a principle included in the Engagement Framework. Consultation with stakeholders identified opportunities to increase inclusion in engagement activities. This includes ensuring all venues selected for consultation are accessible and that any arrangements can be made to facilitate further

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	adapted for all engagement activities Appropriate engagement mechanisms identified and established			accessibility e.g.hearing loops; promotions for consultation opportunities continue to reach the widest range of possible stakeholders by utilising multiple communication channels such as radio, online, print and editorial, or alternatively ensuring specific groups are invited to relevant consultation sessions.
SP.013 Explore appropriate ongoing engagement opportunities to assist Council in implementing the Disability Inclusion Action Plan. Mechanisms need to include opportunities for engagement with external and internal stakeholders.	Appropriate engagement mechanisms identified and established	Community Partnerships	Year 1	<p>Ongoing engagement activities have included but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Inclusion Officer engages regularly with external organisations including but not limited to Ability Links, Local Area Health ,Central Coast Disability Alliance Hunter, Central Coast Disability Network, Wyong TAFE, Local Government NSW • Engaged app developers to participate in walking audit of Magenta Shores shared pathway • Partnering with Musicians Making a Difference and Ability Links on Inclusive Art Project • Presented to students at University of Newcastle on employing people with disabilities • Revised engagement model for implementation phase to be progressed in Year 2 in consultation with members of Disability Inclusion Reference Group



Item No: 5.1
Title: Q23/18 - Winney Bay
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Author: Luke Sulkowski, Unit Manager Natural Environmental Assets
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Business

Q23/18 - Winney Bay

The following question was asked by Councillor MacGregor at the Ordinary Meeting on 26 March 2018 :

Can Council Staff confirm if 2 of the lots are crown land, If so, who are the trustees of that crown land, Is there a plan of management for the Crown Land, is there any COSS which is part of the current works, are there any endangered ecological communities in the lots where the work is being undertaken and if so has that been taken into consideration with the land clearing, has there been an environmental impact statement undertaken and is it available for the public, was there a need for a development application, was there community consultation and when did this occur if it did, were any signs erected to inform bush walkers of the walk.

Winney Bay is one of the few coastal reserves that are part of the Coastal Open Space System (COSS). Formalisation of the cliff top walkway will provide access to this outstanding part of the COSS for the community to enjoy. Winney Bay is made up of six parcels of land as follows:

1. Lot 1 DP 221675 at 120-130 Cape Three Points Road, Avoca Beach
Owned by the Department of Planning and Environment and under Council's care, control and management - 6.37 hectares
2. Lot 2 DP 221675 at 114-116 Cape Three Points Road, Avoca Beach
Owned by the Department of Planning and Environment and under Council's care, control and management – 0.04 hectares
3. Lot 343 DP 755234 at 129 Oceano Street, Copacabana
Part of Crown Reserve R 89976 for public recreation and under Council's care, control and management – 15.76 hectares
4. Lot 3 DP 828087 at 55a Del Monte Place, Copacabana
Part of Crown Reserve R 89976 for public recreation and under Council's care, control and management – 9.077 hectares

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5. Lot 1 DP 545040 at 107b Del Monte Place, Copacabana
Council owned land – 4.97 hectares
6. Part of the unformed section of Bentham Road – 0.90 hectares



Winney Bay Reserve

Crown Land Management Arrangements

Being part of a public reserve (Crown Reserve R89976) the two Crown Land parcels come under the control of Council in line with Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, rather than under a trustee arrangement.

The route of the part of the walkway currently under construction at Winney Bay, crosses the Council owned land, Lot 1 DP 5455040 as well as the two Crown Land parcels, Lot 3 DP 828087 and Lot 343 DP 755234.

Plan of Management

Of the six land parcels within Winney Bay Reserve, Lot 1 DP 545040 is the only parcel that is owned by Council and that is classified under the *Local Government Act 1993* as Community Land. Lot 1 DP 545040 is listed in the schedule of lands in the Plan of Management for Community Land categorised as Natural Areas – Bushland, which was adopted by the former Gosford Council in 2002.

The Plan of Management for bushland was prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. While the Plan of Management was prepared for Council owned land classified as Community Land, the core objectives for management are relevant to land reserved for similar purposes under other legislation.

Winney Bay is an example of a reserve where no plan of management exists for the Crown Reserve or the Department of Planning and Environment owned land parcels. In the absence of a Plan of Management, Council's approach has been to manage all of the public land under its care, control and management within the reserve with reference to the 2002 Plan of Management relating to natural areas bushland.

Native Vegetation

The route of the stairs and pathway currently under construction in Winney Bay Reserve has followed, except where unavoidable, the route of an existing informal track to minimise the need to remove native vegetation.

Council's vegetation mapping identifies three Endangered Ecological Communities (EECs) in Winney Bay Reserve, two of which are in the southern part of the reserve where construction is occurring. On-site assessment of the native communities in Winney Bay Reserve was also undertaken. One of the EECs identified on Council's mapping, following on ground assessment, was shown to be an area of exotic grasses, which had been incorrectly mapped as native grassland as a result of the inherent potential for error in aerial photography interpretation. The Littoral Rainforest EEC was shown to be represented accurately in Council's mapping and is consequently the only EEC in the vicinity of the construction site at Winney Bay Reserve. None of the works will impact on the Littoral Rainforest EEC.

Approvals for Construction

Approval for the construction of a walkway such as that at Winney Bay Reserve follows a different process to a development application that is required for the construction or extension of residential dwellings.

The project is permitted without consent under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The potential environmental impacts of the project were assessed in November 2017 prior to commencement of construction works.

Community Consultation

Extensive community consultation was undertaken on the proposed route of the 5 Lands Walk prior to the adoption of the 5 Lands Walk Masterplan by the former Gosford City Council in 2012. Council has continued to work with 5 Lands Walk Inc. on the implementation of the Masterplan. The 5 Lands Walk Inc. is the community organisation that coordinates the annual 5 Lands Walk event, and has subcommittees for each of the five coastal villages, which include local residents. Wider consultation with the community on the implementation of this project prior to commencement was limited and staff have committed to this community at an information session that efforts will be made to improve this aspect of project delivery moving forward.

Signs to inform bushwalkers

Prior to the commencement of works to construct the stairs and pathway there was no formalised access to the cliff top at Winney Bay Reserve. Signs identifying the site as potentially hazardous have been installed in the past to discourage unauthorised access to the clifftop. Construction fencing and signage has been installed around the work site to prevent unauthorised access.

Attachments

Nil.



Item No: 5.2
Title: Q56/18 - Channel Dredging Plan
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Author: Ben Fullagar, Section Manager, Coastal Protection
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Business

Q56/18 - Channel Dredging Plan

The following question was asked by Councillor Troy Marquart at the Ordinary Meeting on 14 May 2018:

Is the channel dredging plan currently being used by Central Coast Council to create the required scope of works to maintain and/or remedy the Ettalong Channel issue is based upon all the points noted within the Brisbane Waters Coastal Zone Management Plan which was previously adopted by the former Gosford Council in 2012?

Action number W18 in Council's certified Coastal Zone Management Plan for Brisbane Water Estuary states:

"Periodically dredge the navigation channel up to 50,000m³ in the Estuary entrance to ensure safe navigation".

This action lists the New South Wales Government as having 'Primary Responsibility' for this work, and assumes that it would need to be periodically re-done every 5 years.

Whilst an application for grant funding under the "Rescue the Waterways" program was submitted by Council, as resolved by the Council, has no plans to undertake any dredging while that application has been determined.

In May 2018 the NSW Government announced that it would be undertaking emergency dredging of the entrance navigation channel into Brisbane Water.

The emergency dredging is being carried out by the NSW Government Department of Industry – Lands.

The Department of Industry – Lands have advised that they are currently mobilising the dredging equipment and that dredging works are expected to commence on the afternoon of Wednesday 18 July 2018.

Attachments

Nil.



Item No: 5.3
Title: Q66/18 - Emergency State Government Funding Ettalong Channel
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Author: Ben Fullagar, Section Manager, Coastal Protection
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Business

Q66/18 - Emergency State Government Funding Ettalong Channel

The following question was asked by Councillor Marquart at the Ordinary Meeting on 28 May 2018:

If we could please get an update in regards to the Emergency State Government funding grant application to complete the emergency dredging in Ettalong Channel. Will a compliant grant application be lodged within the communicated closing date timeframe? How long does the Council expect these emergency works to take and when will they commence?

Council submitted a request for funding assistance to dredge the Ettalong-Box Head channel to the State Government on 7 June 2018. This application was submitted under the State's Rescuing our Waterways grant fund, pursuant to a resolution of the Council, and is now under consideration. Note that this is not an application for emergency funding, or to complete emergency dredging.

The NSW State Government has recently made a commitment to undertake such emergency dredging, however Council staff are not aware of any public announcement or media release from the Department that advises details of their plans.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 5.4
Title: Q71/18 - Ocean Beach Sandwall
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Author: Peter Ham, Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Buisness

Q71/18 - Ocean Beach Sandwall

The following question was asked by Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins at the Ordinary Meeting on 28 May 2018:

Can Council please prioritise addressing the erosion and re-profiling of Ocean Beach, as the sand wall has now collapsed?

The Ocean beach dune area continues to be impacted by big swells and high tides. Council has, and will continue to take action, including:

- Beach scraping on numerous occasions to date and further beach scraping will be completed when conditions are favourable to help protect and rebuild the sand dune. This is similar to the scraping being undertaken at Umina Beach
- Construction of additional dune fencing in the last six months to catch the wind blown sand and help keep it on the dune
- Completion of a new beach access at the corner of The Esplanade and Barranjoey Road
- Maintaining as much vegetation as possible on the dune scarp to maximise stabilisation
- Ensuring that all areas are fenced off where access is dangerous or where sand is in danger of collapsing.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 5.5
Title: Q77/18 - Asbestos Urgency Motion
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Author: Peter Ham, Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Business

Q77/18 - Asbestos Urgency Motion

The following question was asked by Councillor Jilly Pilon at the Ordinary Meeting on 28 May, 2018:

Can you please advise regarding the asbestos urgency motion that was back on 23 April 2018, just in relation to when those seven points will be coming back to us?

The response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 – Asbestos – Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches was listed as item 5.3 for consideration at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 9 July 2018.

Council, at its meeting held on 9 July 2018 resolved:

670/18 That Council defer consideration of this item to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 23 July 2018

The response to Motion of Urgency U5/18 – Asbestos – Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches will now be provided to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 23 July 2018 and is item 4.1.

Attachments

Nil.



Item No: 5.6
Title: Q87/18 - Dredge Applications
Department: Assets, Infrastructure and Business

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Author: Peter Ham, Unit Manager Waterways and Coastal Protection
Executive: Boris Bolgoff, Acting Director Assets Infrastructure and Business

Q87/18 - Dredge Applications

The following question was asked by Councillor Bruce McLachlan at the Ordinary Meeting on 12 June 2018 :

On the matter of the dredge application was there any notification of the surf break of The Box or any consideration of the surf break of The Box in the dredging application?

Mr Brian Glendenning, the then Acting Chief Executive Officer, provided a verbal response as follows:

"Councillor McLachlan, there was reference not to the surf break at The Box but there was reference to how the spoil from the dredging process might be dealt with a very general sense, but it wasn't that specific"

Further details regarding the content of the grant application are now provided as follows:

The grant application concentrated on issues relating specifically to the dredging activity itself, and options for disposal of dredged sand such as deposition on Ocean / Umina beaches. If the application for grant funding assistance is successful, then as a matter of course, all relevant stakeholders will be considered when the dredging program is being designed and developed. Key stakeholders will include those with an interest in the surfing break. It is understood that the State Government has consulted with surfing representatives in their emergency dredging program.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 5.7
Title: Q90/18 - Consolidated LEP Timeline
Department: Environment and Planning



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Author: Matthew Prendergast, Unit Manager Strategic Planning

Executive: Scott Cox, Director Environment and Planning

Q90/18 - Consolidated LEP Timeline

The following question was asked by Councillor MacGregor at the Ordinary Meeting on :

Can council advise the timeframe for delivery for the consolidated LEP and in particular when this document will be ready for community consultation?

The Department of Environment and Planning (DPE) are preparing the digital mapping required for public exhibition. The mapping component of the project is expected to be completed by the end of July 2018. Exhibition of the draft Central Coast Council Local Environmental Plan and community consultation is currently planned for August 2018. Councillors will be informed of the exact dates of exhibition, including workshops and 'pop in' session times when DPE confirm the finalisation of the maps.

Attachments

Nil.



Item No: 5.8
Title: Q100/18 - Seniors Cards Used at Council Facilities
Department: Connected Communities

23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Author: Julie Vaughan, Director Connected Communities

Q100/18 - Seniors Cards Used at Council Facilities

The following question was asked by Councillor Louise Greenaway at the Ordinary Meeting on 25 June 2018:

Are senior's cards able to be used for discounts at aquatic centres and other similar facilities of Council? At the point of entry of these facilities is there a notice alerting people to the fact that discounts are available?

Concession cards are accepted at all Council's leisure and aquatic centres, this reduces the financial cost of access. The accepted card for senior/concession rate access is New South Wales Government – Seniors Card, Australian Government Pensioner Concession Card and Australian Government Gold Card.

Fees and charges and concession discounts are fully promoted in Council's fees and charges, websites and promotional material. This promotion also includes price lists which are displayed when entering the facility, where applicable. Staff also engage with customers informing them of the different pricing options, memberships and concessional benefits at the front desk.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 6.1
Title: Notice of Motion - Pelican Feeding - Potential for Upgrades and Opportunities
Department: Councillor



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13276680

Author: Bruce McLachlan, Councillor

Councillor McLachlan has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 23 July 2018 he will move the following motion:

- 1 That Council identifies opportunities to improve the visitor experience to expand its impact on the wider visitor economy and explore potential funding avenues to develop complimentary infrastructure.***
- 2 That Council includes the Pelican Feeding activity in the Tourism Opportunity Plan to allow a pathway for any improvement opportunities that may require access to Regional Tourism Funding programs.***
- 3 That Council recognises the wonderful work of our volunteer organisations that conduct the Pelican Feeding and consult and liaise with all groups involved, on any suggested upgrades.***

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 6.2
Title: Notice of Motion - Quality Food, Wine and Vineyard
Tourism Accommodation Opportunities
Department: Councillor



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13276748

Author: Bruce McLachlan, Councillor

Councillor McLachlan has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 23 July 2018 he will move the following motion:

- 1 That Council acknowledges the recent success of the Harvest Festival and the added economic boost to our Central Coast Tourism numbers.***
- 2 That Council also acknowledges our current poor Tourism statistics, compared to other competing regions, especially the Hunter Valley.***
- 3 That Council acknowledges the international success of Cessnock Council Vineyards Precincts and flexible Rural Lands codes, in allowing Tourism and accommodation operations to flourish in the Hunter Region.***
- 4 That Council acknowledges this similar Tourism opportunity has been identified in the Central Coast Regional Plan for lands west of the M1. The action specifically encourages niche commercial, tourism and recreational activities that complement and promote a stronger agricultural sector, as well as build capacity to adapt to changing circumstances.***
- 5 That Council also acknowledges the Tourism Industry is a large employer of Youth, and our Youth Unemployment and Teenage suicide rates are unacceptably high, and every effort in establish Youth employment markets on the Central Coast, should be strongly pursued by Council.***
- 6 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to report back to Council on options of providing flexibility in our Rural Lands zones, with a view to increase our Tourism and youth employment opportunities.***

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 6.3
Title: Notice of Motion - So Called Scientific Whaling
Department: Councillor



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13276990

Author: Greg Best, Councillor

Bruce McLachlan, Councillor

Councillors Best and McLachlan have given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 23 July 2018 they will move the following motion:

- 1 That further to Councils establishment of a sister city with Edogawa in Japan and the recent Mayoral Delegation, Council now leverage this relationship to assist in advocating for an end to so called scientific whaling in the Antarctic Whale Sanctuary.***
- 2 That Council recognise the outstanding success of the recent 2018 Whale Dreamers Festival held at our iconic Norah Head Lighthouse attended by thousands while unpinning our multi-million dollar marine tourism industry.***
- 3 That Council notes with grave concerns at the recent report by the International Whaling Commissions Scientific Committee that revealed some 330 Minke Whales were recently killed in the whale sanctuary with 122 being pregnant females.***
- 4 That Council now respectfully advocate on behalf of our local community for change through our new relationship with Edogawa City and that all correspondence be reported to Council.***

Councillors Note

Stop the Slaughter!

Council, to its credit, has advocated for the homeless and more recently on the vexing issues around domestic violence. It is with this understanding that Council now also lends its considerable influence to this critical environmental issue and seek a total ban on so called scientific whaling.

It is appreciated the sensitivities around this issue and that it must be dealt with respectfully.

However, recent reports by the International Whaling Committee's Scientific Group, that has revealed an escalation of the whale slaughter in the International Antarctic Whale Sanctuary, is outrageous.

The full force of our new Central Coast Council must be applied to advocating on behalf of all of our 330,000 residents and rate payers and indeed, our migratory whales.

Even more concerning, Japan only last week confirmed that they will at the upcoming September International Whaling Commission meeting, call to reinstate full commercial whaling. Further, Japan has made no secret of the fact that this could include humpbacks. The very whales that ply our coast and underpin our marine tourism.

It is often said the truth goes through three stages, first it is ridiculed, then violently opposed until finally it becomes self-evident. It is self-evident in doing nothing we will leave a shameful intergenerational legacy of commercial whaling. I commend my motion to the Council.

Attachments

Nil.

Item No: 6.4
Title: Notice of Motion - Cash Flow Statements
Department: Councillor



23 July 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting

Trim Reference: F2018/00020-03 - D13277383

Author: Rebecca Gale Collins, Councillor

Councillor Gale Collins has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 23 July 2018 she will move the following motion:

That Council provides Cash Flow Statements for the Budget prior to releasing the Quarterly Budget Review Statements.

Attachments

Nil.