

Services Committee



AGENDA

DATE OF MEETING: 5 May 2026

LOCATION: Committee Rooms

TIME: 6:30 PM

Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are reminded that they remain bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of Fairfield City and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

The Mayor and Councillors are also reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

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***** **CONFIDENTIAL** *****

'It is recommended that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting in regard to the following item.'

- 60:** Purchase of Property in Fairfield Heights for Open Space Purposes
Related Parties: Mr PD Hammond and Mrs JR Hammond

CONFIDENTIAL - It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2)(c)(d(i)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and*
- (d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

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***** **CONFIDENTIAL** *****

'It is recommended that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting in regard to the following item.'

- 61:** Sale of Council Surplus Closed Road Reserve at Canley Vale

CONFIDENTIAL - It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2)(c)(d(i))(d(ii)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and*
- (d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; and*
- (d(ii)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.*

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and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

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SUBJECT: Waive Fees and Charges - Request from Southwest Entrepreneurial Hub (SWEH)

FILE NUMBER: 21/47382

REPORT BY: Hollie McPherson, Manager Libraries and Museum

RECOMMENDATION:

That the venue hire fees and charges totalling one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for the period from September to November 2026 to support the Community Workshop Series at the Fairfield City HQ, be waived.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 4 Strong and Resilient Economy* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

Council has received a request from the Southwest Entrepreneurial Hub (SWEH) to host a 12-week Community Workshop Series at Fairfield City HQ (FCHQ). This report recommends the waiving of applicable fees and charges for use of the Vic Winton Room during the period from September to November 2026 to support delivery of the program.

The Community Workshop Series is a 3-month initiative aimed at strengthening grassroots businesses, increasing community participation and supporting local economic development. The program provides a structured platform for local business operators to connect, share practical skills and build capacity for sustainable growth.

Background

The Southwest Entrepreneurial Hub (SWEH) proposes a 3-month Community Workshop Series designed to support local businesses, strengthen community connection and activate FCHQ.

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Council's support through the waiving of facility hire fees would enable delivery of the workshops while providing a low-cost promotional opportunity for the FCHQ facility. The series is intended to activate the space by introducing new users to the venue, increasing awareness of available facilities and encouraging future bookings by local businesses and community groups.

Current trends indicate a slight decline in hot desk utilisation, reflecting broader economic pressures on small businesses. The proposed workshop series responds to these conditions by activating the facility through regular programming and supporting increased engagement and future use.

Proposed Schedule and Location

It is proposed that the Community Workshop Series be delivered on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in the Vic Winton Room at FCHQ.

The program is scheduled to run weekly from September to November 2026.

Social and Economic Implications

The proposed Community Workshop Series is expected to deliver positive social and economic outcomes by supporting local businesses, encouraging collaboration and increasing utilisation of a Council facility. Economically, the program will provide local business owners with opportunities to showcase their expertise, build networks and access practical skills that support business sustainability and growth. Socially, the regular and accessible workshops will strengthen community connection, engage multicultural communities in Southwest Sydney and build local capacity through peer-led learning and participation. Each session is expected to engage 20–30 participants, with multiple local businesses involved per event.

The series will also contribute to increased activation of FCHQ by introducing new users to the facility through regular programming. Each session will include a brief introduction to the space, reinforcing awareness of available facilities and encouraging future independent bookings and ongoing use by local businesses and community groups.

Financial Implications

There is no direct financial cost to Council aside from the waiver of venue hire fees, which totals \$1,200.00 for 2026. SWEH will coordinate the overall program and workshop schedule, provide a structured framework for delivery, ensure compliance with venue requirements, lead marketing and promotion activities and track participant attendance, feedback and outcomes.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council waive the venue hire fees and charges for the Vic Winton Room at FCHQ for the 3-month Community Workshop Series at FCHQ.

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Hollie McPherson
Manager Libraries and Museum

Authorisation:
Acting Director City Assets

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SUBJECT: Fairfield Showground - Christmas Carols 2026 Sponsorship

FILE NUMBER: 11/01943

REPORT BY: Ross Wilson, Manager Leisure Centres, Showground and Golf Course; Edward Saulig, Manager Cabramatta Place; Lisa Mifsud, Manager Communications and Marketing

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council sponsor the Christmas Carols at the Fairfield Showground being organised by the Rotary Club of Fairfield City, in that Council:

- 1.1 Waives the hire fee of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) for the use of the Fairfield Showground for the 2026 Christmas Carols event.
 - 1.2 Allocates fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Headline Major Events Project (IN261056) towards value-add element to improve visitor experience and increase community participation, as outlined in the report.
 - 1.3 Assists with advertising and promotion including use of Council's logo.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 1 Community Wellbeing* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

The annual Rotary Carols event is a long-standing community tradition that delivers valuable social and charitable benefit, supporting numerous local organisations and groups.

This report recommends that Council sponsor the 2026 Christmas Carols and support the event organisers Rotary Club of Fairfield City to the total value of \$23,000.00, as outlined in the report.

The event will be held at Fairfield Showground on 12 December 2026.

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BACKGROUND

Established in 1997, the Horsley Park Carols have grown into a long-running and much-loved annual event on Fairfield City's Christmas calendar. Last year's program featured a full range of entertainment including performances by local bands, school groups and guest artists. Highlights included a fireworks display, vehicle showcases by the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service and a special visit from Santa Claus.

Now in its 29th year this much-loved community event continues to thrive thanks to the generous support of local business sponsors, community volunteers and residents. Over the years the event has raised more than half a million dollars for charities and not-for-profit organisations.

Council for many years has supported the event by providing discounted hire fees for use of Horsley Park Reserve and Hall.

SPONSORSHIP

The Carols are important as they bring the community together to celebrate the festive season while strengthening local connections and providing essential support and fundraising for vital community services.

It is proposed that the 2026 Rotary Carols be relocated to Fairfield Showground, expanding the event to accommodate for larger crowds, improve accessibility and broaden the range of entertainment, making it a must-attend highlight on everyone's Christmas calendar.

It is proposed that Council become a major sponsor of the event, as outlined:

1. Waiving the hire fee for the use of the Fairfield Showground.
2. Allocate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) towards the sponsorship of the Christmas Carols from the Headline Major Events (IN261056) program for:
 - a. Headline act
 - b. Purchase of merchandise such as flameless candles
 - c. Establish an interactive nativity photo station (which will be also used by the Fairfield City Markets)
3. Assist with advertising and promotion, including use of Council's logo.

Should Council waive the fees and charges, the Rotary Club of Fairfield City will still be required to pay for charges such as cleaning, rubbish removal and the bond (returned if conditions are met) as per Fairfield Showground's standard Hire Agreement and Fees and Charges Policy.

Legislative and Policy Context

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Variations of fees and charges, under Section 377 of the Local Government Act, must be made by a resolution of the Council.

CONCLUSION

The annual Rotary Carols event is a long-standing community tradition that delivers valuable social and charitable benefits, supporting numerous local organisations and groups.

It is recommended that Council considers the request to sponsor the Christmas Carols being organised by Rotary Club of Fairfield City. That Council

1. Waive the hire fee of eight thousand (\$8,000.00) for the use of the Fairfield Showground for the 2026 Christmas Carols event.
2. Allocate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Headline Major Events (IN261056) towards value-add element to improve visitor experience and increase community participation, as outlined in the report.
3. Assist with advertising and promotion, including use of Council's logo.

Ross Wilson
**Manager Leisure Centres,
Showground and Golf Course**

Edward Saulig
Manager Cabramatta Place

Lisa Mifsud
**Manager Communications and
Marketing**

Authorisation:
Director City Living

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SECTION B

'Matters submitted to the Committee for decision subject to the right of referral'

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Item Number. 62

SUBJECT: Creative Communities Grant Program 2026

FILE NUMBER: 25/19060

REPORT BY: Josie Cavallaro, Community Projects and Partnerships Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That the grant applications for the Creative Communities Grant Program as outlined in Table 1 of the report, be awarded.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 1 Community Wellbeing* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

The Creative Communities Grant (CCG) is an annual grant program. The initiative aims to target small emerging groups and organisations to support creative projects that empower communities to voice important issues, while developing cultural knowledge and artistic skills. Grants are available to organisations based in the Fairfield City. Organisations who are not located in Fairfield City are eligible if the program proposed is conducted in the Fairfield City and with local residents.

Council has been delivering this initiative since 2006. One-off grants of up to \$6,000.00 (excluding GST) are available for creative projects that contribute to the quality of life in Fairfield City. These projects include and address issues of importance within the community as identified in the Fairfield City Plan.

The CCG program accepted applications from 2 March until 2 April 2026. A total of 10 applications were received. The applicants requested a total of \$59,000.00.

Members of the panel who assessed applications for funding were required to declare any conflict of interest, none were declared.

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The assessment panel has recommended 8 projects with a total value of \$48,000.00 to receive funding under the CCG Program. Funds for this purpose are available in Council's 2025-2026 Operational Plan.

The CCG projects outlined in **Table 1** below are recommended for funding.

| Project | | | Funding | |
|---|---------------------------|--|------------|-------------|
| Title | Organisation | Description | Requested | Recommended |
| Stories We Share | Australian Story Catchers | Storytelling workshop series for Fairfield's Latin American community. | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| Creating Space for Conversations about Gambling Harm in Fairfield | Creating Conversations | Inclusive storytelling and art making exploring gambling harm | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| Bad Art Jam | Curious Works | Community art making and mentorship program building skills, connection and networks | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| Possum Skin | Gari Yala | Community possum skin sewing and burning workshop | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| Mind Over Art | Hume Community Housing | A creative space for expression and conversations around mental health wellbeing. | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| The Ratbags - PYT Fairfield's 40th Birthday | PYT Fairfield | Youth-led theatre making project recognising PYT's 40-year legacy. | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| The Real Comedy | Real Comedy Group | Comedy workshops that reflect real-life experiences from CALD communities in Fairfield | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| Palestinian Rhythms of Belonging | STARTTS | TARWEEDA singing and poetry workshops for Arabic speaking refugees | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |

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The following 2 applications outlined in **Table 2** below are not recommended for funding as they were considered by the panel to be of a lower priority or did not address the selection criteria:

| Project | | | Funding | |
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| Title | Organisation | Description | Requested | Reason not Recommending |
| Our Stories, Our Steps: Inclusive Lion Dance | Special Children Services Centre | Lion dance workshops and performance for children with disability. | \$5,000.00 | Similar project funded last year. Not competitive with other projects. |
| Mariana Enriquez in Fairfield | Think+DO Tank Foundation | Mariana Enriquez in Fairfield: Creative Writing in Spanish, Books and Translation | \$6,000.00 | CACD phasing was not as strong as competing applications. |

CONCLUSION

The Creative Communities Grant is a capacity building program to provide support to community organisations to deliver creative-based projects for the residents of Fairfield City. It is recommended that Council adopt the recommendations of the panel and fund the projects as outlined in Table 1 of the report.

Josie Cavallaro
Community Projects and Partnerships Officer

Authorisation:

Co-ordinator Community Projects and Partnerships
Acting Manager Social Planning and Community Development
Acting Director City Assets

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SUBJECT: Request for Donation - Mayoral Community Benefit Fund

FILE NUMBER: 25/16199

REPORT BY: Anna Milienou, Co-ordinator Executive Support

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council make a donation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Mayoral Community Benefit Fund to Bartella Association Sydney Incorporated towards its program of community activities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 5 Good Governance and Leadership* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

The Mayoral Community Benefit Fund was established to enable individuals or community groups to seek the provision of financial assistance for deserving or worthy causes that support the community of Fairfield City. The Fund is intended to cover areas of support where other donation schemes or grants are not suitable or available.

Bartella Association Sydney

Written representation has been received from Bartella Association Sydney Incorporated (Bartella) requesting financial assistance to support its programs and activities that provide opportunities for individuals and families to engage, build relationships and strengthen their sense of belonging.

Bartella is a non-profit, community-based organisation delivering a range of initiatives including community lectures, cultural and heritage events, educational workshops and wellbeing sessions for women. These programs contribute positively to community engagement, inclusion and social cohesion.

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The Bartella Association meets the primary eligibility criteria of the Mayoral Community Benefit Fund Policy supporting worthy causes. A donation of \$1,000.00 would be appropriate.

Connection to Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA)

Bartella Association Sydney Incorporated is based within the Fairfield Local Government Area and supports the community.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIRMENTS

The proposed donations represent grants under Section 356 of the Local Government Act and as such must be made in accordance with a resolution of Council. Section 377(1A) of the Local Government Act allows Council to delegate the granting of financial assistance to its Committees.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 September 2017, Council resolved that the Committees be delegated authority under Section 377 of the Local Government Act to exercise the granting of financial assistance.

FUND REGISTER

A summary of the applications declined, payments made this financial period and Certificates of Appreciation or receipts received is outlined in Attachment A.

Anna Milienou
Co-ordinator Executive Support

Authorisation:
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Director People Culture and Operations

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| Mayoral Community Benefit Fund 2025/2026 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Key/Legend | Green = Accepted | Red = Declined | Yellow = Pending | | | | | | | | | |
| Application Received | Applicant | Purpose | Contact Details | Address | Fairfield LGA Yes/No | Amount Requested | Accept/ Decline | Reason Approved/ Declined | Date Approved (resolution) | Amount Awarded | Balance in Fund | Date Receipt listed in future report |
| | | | | | | | | | | | \$64,312.00 | |
| 18/06/2025 | Indians in Sydney | Gala | | | Yes | \$ 500.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | 12/08/2025 | \$500.00 | \$63,812.00 | TBA |
| 7/07/2025 | Assyrian Students' Association of Australia (ASAA) | Annual Assyrian Youth Party | | | Yes | | Decline | Retrospect | | | | |
| 21/07/2025 | Cambodian Living Arts and Culture (CLAC) | Social Gathering | | | Yes | \$ 500.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | 12/08/2025 | \$500.00 | \$63,312.00 | TBA |
| 18/02/2025 | Armenian Relief Society Arax Chapter | Social Events | | | Yes | \$ 500.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | 12/08/2025 | \$500.00 | \$62,812.00 | |
| 25/08/2025 | Ladies Like To Lunch | Pink Ribbon Luncheon | | | No | \$ 1,000.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | 9/09/2025 | \$1,000.00 | \$61,812.00 | |
| 29/08/2025 | Rotary Club of Fairfield | Police Officer Awards | | | Yes | \$ 1,500.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | 9/09/2025 | \$1,500.00 | \$60,312.00 | |
| 25/09/2025 | Assyrian Australian Association | Gilgamesh Festival | | | Yes | \$ 1,000.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | 14/10/2025 | \$1,000.00 | \$59,312.00 | |
| 6/10/2025 | Raw Impact | Support vulnerable families in Cambodia | | | | | Decline | No further information | | | | |
| 7/10/2025 | Chaldean League of NSW | Babylonian New Year Event | | | Yes | \$ 1,000.00 | Accept | Meets criteria - refer to Cultural Event Sponsorship Fund | 24/02/2026 | \$2,500.00 | | |
| 15/10/2025 | Brihottor Chattagram Samity Australia | Chattagram Utshav 2025 | | | Yes | \$ 1,000.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | 21/10/2025 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$57,312.00 | |
| 15/10/2025 | Vietnam Foundation | 30th Anniversary Celebration | | | Yes | \$ 500.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | 11/11/2025 | \$500.00 | \$56,812.00 | |
| 5/11/2025 | Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East | Christmas tree display | | | Yes | \$ 500.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | 2/12/2025 | \$500.00 | \$56,312.00 | |
| 26/02/2026 | Bartella Sydney Association | Community activities, programs and events | | | Yes | \$1,000.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | | \$1,000.00 | \$55,312.00 | |

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SUBJECT: Request for Donation - Mayoral Donations Fund

FILE NUMBER: 25/16200

REPORT BY: Anna Milienou, Co-ordinator Executive Support

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council make a donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Mayoral Donations Fund to Horsley Park Community Social Group and Friends towards their Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea being held on Thursday 21 May 2026.
 2. Council make a donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Mayoral Donations Fund to Nathan [REDACTED] towards his participation in the 2026 International Taekwondo Championships in Chuncheon, South Korea.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 5 Good Governance and Leadership* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

The Mayoral Donations Fund provides small one-off donations to individuals and groups within the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) who build communities and help individuals achieve their full potential and is intended to cover areas where other grants are not suitable or available.

Horsley Park Community Social Group and Friends

Written representation has been received from the Horsley Park Community Social Group and Friends (Group) seeking financial support towards their Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea being held on Thursday 21 May 2026 at the King Tomislav Croatian Club in Edensor Park.

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The Group is a community-based supporter of local charities and ventures. The Group has consistently supported the Cancer Council by hosting its own Biggest Morning Tea events to raise awareness about cancer prevention, the various types of cancer and the benefits of living a healthier life. A contribution from Council will go directly to Cancer Council.

Horsley Park Community Social Group and Friends meet the primary eligibility requirements of the Mayoral Donations Fund Policy of building better communities. A donation of \$500.00 would be appropriate.

Connection to FCC Local Government Area

The Horsley Park Community Social Group and Friends operate from Horsley Park and the fundraising event will be held within the Fairfield LGA.

Nathan [REDACTED]

A written request has been received from Maria [REDACTED] on behalf of her son, Nathan seeking financial support towards Nathan's participation at the 2026 International Taekwondo Championships in Chuncheon, South Korea.

Nathan [REDACTED] has been selected to represent Australia at this international event and is an exceptional student and athlete who has been training for over 3 years at Martial Arts Spirit. Nathan is the winner of multiple State championships and local competitions and has shown great potential in the sport of Taekwondo.

Council's contribution will assist with costs associated with international travel, accommodation and competition entry fees.

Nathan [REDACTED] meets the primary eligibility requirements of the Mayoral Donations Fund of helping individuals achieve their full potential. A donation of \$500.00 would be appropriate.

Connection to FCC Local Government Area (LGA)

Nathan [REDACTED] resides with his family in Bonnyrigg Heights located within the Fairfield LGA.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The proposed donation represents grants under Section 356 of the Local Government Act and as such must be made in accordance with a resolution of Council. Section 377(1A) of the Local Government Act allows Council to delegate the granting of financial assistance to its committees.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 September 2017, Council resolved that the committees be delegated authority under Section 377 of the Local Government Act to exercise the granting of financial assistance.

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FUND REGISTER

A summary of the applications declined, payments made this financial period and Certificates of Appreciation or receipts received is outlined in Attachment A.

Anna Milienu
Co-ordinator Executive Support

Authorisation:
Manager Governance and Audit
Director People Culture and Operations

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Mayoral Donations Fund Register

| Mayoral Donations Fund 2025/2026 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Key/Legend | Green = Accepted | Red = Declined | Yellow = Pending | | | | | | | |
| Application Received | Applicant | Purpose | Contact Details | Address | Fairfield LGA Yes/No | Amount Requested | Accept/ Decline | Reason Approved/ Declined | Balance in Fund | Date Receipt listed in future report |
| | | | | | | | | | \$10,000.00 | |
| 3/07/2025 | Smithfield Public School | Fete | | | Yes | | Withdraw | Withdraw | | |
| 15/07/2025 | Norwest Junior Rugby Club | Fundraising Night | | | No | | Decline | Not in the LGA | | |
| 30/07/2025 | Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless | Ride on Mower | | | Yes | | Decline | Does not meet criteria | | |
| 28/07/2025 | Jez Premier Promotions | Mats | | | Yes | \$500.00 | Accept | Meets Criteria | \$9,500.00 | |
| 7/08/2025 | Canley Vale Public School Parents and Citizens Association | Community Day Event | | | Yes | \$500.00 | Accept | Meets Criteria | \$9,000.00 | TBC |
| 16/08/2025 | Our Lady of Mt Carmel | Market Day | | | Yes | | Decline | Withdrew | | |
| 25/08/2025 | Pakistani Wesleyan Methodist Church | free food and clothing | | | Yes | | Decline | No further information | | |
| 25/08/2025 | Bethesda Pentecostal Church | New church | | | Yes | | Decline | No further information | | |
| 29/08/2025 | Sydney Baseball Lions Club | Children's Day Out | | | Yes | \$500.00 | Accept | Meets Criteria | \$8,500.00 | |
| 9/09/2025 | Congolese Community of NSW | Congolese General Assembly | | | Yes | | Decline | Retrospect | | |
| 14/09/2025 | The Mustard Seed Projects | Sending a 20ft container overseas | | | | | Decline | No further information | | |
| 15/09/2025 | Green Valley Public School Fundraising | Bingo Night | | | No | | Decline | Not in the LGA | | |
| 17/09/2025 | Mount Pritchard East Public School | Christmas Raffle | | | Yes | | Decline | No further information | | |
| 23/09/2025 | Rotary Club of Fairfield City | Rotary Carols at Horsley Park | | | Yes | \$1,000.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | \$7,500.00 | 14/04/2026 |
| 24/09/2025 | Dawang Connections | National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout (NITFKO) | | | | | Decline | No further information | | |
| 22/10/2025 | Werrington Country Public School | Christmas Raffle | | | No | | Decline | Not in the LGA | | |
| 16/02/2026 | Canley Heights RSL FC | Digger Cup | | | Yes | \$1,000.00 | Accept | Meets Criteria | \$6,500.00 | |
| 2/03/2026 | Zowaa Incorporated | Assyrian New Year | | | Yes | \$500.00 | Accept | Meets criteria | \$6,000.00 | |
| 17/02/2026 | Nathan | NSW Youth Parliament Program | | | Yes | \$500.00 | Accept | Meets Criteria | \$5,500.00 | |
| 4/03/2026 | Our Lady of Mt Carmel | Multicultural Fete | | | Yes | \$500.00 | Accept | Meets Criteria | \$5,000.00 | |

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Mayoral Donations Fund Register

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|---|--|--|-----|----------|----------|----------------|------------|--|
| 25/02/2026 | Hills Community Aid | Western Sydney Corporate Charity Lunch | | Yes | \$500.00 | Accept | Meets Criteria | \$4,500.00 | |
| 11/03/2026 | James Busby High School | Australian Volleyball Schools Cup | | No | | Declined | Not in the LGA | | |
| 2/04/2026 | Horsley Park Community Social Group & Friends | Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea | | Yes | \$500.00 | Accept | Meets Criteria | \$4,000.00 | |
| 16/04/2026 | Maria [REDACTED] | Nathan [REDACTED] | | Yes | \$500.00 | Accept | Meets Criteria | \$3,500.00 | |

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarters 2 and 3 - Waste and Cleansing

FILE NUMBER: 15/20026

REPORT BY: Glenn Meehan, Manager Waste and Cleansing Operations

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 3 Environmental Sustainability* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the Waste and Cleansing Division's operations and performance for Quarters 2 and 3 covering the period from October 2025 to March 2026.

The Division provides services covering:

- Domestic Waste collection
- Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) services
- Kerbside Recycling collection
- Kerbside Book-in Clean-up services
- Recycling Drop-Off Centre
- Street Cleaning
- Waste Enforcement activities
- Waste Education initiatives

Domestic Waste Collection

The Domestic Waste service (red lidded bin) data for the October to March 2026 period reflects seasonal patterns, particularly over the summer and post-holiday period (December-February).

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Approximately 266,000 scheduled collections were undertaken during the reporting period, providing context for service requests and missed-service volumes.

Additional Bin Requests

Requests fluctuated across the period, with the highest peaking in:

- November: 46 requests
- February: 27 requests

The November peak likely corresponds with pre-holiday household preparation and heading into summer.

Lid Replacement Requests

An upward trend occurred across the reporting period:

- Highest: March 90
- Lowest: October 43

The increase suggests wear or potential exposure to heat (plastics degradation).

Wheel Replacement Requests

January and February recorded the highest demand (44 replacements each). This suggests increased bin weights during holiday periods.

Stolen Bins Report:

Significant spikes were observed:

- January: 100 incidents
- March: 154 incidents

Lower levels occurred in:

- October: 60 incidents
- November: 57 incidents

New Waste Service Requests

- Highest in October: 23 requests, with gradual decline thereafter.

Missed Services

The highest number of missed services was recorded in January (1,016), October recorded the lowest (621). Contributing factors likely include public holidays, increased waste volumes and higher service request.

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Performance Context

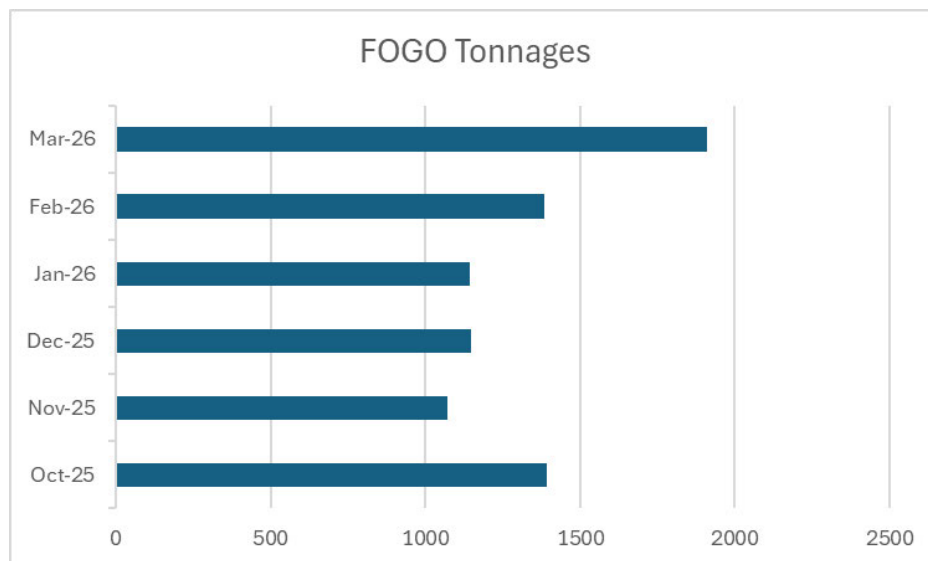
With approximately 266,000 scheduled collections, January's 1,016 missed services equate to 0.38%. This indicates overall service reliability remains high.

| Domestic Waste | Additional Bin Requests | Lid Replacement | Wheel Replacement | Stolen Bins | Damaged/ Replaced Bins | New Services | Missed Services |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| October | 42 | 43 | 27 | 60 | 107 | 23 | 621 |
| November | 46 | 55 | 31 | 57 | 161 | 19 | 683 |
| December | 25 | 49 | 30 | 74 | 136 | 16 | 794 |
| January | 33 | 63 | 44 | 100 | 186 | 20 | 1016 |
| February | 27 | 66 | 44 | 91 | 194 | 17 | 706 |
| March | 34 | 90 | 39 | 154 | 209 | 15 | 835 |

Food Organics and Garden Organics

The Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO – green lidded bin) service continues to perform strongly, with minimal contamination recorded. The material collected is predominantly garden organics which account for 96.76% of the total FOGO composition. Since the implementation, FOGO service has significantly reduced the volume of garden organic material entering the domestic waste (red lidded bin) stream.

Monthly Tonnage Collection



The FOGO tonnage chart above shows:

- October 2025: High tonnages likely reflecting spring garden maintenance.

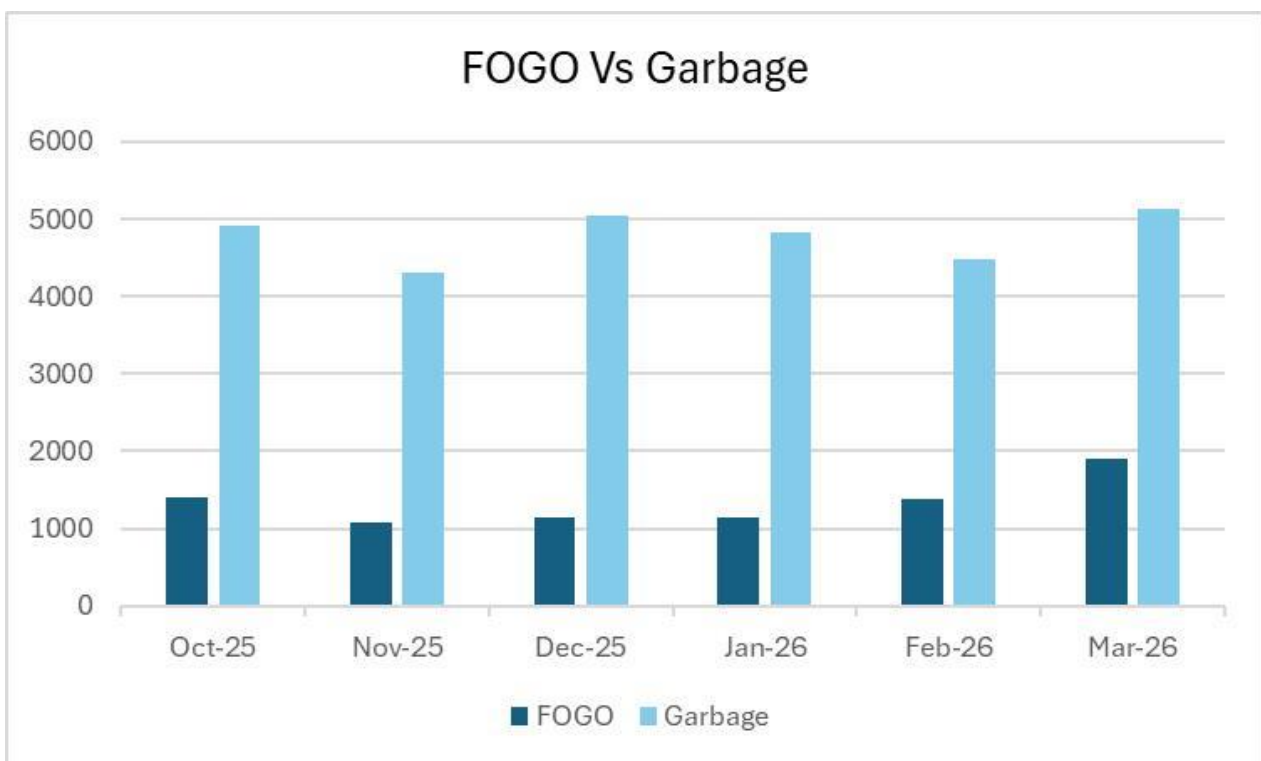
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- November–December 2025: Likely associated with reduced green waste as a transition into summer.
- January 2026: Suggesting household maintenance during the holiday period.
- February 2026: Suggests late-summer garden.
- March 2026: Highest recorded FOGO tonnage for the period, suggesting end of summer garden maintenance.

FOGO vs Garbage Comparison



The above FOGO vs Garbage chart demonstrates the separation between organic and general waste.

- Garbage tonnages remain significantly higher than FOGO across all months.
- FOGO tonnages are averaging roughly 20–30% of garbage volumes depending on the month.
- Diversion of FOGO indicates that there is a reduction of garden waste from the domestic waste (red) bin.

Kerbside Recycling

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Council's kerbside recycling service (yellow bin) is provided for the collection of recyclable materials. The following data outlines the tonnage of the various waste streams collected between October and March 2026.

| Items Collected | Paper/Cardboard (co-mingled) | Glass | Mixed Plastic | Steel | Aluminium | Other | Total co-mingled Tonnes |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 2025 | | | | | | | |
| October | 841.34 | 336.56 | 53.27 | 30.70 | 1.40 | 138.77 | 1401.76 |
| November | 642.56 | 257.05 | 40.68 | 23.45 | 1.07 | 105.99 | 1070.58 |
| December | 689.99 | 276.02 | 43.68 | 25.18 | 1.15 | 113.81 | 1149.6 |
| 2026 | | | | | | | |
| January | 686.45 | 274.60 | 43.46 | 25.05 | 1.14 | 113.23 | 1143.7 |
| February | 830.24 | 332.13 | 52.56 | 30.29 | 1.38 | 136.94 | 1383.28 |
| March | 1145.97 | 458.43 | 72.55 | 41.81 | 1.91 | 189.02 | 1909.32 |
| TOTAL | 4836.55 | 1934.79 | 306.2 | 176.48 | 8.05 | 797.76 | 8058.24 |

Over the 6-month reporting period, a total of 8,058.24 tonnes of recyclable materials were diverted from landfill, including:

- 4,836.55 tonnes of paper/cardboard
- 1,934.79 tonnes of glass

Landfill Diversion – Recycling Collection Service

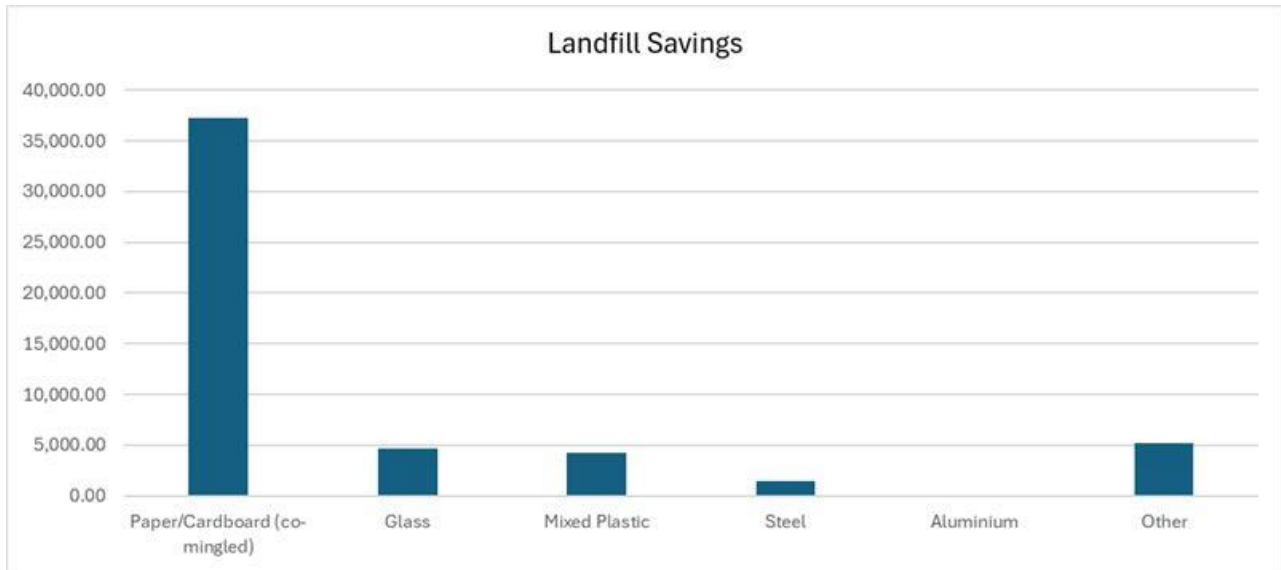
The graph below shows the estimated volume of landfill space saved, measured in cubic metres (m³), through materials diverted to Council's fortnightly kerbside recycling collection service.

The data shows that paper and cardboard represent the largest contribution to landfill diversion by volume, followed by glass and mixed plastics. Smaller volumes are generated through the diversion of steel, aluminium and other recyclable materials.

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In December, Council provides an additional recycling collection service to residents. As a result, residents can present 3 bins on the kerbside for collection on the day – domestic waste, recycling and FOGO – rather than the usual 2 bins.

This additional service can also lead to footpath congestion, particularly in areas with high levels of kerbside parking. This can reduce accessibility for collection vehicles and may result in an increased risk of missed bins where access is restricted.

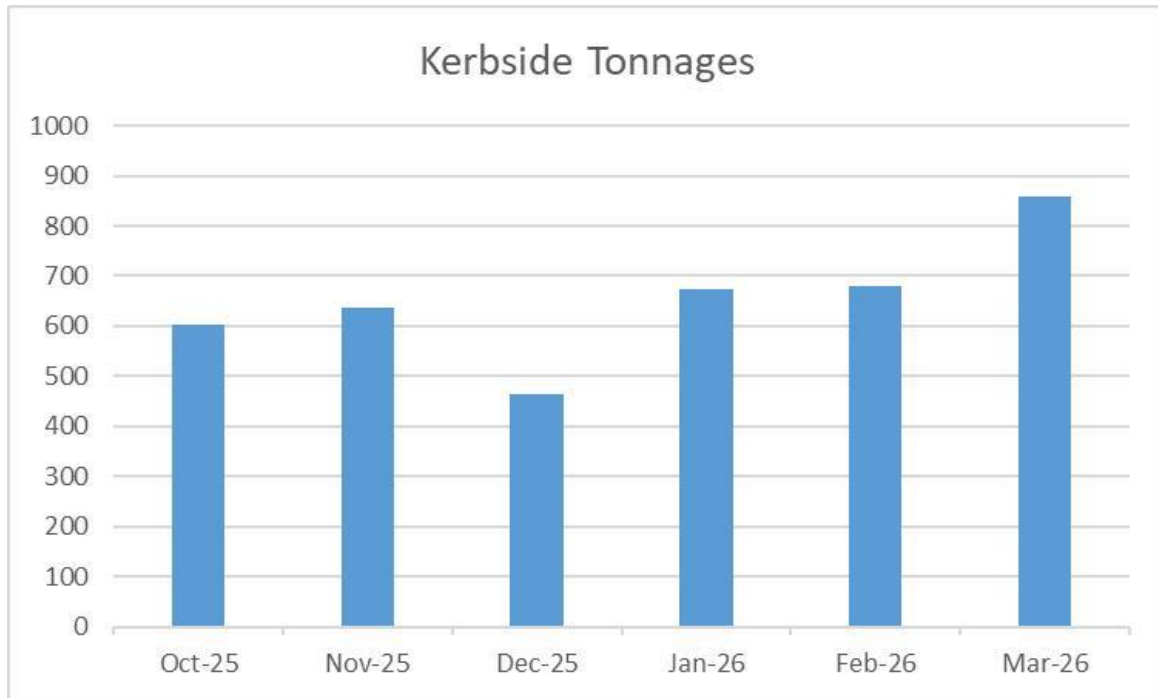
Kerbside Book-in Clean-Up Service

Council's kerbside book-in clean-up service provides residents with an option to dispose of bulky household items that are not suited for disposal in the 240L red, yellow or green bin service. The following graph outlines service activity for the kerbside book-in clean-up service for the October 2025 to March 2026 period.

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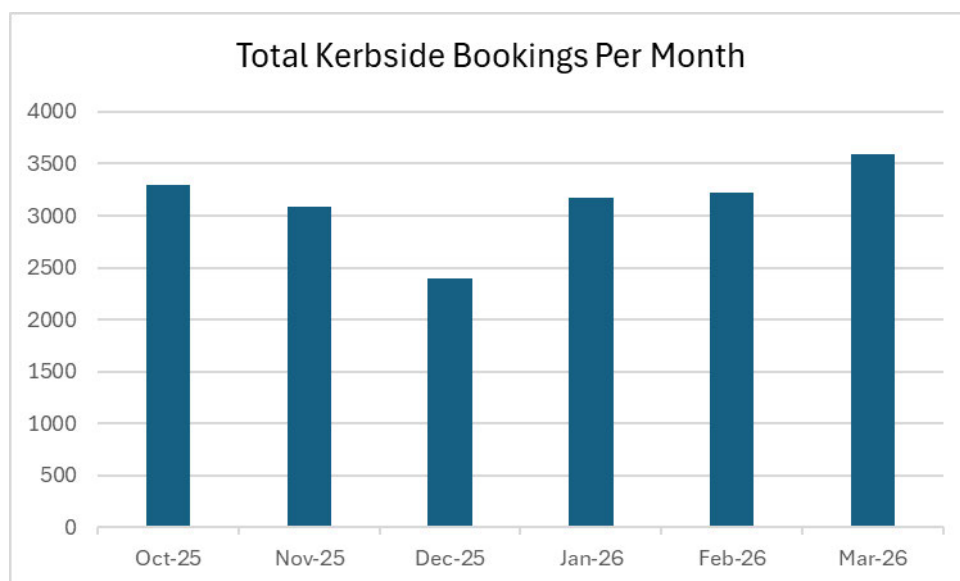
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The clean-up service did not operate during the Council shutdown period from 22 December 2025 to 5 January 2026. Despite this, the clean-up service continues to demonstrate strong community uptake, as reflected in the volume of material collected over the period.

Bookings for the service are made through Council's website, with customer service support available via the call centre for residents requiring assistance with the booking process.

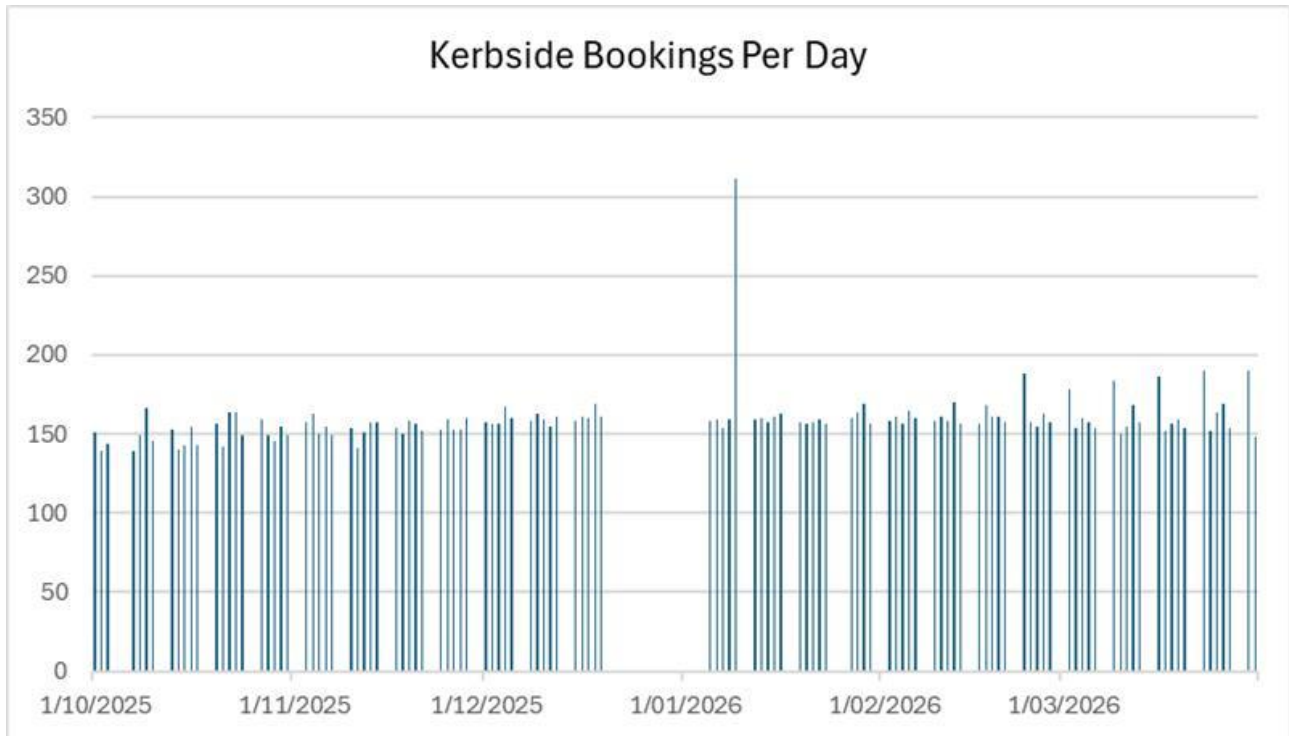
The below tables show the number of bookings per month and number of bookings per day.



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Recycling Drop-Off Centre

Council operates the Recycling Drop Off Centre every Saturday for residents to safely dispose of hard-to-dispose waste items not suited to the 3-bin (red lid, yellow lid and FOGO green lid) system or within the kerbside book-in clean-up service.

The following tables show the total number of visitors at the Recycling Drop-off Centre and kilograms collected from October 2025 to March 2026.

- Garden waste – largest proportion of visits (38.2%).
- Paper and cardboard – (18%) and electronic items (13.2%) were also high use.
- Hazardous and specialist items such as motor oil, gas bottles and car batteries collectively represented a smaller share of visits.

| Type of Waste | Number of Visits: October to March 2026 |
|---------------------|---|
| Garden waste | 2107 |
| Electronic items | 728 |
| Green waste Voucher | 346 |
| Metal items | 453 |
| Bottles and cans | 31 |
| Motor Oil | 576 |
| Paper and cardboard | 996 |
| Gas Bottles | 156 |
| Car Batteries | 127 |
| Total Visits | 5520 |

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| Item | Quantity (kgs) |
|--------------|----------------|
| Motor Oil | 12,609 |
| Gas bottles | 2,736 |
| E-waste | 10,230 |
| Green waste | 442,520 |
| TOTAL | 468,095 |

Street Cleaning

Council operates 3 street sweepers to help keep litter and grit off local streets and prevent debris from entering the drainage system. This structured approach supports consistent service delivery across the Local Government Area (LGA).

Council's street sweeping program covers over 1,072 kilometres of kerb and gutter, excluding additional cleaning requirements for roundabouts and traffic islands. Areas with higher levels of pedestrians and vehicle activity continue to receive targeted attention, including manual litter picking where required to supplement mechanised sweeping.

Parked vehicles can reduce the effectiveness of mechanised street sweeping and this challenge is likely to increase over time. Council continues to manage this issue through programmed scheduling and targeted cleaning efforts to maintain service standards. The program also incorporates:

- Cleaning of traffic islands and roundabouts
- Weed spraying across all areas of the community

Together, these activities support clean, safe and well-maintained streets throughout the LGA.

Images below showcase examples of traffic islands cleaned as part of Council's street cleaning program.

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To ensure thorough and consistent coverage, 55 detailed sweeping maps have been developed for the 27 suburbs serviced across Fairfield City. These maps guide the scheduled sweeping program, using this structured mapping approach, Council can maintain consistent and systematic service delivery across all areas of the LGA.

Below is a sample of 1 of our sweeping maps.

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Waste Enforcement

Council participates in the Western Sydney Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Squad. The RID Squad enables investigations into illegal dumper activities that span 2 or more Western Sydney councils, as well as addressing localised spot dumping incidents.

Western Sydney Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Squad

Between October 2025 and March 2026, a total of 568 illegal dumping incidents were reported and investigated through the RID Squad.

- 3 incidents currently have regulatory action pending
- 2 incidents remain under investigation
- 22 offenders or landowners have completed clean-ups, with no further enforcement action required.

Council Waste Enforcement Group (WEG)

Between October 2025 to March 2026, the WEG addressed a total of 1,820 illegal dumping incidents reported through Council's Customer Request Management System (CRM) and patrol reports.

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During this period:

- 25 infringement notices were issued for illegal dumping offences
- A total of \$17,000.00 in fines were imposed

Illegal Dumping – Asbestos Clean-Up (EPA Cost Recovery)

Council has successfully secured cost recovery funding from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for the clean-up and removal of illegally dumped asbestos.

The funding was approved under the EPA's mechanisms for addressing unlawful disposal of asbestos waste.

Funding has been received for the following incident:

- 15 December 2025 – Removal of illegally dumped asbestos
Approved funding: \$19,472.20

Waste Projects and Education

Educational Workshops

Council delivered a series of educational workshops tailored to a range of audience groups across the LGA. The workshops provided participants with practical and valuable insights into effective waste management practices, with the focus on:

- Correct waste separation
- Understanding and using the 3-bin bin waste system
- The fundamentals of worm farming

These sessions aim to build environmental awareness, encourage behaviour change and support improved waste practices within the community from an early age.

Sessions conducted:

| Audience Group | Number of Session | Number of attendees |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Schools (preschool, childcare centres, primary schools and high schools) | 7 | 153 |

Community Engagement

During the reporting period, Council participated in 2 community engagement events.

Clean Up Australia Day

Council organised and delivered a community Clean Up Australia Day event along Prospect Creek, at the end of Fairfield Adventure Park. The Council-run site attracted 50 volunteers, who collectively removed over 29 bags of litter, tyres, tables and chairs.

In addition to Council's coordinated clean-up, the National Clean Up Australia Day program attracted a total of 5 businesses and 31 community groups registering clean-up sites across the LGA.



Permission granted to publish photographs.

SES Open Day

Council participated in the SES Open Day held at Cabra-Vale Headquarters, engaging directly with community members through an information stall. The stall provided a range of waste-related educational resources and information and staff responded to general waste and recycling enquiries.

Grants

Illegal Dumping Grant

Council has successfully secured \$20,000.00 in funding under the NSW EPA's Illegal Dumping Prevention Program. The grant will enable Council to establish Illegal Dumping baseline data over a 12-month period. The project will complement and strengthen the existing Western Sydney Rid Squad program by creating a consistent and integrated dataset and align Council's Customer Request Management system (CRM) with EPA's RID Online system.

Litter Prevent Plan and Litter Prevention Roadmap

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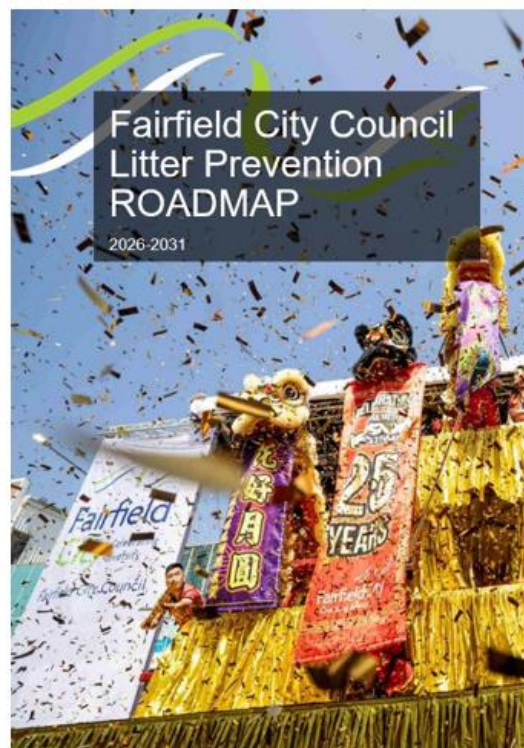
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Council successfully secured an \$80,000.00 grant through the NSW EPA's Litter Prevention Grants Program to develop a Litter Prevention Plan and Roadmap. Over the past 10 months, Council undertook a whole-of Council review of existing litter practices and activities across the LGA. This review provided a better understanding of current approaches, identified gaps and highlighted opportunities for improvement.

The resulting Litter Prevention Plan 2026-2031 sets out a coordinated, long-term approach for litter prevention across the LGA. It is supported by cross-departmental collaboration and engagement with key external stakeholders, ensuring a shared and consistent approach to litter prevention.

The accompanying Litter Prevention Roadmap translates the Plan into action by outlining priority initiatives, timeframes and responsibilities. It provides a practical framework to deliver priority actions over the 5-year period, supporting measurable litter reduction outcomes.



Other Resource Recovery Initiatives

Household Batteries

Council's household batteries and mobile phone collection program continues to provide a well utilised disposal option for the Community. By offering conveniently located drop-off points at the Administration Centre, libraries and leisure centres, the program supports safe disposal practices.

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During the reporting period, a total of 453.26 kilograms of household batteries were collected.

Nitrous Oxide Recovery

The illegal dumping of nitrous oxide canisters 'nangs' continues to present significant challenges across the city, particularly in relation to public safety concerns, environmental impacts and costly clean-ups in our streets and parks. Illegally dumped nitrous oxide canisters are collected and transported to Liverpool Community Recycling Centre for safe disposal.

During the reporting period Council collected 3,596 nitrous oxide canisters, weighing approximately 17,980 kilograms, resulting in an estimated disposal cost saving of \$106,981.00.

Council's disposal approach remains a critical mitigation measure.



CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

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Glenn Meehan
**Manager Waste and Cleansing
Operations**

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 3 - Asset Management - Civil and Built

FILE NUMBER: 19/15433

REPORT BY: Zahid Hassan, Asset Manager Civil and Built

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 2 Places and Infrastructure* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

The Civil and Built Branch within the Asset Management Division ensures that community assets (including buildings, drainage, roads and street lighting) are maintained to an agreed standard as outlined within Council's adopted Asset Management Plans. Council undertakes regular condition inspections to identify and prioritise required maintenance and renewal works.

The Branch also performs the statutory role of Road Authority, administering Road Opening Permits, Road and Footpath Occupancy Permits and Vehicular Crossing (Driveway) approvals.

This report provides an overview of key activities and highlights delivered during Quarter 3 of the 2025–2026 financial year (January–March 2026).

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS - Quarter 3

2025–2026 Operational Plan – Renewal Major Programs, Major Restoration and Maintenance Works

1. Road and Car Park Renewal Projects

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As part of the Quarter 2 adjustments to the 2025–2026 Operational Plan, 8 new projects have been incorporated into the current program. The majority of these works involve road restoration to be undertaken by Council on behalf of utility providers following completion of their infrastructure works. This includes:

- MPUR2670 – Milner Avenue and Old Wallgrove Road (from Oakdale Close to Council’s boundary), which incorporates Ausconnex and brine pipeline works. All pavement designs have been completed and issued for implementation.
- MPCPR2607 – Wetherill Park Reserve Car Park has been added as a new project. Detailed drawings for line marking and wheel stopper installation have been completed and issued for implementation.
- MPCPR2605 – Endeavour Sports Reserve Car Park (near Baragoola Street) has been added as a new project. Detailed line marking designs have been completed and issued for implementation.

Progress of Road Renewal Projects



Resurfacing – MPRR2643 – Maud Street and Baragoola Street - from Thorney Road to Kambala Crescent



Resurfacing – MPRR2638 – Atherton Street - from Cambewarra Road to Hamersley Street

Progress of Car Park and Traffic Facilities Renewal Projects



Car Park Renewal – MPCR2605 – Endeavour Sports Reserve near Baragoola Street Car Park. Rebuild the base and resurface with hot mix asphalt overlay



MPTFR2618 - Shakespeare Street, Rubber Cushions and Islands between Gower Close and Otway Close

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Progress of Road Related Kerb and gutter Renewal Projects



MPRR2653 - The Horsley Drive - from Justin Street to O'Connell Street



MPRR2665 – Fairfield Street from Mandarin Street to Matthews Street

Other Activities:

2. Bridge Maintenance works:

- A prioritised list of bridges requiring maintenance has been developed and issued for implementation in the 2025–2026 financial year.
- Prioritisation is based on condition assessments, risk profiling, and lifecycle considerations.
- Program focuses on maintaining safety, functionality, and extending asset life.
- Includes works such as structural repairs, protective treatments, joint and bearing maintenance and minor rehabilitation.
- Aims to address defects early, prevent further deterioration, and reduce the need for major renewal works.

3. Design work completed:

- Standard Drawing S7 (Joint Specification) - Council has completed a standard that sets out how joints between concrete elements (like footpaths and roads) should be constructed to ensure durability, reduce cracking, and improve quality.
- Standard Drawing S3 (Pavement Restoration) - Council has updated the standard for how roads must be reinstated after excavation works (eg. after utilities dig up the road), ensuring better long-term performance and consistency.

Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan– Renewal Program Preparation and Planning Activities:

4. Site inspections and scoping have been completed across all project sites, including set-out and marking of works, to support the finalisation of the Draft 2026–2027 Operational Plan. This forward planning process aims to minimise future budget adjustments and improve the accuracy of cost estimates in line with proposed budgets.

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5. The price schedule for all road and car park renewal projects is currently being prepared to support a Special Tender process for asphalt works associated with the 2026–2027 Road Renewal Program.
6. RFQ 130-26 – Road Pavement Investigation and Testing for the Draft Works Program 2026–2027 has commenced.
7. A list of projects requiring detailed design for implementation under the Operational Plan has been provided to the Design Section as part of forward planning.

Funding applications to access Government Grants:

An application has been submitted for \$50,000.00 under the Recreational Fishing Trust Fund to support the design and construction of the Lansvale Park Fishing Platform. The grant aims to improve recreational fishing infrastructure, enhance community access to waterways and promote sustainable fishing opportunities across local areas.

External Stakeholder Projects within the Fairfield Local Government Area:

The Civil and Built Branch has reviewed and provided technical comments on a range of external stakeholder matters, including project planning proposals, construction plans, insurance claims, design proposals and Local Activity Applications.

- Development Applications (DAs) reviewed:
 - DA 25/2025 - 896 Woodville Road Villawood
 - DA 278/2025 - Canley Heights Kiosk
 - DA 139/2025 – 72, Canley Vale Road
- State Significant Development reviewed:
 - SSD 63741210 - 3-5 Johnston Cres, Horsley Park - NEXTDC S4 Data Centre
- Local Activity Applications reviewed:
 - LA 1/2026 - Australia Day Celebration at Adams Park
 - LA 2/2026 - Lunar New Year Celebration at Canley Heights
 - LA 4/2026 - Fairfield Cup
 - LA 10/2026 - Lao New Year Festival
- Designs reviewed:
 - Transport for NSW – The Horsley Drive Upgrade (100% detailed design)
 - Transport for NSW – Vine Street, Weston Street and Bertha Street Intersection Upgrade (traffic signal design)
 - TM814 – Canley Vale Road/Brisbane Road Roundabout (design phase)
 - Fairfield Showground Community and Events Centre (final tender drawings – civil and landscape)
 - Lansvale Fishing Platform (design and planning stage)
 - BRL1379 – Salisbury Road (from Derria Street to Wyong Street) Resurfacing (design phase)

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- Commercial insurance inspections and reports:
 - 10 commercial insurance claims inspected and reported on during the quarter
 - 6 claims related to footpath
 - 4 claims related to road conditions, including potholes
- Request for Tender and Quotation Evaluation:
 - RFT 105-26 - Provision of Stormwater Drainage Cleaning
 - RFQ 111-18 - Open Space Asset Revaluation
- Site Handover Inspection:
 - Completed site handover inspection for Mimosa Road Detention Basin, with a defects list developed and provided for rectification.
- Dam Safety Compliance:
 - Council completed a practical emergency exercise for 6 high consequence category dams, as required under the Dams Safety Regulation 2019.
 - Water Technology was engaged to facilitate the exercise.
- As part of the implementation of a national automated access system, a Data Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been executed with Transport for NSW to formalise Council's participation in providing bridge structure data. This initiative aims to automate access decisions, reduce processing time and administrative costs, minimise regulatory burden and provide greater certainty for industry while supporting improved vehicle investment decisions.

The Civil and Built Branch will continue to review project planning proposals and construction plans for major external stakeholder projects within the Local Government Area.

Statutory Reports

Council is required to undertake statutory reporting in relation to its assets and associated expenditures. The following reports have been completed and submitted during the reporting period:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Quarterly Report.
- Quarterly Roads to Recovery Program Report submitted to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts.

Building Renewal Program

The Building Renewal Program focuses on addressing asset components in poor condition (conditions 4 and 5) across the Fairfield Local Government Area. This program ensures that community buildings such as community halls, childcare centres, leisure centres, libraries and council administration facilities are maintained to a high standard, remaining safe, functional and accessible for public use.

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Projects under this program are systematically planned and prioritised to align with Council's Asset Management Plans, supporting the ongoing delivery of essential community services.

Projects completed include:

- Cabramatta Community Centre - façade renewals.
- 76 Chifley St, Smithfield - fencing replacement.
- Wetherill Park Early Learning Centre - shade sails renewals.
- Fairfield Library - brick wall repairs.
- Prairiewood Leisure Centre - Gym flooring replacement.

Additional initiatives completed:

- Cabramatta Community Hall - New air conditioning installation

Building and Facilities Renewal Program



Figure 1 – Flaking and worn façade before works at the Cabramatta Community Centre.



Figure 2 – After façade works completed.



Figure 3 – 76 Chifley Street Smithfield before fencing replacement.



Figure 4 – After fencing replacement.

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Building and Facilities Renewal Program



Figure 5 – Wetherill Park ELC shade sails before replacement.



Figure 6 – Wetherill Park ELC shade sails after replacement.



Figure 7 – PLC Gym flooring before.



Figure 8 – PLC Gym flooring after.

Project Handover and Capitalisation

The project completion and financial capitalisation handover for the 2025/2026 financial year have been finalised as of 31 March 2026, with a total value of \$11.1 million.

SERVICE SUMMARY

The following statistics provide an overview of the day-to-day functions of the Civil and Built Branch. These activities also generate revenue for Council.

| Types | Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar) 2025 | Quarter 4 (Apr-Jun) 2025 | Quarter 1 (Jul-Sep) 2025 | Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec) 2025 | Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar) 2026 |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Driveway Inspections | | | | | |
| Applications Stage 1 | 129 | 114 | 133 | 117 | 114 |
| Applications Stage 2 | 84 | 89 | 117 | 98 | 93 |
| Formwork Initial Inspections | 107 | 110 | 85 | 102 | 87 |
| Formwork Final Inspections | 125 | 109 | 98 | 84 | 102 |
| Bond Release | 18 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 2 |
| Roads, Footpath and Restoration Works | | | | | |
| Road Reserve Clearance Certificate | 48 | 58 | 61 | 72 | 52 |

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| Types | Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar) 2025 | Quarter 4 (Apr-Jun) 2025 | Quarter 1 (Jul-Sep) 2025 | Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec) 2025 | Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar) 2026 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Concrete Restoration Work | 80 | 75 | 127 | 54 | 85 |
| Asphalt Restoration Work | 14 | 13 | 30 | 4 | 10 |
| Restoration work scoping - Utility companies | 94 | 87 | 160 | 11 | 1 |
| Quality Sign Off - Sydney water restoration | 35 | 16 | 70 | 21 | 25 |
| Permits, Approvals and Asset Protection | | | | | |
| Road/Footpath Occupancy Permit | 10 | 4 | 13 | 7 | 11 |
| Road Opening Permit | 18* | 17* | 46* | 24* | 18* |
| Hoarding Permit | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Land Access Notification | 89 | 103 | 121 | 83 | 83 |

**There is an expected decrease in the number of road opening permit applications as new stormwater outlets are being covered under S.138 applications through the planning portal as they require assessment from our engineering team. Our road opening permit is now being used mainly for Sydney Water meter to mains connections.*

The Civil and Built Branch has also been involved in scoping restoration works and consulting with external stakeholders on major infrastructure projects, including:

- CoNEXA Proposed Recycled Water Pipeline Project
 - Council approval for road opening permits is currently in progress to facilitate potholing investigations, with one permit issued to date.
- NEXTDC S4 Data Centre Project - Horsley Park
 - Council has approved 3 road opening permits to facilitate potholing investigations.
 - Applications for Hoarding Permit B and airspace occupation (site shed) are currently under assessment.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Civil and Built Branch continues to undertake comprehensive condition assessments across Council's infrastructure assets. These assessments play a key role in informing the development and ongoing refinement of Council's Asset Management Plans, ensuring that maintenance and renewal programs are aligned with the actual condition and performance of assets.

| Condition Inspections | Quarter 4 (Apr-Jun) 2025 | Quarter 1 (Jul-Sep) 2025 | Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec) 2025 | Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar) 2026 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Footpaths | 5 km | 1 km | 2 km | 2 km |
| Kerb and Gutters | 3 km | 1 km | 2 km | 3 km |
| Car Parks | 10 | 5 | 6 | 10 |
| Bridges | 20 | 54 | 5 | 5 |

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| Condition Inspections | Quarter 4 (Apr-Jun) 2025 | Quarter 1 (Jul-Sep) 2025 | Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec) 2025 | Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar) 2026 |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Road Furniture (excludes Traffic Signs, Bus shelters) | 37 | 20 | 1,200 | 10 |
| Road Signs | 15 | 10 | 10 | 12 |
| Stormwater Pits | 60 | 20 | 50 | 15 |
| Concrete lined Open Channels | 3 km | 7 km | 2 km | 2 km |
| Detention basins | - | - | - | 6 |
| Roads | 2 km | 2 km | 3 km | 5 km |

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

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Asset Manager Civil and Built

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 3 - Children and Family Services

FILE NUMBER: 18/18762

REPORT BY: Sherean Michael, Manager Children and Family Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 1 Community Wellbeing* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the Children and Family Services (CFS) Division from January to March 2026 reporting period.

Since 1975, CFS has played a significant role in supporting children and families across the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA). As the largest not-for-profit provider in the region, CFS delivers a diverse range of high-quality and affordable early education and care services, including centre-based care, supported playgroups, Family Day Care (FDC) and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) services. CFS continues to evolve and expand, guided by a strong commitment to quality, access and community wellbeing.

Best Start Education and Care Services consists of:

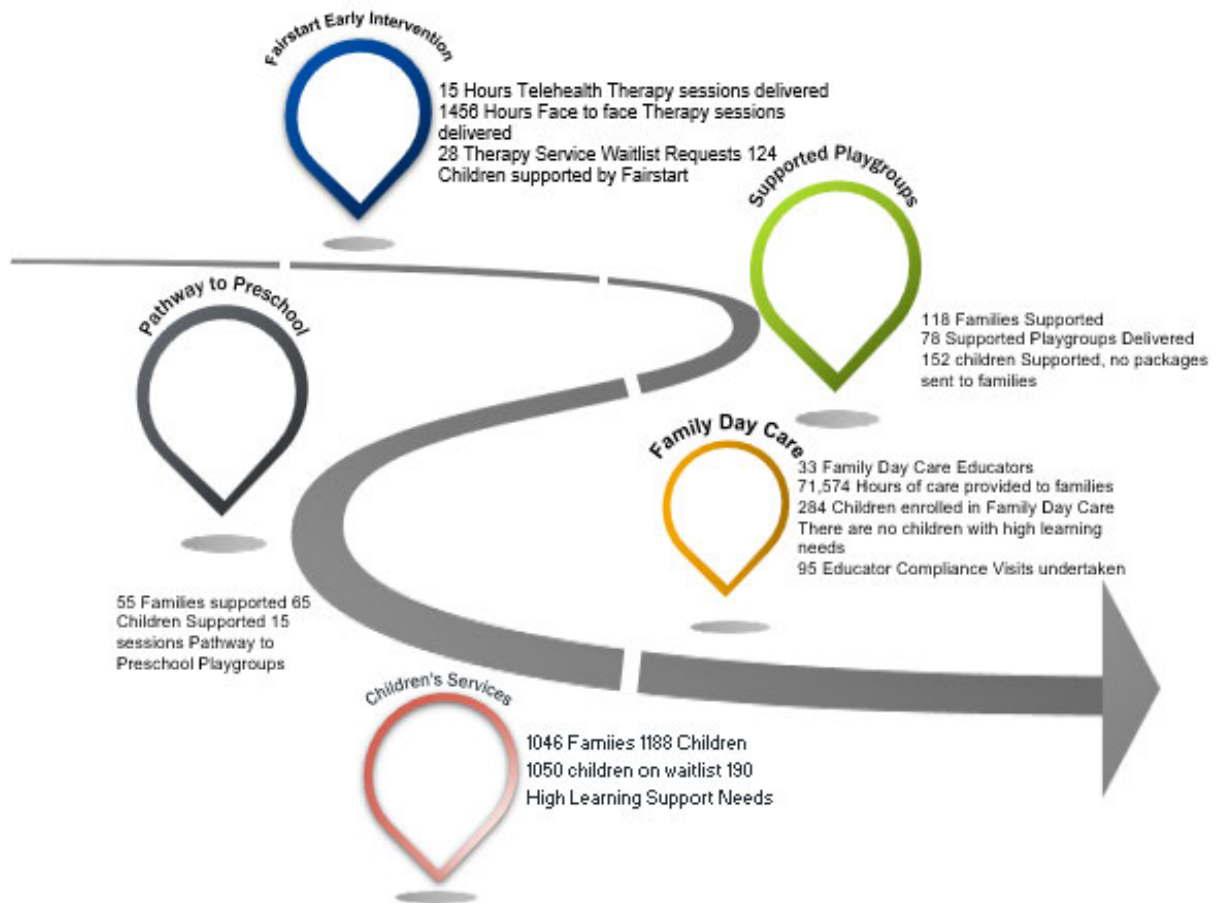
- 4 Long Day Care services
- 4 Preschool services
- 2 Mobile Preschools
- 5 Multipurpose services (provides both preschool and long day care places)
- 1 Family Day Care scheme

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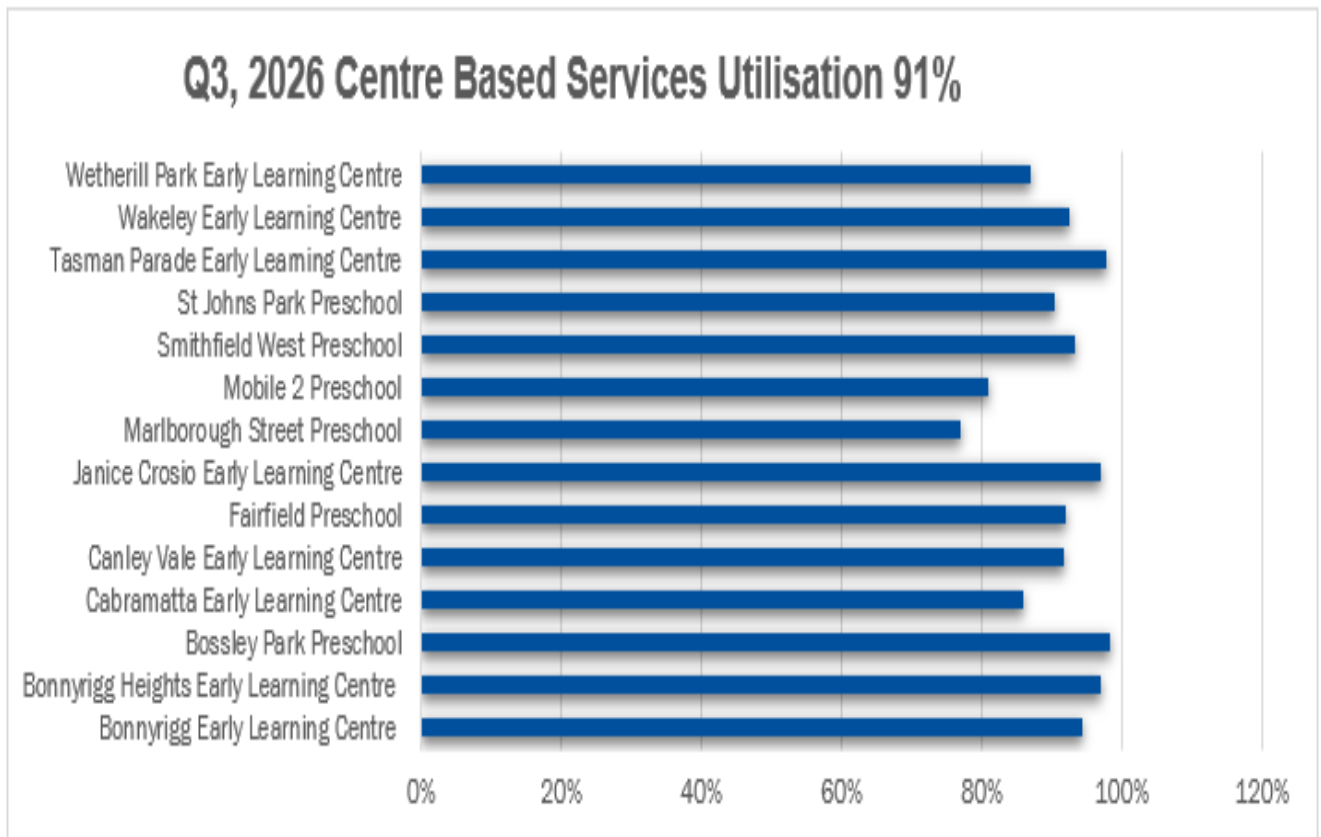
The below pathway summary demonstrates the interconnected support that gives Fairfield City's little people the best start in life.



During the reporting period from January to March 2026, the Council's Best Start Early Education and Care Services maintained an average occupancy rate of 91%, representing a 5% increase compared to the same period in 2025. Preschool places continued to demonstrate higher utilisation rates compared to Long Day Care (LDC). However, the implementation of the Federal Government's Three Day Guarantee, introduced in January 2026, has led to a shift in preferences, with families increasingly favouring LDC and Family Day Care.

A total of 33 Family Day Care educators provided care to 284 children, an increase of 11 children from the same period in the previous year. This trend reflects evolving care preferences supported by funding improvements that better meet families' needs and expand available education and care options.

The following table provides a breakdown of each service's occupancy rate for Quarter 3.



During the quarter, 10 Early Learning Services maintained utilisation rate of 90% or higher.

FAIRSTART

Fairstart Early Intervention comprises Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Specialist Teachers and additional support professionals collaborating to provide children in Fairfield with the best start. The NDIS service offers support to children up to the age of 9 years.

In Quarter 3, Fairstart Early Intervention provided 1,456 hours of face-to-face intervention sessions and 15 hours of telehealth therapy sessions to 124 clients. Currently, there are 28 NDIS requests on the Therapy Services waitlist, all of which have NDIS approval. Additional requests are from clients awaiting NDIS funding approval.

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

Fairfield-Liverpool Supported Playgroups (the Playgroups) is a targeted family early-intervention program funded by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice under the Wellbeing and Safety Stream. Council has received funding to deliver this program to the Fairfield and Liverpool community for the further 5 years. The project provides support to vulnerable children and families.

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During this quarter, 152 children attended the sessions and 118 families were supported, many of whom sought assistance to enhance their children's social, emotional and age-appropriate development. Support was delivered through 78 structured playgroup sessions delivered across Fairfield and Liverpool LGAs, information sharing, referral pathways and targeted presentations. The service also facilitated connections to health and NDIS services and provided families with current, research-based strategies to support positive parenting practices.

The Start Strong Pathways Program, funded by the Department of Education, has been successful in its application to extend the program for an additional 12 months until December 2026. The program aims to:

- Support the engagement of children too young to receive a preschool education, who are 0-3 years, in an early year's education program that provides culturally and developmentally appropriate activities.
- Support access to a preschool setting with an approved early childhood education and care service.
- Promote the importance of early education to parents.

The program continues to deliver a range of play-based engagement sessions that support families to understand the importance of early learning in the years prior to school. These sessions also assist families to identify early learning services available within their local community and to understand pathways for accessing them. The play-based sessions provide children with opportunities to participate in educational experiences while waiting for, or transitioning into, centre-based early learning programs.

Assessment and Rating of Services against the National Quality Standard

During this quarter, Canley Vale Early Learning Centre and Bossley Park Preschool participated in Assessment and Rating (A&R) against the 7 National Quality Standards.

The Early Years Commission has initiated a partial assessment and rating process, focusing on a select subset of the National Quality Standard (NQS) quality areas, specifically 4 out of the total 7, commencing in 2024.

Canley Vale ELC and Bossley Park Preschool were assessed across 4 quality areas. Service providers can nominate 1 quality area for assessment and the regulatory authority determines the remaining 3 areas based on its knowledge of the service.

Canley Vale ELC has received an **Exceeding** rating in all 4 areas in which it was assessed. This achievement elevates the service's rating from Meeting to Exceeding the National Quality Standards.

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In the final report on Canley Vale ELC, the Department of Education noted:

‘Your service is commended on its achievements in providing quality outcomes for children. In particular, an educational program and educator practices that reflect the cultural and community identities of children and families, grounded in shared interests, values, and geographical location. This demonstrates the service’s commitment to maintaining children’s sense of identity. It is recommended that management and educators continue to reflect on current practice to maintain the quality outcomes evident during this assessment and rating process’

Canley Vale ELC is the seventh service to undergo a partial Assessment and Rating with an Exceeding outcome. We also anticipate a similarly positive outcome for Bossley Park Preschool, as the assessing Field Officer remarked on the exceptional quality of the self-assessment and that the service was operating at an Exceeding level.

SERVICE CHANGES

At the November 2024 Ordinary Council meeting (Item 115) Council resolved to make several SIMALTO adjustments to CFS.

Mobile 2 Preschool has successfully expanded its operations, functioning 5 days a week at Cabramatta Public School and Cabravale Leisure Centre. In December 2025, the application was submitted to the Early Years Commission seeking the standalone service licence for Cabravale Preschool. We are currently awaiting a response from the commission regarding this submission.

GRANT UPDATES

1. Community Childcare Fund Capital Support Grants

In October 2024, CFS successfully secured funding through the Community Childcare Fund Capital Support Grants. Council was allocated a total of \$347,396.80 across 9 long day care and multipurpose services over a 2-year period, concluding in June 2026. The implementation of the grant objectives is nearing completion.

Bonnyrigg Early Learning Centre: Renovations to the outdoor play area, sandpit, landscaping, removal of excess sand throughout the garden areas and the renewal of child-safe places and spaces to improve supervision.

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Wakeley Early Learning Centre: Installation of Café Blinds. The blinds provide children with an all-weather outdoor play space that can be used comfortably throughout the year. This area also supports small-group times and helps meet the sensory needs of children who may become overstimulated in the larger indoor play space.



2. Sustainability Grants

Sustainability Grants were awarded to Council in 2024 to improve the service's sustainability and viability. Nine early learning services received a total of \$1,245,449.00 over a 2-year period. These grants will conclude in June 2026, coinciding with the completion of the final projects, which are presently being prepared for delivery and implementation across the respective services.

During this quarter, the Project Team has commenced the 'Ways to Play' sessions across 4 libraries: Whitlam, Fairfield, Bonnyrigg and Wetherill Park with 3 sessions delivered at each location. These sessions provide information for families, including resources and ideas to support play at home, as well as access to useful websites offering translated information on healthy eating, physical activity and child development. Families are also supported with enrolment enquiries during these sessions.

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Furthermore, the Project Team has been proactively engaging with the community. This includes visits to Navitas Fairfield and Cabramatta through the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP), where discussions were conducted with program officers and promotional materials were distributed. Additional engagement efforts comprise attending 54 Reasons playgroup sessions and participating in local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meetings.

These initiatives have contributed to increased enrolments and improved utilisation across the early learning services and preschools.

3. Future Grants

In February 2026, the Federal Government released the Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) Round 5 - Capital Support and Sustainability Support Grants.

The funding helps early childhood education and care (ECEC) services in areas experiencing disadvantage or vulnerability stay open. The grant is part of the Community Child Care Fund which helps services address barriers to ECEC participation.

Best Start Education and Care services are eligible for both grant schemes. Council will be notified of the application outcomes in July 2026, with projects expected to start in September 2026.

Capital Support Grants: CFS has submitted applications to the Capital Support Grants for 9 early learning services and 1 Family Day Care service to secure funding for projects currently included in the Asset Management Plans, with a collective amount of \$138,024.80 should the applications be successful.

Sustainability Support Grants: CFS has submitted applications for 9 early learning services and 1 for Family Day Care, requesting funds to support projects aimed at maintaining the sustainability of these services within a competitive Early Education and Care market, with a collective amount of \$6,000,000.00 if approved.

Child Safe Culture

National child safety training is a National Child Safety Reform initiative, mandatory for everybody working or volunteering in an early childhood education and care (ECEC) service regulated under the National Quality Framework (NQF).

Across the Best Start Education and Care services, all educators have successfully completed the mandatory training, including Supported Playgroups staff. Additionally, the Fairstart Early Intervention team is also undertaking the training to ensure best practices are consistent and the Council's Child Safe culture is upheld. Ongoing, staff must complete foundation training once every 2 years.

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 3 - Fairfield City HQ

FILE NUMBER: 21/47387

REPORT BY: Hollie McPherson, Manager Libraries and Museum

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 4 Strong and Resilient Economy* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

Fairfield City HQ

Fairfield City HQ (FCHQ), Council's Community Business Hub, provides community and business spaces, including a co-working space, for start-ups and local small businesses. FCHQ provides networking and programs to support businesses. This report provides a summary of activity from January to March 2026.

Visitations

Visitations to FCHQ in the quarter was 5,645, a stable rate of visitors to the Hub.

Meeting Room Bookings

There were 386 meeting room and suite bookings. Bookings have increased by 6.9% compared to the previous quarter.

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Hot Desk Bookings

Hot desk bookings have decreased this quarter, with utilisation at 75%. There are currently 27 full-time and 7 part-time bookings versus 38 full-time and 5 part-time in the previous quarter.

FCHQ Facility Utilisation – March 2026



After 5 years of operation, the space is experiencing a natural cycle of transition. Some hirers are moving on as their businesses grow, change direction, or no longer align with the space's original purpose, which was designed to support early-stage and flexible operators.

Feedback from some hirers indicates that current economic conditions are influencing how small businesses utilise hot desk facilities. In response to broader financial pressures, some operators are adjusting their workspace arrangements. These changes reflect wider trends across NSW, where many small enterprises are reassessing their operating models and making more considered decisions about how and where they work.

To continue building momentum and increase visibility, several initiatives are being implemented. These include advertising the space in the next edition of the Fairfield City Business monthly newsletter and working closely with the Economic Development and Fairfield Place teams to activate the space and generate organic promotion through their programs. Together, these actions strengthen awareness and encourage a new wave of users to engage with the hub.

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Programs, Workshops and Events

There was 1 program, workshop and event offered in March with 70 participants.

Program, Workshop and Events Calendar and Highlights

| DATE | EVENT | PARTICIPANTS |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| MARCH | | |
| 25 March | Fairfield Business Networking event | 70 |

Fairfield Business Networking event

The Fairfield Business Networking Event, held on 25 March at Fairfield City HQ, brought together around 70 local business owners and professionals from across the region. The event showcased a strong mix of industries, highlighting the diversity and strength of Fairfield's local business community.

Attendees enjoyed valuable presentations from guest speakers, networking opportunities, meaningful conversations and the chance to build new connections with like-minded professionals. The strong turnout and positive atmosphere reinforced the importance of collaboration and local support in driving business growth in Fairfield City.



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Fairfield City Business Hub Liaison Committee

A meeting of the Fairfield City Business Hub Liaison Committee was held on 5 March 2026 at FCHQ. The committee consists of councillors and business representatives. The Fairfield City Business Hub Liaison Committee provides a forum to explore and connect emerging businesses, start-ups and aspiring businesspeople.

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 3 - Fairfield Showground

FILE NUMBER: 11/01943

REPORT BY: Ross Wilson, Manager Leisure Centres, Showground and Golf Course

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 1 Community Wellbeing* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of Fairfield Showground and the activities conducted on site during January, February and March 2026.

Fairfield Showground is a unique facility of regional significance located in Prairiewood. The Showground plays an important role in the life of both local and regional communities as it hosts a diverse range of activities and events, including weekly markets, major multicultural festivals, environmental shows, hobby groups and sporting events.

Fairfield Showground is a unique multi-purpose indoor-outdoor venue in Sydney's Greater West unlike any other. Since the seventies, we have been the preferred large event venue for festivals, carnivals, markets and club meets attracting as many as 20,000 per day.

We offer event organisers the choice of 10,000sqm of undercover powered exhibition space, our brand new 17,000sqm event space with a 30m x 70m of undercover weatherproof arena or the adjacent function rooms, which are perfect for engagement parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, school reunions and award presentation nights for up to 250 people. Conveniently, we provide off-street free parking for over 600 vehicles.

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Fairfield Showground hosts a full-size FIFA-certified synthetic football pitch, along with a full-size turf field. Ample seating available for sports events and change room facilities are also available.

FESTIVALS

TET FESTIVAL

The 2026 Tet Festival was held at the Fairfield Showground from 20-22 February 2026. Organised by the Vietnamese Community in Australia NSW Chapter Incorporated, the event showcased Vietnamese culture through traditional performances, art and a variety of authentic food. It provided a vibrant, family event that highlighted cultural heritage and brought the community together.



SADAQA PRE RAMADAN EVENT

The Sadaqa Welfare Fund hosted a Pre Ramadan event at the Fairfield Showground on Sunday 8 February 2026, bringing together the community for a vibrant and family friendly day. The event featured a range of attractions, including thrilling rides, lively stalls and a diverse selection of food, gifts and activities catering to all ages. All proceeds from the event were directed towards charitable initiatives, supporting individuals and families in need.

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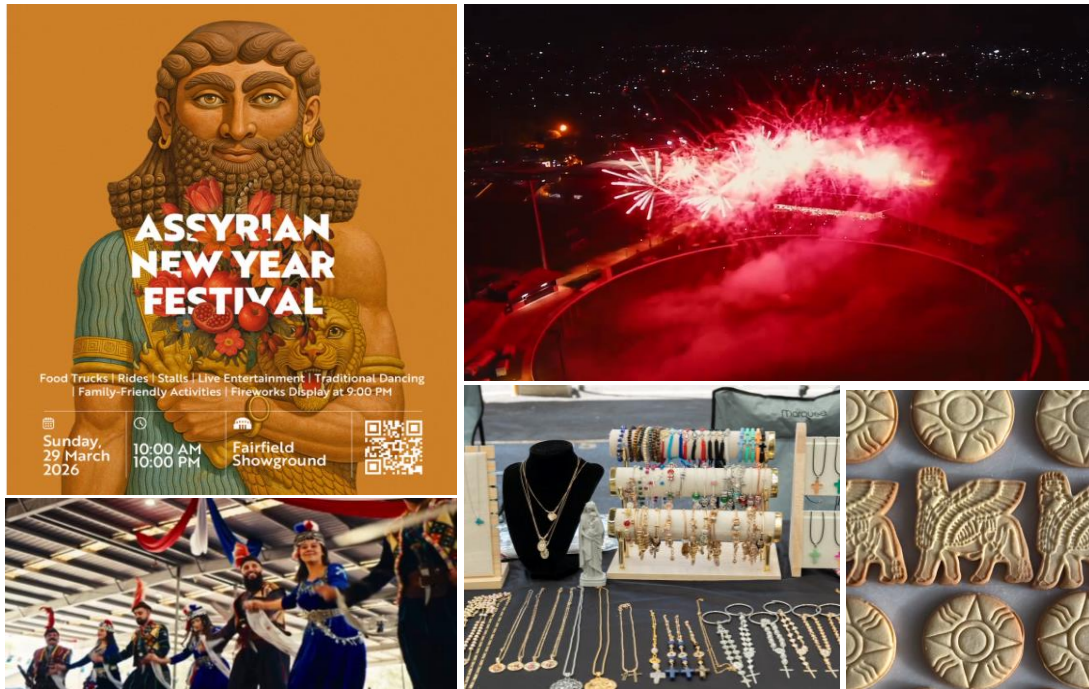
KOI AUCTIONS

The Koi Society of Australia and Australian Koi Association each hosted separate free events at the Showground, both drawing bigger bigger than expected crowds. Both organisations run multiple events throughout the year and remain popular, with strong attendance at each event.



ASSYRIAN NEW YEAR

The Assyrian New Year event was hosted at the Fairfield Showground on Sunday 29 March 2026 with a strong community turnout. The day featured traditional music and dance, along with a variety of food and entertainment. The celebration provided an opportunity to honour heritage and tradition while enjoying a festive gathering with friends and family.



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PARKLANDS FUNCTION CENTRE



The Parklands Function Centre has continued to focus on increasing mid-week visitation and bookings, delivering 4 functions this quarter ranging from small group training sessions to weddings. The centre was closed for part of the period to undertake stair tile upgrades, which limited booking availability.

FAIRFIELD SHOWGROUND SPORTING GROUNDS

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Fairfield Showground's sporting fields were used by a variety of Fairfield clubs, schools and other organisations.

The synthetic field is fully booked out Monday to Friday between 4.00pm – 9.45pm and Saturday 8.00am – 9.00pm. Sundays are now also fully booked by a regular hirer.

Hirers include:

- Macarthur Football Club
- Club Marconi
- Bonnyrigg White Eagles
- Mounties Wanderers
- Westfield Sports High School
- John Edmondson High School
- Southern Districts Soccer Football Association
- Fairfield Bulls
- Fairfield Eagles
- Parramatta Eagles
- White City Soccer Club
- Australian National Sports Club
- Australia Muslim (FANCA) Sports Association

The abovementioned Clubs and Schools have been users of the fields resulting in 105 bookings, with 7,146 players and officials in attendance during this quarter.

Sporting Field Hire Number of Hours during January - March 2025

- Midweek – 253.25 hours
- Weekend – 119.5 hours
- Total Sporting Clubs and Schools = 13

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SYDNEY PICKERS BAZAAR

The Pickers Bazaar is held every Wednesday at the Fairfield Showground between 8.00am to 1.00pm. This is a trash and treasure style market that brings private buyers, sellers and swappers together to haggle over second hand and garage sale style bits and pieces. Customers looking for that special bargain or just simply browsing for a possible hidden treasure there is always something to be found. The Market has become very popular with on average 4,000 people visiting the site every Wednesday. The number of stallholders has steadily increased since opening along with improved customer turnout.



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FAIRFIELD CITY MARKETS

Markets are held at the Showground every Saturday from 9.00am to 4.00pm in the covered area behind the grandstands. These started in 1978 and are now recognised as the third largest and best run markets in the State. Visiting Fairfield Markets is a great way for everyone to support local small businesses. Fairfield Markets has recently introduced a number of new traders selling a variety of products. In addition, the upgrade of the children's rides area and upgraded shade and customer seating areas have provided an area for families to relax and enjoy the market experience.

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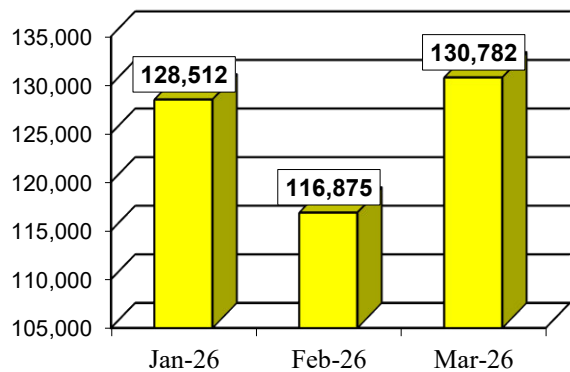


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QUARTERLY INCOME

Markets Income January-March 2026
 \$376,168.00 (13 Weeks)
 Markets Occupancy Rate 84%

Markets Income for Jan - Mar 2026

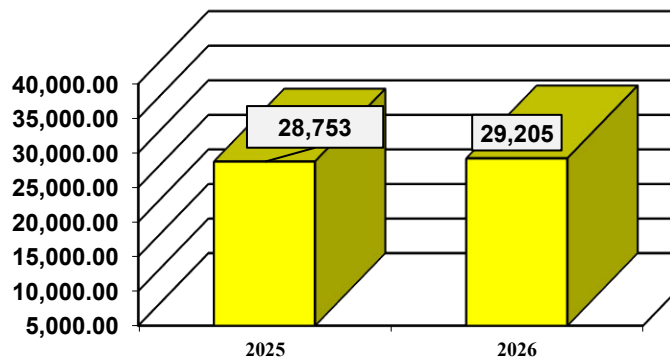


COMPARISON TO 2025

Jan - Mar 2025 - \$370,481.00
 \$28,752.50/week

Jan - Mar 2026 - \$376,168.00
 \$29,205.47/week

Markets Comparison Weekly Average



Markets occupancy rate for the January - March 2026 quarter was 82%. The return by shoppers and stallholders alike is very pleasing.

SHOWGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

2.1m EVENT AREA PATH



The newly constructed 2.1-metre-wide reinforced concrete path around the event area performed very effectively during its first major use at the Fairfield Easter Fair, delivering safe, accessible and efficient pedestrian movement under high-attendance conditions. The path comfortably accommodated 2-way pedestrian flow, supported compliant accessibility and allowed for required Council and emergency vehicle access. Its durable, slip-resistant concrete surface significantly reduced turf damage during bump-in, bump-out and wet-weather conditions, resulting in improved site presentation and reduced post-event remediation.

GATE 14 LIGHTING UPGRADE

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A new light pole with 3 LED lights has now been installed to assist in lighting Gate 14, the synthetic field pedestrian entry, as well as the surrounding car parking area. This upgrade has significantly improved visibility and provides a much safer and more secure access point for all players, parents and visitors, particularly during winter training sessions and evening games. Feedback from both parents and clubs has been very positive, highlighting the improved safety and overall amenity of the area.

FAIRFIELD GOLF COURSE

Fairfield City Golf Course consists of an 18-hole public golf course, which has a driving range, practice putting green, professional shop and adjoining car park. This course is currently rated a par 69 course and is recognised as a valuable recreation resource that is cheap to use, with players of all abilities welcome.



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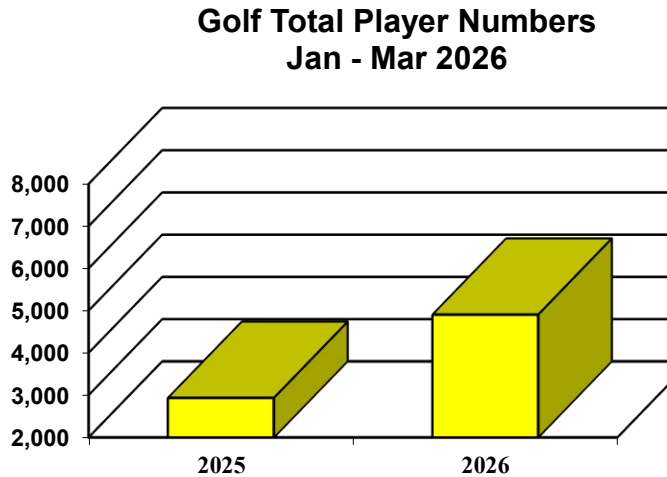
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FAIRFIELD GOLF COURSE PLAYERS

Jan – Mar 2025 – 2,935 (13 weeks)

Jan – Mar 2026 – 4,906 (13 weeks)



The patronage of the golf course in all categories during January – March 2026 was 4,906. Patronage of the Golf Course has been heavily impacted by the condition of the existing greens. A short-term plan to undertake minor renovation of the subject greens was undertaken in late March.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2026

| | |
|----------------|---|
| 2-7/4/2026 | Fairfield Easter Show |
| 11/4/2026 | Australian Koi Association Auction |
| 12/4/2026 | Chaldean League of NSW Incorporated (St Thomas) |
| 15/4/2026 | Citizenship Ceremony |
| 19/4/2026 | Bring It On! Youth Event |
| 26/4/2026 | Bengali Community Event |
| 3/5/2026 | Parrot Breeders Exhibitors Society |
| 14/5/2026 | Future Pathways |
| 16/5/2026 | KOI Society of Australia Auction |
| 24/5/2026 | Volkswagen Nationals |
| 7,8/6/2026 | Fairfield Show |
| 10/6/2026 | Citizenship Ceremony |
| 13/6/2026 | Australian Koi Association Auction |
| 14/6/2026 | Philippine Independence Day Fiesta – Car Show |
| 22 & 26/6/2026 | Fairfield City Council Seniors Tour |
| 28/6/2026 | Moslem Alawy Society Mid-Year Carnival |

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 3 - Leisure Centres

FILE NUMBER: 12/04972

REPORT BY: Ross Wilson, Manager Leisure Centres, Showground and Golf Course

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 1 Community Wellbeing* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

Fairfield City Leisure Centres continue to make a significant contribution to the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) and the broader region by delivering a diverse range of recreation, health and wellbeing programs. These programs are designed to support community members of all ages, from infants through to older adults.

The centres provide accessible, affordable and high-quality services within modern, well-equipped facilities. Offerings include state-of-the-art gymnasiums, a wide variety of group fitness classes, personal training services and accredited learn-to-swim programs. The Leisure Centres as part of Fairfield City Council, comprises 4 key facilities:

- Cabravale Leisure Centre
- Fairfield Leisure Centre
- Prairiewood Leisure Centre (including Aquatopia)
- Fairfield Youth and Community Centre

During January to March 2026 there were 2,477 new gym memberships; 69,318 gym entries; 135,823 pool entries and 23,751 aerobics participants. Activity for each Leisure Centre is outlined below.

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| Activity | Fairfield Leisure Centre | | Prairiewood Leisure Centre | | Cabravale Leisure Centre | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Jan – 27 Mar 2025 | Jan – Mar 2026 | Jan – 27 Mar 2025 | Jan – Mar 2026 | Jan – 27 Mar 2025 | Jan – Mar 2026 |
| Memberships Sold | 713 | 712 | 1,138 | 1,323 | 360 | 442 |
| Gym Entries | 26,796 | 25,452 | 27,585 | 23,806 | 16,394 | 20,060 |
| Pool Entries | 45,222 | 51,242 | 63,758 | 66,010 | 15,743 | 18,571 |
| Aerobics | 5,553 | 4,788 | 12,695 | 13,143 | 4,964 | 5,820 |
| LTS Term 1 | 469 | 429 | 1,631 | 1,611 | 602 | 582 |

The Leisure Centres have assisted many local community organisations by providing free pool entry to Fairfield seniors citizens and residents with a disability.

FREE SENIORS' ENTRY TO FAIRFIELD LEISURE CENTRES

Free entry is available on various days and specific times at all Centres for eligible seniors who reside within the Fairfield Local Government Area.

For this quarter, 13,082 free entries were provided to seniors of the Fairfield LGA.

DISABILITY SUPPORT PENSION (DSP)

Any Fairfield resident in possession of an Australian Government Disability Support Pension concession card or Veteran Affairs (Totally and Permanently Incapacitated) Repatriation Health Card is entitled to free use of the pools at all Fairfield City Leisure Centres.

For this quarter 14,520 free entries to Fairfield City residents who presented with either of the above were provided.

AQUATOPIA

From January to March 2026, a total of **47,485** visitors attended Aquatopia.

Other key figures, include:

- Tickets purchased from the Fairfield LGA residents was 13% and non-residents was 87%.
- Aquatopia reached full capacity on 15 days during January 2025.
- Free entry was provided to 1,438 children 2 years of age and under.
- Cabana bookings were at 426 with 8,232 guests.
- Shelter bookings were at 155 with 1,710 guests.
- A total of 10 school bookings with 4,642 students in attendance.

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FAIRFIELD AND CABRAVALE 24/7 GYM

The Fairfield and Cabravale Leisure Centres' after-hours gym access is limited to members only. Gym members are always subject to video surveillance. Video surveillance cameras are situated to view key areas such as entry/exit points, service areas and back of office along with trafficable areas.

Members logged 9015 visits between 9.00pm and 6.30am.

Fairfield Leisure Centre: 4,376

Cabravale Leisure Centre: 4,639

The gym is most utilised between 9.00pm – 11.00pm and 4.00am – 6.30am.

SWIM ACADEMY

- Across the 3 Centres for Term 1/2026, there were:
 - 2,587 Learn to Swim term program enrolments; plus
 - 27 private disability lessons; and
 - 8 private mainstream lessons.
- A total of 224 intensive enrolments and 153 private enrolments during the January School Holiday program.
- A total of 309 Squad enrolments for the quarter.
- Swim Academy staff conducted 10 police swim ability tests in the quarter.
- A total of 10 schools attended Aquatopia with a total of 4,642 students.
- Prairiewood and Fairfield Leisure Centre hosted 37 school swim carnivals with 13,495 students in attendance.
- Fairfield RSL's annual club carnival was held at Fairfield Leisure Centre.
- A total of 50 Prairiewood Squad swimmers progressed from their school swim carnival to regional level and 20 progressed through to the state level.

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- A total of 40 participants registered for Project Elevate, while 25 participants enrolled in the Senior Water Wellness Program, funded by Royal Life Saving. These initiatives provided local residents with the opportunity to participate in structured swimming lessons, as well as a 1-off senior-focused wellness program incorporating water safety education, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) awareness and an aqua-based exercise session.

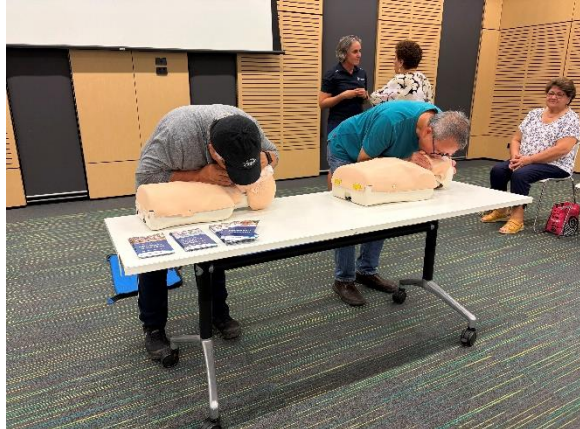


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- Swim Academy ran several staff training sessions, including Advanced Strokes and Term Water Safety, for all levels. Attendance levels and involvement in the sessions were high. The sessions further developed staff skills and continue to grow team skill level.



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DRY RECREATION

Local community groups that attend the Centres regularly to participate in a variety of our programs are identified below:

- Friendship Community Group
- Vietnamese Women's Group
- Woodville Community Services
- Khmer Women's Group
- Parks Network
- Vietnamese Parents Group
- Core Services

The Dry Recreation team plays an important role in our connection to the Fairfield community by being the first point of contact for our customers. A number of these organised touch points and services include:

- Exercise Specialists (personal trainers) conducted 730 face-to-face consultations with our members for the quarter. These consisted of exercise consultations; 2-week follow-ups; taking body measurements and customised upgrades to their exercise programs.
- Exercise specialists delivered 226 personal training sessions to members.
- There were 1,283 rehabilitation sessions provided by Exercise Physiologists – these can be a mix of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Chronic Disease Management (CDM)/Medicare, WorkCover and private clients.
- Supervised fitness sessions catering to Veteran Gold Card Holders were held for 6 participants. This program is funded by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

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SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

Facebook (FB – 1 January - 31 March)

| | |
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| FB posts | 10 |
| FB net followers | 30 |
| FB total followers | 3,831 |
| Average reach | 513 |

Instagram (IG – 7 January - 6 April)

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| IG posts | 5 |
| IG net new followers | 25 (49 – 24) |
| IG total followers | 733 |
| IG Accounts reached | 990 |

FAIRFIELD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (FYCC)

Community Groups

Our program rooms have been used by a variety of community organisations within Fairfield LGA. These include:

- STARTTS – The NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture & Trauma Survivors (STARTTS)
- Core Community Services
- Community First Steps / Fair Foundations
- Catholic Healthcare
- Fairfield City Council (FCC) Social Planning and Community Development Division
- Spark Youth Hub
- Learning Links
- Vietnamese Australian Welfare Association of NSW
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Disability Group Rate Court Hire

- Diversity and Disability Alliance
- Recreation, Sports and Aquatics Club Incorporated

Sporting Organisations

At present, we have 10 sporting organisations utilising the facility on a weekly basis.

- Southwest Filipino Australian Basketball Association
- Westside Volleyball
- House Cats Volleyball Club
- Little Boomers Basketball
- Just Spike It Volleyball
- Jin Sei Ryu Karate Do
- Red Fox Volleyball
- Impact Volleyball
- HK852 Volleyball
- Sydney United Netball Club

Schools

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- Indie School
- Sydney Catholic Schools

Youth Hours

STARTTS – The NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors

STARTTS utilises FYCC on Friday nights from 3pm -7pm and provides activities to youth free of charge.

The service runs structured programs that mainly target newly arrived refugees. Programs that are offered include boxing, soccer, drumming, drama club and employment help.

Community First Steps/Fair Foundations

Community First Steps (CFS) provide activities to youth free of charge from Monday to Thursday between 3.00pm and 6.00pm.

This service continues to offer a range of structured and unstructured drop-in activities.

Activities include: soccer coaching, arts and crafts, choir, homework help, volleyball, touch football, legal aid, drop-in basketball mentoring and coaching, dance group and trivia.

Centre Use

The table below shows the total amount of hours booked at the Youth Centre.

| FYCC | Jan – Mar 2026 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sports Court | 408 |
| Program Rooms | 256.50 |
| Rock-Climbing | 0 |
| Trampoline | 0 |
| Full Facility Usage * | 178.50 |
| Total Usage | |
| Open Day attendance | (Australia Day only) |

**Figures include CFS / Youth Hours and FCC Free Community Open Days.*

PROCESSES / IMPROVEMENTS

AQUATOPIA

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Wave pool motor serviced: bearings replaced, unit reconditioned and fan balanced.



Wave pool filter socks replaced (approximately 180 units) with new O-rings, improving filtration and water quality.

PRAIRIEWOOD LEISURE CENTRE

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50m pool non-return valve replaced.

Gym flooring – The gym floor was replaced with a Regupol rubber across the whole gym, with the gym offices and hallway carpet replaced with vinyl planks.



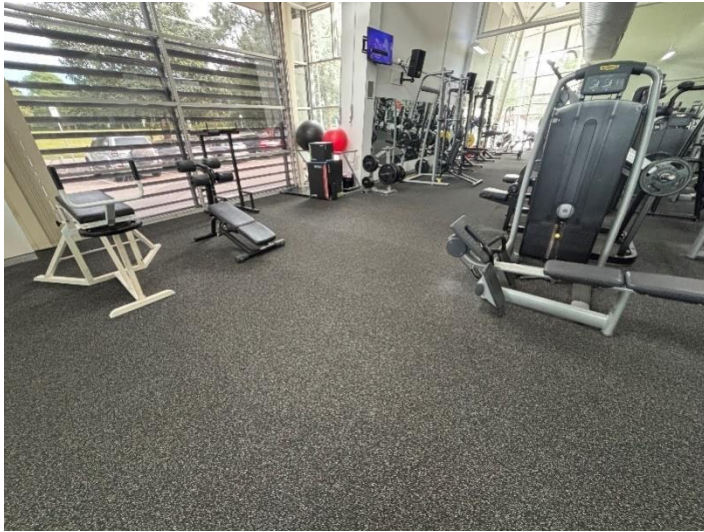
FAIRFIELD LEISURE CENTRE

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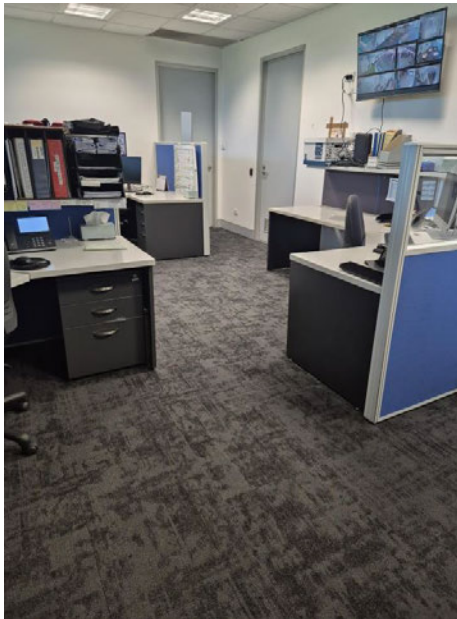
Gym floor Regupol install.



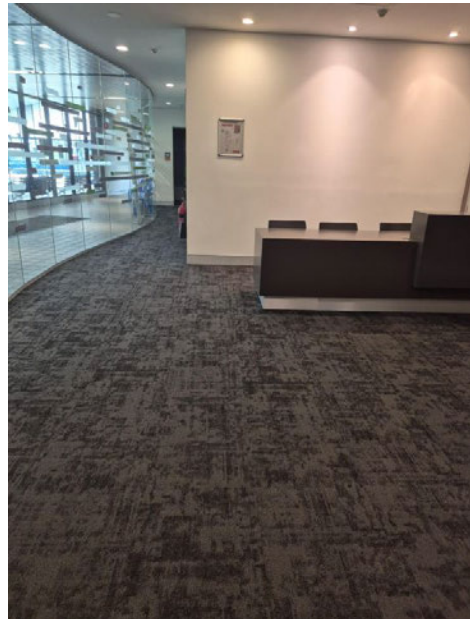
Gym office vinyl install.

CABRAVALE LEISURE CENTRE

Carpet replacement – Main office, meeting rooms and rehab suites carpet replaced.



Main office.



Rehab suite.

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 3 - Libraries and Museum

FILE NUMBER: 12/03512

REPORT BY: Hollie McPherson, Manager Libraries and Museum

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 1 Community Wellbeing* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

Fairfield City Open Libraries

Fairfield City Open Libraries comprises of 5 library sites (Cabramatta, Bonnyrigg, Fairfield, Wetherill Park and Smithfield).

Library Services manage and maintain Council's library sites to provide equitable, accessible, cost effective and efficient service and to meet the leisure and information, lifelong learning and entertainment needs of the Fairfield City community.

Fairfield City Museum and Gallery

Fairfield City Museum and Gallery (FCMG) engage local communities through visual arts and social history exhibitions, workshops, education programs and events and manages and maintains the Social History Collection, Vintage Village, Stein Gallery and the Museum.

This report provides a summary of activity from January to March 2026 for Fairfield City Open Libraries and FCMG.

FAIRFIELD CITY OPEN LIBRARIES

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Memberships

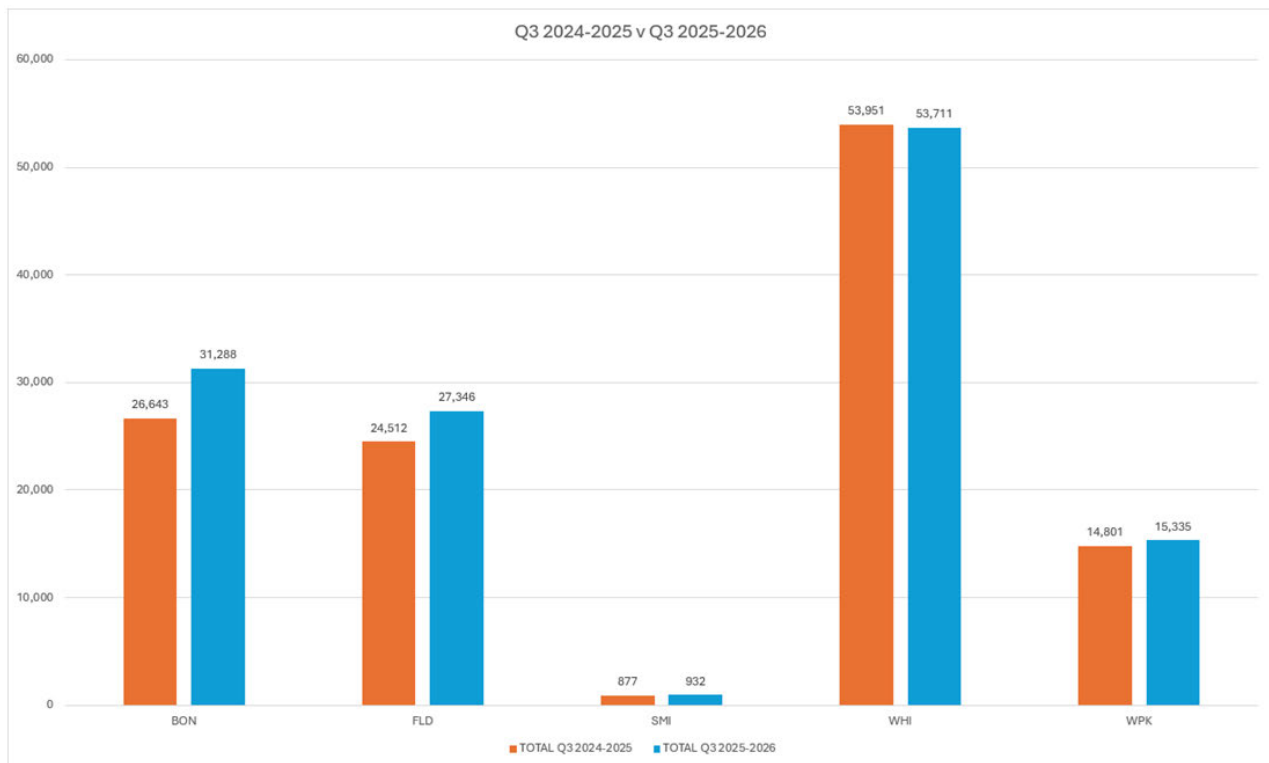
There were 161,293 members of Fairfield City Open Libraries as of 31 March 2026. This is 4.6% higher compared to the same period in 2025 and 1.1% higher than the previous quarter.

Visitations

There were 128,612 visitors to Fairfield City Open Libraries. Physical visits to libraries were 6.5% higher when compared to the same period in 2024 and 0.3% higher than the previous quarter.

| Q3 | Visitors: January to March 2026 | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | BON | FLD | SMI | WHI | WPK | MONTH TOTAL |
| JAN | 8,715 | 7,350 | 262 | 12,731 | 3,792 | 32,850 |
| FEB | 10,287 | 9,147 | 319 | 17,091 | 4,890 | 41,734 |
| MAR | 12,286 | 10,849 | 351 | 23,889 | 6,653 | 54,028 |
| BRANCH TOTAL | 31,288 | 27,346 | 932 | 53,711 | 15,335 | 128,612 |

Table: Visits to Library Branches: Quarter 3 Comparison (FY 2024–25 vs FY 2025–26)



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Collections

During this period 73,844 items were borrowed, including 19,533 eResources and 54,311 physical resources. Borrowing has increased by 7.1% compared to Q2.

Compared to the previous quarter:

- Physical loans increased by 10.6%.
- Each collection other than magazines showed an increase in borrowing. It is noted here that the Spanish magazine supplier ceased supplying as of December 2025 and no new magazine issues in Spanish language were received for Q3.
- Total eResource loans have slightly decreased by 1.4%.
- eBook loans have increased by 5.9%
- eAudiobook loans have increased by 3.2%
- eMagazine loans have increased by 0.36%
- Streaming has decreased by 26.7%.
- LinkedIn Learning courses attended have increased by 7%

| Physical Collection borrowed | | Q3 – Jan to Mar |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Books | | 43,144 |
| Devices | | 1,477 |
| Audiobooks | | 812 |
| Large Print | | 848 |
| Magazines | | 1,918 |
| DVDs | | 6,112 |
| TOTAL | | 54,311 |
| eResources borrowed | | Q3 – Jan to Mar |
| eBooks | | 7,706 |
| eAudio | | 4,762 |
| eMagazines | | 3,908 |
| Kanopy | <i>Videos streamed</i> | 1,017 |
| | <i>Hours of streaming</i> | 529 |
| LinkedIn Learning | <i>Logins</i> | 73 |
| | <i>Courses attended</i> | 305 |
| | <i>Tutorials watched</i> | 1,233 |
| TOTAL | | 19,533 |

Languages Other Than English Resources

Fairfield City Open Libraries provides access to a range of eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and eNewspaper titles in Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Italian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish and Vietnamese languages through digital collections – CloudLibrary, indyReads, PressReader and other platforms for adults and children.

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Customers can access eNewspapers and eMagazines in an extensive range of languages through the PressReader Platform. A total of 2,825 eNewspaper issues and 1,024 eMagazine issues have been accessed during this period. This is an increase of 3.3% for eNewspaper access, while eMagazine access have decreased slightly.

The Transparent Language Online platform which has access to over 100 languages to learn has seen 664 sessions completed during this quarter, which is an increase of 6.9%.

Home Library Service

The Home Library Service is a much-needed service that has been provided for 60 years. This service is available to residents who are housebound or who have difficulty getting to the library so that all people can enjoy the benefits of a library membership.

The Home Library Service visited 57 library members per month and delivered 1,437 resources over this period.

| HLS Loans Q2 October to December 2025 | |
|--|-------|
| OCT | 545 |
| NOV | 556 |
| DEC | 561 |
| Total | 1,662 |

| HLS Loans Q3 January to March 2026 | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| January | 537 |
| February | 453 |
| March | 447 |
| Total | 1,437 |



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Programs

During this period there were 99 programs which offered over 656 sessions at Fairfield City Open Libraries with 8,607 participants.

In addition to our program offering, Whitlam Library's Workary registered 632 visits to the space and 64 meeting room bookings. There were no hot desk bookings for the period. Studio 2166 registered 33 bookings.

| Location | Programs | Sessions | Participants |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Bonnyrigg | 43 | 167 | 2,786 |
| Fairfield | 33 | 149 | 1,827 |
| Smithfield | 5 | 13 | 72 |
| Wetherill Park | 25 | 104 | 1,317 |
| Whitlam | 50 | 222 | 2,524 |
| Offsite | 1 | 1 | 81 |
| TOTAL | 157 | 656 | 8,607 |

Program and Event Highlights

January Programs Blast

Australia Day Craft is a school holiday program for children and their parent/carers. The activity invited participants to create koalas and galahs using wool, paper cups, paint and felt, while encouraging creativity and hands-on engagement. Parents/carers supported the children or joined in by making their own crafts. Overall, the program successfully combined creative expression with problem-solving and collaboration, as participants worked together to produce their own unique and quirky koalas and galahs.



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Catapult Engineering – Fizzics Education is a school holiday. The facilitator introduced and explained key STEM concepts, including forces, energy and trajectory and encouraged participants to actively engage by designing, building and testing their own catapults. Using simple materials and guided experimentation, children were supported to predict, test and refine their designs while developing problem-solving skills and confidence. Overall, the program effectively blended educational concepts with engaging, hands-on activities.



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Chess Club is a program designed for participants aged 7 years and older, supporting the development of strategic thinking, problem-solving skills and patience through the game of chess. The program attracts strong attendance, with participants of all skill levels joining, from beginners learning the basics to more advanced players refining their tactics. The club encourages friendly competition, teamwork and a love of the game in a supportive and social environment.



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February Programs Blast

Love: Western Sydney Launch was an author event, delivered in celebration of Library Lovers' Day. It was presented in partnership with the Fairfield-based writers' collective Sweatshop Literacy Movement, who presented their newest anthology, *Love*.

The event featured an engaging authors-in-conversation, providing attendees with the opportunity to experience a powerful showcase of Western Sydney writers within their local community. Overall, the event was a success, with strong engagement and positive feedback from attendees.



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Creative Writing Club is a program designed for children to develop their creative abilities through imaginative writing techniques, incorporating both written and visual exercises. The program provides opportunities for participants to connect and collaborate with other young creatives in a supportive environment.

The program has proven to be highly valuable, with participants demonstrating clear growth in their storytelling skills, as well as increased confidence and willingness to share their ideas and express themselves with the group.

MakeCode - Game Builder is a hands-on STEM program for children, that introduces participants to the fundamentals of coding in a fun and supportive learning environment. Using Microsoft MakeCode, a free online platform, participants discover how block-based coding can be used to design and build their own online games.

Through these guided activities, participants also develop problem-solving skills, creativity and confidence with technology as they create and share original projects, giving them the opportunity to see their ideas come to life.

March Programs Blast

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Senior's Festival – Saving Family Memories: Photo Magnets Workshop is a program designed to help participants preserve and celebrate their family history through hands-on digitisation. The Digitisation Station at Wetherill Park Library introduces attendees to a range of tools and techniques for converting photographs, audio recordings and VHS tapes into digital formats with ease. With guided support, participants learn to scan and colour-correct their own images, while also exploring creative ways to transform cherished memories into personalised keepsakes such as fridge magnets and gift boxes. The program fosters connection and storytelling, as attendees share and reflect on family moments, build new skills and engage in a welcoming, collaborative environment.



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Senior's Festival – Hand Sew a Lavendar Sachet is a program for seniors offered as part of the Seniors Festival, bringing participants together to make charming lavender sachets in the shape of houses. Through guidance, participants develop hand-sewing skills, experiment with basic embroidery and explore their creativity in a supportive environment. The program also fosters a sense of community, allowing seniors to connect with others, make new friends and enjoy a relaxed, engaging activity together.



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Tech Savvy Seniors is a series of programs for older adults, delivered through an initiative by Telstra and the NSW Government. These programs help seniors enhance their digital skills by learning about computers, smartphones, the internet, cyber safety and accessing their digital Seniors Card. Guided by knowledgeable facilitators, participants build confidence, explore new technology and develop practical skills in a supportive environment. The programs have been successful and are especially important for seniors, helping them stay connected, independent and engaged while fostering friendships and a sense of community.

Preschool Storytime is a program for children aged 3 to 5 years and their guardians. Through engaging stories, songs, rhymes and interactive activities, children are encouraged to develop early literacy skills, vocabulary and listening comprehension. The program also supports social-emotional growth, imagination and cooperative play, allowing children to interact with peers in a supportive environment. By participating in *Preschool Storytime*, young learners build confidence, creativity and a love of reading while exploring new ideas and concepts in a fun and engaging way.

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Volunteer Programs

Volunteer-led programs continue to broaden the diversity of our library's offerings and have welcomed 2,380 attendees this quarter, highlighting the meaningful role volunteers play in community engagement. Dedicated volunteers generously donate their time to support the services they provide for our community. During the past year, 2 long-standing volunteers supporting seniors' oil painting and literacy initiatives have concluded their service. These positions have been difficult to replace, reflecting the specialised skills and commitment required for these roles.

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Basic English is a highly valued program for community members from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds and for those learning English as a Second Language. The program supports learners in developing the fundamentals of reading, writing and comprehension in English.

Facilitated by an experienced volunteer, each session provides a welcoming and supportive environment where participants can build confidence and practical language skills. Sessions consistently fill to capacity, with demand continuing to grow, highlighting the program's importance in helping local community members engage more fully in everyday life, connect with others and access opportunities in education, work and social settings.

LOCAL STUDIES SERVICES

Local Studies Services recorded strong performance this quarter, with exceptional growth in digital engagement, measurable progress in collection management, and increased demand for research and outreach services.

Digital Access and Engagement

[Fairfield Heritage Collection Website](#)

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The Fairfield City Heritage Collection continues to expand, with 2,527 historical photographs currently available online and a total of 5,822 digitised items in the collection.

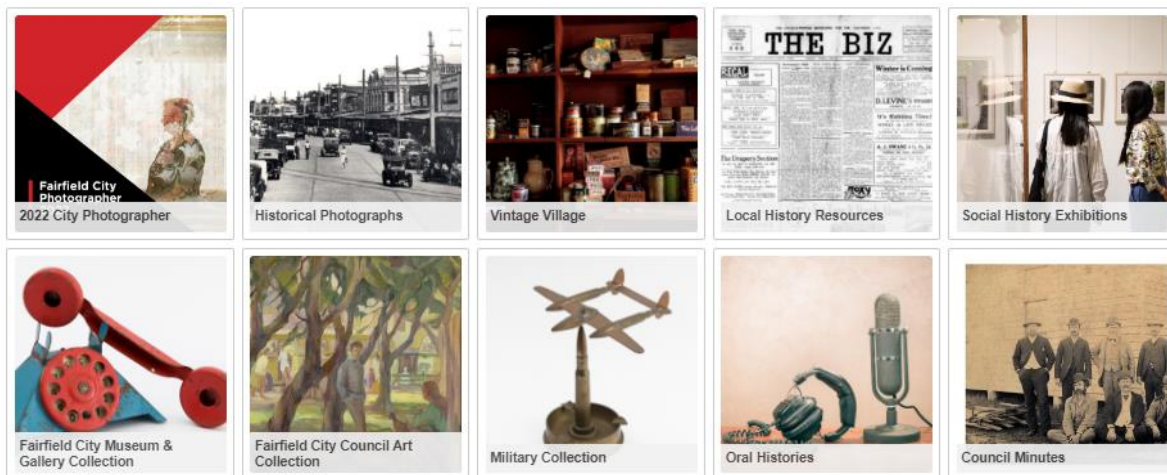
Between January and March 2026, the website recorded:

- 24,103 visitors, a 26.9% increase on the previous quarter. Of these, 23,954 were new users, primarily from Australia (5,717) and China (4,326).
- 365,145 page views, representing a 767.2% increase compared to the previous quarter.
- Strong user engagement, with a total engagement count of 331,999.

This growth is largely attributed to improved search engine optimisation (SEO), which has increased the website's visibility and Google ranking. A redesigned layout, with a stronger focus on content, keywords, and usability, has also reinforced the website's role as a key online source for Fairfield's history and heritage.

The most accessed collections this quarter were:

- Fairfield City Heritage Collection landing page
- Historical Photographs
- 50th Anniversary of Whitlam Library



Projects

The Local Studies team is working on a range of digitisation projects to ensure the safe storage, conservation and preservation of cultural resources and to enable access to current and future generations.

Local Studies Collection Stocktake

A structured stocktake of the heritage collection commenced this quarter. Along with item counts, the process includes proactively identifying cataloguing inconsistencies, assessing conservation requirements and determining whether fragile items require digitisation or rehousing.

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Digitised Local Newspaper Access

Public access to the full collection of digitised local newspapers has been restored and enhanced. Popular titles include the Fairfield City Champion (1974–2022) and the Fairfield Advance (1958–2020).

Following recent system upgrades and stabilisation works, users can now search newspaper articles by keyword, email search results and print PDF copies directly from desktop computers. These improvements have streamlined access and improved the overall usability of the service for local history research.

Reference Enquiries and Research

The Local Studies team responded to 44 Heritage enquiries from members of the public and internal Council requests in this quarter, which is more than double from the previous quarter.

In February 2026, Whitlam Library hosted 40 final-year Landscape Architecture students and their tutors from the University of Technology Sydney for an information session. Local Studies staff supported the students' individual research projects and case studies by providing access to archival materials, maps and reports from the Heritage Collection.

This engagement has resulted in a subsequent increase in online Local Studies enquiries, reflecting the ongoing research use of the collection beyond the visit itself.

City Photographer

The 2025 City Photographer project produced 262 professional contemporary photographs by Chloë Abdelnour, documenting the lived experiences of women across Fairfield City.

Chloë's project will be exhibited at the Whitlam Library and is available on the Fairfield City Heritage Collection website.

Local Studies Programs

Digitisation Station

A total of 46 bookings were recorded, representing a slight decrease in usage compared to the previous quarter. A fault with the VHS unit resulted in a temporary reduction in Digitisation Station services during this quarter. The VHS unit has since been repaired and the Digitisation Station is scheduled to return to full operation next quarter.

Saving Family Memories Workshop

A Seniors Week digitisation station workshop was delivered in March 2026 to increase community engagement and provide a hands-on digitisation experience for attendees. The Local Studies workshop was well received at Wetherill Park Library, with positive responses from participants.

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Exhibitions

Three photographic exhibitions were shown at library branches during the quarter.

Festivals!

The new *Festivals!* exhibition explores the history of Fairfield City's vibrant community celebrations, including the Cabramatta Moon Festival and Assyrian New Year. The photographs highlight the transformation and changes of street parades, cultural displays, and community gatherings of our people, over the decades.



Treasures from Home

Treasures from Home showcases personal belongings brought to Australia by individuals who migrated or sought refuge here. These treasured keepsakes, reflect lives lived elsewhere and connect people to the places they once called home. Each object conveys a unique story, preserving and sharing a family's history across generations.

Capture Fairfield: Visual Arts & Photography Competition 2025

The 2025 installation of Capture Fairfield opened during this year's Local Government Week at Whitlam Library and will remain in the Workary Space well into early 2026. Thirty images form part of the exhibition, highlighting the best photographic entries from Fairfield City.

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FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM AND GALLERY

Visitations

There were 4,802 visitors to FCMG from 1 January to 31 March 2026.

Exhibitions

Three exhibitions were presented to the public during this quarter. In the Stein Gallery, the group exhibition *Relic* closed on 14 March 2026. A new solo exhibition by former local artist James Nguyen *SÔNG SÔNG SÔNG* opened 28 March 2025. In the Old Chamber Building, the social history exhibition *Big Brother Movement*, closed 21 March 2026.

Stein Gallery

RELIC, 29 November 2025 to 14 March 2026



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RELIC is an exhibition of newly commissioned and reconfigured artworks by studio artists and alumni of Parramatta Artists' Studios (PAS). Featuring artists whose practices gain definition through accumulation, each nurturing their own intuitive processes of transcribing and recording the world around them.

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Derived from the Latin *reliquiae*, meaning 'remains', relics may be objects, physical remains or personal effects and form an important part of many religions and cultures of veneration. Alternately, a relic is an affront, it is antiquated, outmoded and arcane. Across the artists' works, layers of ritual, sediment, sound and meaning gather in uneasy tension to interrogate the temporal and institutional frameworks through which we understand visual and material culture.

RELIC is presented in partnership with FCMG and curated by PAS. The project was seeded by an initial development lab encompassing workshops, presentations and studio conversations where artists were invited alongside interdisciplinary practitioners to co-create the frame of the exhibition.

SÔNG SÔNG SÔNG, 28 March to 18 July 2026



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James Nguyen's new solo exhibition *SÔNG SÔNG SÔNG* examines the lingering effects of the chemical Agent Orange and its presence in the Parramatta River. Before migrating to Western Sydney, Nguyen's family plantation in Bảo Lộc, Vietnam was sprayed with the toxin in 1968.

SÔNG SÔNG SÔNG brings together works created in collaboration with Nguyen's family, including a large-scale installation of shirts washed in the Parramatta River, alongside a video featuring Nguyen's mother and local Vietnamese aunties singing survival songs by the river's banks.

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Old Council Chambers

The Big Brother Movement, 9 August 2025 to 21 March 2026



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Established in 1925, the Big Brother Movement was one of Australia's most impactful youth migration initiatives, bringing over 12,000 British 'Little Brothers' to the country in pursuit of opportunity. From 1947 to 1972, the movement operated a training farm on Cowpasture Road, now Calmsley Hill City Farm, where young migrants learned essential agricultural skills and adapted to their new lives.

This exhibition examines these personal journeys while acknowledging the movement's history within the era of the White Australia Policy and its role in our nation's shifting migration landscape.

Programs

Living The Past School Program

One school participated in the Living the Past education program, with a total of 42 students.

The New South Wales History Syllabus for Stages 1 and 2 is scheduled to change in 2027, with the unit addressed by the Living in the Past program no longer included. This upcoming change has contributed to uncertainty for schools and has resulted in lower-than-usual bookings for Term 1.

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FCMG staff are engaging with regular participating schools to discuss the syllabus changes and the future of the program. Despite the reduced bookings in Term 1, demand remains strong for Terms 2 and 3.

Term 1 Programs

Children's Art Program:

- Kids Clay Club: 3/10 participants

Accessible Programs:

- The Art of Clay: 3/10 participants
- The Creative Lab: 8/10 participants

Adult Art Program:

- The Clay Studio: 9/10 participants
- Art Explorers Club: 8/10 participants

Memory Box Tours

The Memory Box Tour is a guided and interactive heritage group tour for seniors. Participants get the opportunity to handle objects from our historical collection and share their memories of times gone by. The program includes morning tea and a self-guided tour of the Vintage Village. This quarter, 4 groups and a total of 54 people participated.

Holiday Workshops

- 20 January: Children's Empowerment workshop, 33/40 participants.
- 22 January: Animal Faces- Clay Sculpting Workshop, 12/12 participants.
- 22 January: Polymer clay Sculpting and Collage Workshop, 12/12 participants.
- 22 January: Outdoor Escapes, 10/12 participants.
- 23 January: Sand Art Workshop, 12/12 participants.
- 23 January: Mariyung (Emu) Feather Bracelet Workshop, 12/12 participants.

Events

Amulet Making Workshop, 21 February with 23 participants

This workshop with Marian Abboud was part of *RELIC* public program and presented in partnership with Parramatta Artists' Studios. Participants created small objects using materials such as turquoise, quartz, amber, spices and incense, each carrying cultural meaning linked to memory, strength and care. While making, participants were invited to share stories and reflect on traditions that connect families across generations and places.

Each amulet became part of a growing installation surrounding Marian's late father's car, transforming personal rituals into a collective artwork that honours resilience and connection. This installation is currently shown at White Bay Power Station as part of the 25th Biennale of Sydney, Rememory.

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International Women's Day, Women Hold Things Up, 7 March with 18 participants

In celebration of International Women's Day, local artists Linda Brescia and Hayley Megan French led a participatory workshop, inviting women to reflect on what they carry, both seen and unseen. Inspired by Maira Kalman's *Women Holding Things*, participants were asked to bring an object that represents something they hold in their lives: a responsibility, a memory, a role, a dream, a burden, or a source of strength.

Each participant was photographed holding her object with a Polaroid camera, creating an immediate portrait. Participants shared food, stories and the meaning behind these objects, opening a conversation about care, labour, resilience, identity and the emotional and cultural weight women carry across generations and geographies.

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Story writing and Book Making Workshop, 21 March with 3 participants



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Throughout the Big Brother Movement exhibition period, visitors were invited to engage with the soft wall in the Transition Room (FCMG) and to leave their stories, memories, questions, sometimes secrets, in the small pockets on the wall. These precious messages from community members and visitors of the museum build material for this workshop.

On Saturday, 21 March, we wanted to give some time back to those responses and imagine them being part of a bigger story, a book. Participants joined the lead artist to spend some time with these beautiful fragments of communal poetic writing, write more, responding to drawings that were added to the pockets, or even bring your own ideas and practise how they can turn them into a story and into a small book or a postcard.

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Exhibition Launch, SÔNG SÔNG SONG, 29 March 2026 with 77 attendees.



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The launch included James Nguyen, in conversation with his Auntie Kim and Vietnamese Australian writer and academic Dr Sheila Ngoc Pham.

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Item Number. 72

SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 3 - Social Planning and Community Development

FILE NUMBER: 12/05257

REPORT BY: Peter Hope, Acting Manager Social Planning and Community Development

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 1 Community Wellbeing* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

SENIORS

NSW Seniors Festival

Council's *Seniors Week Festival Expo* was held at Fairfield Showground on 5 March 2026, attracting more than 600 attendees. The theme for Seniors Festival 2026 is '*Live Life in Colour*', encouraged seniors to embrace creativity, connection and active living. The expo provided seniors with opportunities to connect with service providers (66 stallholders), access helpful resources and learn about programs supporting health, wellbeing and independence. Feedback was positive, with 97% of surveyed attendees enjoying the event.

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A new Seniors Festival event - *Seniors on the Green* was held on 10 March at Fairfield Golf Course. This was a relaxed introduction to golf with coaching and support from the Fairfield Golf Course. There were 14 participants. The activity aimed to engaged seniors in gentle physical exercise, reduce social isolation and strengthen connections with the community.



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Fairfield Seniors Network

The Fairfield Seniors Network is a forum for local seniors and aged services workers to share information, raise concerns, and strengthen connections. Presentations were given by Services Australia and Settlement Services International at the 2 meetings held this quarter.

Aged Care Reform Information Sessions

Australian Government's Department of Health, Disability and Ageing held 2 *Aged Care Reform Information Sessions* during the quarter for workers and residents. Updates on the new Aged Care Act and practical guidance for navigating the reforms were provided. The first session (25 February) was held for service providers who gave feedback on the challenges the reforms are presenting for their clients and their services and what effects these are having on the community. The session was held at the Fairfield Youth and Community Centre (FYCC) with 22 participants.



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The second session (2 March) was provided for local seniors and carers. It was held at Council's Administration Centre with 67 participants. It was an opportunity for residents to provide feedback directly to Government representatives on the reforms and the challenges they present. Participants were highly engaged, asking questions and sharing experiences. Overall, attendees of both sessions left with a clearer understanding of the changes and greater confidence in navigating aged care systems.

Two additional sessions were held on 11 March for Mandarin and Arabic-speaking groups. These sessions focused on access to services, including translated materials and language support. Feedback was positive, with participants reporting increased understanding and confidence in using the system.

BEACH BUS

Council organised the Free Beach Bus program in January 2026, giving residents the opportunity to enjoy a day by the coast without the added expense of tolls and parking. Buses travelled to Watsons Bay on 11 January, Manly Beach on 18 January and Bondi Beach on 25 January. In return, 15 Bondi residents visited Cabramatta on 25 January to experience its vibrant culture, local businesses and renowned food scene. Across the 3 trips, a total of 280 people made use of the service. For some participants, it was their first time visiting these iconic Sydney beaches. The program offered a relaxed and affordable way for families and individuals to explore new places, spend time outdoors and build stronger connections across communities.



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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

NAIDOC Family Fun Day - Grant Application

The *NAIDOC Family Fun Day* will take place on 7 July 2026 at Fairfield Showground. Council has applied for a grant of \$10,000.00 through the National Indigenous Australians Agency NAIDOC Local Grants program to support the event.

ZEST Awards Nomination

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Council has nominated the Fairfield Engaging Families of Aboriginal Heritage (FEFAH) working group for a ZEST Award (Western Sydney community award) in the Outstanding First Nations Community Initiative category. Established in 2018, the FEFAH Working Group includes Aboriginal Elders, residents and service representatives who meet regularly to guide and support community-led initiatives. The group works on a range of activities to support Aboriginal communities and is integral to the delivery of the annual NAIDOC Family Fun Day.

CHILD AND FAMILY

Strong Connected Families

Council is delivering the *Strong Connected Families* service which supports families across Fairfield, Liverpool and the former Bankstown LGAs. The service has been funded by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) until 30 June 2031, replacing the Facilitation Project. There were 3 activities delivered this quarter, with a total of 190 participants. This included 2 online parent information sessions delivered in partnership with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation — *Keeping Children Safe Online* and *Keeping Children Safe from Danger*. Participants reported an increase in knowledge from 3/5 to 4/5.

A community outreach event focusing on early learning and school readiness was held at Bankstown Central, engaging 135 adults and children. Participating organisations included the Department of Education, Koorana, Bankstown Community Resource Group and NSW Health. Feedback was highly positive, with parents rating the session 5/5 and reporting increased confidence in supporting their child's transition to school.

Overall, the program has made a strong start, demonstrating positive engagement and measurable improvements in parent knowledge.

ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Creative Communities Grants

Two Creative Communities Grant workshops were delivered at Fairfield HQ in February. The full-day workshops aimed to build the capacity of community organisations and small groups to deliver co-designed creative projects that empower communities to express important issues, while developing cultural knowledge and artistic skills. A total of 30 participants attended. The March edition of the Creatives in the Neighbourhood Newsletter was published, featuring a profile on Horsley Park creative, Dancia Prasad.

YOUTH

Bring It On! Youth Festival Creative Leaders Program

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The annual *Bring It On!* Youth Festival Creative Leaders program commenced in March. The program supports young people to build confidence, strengthen peer connections and develop vocational skills in creative industries including photography, videography and media production. Delivered in collaboration with PYT Fairfield and Fairfield Open Libraries, the program includes 3 streams of workshops held at Fairfield School of Arts, Whitlam Library and Fairfield Youth and Community Centre.



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Fairfield Youth and Community Centre Youth Hours

The Fairfield Youth and Community Centre (FYCC) drop-in programs provide an essential soft entry point for young people to access safe, affordable recreation and connect with youth services. The programs are delivered by Fair Foundations (Monday – Thursday) and STARTTS on Friday evenings. In the 6-month period between June and December 2025, a total of 6,296 occasions of attendance were recorded at the drop in, with an average of 1,049 visits per month. The peak attendance of any single night in this period was 87 young people.

Fairfield Youth Workers Network

The Fairfield Youth Workers Network (FYWN) brings together local professionals supporting young people with the aim of building collaborative relationships, strengthening referral pathways, sharing knowledge and addressing issues impacting young people in Fairfield City. Council convenes the network in collaboration with other youth service providers.

The FYWN met twice during the quarter, with 35 individuals representing 25 organisations. Services and initiative mapping, identifying emerging needs of young people was undertaken. Discussions on Youth Week and the Bring It On! Youth Festival planning, community building as well as presentations on services including MTC Future Ready, Headspace Liverpool and the Fairfield Liverpool Youth Health Team were held.

HEALTH

Fairfield City Health Partnership and Alliance

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The Fairfield City Health Partnership and Alliance (FCHPA) delivers activities across 3 priority areas including healthy people, healthy places and equitable systems. As a primary partner, Council is a stakeholder in gambling harm, health literacy, social prescribing and GP workforce shortages initiatives with quarterly participation in each. Activities included promotion of key health initiatives to residents such as free immunisations in libraries, breast screening services, fitness equipment in parks and local physical activity programs.

Council representatives participated in a *GP Roundtable* on 24 February that focused on addressing GP workforce challenges across the Western Sydney Parkland region. The discussion provided a forum for primary health networks, local health districts and local councils to share insights on recruitment, retention and workload pressures impacting primary care.

Healthy Urban Liveability Lab Research Proposal

Council has provided a letter of support for a National Health and Medical Research Grant application submitted by the Centre for Health Equity Training Research and Evaluation. This project is needed to strengthen advocacy for key infrastructure in Fairfield City, especially transport and health services. Fairfield is continually overlooked by the State Government and is continually making representation to NSW Government to improve transport and health services and infrastructure.

Western Sydney Cycling Network

The Western Sydney Cycling Network (WSCN) received 160 donations of bicycles and parts between January and March. Volunteers contributed a total of 700 hours refurbishing 71 bicycles, with 44 sold back to the community. WSCN also delivered 32 community rides, including regular Thursday and Saturday rides, monthly Sunday rides and Trishaw rides held on the second Thursday of each month. The ride activities attracted 357 people.

Gyms in Parks

Gyms In Parks (Term 1) took place between 9 February and 26 March 2026 at Lalich Park (Bonnyrigg), and Chisholm Park (Canley Heights). There were 26 registrations for Lalich Park and 29 registrations for Chisholm Park, with an average attendance of 13 for Lalich Park and 15.5 for Chisholm Park. Following the program, 97% of participants reported that they feel healthier and are more motivated to continue exercising. All participants agreed that council supports the health and wellbeing of the community.



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MULTICULTURAL

Harmony Week (16 – 22 March)

Harmony Week is an annual celebration of cultural diversity, achievement and unity held between 16–22 March with a local program that included 8 local activities. These included activities led by Council's Social Planning and Community Development (SPCD), Place and Open Libraries teams as well as activities hosted by local service providers funded by Council's Community Development Grants Program. The program included a range of activities including the Spirit of Bonnyrigg Fair, a social media video competition, cultural showcases and craft workshops.



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Fairfield Multicultural Interagency

The Fairfield Multicultural Interagency (FMI) met on 13 February with 40 people in attendance. FMI priorities including housing affordability and homelessness, youth crime, financial resources/assistance and training for culturally safe practice (emerging community groups) were confirmed. Presentations were given regarding Aged Care Reform and the renewal of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP). The FMI's Community Capacity Building working group also met twice during the quarter to plan training for workers and community leaders grant writing, recognising overseas qualifications and English language barriers.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

At the Services Committee on Tuesday 10 March, Council moved to renew the licence for Office 1 – Bonnyrigg Heights Community Centre for a period of 3 years to the Cambodian Australian Welfare Council NSW (CAWC). There was an error on the report with the CAWC being mislabelled as the 'Australian Cambodian Welfare Association'. This was an administrative error in the report only and it is confirmed that CAWC was the successful applicant for the tenancy.

DISABILITY

Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030

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The DIAP is Council's 4-year roadmap to creating inclusive and connected communities in Fairfield City. All public authorities are required to have a DIAP in accordance with NSW Disability Act 2014. Engagement to inform the next Plan commenced in February with briefings to relevant local networks, advisory committees and interagency meetings, interviews with key stakeholder and an online community survey. A community workshop was held on 19 March and was attended by 18 members of the community and workers who provide services for people with disability.

Disability and Access Network

This network supports collaboration, knowledge sharing and inclusive practice while providing a forum for community members and disability organisations to raise concerns, identify barriers and promote meaningful participation. The network met on 9 February with 31 participants in attendance. The session included a consultation on Council's DIAP, with participants providing feedback on access needs in Fairfield City.

CRIME PREVENTION

Domestic and Family Violence (DFV)

A presentation by Jesuit Refugee Services at the Fairfield Domestic Violence Committee (FDVC) meeting on specific issues faced by women seeking asylum or on temporary visas. Planning for 2026 was given during this quarter. Delivery of the 16 Days of Activism program (November) and education for the DFV network on supporting children, tenancy rights and safe housing options were confirmed as the DFV Networks, priorities for the year.

Fairfield and Liverpool Homelessness Interagency

A presentation on the counselling and material services provided by Oakdene house as well as a presentation on Council's DIAP were provided at the February meeting. The Fairfield and Liverpool Homelessness Interagency seeks to strengthen partnerships between Council, police and other government and non-government agencies to improve the quality of life for people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness.

Fairfield Local Drug Action Team

A *Clear the Air – Vaping, Shisha and Tobacco* information session was on 25 March at The Hub@Bonnyrigg Dhanawi. The session was facilitated by the Cancer Council and South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD), with 26 representatives from local organisations attending. The session outlined health risks and equipped participants with practical strategies to address these issues with community members, families and friends.



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COMMUNITY IMPACTS**Grant Writing Workshops**

Grant Writing Workshops for organisations and residents were held on 25 and 26 February. These workshops strengthen the capacity of potential grant applicants to prepare applications, providing practical guidance on successful submission writing. A total of 27 participants attended the sessions.

Community Development Grants Information Session

A Community Development Grants Information Session with 21 participants was held on 17 February. The session provided an overview of the Community Development Grants (CDG) program, examples of previously funded projects, a clear explanation of the application guidelines as well practical tips on applying,

ClubGRANTS

Council is the administrator for the Local Committee of the ClubGRANTS (Category 1) Program and seeks to build the capacity of community organisations to understand the scheme and apply for grants. Council also leads the process of setting the local priorities which include *diversity and inclusion, healthy and connected communities, safer communities, learning and skills development*. The Fairfield ClubGRANTS Committee met on Thursday 12 March, with representatives from each participating club in attendance. The meeting confirmed current priorities, the ClubGRANTS Charter and key timeframes.

A ClubGRANTS Information Session was held on Wednesday 4 March with 29 participants in attendance. The session provided an overview of the Fairfield ClubGRANTS program.

SOCIAL IMPACT & ADVOCACY**Social Impact Assessment**

Council made comment on the Fairfield Hospital Redevelopment Concept Design consultation hosted on the NSW Government website. This consultation provided an important opportunity for Council to continue to advocate for a better-resourced hospital with enhanced service levels and capacity to meet community needs.

The Social Planning and Community Development team has provided health and social impact advice for multiple Council submissions led by the Strategic Land Use Planning Division. Submissions included the Fairfield Hospital Redevelopment Multistorey Carpark REF, The Draft Sydney Plan, Climate Change Coastal Hazards SEPP and the State Significant S4 Data Centre, Phase 2 in Horsley Park. Feedback was also provided to the Development Planning Division regarding a Development Application for Doltone House at Club Marconi.

MEASURES AND OUTCOMES

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Partnerships, Planning and Implementation

| Measure | Outcome |
|---|---|
| Number of advisory committee meetings | Arts Advisory Committee; Multicultural Advisory Committee; Youth Advisory Committee (2); Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Total: 5 |
| Number of network/ interagency meetings conducted | Fairfield Youth Workers Network (3); Mayor's Crime Prevention Reference Group; Liverpool- Fairfield Homelessness Interagency; Senior's Network Meetings (2); Fairfield Multicultural Interagency. Total: 8 |

Professional development, training and events

| Measure | Outcome |
|---|--|
| Number of professional development and training opportunities for Community organisations | LDAT Vaping, Shisha and Tobacco workshops (2); Grant writing workshops (2); CDG Info session; ClubGRANTS info session. Total: 6 |
| Number of cultural and community events and activities delivered and supported by Council | Community Beach Bus Trips (4); Gyms in Parks programs (2); Community bike rides (32); Clear the Air - Vaping, Shisha and Tobacco Workshop; Trishaw Ride Days (3); YAC leadership activity; Public Speaking Workshop; Media Production (3); Photography workshops (3); Videography workshops (3); Aged Care Reform sessions (3); Seniors Festival Expo; Seniors on the Green; Senior's Network Meetings (2). Total: 60 |
| Capacity building programs or opportunities delivered | ClubGRANTS Information Session; CDG Information Session; Cultural Grants Information Session (2); Grant Writing Workshops (2); Vaping, Shisha and Tobacco Workshop; FDVC Presentation; Fairfield Seniors Network Presentations (2). Total: 10 |

Aged and Youth Services

| Measure | Outcome |
|---|--|
| Senior programs and events delivered | Aged Care Reform workshops (3), Seniors Festival Expo; Seniors on the Green; Senior's Network Meetings (2). Total: 7 |
| Number of Youth skills activities and workshops | Public Speaking Workshop; Workshops in Photography (3) Videography (3), Media Production (3) YAC leadership activity. Total: 11 |

Accessibility and Inclusion

| Measure | Outcome |
|------------------------------|--|
| Disability Inclusion Actions | DIAP development consultations (3); Trishaw ride days (3); DIAP Community Survey; DIAP Community Workshop. Total: 8 |

Health and Safety

| Measure | Outcome |
|--|---|
| Bike Project activities | Bikes Received (160); Bikes Recycled (71); Rides (32); People participating in rides (357); Volunteer hours (700). |
| Free health programs and activities provided Cycleway maps distributed | Gym in Parks sessions (26); Community bike rides (32); Vaping, Shisha and Tobacco Workshop; Trishaw Ride Days (3). Total: 62 |

Advocacy and Expert Advice

| Measure | Outcome |
|--|---|
| Response to government plans, reports, papers and policy changes | Submission on Fairfield Hospital Concept Design; Social Impact advice on Club Marconi Doltone House DA; Social Impact information provided State Significant Data Centre Horsley Park; Contributions made to submissions by Strategic Land Use on The Draft Sydney Plan; Fairfield Hospital Redevelopment Carpark REF; EIE Climate Change Coastal Hazards SEPP; Planning and Health needs information provided for Health Urban Living Hub Project development. Total: 7 |
| Review of application- liquor, gambling and social impact of development proposal. | Reviewed Liquor applications (2). Total: 2 |

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**Acting Manager Social Planning
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Item Number. 73

SUBJECT: Information Report - Community Development Grants and Thrive Small Group Grants March 2026

FILE NUMBER: 25/27946

REPORT BY: Cherie Pescod, Community Partnership and Project Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 1 Community Wellbeing* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

This information report advises Council that a Supplementary Services Chairmans Report will be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19 May 2026, seeking endorsement of the March Community Development Grants and the Thrive Small Group Grants including both successful and unsuccessful applicants.

CONCLUSION

The Community Development Grants and Thrive Small Group grants are to be endorsed at the Ordinary Council meeting on 19 May 2026.

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Cherie Pescod
**Community Partnership and
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Item Number. 74

SUBJECT: Information Report - Compulsory Acquisition of Council Land at 95 Waterside Crescent Carramar by Sydney Water

FILE NUMBER: 23/31256

PREVIOUS ITEMS: Item 10 - Compulsory Acquisition of Council Land at 95 Waterside Crescent Carramar by Sydney Water - Ordinary Council - 24 Feb 2026

REPORT BY: Glenn Davis, Manager Property Strategy and Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 2 Places and Infrastructure* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 24 February 2026 considered Item 10 and resolved to '*Appeals the Valuer General's determination in the NSW Land and Environment Court and allow the statutory court process to proceed*' in relation to the compulsory acquisition of Council's land at 95 Waterside Crescent Carramar by Sydney Water.

A Class 3 Application was subsequently filed by Council's solicitor, Marsdens Law Group on 16 March 2026 to commence legal proceedings against Sydney Water.

This report informs Council that a Supplementary Services Chairperson's Report may be submitted to its Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19 May 2026, contingent upon an offer from Sydney Water to resolve the matter by agreement.

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Item Number. 74

Glenn Davis
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Item Number. 75

SUBJECT: Information Report - RFT 128-26 - Supply of eAudiobooks - English Language Collection

FILE NUMBER: 25/36253

REPORT BY: Lachlan Gunn, Deputy General Manager & CFO

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 1 Community Wellbeing* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

Council issued a Selective Request for Tender (RFT) 128-26 Supply of eAudiobooks – English Language Collection on Thursday 19 February 2026.

The RFT closed on Friday 13 March 2026. Council officers are assessing the submissions with the evaluation process scheduled to be completed shortly.

A Supplementary Services Chairperson's Report will be submitted to the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19 May 2026 for Council to consider acceptance of the recommendations by the Evaluation Panel.

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Item Number. 75

Lachlan Gunn
Deputy General Manager & CFO

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Item Number. 76

SUBJECT: Information Report - Outcomes Committee and Services Committee - Meetings, Functions, Delegations and Membership

FILE NUMBER: 09/01106

REPORT BY: Sonja Drca, Manager Governance and Audit

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 5 Good Governance and Leadership* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

At the 28 April 2026 Ordinary Council meeting, Councillor C Saliba raised the following Question to the Mayor:

Would it be worth considering a merger of the Services and Outcomes Committees to improve efficiency, reduce duplication of effort and enable more cohesive decision-making and strategic alignment across both aeras?

A Supplementary Services Chairmans Report will be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19 May 2026 for Council to consider the Outcomes Committee and Services Committee meetings, functions, delegations and membership.

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Sonja Drca
Manager Governance and Audit

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