

Services Committee



AGENDA

DATE OF MEETING: 10 February 2026

LOCATION: Committee Rooms

TIME: 6.30pm

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

10: Compulsory Acquisition of Council Land at 95 Waterside Crescent Carramar by Sydney Water

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 person to any person and prejudice any person's legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests.

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SECTION A

'Matters referred to Council for its decision'

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Item Number. 1

SUBJECT: NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Grant - Greening Our City: Cooler Streets in Fairfield City

FILE NUMBER: 18/25269

REPORT BY: Cheryl Dewhurst, Policy Officer Recreation and Open Space Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The grant of two hundred and two thousand, seven hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$202,774.00 excl. GST) offered by NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure under the Greening our City Grant Program be accepted and be delivered over a 2-year period.
 2. Council allocate a total of twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$29,971.00) from General Fund as a co-contribution to the Grant Program for consideration as part of the Draft 2026–2027 Operational Plan.
 3. The amount of seventy thousand, nine hundred and seventy dollars and ninety cents (\$70,970.90) be received and that a new project 'Cooler Streets in Fairfield City' be introduced into the 2025–2026 Operational Plan, with expenditure for that purpose, be voted.
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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 has been successful in securing funding under the Greening Our City Grant Program, administered by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, to deliver street tree planting across 11 priority suburbs.

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It is recommended that Council accept the grant of \$202,774.00 and introduce a new street tree planting project, Cooler Streets in Fairfield City, to be delivered over a two-year period. Year 1 of the project will commence as part of the 2025–2026 Operational Plan, with a grant allocation of \$70,970.90, while Year 2 funding of grant \$131,803.10 will be considered as part of the Draft 2026–2027 Operational Plan.

The funding agreement also requires a Council co-contribution of \$29,971.00 (excl. GST), which will be considered and allocated in Year 2 as part of the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan.

Background

The Cooler Streets in Fairfield City project aims to plant 542 street trees across 11 priority suburbs identified in the Fairfield Street Tree Master Plan. The proposed streets and suburbs have been prioritised due to low existing canopy cover (0–20%) and their exposure to urban heat impacts.

Increasing tree canopy cover will help address Fairfield City's high level of heat vulnerability, with 71% of the Local Government Area (LGA) currently rated high (score of 5) on the Heat Vulnerability Index. This exceeds comparable LGAs, including Penrith (49%), Liverpool (32%) and Cumberland (31%). The planting of 542 street trees will directly increase canopy cover and provide cooling benefits to suburbs with the lowest levels of existing tree canopy.

The project will contribute to creating a cooler, greener and more liveable urban environment, supporting the health, wellbeing and comfort of residents and visitors across Fairfield City.

Project Funding

Funding for the project is provided through the Greening Our City Grant Program, administered by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. In accordance with the funding agreement, the project must be completed by August 2027.

The project supports the following Community Priorities under the Fairfield City Plan:

- Community Priority 1 – Cleaner Streets and Public Areas
- Community Priority 3 – Inviting and Well-Used Community Spaces

The Cooler Streets in Fairfield City project will be delivered over 2 financial years, with a total funding contribution of \$232,745.00 (excl. GST).

In 2025–2026, funding of \$70,970.90 will be allocated from the Greening Our City grant program. In 2026–2027, a further \$131,803.10 will be provided through the grant program and a Council co-contribution of \$29,971.00 from General Fund, which will be considered as part of the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan.

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State Electorate	Project ID	Project Description	Funds	Amount (excl. GST) 2025-2026	Amount (excl. GST) 2026-2027	Total
Cabramatta, Fairfield, Prospect	New project	Cooler Streets in Fairfield City Street Tree Planting in 11 priority suburbs including: Bonnyrigg, Cabramatta, Canley Vale, Edensor Park, Fairfield, Fairfield Heights, Greenfield Park, Prairiewood, Smithfield, Wakeley and Wetherill Park	Council	\$0.00	\$29,971.00	\$29,971.00
			Grant	\$70,970.90	\$131,803.10	\$202,774.00
			TOTAL	\$70,970.90	\$161,774.10	\$232,745.00

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council accept the grant of \$202,774.00 and introduce a new street tree planting project, Cooler Streets in Fairfield City, to be delivered over a 2-year period. Year 1 of the project will commence as part of the 2025–2026 Operational Plan, with a grant allocation of \$70,970.90, while Year 2 funding of grant \$131,803.10 will be considered as part of the Draft 2026–2027 Operational Plan.

The funding agreement also requires a Council co-contribution of \$29,971.00 (excl. GST), which is proposed to be allocated in Year 2 as part of the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan.

Cheryl Dewhurst
**Policy Officer Recreation and
Open Space Planning**

Authorisation:
Manager Integrated Planning and Performance
Director City Assets

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***** END OF ITEM 1 *****

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Item Number. 2

SUBJECT: NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Grant - Greening our City: National Tree Day

FILE NUMBER: 18/25269

REPORT BY: Robert Stevenson, Team Leader Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The grant of ninety-four thousand, seven hundred and ten dollars (\$94,710.00) offered by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for the Cool and Green Spaces for Our City project be accepted and be delivered over a 3-year period.
 2. The amount of thirty-three thousand, one hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$33,148.50) for the Cool and Green Spaces for Our City project be received into the 2025–2026 Operational Plan under IN261134 and that its expenditure be voted for that purpose, with the remaining grant funding to be considered in future Operational Plans.
 3. The total amount of twenty-nine thousand, one hundred and sixty-six dollars (\$29,166.00) from General Fund allocations in the 2025/26 to 2028/29 Delivery Program for IN1134 – National Tree Day be returned.
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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

Council has been successful in its application for NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's Greening Our City Program for the Cool and Green Spaces for Our City project.

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This project will enhance an already established program, National Tree Day, Australia's largest annual community tree planting event and will deliver 0.75 hectares of ecologically connected urban landscape. As outlined in the grant application, the project will be delivered over 3 years, comprising:

- Year 1 (2026): Busby Park Edensor Park (included in the 2025-2026 Operational Plan)
- Year 2 (2027): Angle Vale Edensor Park (for consideration as part of Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan) and
- Year 3 (2028): A maintenance period funded under the grant program.

Key project components include:

- Hosting a Community Planting Day (18,000 native plants).
- Engaging local schools and community groups.
- Delivering an educational guided walk to promote the project and its environmental benefits to the wider community.

As part of the grant conditions, a Council co-contribution of \$28,710.00 (excl. GST) and in-kind support was originally identified in the 2025/26–2028/29 Delivery Program. As the required co-contribution is lower than anticipated, it is recommended that \$29,166.00 from General Fund, allocated to IN1134 – National Tree Day, be returned.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that:

1. Council accept the Greening Our City grant of \$94,710.00 from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for the Cool and Green Spaces for Our City project and
2. The 2025–2026 Operational Plan be amended to reflect the receipt of grant funding of thirty-three thousand, one hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$33,148.50) under project number IN261134 and
3. The total amount of twenty-nine thousand, one hundred and sixty-six dollars (\$29,166.00) from General Fund allocations in the 2025/26 to 2028/29 Delivery Program for IN1134 – National Tree Day be returned.

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Robert Stevenson
Team Leader Natural Resources

Authorisation:
Manager Integrated Planning and Performance
Director City Assets

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Item Number. 3

SUBJECT: NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Grant
- Weeds Action Program 2025–2029

FILE NUMBER: 25/27685

REPORT BY: Helen Pollard, Natural Resources Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The grant of one hundred and eighty-six thousand and fifty-one dollars (\$186,051.00) offered by the NSW Government's Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development under the Weeds Action Program be noted and be delivered over a 5-year period.
 2. The forty thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$40,350.00) from the Weeds Action Program be received as identified in the 2025–2026 Operational Plan under project number SP26416.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

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SUMMARY

The NSW Weeds Action Program 2025–2029 (WAP25–29) is a NSW Government initiative that supports councils to prevent the introduction of new priority weeds, reduce the spread of existing priority weeds and strengthen long-term weed management capacity across NSW.

Council has previously endorsed this program as part of the 2025/26–2028/29 Delivery Program. This report seeks to acknowledge the successful grant outcome and update the 2025–2026 Operational Plan budget and the 2025/26-2028/29 Delivery Program accordingly.

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The total grant funding of \$186,051.00 is administered by the NSW Government and distributed through the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. The program operates over a 5-year period (2025–2029), with funding released on an annual basis.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that:

1. The NSW Weeds Action Program grant funding over the five-year period from 2025 to 2029 be noted; and
 2. The 2025–2026 Operational Plan be amended to reflect the receipt of grant funding of forty thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$40,350) under project number SP26416.
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Helen Pollard
Natural Resources Officer

Authorisation:
Manager Integrated Planning and Performance
Director City Assets

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Item Number. 4

SUBJECT: Parks for Fairfield - Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program

FILE NUMBER: 26/02364

REPORT BY: Hao Dang, Director City Strategy

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council's grant application to the Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program (MLCIP), be endorsed.
 2. A further report be provided to Council to vote funding into the 2025/2026 Operational Plan pending a successful application.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

AT-A [↓](#) Parks for Fairfield Concept Designs

10 Pages

CITY PLAN

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

SUMMARY

Council has been invited to submit a grant application under the Federal government's Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program (MLCIP). The application will be for the construction of 4 new parks with a total value of \$9,500,000.00 plus GST at the following locations:

1. Corner of Harris Street and Sackville Street Fairfield (\$5 million).
2. Corner of Frederick Street and Francis Street Fairfield (\$2.3 million).
3. Corner of Granville Street and Brenan Street Fairfield (\$1.1 million).
4. 8a-12 Barton Street Smithfield (\$1.1 million).

If successful, the proposed grant application represents the delivery of longstanding Council strategies and land acquisition decisions stemming from the Fairfield Residential Strategy East (2009), which identified the need to increase open space in established residential areas from population growth and housing intensification.

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It is recommended that the grant application to the MLCIP be accepted and allocated for expenditure in the Operational Plan over 3 years commencing 2025-2026, should Council be successful. A decision is anticipated to occur mid-year with delivery of the parks by mid-late 2028.

Background

The Fairfield Residential Strategy East Phase 1 and Phase 2 (2009) was prepared in response to State Government housing targets and anticipated population growth in established suburbs. The Strategy identified that increased residential density would place additional pressure on local open space and recommended that Council proactively plan for new parks and recreation facilities in areas with existing deficits.

This led to a series of rezonings of privately owned properties to RE1 Public Recreation and subsequent acquisition of those properties. These decisions were made with a long-term view of ensuring Fairfield residents would continue to have equitable access to local parks as population density increased.

Purpose

The subject RE1 Public Recreation zoned properties acquired by Council that are subject to the grant application and park construction are shown in the diagrams below. Design Plans and cost estimates are annexed as AT-A.

1. Harris Street Park - Corner of Harris Street and Sackville Street, Fairfield (\$5m)



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2. Jack Spillane Park - Corner of Frederick Street and Francis Street, Fairfield (\$2.3m)



3. Granville Street Park - Corner of Granville Street and Brenan Street, Fairfield (\$1.1m)



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4. Barton Street Park - 8a-12 Barton Street, Smithfield (\$1.1m)



The project will deliver 4 new parks with inclusive playgrounds, walking paths, shaded seating, landscaping, fitness equipment, public amenities and culturally responsive design elements. Delivery of the parks will need to comply with any grant conditions imposed and is anticipated to be completed by the second half of 2028.

This opportunity has been made possible by Council's land acquisition program over the past few years. Through negotiated agreements with private landowners, Council successfully purchased all the land needed for the project.

The grant funding is critical to the delivery of all 4 parks concurrently and within a reasonable timeframe. Without this funding source, delivery would need to be staged over many years, further delaying community benefit and placing additional pressure on Council's already committed capital works budget, Section 7.11 and Section 7.12 contribution programs.

It is recommended that the grant application to the MLCIP be accepted and allocated for expenditure in the Operational Plan over 3 years commencing 2025-2026, should Council be successful. A decision on the outcome is anticipated to occur mid-year.

CONCLUSION

The proposed grant application under the MLCIP presents a significant opportunity for Council to deliver 4 much needed new parks across Fairfield and Smithfield, with a total investment value of \$9.5 million plus GST. The project directly implements long-standing strategic planning and land acquisition outcomes arising from the Fairfield Residential Strategy East (2009), responding to population growth and increased housing density, by improving access to local open space.

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If successful, the grant would enable these projects to be delivered over a 3-year period from 2025–2026, with the funding incorporated into Council’s Operational Plan 2025-2026 and delivery anticipated to be in mid-late 2028.

Hao Dang
Director City Strategy

Authorisation:
General Manager

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KEY PLAN I



HARRIS PARK FAIRFIELD

SCALE 1:500

--- APPROXIMATE AREA OF FUTURE
DETENTION BASIN DASHED RED

NOTES:

Provisional items identified in the plans are subject to budget availability and delivery will be in accordance with the Project Plan.

Equipment and furniture featured in the plans are subject to change at detailed design and/or during construction. However, any change will not take away from the original intent and integrity of the Park



HARRIS PARK FAIRFIELD

SCALE 1:500

LEGEND

- | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|  | EXISTING TREES |  | RUBBER WETPOUR |  | ACCESS POINT |
|  | PROPOSED TREES |  | CONCRETE PAVING |  | 1200MM HIGH FENCING AND GATE |
|  | GRASS |  | CRAZY PAVING |  | COLOURED FREE STANDING FENCING WITH LETTERING |
|  | GARDEN BED |  | SOFTFALL MULCH |  | WAYFINDING BLADE SIGNAGE |
| | |  | |  | SANDSTONE BLOCKS |
| | |  | |  | SEATS |



HARRIS ST | FAIRFIELD

- NEW FENCE TO BOUNDARY
- ACCESS POINT FROM HARRIS STREET
- MAINTENANCE ACCESS FROM HARRIS STREET
- BIKE RAILS WITH DOUBLE BINS
- SHELTER WITH PICNIC AREA
- FITNESS EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMADATE ALL AGES INCLUDING SENIORS
- DOUBLE PUBLIC TOILET AMENITIES
- 2M WIDE PATH TO SPORTS COURTS AND CIRCULATION IN BROADER PARK
- SPORTS WALL AND LINEMARKINGS
- SHADE SAILS OVER PLAY EQUIPMENT
- SHELTER WITH PICNIC SETTING
- SHELTER WITH PICNIC SETTING
- SANSTONE LONG WALL TO SEPARATE PLAY AND SPORTS AREA
- SHADE SAILS OVER PLAY EQUIPMENT
- LARGE SWING SET
- 25M FLYING FOX IN MULCH
- LOT BOUNDARY SHOWN DASHED



PLAYGROUND PLAN

LEGEND

- EXISTING TREES
- PROPOSED TREES
- GRASS
- GARDEN BED
- SOFTFALL MULCH
- RUBBER WETPOUR
- CONCRETE PAVING
- CRAZY PAVING
- SEATS
- 1200MM HIGH FENCING AND GATE
- COLOURED FREE STANDING FENCING WITH LETTERING
- ACCESS POINT
- WAYFINDING BLADE SIGNAGE
- SANDSTONE BLOCKS



DRINKING FOUNTAIN



FEATURE PAVING



FENCE TYPE 1 - BLACK STEEL



FENCE TYPE 2 - COLOURED



PLAY EQUIPMENT PLAN



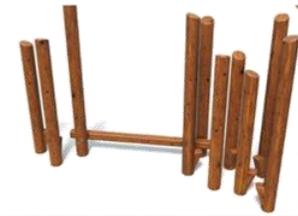
ALL ABILITIES OUTDOOR GYM -
SUPPLY + Install including rubber softfall surfacing \$200,000



JUNIOR CUBBY AND SLIDE
SUPPLY: \$24,180 + Install including rubber softfall surfacing



SENSORY PLAY (INSTRUMENTS)
SUPPLY + Install \$8000



BALANCE NATURE TRAIL
SUPPLY \$12,200 + Install including mulch softfall surfacing



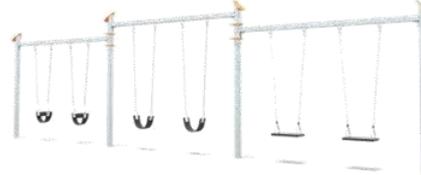
8.7m TALL PLAY TOWER -
SUPPLY: \$203,000 + Install including rubber and mulch softfall surfacing



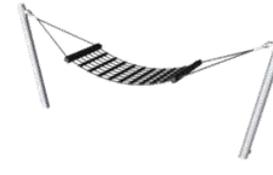
ACCESSIBLE CAROUSEL
SUPPLY: \$41,130 + Install including rubber softfall surfacing



FLYING FOX
SUPPLY: \$30,700 + Install including mulch softfall surfacing and concrete edge



SWINGS WITH BIRDSNEST + YOU AND ME SWING
SUPPLY \$13,000+ + Install including rubber softfall surfacing



HAMMOCK
SUPPLY \$4630+ + Install including mulch softfall surfacing



TRAMPOLINE
SUPPLY \$18,400+ + Install including rubber softfall surfacing

NOTE: Equipment presented in this concept shows Council's intent for minimum provisions for the park.



LOCATION PLAN | SCALE 1:10000



LEGEND

- EXISTING TREES
- PROPOSED TREES
- GRASS
- GARDEN BED
- SOFTFALL MULCH
- RUBBER WETPOUR
- CONCRETE PAVING
- COLOURED CONCRETE PAVING
- BIKE PATH / PEDESTRIAN PATH
- FUTURE LOTS TO BE PURCHASED AND EXTENSION TO PARK
- SEATS
- BIKE RAILS
- ACCESS POINTS
- WAYFINDING BLADE SIGN
- COLOURED FREE STANDING FENCE WITH LETTERING
- 1200mm HIGH FENCING & GATE

SHELTER WITH PICNIC AREA
 BIKE RAILS WITH DOUBLE BINS
 PROVISIONAL ITEM 01
 DOUBLE PUBLIC TOILET AMENITIES

ACCESS POINTS FROM
 FRANCIS ST AND FREDERICK ST

NOTE

1. PROVISIONAL ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO BUDGET AVAILABILITY AND DELIVERY WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT PLAN.
2. EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE FEATURED IN THE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT DETAILED DESIGN AND/OR DURING CONSTRUCTION. HOWEVER, ANY CHANGE WILL NOT TAKE AWAY FROM THE ORIGINAL INTENT AND INTEGRITY OF THE PARK.

JACK SPILLANE PARK FAIRFIELD
 SCALE 1:500



FREDERICK & FRANCIS ST | FAIRFIELD

REV B, JANUARY 2026



JACK SPILLANE PARK FAIRFIELD
SCALE 1:250

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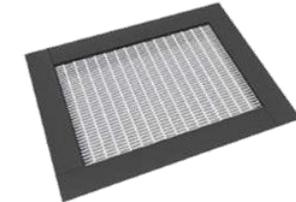
JUNIOR UNIT - RECYCLING TRUCK
\$26,000 + INSTALL & RUBBER SURFACING



SENIOR UNIT FIRE TRUCK
\$75,640 + INSTALL & RUBBER SURFACING



SWING SET + ACCESSIBLE SEAT
\$9,560 + INSTALL & RUBBER SURFACING



TRAMPOLINE
\$21,470 + INSTALL & RUBBER SURFACING



JUNIOR ROCKERS
\$2,250 + INSTALL & RUBBER SURFACING



ACCESSIBLE CAROUSEL
\$211,110 + INSTALL & RUBBER SURFACING



CITY ROLE PLAY & TRAFFIC SIGNS
\$32,410.00 + INSTALL & RUBBER SURFACING



ALL ACCESSIBLE GYM EQUIPMENT
\$15,000 + INSTALL & RUBBER SURFACING



KEY PLAN | SCALE 1:10000

NEW FENCE LINE TO BOUNDARY

ACCESS POINTS FROM GRANVILLE ST AND BRENNAN ST

PROVISIONAL ITEM: SINGLE PUBLIC TOILET AMENITY

SHELTER WITH PICNIC AREA

BIKE RAILS WITH BIN



GRANVILLE STREET FAIRFIELD
SCALE 1:400

LEGEND

- EXISTING TREES
- PROPOSED TREES
- GRASS
- GARDEN BED
- SOFTFALL MULCH
- RUBBER WETPOUR
- CONCRETE PAVING
- CRAZY PAVING
- SEATS
- FENCE
- BIKE RAILS
- ACCESS POINTS

NOTE: Provisional items identified in the plans are subject to budget availability and delivery will be in accordance with the Project Plan.

Equipment and furniture featured in the plans are subject to change at detailed design and/or during construction. However, any change will not take away from the original intent and integrity of the Park



GRANVILLE STREET FAIRFIELD
SCALE 1:200



FISH TRAPS SWINGS
Supply: \$46,490 Install including rubber soffit



MULTI UNIT PLAY TOWER
Supply: \$39,250 Install including rubber soffit



SWING SET
Supply: \$5,050 Install including mulch soffit



ALL-ACCESS CAROUSEL
Supply: \$34,240 Install including rubber soffit



FRANKLIN ROCKER
Supply: \$2,500 Install including rubber soffit



SHELTER
Supply: \$8,000 Install including decorative paving



SINGLE TOILET AMENITY
Install including concrete paving



ALUMINUM SEATING
Install including concrete paving



LOCATION PLAN | SCALE 1:5000



SITE PLAN | SCALE 1:500

NOTE

1. PROVISIONAL ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO BUDGET AVAILABILITY AND DELIVERY WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT PLAN.

2. EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE FEATURED IN THE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT DETAILED DESIGN AND/OR DURING CONSTRUCTION. HOWEVER, ANY CHANGE WILL NOT TAKE AWAY FROM THE ORIGINAL INTENT AND INTEGRITY OF THE PARK.

**PROVISIONAL ITEM 01
FITNESS AREA:
FITNESS EQUIPMENT**



**FITNESS STATION - MIX OF FLEXIBILITY
RESISTANCE AND STRENGTH**



**LEG PRESS, SPIN CYCLE, ELLIPTICAL
TOTAL**

\$67,600 + INSTALL + RUBBER SURFACING

PROVISIONAL ITEM 02 EXELOO:



TOILET - SINGLE EXELOO

\$250,000 + INSTALL

NOTE

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PLAN I SCALE 1:250

LEGEND

- 1. Bike Rails, Bins And Drinking Fountain
- 2. Shade Sail / Shade Structure
- 3. Bench Seats
- 4. Picnic Area
- 5. Large Existing Tree
- 6. Circuit Walking Path
- 7. Sandstone Log Seating Wall
- 8. New Footpath To Street

Note:
First Nation design element to be incorporated, subject to consultation with relevant indigenous elders, where possible

PLAY EQUIPMENT



DOUBLE BAY SWING WITH NEST SEAT
\$16,500 + INSTALL



ACCESSIBLE ROCKERS
\$4,290+ INSTALL



ALL-ACCESS CAROUSEL
\$28,000 + INSTALL



BALANCE TRAIL
\$6,110 + INSTALL



DYNAMIC PLAY STRUCTURE
\$70,000 + INSTALL

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting Date 10 February 2026

Item Number. 5

SUBJECT: Transport for NSW Grant - 2025/2026 Australian Government Black Spot Program

FILE NUMBER: 23/22170

REPORT BY: Sandra Slewa, Traffic & Transport Co-ordinator

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The grant of one hundred and thirteen thousand dollars (\$113,000.00) offered by Transport for NSW under the 2025/2026 Australian Government Black Spot Program be received into the 2025-2026 Operational Plan for Project MPBP2601 Intersection of Avoca Road and Rosedale Street, Wakeley and its expenditure for that purpose, be voted.
 2. The grant of two hundred and ninety-nine thousand dollars (\$299,000.00) offered by Transport for NSW under the 2025/2026 Australian Government Black Spot Program be received into the 2025-2026 Operational Plan for Project MPBP2603 Davis Road at its Intersection with the T-way, Wetherill Park and its expenditure for that purpose, be voted.
 3. The grant of eighty-two thousand, four hundred and forty-six dollars (\$82,446.00) offered by Transport for NSW under the 2025/2026 Australian Government Black Spot Program for Smithfield Road and Cherokee Avenue Greenfield Park not be accepted.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

AT-A ↓	Avoca Road and Rosedale Street Wakeley - Concept Plan	2 Pages
AT-B ↓	Smithfield Road and Cherokee Avenue Greenfield Park - Concept Plan	1 Page

CITY PLAN

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

SUMMARY

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The Traffic and Transport team seek grant funding for projects to address locations on the local road network where there is a history of crashes. Grant applications were lodged with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for the 2025-2026 Australian Government's Black Spot Program (TfNSW manage the NSW applications for the Australian Government Program).

Applications were lodged for treatments at the following intersections:

- Avoca Road and Rosedale Street Wakeley – pedestrian refuge.
- Davis Road at T-way Wetherill Park – improve streetlighting.
- Smithfield Road and Cherokee Avenue Greenfield Park – full-time ban for the right turn out of Cherokee Avenue onto Smithfield Road.

Council has been advised the 3 applications were successful. The funding is provided by the Australian Government and managed by TfNSW. All payments are made by TfNSW to grant recipients.

This report is recommending receiving grant funding for Avoca Road and Rosedale Street Wakeley and Davis Road at the T-way Wetherill Park.

The grant for Smithfield Road and Cherokee Avenue Greenfield Park, is not recommended for approval as the most recent 5-year crash history does not justify continuing the works.

BACKGROUND

The National Blackspot Program focuses on locations or lengths of road where serious injury crashes and/or fatal crashes have occurred. The crash data from TfNSW is reviewed to identify locations meeting the grant criteria and proposed treatments identified and costed.

Grant applications are then prepared in sufficient detail to allow the sites to be evaluated and considered within the NSW program. For the 2025/26 Blackspot Program 3 grant proposals were submitted.

TfNSW has confirmed the 3 grant applications were successful.

The Australian Government's Black Spot Program projects are scheduled to be completed in the 2025/2026 Operational Plan. Detailed design is scheduled for completion in 2025 and construction in the first half of 2026.

Proposal 1: Avoca Road and Rosedale Street Wakeley

A key injury at this location involved a pedestrian crossing Avoca Road. The proposal is to provide a pedestrian refuge (see Attachment A). This reduces crossing distance and allows a pedestrian to stage the crossing, reducing exposure and risk.

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The project is included in the 2025-2026 Operational Plan as:

Project	MPBP2601
Title	Intersection of Avoca Road and Rosedale Street Wakeley
Funding	Grant
Adopted Budget	\$80,000.00

Putting the grant application together allowed the concept design and cost estimate to be refined. This resulted in the grant application seeking more than the amount included in the budget – \$113,000.00 – resulting in a need to increase the voted expenditure by \$33,000.00.

It is recommended to receive this grant funding and vote the additional expenditure (\$33,000.00).

Proposal 2: Davis Road at its intersection with the T-Way Wetherill Park

A key crash at this location involved a bus crossing Davis Road being struck by a truck at night (fatal collision). The improvements to street lighting are intended to increase visibility of the intersection and vehicles on the approaches.

The project is included in the 2025-2026 Operational Plan as:

Project	MPBP2603
Title	Davis Road at its intersection with the T-Way Wetherill Park
Funding	Grant
Adopted Budget	\$150,000.00

Putting the grant application together allowed the concept design and cost estimate to be refined. This resulted in the grant application seeking more than the amount included in the budget – \$299,000.00 – resulting in a need to increase the voted expenditure by \$149,000.00.

It is recommended to receive this grant funding and vote the additional expenditure (\$149,000.00).

Proposal 3: Smithfield Road and Cherokee Avenue Prairiewood

With the introduction of the 4-lane carriageway in Smithfield Road, from Elizabeth Drive to the Cumberland Highway, the right turn bay for traffic turning into Cherokee Avenue was removed. This also affected the right turn movement out (with a peak period right turn ban installed).

It is not uncommon with changes like this for there to be a change in crash patterns as drivers get accustomed to the traffic changes. The crash history for the location showed a spike in crashes in the first year of the 5-year crash period as this change occurred.

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A more recent report for the crash history shows the most recent 5-year period for crashes has a substantially reduced number of injury crashes at the location.

The proposed treatment at the location was to upgrade the peak period no right turn restriction to a full-time restriction and provide an island in Cherokee Avenue to assist in compliance with this requirement.

As the full-time right turn ban affected a large number of residents, a report was presented to the Traffic Committee in August 2025 looking at intersection treatment options. The Traffic Committee recommendation was to review the crash history in 12 months to determine whether the more recent crash history is representative of the crashes occurring at the intersection.

The timing of the grant application lodgement and consideration of the recommended solution by the Traffic Committee meant the grant had been lodged prior to the committee decision being reached. While TfNSW had been advised Council was discontinuing the grant application, TfNSW processed the application through for consideration.

With the Traffic Committee recommendation, changes to the most recent 5-year crash history and the potential impact of the full-time right turn ban on local residents, it is recommended to decline the grant.

CONCLUSION

The proposed projects aim to improve safety performance at the identified locations.

The proposal for Smithfield Road and Cherokee Avenue is not recommended to be accepted. Analysis of the most recent 5-year crash history has identified the need for the proposal has been significantly reduced.

It is recommended to accept the grant funding for the proposals at Avoca Road and Rosedale Street Wakeley and Davis Road and the Transitway Wetherill Park. The budgeted amounts for these projects need to be adjusted to match the grant amounts.

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Sandra Slewa
Traffic & Transport Co-ordinator

Authorisation:
Manager Design Services
Director City Delivery

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ATTACHMENT A

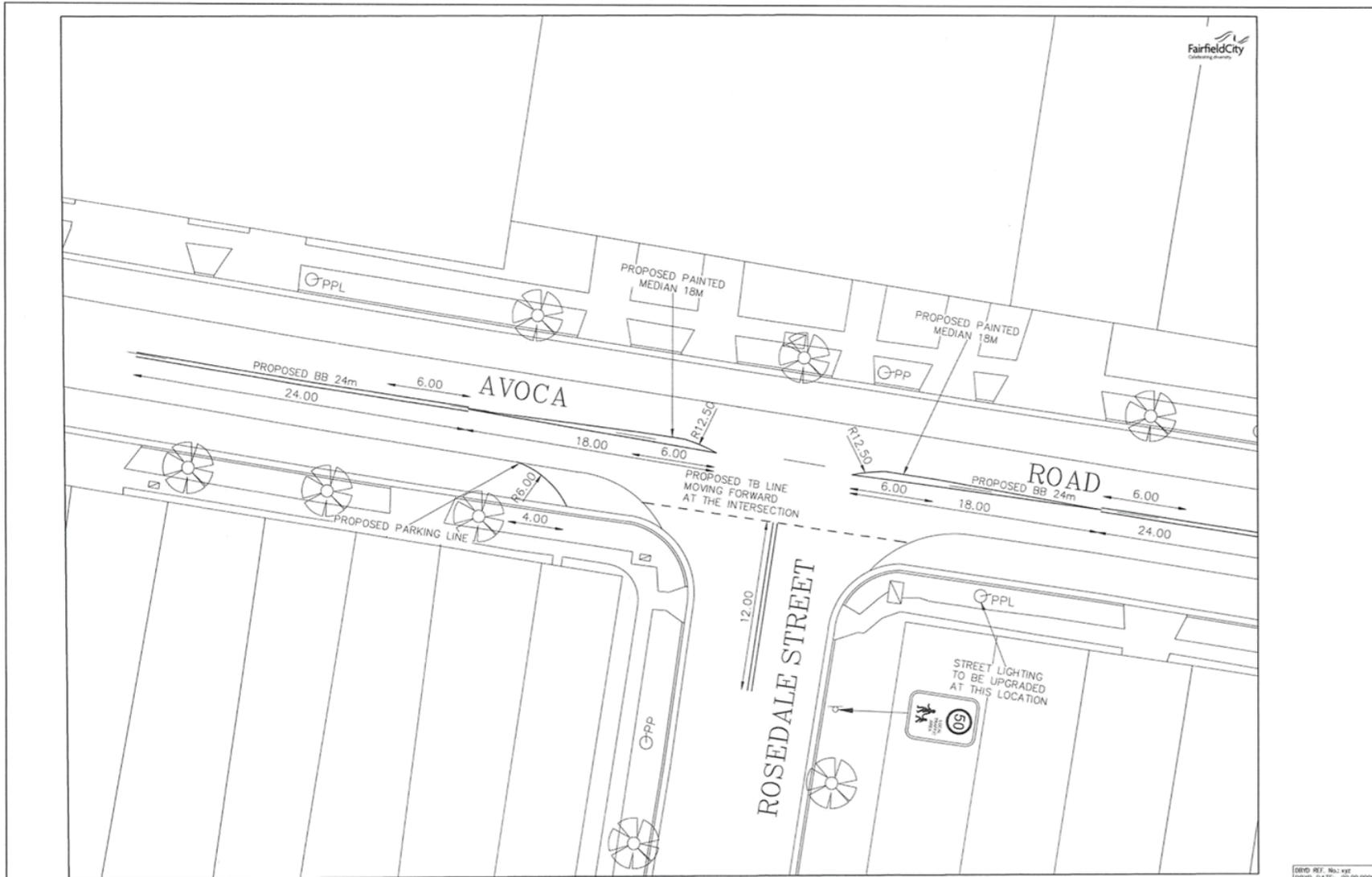
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Avoca Road and Rosedale Street Wakeley - Concept Plan



FOR STRATEGIC DESIGN PLAN ONLY

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SDPD DATE: 03.00.0000



EXISTING SHOWN THUS		PROPOSED SHOWN THUS		PUBLIC UTILITIES		No.	REVISION	DATE	INIT'S	INITIALS	DATE
KERB & GUTTER	PIPE DRAINS	KERB & GUTTER	PIPE DRAINS	SEWER	TELECOM PITS						
TABLE DRAIN	GULLY PITS	TABLE DRAIN	GULLY PITS	TELECOM CABLES	WATER MAIN						
EDGE OF BRT.	JUNCTION PITS	EDGE OF BITUM.	JUNCTION PITS	GAS MAINS	STOP VALVE						
		EDGE STRIP		POWER CABLES	HYDRANT						
		PEGGED ROAD		SEWER MAN HOLE							
		ROAD SETOUT		TELECOM POLES	OPTUS						

OBJECTIVE: P18R- / - - - - -

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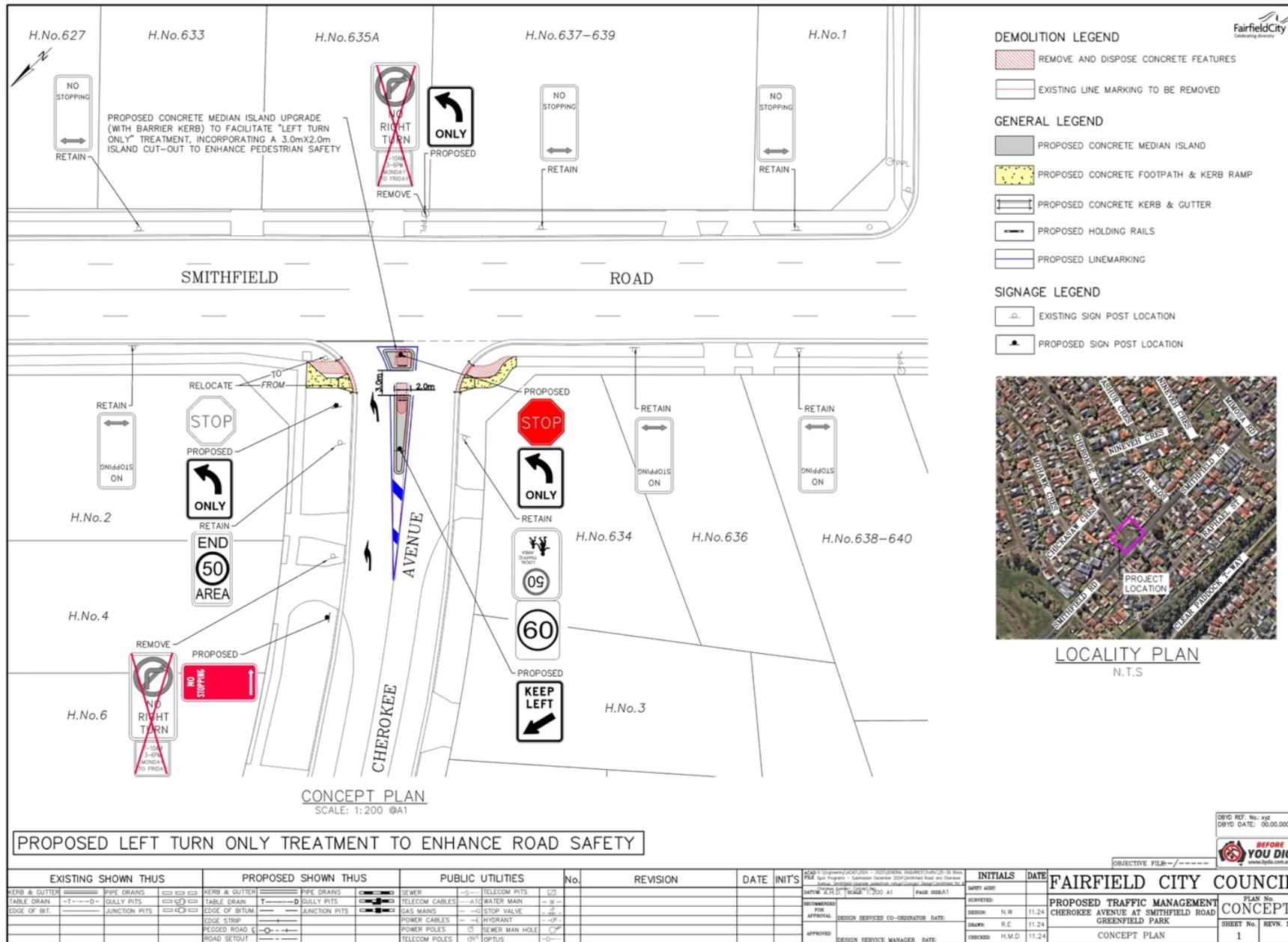
PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
AVOCA ROAD & ROSEDALE
WAKELEY HEIGHTS

PLAN No. CONCEPT
SHEET No. 2 REVISION No.

ATTACHMENT B

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Smithfield Road and Cherokee Avenue Greenfield Park - Concept Plan



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Meeting Date 10 February 2026

Item Number. 6

SUBJECT: Transport for NSW Grant - Boating Infrastructure Maintenance Program

FILE NUMBER: 25/26160

REPORT BY: Cheryl Dewhurst, Policy Officer Recreation and Open Space Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

That the grant of fifty-three thousand, eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$53,870.00 excluding GST) offered by Transport for NSW under the Boating Infrastructure Maintenance Grants Program be accepted and a new project Boat Ramps and Access Improvements be introduced into the 2025-2026 Operational Plan and expenditure for that purpose, be voted.

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 has been successful in a grant application to the Boating Infrastructure Maintenance Grants Program to undertake essential maintenance at Bradbury Wharf Boat Ramp and Pontoon, Floyd Bay Boat Ramp and Shearer Park Wharf. The funding is administered by Transport for NSW.

The grant provides a contribution of \$53,870.00 (excluding GST) towards the project.

Background

The Boating Infrastructure Maintenance Grants Program offered an opportunity for Council to seek funds to undertake essential maintenance at Bradbury Wharf Boat Ramp and Pontoon, Floyd Bay Boat Ramp and Shearer Park Wharf under 1 project: Boat Ramps and Access Improvements.

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The funding will allow for improvements to safety, usability and longevity of Council's boating infrastructure along Georges River at Chipping Norton Lake. The works will include ramp repairs, pontoon restoration and safety upgrades. These improvements will enhance access and safety for foreshore visitors including the recreational boating and fishing communities.

Project Funding

The grant funding is provided by the Boating Infrastructure Maintenance Grants Program, administered by Transport for NSW. The grant must be expended by 31 December 2026.

The remaining project funding requirement of \$17,978.92 is proposed to be funded from the existing service budget.

Undertaking this project enables Council to complete essential maintenance at these 4 boating infrastructure assets, with the larger portion of required funds coming from the Boating Infrastructure Maintenance Grants Program.

The proposed project funding is as follows:

State Electorate	Suburb	Project ID	Project Description	Funds	Amount (excl. GST)
Cabramatta	Lansvale	New project	Boat Ramps and Access Improvements Undertake maintenance works to boat ramps, pontoons, and wharf infrastructure at Bradbury Wharf, Floyd Bay, and Shearer Park.	Council	\$17,978.92
				Grant	\$53,870.00
				TOTAL	\$71,848.92

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the funds offered by Transport for NSW under the Boating Infrastructure Maintenance Grants Program to the value of \$53,870.00 (excluding GST) be accepted and a new project Boat Ramps and Access Improvements be introduced into the 2025-2026 Operational Plan and expenditure for that purpose be voted.

In addition, it is recommended that a contribution of \$17,978.92 from the existing service budget be allocated towards the delivery of the new project.

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Cheryl Dewhurst
**Policy Officer Recreation and
Open Space Planning**

Authorisation:
Manager Integrated Planning and Performance
Director City Assets

Services Committee - 10 February 2026

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Meeting Date 10 February 2026

Item Number. 7

SUBJECT: Australian Local Government Association - 2026 National General Assembly

FILE NUMBER: 10/01441

REPORT BY: Anh Hoang, Senior Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Mayor and General Manager or their nominees, be appointed to attend the National General Assembly (NGA) being held in Canberra from Tuesday 23 June to Thursday 25 June 2026.
 2. Any other councillors wishing to attend the NGA notify the General Manager by Friday 24 April 2026.
 3. Any Motions that Council wishes to submit to the Australian Local Government Association for consideration at the NGA be submitted in writing to the General Manager no later than Friday 13 February 2026.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

AT-A ↓	National General Assembly Draft Program	4 Pages
AT-B ↓	National General Assembly Motions Discussion Paper	24 Pages

CITY PLAN

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

SUMMARY

The Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) is being held in Canberra from Tuesday 23 June to Thursday 25 June 2026.

The NGA brings together many hundreds of delegates from councils across Australia to debate national and priority issues facing local government. Speakers include prominent local government and national political leaders, plus leading Australian experts from fields of interest and relevant to local government.

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Participants of this conference will:

- Debate matters of national importance to local government.
- Hear from peers, national political leaders and senior Australian Government executives.
- Be informed on key national issues.
- Meet and interact with local government employees and elected members from across Australia.

A copy of the proposed Program is attached (Attachment A).

Traditionally the Mayor and General Manager (or their nominees) attend this conference. The purpose of this report is to request councillor nominations to attend.

MOTIONS

The theme for this year's NGA is 'Stronger Together: Resilient. Productive. United'. A Discussion Paper has been released from the ALGA to assist councils in developing motions that fall under this theme. This document is Attachment B of this report.

As the motions need to be endorsed by Council and forwarded to the ALGA by Friday 27 February 2026, our submission would need to be finalised and adopted at the Council Meeting on Tuesday 24 February 2026.

Should councillors wish to submit a motion, this would need to be submitted in writing to the General Manager no later than close of business on Friday 13 February 2026. Should the General Manager receive any submissions, a Section A report will be submitted to the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24 February 2026 for Council to endorse the proposed motion/s.

All motions submitted from Council will be reviewed by the NGA Committee to determine eligibility and inclusion in the conference business papers.

At the time of writing this report, no motions have been put forward for Council's consideration.

REGISTRATION

Full Registration

Early Bird before 30 April 2026 = \$999.00 per delegate

Standard from 1 May 2026 = \$1,125.00 per delegate

The above listed fees include the Welcome Reception on Tuesday 23 June 2026.

Day Registration

Wednesday 24 June 2026 = \$570.00 per delegate

Thursday 25 June 2026 = \$570.00 per delegate

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Optional Social Functions

General Assembly (GA) Dinner - Thursday 25 June 2026 - \$200.00 per delegate

Networking Event – Thursday 25 June 2026 - \$109.00

Note: the GA Dinner and Networking Event are held at the same time.

Any additional costs incurred because of a councillor's partner attending will be borne by the councillor.

Cancellation

An administration fee of \$220.00 will apply to any participant who cancels before Thursday 30 April 2026. Cancellations received after 30 April 2026 will incur the full registration fee.

If a councillor is unable to attend, a substitute can be made at no additional cost.

Accommodation

Accommodation costs of \$420.00 per delegate per night is based on the cost to stay at the Crowne Plaza, which is the closest hotel to the Convention Centre, where the NGA will be held.

Travel

A Council vehicle is available for those wishing to travel by car.

Anh Hoang
Senior Governance Officer

Authorisation:

Governance Co-ordinator

Manager Governance and Audit

Director People Culture and Operations

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PROPOSED PROGRAM

Tue Jun 23 Wed Jun 24 Thu Jun 25 All Days

Tuesday, June 23

8AM

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Regional Forum & Urban Forum

Concurrent sessions. Regional Forum sessions will be held in the Royal Theatre and the Urban Forum sessions will be held in the Bradman Theatre

9AM

<p>9am 10am</p>	<p>Regional Forum (RF) Opening Session</p> <p><small>Royal Theatre</small> Regional</p>
<p>9am 10am</p>	<p>Urban Forum (UF) Opening Session</p> <p><small>Bradman Theatre</small> Urban</p>

10AM

<p>10am 10:30am</p>	<p>Forums Morning Tea</p>	
<p>10:30am 11:30am</p>	<p>RF Session 1: Opportunities & Challenges - Renewable Transition</p> <p><small>Royal Theatre</small> Regional</p>	
<p>10:30am 11:30am</p>	<p>UF Session 1: State of the Cities</p> <p><small>Bradman Theatre</small> Urban</p>	<p>Simon Kuestenmacher The Demographics Group</p>

11AM

<p>11:30am 12:30pm</p>	<p>RF Session 2: State of the Regions</p> <p><small>Royal Theatre</small> Regional</p>	<p>Simon Kuestenmacher The Demographics Group</p>
<p>11:30am 12:30pm</p>	<p>UF Session 2: Precinct Building</p> <p><small>Creating places people want to be</small></p> <p>Urban</p>	

12PM	
12:30pm 1:30pm	Forums Lunch
1PM	
1:30pm 2:30pm	RF Session 3: Disaster Management Fatigue 📍 Royal Theatre Regional
1:30pm 2:30pm	UF Session 3: Emergency Management Communicating to large populations 📍 Bradman Theatre Urban
2PM	
2:30pm 3:30pm	RF Session 4: National productivity & local roads 📍 Royal Theatre Regional
2:30pm 3:30pm	UF Session 4: Growing pains Rapid urban growth 📍 Bradman Theatre Urban
3PM	
3:30pm 4:30pm	Forums Afternoon Tea
4PM	
4:30pm 5:30pm	RF Session 5: Regional Health 📍 Royal Theatre Regional
	 Carol Mudford Agri-futures 2025 Rural Women's National Award Winner and Founder – CEO, Shedway, Shedway
4:30pm 5:30pm	UF Session 5: Decarbonisation in the urban context 📍 Bradman Theatre Urban
5PM	
5:30pm 7:30pm	Welcome Reception Sponsored by Payble The Welcome Reception will be held within the Exhibition Halls at the National Convention Centre for the delegates to have a meet and greet with the 2026 Exhibitors.

Wednesday, June 24

8AM

REGISTRATIONS OPEN.

9AM

9am 10am	Opening Session 📍 Royal Theatre
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10AM

10am 11am	NGA Session 1 David Speers (MC) in conversation with Ministers 📍 Royal Theatre	David Speers
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11AM

11am 12pm	MEAL BREAK ONE - DAY 1
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12PM

12pm 2pm	NGA Session 2: Listen and Action With Jason Clarke, including the launch of the Jobs and Skills Survey 📍 Royal Theatre	Jason Clarke
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2PM

2pm 3pm	MEAL BREAK TWO - Day 1
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3PM

3pm 5:30pm	NGA Session 3 - Debate on Motions
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Thursday, June 25	
8AM	
REGISTRATIONS OPEN DAY THREE	
8:30am 11am	NGA Session 4 - Debate on Motions Royal Theatre
11AM	
11am 12pm	MEAL BREAK ONE - Day Two Exhibition Hall
12PM	
12pm 1pm	NGA Session 5: Financial Sustainability Launch of State of the Assets & Around the Grounds (Association Presidents) Royal Theatre
1PM	
1pm 2pm	NGA Session 6: Disability Inclusion in Action Launch of the updated Disability Inclusion Guide Royal Theatre
2PM	
2pm 3pm	MEAL BREAK TWO - Day Two Exhibition Hall
3PM	
3pm 4pm	NGA Session 7: Securing Funds How to Get that Grant & Payable Research Royal Theatre
4PM	
4pm 5pm	NGA Session 8: Respectful communication in the online world Royal Theatre
7PM	
7pm 11pm	General Assembly Dinner Sponsored by Telstra Venue IBA
7pm 10pm	Networking Event: Verity Lane Market Hall, Verity Lane

**Stronger Together:
Resilient. Productive. United**

**2026
National
General
Assembly
Discussion Paper**

National Convention Centre Canberra



ALGA
Australian Local
Government Association

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is pleased to convene the 32nd National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra in June 2026.

As convenor of the NGA, the ALGA Board warmly invites all councils to send representatives to this important national event. The final date for the NGA will be confirmed once the 2026 Federal Government Parliamentary sitting calendar is released.

The NGA is the premier national gathering of local governments. It gives councils a chance to come together, share ideas, debate motions, and strengthen the relationship between local government and the Australian Government.

This discussion paper contains essential information for Australian councils considering submitting motions for debate at the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

It is recommended that all councils and delegates intending to attend the 2026 NGA familiarise themselves with the guidelines for motions contained in this paper.

KEY DATES

27 October 2025 | Opening of Call for Motions

27 February 2026 | Acceptance of Motions closes

TO SUBMIT YOUR MOTION

VISIT: [ALGA.COM.AU](https://alga.com.au)

ALGA AND THE NGA – WORKING FOR YOU

Established 1947, ALGA is a federation of member state and territory associations. Its mission is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy with impact, and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and our communities.

Since 1994, the NGA has raised the profile of local government on the national stage, showcasing the value of councils and demonstrating – particularly to the Australian Government – the strength and value of working with local government to deliver on national priorities.

Debate on motions was introduced to the NGA as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas. Outcomes of these debates (NGA Resolutions) can be used by councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their advocacy when dealing with federal politicians.

At the same time, they help ALGA and its member state and territory associations gain valuable insight into council priorities, emerging national issues, and the level of need and support for new policy and program initiatives.

Given ALGA's structure, Constitution, and resources, the NGA resolutions do not bind ALGA. However, NGA resolutions are carefully considered by the Board to determine ALGA's policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

This is your NGA, and ALGA is pleased to act as the convenor. ALGA's policies and priorities will continue to be determined by the ALGA Board in the interests of all councils.

We encourage councils to consider the topics and guidance in this paper as you develop your motions.

The ALGA Board thanks all councils for attending the NGA 2026 and those who submit motions for debate.

SUBMITTING MOTIONS

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) gives you and your council an important opportunity to influence the national policy agenda.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Secretariat has prepared this short discussion paper to help you identify motions that address the NGA 2026 theme of “Stronger Together: Resilient. Productive. United.” This theme encourages debate on how councils across Australia can become more resilient, contribute to the nation’s productivity agenda, and present a united voice to the federal government on key issues in the national sphere.

We encourage you to read all the sections of the paper. We have included guiding questions to assist in developing your motion, but you do not have to respond to every question. You can address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper with your motion.

Your NGA motion should focus on how local governments can work in partnership with the Australian Government to address the challenges our communities face or seize the opportunities that are national priorities.

Each year the Secretariat receives a high volume of motions. Councils are encouraged to submit only their highest-priority motions and ensure it meets the criteria below. Multiple motions on a similar topic may be re-written into a single strategic motion, and councils will be invited by the Secretariat to put their council name to the proposal.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Each motion requires a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council.
- You can lodge motions electronically using the online portal available at www.alga.asn.au
- **Motions should be received no later than 11:59 pm AEST on Friday 27 February 2026.**

WHO CAN SUBMIT A MOTION

- Any council that is a financial member of their state or territory local government association can submit a motion.
- We will not accept motions submitted on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

CRITERIA FOR MOTIONS

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and debate it on the floor of the NGA, you must meet the following criteria:

- > Submit a new motion that has not been debated at an NGA in the preceding two years as found in previous business papers on the ALGA website.
- > Ensure your motion is relevant to the work of local government across the nation, not focused on a specific location or region, unless the project has national implications.
- > Align your motion with the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association.
- > Propose a clear action and outcome on a single issue, calling on the Australian Government to take action. Motions covering more than one issue will not be accepted.
- > Ensure the motion does not seek to advantage one or a few councils at the expense of others.
- > Avoid being prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

WRITING TIPS

Motions should seek the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs.

- > Start with: "This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...".
Be concise, clearly worded, and unambiguous.
- > Use the background section of the form to help delegates understand your issue.
- > Keep your motion to 100 words, the national objective to 100 words, and the key arguments to 150 words.

PROCESS OF SELECTION

The ALGA Secretariat will review motions for quality control and consistency with the criteria.

- > With the agreement of the relevant council, we may edit motions to ensure consistency.
- > If we have any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, we will raise these with the nominated contact officer.
- > Where there are multiple motions on a similar issue, the Secretariat may combine them into a single overarching strategic motion and invite the council to attach their name to the strategic motion.
- > Motions that reflect existing ALGA policy will be noted in the Business papers—but will not be included for debate, as they have already been covered in existing ALGA advocacy and policy positions.

The ALGA Board provides final decision on which motions are included in the Business paper.

- > The ALGA Board and state and territory local government associations will review all submitted motions to determine their eligibility.
- > The ALGA Board will consider the importance and relevance of the issue to local government and whether the motions meet all the criteria.
- > The ALGA Board will refer any motion primarily concerned with local or state issues to the relevant state or territory local government association and it will not include it in the NGA Business Papers.

WHO WILL SPEAK TO THE MOTION AT NGA?

We expect any council that submits a motion to be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to the motion. The decision on the speaker is at the discretion of the council.

AFTER THE NGA

The resolutions of the NGA will be referred to the relevant federal Minister as an outcome of the NGA. Resolutions passed at the NGA do not become binding policy on ALGA, with policy positions to remain at the discretion of the ALGA Board.

All NGA resolutions will be published on www.alga.com.au.

As the host of the NGA, ALGA will communicate resolutions to the relevant Australian Government Minister and publish Ministerial responses as they are received on the ALGA website.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- > It is important to complete the background section of the submission form. Do not assume NGA delegates will know the background of the proposal. This section helps all delegates to understand your motion and informs decision making. Please note, motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- > Keep motions practical, focussed and can be implemented. This ensures that relevant Australian Government Ministers can respond thoughtfully and promptly. Avoid complex motions with multiple points that require cross-portfolio implementation.
- > If there are any questions about a motion, ALGA will contact the nominated officer. With the council's agreement, these motions may be edited before being included in the NGA Business Papers.
- > Debate will follow the rules published in the Business Papers and will focus on the strategic motions.

SETTING THE SCENE

In the face of evolving challenges and opportunities, local governments around Australia stand at the forefront of driving resilience and productivity. Local governments know we are stronger together and the importance of unity across all levels of government. The theme for this year's NGA, **Stronger Together: Resilient. Productive. United**, underscores the pivotal role councils play in shaping the nation's future and delivering national priorities.

As the backbone of local communities, councils are uniquely positioned to implement place-based solutions that address both local needs and national priorities. This year's NGA encourages debate on how councils can enhance their resilience, contribute meaningfully to the nation's productivity agenda, and present a cohesive voice to the federal government on critical issues.

By fostering collaboration and innovation, local governments can lead the way in creating sustainable and thriving communities.

The 2026 NGA provides you - the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities - with the opportunity to engage with the Federal Government and key Ministers, ensuring that the voices of local communities are heard at the national level.

In this context, this year's call for motion focusses on ten priority areas:

- Financial sustainability
- Emergency management
- Housing and planning
- Roads and infrastructure
- Closing the Gap
- Jobs and skills
- Environment
- Cyber security
- Climate change
- Intergovernmental relations.

1. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Financial sustainability is the biggest challenge facing Australia's local governments which is why it remains one of ALGA's top priorities. Sustainably funded, councils can play a key role delivering local solutions to national priorities.

The 2025 Parliamentary inquiry interim report into local government sustainability confirmed that the role of councils has evolved and expanded over time, putting significant pressure on local government budgets. It is critical the Federal Government reinstates and finalises the Parliamentary inquiry into local government sustainability.

For almost one in four councils, federal Financial Assistance Grants make up at least 20 per cent of their annual operating revenue. This funding is untied, meaning it can be used to address local priorities.

Over the past 30 years, the value of Financial Assistance Grants as a percentage of Commonwealth taxation revenue has dropped from 1% in 1996 to just 0.5% today. To address this, ALGA is advocating for a **return to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue for local government over the next three years**.

ALGA also proposes five new, untied funding streams to be distributed to all councils on a formula basis, including:

- \$1.1 billion per year for enabling infrastructure to unlock housing supply,
- \$500 million per year for community infrastructure,
- \$600 million per year for safer local roads,
- \$900 million per year for increased local government emergency management capability and capacity, and
- \$400 million per year for climate adaptation.

Additionally ALGA advocates for permanent, full membership of National Cabinet, the Council on Federal Financial Relations and the Local Government Ministers' Forum to ensure local perspectives are considered in national decision making.

What are the opportunities to address financial sustainability across councils, and support their capacity to deliver local solutions to national priorities?

Are there improvements to be made to existing federal funding programs and arrangements that would support improved local government financial sustainability?

2. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The frequency, duration, and severity of natural disasters in Australia are a major concern for local governments.

Between 2019 and 2023, 434 of Australia's 537 councils faced natural disasters. Since 2020, 346 councils have dealt with at least two or more natural disasters. These numbers highlight that Australia will likely face more frequent and severe climate-driven disasters in the future, as noted by the 2025 Australian National Climate Risk Assessment (NCRA). Regional communities, which have the least capacity to plan and respond to natural disasters, are often hit the hardest. However, the NCRA also warns that even areas that have never experienced disasters will face one at some point as the climate continues to warm.

More frequent disasters will further strain emergency services and disaster response and recovery efforts at all levels of government. Natural disasters currently cost Australia \$38 billion per year in direct physical damage, economic disruption, and social impacts, affecting millions of people. This figure is forecast to rise to approximately \$73 billion by 2060.

Councils are crucial in supporting their communities during and after disasters, but do not have enough funding to carry out these functions. They are already stretched thin, with many councils facing financial instability, and the increasing frequency of disasters has a cumulative financial impact.

Investing more in disaster prevention and resilience, as well as boosting local government emergency management response funding, will save money in the long run and better protect lives, homes, and businesses. Every dollar spent on reducing the impact of climate-related disasters saves the government up to \$8 in the long term.

ALGA is asking for \$900 million per year to help councils improve their disaster response and resilience. They also want the Commonwealth to fully implement the recommendations from the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements and other major reviews, including the Independent Review of National Natural Disaster Governance Arrangements (the Glasser Review) and the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding (the Colvin Review)

The Independent Reviews by Colvin and Glasser support a strategic shift towards disaster risk reduction and resilience. The Colvin Review recommended a major capacity uplift for local government and an enhanced national training and exercise regime which tests and builds local government capability. However, while ALGA notes the need to invest in risk-reduction and resilience-building initiatives, embedding recovery at all points along the emergency management continuum, should always be at the front of mind for all levels of government. ALGA's response to these Reviews reiterated the need for a sustainable funding model for disasters through a non-competitive pathway, and dedicated funding for local government.

Councils are encouraged to draw on their practical experience of the improvements that could be made to better support them in preparing, responding to, and recovering from, natural disasters.

Please note that many aspects of emergency management are state or territory responsibilities, and your motions should focus on how the Australian Government could assist.

What new programs, or improvements to existing programs, could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to improve the current natural disaster management systems to further assist in recovery and build resilience?

How can the Government best support Australian councils to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disasters?



3. HOUSING AND PLANNING

Australia is experiencing an affordable housing crisis, with a lack of housing supply impacting on homeowners and renters.

The crisis is leading to more people experiencing homelessness and struggling with housing insecurity and affordability.

In many jurisdictions, local government performs a key role in zoning and approving housing and delivering enabling infrastructure. However, councils are often unfairly blamed for delays in housing approvals when most applications that meet the requirements are processed quickly and efficiently.

One of the biggest barriers to building more homes is a lack of funding for enabling infrastructure, including the roads, power and water connections necessary for new developments.

The National Housing Accord – which ALGA is a signatory to on behalf of local government - sets an ambitious national target of 1.2 million new, well-located homes over the next five years. According to ALGA's research, it will cost at least \$5.7 billion to build the infrastructure needed to meet the national housing target. This is in addition to the existing funding gaps for local government infrastructure, which is estimated to be between \$50-\$55 billion for replacing infrastructure in poor condition (2024 National State of the Assets Report).

The 2024 Addressing the Housing Crisis: Unlocking Local Government's Contribution Report by Equity Economics found that 40% of surveyed local governments have reduced new infrastructure developments due to insufficient funding for enabling infrastructure required to support new housing, further exacerbating the housing crisis.

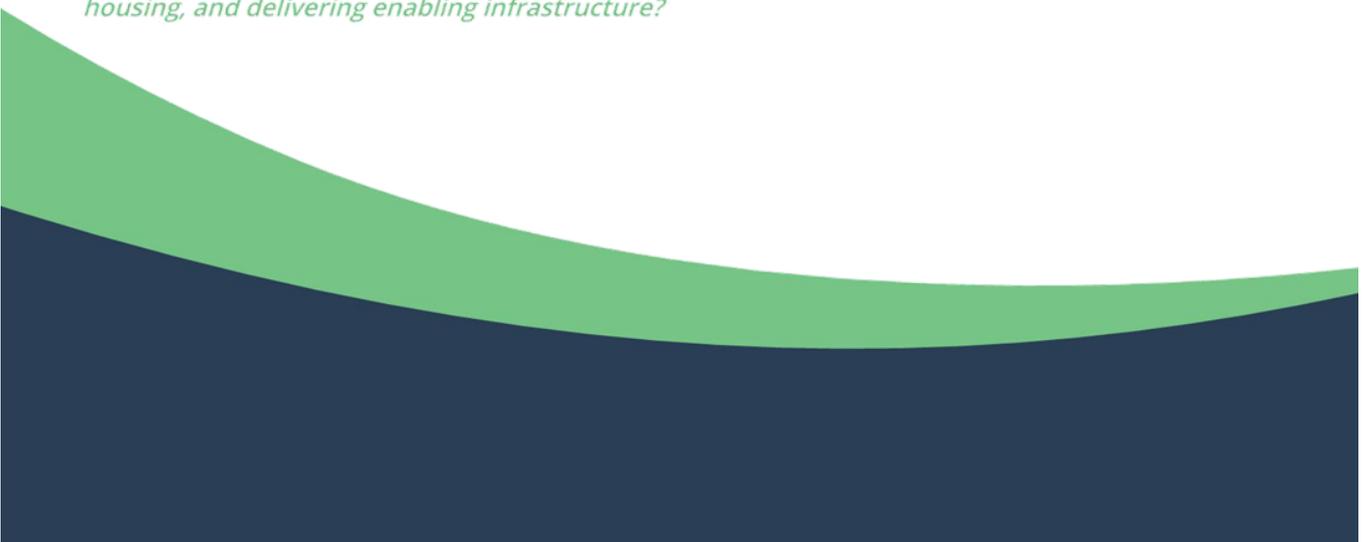
ALGA is calling for a new five-year, \$1.1 billion annual fund that would be provided to all councils to get the foundations right for increasing Australia's housing supply.

We are advocating for local governments to be provided with \$500 million per year for critical and community infrastructure and assets that will help create more liveable communities.

ALGA is also seeking a seat at the table for national discussions on housing policy, including full membership of National Cabinet and the Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Council.

What new programs and policies could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to support the provision of more affordable housing?

How can local governments be better supported in their role in planning and approving housing, and delivering enabling infrastructure?



4. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Local governments are responsible for about one-third of Australia's public infrastructure, including local roads, buildings, facilities, airports, water and land.

According to ALGA's 2024 National State of the Assets report, Australia's councils manage over \$600 billion worth of assets and infrastructure, which is about ten times their annual revenue.

This makes local governments the most asset-intensive level of government. Councils manage local roads, which make up around 75% of the national road network, totalling more than 650,000 km. These roads serve every Australian and business daily, and are key to Australia's productivity.

Safer roads

The unacceptable number of deaths and serious injuries on Australian roads has continued to rise every year since 2020.

Tragically, around half of all fatal road crashes occur on local roads in regional areas. During the 12 months ending August 2025 there were 1,353 road deaths, 4.3% higher than the same time in the previous year, according to national road safety data.

Effectively funding the maintenance and necessary safety upgrades of Australia's local road network is a big challenge, and despite recent increases in the federal Roads to Recovery funding, there is still a \$500 million per year shortfall, according to the 2023 Grattan Institute's Potholes and Pitfalls report.

ALGA is calling for \$600 million per year safer roads fund – with \$500 million for infrastructure improvements and \$100 million for road safety programs – to support all councils to play a more effective role reducing deaths on Australian roads.

Community infrastructure

Local government libraries, playgrounds, bike paths and community centres are vital to the wellbeing and liveability of communities. However, many of these facilities need significant attention and upgrades.

According to ALGA's 2024 National State of the Assets report, around \$8.3 billion of local government buildings and facilities and \$2.9 billion of parks and recreation assets are in poor condition.

On a positive note, since 2021, the amount of local government buildings and facilities in poor condition has fallen from 10 per cent to eight per cent. This is the result of increased federal investment through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, from both the Coalition and Labor governments since 2020.

Unfortunately, this program has ceased and there is an urgent need for ongoing and significant community infrastructure. ALGA is proposing a \$500 million per year community infrastructure fund – to be provided to all councils – to build, (and importantly), maintain and upgrade the local facilities that make communities great.

Are there new programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to improve the long-term sustainability of local government roads and community infrastructure?

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's capacity to manage local government infrastructure and to integrate these plans into long-term financial plans?

Are there opportunities for the Australian Government to support councils to invest in local infrastructure that will help address national priorities?

5. CLOSING THE GAP

Local governments play a crucial role in closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. ALGA is a signatory to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Partnership, which focuses on four priority reform targets and 19 socio-economic targets in areas like education, employment, health, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

Local governments are uniquely positioned to support partnerships that address long-term service gaps and ensure their delivery. However, the Productivity Commission Review of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap found that Federal and state governments are not adequately supporting or involving local governments in these reforms.

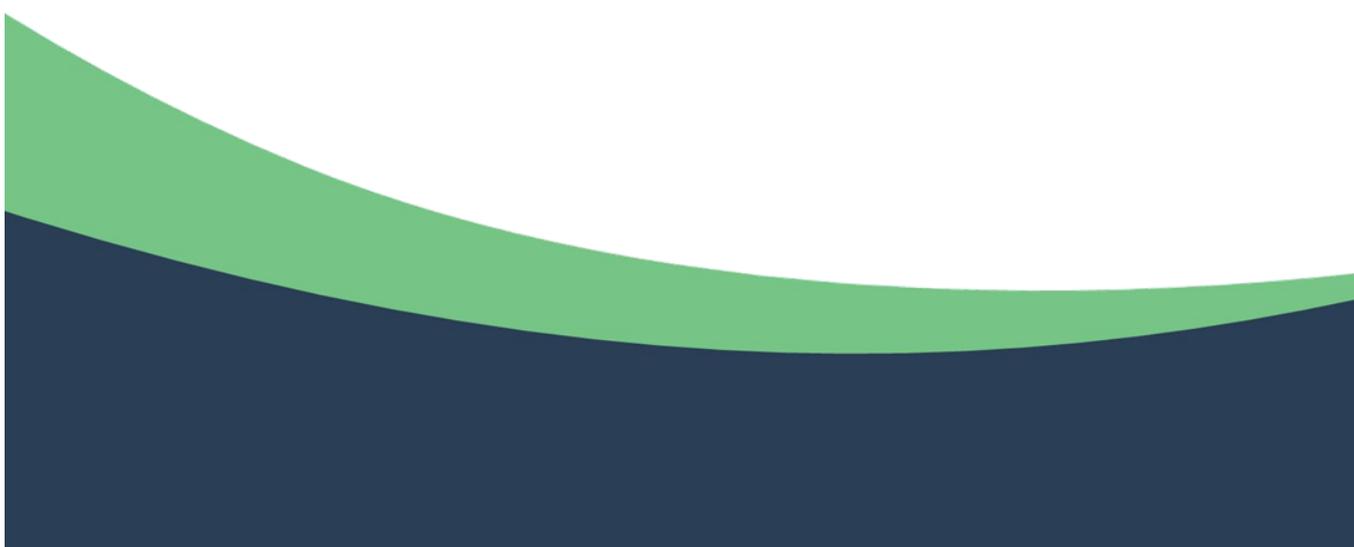
ALGA is calling for more resourcing and funding for local government, to support place-based initiatives or broader programs to enable councils to better facilitate and meet Closing the Gap objectives in their communities.

ALGA is also advocating for the Commonwealth to:

- Establish a national framework/set of protocols outlining which Federal Government departments/agencies should engage with local government in place-based initiatives, and planning for community-level projects or expenditure.
- Seek greater local government input in programs that impact on Closing the Gap targets to better shape programs with local knowledge and the needs of specific communities.
- Develop programs, with state and territory governments, to include funded support positions for local government coordination and partnership efforts (including member associations).
- Recognise councils with majority or all Aboriginal-elected members as key service delivery bodies in policy and program development.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to assist local government to advance reconciliation and close the gap?

Are there practical programs or initiatives that local government and the Australian Government could introduce to maintain, build and strengthen the level of trust between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and governments?



6. JOBS AND SKILLS

Australia's jobs and skills crisis is significantly impacting local governments, which employ around 213,000 people nationwide. ALGA's 2022 Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey found that nine out of ten Australian councils face jobs and skills shortages, hindering project and service delivery.

Town planners, building surveyors, and engineers are the most in-demand professions. These roles are crucial for supporting and enabling communities to become more resilient and to help boost local economic growth and national productivity. National priorities, such as increasing housing supply, cannot be achieved without local government support and the right professionals to undertake this work.

Several factors drive these skill shortages, including difficulty attracting young people to local government jobs, lack of available training courses, wage competition, and insufficient resources to upskill the current workforce. This includes access to training facilities for rural and remote councils, workplace supervisors, subject matter experts, and contextualized training resources.

Councils urgently need more federal funding to invest in workforce development and training programs, attract workers to regional areas, and address broader skills shortages in the national economy. ALGA is calling for the Federal Government's National Skills Plan to acknowledge the vital role of local governments as employers in training and skills development. ALGA also seeks funding opportunities for council employees to access training for identified skills shortage areas, especially in regional and remote communities.

Additionally, it is important for the Commonwealth to undertake a national audit of institutions offering urban and land use planning, building surveyors, and engineering qualifications, and to identify more readily available pathways for regional and remote study.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could implement that would enhance local government's capacity to attract and retain appropriately skilled staff now and into the future?

Are there programs or changes to existing programs that would increase local government's ability to employ apprentices and trainees?

Are there other initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's ability to plan and develop skills fit for the future?

7. ENVIRONMENT

Local governments play a crucial role in protecting our local environment including places, flora and fauna.

Councils spend more money on environmental protection than any other level of government. According to SGS Economics and Planning, councils spent \$6.75 billion in 2021-22 on biodiversity, biosecurity, water management, and waste management. By comparison, states and territories spent \$6.62 billion, and the Commonwealth allocated \$6.7 billion over the same period.

Local government is also key in improving waste management and resource recovery to reduce pollution, maintain communities and keep people healthy. However, as the Australian Government recently reported, we are running out of viable landfill space and circular economy solutions are required.

Local governments are ideal partners for on-the-ground action to deliver environmental priorities and outcomes, but they need better funding and support.

Councils bring a local, community-based and integrated approach to managing environmental issues, including weed and pest management, monitoring and protecting threatened species, contributing to water security and enhancing biodiversity.

ALGA is calling on the Federal Government to:

- Fund councils to support the delivery of national environmental outcomes. This includes outcomes stipulated in international conventions, threatened species action plans, matters of national, state, and local environmental significance, and any new obligations/expectations under reforms to the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.
- Fund local governments to manage environmental threats, including pests, weeds, and biosecurity threats.
- Ensure local government is appropriately recognised and engaged through environmental law reform processes.
- Seek agreement, under the National Water Initiative, on the overarching social, cultural, economic and environmental outcomes and goals for water on a national and holistic basis, and action planning and funding and achieve these outcomes and goals.



Waste management and resource recovery

Collecting, treating, and disposing of waste costs local governments an estimated \$3.5 billion annually.

The 2022 National Waste report revealed waste generation has increased 20 per cent over the last 15 years (8.3 per cent coming from municipal waste). Although, recycling and recovery of Australia's core waste has increased by 57 per cent since 2006-07, Australia still has one of the lowest rates of recycling among OCED countries.

The responsibility and cost for waste reduction in Australia should be borne by industry, and not local governments.

Implementing mandatory product stewardship, including payments to local governments for any residual resource recovery services, would ensure producer responsibility is operationalised and reduce the cost and risk burden on councils.

ALGA is advocating for the Federal Government to:

- Establish a mandatory product stewardship approach for waste materials and ensure product stewardship schemes include, and are effective, in regional and remote areas.
- Ban the importation and manufacturing of products containing identified contaminants.
- Prioritise national policy attention to waste streams with the highest potential to improve environmental outcomes, reduce costs to local government, and create economic opportunity.
- Introduce a 'local government impact assessment' into national waste policy and reform processes to ensure council interests are systematically incorporated into policy design.

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to strengthen Australia's environmental services and infrastructure?

What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government in to progress local regional and national objectives?

What actions and investments should the Australian Government prioritise to improve resource recovery rates?

What initiatives and approaches should the Australian Government take to improve waste, recycling and resource recovery in regional, rural and remote LGAs?

What are the most significant opportunities in the circular economy and how can the Australian Government engage with local governments to leverage these opportunities?



8. CYBER SECURITY

Cyber security is a growing risk for all Australian governments and businesses, and councils are not immune. However many local governments are under-resourced and struggle to deal with increasingly sophisticated cyber threats and attacks.

Local governments manage large amounts of sensitive data about communities and community members, including private information from the aged care, health, and social services they deliver. Furthermore, most councils are responsible for managing critical infrastructure, including water, waste, power networks, and transport systems.

Councils need greater support to strengthen their cyber security preparedness and response capability, and protect valuable data.

ALGA is calling for greater funding and support from the federal government to improve cyber security capability and capacity across the local government sector.

Drawing upon your council's experience, and your knowledge of other councils within your state or territory, are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to help local government develop its digital technology services and infrastructure?

Are there actions the Australian Government could take to improve cyber security within the local government sector?

9. CLIMATE CHANGE

The impacts of climate change – including from more frequent and severe natural disasters, coastal erosion and rising temperatures – are being felt right across every community.

Councils, being the closest government to communities, are crucial in creating a sustainable future and helping the Federal Government achieve net zero emissions by 2050. However, they need support to manage these impacts.

Climate adaptation

Local governments are on the frontline of climate adaptation. They build public swimming pools to keep people cool, plant trees for shade, and upgrade stormwater systems to handle heavy rains. With their local knowledge and leadership, they play a vital role in addressing climate risks and seizing new opportunities from new industries and achieving national climate adaptation objectives.

Councils are already investing significantly in climate adaptation, but they need more support to match the scale of the challenges. ALGA's modelling shows that councils deliver \$0.8 to \$3.1 in benefits for every \$1 invested. A \$2 billion investment by 2030 could benefit local communities by \$2.2 to \$4.7 billion.

ALGA is calling for a new \$400 million per year climate adaptation fund, to be distributed across all councils to provide local, place-based solutions to Australia's changing climate.

We are also asking the Federal Government to:

- Streamline and make it easier for local governments to undertake climate risk management. This should involve implementing a voluntary climate risk framework for local government which supports consistent climate risk assessment, reporting, decision making and expenditure.
- Develop, operate and maintain an information and data suite designed specifically for local government adaptation use (on an opt-in basis).

Emissions reduction

The Australian Local Government Climate Review 2024 found that 86% of councils (out of 120 respondents) had an emissions inventory. However, they face barriers in reducing corporate emissions, such as internal resourcing (69%), funding (64%), and staff capability (40%).

While councils are committed to reducing emissions locally, they need more funding to avoid burdening ratepayers and to allow communities to benefit from low-emissions technologies sooner.



ALGA is asking the Federal Government to:

- Collaborate with local governments as part of a multi-level governance approach (per the Australian Government's pledge to the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships) to undertake strategic planning and prioritisation of net zero projects, infrastructure and service needs on a regional level.
- Fund emissions reduction plans with local governments across states and territories to facilitate a place-based approach to achieving net zero communities.
- Expand, and make more accessible, existing funding programs which enable local governments to reduce emissions and support community emissions reduction.
- Provide councils with accessible and nationally harmonised tools to maintain pace with trends in emissions measurement and reporting.
- Ensure local governments are compensated where emissions reduction processes place additional pressure on services and infrastructure (e.g. heavier EV truck impact on maintenance/standards of roads/bridges).

Renewable energy transition

Local governments are crucial partners in the transition to net zero. They engage with project proponents, negotiate community benefits, provide trusted information to residents, and manage the impacts of large projects on roads, housing, and local skills.

Councils strive to create a positive long-term legacy while balancing the immediate risks and impacts of the transition.

ALGA is asking the Federal Government to:

- Create a program of work dedicated to understanding local government experiences with renewable energy transition in their local area and region and develop specific supports for local governments.
- Establish a national approach and mechanism for cost recovery to local governments for the role of brokering benefits between project proponents and their communities, benefitting all Australians.
- Develop and maintain regional plans and a national map demonstrating zoning for prospective and proposed renewable energy projects and transmission corridors.

Noting the Australian Government's approach to reducing emissions, are there partnerships, programs, and initiatives that local government and the Australian Government can form to achieve Australia's 2050 net zero emissions target?

What are the opportunities to support councils to increase community resilience to the impacts of climate change?

What support do councils need to ensure that renewable energy projects deliver lasting benefits to the communities that house them?

What are the most significant climate risks being faced by local governments and what approach should the Australian Government take to supporting councils?

What roles and responsibilities for emissions reduction and climate risk management is your council shouldering that should be primarily managed by other levels of government? How should this responsibility be shared or rebalanced?

What are the most significant emissions reduction opportunities for your council and what could the Commonwealth provide to enable you to implement these opportunities?

10. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

ALGA has unique access and insight into government decision-making in Australia.

We represent local government at Ministerial Councils and forums on a range of key issues including transport, emergency management, energy, climate, environment, planning, culture and Closing the Gap.

At these meetings, ALGA's leaders provide a powerful and strong voice for councils and communities, and ensure local perspectives are considered in national policy development.

However, ALGA does not have a permanent voice on National Cabinet – the main forum linking all governments across the nation.

For almost 30 years, ALGA was a valued member and contributor to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). However, ALGA's membership did not carry over when COAG transitioned to National Cabinet in 2020, and ALGA now only attends one meeting each year as an observer. ALGA is also invited to attend one meeting per year of the Council on Federal Financial Relations.

ALGA is calling on the Federal Government to return ALGA as a full member of National Cabinet with ongoing membership and voting rights. This will enable local government leaders to provide local perspectives on national decision making and ensure the views of Australian communities are understood and considered.

We are also seeking full membership of the Local Government Ministers' Forum, which ALGA currently attends in an ex-officio capacity.

Given the important role councils play delivering local solutions to national priorities, how can intergovernmental arrangements be further improved in Australia?

Are there new initiatives and programs that could be adopted to improve the level of cooperation and collaboration between the Australian Government and local government?



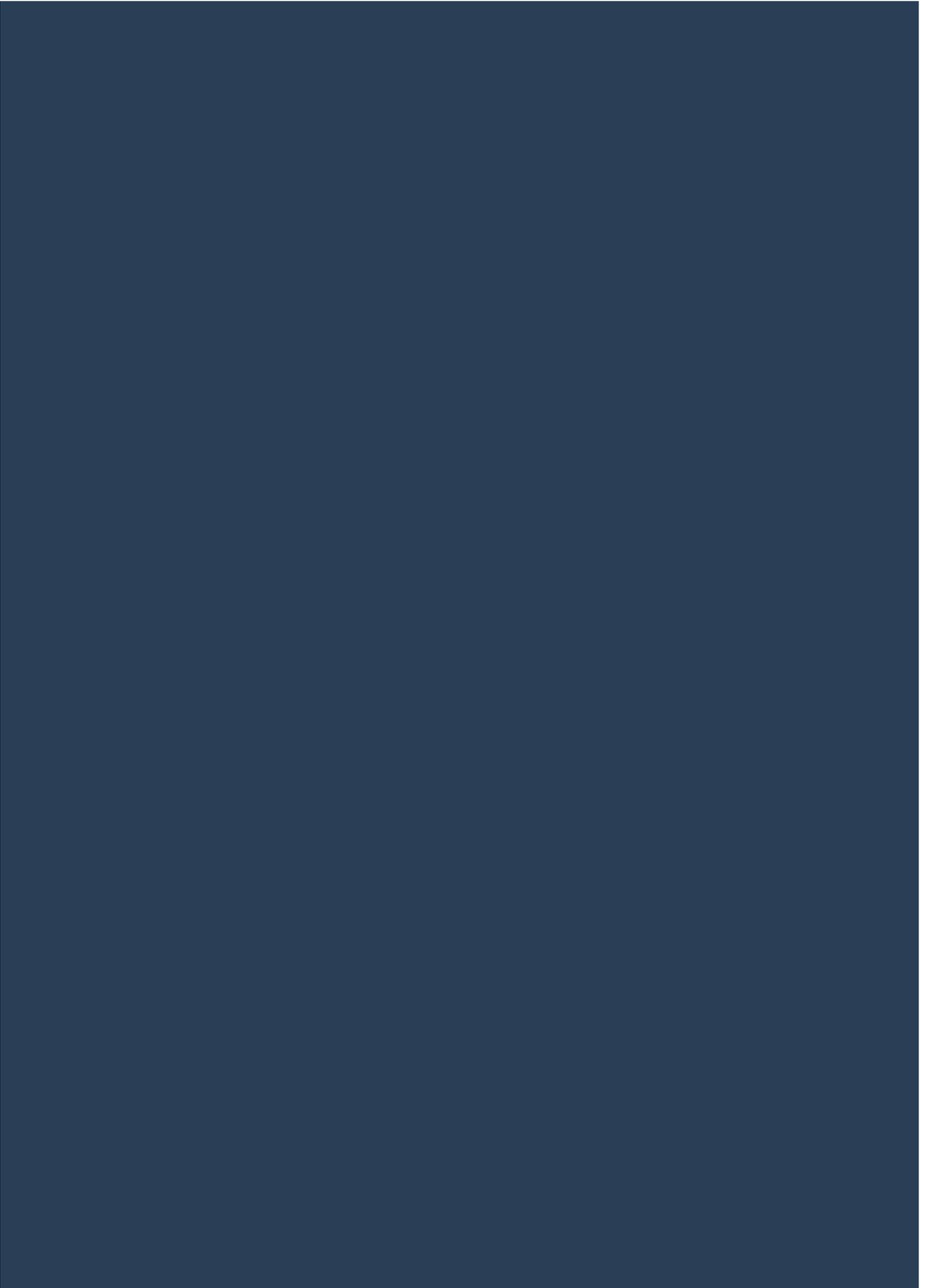
CONCLUSION

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and your support for the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government.

A final reminder:

- Motions should be lodged electronically at www.alga.com.au and received no later than **11.59pm AEST on 27 February 2026**.
- Motions must meet the criteria published in this paper.
- Motions should commence with the following wording: *'This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...'*
- Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- Motions should be practical, focussed and relatively simple.
- It is important to complete the background section on the form.
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- When your council submits a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the 2026 National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.
- Resolutions of the National General Assembly do not automatically become ALGA's national policy positions. The resolutions are used by the ALGA Board to inform policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2026 National General Assembly in Canberra.



SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting Date 10 February 2026

Item Number. 8

SUBJECT: Bold Park Cabramatta - Consolidation of Titles

FILE NUMBER: 25/36257

REPORT BY: Aelina Truong, Manager Property and Community

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council endorse the consolidation of the titles relating to Bold Park Cabramatta as specified in the report.
 2. The Mayor and the General Manager be authorised to finalise the Linen Plan, Deposited Plan Administration Sheet and affix the Seal of Council on the documents and plans, including the Linen Plan, Deposited Plan Administration Sheet and any other relevant documents, to certify its decision for the lot consolidation associated with the Bold Park Project and enable the completion of the matter.
 3. The Land/Lease Register and financial records be updated.
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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 Bold Park Project consists of the construction remediation of Bold Park and renewal of playground equipment. The project is identified in Council's 2025-2026 Operational Plan – Project ID MPOSR2613 and is being funded from Open Space Asset Renewal General Funds with a total budget allocation of \$400,000.00.

The scope of works includes remediation of contaminated soil through the construction of a containment cell to be located beneath the playground footprint in the central area of the park. Works will also include recontouring the park, installation of new turf and optional installation of Council's pre-purchased equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's specification.

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The consolidation of the 5 existing titles making up the Park into a single allotment will allow Council greater flexibility to manage construction issues that may arise during the delivery of the works. It also allows for simpler administration of the Community Land under the Generic Plan of Management.

It is recommended that Council endorse the consolidation of these titles as outlined in this report.

Purpose

Council owns the land at 109 Bold Street Cabramatta known as Bold Park. The site is classified as Community Land and comprises of 5 lots being Lots 252, 253, 254, 255 and 256 in Sec 2 DP1553, with the combined area of 1,533m².

The scope of work relevant to this project at Bold Park includes remediation of the soil through the construction of a containment cell to be located beneath the playground footprint. Associated works include recontouring of the park, installation of new turf and the optional installation of Council's pre-purchased play equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

The previous play equipment has been removed and the site is currently secured with temporary fencing to restrict public access during the construction period. New playground equipment has already been pre-purchased (Project ID MPOSR2436) and is presently stored at Council's Depot site.

A Request for Tender was released on Thursday 22 January 2026. Tender evaluations are scheduled to commence in mid-February 2026 with construction by the successfully appointed contractor to begin in May 2026.

The diagram below illustrates the existing five current lots forming Bold Park, along with the proposed consolidation of these lots into a single parcel, being Lot 100.

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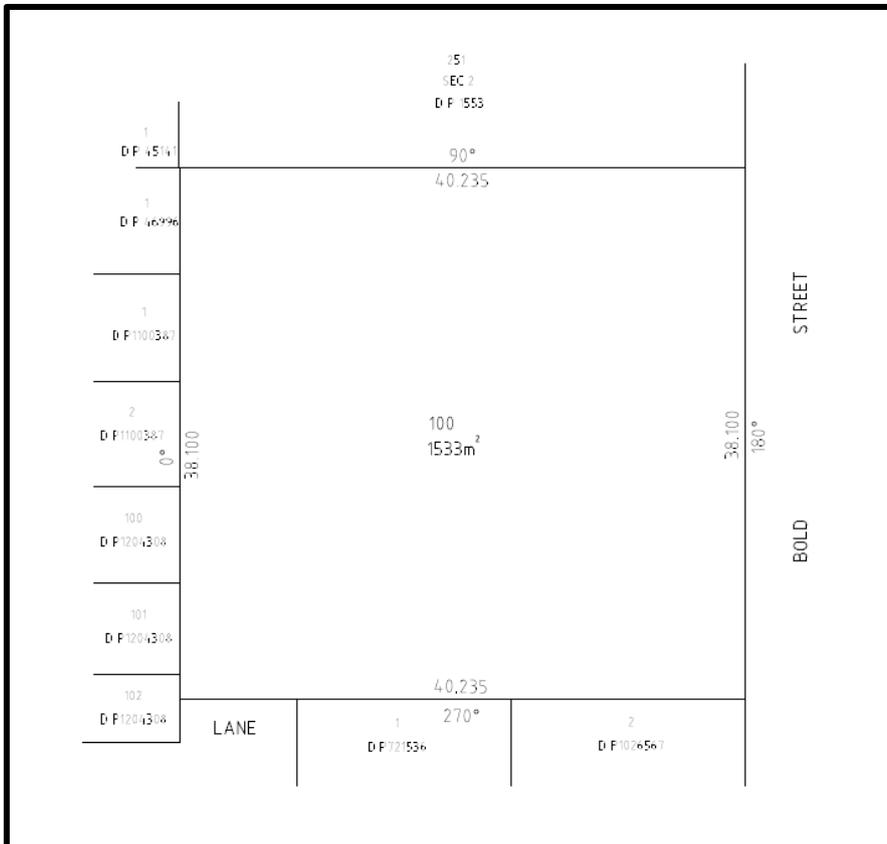


Diagram 1 and 2- Bold Park - Subject area and lots to be consolidated

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Consolidation of the titles will provide Council with greater flexibility to manage any construction issues that may arise during delivery of the works and simpler administrative management of the Community Land under the Generic Plan of Management.

It is recommended that Council approve the consolidation of the 5 titles being Lots 252, 253, 254, 255 and 256 in Sec 2 DP1553. Upon registration with NSW Land and Registry Services, a new deposited plan number will be issued.

CONCLUSION

The Bold Park construction remediation and playground renewal project is identified in Council's 2025-2026 Operational Plan – Project ID MPOSR2613.

The subject site currently comprises of 5 separate titles, which are proposed to be consolidated to provide Council with greater flexibility to manage potential construction issues on site and to support the efficient delivery of the project.

It is recommended that Council endorses the consolidation of the 5 titles specified in the report.

Aelina Truong
Manager Property and Community

Authorisation:
Manager Property Strategy and Services
Director City Strategy

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Meeting Date 10 February 2026

Item Number. 9

SUBJECT: Fairfield City Games 2026 (Fairfield Cup) at Endeavour Sports Park

FILE NUMBER: 24/22920

REPORT BY: Aelina Truong, Manager Property and Community

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council sponsor the proposed Fairfield City Games (Fairfield Cup) 2026 by allowing the event to be held at Endeavour Sports Park on 14 and 15 March 2026.
 2. The associated hire fee for the premises for Fairfield Cup due to the benefits it will deliver to the community and Council, be waived.
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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

This report seeks Council's endorsement to sponsor the proposed Fairfield City Games (Fairfield Cup) 2026 hosted by The Southern Districts Soccer Football Association (SDSFA).

It recommends that Council sponsor the event by allowing the games to be held at Endeavour Sports Park on 14 and 15 March 2026. It also recommends that Council waive the associated hire fees because of the benefits the event will attribute to the community, in particular for grass-roots local sporting clubs, as well as Council.

Participants or clubs are not required to pay any registration fees or charges to enter the tournament, making it affordable to all. Supporting the event and waiving the total hire fee reflects Council's commitment to nurturing grassroots football and delivering positive outcomes for local families.

Background

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SDSFA is the governing body responsible for administering, developing and promoting community football across the Southern Districts region of Sydney. It oversees local competitions, supports clubs with governance and compliance, delivers pathways for players, coaches and referees and works closely with Football NSW to strengthen participation and ensure the game is safe, inclusive and well-managed.

SDSFA plays a key role in fostering grassroots football by co-ordinating competitions, managing facilities and supporting the growth and sustainability of its member clubs. Their boundaries generally cover parts of South-West Sydney including Fairfield, Liverpool and surrounding suburbs.

Member clubs are typically drawn from suburbs such as Fairfield, Cabramatta, Canley Heights, Canley Vale, Prairiewood, Bossley Park, Bonnyrigg, Edensor Park, Greenfield Park, Smithfield, Wetherill Park, St Johns Park, Horsley Park, Abbotsbury, Cecil Hills, Hinchinbrook, Hoxton Park and extending into parts of Liverpool and Austral depending on club affiliation and competition structure.

SDSFA has formally written to Council about their intentions to resurrect the Fairfield Cup in March 2026 at Endeavour Sports Park and has requested financial assistance to facilitate the event.

Purpose

Fairfield Cup is a round-robin style football (soccer) tournament featuring 30-minute matches.

Over the 2-day event, approximately 200 games will be played before teams reach the elimination rounds. Approximately 100 teams will participate with 50% being from the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA). Importantly, participants or clubs are not required to pay any registration fees or charges to enter the tournament, making it affordable to all.

The event's objective is to showcase the depth of young football talent within the Western Sydney LGAs with teams competing in the Under 10s, Under 11s and Under 12s age groups. All participants will be given Fairfield City Games ribbons with medals awarded to the winners across each age group and division. This will be funded by SDFSFA.

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To deliver the event, SDSFA requires access to a total of 9 fields at Endeavour Sports Park facilities including 7 grass fields and 2 full-size synthetic fields. It is proposed the tournament will take place across the weekend of Saturday, 14 March 2026 from 7:00am – 9:00pm and Sunday, 15 March 2026 from 7:00am – 5:00pm. The fields required are shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 – Grass Fields Required for Fairfield City Games 2026

To accommodate the event, there will be unavoidable disruptions to the regular hirers, Fairfield Eagles Football Club and Mounties Group, as they each have existing commitments and paid bookings over the affected fields.

There will also be minor impacts to casual futsal court hirers during the proposed dates. However, suitable arrangements have been made to enable the event to proceed without significant issues following extensive negotiations by Council with all impacted stakeholders. The regular hirers will not be charged for this weekend.

The total hire fee for the event based on Council's 2025–2026 Fees and Charges is \$10,784.00 (inclusive of GST) and can be offered as a form of financial sponsorship by Council. The total fee includes the hire of 2 synthetic fields at the rate of \$110.00 per field per hour, casual hire of 7 grass fields at \$390.00 per field per day and additional 200lux lighting at \$22.00 per hour (for evening games).

Council will also forgo a total hire fee of \$3,080.00 (inclusive of GST), representing income that would otherwise have been generated from the Mounties Group's hire of the synthetic field over the same weekend (as shown in Figure 2).

In return for this level of financial assistance granted to SDFSA, the Association will promote Council as a Major Sponsor of the Event. Council officers will work with SDFSA to ensure communication and promotion are in-line with Council's branding style guidelines.

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	Rate	Unit	Saturday (No.)	Sunday (No.)	Saturday	Sunday
Synthetic field 1	\$ 110.00	PFPH	14.00	10.00	\$1,540.00	\$ 1,100.00
Synthetic field 2	\$ 110.00	PFPH	14.00	10.00	\$1,540.00	\$ 1,100.00
Grass 3	\$ 390.00	PFPD	1	1	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Grass 4	\$ 390.00	PFPD	1	1	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Grass 5	\$ 390.00	PFPD	1	1	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Grass 6	\$ 390.00	PFPD	1	1	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Grass 7	\$ 390.00	PFPD	1	1	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Grass 8	\$ 390.00	PFPD	1	1	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Grass 9	\$ 390.00	PFPD	1	1	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Optional - 200lux		PFPH	\$ 22.00		\$ 44.00	
SUB-TOTAL					\$5,854.00	\$ 4,930.00
TOTAL						\$10,784.00

	Rate	Unit	Saturday (No.)	Sunday (No.)	Saturday	Sunday
Synthetic field 1	\$ 110.00	PFPH	7	7	\$ 770.00	\$ 770.00
Synthetic field 2	\$ 110.00	PFPH	7	7	\$ 770.00	\$ 770.00
SUB-TOTAL					\$ 1,540.00	\$ 1,540.00
TOTAL						\$ 3,080.00

Figure 2 – Hire Fees for the Event and Forgone Revenue

Council will prepare and line-mark the grass fields as part of our standard Winter Season hire setup. SDSFA will manage all other event requirements including a Local Activity Approval, which has been submitted to Council’s Development Planning Division with lodgement fees already paid.

SDSFA must also provide their own traffic management, additional toilet facilities (as needed) at their own cost, undertake appropriate consultation along with appropriate public liability and indemnity insurance covers.

Supporting Fairfield Cup and waiving the total hire fee will help deliver a major community sporting event that promotes youth participation, celebrates local talent and strengthens Fairfield’s reputation as a prominent footballing region.

The tournament is expected to attract hundreds of young players and families, generating significant social benefits to the community while showcasing Council’s investment in high-quality sports infrastructure. The Event will solidify the newly constructed Endeavour Sports Park as a destination for major sporting events.

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The support demonstrates Council's commitment to grassroots sport, encouraging active and healthy lifestyles and fostering partnerships with key organisations to deliver inclusive programs for local children and young people.

It is recommended that Council support the event by endorsing for the games to be held at Endeavour Sports Park on 14 and 15 March 2026 and waiving total applicable hire fee of \$10,784.00.

CONCLUSION

The Fairfield City Games 2026 (Fairfield Cup) represents a valuable opportunity to promote youth sport, community pride and active participation across the LGA. Supporting the Event and waiving the total hire fee reflects Council's commitment to nurturing grassroots football and delivering positive outcomes for local families.

Aelina Truong
Manager Property and Community

Authorisation:
Manager Property Strategy and Services
Director City Strategy

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SECTION B

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

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Meeting Date 10 February 2026

Item Number. 11

SUBJECT: Request for Donation - Cultural Event Sponsorship Fund

FILE NUMBER: 25/16169

REPORT BY: Anh Hoang, Senior Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council make a donation of two thousand and five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) from the Cultural Event Sponsorship Fund to Australian MEFF Consortium Incorporated towards the Eid Festival being held at Fairfield Showground on Sunday 22 March 2026.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

AT-A [↓](#) Cultural Event Sponsorship Fund Register

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CITY PLAN

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

SUMMARY

The Cultural Event Sponsorship Fund was established for the purpose of providing financial assistance to community groups towards cultural events within the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) and is intended to cover areas where other grants are not suitable or available.

Australian MEFF Consortium Incorporated

Written representation has been received from Australian MEFF Consortium Incorporated (Consortium) seeking financial assistance towards their annual Multicultural Eid Festival and Fair (Eid Festival) to be held at Fairfield Showground on Sunday 22 March 2026.

The Consortium is a non-profit community-based organisation with the Eid Festival being a significant occasion for the community that features traditional ceremonies, dance performances, exhibitions and food stalls.

The Consortium meets the primary eligibility requirements of the Cultural Event Sponsorship Fund of building social cohesion and diversity within Fairfield City. A donation of \$2,500.00 would be appropriate.

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Social Cohesion and Economic Benefits

The festival attracts over 10,000 visitors and is a major multicultural event that encourages the community that reside and work in the Fairfield LGA to visit Fairfield Showground. The positive public relations generated from this activity stretches from promoting culture to highlighting Fairfield City. People living in other LGAs also travel to Fairfield Showground to be part of this event.

Connection to Fairfield Local Government Area

The Consortium is based within the Fairfield LGA and the event will be held at Fairfield Showground.

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.

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.

Anh Hoang
Senior Governance Officer

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Governance Co-ordinator
Manager Governance and Audit
Director People Culture and Operations

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Cultural Event Sponsorship Fund Register

Cultural Event Sponsorship Fund 2025/2026											
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
											\$25,000.00
26/05/2025	Colo Colo Sports Social Club Incorporated	Annual Chilean National Day Festival			Yes	\$2,500.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	12/08/2025	\$2,500.00	\$22,500.00
13/08/2025	The Committee of Maria SS Delle Grazie & San Vittorio	Italian Super Festa			Yes	\$2,000.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	14/10/2025	\$2,000.00	\$20,500.00
22/08/2025	Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East	Community Picnic			Yes	\$2,500.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	26/08/2025	\$2,500.00	\$18,000.00
12/01/2026	Australian Meff Consortium Inc	Multicultural Eid Festival and Fair			Yes	\$2,500.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	10/02/2026	\$2,500.00	\$15,500.00

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SUBJECT: Request for Donation - Mayoral Community Benefit Fund

FILE NUMBER: 25/16199

REPORT BY: Anh Hoang, Senior Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council make a donation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Mayoral Community Benefit Fund to the Chaldean League of NSW towards the Chaldean Babylonian New Year event being held on Sunday 22 March 2025 at The Parks Venue Wetherill Park.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

AT-A [↓](#) Mayoral Community Benefit Fund Register

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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.

Chaldean League of NSW

Written representation has been received from Chaldean League of NSW seeking a donation towards the Chaldean Babylonian New Year event being held on Sunday 22 March 2026 at The Parks Venue Wetherill Park.

The Chaldean League of NSW is based in Fairfield and provide support to the Assyrian community by promoting and maintaining their culture. The Chaldean Babylonian New Year event brings together the local community by promoting community engagement and honouring high achieving Chaldean students.

A contribution from Council will go towards the event logistics and awards for the graduates.

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The Chaldean League of NSW meets the primary eligibility requirements of the Mayoral Community Benefit Fund Policy of supporting worthy causes that support the community of Fairfield. Therefore, a donation of \$1,000.00 would be appropriate.

Connection to Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA)

The Chaldean League of NSW operate from Fairfield and the event will be held within the Fairfield LGA.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

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.

Anh Hoang
Senior Governance Officer

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Manager Governance and Audit
Director People Culture and Operations

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Mayoral Community Benefit Fund Register

Mayoral Community Benefit Fund 2025/2026												
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	
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	10/02/2026
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	10/02/2026	\$1,000.00	\$58,312.00	
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	

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SUBJECT: Request for Donation - Mayoral Scholarship Fund

FILE NUMBER: 25/16202

REPORT BY: Anh Hoang, Senior Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council make a donation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Mayoral Scholarship Fund to Emily Nguyen towards her medical studies.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

AT-A [↓](#) Mayoral Scholarship Fund Register

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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 Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial support to enable disadvantaged people to pursue their academic, artistic and sporting endeavours or to support those with special needs to achieve their ambitions to realise a demonstrable commitment to the local community.

Emily Nguyen

Written representation has been received from Emily Nguyen requesting financial assistance towards her medical studies with the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

Emily is a first-year medical student who has been accepted into the Medicine program at UNSW. As verified by her referees, Emily has demonstrated outstanding leadership, academic excellence, resilience and strong community involvement. Emily's dedication and initiative have resulted in her receiving awards such as the Champion of Champions at the Macarthur Youth Champion Awards and a Highly Commended Award from the Fairfield City Council Youth Awards in 2025.

Council's contribution will assist with the costs of tuition fees, textbooks and travel to her classes at the UNSW.

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Emily Nguyen meets the primary eligibility requirements of the Mayoral Scholarship Fund Policy to enable disadvantaged people to pursue their academic endeavours, therefore a donation of \$1,000.00 would be appropriate.

Connection to the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA)

Emily Nguyen resides with her family in Smithfield 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.

FUND REGISTER

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

Anh Hoang
Senior Governance Officer

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Manager Governance and Audit
Director People Culture and Operations

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Mayoral Scholarship Fund Register

Mayoral Scholarship Fund 2025-2026												
Key/Legend	Green = Accepted	Red = Declined	Yellow = Pending									
Application Received	Contact Person	Applicant	Type	Contact Details	Fairfield LGA Yes/No	Amount Requested	Accept/ Decline	Reason Approved/ Declined	Date Approved (resolution)	Amount Awarded	Balance in Fund	Date Receipt acknowledged in future SVS Comm report
											\$25,000.00	
3/07/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$ 24,700.00	
16/07/2025			Sports		Yes		Decline	Does not meet criteria				
21/07/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$24,400.00	
24/07/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$24,100.00	
25/07/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$23,800.00	
23/07/2025			Sport		Yes	\$1,000.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	12/08/2025	\$1,000.00	\$22,800.00	10/02/2026
5/08/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$22,500.00	
5/08/2025			Sports		Yes	\$1,000.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	9/09/2025	\$2,000.00	\$20,500.00	10/02/2026
7/08/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$20,200.00	
8/08/2025			Academic		Yes		Accept	Meets Criteria	10/02/2026	\$ 1,000.00	\$19,200.00	
11/08/2025			Sports		Yes		Withdraw	Withdraw				
12/08/2025			Academic		Yes		Decline	Does not meet criteria				
12/08/2025			Academic		Yes		Decline	Does not meet criteria				
8/08/2025			Sports		Yes		Decline	Does not meet criteria				
15/08/2025			Sports		Yes		Decline	Does not meet criteria				
27/08/2025			Sports		Yes	\$1,000.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	14/10/2025	\$1,000.00	\$18,200.00	
27/08/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$17,900.00	
28/08/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$17,600.00	
29/08/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$17,300.00	
30/08/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$17,000.00	
31/08/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$16,700.00	
1/09/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$16,400.00	
23/09/2025			Academic		Yes	\$1,000.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	14/10/2025	\$1,000.00	\$15,400.00	
20/10/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$15,100.00	
20/11/2025			Spirit Award		Yes	\$300.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	27/08/2019	\$300.00	\$14,800.00	
9/12/2025			Academic		Yes		Decline	Does not meet criteria				

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SUBJECT: 2026 Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW Conference

FILE NUMBER: 25/36839

REPORT BY: Anh Hoang, Senior Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That any councillors interested in attending the 2026 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Conference, to be held in Blacktown from Thursday 26 March to Saturday 28 March 2026, be appointed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

AT-A [↓](#) ALGWA Conference Program

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

SUMMARY

Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW

The NSW Branch of ALGWA was founded in 1951 and is a peak representative body for women who are in any way involved or interested in local government.

The ALGWA NSW aims to:

- Assist in furthering women's knowledge and understanding of the function of local government.
- Protect and enhance the interests and rights of women in local government.
- Take action in relation to any subject or activity of particular interest to women affecting local governing bodies and/or local government legislation.
- Act in an advisory capacity to intending women candidates for local government elections.
- Encourage women into professional careers in local government.

2026 Annual Conference

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Council has received correspondence from Blacktown City Council advising of the 2026 ALGWA NSW Annual Conference being held at The Colebee Nurragingy Reserve, Doonside from Thursday 26 March to Saturday 28 March 2026.

The Conference provides an opportunity for delegates to exchange ideas, network, debate and engage in cross-council collaboration on issues affecting women in local government.

The theme of the Conference is *The Phoenix Effect: Resilience and Transformation* and is an opportunity to engage in learning and networking that will assist personal and professional development.

Speakers include News Anchor and Journalist - Sandra Sully, LinkedIn Expert - Lucy Bingle, Emotional Intelligence and Critical Thinking Expert - Amy Stewart, Chief Executive Officer SydWest – Elfa Moraitakis and The Jeder Institute representatives – Dee Brooks and Fiona Miller.

A copy of the Program is attached.

The purpose of this report is to request councillor nominations.

Registration Fees

The prices as listed below are for ALGWA members and non-members registration noting that the offer of Early Bird rates ended on 31 January 2026.

Full ALGWA Conference Registration includes the: Welcome Function on Thursday 26 March 2026, 2-day conference on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 March 2026, Gala Dinner on Saturday evening, 28 March 2026 and all meals.	\$1,300.00
2-day Conference (Friday and Saturday) This includes the 2-day conference on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 March 2026, as well as meals for both days.	\$1,100.00
Friday Conference Day Only This includes the conference on Friday 27 March 2026 only and meals for that day.	\$550.00
Saturday Conference Day Only This includes the conference on Saturday 28 March 2026 only and meals for that day.	\$550.00
Gala Dinner Only This includes the Gala Dinner only on Saturday evening, 28 March 2026.	\$200.00

Registration closes 13 March 2026.

Travel Options

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The Conference venue is located approximately 30kms (35 minutes) from Wakeley. There is free onsite parking available. A Council vehicle can be made available for councillors' use if required.

Council's Manager Governance and Audit will co-ordinate the registration and travel requirements of Council's delegates to the Conference.

Accommodation

Accommodation will not be required due to the proximity of the function to Fairfield City Council.

Anh Hoang
Senior Governance Officer

Authorisation:
Governance Co-ordinator
Manager Governance and Audit
Director People Culture and Operations

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Conference Program

2026 ALGWA Conference NSW

26 – 28 MARCH

The phoenix effect
Resilience and transformation



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Message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Blacktown City for the 2026 Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference NSW.

My fellow Councillors and I are delighted our region can host this opportunity for local government professionals to learn from each other and develop their skills.

Thank you to ALGWA NSW President Cr Penny Pedersen and her team for giving us the honour of the occasion.

I want to acknowledge an outstanding woman known to many of you, ALGWA NSW Secretary and Blacktown City Councillor Julie Griffiths AM, for her contribution in securing hosting rights and overseeing the program.

I also want to thank you, the conference delegates, for your dedication to serving your communities.

I hope the things you learn and people you meet over the next few days help you better guide your communities and encourage greater female participation in local government.

Our communities benefit so much more when the people at councils reflect the communities they serve.

I wish you a pleasant stay in Blacktown City. I look forward to your feedback from the visit to Blacktown Exercise Sports and Technology Hub and perhaps there might be some adoption inquiries after the visit to Blacktown Animal Rehoming Centre?

Please enjoy what I am sure will be an informative and fulfilling conference.

Cr Brad Bunting
Mayor of Blacktown City



Message from ALGWA President

On behalf of the Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW, it is a real pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 ALGWA conference.

My sincere thanks go to Blacktown City Council, Mayor Brad Bunting, Councillors and in particular, Councillor Julie Griffiths AM for stepping up to host and organise our conference. A special thank you to General Manager Kerry Robinson OAM and his amazing staff for putting together an outstanding program. With a full calendar of events and an impressive lineup of speakers, this conference is a wonderful opportunity to learn, share ideas and connect with colleagues from across the sector.

It is fantastic to see delegates here from right across New South Wales. Whether you've travelled from other areas of Sydney or across the state, your presence speaks to the strength, diversity and commitment of women working in local government and serving their communities every day.

ALGWA NSW is proud to represent women in local government - mayors, councillors, council staff and community leaders - who believe in the value of equity, inclusion, and strong, diverse leadership. When we come together, at our ALGWA events we create space to support one another, share our experiences and build the confidence and networks that help women thrive in local government.

Thank you for taking the time to be here. I hope our conference leaves you feeling connected, inspired, and ready to make the most of the rest of your term at council. I wish you a rewarding and successful conference.

Cr Penny Pedersen
ALGWA President

Registrations

Early bird - Payment before January 31, 2026

Ticket type	Inclusions	Price
Full ALGWA conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome reception Conference sessions Gala dinner All meals 	\$1,100
2 day conference (Friday and Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday and Saturday conference sessions All meals for these days 	\$900
Friday conference only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday conference only Meals for this day 	\$450
Saturday conference only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday conference only Meals for this day 	\$450

Normal registration - Payment after January 31, 2026

Ticket type	Inclusions	Price
Full ALGWA conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome reception Conference sessions Gala dinner All meals 	\$1,300
2 day conference (Friday and Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday and Saturday conference sessions All meals for these days 	\$1,100
Friday conference only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday conference only Meals for this day 	\$550
Saturday conference only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday conference only Meals for this day 	\$550
Gala dinner only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gala dinner only All meals for this night 	\$200



Register by scanning the QR code | Registrations close **March 13, 2026**

Accommodation

Atura Hotel Blacktown

Atura Blacktown provides guests with a unique and quirky base from which to explore an incredibly rich region. Mere minutes from the M7 and just off the M4 motorway, Atura Blacktown lies directly between Sydney's only double Drive Inn and heritage listed Cricketers Arms, as well as a short distance from Raging Waters Sydney, Sydney Motorsport Park and Blacktown International Sportspark. Featuring the award-winning Roadhouse Bar & Grill, right in the heart of the hotel lobby, a pool deck and guest parking.

- ALGWA Conference rate available when booking via corporate code. Please contact council events team at events.team@blacktown.nsw.gov.au
- 15 minutes from The Colebee (Conference location)

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Novotel Sydney, West HQ

A 12-minute walk from Rooty Hill train station, this bright hotel in Sydney's western suburbs is also 3.1 km from Blacktown International Sportspark and 6 km from Featherdale Wildlife Park Zoo. Contemporary rooms with mood-lit headboards provide Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, as well as tea and coffee making facilities. Upgraded rooms add kitchenettes and sitting areas with sofas. Room service is available. Parking is available. A vibrant restaurant serves regional fare and features a terrace and a trendy bar. There is also a heated indoor pool and a fitness room.

- ALGWA Conference rate available when booking via exclusive link idem.events/r/blacktown-city-council-festival-2026-f72086a7
- 12 minutes from The Colebee (Conference location)

novotelwesthq.com.au

Mercure Sydney Blacktown

Mercure Sydney Blacktown is centrally located in the heart of the up-and-coming Greater Western Sydney region. The hotel is a short drive to Sydney Zoo, Eastern Creek Raceway, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Blacktown International Sportspark and Raging Waters theme park. When staying at Mercure Sydney Blacktown you will never be too far from action and adventure. Throughout your stay, benefit from the exceptional amenities and convenience of Blacktown Workers Sports Club located right next door.

- 15 minutes from The Colebee (Conference location)

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The Lodge Blacktown

The Lodge is a stylish, modern hotel, conveniently located within the Park. It is ideal for athletes, bootcamps, wellness retreats, corporate team building, or anyone visiting Western Sydney. All our guests can enjoy our bespoke catering options, customised training regimes, as well as the fitness and aquatics centres. Every room comes with free Foxtel, WIFI and parking, to make your stay that much better.

- 12 minutes from The Colebee (Conference location)

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Speakers



Sandra Sully | News Anchor, Journalist, MC and Host

One of Australia's most respected journalists, Sandra Sully has been a trusted face in news broadcasting for over three decades. As anchor of 10 News First Sydney, she is known for her warmth, integrity, and calm authority. Appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (2024), Sandra has made history and shaped Australian journalism, including being the first to deliver live coverage of the September 11 attacks. A passionate advocate for women, equality, and community causes, she supports the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Adopt Change, and WWF Australia. An accomplished moderator and MC, Sandra brings professionalism, authenticity, and credibility to every event.



Lucy Bingle | LinkedIn Expert

Lucy Bingle is a LinkedIn Strategist and Founder of Australia's leading LinkedIn marketing agency. With more than 25 years in marketing, she has built her career helping professionals and organisations use LinkedIn to elevate their voice, share their expertise, and build genuine trust with the communities they serve.

Lucy is passionate about democratising thought leadership - giving people at every level the tools, confidence, and platform to tell their story with clarity and credibility. She believes LinkedIn is one of the most powerful channels for strengthening public trust, showcasing professional capability, and shining a spotlight on the incredible work happening across local communities and government. In this session, Lucy will share practical insights on how to build a compelling presence on LinkedIn - focusing on Visibility, Value, and Voice - so you can authentically demonstrate your expertise, grow influence, and create meaningful opportunities for your organisation and the communities you represent.



Amy Stewart | Emotional Intelligence and Critical Thinking Expert

Amy Stewart brings over two decades of experience designing and delivering high-impact learning across finance, government, technology, and not-for-profit sectors. An accredited Emotional Intelligence Practitioner and resilience specialist, she helps leaders at all levels work with greater clarity, confidence, and emotional intelligence.

Known for her dynamic facilitation—both in-person and virtual—Amy excels at engaging groups of all sizes and strengthening communication across individuals, teams, and organisations. Her focus is simple: build capability, spark real conversations, and create workplaces where people can thrive. In our ALGWA session, Amy will guide participants through key emotional intelligence skills—self-awareness, empathy, and adaptability—to navigate challenges, deepen connections, and make meaningful impact. Expect to talk, think, and do things a little differently.



Elfa Moraitakis | Chief Executive Officer SydWest

Elfa Moraitakis is the Chief Executive Officer of SydWest, a leading organisation addressing cultural diversity and community needs across Western Sydney and parts of the Inner West and City of Sydney. With more than 30 years of experience in the community and aged care sectors, Elfa has an extensive background in developing services for culturally and linguistically diverse communities, with a strong focus on strategic direction, innovation, and advocacy.

Beyond her leadership at SydWest, Elfa serves as a Director of the NSW State Multicultural Advisory Board and a member of the Multicultural Communities sub-committee of the NSW Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Council, where she champions policies that promote access, equity, and social cohesion in one of the most culturally diverse states in the world.

Elfa's contributions have been recognised in many ways. She was named Blacktown Woman of the Year (2017) for empowering women from CALD backgrounds to establish their own businesses. She has been a finalist in numerous awards measuring impact and leadership and more recently a finalist in the Leadership category of the Western Sydney Women Awards (2025). In 2023, Elfa was also inducted into the Western Sydney Zest Hall of Fame, and in 2025, she was featured in Women of Blacktown as one of the region's 25 most inspirational women.



Dee Brooks | The Jeder Institute

Through her down-to-earth style, Dee brings people together in dynamic ways to realise and engage the full potential of their networks and communities. Over 20 years, her work has inspired people at hundreds of events and workshops worldwide where she offers community engagement and development training and provides professional co-design, facilitation and keynote addresses for conferences, forums and events.

Dee is an Intentional Nomad who has travelled and worked in over 20 countries. Based on two decades of grassroots work, Dee's background is in youth work, community-based research and community-university outreach and she is a firm believer in the power of tapping into the collective wisdom of a community to strengthen and build on what's already there.



Fiona Miller | The Jeder Institute

Fiona is creative and innovative and if there is a box, you won't find her in it! Maybe decorating it or even embellishing it, but never in it. With a passion for seeing people and communities explore and collaborate on all things local, getting people to the same table and share skills and knowledge is a priority. Conversations matter and by connecting conversations amazing things happen. Asset Based Community Development underpins all that she does and believes in and it's all done with a smile. Graphic Harvesting, facilitating, community consultation and contributing to designing community projects with communities and their partners are amongst her favorite things.

Having worked across early years and adult education, community sector, rural and inner city spaces and all that fits in between, she loves nothing more than watching people and projects grow. Supporting 8-12 year-olds and those who support them, has become a project, instilling in them that they do have skills and assets and can contribute and be heard in communities.

After spending most of her life in Victoria she is now based in the north of Tasmania and loving life. Fiona loves her family and friends, alpacas and chooks and volunteers more than she works and can make a mean batch of scones!

Other speakers

Cr Kylie Spears | National ALGWA President

Mayor Phyllis Miller OAM | LGNSW President

Cr Darriea Turley AM | Past LGNSW President

Cr Julie Griffiths AM | Councillor Blacktown City Council

The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP | Minister for Local Government

The Hon. Jodie Elizabeth Harrison MP | Minister for Women

Mayor Darcy Byrne | President LGNSW



Daily Program

Day 1 - Welcome Function

Location: Sydney Zoo, 700 Great Western Hwy, Eastern Creek NSW 2766

Thursday 26 March		Welcome Function	
6.00 pm	Welcome Function to commence	Private Reptile Encounter experience open from 6 pm – 8 pm	
6.00 pm	MC welcome	Tanya Bigeni, Senior Coordinator Events and Protocol	
6.00 pm – 6.15 pm	Welcome to Country and Corroborree	Garabara Dance Company	
6.15 pm – 6.20 pm	Mayoral welcome	Mayor Blacktown City, Cr Brad Bunting	
6.20 pm – 6.30 pm	ALGWA President welcome	Cr Penny Pedersen, ALGWA NSW President	
8.00 pm	Welcome event to conclude	Buses available to transport guests back to hotels	
Dress Code – Casual attire			

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Day 2 - Conference

Location: The Colebee, Nurragingy Reserve, Knox Rd, Doonside NSW 2767

Friday 27 March	Conference
9.00 am – 9.05 am	MC welcome Sandra Sully, News Anchor, Journalist, MC and Host
9.00 am – 10.00 am	Open for front bench nominations ALGWA Executive Board
9.05 am – 9.15 am	ALGWA welcome Cr Penny Pedersen, ALGWA NSW President
9.15 am – 9.25 am	Blacktown Council representative welcome Cr Julie Griffiths, AM
9.25 am – 9.30 am	Mana at Heart performance Mana at Heart
9.30 am – 9.40 am	National ALGWA President address Cr Kylie Spears, National ALGWA President
9.40 am – 10.00 am	Minister for Local Government address The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government
10.00 am – 11.00 am	LinkedIn masterclass Lucy Bingle, LinkedIn Expert
11.00am – 11.30 am	Morning tea Art project, Dalmarri
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	'The Phoenix Effect: Harnessing Emotional Intelligence to Rise and Thrive' workshop Amy Stewart, Emotional Intelligence and Critical Thinking Expert



Day 2 - Conference Continued

Friday 27 March	Conference
1.00 pm – 1.45pm	Lunch Art project, Dalmarri
1.45 pm – 2.45 pm	Transforming Blacktown - Blacktown City Council panel
2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	Afternoon tea Art project, Dalmarri
3.00 pm – 3.15 pm	Bidding councils for 2028 Randwick Council and other Councils
3.15 pm – 3.45 pm	LGNSW code of conduct session
3.45 pm – 4.00 pm	ALGWA Conference 2027 update Central Coast Council
4.00 pm	Conference day 2 close Delegates to board buses for tour of BARC facility before returning to hotels
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Optional Easter Market evening activity Buses will be running to depart to Blacktown Showground for our Easter Market Pick up from Easter Market to depart back to hotels
	Dress code – Smart casual

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Day 3 - Conference

Location: The Colebee, Nurragingy Reserve, Knox Rd, Doonside NSW 2767

Saturday 28 March		Conference
9.00 am	MC welcome	Sandra Sully, News Anchor, Journalist, MC and Host
9.00 am – 10.00 am	Open for front bench nominations	ALGWA Executive Board
9.05 am – 9.25am	Local Government NSW Minister for Women	The Hon. Jodie Elizabeth Harrison, NSW Minister for Women
9.25 am – 9.45 am	Legislation workshop with Blacktown City Council - Workers compensation, code of meeting practice and code of conduct	Mary Macken, Executive Corporate Counsel Blacktown City Council
9.45 am – 10.20 am	CEO Sydneywest Multicultural Services keynote	Elfa Moraitakis, CEO Sydneywest Multicultural Services
10.20 am – 10.30 am	ALGWA nominee announcements	ALGWA Board Returning Officer
10.20 am – 11.00 am	Open for voting	ALGWA Executive Board
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Morning tea	
11.00 am – 12.45 pm	'The Phoenix Within: Rising Together' workshop	The Jeder Institute



Day 3 - Conference Continued

Saturday 28 March		Conference
12.45 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch	Stretch and Smile activity
1.30 pm – 1.35 pm	Vision Super sponsor address	
1.35 pm – 2.05 pm	Panel discussion: Vision for Women in Local Government	Mayor Phyllis Miller OAM, LGNSW President Cr Darriea Turley AM, Past LGNSW President Mayor Darcy Byrne, President LGNSW
2.05 pm – 2.15 pm	Returning officer to report on executive elections	ALGWA Returning Officer
2.15 pm – 3.00 pm	ALGWA hotspots	ALGWA President
3.00 pm – 4.00 pm	ALGWA executive general meeting	
3.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Optional 30-minute guided walking tour of Nurragingy	
4.00 pm	Conference day 3 close	Delegates to board buses for tour of BEST facility before returning to hotels
Dress code – Smart casual		

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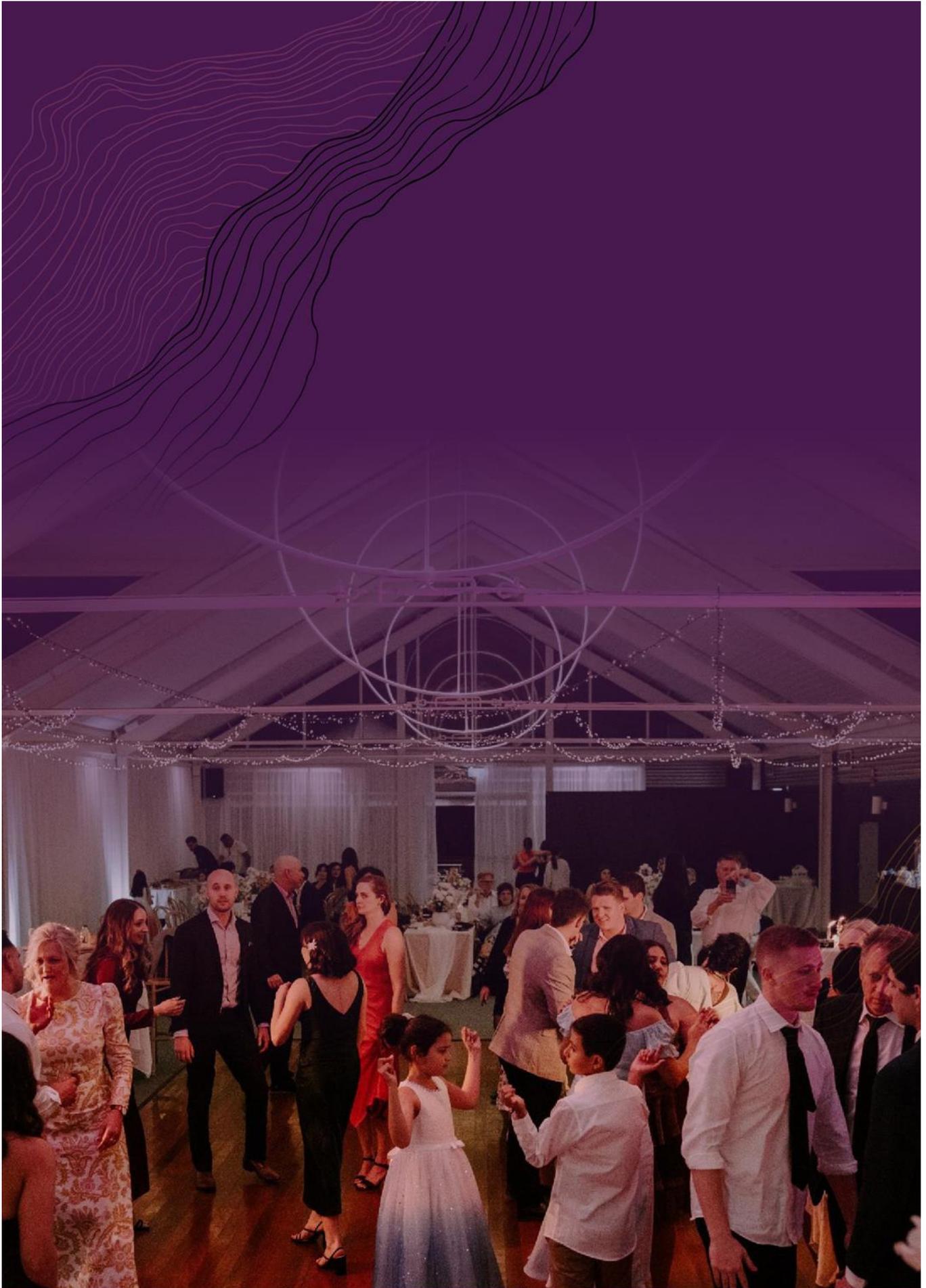
Day 3 - Gala Dinner

Location: Bowman Hall, 35 Campbell St, Blacktown NSW 2148

Saturday 28 March		Gala Dinner	
7.00 pm	Doors open		
7.30 pm	MC welcome	Tanya Bigeni, Senior Coordinator Events and Protocol	Jiyaa Sahdev, BCC Youth Ambassador Caiden Bond, BCC Youth Ambassador
7.35 pm	Mayoral welcome	Mayor Blacktown City, Cr Brad Bunting	
7.40 pm	ALGWA President welcome and announcements		
7.50 pm – 10.30 pm	Dinner served		Performance by The Frocks
10.30 pm	Gala dinner to conclude		Buses available to transport guests back to hotels
			Dress code – Cocktail attire

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Item Number. 15

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to the Mayor and General Manager during the Christmas/New Year Period

FILE NUMBER: 10/01226

PREVIOUS ITEMS: 186 - Delegation of Authority to the Mayor and General Manager during Council Recess Period - Services Committee - 02 Dec 2025

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

In accordance with Section 226(d) and (o) of the Local Government Act, the Mayor has authority to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of Council between meetings of Council and any other functions of the Council that the Council determines.

In accordance with Section 335(b) of the Local Government Act, the General Manager is to implement, without undue delay, lawful decisions of the Council.

The Council also resolved at its Ordinary Council meeting of 4 October 2024 (Item 8) to delegate to the General Manager, authority to make decisions in accordance with and subject to the Local Government Act and policies of Council adopted by resolution and current at the time of the exercise of the functions delegated.

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Council historically moves into recess over the summer holidays for a period between the last meeting in December to the first week of February the following year. The last meeting of Council was on Tuesday 9 December 2025 and meetings reconvene from Tuesday 10 February 2026.

It is advised that during the recess period, there were no occasions when such delegation was exercised.

Sonja Drca
Manager Governance and Audit

Authorisation:
Director People Culture and Operations

Services Committee - 10 February 2026

File Name: **CSC10022026_1.DOCX**

***** END OF ITEM 15 *****

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Item Number. 16

SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarters 1 & 2 - Natural Resource Management

FILE NUMBER: 12/02579

REPORT BY: Robert Stevenson, Team Leader Natural Resource

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 information on activities within the Natural Resource Management Division for Quarters 1 and 2, for the period from July to December 2025.

1. Creek Clean Program – Protecting Our Waterways for a Healthier Environment

Council conducts regular and targeted clean-up operations following rain events, focusing on the removal of litter, debris and pollutants from creeks and stormwater infrastructure.

Key activities include:

- Routine maintenance and cleaning of Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs) to prevent waste from entering waterways.
- Systematic removal of plastics, dumped waste, shopping trolleys, grass clippings and other bulky items from creek beds and embankments.
- Focused clean-up efforts in high-impact areas to reduce environmental harm.

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During the reporting period, Council successfully removed approximately 296 tonnes of waste from GPTs and several key creeks, including proactive works along Green Valley Creek from North Liverpool Road to the confluence of Orphan School Creek, Burns Creek, Blackford Street to Hanson Street Fairfield East, Long Creek from (Canva Street to Moore Street Canley Vale) and Orphan School Creek (Cowpasture Road to Smithfield Road, Prairiewood).

2. Creek Care – Bush Regeneration Program

‘Creek Care’ is the rehabilitation of bush from a weed-affected or otherwise degraded area to a healthier community of native plants and animals. Weeds are often the greatest threat to remnant vegetation and so bush regeneration is closely associated with weed control.

Council’s bush regeneration contractors delivered 5,049 hours of works along creek lines and bushland reserves in the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) under the Creek Care Program during the reporting period. Activities included restoration of Threatened Ecological Communities, such as Cumberland Plain Woodland, with key sites like Thesiger Reserve Bonnyrigg.



Before

After

Photos of Chilean Needle Grass (Priority Weed) control at Thesiger Reserve Bonnyrigg.

3. Environmental Volunteer Program

This program provides resources to the Council and community at no cost to Council. The following activities are reported under the Environmental Volunteer Program:

Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park

Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park contains remnant Cumberland Plain Woodland, an Endangered Ecological Community listed under NSW legislation.

During the reporting period environmental volunteers contributed a total of 92 hours at the site. Activities focused on weed removal and routine bushland maintenance, improving the condition and resilience of native vegetation.

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Fairfield Community Nursery and Educational Garden

Community volunteers spent a total of 1,276 hours at Fairfield Community Nursery, providing a total of 26,640 native plants during the reporting period.



*Fairfield Community Nursery Workday.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

Fairfield Community Nursery Open Day – Saturday 20 September 2025

More than 160 community members joined us for one of our biggest Community Nursery Open Days. The event offered a chance to connect with nature, learn about our local catchment and take home a native plant.

Ten dedicated Community Nursery Volunteers worked alongside staff from Council's Natural Resource Management and Catchment Planning Divisions, with support from Georges Riverkeeper. A special thank you to Georges Riverkeeper staff for sharing valuable insights on the importance of healthy waterways and ongoing protection efforts.



*Fairfield Community Nursery Open Day.
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Environmental Volunteer Christmas Party – 29 November 2025

30 volunteers and friends attended the annual Environmental Volunteer Christmas Party, this year held at Nalawala Community Centre. Relaxed South American music was enjoyed along with stories, delicious food and catch ups amongst the volunteers.



*Environmental Volunteer Christmas Party.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

4. Environmental Education Program

This program aims to promote, enhance and protect natural resources within the community.

Backyard Habitat for Kids – Thursday 10 July 2025

Cancellations due to illness and poor weather conditions affected the attendance for this event – 3 children came with accompanying adults. The strong winds meant we had to change our original plan of building a pond in the salvaged boat in the front of the nursery and instead did a scavenger hunt in the covered area of the nursery and dug up worms in the vegetable garden.

In the Night Sky – Tuesday 15 July 2025

This wildlife education event was hosted by Tom from Hooked on Nature at Cabramatta Library in collaboration with the Library and Museum Division. The interactive session featured a range of native species including a diamond python, green tree frog and grey-headed flying fox. The workshop was very well attended with approximately 80 participants (60 recorded on official sign-in sheets). The event successfully engaged the community, promoting awareness of local fauna and their ecological importance.

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*In the Night Sky Workshop, Cabramatta Library.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

Propagation for Kids Workshop – Thursday 17 July 2025

This workshop provided an interactive gardening experience for 14 children and their accompanying adults. Participants enjoyed a guided tour of the vegetable garden and native plant nursery, followed by hands-on propagation activities. Children learned how to sow seeds and were given a seed tray starter kit to take home, encouraging ongoing engagement with sustainable gardening practices. The event successfully combined education with practical skills, fostering interest in native plants and home food production.

Breakfast with the Birds – Saturday 9 August 2025

Despite challenging weather conditions, 10 enthusiastic participants joined the birdwatching workshop to connect with nature and learn about local birdlife. The session was both engaging and informative with attendees successfully recording 43 bird species which showcased the incredible biodiversity of the Lower Cabramatta Creek and Georges River.



*Breakfast with the Birds guided workshop.
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Propagation of Native Plants – Saturday 6 September 2025

This adult-focused workshop introduced participants to techniques for propagating native plants in home gardens. The session began with an informative talk covering methods such as seed sowing, plant division and cuttings, followed by a hands-on practical part. Fifteen participants attended, each taking home a selection of propagated plants to encourage native gardening and biodiversity in residential areas. The workshop successfully combined theory and practice supporting Council's environmental education objectives.



*Propagation of Native Plants Workshop.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

Fairfield Hidden Nightlife – Friday 13 September 2025

This workshop was a night-time spotlighting walk, held at Ireland's Bridge Reserve and led by fauna specialist Ecologist, Matthew Stanton. There were 25 people in attendance including several families with kids of various ages. Spotted were 6 ringtail possums, 1 brush tail possum and hundreds of flying foxes overhead!



*Fairfield Hidden Nightlife guided workshop.
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Frogs of Fairfield City – Friday 26 September 2025

This interactive workshop held at Browns Road Reserve Bonnyrigg engaged local children in hands-on activities focused on plant propagation and ecological education. Participants, aided by parents, created “fairy gardens” in large pots using native plants and decorative elements such as rocks and figurines. They also prepared trays of hardy herb cuttings, including rosemary and lavender to take home for future use. A highlight of the day was a demonstration of Banksia cones being toasted to illustrate how fire triggers seed release, an important aspect of native plant regeneration. The event successfully combined fun, creativity and environmental learning.

Managing weeds in an urban environment – Thursday 20 November 2025

The Natural Resources Management Division, in partnership with Whitlam Library, hosted an engaging workshop on managing urban weeds. 15 community members attended to learn what defines a weed, how understanding a plant’s life cycle helps prevent its spread and which species the NSW Government prioritises for control. Participants had the opportunity to see, touch and smell various environmental weeds found in the Sydney region. As a bonus, each attendee received a free plant to take home.

5. Environmental Education

Two workshops, ‘What do plants need to grow?’ and ‘Plants for Food’, were delivered to the following Centres:

1. Roly Poly Early Learning Centre – 9 July 2025. A workshop was delivered to over 30 children aged between 3 and 5 years.
2. Carramar Primary School – 4 August 2025. Two workshops were delivered to kindergarten (30 children) and years 1 and 2 students (60 children).
3. St John's Park Early Learning Centre – 27 August 2025. A workshop for over 20 children aged between 3 and 5 years.
4. Marlborough Street Preschool Smithfield. Two workshops were delivered on Tuesday 14 and Thursday 16 October 2025.
5. King Park Public School Playgroup Environmental Presentation – 14 November 2025.

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*Council Officers at Marlborough Street Preschool Smithfield.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

Navitas Adult Language Education – Friday 1 August 2025

Council's Bush Regeneration Officer and Natural Resources Management Apprentice delivered an interactive education session highlighting Council's environmental initiatives and their benefits to biodiversity and urban cooling. Delivering practical actions to reduce litter and protect local ecosystems and provided translated resources in Arabic to ensure accessibility and inclusivity.

Civic Education Program

An environmental education workshop was delivered to Mount Pritchard Primary School on 29 August 2025 as part of Council's Civic Education Program at Fairfield City Council Chambers for over 30 children.

6. Environmental Projects and Activities

Natural Resources Information Stall

During NAIDOC Week (Fairfield Showground – July 2025) and Local Government Week (July 2025), the Natural Resources Management Division engaged the community through an interactive information stall. Five hundred native plants were distributed to attendees to promote biodiversity and sustainable gardening. A range of environmentally themed brochures were provided showcasing Fairfield City Council's natural areas and encouraging community involvement in conservation initiatives.



*Council Staff at Local Government Week.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

Urban Rivers and Catchments Grant – Brown Reserve (Henty Creek)

Restoration works are progressing at Brown Reserve focusing on the removal of smaller woody weeds and vines within the reserve.

On 26 September 2025 Council hosted a community workshop titled 'Frogs – Indicators of a Healthy Environment', attended by 20 residents. The session covered preferred frog habitats, species identification and opportunities to participate in a national citizen science project monitoring frog population.

Council will continue restoration activities at Brown Reserve as conditions allow, with a focus on improving habitat quality and supporting biodiversity along Henty Creek.

City Assets Health and Wellbeing Tree Planting Activity

On 26 August 2025 the City Assets Team participated in a health and wellbeing initiative that combined team building with environmental stewardship. The activity involved planting 100 native trees, including Eucalyptus, Melaleuca, Casuarina and Lilly Pilly, along Orphan School Creek near Johnson Street Fairfield.

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This initiative was prompted by the fall of a large, mature Eucalyptus tree across the creek, which posed a significant risk of bank erosion. To mitigate this risk, the team safely removed the fallen tree and replaced it with a diverse mix of native species. These plantings will help stabilise the creek bank, enhance local biodiversity and contribute to the long-term health of the ecosystem.

The activity promotes staff wellbeing and resilience while ensuring natural assets are maintained and fostering collaboration among teams.



*City Assets Tree Planting Activity.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

Flying-Fox Habitat Restoration Program

Contractors are continuing to maintain previously planted areas. Woody weeds and vines are currently being removed to prepare an area to plant 6000 shrub and tree species in May 2026. Plants are currently being propagated for the project at the community nursery.

NSW Weed Action Program

The NSW Weeds Action Program (WAP) continues to support coordinated and strategic weed management across the region, aligned with the NSW Invasive Species Plan and NSW Biosecurity and Food Safety Strategy 2020-2030.

In the current reporting period, Council activities have focused on:

- Early detection and surveillance of high-risk weed species at priority sites such as creek lines, quarries, brickworks, main roads and train lines.
- Community engagement initiatives including education campaigns and stakeholder collaboration to promote long-term weed control.

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- Targeted Inspections for Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. monilifera*) carried out between September and October 2025 near the M7, Horsley Park and surrounding areas. Boneseed has been placed under a strict eradication mandate throughout New South Wales, as outlined in the Biosecurity Act 2015 (NSW).

These efforts contribute to reducing the environmental and economic impact of invasive weeds and reinforce Council's commitment to biosecurity and sustainable land management.



Weed inspection carried out at a site in Horsley Park – October 2025.

Georges Riverkeeper

Council maintains a strong partnership with Georges Riverkeeper working collaboratively with other councils and NSW state agencies to protect and enhance the Georges River catchment. In 2024/25 this partnership delivered significant environmental outcomes across litter prevention, biodiversity restoration, water quality monitoring and community engagement.

1. Litter Prevention and Removal

- Georges Riverkeeper developed a Litter Prevention Roadmap for the member councils, funded by a \$42,000.00 NSW Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA) grant, to guide targeted actions over the next 5 years.
- Through Corrective Services NSW the Georges Riverkeeper delivered 18,308 clean-up hours removing approximately 110,521 kg of litter from foreshores, creeks and industrial areas, including 46 litter removal sites in the Fairfield LGA.

2. Biodiversity and Habitat Restoration

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- Georges Riverkeeper secured \$899,190.00 in federal funding for large-scale riparian restoration across the Liverpool, Georges River, Fairfield and Bayside LGAs through the 'Urban Rivers and Catchments' grant funded project. The Fairfield site is at Brown Reserve (Henty Creek).
- Fairfield's specific outputs included the implementation of bush regeneration at 8 Fairfield sites, targeting invasive weed removal and habitat restoration and the installation of frog saunas at Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park to combat chytrid fungus and safeguard local frog populations.

3. Waterway Health and Compliance

- Georges Riverkeeper completed sampling at 51 sites for the River Health and Research Program; estuary health improved to A-, while freshwater creeks were rated C+.
- Georges Riverkeeper delivered 2 major Get the Site Right blitz campaigns, inspecting over 1,600 building sites and issuing \$762,000.00 in fines.
- Georges Riverkeeper secured \$665,000.00 NSW Coastal and Estuary Grant for the Georges River Estuary Coastal Management Program.

4. Community Engagement

- Georges Riverkeeper hosted clean-up events, guided paddle tours and education campaigns, including a record 355 kg rubbish removal during the April Canoe and Clean-Up at Chipping Norton.
- Fairfield-specific outreach included the Community Nursery Open Day (20 September 2025).
- Council has partnered with Georges Riverkeeper on a Sydney Water funded community engagement project, 'This River Connects Us ... And Needs Us'. The project will deliver a 20-minute film and supporting social media content following a kayak journey through Fairfield's creeks to the Georges River, highlighting catchment connectivity and shared responsibility for river health. The film will feature Vietnamese, Arabic-speaking, First Nations and local community voices sharing cultural connections to waterways and practical actions to improve river health. The film is scheduled to be screened at The Workary, located at the Whitlam Library Cabramatta in April.

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*Kayak journey at lower Prospect Creek in November 2025.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

National Tree Day 2025

On Sunday 27 July 2025, Galloway Reserve in Bossley Park was transformed by a show of community spirit as more than 200 volunteers came together to plant 8,000 native trees and shrubs, our largest turnout to date.

Mayor Frank Carbone and Councillor Dai Le joined in celebrating the community's efforts and the importance of environmental stewardship in Fairfield.

This day was made possible thanks to the dedication of a diverse group of participants including:

- Local families and friends
- Fairfield Community Nursery volunteers
- Fairfield Indigenous Flora Park volunteers
- 1st Canley Heights Scout Group
- 1st Fairfield Heights Scout Group
- Sri Sathya Sai Global Council Australia
- Bonnyrigg Men's Shed

From face painting to creekside planting, the event was a celebration of nature, collaboration and community pride. These efforts are helping to restore Orphan School Creek, support local biodiversity and create cooler, greener urban spaces.

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*National Tree Day Planting Site, Galloway Reserve Bossley Park.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

Vegetated Swale – Quest Avenue Carramar

On Saturday 16 August 2025, Council completed the planting of 12,000 native plants at Quest Avenue Carramar. Thirty-five volunteers from the Shan Satnam Ji Green S Welfare Committee joined us to plant the natives. The plants were grown by volunteers at Council's nursery.



*Planting site, Quest Avenue Carramar.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

CONCLUSION

Council had a successful Quarter 1 and 2, delivering services in accordance with the Delivery and Operational Plan. It is recommended that this report be received and noted.

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - 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 of the Asset Management Division ensures that community assets (buildings, drainage, roads, buildings and street lighting) are maintained to an agreed standard as provided within Council's approved Asset Management Plans. Council undertakes condition inspections to identify and program the required repair and renewal works.

The Branch is also the Road Authority for issuing Road Opening Permits, Road and Footpath Occupancy Permits and Vehicular Crossing (Driveway) approvals.

This report outlines the key highlights and activities delivered in Quarter 2 of the 2025–2026 financial year (October–December 2025).

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS - Quarter 2

The area has seen growth and there is a strong demand for new footpaths and renewals of existing footpaths.

Condition Assessment and Asset Mapping - Council Roads and Drainage

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1. Council staff are continuing condition assessments of the following infrastructure assets:
 - Stormwater pits
 - Kerb and gutters
 - Traffic facilities and footpath assets
 - Traffic signs
 - Bridges and culverts
 - Carparks
 - Street Furniture
2. Condition Inspection Manual Update: Council's inspection manual has been reviewed and updated to ensure alignment with current condition assessment methodologies and practices.
3. Town Centre Inspections: Inspections of town centres have been undertaken to identify asset condition and maintenance requirements. Based on the inspection findings, maintenance and make-safe repair programs have been developed.
 - Fairfield Town Centre – Inspection completed and work orders issued.
4. Asset mapping: Following the completion of condition assessments, asset mapping is underway in MapInfo to capture new assets and update previously unrecorded asset data.

2025-2026 Operational Plan– Renewal Major Programs:

1. Road and Car Park Renewal Projects

Pavement designs and cost estimates for 60 of the 60 project sites for road and car park rehabilitation have been finalised and forwarded to the Infrastructure Services Division for implementation.

2. New Footpath Construction Projects – 29 out of 29 project sites have been fully scoped and provided to the Infrastructure Services Division for implementation.
3. Footpath Renewal Projects – 61 out of 61 project sites have been fully scoped out and provided to the Infrastructure Services Division for implementation.
4. Kerb and Gutter Renewal Projects – 61 out of 61 project sites have been fully scoped and provided to the Infrastructure Services Division for implementation.
5. Traffic Facilities Renewal Projects – 18 out of 18 project sites under this program have been fully scoped and provided to the Infrastructure Services Division for implementation.

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6. Bridge Renewal Projects: - 5 out of 7 project sites have been fully scoped and provided to the Infrastructure Services Division for implementation. Design section is organising to engage a specialist consultant service to assess the condition and advise their outcome for repair/replacement methodology options including concept designs for the remaining two projects, MPRBR2606 - Hollywood Drive - Chipping Norton Lakes Jetty and MPRBR2607 –Silverwater Crescent - Bradbury Wharf.
7. Design work completed:
 - Standard drawing S7 – Joint specification for concrete footpath and road works
 - The Horsley Drive/Bowler Avenue - Bus stop design
 - 44 Runcorn Street – Stormwater pipe design
 - Wetherill Park - Carpark design
8. Reviewed all estimates and finalised budget adjustments in collaboration with the Infrastructure Services Division for Road Renewal projects as part of Quarter 2 reporting for the 2025–2026 Operational Plan.

Draft Operational Plan 2026-2027 – Renewal Programs:

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

1. Road and Car Park Renewal Projects - Pavement designs and cost estimates for 40 of the 78 identified road and car park rehabilitation sites have been reviewed. Pre-planning activities, including scope refinement, have been finalised to support the delivery phase.
2. Footpath Renewal Projects – 50 out of 54 project sites have been reviewed. Pre-planning activities, including scope refinement, have been finalised to support the delivery phase for the 2026-2027 financial year.
3. Kerb and Gutter Renewal Projects – 50 out of 58 project sites have been reviewed. Pre-planning activities, including scope refinement, have been finalised to support the delivery phase for the 2026-2027 financial year.

Funding applications to access Government Grants:

- Council has been successful in securing \$53,870.00 for ramp repairs at Bradbury Wharf Boat Ramp & Pontoon and Floyd Bay Boat Ramp and Shearer Park Wharf NSW under Boating Infrastructure Maintenance (BIM) Grants Program.

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Progress of Road Renewal Projects



22 Oct. 2025 11:42:54 am
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42 Saint Kilda Street
Saint Johns Park, Fairfield City Council 2176
Australia
MPKG2660 & MPRRP2658 – St Kilda Street – from Antonio Street to Broadmeadows Street



27 Jan. 2026 1:16:48 pm
187° S
174 Maud St, Fairfield West NSW 2165, Australia
Index number: 693
Resurfacing – MPRR2643 – Maud Street and Baragoola Street - from Thorney Road to Kambala Crescent

Progress of Road Renewal Projects



14 Nov. 2025 2:24:04 pm
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6 Hanwood Pl, Edensor Park NSW 2176, Australia
Kerb Renewal – MPKG2632– Hanwood Place - Both sides from Kalang Road to Cul-De-Sac



7 Nov. 2025 9:33:44 am
79° E
30 Hamel Rd, Mount Pritchard NSW 2170, Australia
Resurfacing & Kerb renewal – MPKG2652 & MPRRP2650 – Hamel Road - From Horton Street to House Number 10

Progress of Bridge Renewal Projects



MPRBR2603 - Selkirk (House Number 35-43) Pipe Culvert - to widen the culvert the existing pipe culvert to have standard shoulder width



3 Nov. 2025 8:49:04 am
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Johnston Park, 74-88 Prospect Rd, Canley Vale NSW 2166, Australia
MPEAF-9 – Pedestrian Bridge Renewal – East Parade – Johnston Park Bridge Canley Vale under AGRN1025

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Progress of New Footpath and Renewal Projects



Footpath Reconstruction – MPFRP2651 – Mallacoota Street – Both sides from Richards Road to Bulls Road



Footpath Reconstruction – MPFRP2631 – Hanwood Place - Both sides from Kalang Road to Cul-De-Sac



New footpath – MPNF2608 – Byrd Street - Left side from House Number 25 to Canley Vale Road



New footpath – MPNF2614 – Seville Street - Left side from Victory Street to Crown Street

Progress of Street Furniture and Drainage Renewal Projects



MPSFR2607 – Fairfield Administration Centre - Replace the old timber seats with aluminium seats (7) including concrete pads.



EAF2301_07 - Prospect Creek Cycleway Bank Stabilisation

External Stakeholder Projects within the Fairfield Local Government Area

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The Civil and Built Branch has provided comments on project planning proposals, construction plans, insurance claims, design proposals and Local Activity Applications for the following projects:

- Development Applications (DAs) reviewed:
 - DA 240/2025 - 45 Chifley Street Smithfield
 - DA 25/2025 - 896 Woodville Road Villawood
 - DA 205.1/2025 - 250 Victoria Street Wetherill Park
 - DA 222/2025 - 119-121 Cabramatta Road Cabramatta
 - DA 285/2025 - 121 Kiora Street Canley Heights
 - DA 333/2025 - Phuoc Hue Temple Lunar New Year Celebration 2026
 - DA 318/2025 - 4 Lomond Street Wakeley
- State Significant Development (SSD) reviewed:
 - SSD 76397489 - Canopy Warehousing Estate (Keyhole Lands) – Environmental Impact Statement Public Exhibition
- Local Applications (LAs) reviewed:
 - LA 35/2025 - Annual Christmas Event in Fairfield City Centre
 - LA 41/2025 - Canley Heights Children's Christmas
- Designs reviewed:
 - Transport for NSW (TfNSW) - Polding Street and The Horsley Drive – Intersection upgrade
 - TfNSW - Vine Street, Weston Street and Bertha Street - intersection upgrade
 - Fairfield Showground - Detailed Design (70%)
 - TM842 – John Street at Freedom Plaza - Pedestrian crossing
 - TM843 – John Street at Belvedere Arcade - Pedestrian crossing
 - TM1111 – Chisholm Park - Shared path concept
- A total of 13 commercial insurance claims were inspected and reported on during this quarter.
- Dam Safety NSW conducted an audit for the Operation and Maintenance Plan at Comin Place Detention Basin.
- Project Brief and Review of Environmental Factors - Construction Gross Pollutant Trap - Maggiotto Place

The Civil and Built Branch is continuing to review project planning proposals and construction plans for major external stakeholder projects.

Statutory Reports

Council is required to undertake statutory reporting for its assets and expenditures. The following reports have been completed and submitted:

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- Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Quarterly Report.
- Submission of Quarterly Reports for the Roads to Recovery Program to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts.
- NSW Local Grants Commission – National Local Road Data System Survey

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.

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 currently progressing include:

- Fairfield preschool - Softfall renewal.
- Leisure Centre - Shower and bathroom renewal.
- Fairfield Community Services Centre – Roofing renewal.
- Kenyon Street - Exeloo replacement
- 76 Chifley Street Smithfield – Fencing replacement.

Projects completed include:

- 13 Weston Street Fairfield – Fencing replaced and BBQ pit removed
- Administration Centre meeting - Room blinds replaced.



Figure 1 – Damaged and leaning fence before.



Figure 2 – 13 Weston Street BBQ pit before.

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Figure 3 - 13 Weston Street BBQ pit removed and fencing replaced.



Figure 4 – Blinds damaged before works.



Figure 5 – Blinds replaced.

Project Handover and Capitalisation

The project completion and financial capitalisation handover for the 2025/2026 financial year have been finalised as of 31 December 2025, with a total value of \$5.4 million.

SERVICE SUMMARY

The following provides statistics that capture some of the day-to-day functions of the Civil and Built Branch. This work generates income for Council.

Types	Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar) 2025	Quarter 4 (Apr-Jun) 2025	Quarter 1 (Jul-Sep) 2025	Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec) 2025
Driveway Inspections				
Applications Stage 1	129	114	133	117
Applications Stage 2	84	89	117	98

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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
Formwork Initial Inspections	107	110	85	102
Formwork Final Inspections	125	109	98	84
Bond Release	18	5	12	6
Roads, Footpath and Restoration Works				
Road Reserve Clearance Certificate	48	58	61	72
Concrete Restoration Work	80	75	127	54
Asphalt Restoration Work	14	13	30	4
Restoration work scoping - Utility companies	94	87	160	11
Quality Sign Off - Sydney water restoration	35	16	70	21
Permits, Approvals and Asset Protection				
Road/Footpath Occupancy Permit	10	4	13	7
Road Opening Permit	18*	17*	46*	24*
Hoarding Permit	1	0	0	1
Land Access Notification	89	103	121	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 restorations and consulting external stakeholders for their major projects, including:

- 1 Old Wallgrove Road/Milner Avenue Horsley Park – Ausconnex – Pavement design and cost estimates have been issued to Infrastructure Services for implementation. This includes a full road-width asphalt overlay for Milner Avenue and a mill-and-resheet treatment for the lane width of Old Wallgrove Road.
- 2 Widemere Road Wetherill Park – Ausconnex – Following consultations and negotiations by Council, external parties were granted permission to use the car park at the corner of Widemere Road and Hassall Street under the Council’s Road/Footpath Occupancy Permit process.
- 3 coNEXA Proposed Recycled Water Pipeline Project – Review and consultation with internal stakeholders is currently in progress.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

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

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Condition Inspections	Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec) 2024	Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar) 2025	Quarter 4 (Apr-Jun) 2025	Quarter 1 (Jul-Sep) 2025	Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec) 2025
Footpaths	92km	25km	5km	1km	2km
Kerb and Gutters	20km	24km	3km	1km	2km
Car Parks	44	24	10	5	6
Bridges	4	3	20	54	5
Road Furniture (excludes Traffic Signs, Bus shelters)	3	87	37	20	1200
Road Signs	262	23	15	10	10
Stormwater Pits	154	195	60	20	50
Concrete lined Open Channels	0	1 km	3km	7km	2km
Roads	453km	13km	2km	2km	3Km

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

Zahid Hassan
Asset Manager Civil and Built

Authorisation:
Manager Integrated Planning and Performance
Director City Assets

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - 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

The purpose of this report is to provide a second quarter overview of the Children and Family Services (CFS) Division from the October to December 2025 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) supports. CFS continues to evolve and expand, guided by a strong commitment to quality, access and community wellbeing.

During the October to December 2025 reporting period, Council's Best Start Early Education and Care Services continued to experience strong occupancy at 98% average across all services.

A consistent total of 33 Family Day Care educators provided care to 278 children, representing an increase of 13 children compared to the same period in the previous year.

Fairstart Early Intervention delivered 1,987 hours of intervention sessions to 101 clients, representing a 17.5% increase from Quarter 1. There are currently 46 NDIS requests on the Therapy Services waitlist, who have NDIS approval.

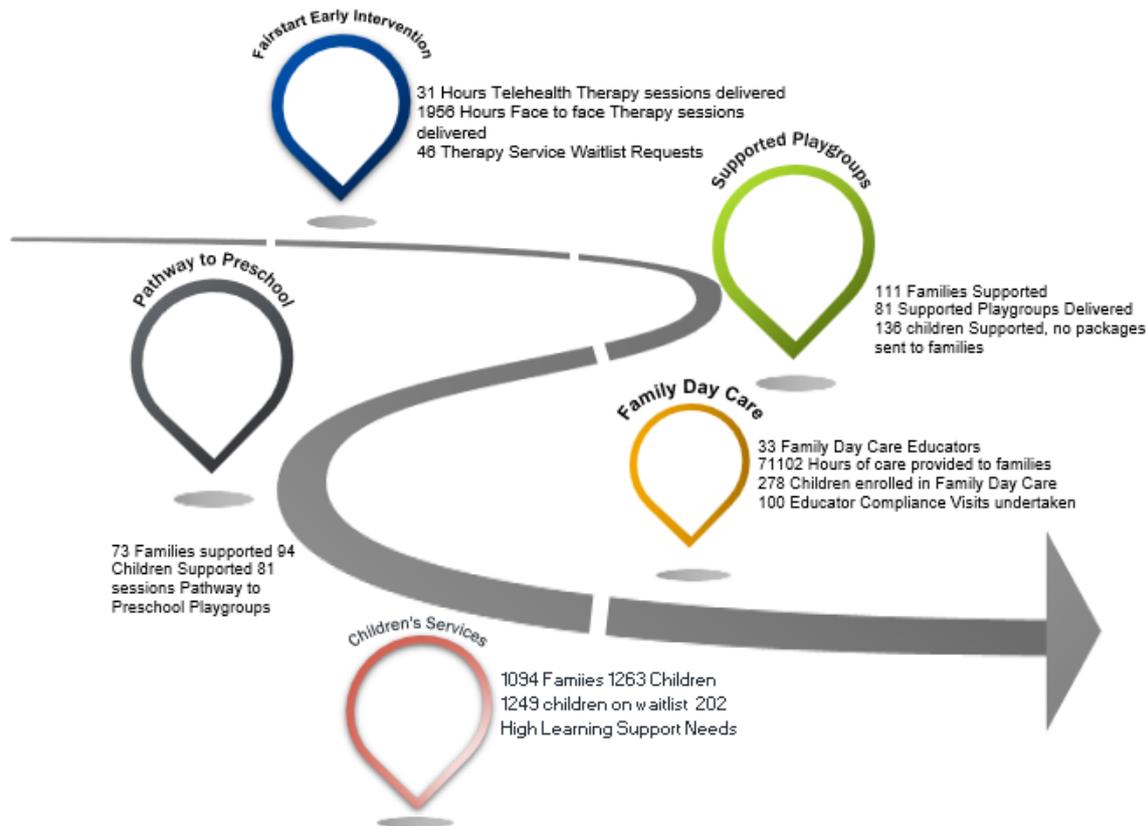
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This quarter, 111 families were supported through 81 Supported Playgroup sessions, with a total of 136 children participating.

The below pathway demonstrated the interconnected support that gives Fairfield City's youngest people the best start in life.



Council's CFS continue to provide high quality and affordable education and care services while being financially sustainable.

BEST START EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

Best Start Education and Care Services consists of:

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

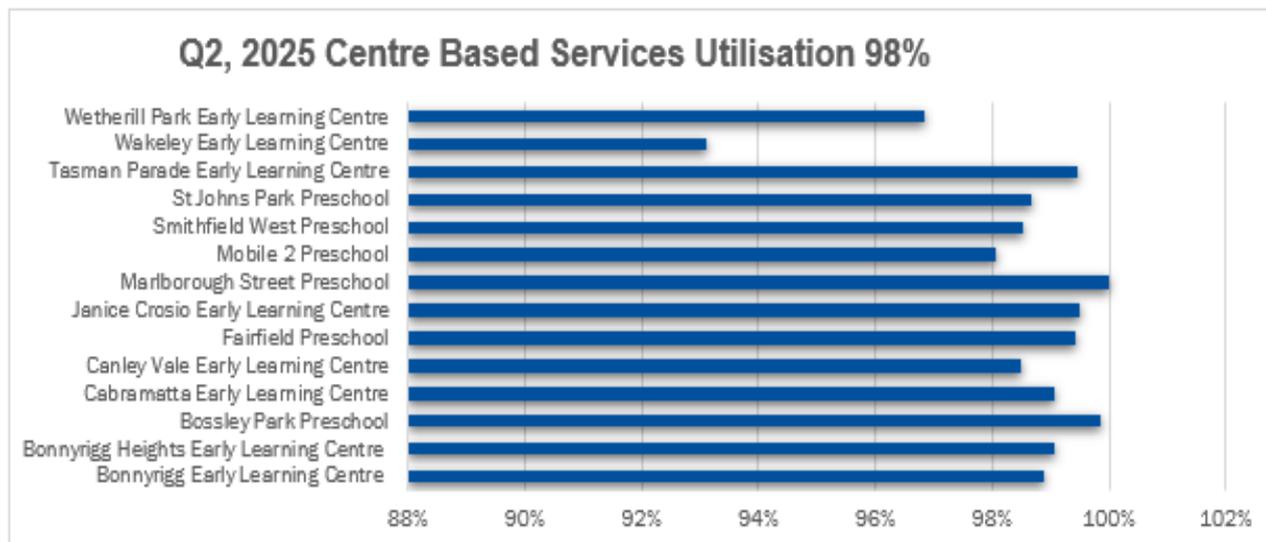
During the October to December 2025 reporting period, Council's Best Start Early Education and Care Services maintained strong occupancy levels, averaging 98% across all services. This represents a 1% increase compared to the same period in 2024 displaying the need and value the community has for early education and care as typically occupancy decreases at this time of year.

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The following table provides a breakdown of each service's occupancy rate for Quarter 2.



During the quarter, 10 Early Learning Services maintained utilisation rates of 99% or higher. The remaining 5 services achieved utilisation rates of 97% or above, with 1 service recording a utilisation rate of 93%.

FAIRSTART

Fairstart Early Intervention is made up of Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Specialist Teachers and other support professionals working together to give children in Fairfield the best start. The NDIS service supports children up to 9 years of age.

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The table below presents the 2024 Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) data, highlighting the significantly higher percentages of children at risk across all developmental domains across Fairfield compared to the state-wide figures for New South Wales (NSW).

New South Wales	10,529 (12.5)	12,492 (14.8)	11,645 (13.9)	8,375 (9.9)	13,813 (16.4)
Fairfield	267 (13.6)	293 (14.9)	312 (16.0)	266 (13.5)	343 (17.4)

These figures highlight the considerable demand for the therapy services provided by Fairstart and the positive impact the services has on the community.

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

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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 run this program for the past 22 years. The project provides support to vulnerable children and families.

Following a renegotiation process, Council was successful in securing the contract to deliver the Playgroups for an additional 5 years to 2031, investing \$2,476,612.12 into the community.

Deliverables for the service throughout the Fairfield and Liverpool community include:

- Increasing school readiness and age-appropriate skills for children aged 0-5 years.
- Parent/carer increased confidence in supporting children's wellbeing and development through education, coaching and modelling.
- Social and Community – Increased supportive relationships and social networks for families, enabling access to specialist services and fostering respectful, healthy family relationships.

During this quarter, the service supported 111 families, many of whom sought assistance to enhance their children's social, emotional and age-appropriate development. Support was delivered through structured playgroup sessions, 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 came to an end in December 2025. This project, funded by the Department of Education 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.

An application for the renewal of the program was submitted in December 2025.

Assessment and Rating of Services against the National Quality Standard

There were no Assessment and Rating visits from the Department of Education this quarter.

Throughout the year of 2025, CFS participated in 6 Assessment and Rating visits, including Marlborough Street Preschool, Janice Crosio Early Learning Centre (ELC), St Johns Park ELC, Wetherill Park ELC, Bonnyrigg Heights ELC and Fairfield Preschool. Each service was awarded the highest accreditation rating, reflecting the consistently high-quality education and care provided, as well as the dedication and professionalism of the teachers and educators in serving the community.

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*Wetherill Park ELC educators celebrating their Assessment and Rating results progressing from Meeting to Exceeding the National Quality Standards.
Permission granted to publish photograph.*

SERVICE CHANGES

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

The transition of Wetherill Park ELC to a multipurpose service has resulted in a significant increase in utilisation, rising from 83% in the same quarter of 2024 to 97% in 2025. This revised care model offering both long day care and preschool options is evidently having positive impacts, providing families with greater flexibility, supporting access to early education that align with their needs and financial circumstances.

In December, applications were forwarded to the Department of Education's Funding Team to support the transition of the remaining 4 Long Day Care services: St Johns Park ELC, Wakeley ELC, Cabramatta ELC and Canley Vale ELC. Council is awaiting a response from the Department regarding these submissions.

Mobile 2 Preschool has successfully extended, operating 5 days a week from Cabramatta Public School and Cabravale Leisure Centre. This extension of days has lowered the numbers of children waiting for preschool places within the community and facilitates an additional 50 children to participate in a quality early childhood education program in the 2 years prior to starting school. In December, the application was submitted to the Department of Education requesting the standalone service licence for Cabravale Preschool. We await a response from the Department regarding the submission.

Grant Opportunities

Early Childhood Education and Care Worker Retention Payment Grants

CFS applied for the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Worker Retention Payment Grants from the Australian Government. It is paid to eligible ECEC services to help increase workers' wages. The payment runs for 2 years, from 2 December 2024 to 30 November 2026, and provides eligible ECEC services with a 10% wage increase for all eligible staff in the first year, an additional 5% wage increase for all eligible staff in the second year and a minimum of an additional 20% funding to contribute towards eligible on-costs.

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Following a lengthy application and advocacy process, on 8 December 2025, Council received an outcome. The applications for the 9 services were declined with the Department stating:

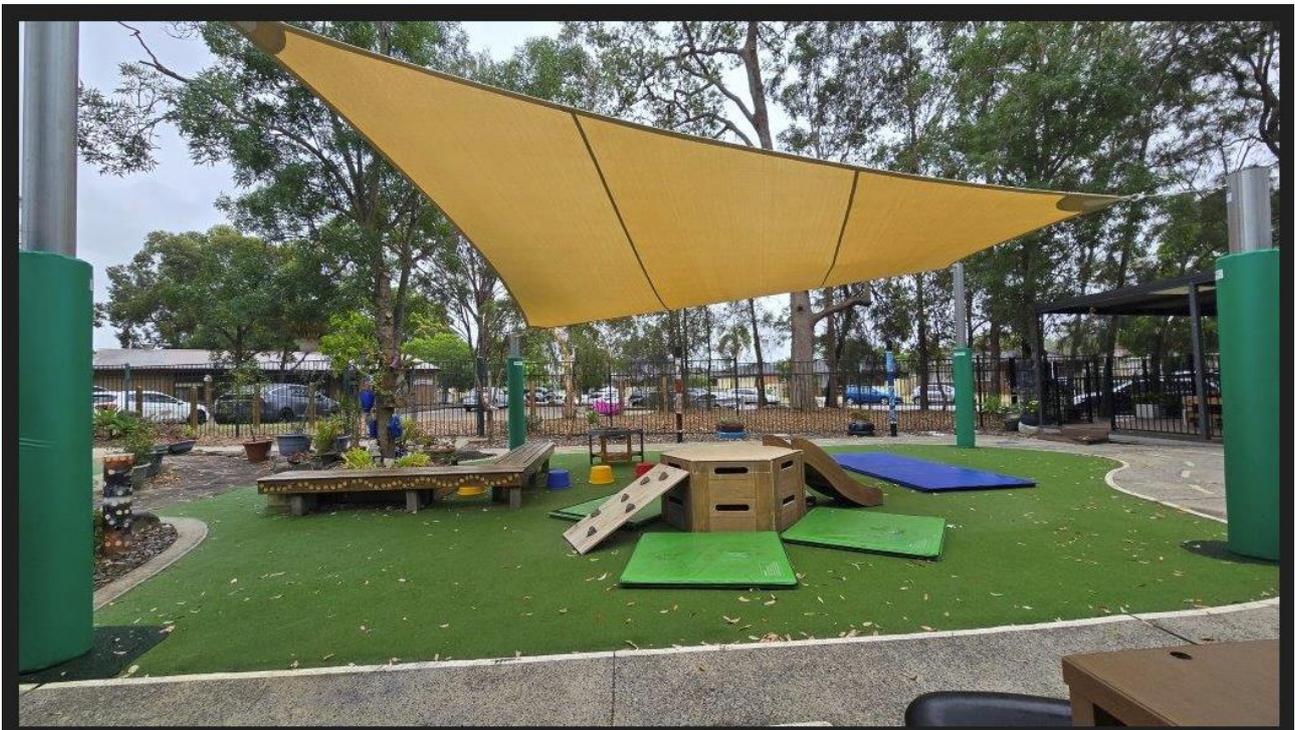
'The Department of Education has completed the assessment of your application and advises that your application has been unsuccessful as it did not meet one or more eligibility criteria in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.'

Community Childcare Fund Capital Support Grants

In October 2024, CFS successfully applied for Community Childcare Fund Capital Support Grants. Council was funded \$347,396.80 collectively across the 9 long day care and multipurpose services for a 2-year period, ending in June 2026.

This quarter the following works have been completed:

Shade sale installation at Janice Crosio ELC, the additional shade ensures children are protected from the sun throughout all times of the day. As part of the installation 3 new poles were erected and padding purchased to ensure children are not injured when running around the area.



Works that are to be completed prior to the grant timeframe ending in June 2026 include:

- Finalisation of the garden and yard upgrades at Bonnyrigg ELC – this is scheduled to be completed in February 2026.
- Installation of Café blinds to the outdoor awning space at Wakeley ELC.

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Community Childcare Fund Sustainability Grants

The Sustainability Grants aim to build relationships with vulnerable and disadvantaged families who are not currently accessing childcare, while implementing strategies to strengthen the sustainability of CFS. The grant period runs from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026.

As part of this initiative, Council has been attending community playgroups to promote our services and support families in understanding how to access care and join the waitlist. In addition, we have participated in and attended a range of local community events, using these opportunities to promote our services, play sessions and employment opportunities and to build connections with families and community members. These events include:

- Grandparents Day event – 25 October 2025



Permission granted to publish photograph.

Family Outreach Group Sessions - Term 4

During Term 4, Family Outreach Group sessions were delivered under the Sustainability Grants, alongside the *Ways to Play* family sessions held at Wetherill Park Library on 25 October and Whitlam Library on 22 October 2025.

Approximately 40 children and their families participated in the sessions, engaging in meaningful, play-based experiences together. The *Ways to Play* sessions supported families to actively engage in their children's play by sharing practical strategies for play at home through demonstrations, hands-on activities and access to a range of play resources and materials. Parenting resources were also made available to further support families in promoting children's learning and development through everyday play.

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Preschool Attendance Boosting Project

In July Marlborough Street Preschool, St Johns Park, Wetherill Park and Tasman Parade ELCs applied to take part in the research project.

The Preschool Attendance Boosting Project was a one-off, targeted competitive grant to support up to 50 ECEC services in Campbelltown, Fairfield, Kempsey and Walgett LGAs.

Eligible services were required to:

- Deliver up to 2 attendance boosting activities.
- Partner with the University of Wollongong (UoW) to collect and share activity data.
- Receive support from a practice partner to submit a grant application.

The project concluded in December 2025, with all research and collaboration materials provided to the UoW. The final research paper is scheduled for submission to the Department of Education by the end of 2026 and will include clear, evidence-based recommendations on how early education and intervention, supported by defined roles within early learning environments, can enable children and their families to actively and consistently participate in preschool programs in the years prior to formal schooling.

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Marlborough St Preschool Educators engaging in Professional Development. Permission granted to publish photograph.



New gross motor and heavy work equipment purchased at Marlborough St Preschool and Sensory resources purchased to further enhance the interactive room at St Johns Park ELC.



Parent information session at St Johns Park ELC discussing child development and regulation strategies. Permission granted to publish photographs.

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Graduation and End-of-Year Events

Throughout November and December 2025, our services held graduation events for children who are transitioning from our services and preparing to commence school in 2026. These celebrations followed the Transition to School programs implemented across our services, with some services seeing up to 46 children leaving the preschool program and ready for 'Big School' in 2026.

In addition, end-of-year events were held to celebrate the year with children and families. These events provided a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with one another and engage with the wider service community.



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Children and Family Services Conference

On Saturday, 15 November 2025, we hosted a Children and Family Services Conference, funded by CFS grants. This event saw 113 educators and teachers come together for a day of professional development and networking. The conference provided a valuable opportunity for educators to participate in professional development, share ideas, strengthen team connections and reflect on best practices across our services.



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**Manager Children and Family
Services**

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - 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 October to December 2025.

Visitations

Visitations to FCHQ increased by 897 visits to 6,765. This is a 15.3% increase in visitations compared to the same period in the previous year.

Hot Desk Bookings

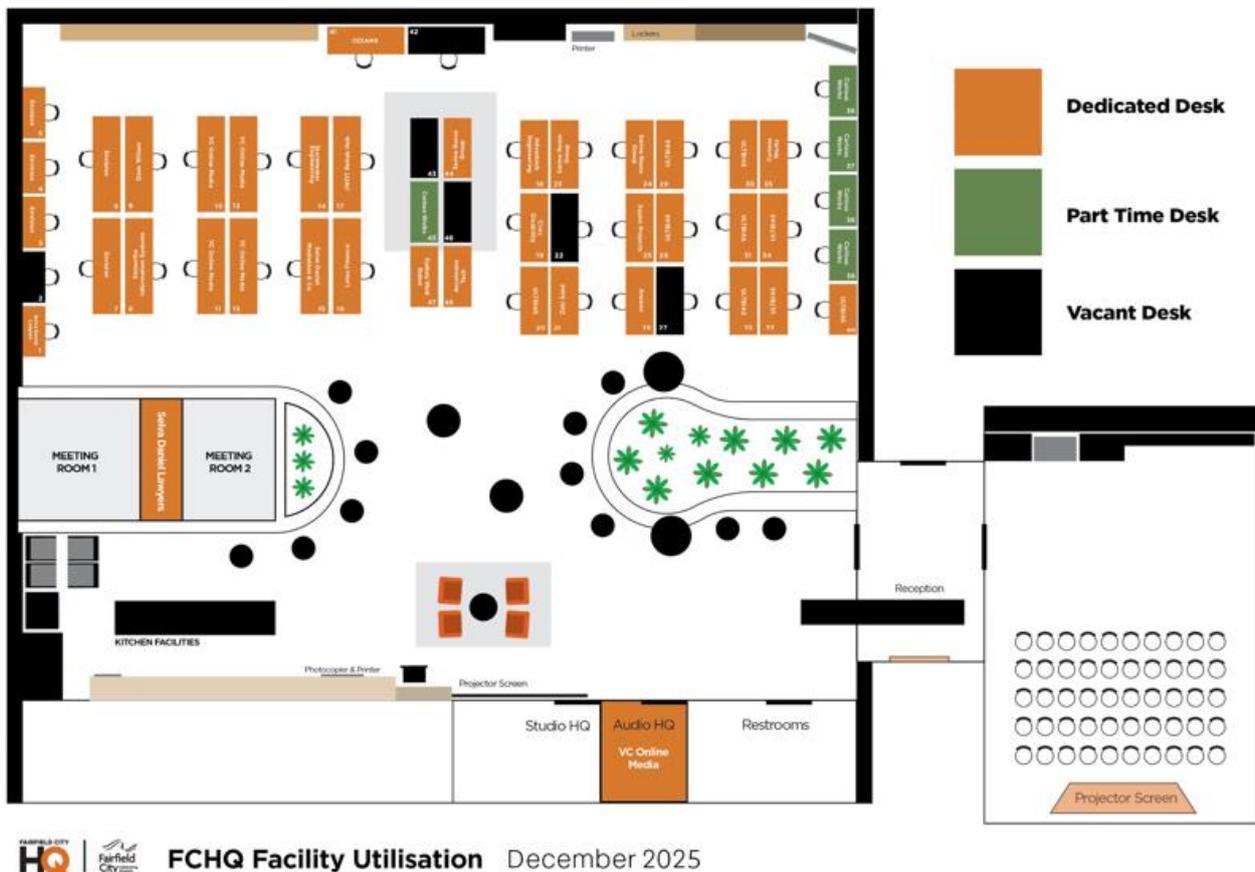
Hot desk bookings remained strong and stable throughout the quarter, starting at 40 and ending December only 1 desk lower at 39. Compared to last quarter, we currently have 37 full-time and 5 part-time bookings versus 38 full-time and 5 part-time previously, demonstrating consistent utilisation and a stable demand profile.

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The space is intentionally designed for flexibility, so utilisation naturally fluctuates throughout the year, with usage historically peaking mid-year. Despite these variations and an increase in available desks, overall utilisation has consistently remained above 80%, reflecting sustained and resilient demand, effective capacity management and ongoing strength in occupancy.



Meeting Room Bookings

There were 361 meeting room and suite bookings. Bookings remain consistent with the previous quarter.

The 12-month trial of a change of use of Audio HQ as a private office space has been successful, achieving full occupancy and increased income. Audio HQ, originally designed as an audio recording suite, became underutilised due to an industry shift toward filmed podcasts, with creatives preferring the videography suite. The trial confirms that use of the space as a private office better aligns with current demand and delivers improved utilisation and financial outcomes for Council. This change of use will take effect formally from 1 July 2026.

Programs, Workshops and Events

There were 5 programs, workshops and events offered with 186 participants.

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Program, Workshop and Events Calendar and Highlights

DATE	EVENT	PARTICIPANTS
OCTOBER		
8 October	Don't Be the Next Target! Strengthen Your Business Against Cyber Threats	15
22 October	Introduction to Tendering: Doing Business with Council	25
23 October	Purchase Your First Home in Western Sydney	28
29 October	Food Based Business Regulations: Information for Local Businesses	30
3 December	Christmas Business Networking Meeting	88



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Food Based Business Regulations: Information for Local Businesses

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Twenty-five people attended this informative food business information session hosted by Council in partnership with the Service NSW Business Bureau. Participants received guidance on food safety laws and regulatory requirements from the NSW Food Authority, including the Food Safety Supervisor program, correct food handling practices and common areas of non-compliance.

Attendees also learned about food premises inspections, Development Application requirements for new and existing businesses, business registration with Council and compliance obligations from Council's Environmental Health Team. Additional information was provided by Sydney Water on waste agreements and safe disposal of waste, while the Service NSW Business Bureau outlined the one-on-one support available to assist businesses in achieving compliance with confidence.



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Fairfield City Business Hub Liaison Committee

A meeting of the Fairfield City Business Hub Liaison Committee will be 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.

Hollie McPherson
Manager Libraries and Museum

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - 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 October, November and December 2025.

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.

It offers event organisers the choice of 10,000sqm of undercover powered exhibition space, our upgraded outdoor 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 also homes 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

PHILIPPINE FIESTA KULTURA

The 35th Grand Fiesta Kultura Philippine Festival successfully returned to the Fairfield Showground on Sunday 5 October 2025. Featuring a live Eat Bulaga show, cultural performances, pageants, food and stalls, the event organised by the Philippine Australian Sports & Culture Inc, is one of Australia's biggest Filipino cultural events.



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KOI AUCTIONS

The Koi Auctions are free events hosted by the Australian Koi Association and Koi Society of Australia at the Fairfield Showgrounds on Saturday 18 October, 15 November and 13 of December 2025. These events are continuously a success with bigger than expected crowds in attendance drawing an additional 500 people during Fairfield Markets.

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PARAMATTA EELS SUPPORTERS DAY

Fairfield Showground held a Supporters Day for the Paramatta Eels on 29 November 2025. This drew crowds to Fairfield Showground, which took place during Fairfield Markets, which also saw an increase in the number of people exploring the market stalls on the day.



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FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL ILLUMINATE

Council welcomed in the New Year with its annual Illuminate New Year's Eve event. A magical night filled with entertainment, free rides, food trucks and a spectacular fireworks display. The event attracted approximately 11,000 people.



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SELFIE WITH SANTA AT FAIRFIELD MARKETS

Selfie With Santa – a festive favourite at Fairfield Markets. For 3 Saturdays leading up to Christmas, families lined up for the chance to snap a free photo with Santa. The promotion was a huge hit, creating plenty of smiles and holiday cheer.



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PARKLANDS FUNCTION CENTRE



Increasing mid-week visits and bookings has been a focus. This quarter we had 15 function/bookings for the rooms which range from small group training sessions to weddings with an approximate attendance of 2,710 for the October-December period of 2025.

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SHOWGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

PARKLANDS – SHADED SEATING REVAMP FOR MARKETS AND FESTIVALS



PARKLANDS ENTRY SIGNAGE UPDATED



PARKLANDS DEEP CARPET CLEAN



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FAIRFIELD SHOWGROUND SPORTING GROUNDS



Fairfield Showground 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 predominately hired on a casual basis. A high number of hire requests have been refused.

Hirers include:

- Macarthur Bulls FC
- Marconi Stallions
- Fairfield Bulls
- Bonnyrigg White Eagles
- Mounties Wanderers
- Westfield Sports High School
- Sporting Rovers
- Street Ballerz

The abovementioned clubs and schools have been users of the fields resulting in 66 bookings, with over 3,620 players and officials in attendance during this quarter.

Number of Hours Sporting Field hired during October - December 2025

- Midweek – 109 hours
- Weekend – 9 hours
- Total Sporting Clubs and Schools – 8

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SYDNEY PICKERS BAZAAR

The Pickers Bazaar is held every Wednesday at the Fairfield Showground between 8.00am and 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 just on 71,000 people in attendance between October-December of 2025. The number of stallholders has steadily increased since opening along with improved customer turnout.



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. Fairfield Markets just over 105,300 people in attendance within the October-December period of 2025.

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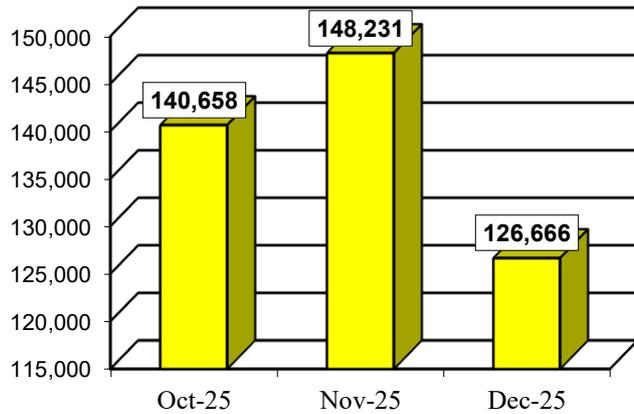
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QUARTERLY INCOME

Markets Income October-December 2025
 \$415,555.00 (13 Weeks)
 Markets Occupancy Rate 87.50%

Markets Income for Oct - Dec 2025

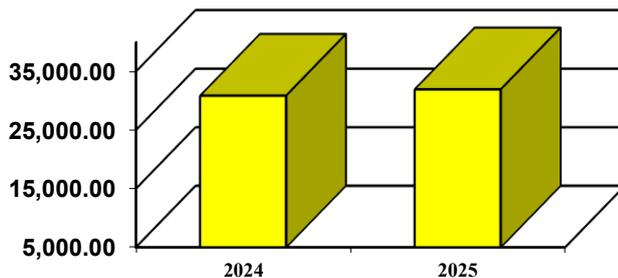


COMPARISON TO 2024

Oct – Dec 2024 - \$401,535.00
 \$30,887.31/week

Oct – Dec 2025 - \$415,555.00
 \$31,965.77/week

**Markets Comparison
 Weekly Average**



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COMMENTS

Markets occupancy rate for the October - December 2025 quarter was 87.5%. This represents an increase of \$14,020.00 (3.49%), reflecting strong market demand and effective management practices.

Fairfield Markets continues to be the primary income generator for the site, underpinning the financial sustainability of operations. The markets have maintained strong performance, with high demand for stall sites and consistent occupancy levels.

To ensure long-term success and preserve the quality and diversity of the markets, management applies a selective approach when approving stallholders. While demand remains high, only a limited number of similar product categories are accepted. This strategy promotes variety, enhances the visitor experience and supports profitability for existing stallholders in an increasingly competitive environment.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONFIRMED FOR THE SHOWGROUND

17/1/2026	Koi Auction
1/2/2026	St Hurmizd Church Event
8/2/2026	Sadaqa Pre Ramadan Event
22/2/2026	Tet Festival
23/2/2025	FCC Chemical Clean Up
5/3/2026	Seniors Expo
7/3/2026	Koi Auction
22/3/2026	MEFF Festival
29/3/2026	Assyrian New Year
2-7/3/2026	Fairfield Easter Show

FAIRFIELD GOLF COURSE

Fairfield City Golf Course consists of an 18-hole public golf course, which has a driving range, 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 and players of all abilities are welcome.



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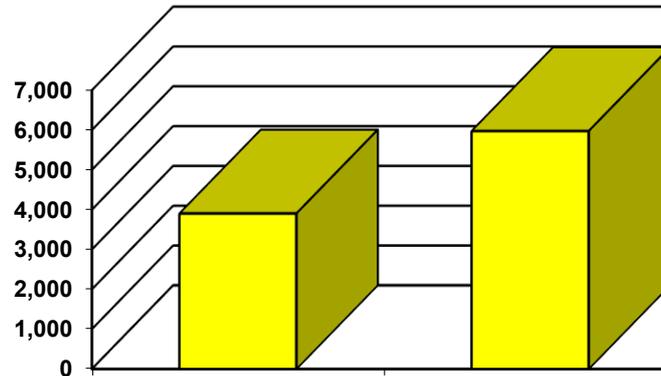
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FAIRFIELD GOLF COURSE PLAYERS

Oct - Dec 2024 – 3,904 (14 weeks)

Oct – Dec 2025 – 5,975 (14 weeks)

**Golf Total Player Numbers
October - December 2025**



COMMENTS

Since Council resumed full care and control of the golf course, including grounds maintenance and appointed Green Horticultural Group as the new team responsible for course upkeep in July 2025, the condition of the course, particularly the greens, has improved significantly.

These enhancements have been well received by patrons and have contributed to a notable increase in attendance.

During the period October to December 2025, total patronage across all categories reached 5,975 representing a substantial increase compared to 3,904 during the same period in 2024. This growth clearly demonstrates the positive impact of the recent improvements and the professional maintenance standards now in place.

The feedback from players has been overwhelmingly positive, with many citing the improved playing surfaces and overall course presentation as key reasons for their return and increased frequency of play. This trend suggests strong potential for continued growth in participation and revenue as the course reputation strengthens further.

FAIRFIELD GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

WATER BORE LICENCE

After nearly 2 years of research and negotiation, Fairfield Golf Course and Showground have secured a water bore licence from the NSW Government, enabling the extraction of 51 megalitres annually for irrigation. This achievement delivers significant financial savings, operational resilience and long-term sustainability benefits for both facilities.

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The water bore project officially commenced just prior to Christmas, with drillers on site to excavate the bore hole and conduct detailed soil and water analysis. This marks the start of a critical phase to establish the infrastructure required for a reliable water supply.

The financial impact is significant and immediate. Last year, approximately \$150,000.00 was spent on town water for irrigation. By utilising bore water these costs will be reduced. The exact savings will depend on the quality of the extracted water, as it will need to be blended with potable water depending on the salt level. At this stage, the required ratio remains uncertain.

The water extraction license was granted at no cost, delivering an instant financial benefit. Furthermore, water licenses in NSW are increasingly valuable, with similar allocations recently valued between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00. This creates a tangible asset that can be leveraged in the future.

In summary, the water bore licence positions Fairfield Golf Course and Showground for long-term success, delivering financial, operational and reputational benefits while creating a valuable asset for the future.



NEW LOGO

Council overtook the management of the Golf Course in May 2025. As part of the transitional arrangements, new branding was required. Below is the new Golf Course logo, which was the most popular when focus tested. The new branding better aligns the golf course with Council. The new branding will be used on social media, signage, uniforms etc. and presents modern identity and will help to market the Golf Course to new players.

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Logo and examples of how it can be applied to different mediums.

The style guide, which provides the rules for use is currently being finalised and will ensure a consistent approach, which recognises Council’s role in managing the Golf Course.

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

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Director City Living

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - Governance

FILE NUMBER: 19/33579

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

NSW Ombudsman - Public Interest Disclosures Annual Report 2024–2025

Notification has been received from the NSW Ombudsman regarding the tabling of its report Oversight of the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022 Annual Report 2024–2025 (the Report) in Parliament on 21 November 2025.

The Report sets out the information provided by agencies in respect of voluntary Public Interest Disclosures (PIDs) received during the reporting period, the activities undertaken by agencies to train staff and raise awareness about reporting wrongdoing, how the NSW Ombudsman performed its key oversight functions under the PID Act and the activities of the PID Steering Committee, which is chaired by the NSW Ombudsman.

A total of 146 Annual Returns were submitted by councils during the reporting period. Fairfield City Council met its obligations and was not identified as failing to lodge an Annual Return within the required timeframe. Across the local government sector, 67 voluntary PIDs were reported. This places Council below the sector average of 2.2 PIDs per council.

For a copy of the report, refer to Ombudsman's website:
<https://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au/reports/report-to-parliament>

NSW Ombudsman – PID Agency Self-assessment Audit Report 2025

Notification has been received from the NSW Ombudsman regarding the tabling of its report, Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022: Agency Self-Assessment Audit Report 2025 (the Report) in Parliament on 11 December 2025.

The Report outlines the results of 2 self-assessment audits conducted to test the compliance of NSW agencies, including councils, with specific requirements under the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022. The audits focussed on policy, internal reviews, public officials, training and awareness, data management, reporting and notifications.

Council officers have reviewed the audit findings against Council's current practices and confirm that no risk of non-compliance has been identified. The analysis and insights provided in the Report are valuable and useful to Council officers in continuing to strengthen training and refine internal processes to ensure ongoing compliance and the effective handling of public interest disclosures.

For a copy of the report, refer to the Ombudsman's website: <https://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au/reports/report-to-parliament>

NSW Ombudsman's Report: Casebook January 2026

The NSW Ombudsman's Report Casebook January 2026: Investigations and Complaint Handling Case Studies (Report) was tabled in Parliament on 30 January 2026.

Pursuant to Section 31 of the Ombudsman Act 1974, the NSW Ombudsman prepared the Report to demonstrate ways in which the NSW Ombudsman have held agencies to account and how they have reached positive outcomes for the people of New South Wales (NSW). The Report features case studies illustrating how agencies achieve their outcomes for complaints management and contains a summary of investigations conducted and sample of complaints handled by the NSW Ombudsman from 1 July to 31 December 2025.

The Report offers valuable insights for government agencies including local councils to improve their services and decision making process.

For a copy of the comprehensive report, refer to Ombudsman's website: www.ombo.nsw.gov.au.

Fines and Cost Orders

In accordance with Regulation 413A Functions of General Manager of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, it is the duty of the General Manager to ensure that the following information is made available to all councillors as soon as practicable after such an order is made:

- The date on which the order was made.
- The amount of the fine, penalty or costs.

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- The act or omission giving rise to the fine or penalty, or the nature of the legal proceedings giving rise to the costs, as the case may be.

Councillors are hereby advised that there were no fines or cost orders incurred from 1 November 2025 to 31 January 2026.

Sonja Drca
Manager Governance and Audit

Authorisation:
Director People Culture and Operations

Services Committee - 10 February 2026

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Item Number. 22

SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - 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 (the Centres) continue to play a vital role in enhancing the health and wellbeing of the Fairfield community. With a strong focus on service excellence and inclusive programming, the Centres provide modern, community-driven facilities that support active lifestyles for all age groups.

From infants to adults, the Centres offer a wide range of services, including state-of-the-art gymnasiums, diverse group fitness classes, personal training and accredited swimming lessons, ensuring all residents have access to quality health and wellness opportunities.

Fairfield City Council operates 4 facilities, offering a variety of quality and affordable services to help the community stay active and healthy:

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

The Centres also support local community organisations by providing free pool entry to Fairfield senior citizens and residents with a disability, demonstrating their commitment to inclusivity and community wellbeing.

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Australian Active National Fitness Industry Award Winners

The Leisure Centres were proudly named the 2025 winner of the Aus Active Leisure Centre of the Year Award, a prestigious national recognition acknowledging the commitment, passion and dedication of staff across all centres.

Selected from a competitive national field, the Centres were 1 of only 10 finalists nationwide, including 3 from New South Wales. Following a rigorous judging process across 10 assessment categories, the Centres were awarded the title reflecting their ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality services and exceptional experiences for the community.



South-West Connect Award Winners

The Centres were recognised at the South-West Connect Thank You Dinner, receiving the Fitness Host Employer of the Year Award. This recognition acknowledges the Centres' ongoing commitment to supporting work experience and placement students, providing valuable skill development and pathways within the fitness industry.



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Leisure Centre Activities

Activity	Fairfield Leisure Centre		Prairiewood Leisure Centre		Cabravale Leisure Centre	
	Oct - Dec 2024	Oct - Dec 2025	Oct - Dec 2024	Oct - Dec 2025	Oct - Dec 2024	Oct - Dec 2025
New Memberships	724	647	1,124	1,149	385	395
Gym Entries	26,507	30,473	29,272	30,275	17,362	19,331
Pool Entries	54,943	54,141	71,484	74,787	15,894	18,389
Aerobics	5,141	5,546	11,846	12,463	4,859	5,647
LTS Term 4	447	439	1,557	1,587	563	590

During the quarter, there were 2,191 new memberships, 80,079 gym entries, 147,317 pool entries, 23,656 aerobics attendees and 2,616 Learn to Swim (LTS) enrolments.

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 (LGA).

For this quarter 11,846 free entries to seniors of the Fairfield LGA were provided.

DISABILITY SUPPORT PENSION (DSP)

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

For this quarter 14,732 free entries to Fairfield residents who presented with either of the above were provided.

AQUATOPIA

From October - December 2025, 62,730 visitors attended Aquatopia.

- Full Capacity – Aquatopia was sold out 26 times during the quarter.
- Free entry was provided to 2037 under 2-year-olds.
- Cabana Bookings – 748 bookings, accommodating 15,290 guests.
- Shelter Bookings – 224 bookings, accommodating 2,417 guests.
- Schools - 35 bookings with students 5917.

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SWIM ACADEMY

The Fairfield City Leisure Centres Swim Academy (the Academy) continues to deliver essential aquatic programs that promote water safety, skill development, and lifelong fitness. As a cornerstone of our community health initiatives, the Academy provides structured, accredited lessons for all ages and abilities, from infants and school-aged children to adults and seniors. These programs not only support physical wellbeing but also build confidence and resilience in and around water.

- Learn to Swim enrolments across the three Centres were 2,579 for Term 4 2025.
- Learn to Swim Private lessons across three Centres were 10 for Term 4 2025.
- Learn to Swim Disability private lessons across three Centres were 27 for Term 4 2025.
- Squad enrolments were 277 for October – December 2025.
- Swim Academy staff conducted 13 police swim ability tests.
- Eight school swim carnivals at Prairiewood Leisure Centre with 2,068 students attending. One carnival held at Fairfield Leisure centre with 23 students attending.
- Department of Education school programs were conducted at Prairiewood and Fairfield Leisure Centres with a total of 13 schools and usage of 11,262.
- Four Learn to Swim school programs conducted with 2,413 students attending across 3 centres.
- Three Water Safety Programs conducted at Prairiewood and Fairfield Leisure Centres with 570 usages across the centres.
- Two swim club, Fairfield RSL and Prairiewood, booked at Fairfield and Prairiewood Leisure Centres with a total of 30 bookings.
- Elevate Program Royal life funded free-swimming lessons with 19 adults attending.
- Aquatopia water park - 34 school bookings with 5,847 students attending. Fairfield water play park - 2 school bookings with 36 students attending.

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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:

- STARTTS
- Friendship Community Group
- Vietnamese Women's Group
- Parks Network
- St George Community Housing
- Multicultural Group Khmer

The Dry Recreation team plays a pivotal role in fostering strong connections with the Fairfield community, often serving as the first point of contact for members engaging with our health and fitness services. Their expertise and personalised approach ensure that every member receives tailored support to meet their wellness goals, whether through consultations, training, or rehabilitation.

A number of these organised touch points and services include:

- Our exercise specialists conducted 806 face to face consultations with our members for the quarter. These consisted of exercise consultations, two-week follow-ups, taking body measurements and customised upgrades to their exercise programs.
- Exercise Specialists delivered 351 personal training sessions to members.
- A total of 1,364 rehabilitation sessions were provided by exercise physiologists, these can be a mix of NDIS, CDM/Medicare, work cover and private clients.
- Supervised fitness sessions catering to Veteran Gold Card Holders were held for 7 participants. This program is funded by Veteran Affairs to improve the health and wellness of their members.
- Over 3,000 people attended Zumba at the Fairfield Showground.

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Fairfield and Cabravale 24/7 Gym

The Fairfield and Cabravale Leisure Centres gym after-hours 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, back of office along with trafficable areas.

Members logged 9,002 visits between 9.00pm and 6.30am.

- Fairfield Leisure Centre: 5604
- Cabravale Leisure Centre: 4198

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

SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

Below are the Facebook and Instagram key metrics for the months October – December:

FB posts	17
Average reach	309
FB new followers	32
FB followers	3811

IG posts	9
IG total reach	9555
IG new followers	36
IG total followers	706

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

The Centres ran a 5-day Black Friday/Cyber Monday membership promotion at the end of November.

A total of 70 memberships were sold (6 Months – 51 and Flexi-Fit 19)



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Breast Cancer Morning Tea

This year marked the Leisure Centre's 15-year milestone in hosting the annual Breast Cancer Morning Tea. More than \$2,200.00 was raised in 2025, contributing to a total of over \$30,000.00 raised since the initiative commenced.



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Members Christmas Party

A total of 148 members attended the 2025 Members' Christmas Party, held on Monday 1 December 2025. The event featured pizza, an aqua class and a range of recreational activities, all of which were well received by attendees.



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Salvation Army Donation

As part of the Members' Christmas Party, a Salvation Army food drive was organised. Donations were delivered to the local Salvation Army branch to be distributed to families in need within the community.

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FAIRFIELD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Community and Disability Groups

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

- STARTTS (The NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture & Trauma Survivors)
- Hume Housing
- Community First Steps
- Diversity and Disability Alliance
- FCC Youth Group
- FCC Social Planning and Community Development Division
- Catholic Healthcare
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Refugee Health Service NSW
- Core Community Services
- Corrective Services NSW
- Department of Communities and Justice - Youth Justice
- Vietnamese Australian Welfare Association Of NSW
- Learning Links
- Woodville Alliance
- Congregational Christian Church of Samoa E.F.K.S Smithfield Parish
- Diversity and Disability Alliance
- Recreation, Sports and Aquatics Club Incorporated
- Shayna Humanitarian
- Christ New Creation International NSW
- New South Wales Council for Intellectual Disability

Sporting Organisations

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At present, we have five sporting organisations utilising the courts on a weekly basis.

- Just Spike It Volleyball
- Red Fox Volleyball
- Westside Volleyball
- Jin Sei Ryu Karate-Do Australia
- Little Boomers Basketball
- Housecats Volleyball
- HK852 Volleyball
- Southwest Sydney Filipino Australian Basketball Association

School Groups

- Indie School
- Warrakirri College
- Patrician Bros College
- Trinity Catholic College

Full Facility Events

October:

- Nil

November:

- Nil

December:

- Woodville Alliance end of year event
- FCC Block party

Youth Hours

STARRTS

STARRTS is utilising FYCC on Friday nights from 3.00pm – 6.00pm and is providing activities to youth 12-18 years, 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 assistance.

Community First Steps

Community First Steps provide activities to youth 12-24 years 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.

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Activities include various sports, trampolines, mentoring case management, games workshops, trivia, arts and crafts.

Events - End of year BBQ and Mental health once off event with Street Uni and Heartfulness institute Australia.

Centre Usage

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

FYCC	Oct – Dec 2025
Sports Court	393.25
Program Rooms	339
Rock-Climbing	0
Trampoline	0
Full Facility *	171.5
Total Usage	903.75

**Figures include CFS/Youth hours as full facility*

PROCESSES/IMPROVEMENT

AQUATOPIA

- Wave pool pump, motor, and fan were replacement, restoring full operational capability



PRAIRIEWOOD LEISURE CENTRE

- Upgrades were made to the PA system, including the installation of fire trip relays across several zones to ensure compliance with Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) requirements.

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- The creche was repainted, and roof repairs were completed.



FAIRFIELD LEISURE CENTRE

- A Variable Speed Drive (VSD) was installed on the Toddler's Pool to control pump speed and reduce power consumption.

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CABRAVALE LEISURE CENTRE

- Concrete slabs were installed to prevent mud being tracked into the pool hall and to reduce trip hazards at doorways



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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - 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 October to December 2025 for Fairfield City Open Libraries and FCMG.

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FAIRFIELD CITY OPEN LIBRARIES

Memberships

There were 159,470 members of Fairfield City Open Libraries as of 31 December 2025. This is 4.7% higher compared to the same period in 2024 and 1.1% higher than the previous quarter.



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Visitations

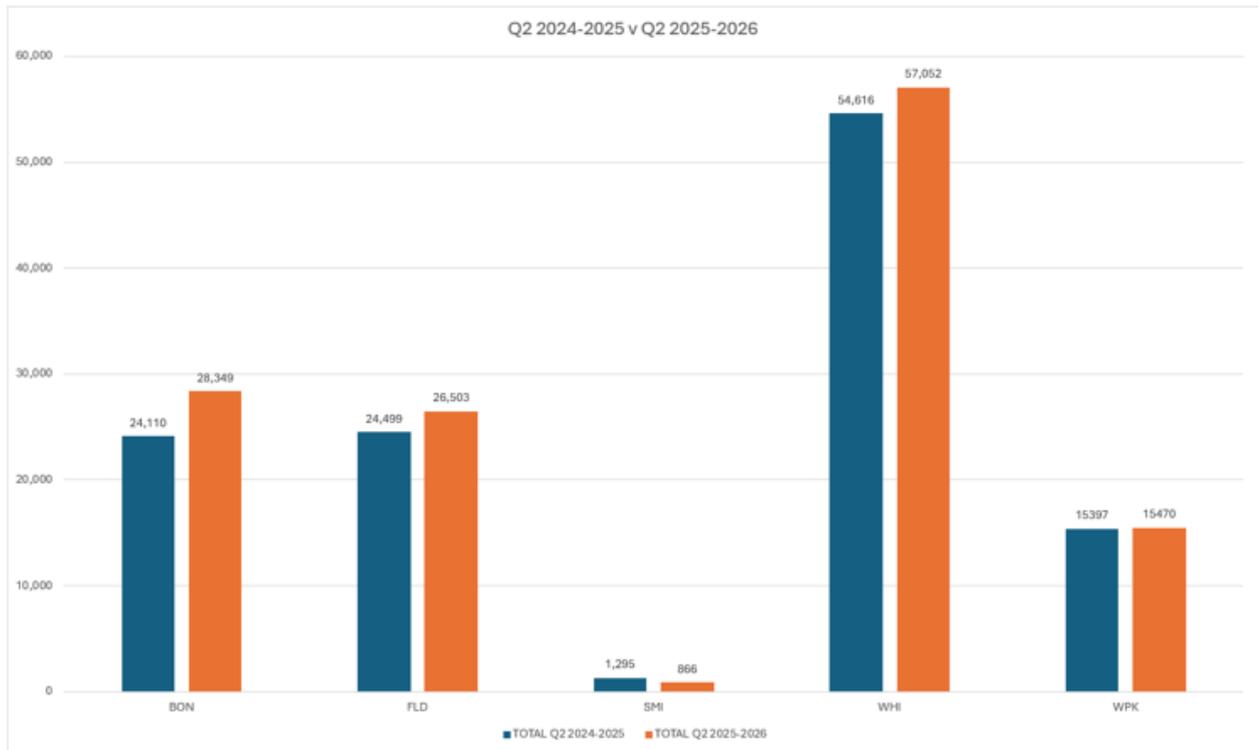
There were 128,240 visitors to Fairfield City Open Libraries. Physical visits to libraries were 6.9% higher when compared to the same period in 2024 and 15.2% lower than the previous quarter.

Q2	Visitors: October to December 2025					
	BON	FLD	SMI	WHI	WPK	MONTH TOTAL
OCT	10,886	10,637	309	26,007	7,248	55,087
NOV	10,173	9,338	334	18,755	5,068	43,668
DEC	7,290	6,528	223	12,290	3,154	29,485
BRANCH TOTAL	28,349	26,503	866	57,052	15,470	128, 240

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Collections

During this period 68,934 items were borrowed, including 19,811 eResources and 49,123 physical resources. Borrowing has decreased by 15.7% compared to the previous quarter. This is consistent with regular borrowing patterns for the time of year.

Compared to the previous quarter:

- eResource loans decreased by 11.2%.
- Physical loans decreased by 17.4%.
- eMagazine loans have increased by 3.2%, while physical magazine loans have decreased slightly.
- Streaming has decreased by 17.2%.

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Physical Collection borrowed		Q2 - Oct to Dec
Books		38,970
Devices		1,222
Audiobooks		612
Large Print		725
Magazines		2,117
DVDs		5,477
TOTAL		49,123
eResources borrowed		Q2 - Oct to Dec
eBooks		7,279
eAudio		4,612
eMagazines		3,894
Kanopy	<i>Videos streamed</i>	1,388
	<i>Hours of streaming</i>	775
LinkedIn Learning	<i>Logins</i>	49
	<i>Courses attended</i>	285
	<i>Tutorials watched</i>	1,529
TOTAL		19,811

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.



Customers can access eNewspapers and eMagazines in an extensive range of languages through the PressReader Platform. A total of 2,734 eNewspaper issues and 1,251 eMagazine issues have been accessed during this period. This is an increase of 13.2% and 18.4% respectively from the previous quarter.

The Transparent Language Online platform which has access to over 100 languages to learn has seen 621 sessions completed during this quarter, which is an increase of 2.8%.

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.

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The Home Library Service visited 57 library members per month and delivered 1,662 resources over this period.

HLS Loans Q1 July - September	
July	713
August	487
September	580
Total	1,780

HLS Loans Q1 October - December	
July	545
August	556
September	561
Total	1,662



Programs

During this period there were 99 programs which offered over 731 sessions at Fairfield City Open Libraries with 10,058 participants.

In addition to our program offering, Whitlam Library's Workary registered 1,308 visits to the space and 93 meeting room bookings. There were no hot desk bookings for the period. Studio 2166 registered 31 bookings.

Location	Programs	Sessions	Participants
Bonnyrigg	36	185	3,606
Fairfield	31	184	2,432
Smithfield	5	13	93
Wetherill Park	25	101	1,256
Whitlam	57	245	2,731
Offsite	2	2	32
TOTAL	156	730	10,150

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Program and Event Highlights

October Programs Blast

Fairfield City Open Libraries celebrated 2 milestone anniversaries in October: the 75th Anniversary of Library Services in Fairfield City on 7 October 2025 and the 50th Anniversary of Whitlam Library Cabramatta on 20 October 2025.

To mark these occasions, we offered a series of special anniversary programs designed to engage and bring together our community. A variety of anniversary-edition programs and activities were available for all ages and interests, including Mixed Media and Mocktails, Family Trivia, Storytime and Craft and a historical tour of the Whitlam Library.



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Mixed Media and Mocktails – Anniversary Edition was a celebratory program that invited library users to reflect on the personal importance of the library while expressing their memories through art. The 3-hour session combined creativity and social connection, with participants enjoying mocktails as they worked with mixed media materials to create richly expressive, personal artworks inspired by their experiences with the library.



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Tax Help is delivered in partnership with the Australian Taxation Office from July to October. Eligible residents received assistance with online tax returns, amendments, MyGov setup and franking credit refunds. This program connects the community to vital resources and provides financial support to those without access to professional tax advice.

Curious Kids Science – Fizzics Education was offered as a school holiday program for children. The facilitator introduced and explained key science concepts and encouraged participants to actively engage by conducting their own science experiments. Overall, the program successfully combined learning with hands-on fun.

November Programs Blast

Junior Bots is a hands-on program for children that introduces them to the fundamentals of robotics and coding in a fun and supportive learning environment. Through guided activities using Sphero robots, participants learn how code controls movement, responds to the environment and brings robots to life while building problem-solving skills, creativity and confidence with technology.

Read Aloud Corner is a program for primary school-aged children that supports the development of reading and confidence skills in a safe and welcoming environment. The program has proven to be highly valuable, as participants demonstrate noticeable improvements in their confidence and willingness to read aloud in front of their peers. Children consistently show enthusiasm for learning and actively support one another, offering help and encouragement when friends struggle with reading aloud.



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Scrabble Club is a volunteer-led program that brings together participants aged 7 years and older to enjoy the classic word game in a friendly and social setting. Guided by dedicated volunteers, players can improve their vocabulary, spelling and strategic thinking while engaging in fun, relaxed competition. The club also fosters a sense of community as participants connect over shared challenges and celebrate each other's successes.

Chess Club is a program designed for participants aged 7 years and older to develop strategic thinking, problem-solving skills and patience through the game of chess. Participants of all skill levels are welcome to join, whether they are beginners learning the basics or more advanced players refining their tactics. The club also encourages friendly competition, teamwork and a love of the game in a supportive, social environment.

The *Home Library Service Christmas Party* is an annual event for our local housebound residents. It was a wonderful day celebrating Christmas with our local housebound residents through festive food, bingo, lucky door prizes, live music, Christmas carols and a visit from Santa. This year had the biggest attendance in more than 5 years.



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December Programs Blast

The *Mayor's Christmas Appeal* is an annual joint venture between Council, Woolworths and local charitable organisations, aimed at collecting donations to support those in need within the community. The initiative brings together businesses, charities and residents to provide essential assistance during the Christmas period.

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In preparation for Christmas, participants gathered for a festive *Christmas Craft 'Felt Santa'* session, where they sewed their own felt Santa decorations. The activity was a big success and created a warm, welcoming atmosphere. A highlight of the session was the participation of 3 generations from the same family, which added a wonderful sense of community and shared creativity.

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Saving Family Memories 'Photo Magnets' was a hands-on workshop that transformed family favourite photos into lasting keepsakes, perfect for gifting. Participants captured and celebrated meaningful family memories while creating personalised photo magnets, making the activity both fun and memorable for all involved.



The *Accessible Video Project* was launched at Whitlam Library on the International Day of People with Disability. This initiative of the Social Planning and Community Development team highlights the accessible features available across Council facilities, helping the community better understand and navigate the inclusive services on offer.

HERITAGE SERVICES

Recollect: [Fairfield Heritage Collection Website](#)

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This collection is available on *Recollect* and continues to grow. Currently there are 2,399 historical photographs online and a total of 5,654 digitised items in the collection.

Between October and December 2025, *Recollect* recorded 19,355 visitors, representing a 234.17% increase from the previous quarter. Of these, 19,088 were new users, an increase of 242.7% quarter-on-quarter. The majority of new traffic originated from Lanzhou (China) and Singapore.

While this growth indicates a substantial rise in new visitors, overall user engagement declined significantly, with the engagement rate decreasing by 81.25% compared to the previous quarter. The site recorded 19,355 page views this quarter, representing a 9.7% decrease compared to the previous quarter. User engagement was slightly lower, with a total engagement figure of 31,605.

The 3 most accessed collections on *Recollect* this quarter are:

1. Historical Photographs
2. 'Rosarian' (Patrician Brothers annual magazine)
3. Fairfield City Museum & Gallery



Projects

The Heritage 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.

[Site Audit Report – Recollect Platform](#)

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A draft instruction manual to standardise the metadata entry of photographic records in the *Recollect* platform has been completed. Further review and feedback will be sought from the Local Studies team, with revisions incorporated into the final documentation over the next quarter. Standardising metadata across the *Recollect* platform will improve navigation and resource retrieval for both public users and staff.

Fairfield City Mayoral Report Collection

Historical mayoral reports provide an official record of the mayor's activities, priorities and representation on behalf of the community. These reports document civic and community events, meetings with government and organisations, Council initiatives and advocacy and progress on major projects and emerging priorities of the time. Fully digitised mayoral reports from 1962 to 1972 are now available for direct access on the Fairfield City Heritage Collection site.

A selection of digitised files from the 1962 Mayoral Report, including a Council expenditure chart, a photograph of the Smithfield Library and a plan for Bossley Bridge can be seen in the image below.



Reference Enquiries and Research

The Local Studies team responded to 20 Heritage enquiries from members of the public and internal Council requests in this quarter.

City Photographer

Chloë Abdelnour is the new 2025 City Photographer. Chloë is currently working on a series of photo essays featuring women living in Fairfield. Chloë's project will result in 2 major photographic exhibitions to be held at Whitlam Library and The Crescent Plaza Fairfield.

Heritage Programs

Digitisation Station workshops continue to be offered on a regular basis, in addition to encouraging self-service for customers. A total of 50 bookings were recorded this quarter, representing 25% utilisation of the service's overall capacity. This reflects a 50% decrease in utilisation compared to the previous quarter.

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Twenty new users accessed the service during this period, maintaining the average of gaining 1 new user every 4 days. Of these, 40% returned to the Digitisation Station for at least 1 additional session.

Exhibitions

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.

Fairfield City Library Services Exhibitions

To mark the 75th anniversary of Fairfield City's Library Services, 2 displays were installed at the library. The first celebrates the evolution of City Library Services since the 1950s, highlighting the service's rich history and major milestones achieved over the decades. This exhibition is now on permanent display in the Margaret Room. The second display showcased items from the heritage collection.

In addition, a timeline was developed to commemorate the occasion, providing a chronological overview of key events and achievements in the library's history.

A dedicated section titled '75th Anniversary of City Library Services' was added to the Fairfield Heritage Collection Website. This online collection features most of the items from the displays, along with a curated selection of digitised notes submitted by library visitors, each containing personal messages, drawings, or memories that reflect their connection to and appreciation for the library.



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Shopkeepers

Shopkeepers is an exhibition of photographs which tell the stories of Fairfield's drapers, bakers, butchers and delis. The exhibition outlines the changing retail landscape and developing commercial centres where general merchants made way for specialty stores and suburban shopping malls. Spanning a period of over 100 years, *Shopkeepers* presents a social history of local entrepreneurs and business owners.

2024 City Photographer: Clinton Nguyen

To showcase our 2024 City Photographer's body of works, a year-long exhibition space has been set aside (in the Gough Room) to exhibit the beautiful photographs taken by Clinton Nguyen. A selection of his best works (25 in total), focusing on the local lion-dancing groups are on display for the next 12 months for public viewing.

FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM AND GALLERY

Visitations

There were 4,976 visitors to FCMG from October to December 2025.

Exhibitions

Three exhibitions were presented to the public during this quarter. In the Stein Gallery the exhibition *Louise Zhang: Celestial Tapestry* closed on 15 November 2025. The group exhibition *Relic* curated and presented in partnership with Parramatta Artists' Studios (PAS) opened 29 November 2025. In the Old Chamber Building, the social history exhibition *Big Brother Movement*, continued throughout this quarter.

Stein Gallery

Louise Zhang: Celestial Tapestry, 12 July - 15 November 2025

Celestial Tapestry, a solo exhibition by painter Lousie Zhang, uses mythology and botanical symbols to explore the complex relationship between spiritual and physical healing. This new body of work, which draws inspiration from Chinese market gardens and communal courtyards that provide both sustenance and a sense of belonging, blends traditional and modern practices to create a conversation about 'third culture' identity that is shaped by labour, care, memory and resilience.

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RELIC, 29 November 2025 - 14 March 2026

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

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.

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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.

Old Council Chambers

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

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.

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Programs

Living The Past School Program

Five schools participated in the Living the Past education program, with a total of 352 students.

Term 4 Programs

Children's Art Program:

- Kids Clay Club: 8/10 participants

Accessible Programs:

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

Adult Art Program:

- The Clay Studio: 7/10 participants
- Art Explorers Club: 9/10 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, 1 group and a total of 32 people participated.

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Holiday Workshops

- 1 October: *Spring Garden Collage*, 3/12 participants.
- 2 October: *Butterfly Suncatcher*, 9/12 participants.
- 2 October: *Painting Watercolour Birds*, 10/12 participants.
- 3 October: *Paint Your Name in Watercolours*, 12/12 participants.
- 3 October: *Painting Miniatures*, 4/12 participants.
- 7 October: *Moon Festival Paper Lanterns*, 5/12 participants.
- 8 October: *This is Me in Spring*, 2/12 participants.
- 9 October: *Mosaic in Clay*, 12/12 participants.
- 10 October: *Portrait Drawing and Painting*, 12/12 participants.

Events

Exhibition launch: *RELIC*, 29 November 2025

77 attendees.

Where Shadows Sleep, 25 October 2025

146 attendees.

Where Shadows Sleep was an evening of storytelling, folklore and fairytales that featured interactive workshops, performances and creative activities. The event explored lesser-known folktales and examined how the stories told to us in childhood had shaped our values, perspectives and personal development as we grew up.



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Grants

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The team at FCMG applied for a Western Sydney Strategic Partnership Program grant for the *Fairfield Voices* art and site activation program. This is a one-off grant for partnerships projects that identifies a gap in funding opportunities and focuses on activating spaces. The announcement of the successful applicants will be released late January 2026.

Awards Nominations

At the Museums and Galleries NSW (MGNSW) IMAGinE Awards on 15 November 2025, FCMG achieved a Highly Recommended in the museum category for the exhibition *Villawood: Between Hope and Hopelessness*.

This achievement recognises and commends FCMG's commitment to presenting thought-provoking and socially engaged exhibitions that reflect the diverse experiences and histories of its community.

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - Social Planning and Community Development

FILE NUMBER: 12/05257

REPORT BY: Susan Gibbeson, 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

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day was held on Saturday 25 October at Calmsley Hill City Farm, with 871 grandparents, parents and children enjoying interactive activities and entertainment. The event hosted information stalls by government and community service providers, a photobooth and live performances.



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NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds and geographical locations, it takes place on the last Sunday of October each year.

Seniors Concert

The annual Seniors Concert was held on 4 December at Lantana Venues in Bonnyrigg and brought together over 740 seniors and carers for a joyful day of celebration and social connection in the lead up to Christmas. The event included special appearances by Mr and Mrs Claus and an address from Mayor Frank Carbone, creating a welcoming atmosphere that helped seniors connect, feel valued and reduce social isolation.



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Fairfield Seniors Network

The Fairfield Seniors Network (FSN) met 3 times this quarter, with 65 members from various seniors, cultural and social groups attending. The Network provided input into planning Council's communication strategies and participated in a planning and feedback day to guide FSN priorities for 2026. Members received printed resources about events such as Illuminate and the Seniors Concert to share with their communities and each group shared information about their upcoming programs. These meetings help seniors stay connected with each other and Council, reducing isolation and encouraging collaboration to meet community needs for the ageing population.

Tea and Technology

The Seniors Tea and Technology activity was held on 21 October at Whitlam Library Cabramatta. It brought together 19 digitally isolated community members for a workshop to build confidence using mobile phones and tablets. The session covered accessing online services, connecting with family and friends and using everyday apps safely. Seventeen of the 19 participants spoke a language other than English.

Library staff also showcased programs for seniors. Feedback was positive, with all participants reporting that they learned new skills and would join another workshop. Attendees also completed the Get Online Week survey and expressed interest in a seniors' newsletter. The event combined morning tea, conversation and hands-on digital learning, boosting both digital confidence and community connection.

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Bonnyrigg Ngurra Mural project

Council submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) in December to the Western Sydney Strategic Partnership Program, part of the Plan for Western Sydney Arts, Culture and Creative Industries 2025–28. The EOI requested \$30,000.00 to support the Bonnyrigg Ngurra Mural project. This project is approved in the Delivery Plan and seeks to replace the mural by renowned Aboriginal artists Susan Grant and Tex Skulthorpe with students of Bonnyrigg High which was decommissioned when the wall of the Bonnyrigg Youth Centre was required to be replaced as a result of safety issues.

The proposal is to design and install a public mural at Bonnyrigg Youth Centre with Dharug and local First Nations communities. The project intends to be delivered in partnership with the Fairfield Engaging Families of Aboriginal Heritage (FEFAH) working group. Council will be advised in early 2026 if the EOI is accepted. If accepted, Council will be invited to apply for funding in early March 2026.

NAIDOC 2026

NAIDOC Local Grants are provided through the National Indigenous Advancement Strategy, enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to celebrate NAIDOC Week. The grants contribute towards the costs of NAIDOC activities and will be used to enhance Council's NAIDOC Week celebration. Council has received grants for this purpose from this source in previous years.

It is intended to apply to The National Indigenous Australians Agency for a 2026 NAIDOC Local Grant to the value of \$20,000.00. This will be used to support the planning and delivery of the NAIDOC Family Fun Day at the Showground in July 2026.

Seniors Week

Council has been unsuccessful in applying for a NSW Seniors Festival grant offered by the NSW Government. The funds were being sought to provide a shuttle bus service that would enhance Council's annual Seniors Expo for people with limited transport options. The outcome of the funding will not impact the delivery of the Seniors Festival which will take place on Thursday 5 March at Fairfield Showground. Councils are eligible for grants up to \$10,000.00 through the program. NSW Seniors Festival will run from 2 – 15 March.

DISABILITY

International Day of People with Disability – Fairfield's Accessible Video Launch

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Fairfield's Accessible videos were launched at Whitlam Library in celebration of International Day of People with Disability (3 December). These videos use various people with disability to explain and promote the accessibility features of selected Council facilities. The 6 videos have received strong community engagement, with 1 reaching over 5,600 views on YouTube. Attendees highlighted the value of the videos, noting they have been widely shared across accessibility groups, as they provide clear and helpful information in key facilities including Leisure Centres, Deerbush Park and Whitlam Library.

Inclusive Storytime

An Inclusive Storytime session was held at Whitlam Library on 6 December in partnership with Open Libraries, Key Word Sign Australia and Belongside Families. Fifty-five children, carers, grandparents and parents participated, enjoying stories and songs while learning Key Word Sign, a communication tool that supports people with developmental delays, Autism, hearing impairments, or other disabilities. Belongside Families provided additional support for families as needed, making it a successful and inclusive event for International Day of Persons with Disability.



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SWS Access and Disability Network

The inaugural South West Sydney (SWS) Access and Disability Network meeting was held on the 25 November with 20 participants, including community members with disability, carers, advocates and service providers. The Network aims to promote inclusion and accessibility across the region by fostering collaboration, sharing knowledge, addressing local barriers, supporting meaningful community participation and co-design and encouraging culturally responsive and inclusive practices.



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CHILD AND FAMILY

Department of Communities and Justice

Council has received funding from the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) for over 20 years to provide early intervention services to children, young people and families. From October, planning for 2026 shifted in response to changes in the service specifications for this funding. There has been a focus on completing current contract activities and preparing to close the existing project. Negotiations with DCJ staff resulted in a new program working directly with children and families. This contract and acceptance for funding was adopted by Council in late 2025.

Work on the new program, Strong Connected Families, including selecting the project name, developing a workplan aligned to the new DCJ contract and starting a program logic framework commenced in preparation for implementation in 2026.

Facilitation Project

The final child and family interagency meetings were held in December, with staff from DCJ joining online to advise that plans are underway to keep the sector connected. Workers raised concerns and questions about the defunding of a successful program without consultation. The final Fairfield–Liverpool Playgroup Forum for the year focused on helping parents better understand children’s behaviour and practical strategies to support them, with 34 playgroup workers taking part.

Children’s Week

Children’s Week activities promoted children’s rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), with large community events held in Fairfield and Liverpool. The Fairfield Family Events working group is comprised of a range of community organisations working with families and children. This group, led by Council delivered a school holiday event on 30 September at Fairfield Showground with approximately 2,800 adults and children. In Liverpool, a smaller event was held at Westfield alongside the monthly Paint Liverpool REaD play session, engaging around 20 participants.

Start School Strong

Start School Strong held 4 parent information sessions in Bankstown and Cabramatta to support families with early childhood development and school readiness. Are You a Parent of a Toddler? provided an overview of toddler development, examples of milestones, strategies for supporting toddlers with big feelings and emotions and introduced the CARES approach for managing meltdowns. Why Self-Regulation Matters for School Readiness, focused on helping parents support co-regulation and foster self-regulation skills in children experiencing strong emotions. Preschool and Childcare Unpacked: A Walk Through of Your Child’s Day, explained daily routines, learning through play and the role of educators in preschool and childcare settings.

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The Bankstown session was attended by 5 parents, while the Cabramatta session had 2 participants and was delivered with Vietnamese translation to support culturally and linguistically diverse families. Feedback was highly positive, with parents appreciating the clear, practical strategies and relevance of the information shared.

Playgroups

The final Fairfield Liverpool Playgroup Forum for the year focused on supporting parents to understand their child's behaviour and provide appropriate strategies. Thirty-four playgroup workers participated.

One playgroup was attended at Bonnyrigg Public School, where 36 information packs were distributed to families in English (18), Vietnamese (8) and Arabic (8). This visit is to provide information to families and encourage them to send their children to preschool to better prepare their children for school.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

We Are Here Project

The We are Here project is being delivered in collaboration with the Fairfield City Museum and Gallery (FCMG). Seven workshops were held with young people at the FCMG (5) and Westfield Sports High School (2), developing skills in journalism and video production as they develop documentaries featuring local Aboriginal Elders. It will result in a storytelling exhibition at the FCMG commencing in April 2026, which will highlight Fairfield's Aboriginal history and giving visibility to local First Nations experiences.

YOUTH

Youth Advisory Committee

In the October school holidays, the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) took part in a leadership outing designed to build teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills. The day included an escape room, team-building activities and discussions on youth issues at Parramatta Park, with 19 young people participating.

Bring it On! Youth Festival

The Bring It On! Youth Festival is an event celebrating young people aged 12–24 during Youth Week, offering safe community participation, opportunities for local creatives and involvement in event co-design. A working group of 35 young people met 3 times during the quarter to plan the look, entertainment, layout, features and ethos of the 2026 festival. In addition, 3 consultations were held with young people who access services at the Fairfield Youth and Community Centre (FYCC). Using a 'lucky dip' survey to encourage spontaneous and honest feedback, 102 young people contributed their ideas to help shape the event.

Fairfield Youth and Community Centre – 10th Anniversary Block Party

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The FYCC 10th Anniversary Block Party was held on Friday 19 December, in partnership with Fair Foundations and STARTTS. Open to young people aged 12–25, the event showcased the FYCC as a safe, welcoming space for recreation and community connection. Activities included basketball and futsal competitions, free-play sports, a sausage sizzle, arts and crafts, a DJ, arcade games, photobooths, screen printing and youth service stalls. The event was co-designed with regular attendees from Fair Foundations and STARTTS programs, with 183 young people participating, including 12 volunteers and 40 first-time visitors.

Fairfield Youth Workers Network

The Fairfield Youth Workers Network (FYWN) met 3 times during the quarter with 35 attendees. Discussions focused on supporting young people adjusting to social media restrictions, the need for youth hubs and spaces, emerging sector needs over the past year, schools for special purposes and alternative education pathways, TAFE pathways, youth mental health and consultations for the development of the refreshed Council Youth Strategy.

HEALTH

Gyms in Parks

The Gyms in Parks program for Term 4 commenced on 27 October and concluded on 11 December. The program ran 4 days per week, on Mondays and Wednesdays at Bosnjak Park, Edensor Park and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Fairfield Heights Park Fairfield Heights. The Bosnjak Park Edensor Park location had 22 registrations while Adams Park had 23 registrations.

Western Sydney Cycling Network (WSCN)

During October, November, and December, the Western Sydney Cycling Network (WSCN) received donations of 142 bicycles and parts. Volunteers provided 1,105 hours of work to refurbish 61 bicycles. A total of 141 bicycles were sold to the community during this period. The WSCN organised 49 community rides, including regular rides on Thursdays, Saturdays, the first Sunday of the month, and Trishaw rides on the second Thursday of the month. These rides attracted a total of 505 participants. The Sunday community rides were held in October and December, with 22 riders. Riders were provided with a free barbecue prepared by ride volunteers at the end of each session.

Fairfield City Health Partnership & Alliance (FCHP&A)

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An event was held on 18 December to celebrate 30 years of the Fairfield Health Partnership and mark the signing of the Fairfield City Health Partnership and Alliance 2026 – 2029 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU formalises ongoing collaboration between Council, the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) and the South Western Sydney Primary Health Network (SWSPHN). This milestone consolidates the former Fairfield Health Partnership and Fairfield City Health Alliance into a single framework, strengthening joint efforts to address local health priorities. The new partnership will focus on 3 key priority areas: promoting healthier people and lifestyles, supporting healthy local environments and advancing equitable health care systems.

MULTICULTURAL

Committed to Cohesion – Social Cohesion Project

The Committed to Cohesion project aims to strengthen community resilience and develop activities that promote social cohesion. Filming was completed for 3 short videos being developed as part of the project's Where We Worship film series, which will feature faith leaders providing insight into their religious practice at their place of worship. The intent of this project is to provide information and education about different faiths and to bring faith leaders together to demonstrate the bonds between groups within the Fairfield community. Accurate information on different faiths also assists to address misinformation and disinformation. This project is funded by the NSW Government and builds on Council's 2024 Social Cohesion project 'Everybody Belongs', also funded by the NSW Government.



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Fairfield Multicultural Interagency

The Fairfield Multicultural Interagency was consulted on the development of Council's new strategy, with input from 30 participants. In addition, the interagency held a faith and community leaders consultation attended by 19 leaders. Participants shared key community needs including employment pathways and rights, recognition of overseas qualifications and mental health and wellbeing support.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Safeguarding Social Cohesion Workshop

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A Safeguarding Social Cohesion Workshop focusing on building resilience of multicultural communities against misinformation and disinformation was held for community leaders and workers on 29 October at the FYCC. Delivered in partnership with the NSW Premier's Department, this was the second session offering practical guidance on recognising real and false information online, with 20 participants attending. Attendees reported positive feedback on the usefulness of the information provided and skills to counter dis and misinformation within the community.

GambleAware Week 2025

Council hosted a GambleAware Week outreach event on 24 October at Fairfield City Central on 24 October in partnership with 6 support agencies. The event engaged with members of the public to provide information on gambling harm and the services available. The event highlighted the ongoing need for visible, community-based initiatives to raise awareness of gambling harm and connect residents with services. A total of 300 bags with service information and merchandise were distributed. Community interest in receiving information on gambling harm and willingness to engage with workers has increased markedly in the past years, indicating a change in attitude to possibly seeking assistance for the harm that is caused by gambling by some people.



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National Association for Gambling Studies presentation

Council staff presented at the National Association for Gambling Studies Conference on 19 November. The presentation was made on behalf of the Fairfield City Health Partnership and Alliance, showcasing the Gambling Harm Screening Tool project. The session was well attended by 37 attendees, many of whom expressed an interest in utilising the tool in their own communities.

Dyurali Community Garden

The Dyurali Community Garden Project (Stage 2) was completed in November 2025. This project aimed to conduct earthworks and installation of a shed and garaport within the community garden. The new facility will allow for equipment storage and undercover activity space for community gardeners. The project was made possible by a \$75,000.00 grant provided by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, Places to Roam funding program.

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The Dyurali Community Garden was originally created as a result of the redevelopment of the Bonnyrigg housing estate in order to build community inclusion and participation. The garden is operated by St George Community Housing and provides opportunity for people to meet and learn gardening skills. Council provided a licence to St George Housing as the result of an Expression of Interest that was open to all community organisations.

CRIME PREVENTION

Clear the Air – Vaping, Shisha and Tobacco

The Fairfield Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) is focused on educating faith leaders and service providers to understand the harms of vaping, shisha and tobacco. A workshop on the topic was hosted by the LDAT on Thursday 4 December at Fairfield HQ. There were 30 participants in the workshop. These workshops are supported by a grant from the Australian Drug Foundation.

Council works with faith leaders to build capacity within community to ensure accurate messages and strategies are used to encourage and support elimination of harmful behaviours. Vaping is a serious and growing issue particularly within the youth while shisha has strong cultural origins.



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Fairfield Domestic Violence Committee – 360 Degrees Against DV

This event was delivered as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign and aimed to raise community awareness about domestic violence. Held on Thursday 20 November at Crescent Plaza Fairfield, it attracted over 400 community members. The program featured a range of domestic violence support and information stalls and an interactive 360-degree camera experience, where participants recorded messages taking a stand against domestic violence.

ADVOCACY SUBMISSION

Council made a submission to the Federal Government's Feeding Australia: A National Food Security Strategy consultation, highlighting the need for equitable access to affordable, nutritious food for vulnerable and culturally diverse communities, along with greater food literacy education and stronger digital connections to support healthy eating and reduce diet-related illness.

Review of Variations to Gaming Machine Shutdown Hours

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Council has written to the NSW Liquor and Gaming and the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority regarding the review and revocation of outdated exemptions for gaming machine shutdown hours. Council maintains a strong position on reducing gambling harm and, through its Gambling Harm Reduction Policy, supports both the reduction of gaming machine numbers and the restriction of operating hours.

Council advocated for a revocation of any exemptions from standard trading hours in the Fairfield Local Government Area, as well as the opportunity for Council and communities to provide feedback should the authority consider allowing any continued exemptions. Requiring all venues in Fairfield City to comply with a minimum 6-hour standard shutdown period would represent a meaningful step toward reducing gambling harm in our community.

GRANTS

Community Development Grants

The Community Development Grants (CDG) program accepted applications from 1 September 2025 to 1 October 2025. Fifty-nine applications were received, requesting a total of \$226,850.00. The assessment panels recommended 25 projects be funded totalling \$98,980.00. This included 1 grant of \$3,000.00 under the new Thrive program designed to support unincorporated, volunteer run grass roots organisations. Funds for this purpose are available within Council's 2025-2026 Operational Plan.



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MEASURES AND OUTCOMES

Partnerships, Planning and Implementation	
Measure	Outcome
Number of advisory committee meetings	Arts Advisory Committee (1); Multicultural Advisory Committee (1); Youth Advisory Committee (3). Total: 5
Number of network/interagency meetings conducted	Fairfield Domestic Violence Committee (2); Senior's Network (3); SWS Disability and Access Network (1); Fairfield Youth Workers Network (3); Fairfield Multicultural Interagency (1); Fairfield Child and Family Services Interagency (2), Liverpool Child and Family Services Interagency (2), Bankstown Child and Family Interagency (2); SWS Ageing Forum (1); Mayor's Crime Prevention Reference Group (1). Total: 18
Professional development, training and events	

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Measure	Outcome
Number of professional development and training opportunities for Community organisations	Fairfield Liverpool Playgroup Forum; Shisha and Vaping Workshop. Total: 2
Number of cultural and community events and activities delivered and supported by Council	Grandparents Day (1); Seniors Concert (1); GambleAware Week (1); Children's Week (3); International Day of Persons with Disability Inclusive Story Time & Fairfield's Accessible video launch (2); Get Online Week - Tea and Technology (2); 10th Anniversary FYCC Block Party (1); 360 Degree Against Domestic Violence event (1). Total: 12
Capacity building programs or opportunities delivered	SWS Access and Disability Network (1); Safeguarding Social Cohesion Workshop (1); Vaping Shisha and Tobacco Workshop (1); Youth workshops 'We are Here' project (7); Tea and Technology workshop (2); YAC team building (1). Total: 13
Number of grants awarded to community.	Community Development Grants (25). Total: 25
Aged and Youth Services	
Measure	Outcome
Senior programs and events delivered	Senior's Network meetings (3); Grandparents Day (1); Seniors Concert (1); Tea and Technology workshop (1). Total: 6
Number of Youth skills activities and workshops	YAC Team Building - Escape Room (1); FYCC 10th Anniversary Block Party (1), Bring it On! Working Group (3) Total: 5
Accessibility and Inclusion	
Measure	Outcome
Disability Inclusion Actions	Use of accessibility checklist for FYCC 10th Anniversary Block Party (1) and Gyms in Parks (2). Workshops held with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Fairfield City Museum and Gallery and at Westfield Sports High School for the 'We Are Here'; project (7). SWS Disability and Access Network meetings (1); Inclusive Storytime (1); International Day of People with Disability event at Whitlam Library (1), accessible Fairfield Videos (1); Monthly Trishaw rides (3); Fairfield Children's Week - Sunflower lanyards were promoted (1); Quiet areas provided with sensory activities for children at Children's Week (1); Design a Quiet Space at the FYCC 10th Anniversary Block Party (1). Total: 20
Health and Safety	
Measure	Outcome
Bike Project activities	Bikes Received: (142); Bikes Recycled: (61); Rides: (49); People participating in rides: (505); Volunteer hours: (1105)
Free health programs and activities provided Cycleway maps distributed	Gyms in Parks (2); Bike Rides (49); Cycleway maps (0) Total: 51
Advocacy and Expert Advice	
Measure	Outcome
Response to government plans, reports, papers and policy changes	Provided survey response re: National Food Security Strategy (1); Letter to Liquor and Gaming and Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority re: Variations to Gaming Machine Shutdown Hours (1) Total: 2
Review of application- liquor, gambling and social impact of development proposal.	Social Planning and Community Development input on Canopy Estate State Significant Planning proposal (1). Total: 1

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Susan Gibbeson
**Manager Social Planning and
Community Development**

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Item Number. 25

SUBJECT: Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Report - Quarter 3

FILE NUMBER: 22/25501

REPORT BY: Sonja Drca, Manager Governance and Audit

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting held on Tuesday 28 November 2025 be received and noted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- AT-A** [↓](#) Draft ARIC Minutes 28 November 2025 - *RESTRICTED* - *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) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:* 8 Pages
- (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 dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would prejudice any person's legitimate business, commercial, professional or financial interests..*
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CITY PLAN

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

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Local Government (General) Amendment (Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees) Regulation 2023 and Office of Local Government (OLG) Guidelines issued in November 2023 starting from 1 July 2024, the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) must provide regular reports to the governing body (Council).

The OLG Guidelines state that:

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'The audit, risk and improvement committee must provide an update to the governing body of the council of its activities and opinions after every committee meeting.'

The ARIC meeting was held online on 28 November 2025 for the preceding quarter. Listed below are the committee members and attendance:

Name	Role	Attendance
Brian Hrnjak	Independent Chairperson	In-Person
Anton Usher	Independent Member	In-Person
Phu Nguyen	Independent Member	In-Person

The meeting was also attended by the General Manager, Deputy General Manager and Chief Finance Officer and External Auditor.

The ARIC Draft Minutes for 28 November 2025 are attached to this report (Attachment A) and are to be endorsed by the ARIC at its next meeting scheduled to be held on Friday 13 February 2026.

Sonja Drca
Manager Governance and Audit

Authorisation:
Director People Culture and Operations

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Item Number. 26

SUBJECT: Information Report - RFT 105-26 - Provision of Stormwater Drainage (Pit and Pipe) Cleaning and Maintenance Services

FILE NUMBER: 24/12757

REPORT BY: Amisha Kumar, Procurement Graduate

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 issued an Open Request for Tender (RFT) 105-26 for Provision of Stormwater Drainage (Pit and Pipe) Cleaning and Maintenance Services on Tuesday, 18 November 2026.

The RFT closed on Wednesday, 17 December 2025. Council received a high volume of tender submissions and Council officers are assessing all the submissions.

A supplementary Services Chairperson's report will be submitted to the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 24 February 2026 for Council to consider acceptance of the recommendations by the Evaluation Panel.

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Amisha Kumar
Procurement Graduate

Authorisation:
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Deputy General Manager & CFO

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SUBJECT: Information Report - RFT 114-26 - Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan - Local Roads Roundabouts

FILE NUMBER: 25/14989

REPORT BY: Amisha Kumar, Procurement Graduate

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 issued a Selective Request for Tender (RFT) 114-26 for Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan - Local Roads Roundabouts on Tuesday 13 January 2026.

The RFT closed on Wednesday 4 February 2026. Council officers are assessing the submissions with the evaluation process scheduled to be completed by 13 February 2026.

A Supplementary Services Chairperson's Report will be submitted to the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24 February 2026 for Council to consider acceptance of the recommendations by the Evaluation Panel.

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Amisha Kumar
Procurement Graduate

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Deputy General Manager & CFO

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Item Number. 28

SUBJECT: Information Report - Schedule of Meetings - March to December 2026

FILE NUMBER: 09/01106

PREVIOUS ITEMS: 2 - Council Meetings, Committee Meetings and the Functions, Delegations and Membership of Committees - Extraordinary Council - 23 Sep 2025
195 - Schedule of Meetings - February 2026 - Services Supplementary Reports - 09 Dec 2025

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

Notification has been received from the Office of Local Government (OLG) advising that the Legislative Council at its meeting on 25 November 2025, considered a motion to disallow the *Local Government (General) Amendment (Model Code of Meeting Practice) Regulation 2025*. The matter was not voted upon and is expected to be reconsidered in February 2026.

Considering the above, Council resolved on 9 December 2025 (Services Item 195) to adopt the meeting dates for February 2026 and that a further report be submitted once advice from the OLG becomes available, to enable consideration of the meeting dates for March to December 2026.

Once notification has been received from the OLG, a Supplementary Services Chairperson's Report will be prepared for submission to the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24 February 2026 for Council to determine the meeting schedule from March to December 2026.

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Sonja Drca
Manager Governance and Audit

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Director People Culture and Operations

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