

Services Committee



AGENDA

DATE OF MEETING: 14 April 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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- 51:** RFT 107-26 Data Discovery Software Application
- 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)(d(i)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:*
(d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
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'It is recommended that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting in regard to the following item.'

- 52:** RFT 124-26 Bold Park Remediation and Playground Renewal Works
- 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)(d(i)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:*
(d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
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SECTION A

'Matters referred to Council for its decision'

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SUBJECT: NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Grant - Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade - Investigation and Detailed Design

FILE NUMBER: 19/05422

REPORT BY: Leonie Gray, Manager Catchment Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The grant of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00 excl GST) offered by NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) under the Floodplain Management Program be accepted by Council and considered for inclusion in the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan for Project MPFMP2749 Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Detailed Design.
 2. Council consider for inclusion in the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) as matched funding from General Funds for expenditure on Project MPFMP2749 Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Detailed Design.
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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

This report provides an update on 2 projects within Council's Flood Mitigation Program and seeks endorsement to amend the Delivery Program to prioritise the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design project. The project has recently secured \$300,000.00 in grant funding from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), with Council required to contribute matching funds on a 2:1 basis (grant:Council).

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Given the priority of the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade under NSW Dams Safety legislation, it is recommended that the Central Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan (FRMS&P) project MPFMP01 be deferred and proposed for inclusion in a future Delivery Program to enable Council to meet its matched-funding obligations for the Hassall Street Basin Upgrade project.

BACKGROUND

Fairfield's Detention Basins

Constructed in 1984, the Hassall Street Detention Basin is an embankment-style dam that was heightened by 1 metre in 1994. The basin can hold roughly 623 megalitres of water – about the same volume as 250 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

The Prospect Creek Floodplain Management Plan Review 2010 included a safety review of all flood detention basins in the catchment, particularly for the 4 largest basins (Hassall Street Basin, Rosford Reserve Basin, Fairfield Golf Course Basin and King Park Basin). This was because these basins were designed and constructed at a time when the focus was on the 1 in 100-year flood, with little attention to flood behaviour in more extreme floods. The report also recommended including these 4 large basins in the list of Declared Dams with Dams Safety NSW.

Council initiated the Prospect Creek and Georges River Flood Study Update in 2019. The study involved modernising the flood model using current modelling approaches, updated rainfall data and contemporary land-use information. The scope also included a Risk Report for 2 outstanding detention basins, Hassall Street and Rosford Reserve detention basins, which had not been previously examined.

Also in 2019, the NSW Dams Safety Regulation was introduced to support the Dams Safety Act 2015, providing a more robust regulatory framework and establishing enhanced obligations for the management, monitoring and safety assessment of prescribed dams. As a result, the inclusion of the basin assessment was not discretionary; it was required to meet the obligations introduced under the updated Dams Safety Regulation 2019.

This Risk Report has shown that the risks associated with the potential failure of Hassall Street Detention Basin are such that it has been assigned a Significant Consequence Category under the Dams Safety Regulation 2019. The basin has been gazetted by Dams Safety NSW in the list of Declared Dams under the Dams Safety Act 2015.

Conversely, the basin assessment for the Rosford Reserve detention basin has shown that the risks associated with this basin are very low and as such has not been included in the list of Declared Dams by Dams Safety NSW.

All 19 Council-owned flood detention basins have now been assessed, with 12 formally declared under the legislation. This means that additional actions are required to satisfy the enhanced management, monitoring and safety requirements associated with Declared Dams.

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Table 1: Summary of Council-owned Declared Dams

	Name	Consequence Category
1	Basin C – Bonnyrigg Town Centre Park	High C
2	Basin W2	High C
3	Basin W3	High C
4	Bosnjak Basin Upstream	Significant
5	Comin Place Basin	Significant
6	Emerson Street Reserve Basin	Significant
7	Fairfield Golf Course Basin	High C
8	Hassall Street Basin	Significant
9	King Park Basin	Significant
10	Knight Park Basin	Significant
11	Powhatan Reserve Basin	High C (likely to be de-Declared)
12	Stockdale Reserve Basin	High C

To meet the requirements of the Act, Council needs to understand the risks at each basin and take steps to reduce them. This may involve more frequent monitoring, additional maintenance, or upgrades where required.

To date, Council has leveraged its own funds to attract grant funding for necessary works at the Fairfield Golf Course Basin, Powhatan Reserve Basin and Stockdale Reserve Basin. In addition to construction works, Council funds can also be used to leverage external grant opportunities to support other activities, including investigation and design projects, such as that needed for the Hassall Street Detention Basin.

Following the upgrade works completed at the Powhatan Reserve Basin, Council has positioned itself for a significant regulatory milestone: it is now likely that the basin will be removed from the list of Declared Dams. The Dams Safety NSW Board is expected to make its determination around the middle of the year and if confirmed, this will reduce the number of Declared Dams to 11. This outcome reflects the effectiveness of the upgrade program and demonstrates Council's strong progress in managing dam safety risks across the city.

Flood Mitigation Program

Council's 2025/26 – 2028/29 Delivery Program includes funding to undertake several projects under Council's Flood Mitigation Program which aims to identify and reduce the risk to life and property from flooding across the city. Two of these projects are:

Table 2: 2025/26 – 2028/29 Delivery Program – Allocated Budgets

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Project Name	Project IDs	General Funds	Grant Funds	Total Budget
Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design	MPFMP2649	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00
	MPFMP2749	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$90,000.00
	MPFMP2849	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$90,000.00
	Total	\$75,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$225,000.00
Central Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan (FRMS&P)	MPFMP2601	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00
	MPFMP2701	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$90,000.00
	MPFMP2801	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$90,000.00
	Total	\$75,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$225,000.00
	TOTAL	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$450,000.00

Both projects contribute to Council's long-term flood risk reduction objectives and are eligible for external funding through the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program on a 2:1 (grant:Council) basis.

The 2025/26 Operational Plan was amended at Quarter 2 to remove the budgets associated with these projects and change the scope to seeking funding opportunities.

CURRENT STATUS

Grant Funding

The Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design project has secured \$300,000.00 in NSW DCCEEW grant funding, requiring a \$150,000.00 Council contribution under the 2:1 matching arrangement.

The Central FRMS&P project has not yet secured grant funding but would require a similar 2:1 matching contribution from Council if successful in the future.

Legislative and Risk Considerations

The Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade is a higher-priority project due to compliance requirements under the Dams Safety Act 2015 and associated regulations. These obligations require Council to ensure dam-related infrastructure meets prescribed safety, monitoring and risk management standards.

Project Scope and Timing

The Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design will include hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, geotechnical investigation, topographical survey, flora & fauna assessment and Aboriginal heritage assessment.

The investigations will then progress to an options assessment, which will include a benefit-cost assessment to determine the viability and priority of available options. The outcomes will confirm whether a viable option exists and will act as a hold point in the project. A decision will then be made as to whether to allow the project to proceed to detailed design.

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Table 3: Draft Work Plan

Milestone	Description	Council	Grant	Total
1	Data review	\$16,667.00	\$33,333.00	\$50,000.00
2	Hydrologic/hydraulic assessment, geotechnical investigation, topographical survey, flora & fauna assessment, Aboriginal heritage assessment	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
3	Options assessment, draft preliminary design report, draft concept design	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
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4	Detailed design and final design report	\$33,333.00	\$66,667.00	\$100,000.00
	TOTAL	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$450,000.00

The regulatory risk management framework requires dam owners to apply a systematic evaluation and decision-making process in which the results of risk analysis, along with other key factors influencing dam safety, are considered when making safety-related decisions. Dam owners must also identify risk-reduction measures to eliminate or reduce dam safety risks, but only so far as is reasonably practicable (SFAIRP).

This approach aligns directly with the cost-benefit assessment that will form part of the Hassall Street Detention Basin options assessment, ensuring that any proposed risk-reduction measures are not only effective but also reasonably practicable in accordance with the Act.

The project is a multi-year project and will be undertaken over 2 financial years. In accordance with the Funding Deed, the project must be completed by 30 June 2028.

It should be noted that undertaking this project does not commit Council to any strict timeframes for completing works. Instead, it will provide the information needed to help inform planning and implementation of any required actions in a methodical and prioritised manner across all dams.

This project will also help generate the information needed to support future grant funding applications, including those related to the construction of any required works.

Regarding SFAIRP, further assessment is being undertaken for the King Park Detention Basin to review the existing options and determine whether they are SFAIRP. A detailed design is complete for this site, however, by applying this process, we aim to identify solutions that effectively manage risk while avoiding unnecessary expenditure, with the potential for substantial cost savings at this basin. In any case, works currently planned on the crib wall at the basin outlet will not be affected as there is currently no future work planned at the basin outlet.

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Proposal

To ensure the Hassall Street Detention Basin project can progress with adequate funding and within required timeframes, it is proposed that Council:

1. Formally accept the \$300,000.00 DCCEEW grant for the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design project.
2. Allocate Council's required matching contribution of \$150,000.00 from general funds in accordance with the 2:1 funding ratio.
3. Defer Central FRMS&P from the current Delivery Program.
4. Reallocate the budget previously intended for Central FRMS&P to support Council's matching-fund obligations for the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade project.

This approach ensures Council can meet its statutory obligations while aligning available resources with the highest-priority flood mitigation activity.

Financial Implications

- Acceptance of the \$300,000.00 DCCEEW grant requires a \$150,000.00 Council contribution under the 2:1 matching arrangement.
- The Central FRMS&P project, if funded in future, would also require a Council contribution at the same 2:1 ratio.
- Removing Central FRMS&P from the Delivery Program allows Council to redirect funding capacity to meet the matching-fund requirement for the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade.
- No additional financial impact is anticipated beyond the reallocation of existing program budgets.

Risk Implications

- Compliance Risk: Prioritising the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade reduces Council's exposure to non-compliance with Dams Safety legislation and supports continued alignment with regulatory expectations.
- Program Delivery Risk: Deferring the Central FRMS&P may delay future flood risk planning work, however, this is considered acceptable given current funding constraints and the need to address legislative priorities first.
- Financial Risk: Without prioritising Hassall Street Detention Basin, Council may face higher long-term costs if risk-reduction measures are delayed or if future grant opportunities are missed. Proceeding now helps position Council for external funding and avoids cost escalation.
- Reputational Risk: Failure to address a known dam safety priority could lead to reputational impacts, particularly if delays result in regulatory scrutiny or community concern.
- Operational Risk: Continuing to operate basins with unresolved risk profiles may increase the likelihood of unplanned maintenance, emergency works, or operational disruptions.

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- Strategic Alignment Risk: Redirecting resources away from legislatively driven dam safety work could undermine Council's broader strategic objectives for asset management and risk-based decision-making.

CONCLUSION

By reallocating financial capacity from Central FRMS&P to Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade, Council will benefit from \$300,000.00 grant funding towards the project. By undertaking this project, Council will be undertaking the initial steps required to fulfil its statutory obligations under the NSW Dams Safety Act 2015 for this Declared basin, with further actions to follow as part of a staged compliance program.

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Authorisation:
General Manager

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SUBJECT: NSW Government Grant - Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Program - National Lion Dance Competition

FILE NUMBER: 25/34756

REPORT BY: Edward Saulig, Manager Cabramatta Place

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determine its preferred option as outlined in the report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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CITY PLAN

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

SUMMARY

The 2025/2026 Multicultural NSW Stronger Together Grants Program, supporting multicultural festivals and events across NSW, is allocating up to \$250,000.00 for Council run festivals with an attendance of 30,000 delivered up to 28 February 2027. Council applied for a grant of \$250,000.00 for the National Lion Dance Competition to be held with the Moon Festival.

On 27 February 2026, Multicultural NSW advised that Council has been successful in its grant application, with an offer of only one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST). The grant amount falls short of the total amount sought by \$75,000.00. It is recommended that Council determine its preferred option as outlined in the report.

REPORT

The 2025/2026 Multicultural NSW Stronger Together Grants Program, supporting multicultural festivals and events across NSW, is allocating up to \$250,000.00 in funding for each eligible local council for festivals delivered up to 28 February 2027. Successful applications for funding must be delivered on time and on budget.

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Grant conditions apply including minimum attendance of 30,000 people in NSW metropolitan areas and a Council cash co-contributions towards the festival of at least 25%. The Cabramatta Moon Festival attracts over 30,000 attendees and therefore an event associated with Moon Festival would meet this important criterion.

A grant application was submitted in December 2025 for \$250,000.00 excl GST reflecting the grant received in 2024/2025 with a scenario that the Hughes Street Car Park site would host the event. Council has obtained a grant of only one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST).

The cost of the event far exceeds Council capacity to fund the National Lion Dance Competition alongside Cabramatta Moon Festival. There are also site location issues, as outlined in the report, that need to be negotiated with commercial entities, that cannot be achieved within the 6-month period.

It is the assessment of the Major Events Branch that there is a risk that the event will not be delivered on budget. Seeking new sponsorship in addition to current sponsorship arrangements for Cabramatta Moon Festival is untested and the amount being sought is significant, being over \$75,000.00.

There are additional known risks associated with the current conflict in the Middle East and its impact on fuel, supply lines, event costs and an appetite for significant sponsorship in the current volatile climate. There are risks associated with hosting a national competition, however, a state competition carries less risk but not the cost of hosting the event.

It is recommended that Council determine its preferred option as outlined in the report, having regard to cost, event integrity and long-term sustainability. There are several options available to Council:

Option 1 – Decline the grant and reapply for 2027 period making it a biennial (2-yearly) event. **(Preferred option)**

That:

1. The grant of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST) offered by the NSW Government as part of the 2025/26 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program **not be accepted** and that Multicultural NSW be advised accordingly as the funding is insufficient to host the Cabramatta National Lion Dancing Competition.
2. Council reapplies for the funding to host the National Lion Dance Competition in 2027, making it a biennial (2-yearly) event.

The cost of the event far exceeds Council capacity to fund the National Lion Dance Competition alongside Cabramatta Moon Festival. There are also site location issues, as outlined in the report, that need to be negotiated with commercial entities, that cannot be achieved within the 6-month period.

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Option 2 – Accept the grant and commit Council funds to meet the shortfall in funding the Event.

That:

1. The grant of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST) offered by the NSW Government as part of the 2025/26 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program to deliver the Cabramatta NSW Lion Dance Competition, be accepted and received into the 2025-26 Operational Plan and its expenditure for that purpose be voted.
2. Seventy-five thousand (\$75,000.00) be voted into the 2025-26 Operational Plan from the Town Centre Reserve to support the delivery of the National Lion Dance Competition.

There are also site location issues, as outlined in the report, that need to be negotiated with commercial entities, that cannot be achieved within the 6-month period. While the funding gap, could be reduced by securing sponsorship, the timeline presents some challenges. There are also additional unknown risks associated with the current conflict in the Middle East and its impact on fuel, supply lines, event costs and an appetite for significant sponsorship in the current volatile climate.

Option 3 – Accept the grant on condition that funding body agree to a variation in the scope of the event.

That:

1. The grant of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST) offered by the NSW Government as part of the 2025/26 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program to deliver the Cabramatta NSW Lion Dance Competition, be accepted and received into the 2025-26 Operational Plan and its expenditure for that purpose be voted.
2. In accepting the grant, that Council negotiates a variation to the deliverables to be in line with funding grant.

Council may consider reducing the scope of the competition, either by limiting it to a State-level competition or by removing one of the event streams (for example, the high-pole competition). However, this option is not recommended for several reasons. Reducing the scope would not result in meaningful cost savings, as the majority of costs relate to infrastructure and site set-up. In addition, the site location issues outlined in the report would remain unresolved. Importantly, any reduction in scope would jeopardise the integrity of the event brand and its capacity to attract and deliver successful future events. Many major sporting events are held on a biennial or longer cycle (such as the Olympic Games) and reducing the scope of the event would undermine its long-term positioning and sustainability.

It is recommended that Council not accept the grant (Option 1) and reapply for 2027 period making it a biennial (2-yearly) event.

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BACKGROUND

2024/2025 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program

In 2024/2025 Council was successful in obtaining two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00 excl GST) grant to host the first National Lion Dance Competition (Competition) alongside the Cabramatta Moon Festival held on Sunday 28 September 2025. The two (2) day competition commenced with a welcome dinner and national team greet inclusive of parade and photoshoot at the Pai Lai Gateway, Cabramatta.



2025 National Lion Dance Competition Parade at Pai Lau Gateway, Cabramatta and all weather venue

The competition was divided into two (2) streams: traditional (16 teams) and high poles (8 teams). Seventeen (17) teams competed from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. The competition, held in a temporary performance arena in the Hughes Street Car Park was preceded by training undertaken on Friday, followed by a draw to determine the order of the team performances during the Competition.



Traditional



High Poles

2025/2026 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program

The 2025/2026 Program grant funding is once again allocating \$3 million for major festivals and events. Up to \$250,000.00 in funding is available for each eligible local council for festivals delivered between 1 February 2026 to 28 February 2027. A number of conditions apply:

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- Minimum attendance of 30,000 people in NSW metropolitan areas.
- Clearly show co-contributions towards the festival of at least 25%.
- Minimum of 10% of the advertising budget across multicultural media outlets.
- No more than 25% of the budget can be used for council administrative costs excluding event delivery staffing such as security, casual event crew or supplier costs.

Council submitted a grant application for \$250,000.00 in December 2025 with a budget focused on achieving savings reflecting on lessons learnt from hosting the first competition in 2025. The cost to Council of delivering both the 2025 Moon Festival and National Lion Dance Competition was \$355,700.00, not including staff time, meeting the grant requirement of a 25% Council contribution.

On 27 February 2026 Multicultural NSW advised that Council has been successful in its grant application, with an offer of only one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST). At the time of writing this report, the terms and conditions of the grant are yet to be received. The grant amount falls short of the total amount sought by \$75,000.00.

Funding Gap

Given that project costs have already been minimised to deliver an event with a grant amount of \$250,000.00, it is not possible to deliver the event with a grant offer of \$175,000.00. Without an additional cash injection of \$75,000.00, hosting the event is not financially feasible noting the potential for rising costs with current world events.

Under the grant condition, Council is required to make a 25% contribution, this contribution was being met through service statement budget and aligning the event with the Moon Festival. The \$75,000.00 funding shortfall is on top of what Council is already contributing.

While sponsorship may be able to bridge the funding gap, the timeframe of 6-month may limit opportunities and approaches would need to ensure it does not impact on Moon Festival sponsorship target, creating an unreasonable risk for Council.



2025 National Lion Dance Competition Closing Ceremony
Permission granted to publish photographs

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Site Selection - Hughes Street Car Park Event Site

The grant submission used logistics associated with the 2025 Competition, inclusive of the use of the Hughes Street Car Park location and adjoining private underground car park for storage of team equipment. The competitors logistically require the flexibility and speed to move their props within three minutes to ensure the Competition keeps to time. The unique site conditions of the Hughes Street Car Park and private car park were critical to success. In 2025, the Hughes Street Car Park was selected as the preferred location (see Attachment A), as it met the competition's operational requirements:

- **Site topography** – a flat surface was a key requirement for the performance space covered by a marquee (35 metres x 15 metres).
- **Storage** – an adjoining underground car park at the Cabramatta Commercial Centre with 60 tenancies provided convenient secure and weatherproof storage of equipment
- **Location** – central location allowing effective integration with Cabramatta Moon Festival and the sharing of support services such as security and traffic management.

The event required the Hughes Street Car Park to be closed for 4.5 days to allow the bump-in of event infrastructure inclusive of the performance marquee on Thursday, additional bump-in and team training on Friday, traditional performances on Saturday and additional traditional performances followed by high pole performances on Sunday.

The bump-out process begins after the closing ceremony early on Sunday evening. The disassembling of the marquee is a lengthy and intensive process requiring telehandlers and forklifts. The Hughes Street Car Park was returned to public use and free access for deliveries early on Monday afternoon.

Hughes Street Car Park closure from Wednesday midnight still allowed access to deliveries, facilitated by traffic management. Access to the underground car park at Cabramatta Commercial Centre, used for storage of lion dance team's equipment and props, was provided to tenants until Friday.



Underground car park at Cabramatta Commercial Centre used for storage of team equipment

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Feedback has been received from the real estate agent managing Cabramatta Commercial Centre at 193 Railway Parade Cabramatta. In preliminary talks associated with a possible staging of the 2026 competition, the managing agent has identified a number of logistical issues requiring resolution prior to a commitment for co-operation in hosting the event inclusive of underground car park with 60 tenants who rely on access and deliveries. The real estate agent has indicated that it does not have the support from tenants to close access to hired spaces for the event, at this time.

Given the above, a commitment to hosting the second National Lion Dance Competition is very tentative given the number of risks needing to be managed, with no certainty that agreement can be reached with the managing agent for Cabramatta Commercial Centre. Alternative sites to host the competition are not readily available due to the unique requirements of the competition, including the need for central secure storage of team equipment.

Alternate Site Investigations

Other alternative locations present their own strengths and limitations, noting site topography requirements, that the event site must attract 30,000 attendees, 25% Council contribution is achieved through co-delivery of the Competition with the Moon Festival and that 4.5 days of site use is required for bump-in (set up), the two day competition, and bump-out (pack up):

- **Council's Hill Street Car Park** was initially identified and scoped as a potential venue for the 2025 Competition. A site assessment was undertaken to evaluate its suitability against the operational and performance requirements of the event. This included considerations such as surface conditions, available space for performance and audience areas, and the feasibility of installing key infrastructure such as marquees.

The assessment determined that Hill Street Car Park was not a suitable location. The surface did not provide an adequately level (slope-free) area required for safe and effective lion dance performances. In addition, the presence of fixed poles positioned in the centre of the car park would significantly impede the installation of a marquee and restrict usable space. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.

- **CabraVale Memorial Park** – advantage of containing the event in Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival; the disadvantages being a lack of physical infrastructure (eg electricity) and the need for additional security, traffic management, cost of additional infrastructure (solid floor mats), hire of shipping containers for storage of team equipment, lack of shelter for large numbers of people. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges, increased cost, risk of meeting target audience numbers identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.

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- **Arthur Street Car Park** – advantage of containing the event in Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival; the disadvantage being the need to relocate the main stage entertainment, hire of shipping containers for storage of team equipment and importantly the lack of space for the arena, grandstand, storage and the need to remove guttering, impact on business on Ingel Way regarding deliveries that replicates some of the problems associated with using Hughes Street Car Park. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **Railway Parade** – advantage of containing the event in Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival; the disadvantage being that a road closure is not possible for 4.5 days due to the significant impact on public transport, the road is not flat, and the impact upon accommodating amusement rides. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **Dutton Plaza Car Park Roof Top** advantage of containing the event in Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival; the disadvantage being the need to use cranes to uplift infrastructure and the impact on service lanes as well as significant additional cost and logistical complexity. These constraints led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **The Dutton Lane Car Park** was previously identified as not being a viable location due to stakeholder feedback necessitates the exploration of alternative sites. Advantage of containing the event to Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival and possible savings including use of the loading area of the Dutton Lane Car Park, a saving of approximately \$48,000 could be achieved without the need to hire a marquee. While the floor to ceiling height may meet the required 7 metres, however other prohibitive logistical and safety issues have been identified. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **Fairfield Showground** – advantage in that infrastructure is in place for accommodate performance and storage, and height needs may be feasible; the disadvantage is that the location does not align with the Cabramatta Moon Festival, so Council would have to make an additional 25% contribution and there is a risk that the 30,000 audience target would not be met, meaning that grant conditions would not be satisfied. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **Adams Park, Canley Vale** – there are no advantages in using Adams Park as a venue, similar to the other locations is cost prohibitive, the location does not sufficiently align with the Cabramatta Moon Festival, and the need to meet grant conditions may not be satisfied (e.g. 30,000 attendees). These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.

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Without the capacity to resolve the stakeholder operational and access issues in using the Hughes Street Car Park to stage the Competition and use of the Cabramatta Commercial Centre underground car park for storage of team equipment, it is not viable to host the event without significant forward planning and consultation. Alternative sites pose significant logistical challenges, do not meet grant conditions or involve significant additional costs.

Sponsorship

To meet the funding shortfall of \$75,000.00 at the time of writing the report, sponsorship opportunities available are untested. As a guide, the following sponsorship has been achieved for the two (2) Cabramatta town centre based major events.

Year	Cabramatta Lunar New Year	Cabramatta Moon Festival
2023	\$90,113.63	\$153,681.82
2024	\$116,136.36	\$131,200.00
2025	\$100,500.00	\$185,909.09
2026	\$133,632.72	

Any sponsorship of the Competition, say \$50,000.00 for naming rights, would best be sourced from a new non-local sponsorship partner to ensure Cabramatta Moon Festival is not impacted financially by a reduction in sponsorship. It is important that the sponsorship contribution to Moon Festival is maintained.

There are additional known risks associated with the current conflict in the Middle East and its impact on fuel, supply lines, event costs and an appetite for significant sponsorship in the current volatile climate.

CONCLUSION

Council applied for a \$250,000.00 grant, under the 2025/26 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program, to host the National Lion Dance Competition in conjunction with the Cabramatta Moon Festival in September 2026. Council has been successful in obtaining one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST) offered by the NSW Government.

The funding falls short of the amount required to deliver the event. A grant application for the 2026/2027 year would be better informed by key outstanding logistical issues, as outlined in this report. Negotiations need to occur with the managing agents for 6 Hughes Street, Cabramatta in anticipation of a National Lion Dance Competition event being held in September 2027, as well as scope potential sponsors.

This report provides a number of options having regard to cost, event integrity, and long-term sustainability. On balance, Council Officers recommend that the grant not be accepted (Option 1) due to the funding shortfall, event integrity, logistical issues, timeframe and risks. It is recommended that Council determine its preferred option as outlined in the report.

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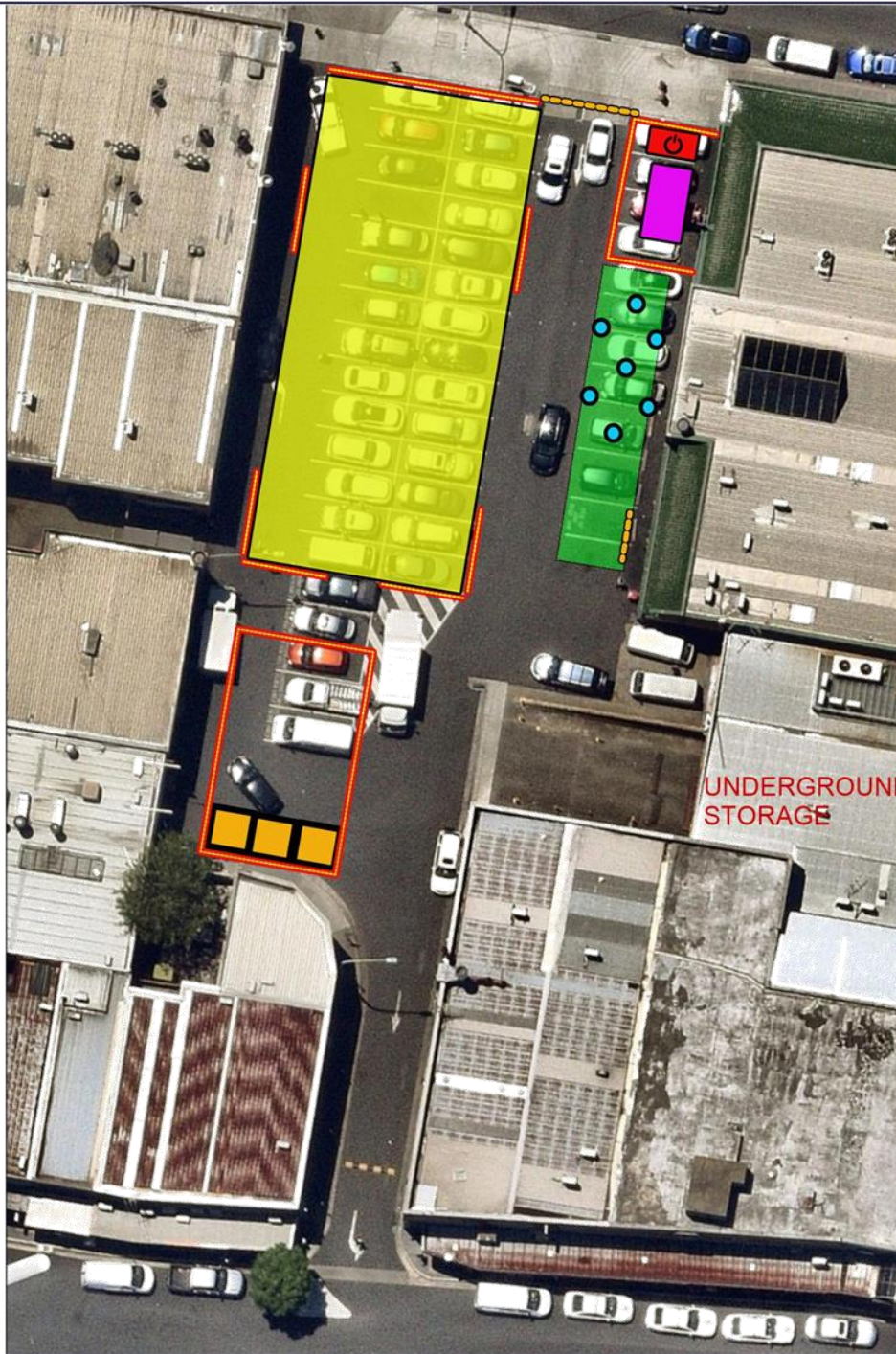
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LEGEND

- 35m x 15m Marquee
- 3m x 3m Marquee
- Astro Turf
- Cafe Style Seating
- ⏻ Generator
- Ops Marquee
- Truss Arch
- 1.8m Temp Fence

**HUGHES STREET
CARPARK**
**CABRAMATTA MOON
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SECTION B

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

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SUBJECT: Request for Donation - Mayoral Donations Fund

FILE NUMBER: 25/16200

REPORT BY: Anna Milienou, Co-ordinator Executive Support

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council make a donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Mayoral Donations Fund to Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School towards their Multicultural Fete being held on 19 September 2026.
 2. Council make a donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Mayoral Donations Fund to Hills Community Aid towards the Western Sydney Corporate Charity Lunch being held on 20 May 2026.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School

Written representation has been received from Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School seeking a donation towards their Multicultural Fete to be held on 19 September 2026.

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The Multicultural Fete is an event designed to bring together the school community, residents and families to celebrate and share the diverse cultures represented within the community.

The fete will showcase the school's cultural diversity through a range of activities including international food stalls, cultural performances, community stalls and prize activities, creating an inclusive and engaging event for attendees. Support for this event will contribute to fundraising efforts aimed at refurbishing the school hall and transforming it into a modern community hub where the diverse talents and gifts of students can be showcased and nurtured.

Council's contribution will assist with operational costs and delivering a successful community event.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School meets the primary eligibility requirements of the Mayoral Donations Fund Policy to help build better communities, therefore a donation of \$500.00 would be appropriate.

Connection to Fairfield LGA

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School is located in the Fairfield LGA.

Hills Community Aid - Western Sydney Corporate Charity Lunch

Written representation has been received from Jim Taggart (Chairman Hills Community Aid) seeking a donation towards the charity lunch being held on 20 May 2026 at Workers Lifestyle Group Club Blacktown.

The Hills Community Aid - Western Sydney Corporate Lunch Committee is based in Wetherill Park and have provided support to charitable organisations across the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) for many years. The funds raised will go to:

- Western Sydney Programs conducted by the Salvation Army such as providing safety, accommodation, emergency shelter and financial support and advice.
- KidsWest Foundation for the purchase of equipment (jaundice meter, ventilator and defibrillator).
- The Bill Crews Foundation who helps struggling people break free from poverty and disadvantage.

A contribution from Council will go towards the purchase of 5 bricks (\$100 per brick) as part of their 'Wall of Support' for charity partners to improve the lives of those not as fortunate.

Hills Community Aid meets the primary eligibility requirements of the Mayoral Community Benefit Fund Policy of worthy causes that support the community of Fairfield, therefore a donation of \$500.00 would be appropriate.

Connection to Fairfield Local Government Area

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The Hills Community Aid - Western Sydney Corporate Charity Lunch Committee operates from Wetherill Park and the event will support residents 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 Certificates of Appreciation or receipts is outlined in Attachment A.

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Co-ordinator Executive Support

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Mayoral Donations Fund Register

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

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17/02/2026	Nathan Tran	NSW Youth Parliament Program		Yes	\$500.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	\$5,500.00
4/03/2026	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Multicultural Fete		Yes	\$500.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	\$5,000.00
25/02/2026	Hills Community Aid	Western Sydney Corporate Charity Lunch		Yes	\$500.00	Accept	Meets Criteria	\$4,500.00
11/03/2026	James Busby High School	Australian Volleyball Schools Cup		No		Declined		

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarters 1 & 2 - Building Control & Compliance and Development Planning

FILE NUMBER: 15/01561

REPORT BY: John Vuletich, Manager Building Control and Compliance; Sunnee Cullen, Manager Development Planning

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

This report outlines the activities undertaken by the Development Planning and Building Control & Compliance Divisions within the City Development, Regulatory Services and Information Technology Directorate. This report deals with the 6-month period, being 1 July to 31 December 2025.

The figures indicate a significant level of investment in the City with development approved for the period being valued at \$438,393,209.00 that includes works with an estimated value of \$226,373,517.00 approved as Complying Development by the private sector under the provision of various State Environmental Planning Policies.

Council responses to complaints across a broad range of issues, as well as regular food shop inspections are also highlighted in the report.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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During the reporting period, the Development Planning and Building Control & Compliance Divisions continued to improve operational efficiency through targeted procedural and process enhancements aligned with and complementary to, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's ePlanning platform.

The fast-track assessment process focuses on the early identification of key issues and the expedited determination of suitable applications, supported by complementary initiatives to improve overall processing timeframes. City Development Directorate officers encourage early engagement on all development proposals, whether lodged as a Development Application (DA) or Complying Development Certificate (CDC).

This structured and rigorous approach to assessment, applied both prior to lodgement and throughout the assessment and determination process, maintains a high level of professional service and advice while promoting a collaborative, solutions-focused approach. It supports the submission of quality applications and delivers improved and timelier outcomes for applicants, the community and the broader built environment.

The Development Planning and Building Control Divisions will continue to apply and refine these processes to enhance assessment efficiency, consistency and performance outcomes, with a focus on facilitating timely determinations. The DA lodgement and assessment processing targets set by the Minister in the Statement of Expectations were met for the 6-month period ending 31 December.

Within the 6-month period, Council received 180 DAs with an estimated value of \$316,878,363.00.

These applications are broken up into 3 major categories, these being:

- Minor Developments – single dwellings, granny flats, demolition and outbuildings.
- Major Developments – all other categories other than minor development.
- Subdivisions.

Minor Developments

Council received 39 applications for dwelling houses and 41 applications for secondary dwellings (granny flats) along with other minor DAs and CDCs.

Major Developments

In the 6-month reporting period, Council received 10 applications with a value above \$5m. In total, these applications involve a development value of \$230,886,766.00. The applications involved are located at:

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250 Victoria Street Wetherill Park	Industrial Development	\$82,179,900.00
119-121 Cabramatta Road Cabramatta	Alts & Adds to Existing Building & Change of use to a Secondary School	\$12,431,928.00
368 Hamilton Road Fairfield West	Mixed Use Development comprising ground floor shops and childcare centre on the first and second floor	\$17,830,000.00
4 Lomond Street Wakeley	Commercial Building with Ground Floor Shops & Childcare Centre on first floor	\$6,059,664.00
10 Levuka Street Cabramatta	Mixed Use Development comprising 6-storey residential flat building and childcare centre on ground floor	\$19,159,123.00
217 Horsley Road Horsley Park	Alts & Adds to School	\$27,241,960.00
813 Wallgrove Road Horsley Park	Industrial Development	\$35,170,300.00
121 Kiora Street Canley Heights	Mixed Use Development	\$5,629,641.00
10 Kamira Court Villawood	Stratum Subdivision to Create Mixed Use Stratum Allotments	\$14,000,000.00
125 Lisbon Street Fairfield East	Alts & Adds to Industrial Building	\$11,184,250.00

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY COMMENTS

The overall data reflects the level of development investment within the Fairfield City area and the diversity of residential housing types, including secondary dwellings, single dwellings, dual occupancies and multi-unit housing. During the reporting period, applications lodged with Council and CDCs issued by the private sector accounted for a total of 570 dwelling units.

Section 7.11 and 7.12 Developer Contributions

As has been previously reported, the development contribution recovery program was established following a random sample audit identified that the payment of contributions was not assiduously followed up by some Private Certifiers prior to commencement of work approved under the CDC and in many cases Occupation Certificates (OC) had been issued.

Despite the legislative framework in place, Council officers identified a growing pattern of Private Certifiers who either; neglected to include a condition requiring payment of development contributions or failed to enforce the condition requiring payment of development contributions. This unfortunately has occurred due to inherent weaknesses in the NSW planning system.

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Despite this challenge, Council's City Development Directorate initiated an in-house program to recover the unpaid contribution fees. This involved a data cleanse of CDCs for the period of 2019 to 2024, with a number of innovative methods adopted to recover these fees. Council officers applied a rigorous and persistent approach to recovering unpaid contribution fees, including letters to Private Certifiers and applicants, emails, follow-up calls etc. including reporting Private Certifiers to the relevant authorities where there had been a persistent pattern of wilful neglect in their roles and responsibilities.

As a result of this program, significant progress has been made in recovering unpaid contribution fees. This can be attributed to Council officers' unrelenting commitment to recovering these fees and the methods employed in successfully achieving this goal.

It is clear that the program has been effective given the industry response, which has been tangible and pronounced. CDCs now issued by Private Certifiers have included the request for payment of the relevant contribution, with consequent payments made without Council involvement.

The Development Contribution Recovery Program will continue to operate and respond to industry issues as they arise.

Engineering Assessment Branch

The Engineering Assessment team deals with development approvals comprising of Torrens Title, Strata or Community Title Subdivisions, including the approval of Construction Certificates (Engineering Approval) and provides a complete inspection service. The team also deals with all engineering development matters providing advice on stormwater drainage, flooding and regulatory standards with regard to development applications.

Subdivision Development Applications

In the 6-month reporting period, Council received 21 Torrens Title subdivisions and 3 Strata Title subdivisions, with a value of works estimated at \$22,408.00.

Internal Referrals

In the 6-month reporting period, Engineering Assessment staff assessed and provided engineering advice for over 236 engineering referrals.

Of the 236 referrals:

- 186 Referrals were for Minor Developments, which comprised of 36 secondary dwelling referrals, 62 dwelling referrals, which included combined applications proposing primary and secondary dwellings and 88 referrals for a range of other minor applications such as alterations/additions, change of use etc.

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- 50 were for Major Development Referrals, which comprised of 7 residential development referrals, 18 commercial development referrals, 19 Industrial development referrals, 5 subdivision referrals and 1 major works.

Construction Certificates – Engineering Approvals

Engineering Approvals are referred to in Section 6.3(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and certify engineering work carried out in accordance with the nominated plans and Council's specifications. Engineering Approvals can be undertaken for subdivision works, or engineering works on public land and infrastructure, which can include road, stormwater drainage, parking and access handles.

In the 6-month reporting period, 107 Engineering Approvals in the form of Construction Certificates, Subdivision Works Certificates, Section 138 and Section 68 approvals were issued valued at \$100,150.00.

Subdivision Certificates

Prior to the release of a subdivision certificate, an applicant must complete all the conditions of their development consent, including completion of any subdivision works. In order for the release of the subdivision certificate, a satisfactory final inspection must be undertaken, including the review and processing of all relevant documentation for Council's signoff.

In the 6-month reporting period, Council issued 28 Subdivision Certificates, which created an additional 55 Torrens allotments for the Local Government Area, valued at \$18,131.00.

FAIRFIELD LOCAL PLANNING PANEL (FLPP)

In the 6-month period, 4 applications were referred to the FLPP for consideration and/or determination.

As of March 2018, the FLPP has been operating in accordance with the new legislative requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. This includes Councils recently appointed Panel members.

The following developments were considered by FLPP as triggered by the Minister's Section 9.1 Direction (Development Referral Criteria):

1. No. 14/159 Chifley Street Wetherill Park – Proposed use of an industrial unit for the purpose of stone manufacturing – approved.
2. No. 155-161 Garfield and No. 84 Truman Road Horsley Park – Section 4.55(2) Modification application proposing alterations and additions to an approved place of public worship – refused.

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3. No. 217 Horsley Road Horsley Park – Proposed alterations and additions to an existing school building within St Narsai Assyrian Christian College to provide one additional level to cater for a temporary one stream primary school for up to 140 students – approved.
4. No. 361 Victoria Street and No. 363-365 Victoria Street Wetherill Park – Proposed temporary use of the Phuoc Hue Buddhist Temple for the purpose of the Lunar new year celebration event to be held on 16 and 17 February 2026 including the use of Wetherill Park Reserve for the purpose of parking – approved.

LAND & ENVIRONMENT COURT MATTERS

In recent years, there have been a significant number of appeals lodged in the Court pertaining to development applications, to a level not previously experienced.

In many cases, these appeals represent applicants' reluctance to comply with Council's controls and proceed directly to appeal rather than undertake consultation with Council.

The appeals process is extremely time consuming and involves significant staff resources and legal expense, with joint planning statements required to be prepared, in addition to experts' reports, Section 34 Conciliation Conferences, site visits and attendance in Court.

The following applications have been appealed (Class 1) to the Land and Environment Court and are pending:

1. No. 436 The Horsley Drive Fairfield – Proposed alterations and additions to an existing service station. On 14 October 2025, the Court granted the proceedings to be stayed for a period of 12 months. Accordingly, this matter has been listed for a directions hearing on 16 October 2026.
2. No. 35 Bligh Street Villawood – Proposed demolition of existing structures, tree removal and construction of an in-fill affordable housing development comprising of a 6-storey residential flat building containing 51 apartments (25 of which will be used for affordable housing) over 3 levels of basement parking containing 64 spaces – Matter was heard by Commissioner Espinosa on 26 & 27 March 2026 – Judgement is pending.
3. No. 123 McBurney Road Cabramatta – Proposed demolition of existing structures and construction of a 2-storey childcare centre accommodating 88 children, including 22 at grade parking spaces, site works, stormwater and landscape works. Hearing listed for 18, 19 & 20 May 2026.

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4. No. 896-898 Woodville Road & 15 Hilwa Street Villawood – Proposed demolition of existing structures and construction of an 11 storey shop top housing development comprising two towers over a single podium, 255 car parking spaces within 3 levels of basement parking, ground floor uses including 12 retail premises, 1 café and 1 kiosk with total commercial floor area of 1,792.4sqm; 148 apartments on Levels 1-11, and ancillary works such as tree removal, landscaping, consolidation of lots and dedication of land to Council on the land at 896-898 Woodville Road and 15 Hilwa Street, Villawood – Conciliation Conference was undertaken on 15 August 2025 - matter adjourned by the Court to allow the applicant to amend the application in order to address the contentions raised – the Conciliation process is pending.
5. No. 8 Laurel Street Carramar – Proposed demolition of existing structures and construction of a 2-storey centre-based childcare facility, accommodating 110 children, above 1 basement level accommodating 29 car parking spaces, site works, stormwater and landscaping works – Matter was heard by Commissioner Espinosa on 19 & 20 March 2026 – Judgement is pending.
6. No. 23-25 Fairfield Street Old Guildford – Proposed use of 2 existing warehouses for the purposes of the production of bottled beverages, a neighbourhood shop, an industrial retail outlet and a local distribution premises – Hearing listed for 28, 29 & 30 July 2026.
7. No. 12 Normanby Street Fairfield East – Proposed demolition of existing structures and construction of a group home comprising 13 rooms including associated landscaping and civil works – Conciliation Conference listed for 4 May 2026.
8. No. 368 Hamilton Road Fairfield West – Proposed construction of a 3-storey mixed use development comprising 7 ground floor retail tenancies, a childcare centre on the 1st and 2nd floor to accommodate 138 children and 2 basement levels comprising of 118 parking spaces – Conciliation conference listed for 11 May 2026.
9. No. 8-10 Levuka Street Cabramatta – Proposed demolition of existing structures, construction of a 6-storey mixed-use development consisting of a childcare centre at ground level accommodating 96 children, 5-storeys of residential apartments containing 35 units including 7 units to be used for affordable rental housing, 2 basement levels comprising of 68 parking spaces, consolidation of the 2 lots and a 2-lot stratum and strata lot subdivision, associated landscaping and ancillary works under the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 - Conciliation conference listed for 2 April 2026.
10. No. 4 Lomond Street Wakeley – Proposed alterations and additions to the Wakeley (Bulls Road) shopping centre comprising of the reconfiguration of the existing parking arrangement to accommodate an additional building and 118 parking spaces, construction of a new 2-storey building comprising of 2 x new retail premises at ground level and a childcare centre located on the first floor to accommodate 120 children – Conciliation Conference listed for 29 June 2026.

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11. No. 14 Chadderton Street Cabramatta – Proposed use of unauthorised structures (shipping containers, concreted areas and awning) at an existing residential premises - Directions hearing listed for 6 March 2026.
12. Nos. 17 & 18 Larra Street Yennora – Proposed demolition of the existing dwelling and associated structures and construction of a 2-storey dwelling with basement and attached garage on each separate lot (site consists of 2 lots) - Directions hearing listed for 13 March 2026.
13. Nos. 26-28 Cunninghame Street Fairfield – Proposed amalgamation of 2 lots, demolition of existing structures and the construction of an 88 place centre-based childcare facility with at grade parking and associated landscape and stormwater works – Directions Hearing listed for 23 April 2026.

LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT APPEALS DETERMINED

The following Class 1 Appeals have been determined by the Land and Environment Court as follows:

1. No. 5-7 Wetherill Street Smithfield – Proposed demolition of existing structures, construction of a 2-storey medical centre with 2 levels of basement parking, construction of an internal roundabout, associated landscaping and earthworks and the consolidation of 3 approved allotments into 2 allotments – The appeal was discontinued by the applicant on 16 October 2025.
2. No. 727-735 Wallgrove Road Horsley Park – Proposed use of a rural premises for the purposes of a carpark (parking of trucks) – The appeal was discontinued by the applicant on 1 December 2025.
3. No. 162 Meadows Road Mount Pritchard – Proposed demolition of existing structures and construction of a 2-storey centre-based childcare facility, accommodating 112 children, including 29 at-grade car parking spaces, site works, stormwater and landscaping works – The appeal was discontinued by the applicant on 16 March 2026.
4. No. 18-20 Beckenham Street Canley Vale – Proposed alterations and additions to an existing 2-storey place of public worship and residence for the purposes of a centre-based childcare facility accommodating 110 children, 18 staff and 30 at-grade parking spaces – The appeal was discontinued by the applicant on 18 March 2026.
5. No. 1 Macarthur Street Fairfield East – Proposed demolition of existing structures and removal of trees, construction of a 2-storey childcare centre accommodating 50 children over 1 level of basement parking for 12 spaces – Matter was heard by Commissioner Espinosa on 4 & 5 December 2025 – Appeal was upheld.

Development Advisory Meetings

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In November 2014, Council resolved to introduce a charge for scheduled meetings held with prospective applicants for developments in the City.

The pre-development application service allows for prospective applicants to seek feedback on specific concept plans for specific sites. The primary objective of these meetings is to provide an advisory service to members of the public prior to lodging a DA. The purpose of the meeting is for Council to identify potential constraints and opportunities of the site in relation to the proposed development to assist prospective applicants prior to the lodgement of their applications.

During the period of 1 January to 30 June 2025, 33 Development Advisory Meetings were held.

Of the 33 meetings, 25% were for minor developments (ie. works \$500,000.00 or less), 58% were for major developments (ie. works more than \$500,000.00) and 27% were for significant development (ie. works greater than \$4m).

SYDNEY WESTERN CITY PLANNING PANEL (SWCPP)

In the 6-month reporting period, 1 application was forwarded to the SWCPP for briefings and/or determination to the SWCPP.

Matters needing to be dealt by the SWCPP fall into 3 categories. These are developments:

- a) Capital Investment Value (CIV) of over \$30 million.
- b) Crown, Council or private infrastructure and community facilities of CIV over \$5m.
- c) Certain types of 'designated development'.

The following application was referred to the SWCPP for determination as follows:

1. No. 72 Canley Vale Road Canley Vale – proposed demolition of existing structures, site preparation works and the construction of a 3-storey commercial building comprising of a supermarket, commercial premises, food and drink premises, gymnasium and basement carpark and loading facilities.

Application deferred by the SWCPP dated 25 February 2026 subject to the submission of amended materials and an addendum determination report including draft conditions of consent if the Panel is minded to approve the application.

As part of the recent reforms to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, Sydney District and Regional Panels will now be removed, with their responsibilities transferred to Local Planning Panels. As of 16 January 2026, all development applications that were referred to the Sydney Western City Regional Panel have since been returned to Council. These applications will be referred to the Fairfield Local Planning Panel for consideration and determination.

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CURRENT BUILDING & LAND USE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY

The Building Control & Compliance Division undertakes compliance matters related to building and land use issues. Other matters dealt within this Division include fire safety audits, swimming pool safety barrier inspections and Public Health and Environmental issues.

In the reporting period, Council officers conducted 75 Swimming Pool Safety Barrier Inspections, processed 927 Annual Fire Safety Statements, received 462 matters for investigation relating to land use activities and responded to 135 councillor and MP representations.

The major areas are as follows:

Unauthorised Use, Landfill & Stormwater issues	304 or 66%
Illegal/unauthorised Building Work, Public Safety – Swimming Pools & Fire Safety	158 or 34%

While there has been a continued increase in the number of lawfully approved secondary dwellings (granny flats), a persistent and concerning trend remains the rise in detections by Council officers of the unlawful conversion of existing structures such as garages, studios and other outbuildings into secondary dwellings, as well as unauthorised additions and alterations to approved granny flats. In many instances, this has resulted in the creation of multiple secondary dwellings on a single allotment. Much of this development is of substandard construction and fails to provide adequate levels of fire safety, health and amenity for occupants.

CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES (CCs)

As Council is aware, Council officers or private registered certifiers can issue CCs for buildings. The type of building CCs that Council registered certifiers mostly deal with involve dwelling houses, including secondary dwellings and ancillary residential developments. In the 6-month period, 9 Construction Certificates were issued for building work valued at \$58,356,004.

During the 6-month period ending 31 December 2025, Council's registered officers (Building Surveyors) conducted 11 mandatory critical stage inspections on construction work.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT BRANCH

1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025

INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS

Environmental Health Officers (EHO's) continued to respond to and resolve a large number of public health related complaints, where in certain circumstances may have required some form of education, regulation or enforcement.

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The main types of complaints EHOs were responding to during this time mainly related to residential and commercial noise issues, food poisoning, pests in shops, smoke and odour, domestic and commercial waste matters, water pollution, dust and sediment from building sites, dirty swimming pools, frogs and mosquitoes, asbestos, sewer overflows, industrial pollution, creek spills, illegal filling and contamination.

A total of 398 complaints relating to these matters were responded to in the past 6 months which was a 15% increase from the last reporting period. All were responded to in a timely manner, ensuring that the customer/complainant was satisfied with the level of response by Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION PROGRAM

During this reporting period a total of 540 routine inspections were undertaken, with at least 85% of those inspections returning a satisfactory result. Types of regulatory inspections included the inspection of food shops, festivals, cooling towers and septic tanks.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ASSESSMENTS

In addition to the above, in the 6-monthly reporting period, a total of 179 development applications were reviewed by the Public Health and Environment Branch to assist in the progression of building, planning and subdivision related applications. This represented a 10% increase from the last reporting period.

These assessments included the review of several complex environmental reports and review of Environmental Impact Statements and Preliminary Hazard Analysis for major developments across the city. The Public Health and Environment Branch involvement in DA assessments includes the technical analysis and review of noise, air, water, contamination and hazard risk assessments.

FOOD SHOP CLOSURES

Business Name: Truong Ly

Business Address: 242 Canley Vale Road Canley Heights NSW 2166

A routine food safety inspection was conducted at grocery store Truong Ly located at 242 Canley Vale Road Canley Heights. The inspection identified poor cleaning practices, food stored outside of temperature control and damaged packaged food on display with rodent gnaw marks. Rat faeces were observed throughout the entire shop and rat urine overpowered the premises.

Due to the severe rodent infestation, which posed a significant risk to public health and safety, an emergency Prohibition Order (closure order) was issued under the Food Act 2003 on 1 July 2025 resulting in the temporary closure of the shop.

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The proprietor was subsequently prosecuted at Fairfield Local Court on 1 December 2025 and pleaded guilty to 7 offences under the Food Act 2003. The Court imposed penalties totalling \$11,200.00, which included Council's professional costs.

Photograph shows rat droppings on food shelves in the shop.



Photograph shows rat droppings on food shelves and on packaged food which were being gnawed at by rats.



Business Name: Viet Hoa Hot Bread

Business Address: Shop 2/105-107 John Street Cabramatta NSW

Council received a food poisoning complaint from a customer who had eaten a Vietnamese pork roll from Viet Hoa Hot Bread shop.

An inspection conducted on Tuesday 18 November 2025 identified a cockroach infestation, no warm running water for handwashing as well as other significant breaches of the Food Act. As a result, an Improvement Notice was issued on 20 November 2025.

Follow-up inspections found that the business had failed to comply with the Improvement Notice within the required timeframe.

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A Prohibition Order (closure order) was then issued on 27 November 2025 for non-compliances with the Improvement Notice.

As a result of these non-compliances, the business was issued with 3 Penalty Infringement Notices totalling \$5,940.00.

Photographs show an unclean dough mixer being used.



Photographs show live and dead cockroaches (German and baby) in the kitchen area.



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Food Safety Information Session

Councils' Public Health and Environment team took part in strengthening business partnerships and food safety during the NSW Small Business Month in October.

The team, in addition to representatives from the NSW Food Authority, Sydney Water and Service NSW, presented at Fairfield HQ on 29 October 2025. Through this session we were able to share information on food legislation and compliance, preventing foodborne illness, cleaning and sanitising and what is required for a food start-up, particularly in terms of food safety and development applications.

The session focused on small food business startups and existing retailers.

The photograph below shows those who presented on food safety and small business requirements (Right to left are the 5 representatives from Council's Public Health Team).



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SUBJECT: Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - Property Strategy and Services

FILE NUMBER: 20/00262

REPORT BY: Aelina Truong, Manager Property and Community

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 Property Strategy and Services Division offers a comprehensive range of real estate services designed to meet the operational needs of Council. These include acquisitions, sales, property and car park management, leasing, licensing, advisory services, community facility and sports field hire.

This report provides a succinct overview of the key highlights and achievements in Quarter 2 (Q2), covering the period of October to December 2025 and includes:

1. Multi-Storey Car Parks Performance
2. Dutton Plaza Performance
3. Leasing, Licensing and Property Management
4. Property Acquisitions, Sales and Services
5. Community Facilities and Sportsfields

Multi-Storey Car Parks Performance

The following table provides an overview of visitors to the 4 multi-storey car parks managed by Council during Q2 of the 2025-2026 fiscal year, compared to the previous quarter and the same period in the previous year of 2024-2025.

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Year	Total Visitors	Dutton Plaza Car Park	Dutton Plaza Loading	Nelson Street Car Park	Downey Lane Car Park	Fisher Street Car Park
2025-2026 Q2	585,660	322,744	26,646	176,919	38,971	20,380
2024-2025 Q2	597,892	331,812	26,765	175,267	43,860	20,188
% Change	-2%	-3%	-0.4%	1%	-11%	1%
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Last Quarter Q1	606,397	331,669	26,561	182,071	42,633	23,463
% Change	-3%	-3%	0.3%	-3%	-9%	-13%

During Q2, a total of 585,660 visitations were recorded across all 4 Council owned multi-deck car parks, representing a 2% decrease compared to the same period last year and a 3% decline from the previous quarter. These results indicate a slight softening in overall visitor numbers both year on year and quarter on quarter.

Dutton Plaza Car Park

Visitation in Q2 of 322,744 is slightly lower than the same time last year dropping by 9,068 (-0.4%). Overall, visitation remains steady for the car park. The performance of Dutton Plaza Car Park for Q2 is shown in Figure 1.

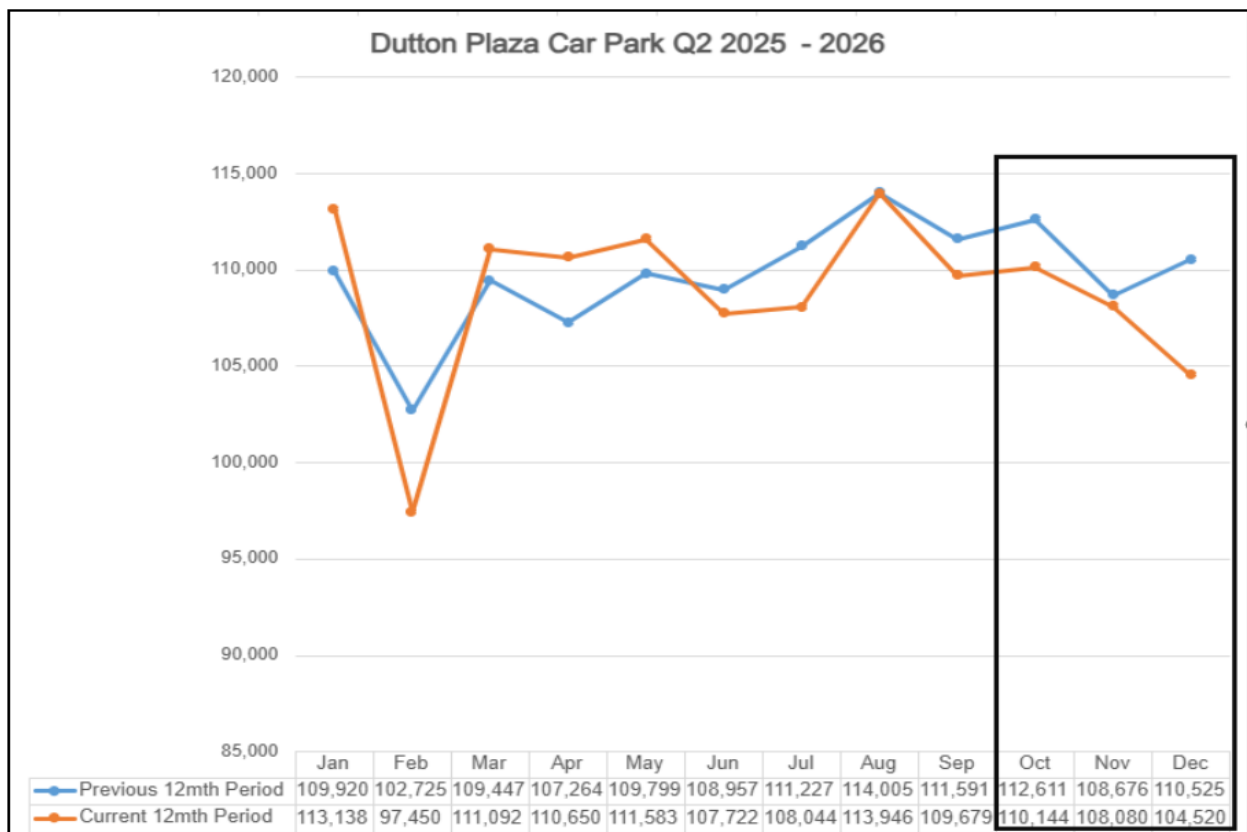


Figure 1: Dutton Plaza Car Park Visitation Q2

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Dutton Plaza Loading Area

The Q2 result of 26,646 is consistent with the same time last year. Compared with the previous quarter, visitation remained steady. Overall, visitation continues to be in line with what is normally expected for the loading area. The performance of Dutton Plaza Loading Area for Q2 is shown in Figure 2.

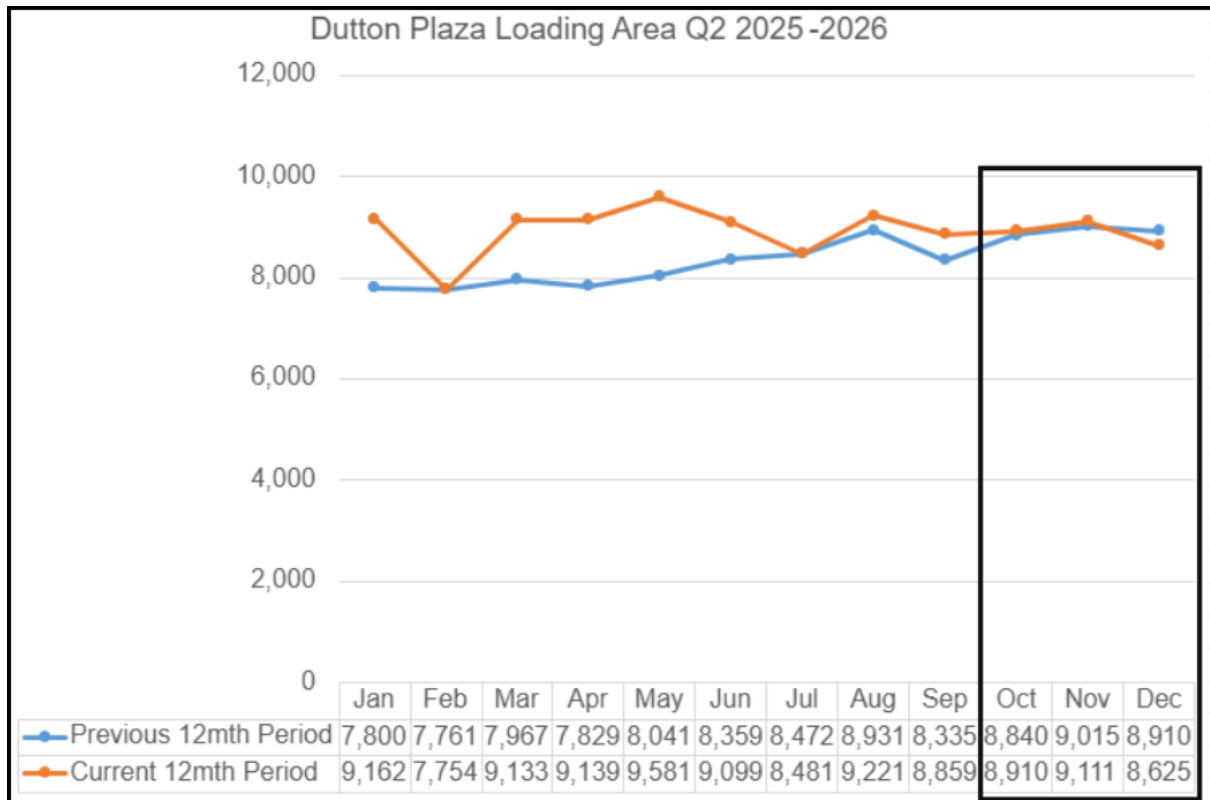


Figure 2: Dutton Plaza Loading Area Visitation Q2

Fisher Street Car Park

This quarter’s visitation totals 20,380, which is slightly higher than the same quarter last year which totalled 20,188, an increase of about 1.0%. However, compared with the previous quarter which totalled 23,463, visitation has decreased by 3,083, a decline of around 13.1% due to the holiday period over Christmas.

Overall, the quarter shows a small improvement on last year but a noticeable softening in activity compared with the previous quarter. The performance of Fisher Street Car Park for Q2 is shown in Figure 3.

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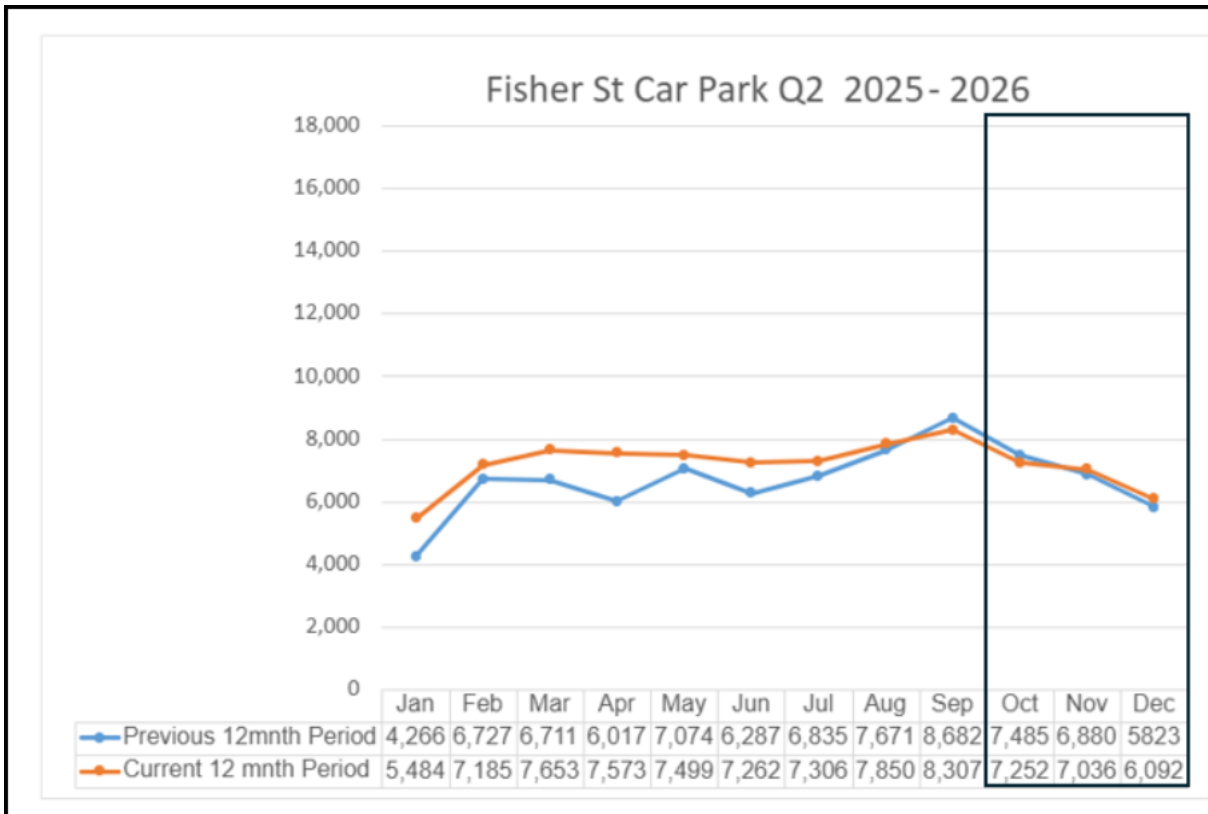


Figure 3: Fisher Street Car Park Visitation Q2

Downey Lane Car Park

This quarter’s visitation total of 38,971 is lower than both the total for the same quarter last year of 43,860 and the total for the previous quarter of 42,633, with all 3 months tracking below past performance. The figures reflect a softening in demand compared with earlier trends. The performance of Downey Lane Car Park for Q2 is shown in Figure 4.

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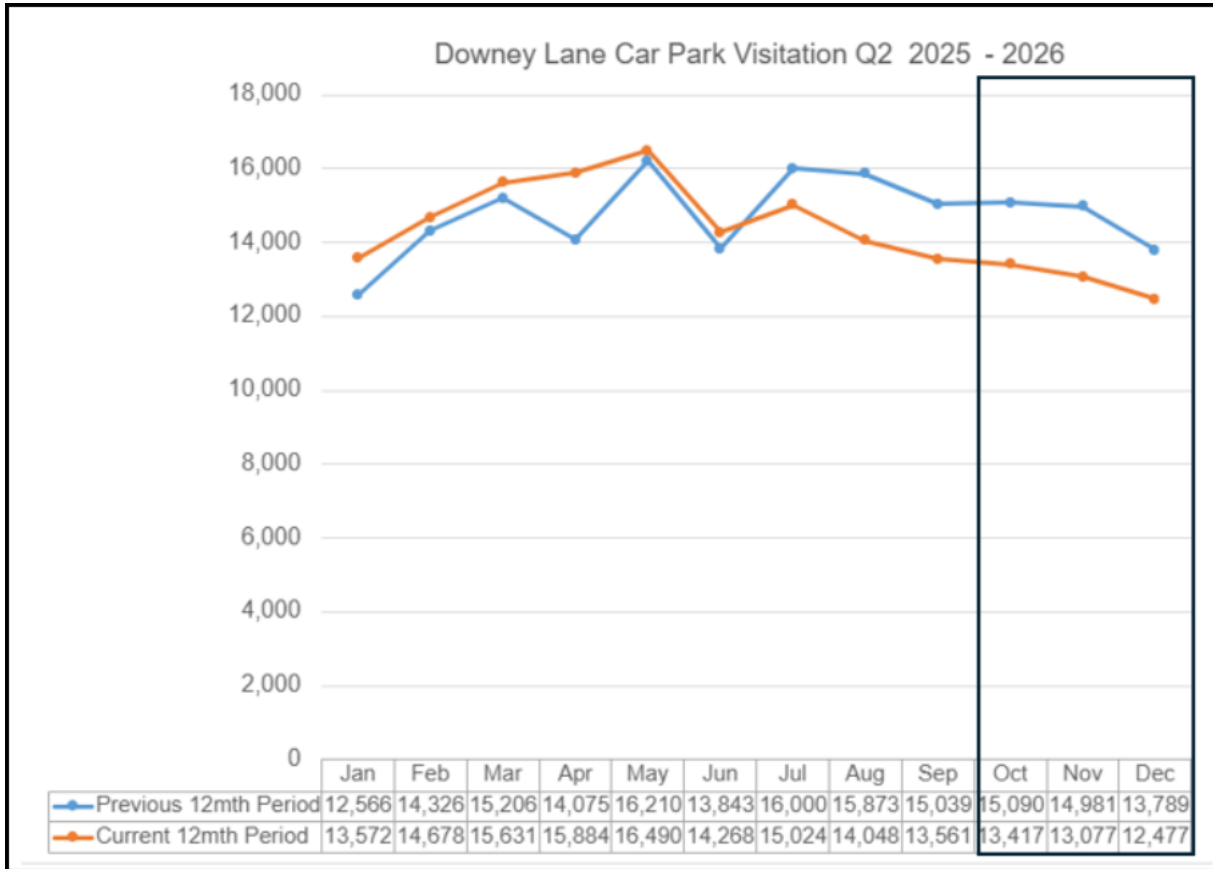


Figure 4: Downey Lane Car Park Visitation Q2

Nelson Street Car Park

This quarter’s total visitation is 176,919, which is 1,652 higher than the same quarter last year, an increase of 0.9%. When compared with the previous quarter total of 182,071, the visitation is 5,152 lower, a decrease of about 2.8%.

Overall, the quarter shows a small lift on last year but a moderate decline compared with the previous quarter. The performance of Nelson Street Car Park for Q2 is shown in Figure 5.

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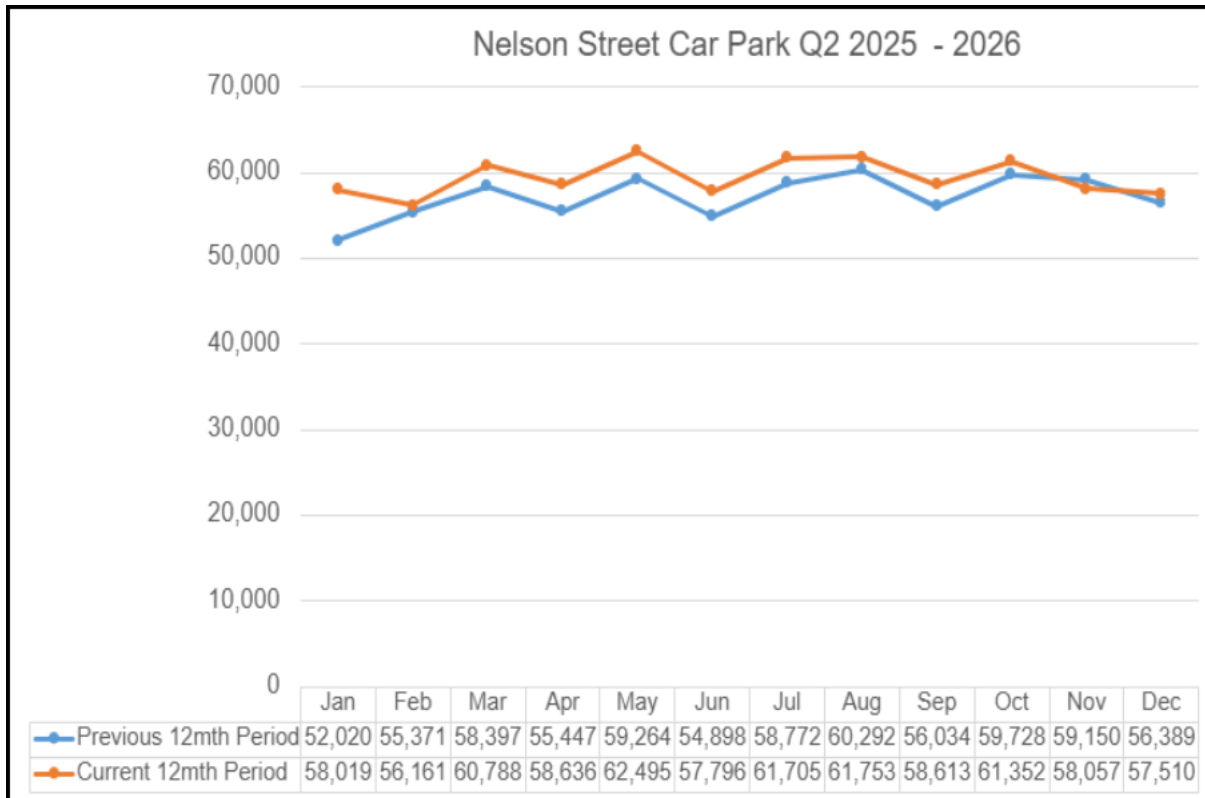


Figure 5: Nelson Street Car Park Visitation Q2

Dutton Plaza Performance

Dutton Plaza continues to operate at 100% occupancy with retail tenancies and offices performing strongly and arrears below standard industry levels during Q2.

Visitation to the Plaza remains strong and consistent, highlighting its significance as a vibrant shopping destination. In October 2025, the Plaza welcomed a total of 597,535 visitors, averaging approximately 19,275 per day. However, the visitation numbers for November and December 2025 were incomplete due to a system error, which has since been rectified.

During Q2, a range of promotional activities were organised at Dutton Plaza including school holiday activities such as Spring Gardening activity, where participants planted herbs and decorated pots. In addition, the Underwater World of Oz Display provided an interactive experience for children and families.

For Christmas and to welcome in the New Year, new Christmas poster designs were displayed throughout Dutton Plaza as well as promoting free parking during the Christmas period and Boxing Day.

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Figure 6: Dutton Plaza School Holiday Activity. Permission granted to publish photographs.



Figure 7: Dutton Plaza Christmas promotions

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Figures 8: Dutton Plaza Christmas promotions

Upcoming promotions over the next quarter will include:

- Free parking on New Year's Day.
- Lunar New Year event – lion dancing and string fireworks.
- April School Holiday Activities – Easter Craft of Tote bag colouring and decorating and pencil case decorating.

Leasing, Licensing and Property Management

Council's leasing and licensing portfolio comprises of 145 assets with 4 vacancies within the portfolio (Office 2 Greenfield Park Community Centre and Office 4 Fairfield Seniors Centre), 1 vacancy within the Commercial portfolio (Shop 1, 40 Harris Street Fairfield) and 1 vacancy in Property Development Fund at 396 Victoria Street Wetherill Park.

Property Class	Total	Vacancies
Community Assets	30 (60 tenancies)	2
Sporting	8	0
Telecommunication	15	0
Residential	27	0
Commercial	28	1
Property Development Fund	4	1
Dutton Plaza	33	0
Total	145	4

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Property Acquisitions, Sales and Services

Other key milestones in Q2 include:

- Negotiated various Community licence terms and completed public notification (no submissions).
- Finalised new lease with Woodville Alliance at 239 Sackville Street Canley Vale.
- Finalised new licence with Cass Care at The Hub Bonnyrigg.
- Public Notification – Easement over Knight Park with no submissions received.
- Updated consent over Cabramatta Hotel with the new owners - IRIS Group.
- Completed title update – Bulk FCC name update with Land Registry Services.
- Finalised new lease for Shop17 Dutton Plaza.
- Finalised assignment and new lease for Shop 29, 30 and 31 Dutton Plaza.
- Finalised new lease for Office 3 Dutton Plaza.
- Finalised new lease for Warakirri College at 3 Hamilton Road Fairfield.
- Completion of dedication 5 Widemere Road to public road – February 2026.
- Completion of Sale of surplus Council land at 227C Victoria Street Smithfield.

Community Facilities

The Community Facilities team manages the casual and regular hire of Council's facilities such as offices, halls, sports fields, tennis courts and community buses. They ensure facilities are maintained to the appropriate standards by undertaking condition inspections, attending to customer and hirer enquiries and responding to programmed repair/renewal works.

The following table depicts the total number of casual and regular bookings and users of Council's halls, buses, tennis courts, futsal courts and sports fields this quarter compared to the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter in the previous fiscal year of 2025-2026.

Number of Bookings						
Year	Total	Halls	Bus	Tennis	Futsal	Sportsfield
2025-2026 Q2	6,687	2,033	7	2,023	1,090	2,090
2024-2025 Q2	7,640	2,029	11	2,274	1,046	2,280
% Change	-12.4%	0.19%	-4%	-11%	4%	-8.3%

This quarter experienced an overall decrease of 12% in bookings across the portfolio, with an increase in futsal courts hire. The decrease comes from a reduction in booking from clubs reducing the number of training sessions for the season and tennis bookings. The hire of buses has also seen a slight decrease with the 4 regular hirers not booking for the period.

Tennis and Futsal Courts

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The tennis portfolio recorded a slight decrease in utilisation this quarter primarily due to 2 courts at Fairfield Tennis Court Complex being taken offline for maintenance. In contrast, futsal court bookings have continued to slightly increase, supported by the Community Facilities Team's recommending for soccer and football clubs to utilise these courts for casual bookings during wet weather training.

Council's online booking portal continues to perform well and is a user-friendly platform. However, there have been some instances of users entering incorrect PINs, resulting in denied access. In response, updates have been made to both the website and booking system to provide clearer instructions, with the aim of reducing user errors and minimising after-hours support requests, particularly over the Christmas/New Year shut down period.

Community Halls

Council's community halls continued to experience stable utilisation this quarter supported by both casual and regular hirers. To further promote these facilities, ongoing LED advertising campaigns (across screens in Customer Service and Library locations) were delivered across Council-owned sites, alongside a featured promotion in Council's City Connect communications.

During the quarter, Council also supported the 'Bring Your Bill' event at Prairiewood Youth and Community Centre. This community initiative was designed to assist residents experiencing financial pressure from household expenses or wanting to seek guidance and support services.



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Figure 9: Promotion of Council's Community Hall - Fairfield City Council's City Connect.

Sportsfields

This quarter marked the commencement of the summer season on 1 October 2025. The summer season commenced strongly, with registered clubs utilising 31 grounds across Council. Early indications by Clubs suggest an increase in club registrations compared to previous seasons. Summer sporting codes primarily include soccer, cricket, Oz tag, baseball, winter cricket and athletics.

The winter season application process for 2026 opened in mid-December 2025. As part of this process, clubs were advised that early access to fields at the start of the season will be subject to the completion of scheduled renovation works, as well as the availability of grounds following handover from outgoing summer hirers. This was also communicated to club representatives at the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee attended by the Community Facilities Team on 27 October 2025.

Endeavour Sports Park (ESP)

The EOI process for the new synthetic fields has now been finalised, with successful hirers allocated their bookings. All clubs participated in comprehensive orientation and training sessions, covering the operation and management of key facilities including canteens, lighting, amenities (toilets and change rooms), irrigation systems and site access. The hiring of the new fields has commenced smoothly, with hirers providing consistently positive feedback regarding the quality and functionality of the facilities.

The official grand opening of the Endeavour Sports Park was held on 25 October 2025, with strong attendance from club representatives and the local sporting community. The event provided players with their first opportunity to use the new surfaces, which was met with enthusiasm and positive reception.

A key highlight of the opening was the unveiling of the Wall of Football Champions, recognising players and coaches who have represented Australia. This installation reinforces the park's important role in fostering talent and supporting the development of future sporting representatives.

To further promote Council's investment in these modern facilities, support year-round participation and strengthen grassroots sport within the community, Council will offer each local club 1 complimentary session on the new synthetic fields. This initiative is scheduled to be released in the next quarter, with availability aligned to the commencement of the winter sporting season.

Separately, a request has been received from Southern District Football Soccer Association regarding their intention to reinstate the Fairfield Cup event on 15 and 16 March 2026 at Endeavour Sports Park and have requested for financial assistance. The proposal requires access to a total of 9 fields across the precinct, comprising 7 grass fields and 2 full-size synthetic fields. This request is currently under review and will be the subject to a future Council report.

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Figure 10: Opening Grand Opening – Endeavour Sports Park
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Figure 11: Opening Grand Opening – Endeavour Sports Park
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On 12 October 2025, the Cabra-Vale Ex Active Serviceman's Athletics Club RSL hosted a Zone Championship Carnival at Makepeace Oval, marking the first time the event had been held there in over 15 years. The carnival attracted more than 500 participants, making it a highly successful occasion. Various Council teams worked collaboratively to ensure the sporting grounds, line marking and facilities were well prepared. Council received positive feedback from the Athletics Club, particularly praising the presentation and cleanliness of the venue.



*Figure 12: Images supplied by The Cabra- Vale Ex Active Serviceman's Athletics Club
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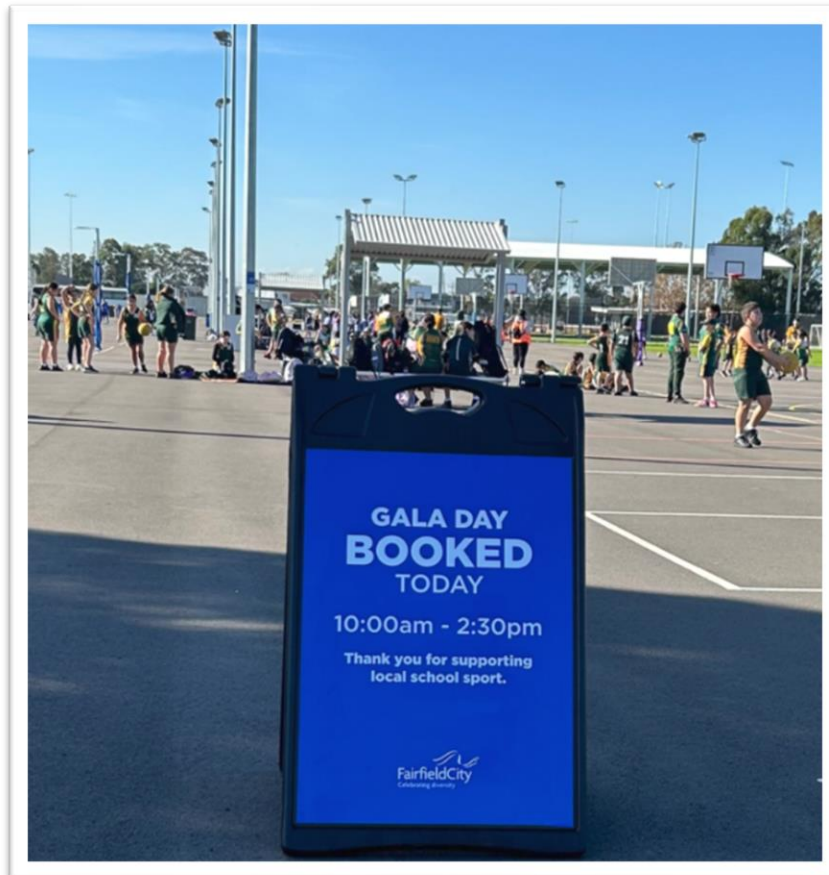
The Lansdowne Zone GALA Day hosted another successful event on 21 October 2025 for local high schools at Endeavour Sports Park (ESP). The day brought together students from across the area, who participated in a variety of sports using the multipurpose courts and grassed areas.

Sport activities included ultimate frisbee, a non-contact team sport played with a flying disc. Other sports featured throughout the day included tag, netball, volleyball and basketball. Positive feedback was also received for the team's facilitation of the booking process. There was also a suggestion for Council to consider providing a water station to assist with future events, which will be reviewed.

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*Figure 13: GALA Day at Endeavour Sports Park
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SUBJECT: Information Report - Procurement Exemption - Fairfield Showground Amenities Replacement

FILE NUMBER: 23/34318

REPORT BY: Suhail Sayeed, Contracts and Planning Co-ordinator

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

Major Projects is seeking a procurement exemption to enable the purchase of new prefabricated toilets and amenities for Fairfield Showground.

In accordance with Council's governance requirements and to inform a value-for-money assessment, Major Projects obtained 3 written quotations from suitably qualified suppliers specialising in prefabricated toilet and amenity units.

A Supplementary Services Chairperson's Report will be submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 28 April 2026, seeking Council's consideration of the procurement exemption and endorsement of the Evaluation Panel's recommendations.

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