

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BURWOOD held electronically on Tuesday 23 March 2021 commencing at 4:05pm.

ATTENDANCE Councillor John Faker (Mayor)

Councillor Ernest Chan (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Heather Crichton

Councillor Raj Dixit

Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook

Councillor George Mannah

Mr T Briscese, General Manager

Mr F Zincone, Director Corporate Services

Ms B Endycott, Director Community Life

Mr G El Kazzi, Director City Assets

Mr D Porter, Director City Strategy

Mr W Armitage, Chief Finance Officer

Ms L Hennessy, Group Manager Corporate Planning and Communications

Ms T Whitmarsh, Consultant Governance Specialist

Ms Michelle Butler, Governance Coordinator

Ms R Gerges, Governance Officer

OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and Acknowledgement of Country.

OPEN FORUM

There was no business for this item.

APOLOGIES

18/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

That leave of absence be granted for Councillor Del Duca.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor John Faker declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in item RC1/21 - Burwood Local Traffic Committee Meeting - March 2021, as he owns a property at The Strand Croydon.

DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATIONS

There were no declarations of political interests by Councillors.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

19/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

That the minutes of the Council Meeting of Burwood held on Tuesday 16 February 2021

and Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 2 March 2021, as circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceeding of the meeting.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Deputy Mayor Ernest Chan)

ADDRESS BY THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Name	Item
Lisa and Richard Ramnac	Item LTC2/21 - Royce Avenue Croydon - Installation of new 'No Parking' Restrictions
Maralyn Newman	Item LTC2/21 - Royce Avenue Croydon - Installation of new 'No Parking' Restrictions

PROCEDURAL MOTION

20/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

That the order of business be changed to consider item RC1/21 - Burwood Local Traffic Committee Meeting - March 2021, as the first item of business.

(Moved Councillor George Mannah/Seconded Deputy Mayor Ernest Chan)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(ITEM RC1/21) BURWOOD LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 2021

File No: 21/9500

Summary

Attached are the Minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee from its meeting of March 2021. The Minutes are hereby submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting for consideration and adoption by Council.

Operational Plan Objective

4.1.5 - Work with RMS and Transport NSW in the development of integrated transport plans

21/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

That the minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee of March 2021 be noted and the recommendations of the Committee as detailed below be adopted as a resolution of the Council.

(ITEM LTC1/21) CAR SHARE BAYS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS APPLIED FOR BY GOGET

Recommendation

That Council approve the installation of seven 'No Parking - Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted' in the following locations as shown on the plan in the report:

Railway Avenue Strathfield

- Russell Street Strathfield
- Carilla Street Burwood
- Mount Pleasant Avenue Burwood
- Stanley Street Burwood
- Belmore Street Burwood
- Shaftesbury Road Burwood

(ITEM LTC2/21) ROYCE AVENUE, CROYDON - INSTALLATION OF NEW 'NO PARKING' RESTRICITONS

Recommendation

- 1. That Council approve the installation of 'No Parking' restrictions along the western side of Royce Avenue for a distance of 6 meters per the plan in the report.
- 2. That Council approve the installation of 'No Stopping' restrictions along the western side of Royce Avenue for a distance of 10 meters north of Rostherne Avenue per the plan in the report.
- 3. a) Council investigate and report back to the next available Traffic Committee to include the section along Royce Avenue parallel to 1 Rostherne Avenue to be included in the existing area (Monash Parade Residential Parking Scheme) with the residents of 1 Rostherne Avenue eligible to be included in that Residential Parking Scheme area
 - b) That Council staff undertake traffic/parking counts to further investigate an area wide residential parking scheme for Royce Avenue and Rostherne Avenue.

(ITEM LTC3/21) PAISLEY ROAD, CROYDON - PROPOSED NEW '1P' PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Recommendation

That Council approves the installation of '1P 8.30am – 6.00pm Monday – Friday and 8.30am – 12.30pm Saturday' parking restrictions for a length of 36 meters north-west of the car park exit on Paisley Road Croydon as per the plan in the report.

(ITEM LTC4/21) BURWOOD ROAD, BURWOOD - PROPOSED 'KEEP CLEAR' LINEMARKINGS AT MINNA STREET INTERSECTION

Recommendation

1. That Council approve the installation of Give Way signs and linemarking in Minna Street at its intersection with Burwood Road per the plan attached to the report.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

(ITEM MM5/21) NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL (13 - 24 APRIL 2021)

File No: 21/10590

Summary

The NSW Seniors Festival is the largest celebration for seniors in the Southern Hemisphere and this year will be held from 13 to 24 April 2021.

Council has a wide range of activities already planned, including a seniors' lunch at Burwood RSL, free movie sessions for seniors at Event Cinemas at Westfield Burwood, and a series of morning teas for residents in local nursing homes in partnership with Little Helpers on the Run. Council has also successfully obtained \$4,958 in funding from the NSW Department of Communities and Justice to increase participation by local seniors in these activities.

In many instances, seniors in our community have experienced the highest levels of

social isolation during the pandemic, and this year's activities will be carefully planned to ensure they are Covid safe and align with our ongoing pandemic response.

As per previous years, I would like Council to provide any senior residing in the Burwood Local Government Area with free access to the Enfield Aquatic Centre during the NSW Seniors Festival 2021 to further support our local seniors. It has been estimated that providing free entry to the Enfield Aquatic Centre will cost Council approximately \$500 or less in lost revenue for the 12 day period.

Furthermore, I would also like to provide local seniors groups and community organisations providing free activities to local seniors during the NSW Seniors Festival 2021 with free access to rooms available for hire in the Burwood Community Hub. It has been estimated that providing free access to rooms available for hire will cost Council an additional \$500 or less in lost revenue for the 12 days that the NSW Seniors Festival is taking place. This initiative will also assist Council to support community run activities for local seniors, introduce more seniors to new facilities and programs available at the Community Hub and assist Council to activate the Community Hub with a broad range of activities as part of the NSW Seniors Festival 2021.

Operational Plan Objective

- 1.1 High quality facilities, services and initiatives to meet the diverse needs of the community.
- 1.2 A well informed, supported and engaged community.
- 1.4 A proud and inclusive community that celebrates diversity.
- 2.2 Strong partnerships to benefit the community.

22/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

For the period of 13 to 24 April 2021, Council provides:

- 1. Free access to the Enfield Aquatic Centre for any senior residing in the Burwood Local Government Area on production of a valid Senior's or Aged Pension Card and proof of address.
- 2. Free access to rooms available for hire in the Burwood Community Hub during library opening hours for local seniors groups and not for profit community organisations providing free activities to seniors residing in the Burwood Local Government Area, with further evidence to be provided at the time of booking confirmation.

(ITEM MM6/21) FEE WAIVER FOR RECIPIENTS OF THE SHOPFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2020/21

File No: 21/11625

Summary

Council's Shopfront Improvement Program directly aligns with our Strategic and Operational Plan objectives to stimulate the local economy, improve the attractiveness of the Burwood CBD and provide opportunities to strengthen and sustain local business.

In 2020/21, the Shopfront Improvement Program was revised to better address Covid-19 impacts on the local business community. Key revisions included a simplified application process and an increased subsidy to 100% (up to a maximum of \$3,000) for eligible

projects.

The application process closed in December 2020, and following an extensive assessment process, eight local businesses have been awarded funding comprising a total of \$20,310 under the Shopfront Improvement Program 2020/21. Successful recipients include the following local businesses (pending successful completion of the proposed works):

- Young Travel Australia
- Ice Cube Sweet
- Wonton Warrior
- LinkC Trading
- ZOOM Real Estate
- Wok n BBQ Chinese Restaurant
- Ausen Health
- Sydney Dumpling King

Four of the eight recipients are now required to apply for a 'Works on Council Property - Temporary Road and/or Footpath Closure' in order to perform the works to be funded by Council. The application process requires minor fees to be paid to Council by the applicant, which seems somewhat counter-intuitive given Council is funding the works.

I would like to extend some further support to these local businesses, and I propose that Council waives the required 'Works on Council Property' fees for the recipients of the Shopfront Improvement Program 2020/21. Should Council support this Mayoral Minute, the fees waived will amount to a total of \$1,880 (including GST). Recipients will still be required to complete the relevant approval processes before undertaking the proposed works.

Operational Plan Objective

5.2 Supported and engaged local businesses

23/21

RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

Council agrees to waive the 'Works on Council Property' fees for the recipients of the Shopfront Improvement Program 2020/21.

(ITEM MM7/21) REVIEW OF HOARDING POLICY AND PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

File No: 21/11600

Summary

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 May 2020, Council adopted the Hoarding Policy, which controls the placement of temporary structures on or above a public road or footpath by property owners, developers, builders and contractors when undertaking construction or maintenance activity.

The policy also describes the design standards for hoardings, which require approval from Council via the submission of a development application. A key feature of the policy is the requirement for artwork or graphics to be displayed on hoardings in areas of high pedestrian activity or exposure in an effort to reduce the visual impact, provide new public art opportunities and contribute to the attractiveness of the Burwood Town Centre

and other local centres.

Council also has a Public Art Strategy, which provides an overarching framework for Council in the commissioning of new pieces of public art. It also includes provision for developments to make an onsite contribution for public art based upon the capital investment value (CIV) of the project. This is currently limited to projects with a CIV of \$40 million or greater and provides that 1% of the CIV be provided for public art (capped at \$100,000).

Now that the current Hoarding Policy and Public Art Strategy have been in operation for a period of time, I believe there is a further opportunity to increase the coverage of these policies to promote greater public art outcomes by:

- Expanding the requirement for 'mandatory' artwork or graphics to construction hoardings outside of the commercial zones, notably the R1, General Residential and R3, Medium Density Residential, which are likely to attract large scale development that may require a site hoarding. Some consideration would need to be given to the threshold development site size, but this could be linked to project value, site area or frontage length.
- Exploring the requirement to include artwork or graphics on other types of site fences situated on the boundary of the site (i.e. not in the footpath). Presently these are outside the control of the Hoarding Policy and typically comprise temporary construction fencing either as an open wire fence or as a closed fence.
- Streamlining the process for applying public art and mandating Council approval of artwork or graphics to ensure the integrity and quality of the artwork. This should include a standard layout for Council owned art images stating minimum size, layout and arrangement.
- Reviewing the current financial thresholds for the provision of onsite public art for developments and exploring opportunities for developers to make a financial contribution for public art in lieu of onsite public art provision.

The above changes could be captured via amendments to both the Hoarding Policy and the Public Art Strategy and/or via conditions of development consent.

Operational Plan Objective

- 5.3.1 Promote opportunities for public art and culture
- 5.3.2 Maintain an attractive Burwood CBD

23/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

Council review the current Hoarding Policy and Public Art Strategy, and provide a detailed report back to Council on opportunities to improve the coverage of these policies to deliver improved public art outcomes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

(ITEM 16/21) URBAN PARK AND CULTURAL CENTRE - REPORT ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

File No: 21/106

Summary

This report presents the outcomes of the community engagement program undertaken by Council to inform the development of the Urban Park and Cultural Centre at the corner of Conder Street and Railway Parade, Burwood.

Operational Plan Objective

- 1.1 High quality facilities, services and initiatives to meet the diverse needs of the community.
- 1.2 A well informed, supported and engaged community.
- 2.2 Strong partnerships to benefit the community.
- 3.1 Maintain and enhance green and open spaces.
- 4.2 Provide connected and accessible infrastructure.

24/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the outcomes of the community engagement program undertaken to inform the development of the Urban Park and Cultural Centre as detailed in Attachment 1.
- 2. Proceed to the detailed design phase of the project, incorporating input and feedback arising from the community engagement program where feasible.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

(ITEM 17/21) BURWOOD LOCAL PLANNING PANEL - CONTINGENT ARRANGEMENTS TO EXTEND MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

File No: 21/7978

Summary

The Local Planning Panels Secretariat of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE) is seeking Council support for short term appointments of Members to the Burwood Local Planning Panel. This contingent measure is necessary to ensure that the Panel can continue to operate lawfully until such time as DPIE finalizes action to refresh the pool of chairs and other expert panel members available to councils across NSW.

Operational Plan Objective

2.1.3 Ensure transparency and accountability in decision making

25/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

That Council endorses the extension of appointments of the following members of the Burwood Local Planning Panel until 31 December 2021, or until such time as appropriate action can be completed to refresh Panel arrangements further to the current recruitment campaign managed by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (whichever occurs first):

	BLPP Member Name	Membership Category
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Mr Graham Brown	Alternate Chair (and ongoing Principal Chair)			
Ms Penny Holloway	Alternate Chair			
Mr Trevor Bly	Expert Member One			
Ms Marjorie Ferguson	Expert Member Two			
Mr Wayne Carter	Alternate Expert Panel Member			
Mr Lindsay Fletcher	Alternate Expert Panel Member			
Ms Juliet Grant	Alternate Expert Panel Member			
Mr Milan Marecic	Alternate Expert Panel Member			
Mr Philip Sarin	Alternate Expert Panel Member			
Ms Julie Walsh	Alternate Expert Panel Member			
Ms Cathryn Callaghan	Community Panel Member			
Mr Jon Breen	Community Panel Member			
Ms Chery Kemp	Community Panel Member			
Mr Brian Kirk	Community Panel Member			

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Deputy Mayor Ernest Chan)

(ITEM 18/21) DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-2022 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN FY2020-2021 HALF-YEARLY REPORT, 1 JULY - 31 DECEMBER 2020

File No: 21/9894

Summary

A report on the progress of Council's Delivery Program 2018-22 is to be presented to Council on a half yearly basis in accordance with legislative requirements of the State Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (406(5) of the Local Government Act 1993).

Operational Plan Objective

2.1.3.2 – Ensure that all public information is accessible and made available in a timely manner

27/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

That Council endorse the Delivery Program 2018-2022 and Operational Plan FY2020-2021 Half- Yearly Report for the Period of 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.

(Moved Councillor Heather Crichton/Seconded Councillor George Mannah)

(ITEM 19/21) 2021 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CANBERRA

File No: 21/9467

Summary

This report is to inform Council that the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA20) will be held as a hybrid event, both at the National Convention Centre in Canberra as well as online via virtual attendance, from 20 to 23 June 2021.

Council may nominate one Voting Delegate, and Council is requested to consider the delegate and nominated observers to attend the NGA21.

The theme for the 27th annual NGA is "Working Together for Our Communities", which acknowledges the need to work together as a sector, with other levels of government and non-government partners to tackle major challenges communities are facing.

NGA21 this year will consider what councils can do today to get ready for the challenges, opportunities and changes that lie ahead.

Operational Plan Objective

2.5.1 Provide strong leadership and advocacy on behalf of the community.

28/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

- 1. That Council nominate the Mayor, or his alternative, as the Voting Delegate for the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA21) to be held from 20 to 23 June 2021 in Canberra.
- 2. That Council determines the attendance of Councillors and the General Manager as observers at the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA21) from 20 to 23 June 2021 in Canberra.
- 3. That Councillors confirm to the General Manager by 5 April 2021 of their availability to attend and whether they will attend in person or virtually.

(Moved Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook/Seconded Councillor Raj Dixit)

(ITEM 20/21) TABLING OF REVISED AND FIRST TIME DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS RETURNS

File No: 21/7979

<u>Summary</u>

The *Burwood Council Code of Conduct* requires councillors and designated persons to submit disclosure of interests returns within 3 months of taking up their position with Council, or becoming aware of an interest not previously disclosed in a first time return or annual return. The *Local Government Act 1993* obliges the General Manager to add these to a consolidated register of returns and bring the returns to the notice of Council by promptly tabling them at a Council meeting. Two revised returns and one first time return have recently been lodged and are now brought to the attention of elected Council.

Operational Plan Objective

2.1.3 Ensure transparency and accountability in decision making

29/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

That Council note the tabling of disclosure of interest returns in accordance with the *Burwood Council Code of Conduct* and the *Local Government Act 1993* for the following council officials:

- 1. Councillor Heather Crichton revised return
- 2. John Inglese (Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure) revised return
- 3. Alistair White (Group Manager Property & Building Services) first time return

and that mandatory proactive release of the returns via publication on the Council website will be effected in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.*

(Moved Deputy Mayor Ernest Chan/Seconded Councillor Raj Dixit)

(ITEM 21/21) INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2021

File No: 21/4755

<u>Summary</u>

In accordance with Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report details all money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Operational Plan Objective

2.3.1 Identify and maintain additional revenue sources to ensure financial sustainability

30/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

- 1. That the investment report for 31 January 2021 be received and endorsed.
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be received and noted.

(Moved Councillor George Mannah/Seconded Deputy Mayor Ernest Chan)

(ITEM 22/21) INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRURY 2021

File No: 21/8711

Summary

In accordance with Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report details all money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Operational Plan Objective

2.3.1 Identify and maintain additional revenue sources to ensure financial sustainability

26/21 RESOLVED (carried unanimously)

- 1. That the investment report for 28 February 2021 be received and endorsed.
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be received and noted.

(Moved Councillor George Mannah/Seconded Deputy Mayor Ernest Chan)

INFORMATION ITEMS

(ITEM IN6/21) PROGRESS REPORT - ENFIELD AQUATIC CENTRE STAGE 2 - LEARN TO SWIM INDOOR POOL

File No: 21/10379

Summary

This report is aimed at providing Council with a status update on the construction project for Council's new 25m indoor learn to swim project at the Enfield Aquatic Centre.

Operational Plan Objective

- 1.1.1 Provide a diverse range of strategies and initiatives that meet the needs of the community
- 1.1.3 Provide active and passive recreational and sporting activities that contribute to health and wellbeing

Background

Burwood Council at its meeting on 25 June 2019 endorsed the project budget and delivery plan for the remainder of the Enfield Aquatic Centre (EAC) Master Plan works as follows:

- Stage 2 New Learn to Swim pool
- Stage 3 Expanded and redesigned rear car park and rear entrance
- Stage 4 New foyer, undercover walk way, mezzanine administration level, toilets/change rooms, group rooms for health/wellbeing activities and café

The tender for Stage 2 was awarded to Carfax Commercial Constructions Pty Ltd on 11 February 2020, following an extensive selection and due diligence process.

Due to Covid-19 Council did not formally engage Carfax until 19 October 2020 under a GC21 Construct Only Contract to undertake the scope of works for the construction of the project.

Carfax commenced demolition works at the Enfield Aquatic Centre in early November 2020, with a contractual completion date of 28 June 2021.

Project Progress Report

The project has progressed well and in line with the 36 week program, with the pool approximately 50% complete at the time of writing this report.

The progress of the project's construction has gained momentum in January 2021 after rain delays during December 2020. A key milestone was met in February 2021 when the concrete pool structure and roof was completed. The project is now focusing on the construction of the external cladding, filtration system, electrical and hydraulic services to the new indoor pool.

Key Issue Updates

- 1. Schedule: Carfax encountered several delays during excavation of the pool due to ongoing rainfall. Four notices of delay were issued by Carfax due to inclement weather events; however no extension of time claims have been submitted at this point in time.
- **2. Design**: The proposed rear entrance has been revised to be a staff and service entry only. This revision was due to:
 - a. Additional costs and operational requirements to manage customers at two entry points simultaneously.
 - b. The need for a new permanent service/storage area for pool operations.
- **3. Procurement:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was some concern regarding the extensive lead time for materials coming from overseas. The ozone bromine filtration equipment is only manufactured in the US and is currently scheduled to arrive onsite in April 2021 which is on track with the construction programme.
- **4. Cost:** The awarded contract sum was in line with the tender cost estimates prepared by the Quantity Surveyor. Financially the project is tracking well and is expected to be delivered within the allocated budget.

Project Program and Delivery

The contract completion date is 28 June 2021, with current activities on track to achieve practical completion by this date. Latent conditions have caused delay to the project; however these delays have been mitigated to date with the project's accelerated progress in January & February 2021.

It is expected that the construction site fencing will remain at the EAC until at least late May with testing and commissioning of the pool planned for June 2021.

Project Management

A designated Project Control Group (PCG) was established for the delivery of this project. The PCG initially met weekly to discuss construction and now meets on an as need basis. The PCG consists of Council's Project Sponsor – Fab Zincone (Director Corporate Services), Project Manager – Brian Truong (Property Management Coordinator) and representatives of the EAC – Simon Fox (Group Manager Community, Library and Aquatic Services) & Ryan Blouin (Coordinator Enfield Aquatic Centre)

The PCG receives regular reports and determines all significant matters associated with the project including scope, budget, priorities and management strategies.

Project meetings are also held fortnightly onsite between Council, Carfax and the project architect to resolve any contractual, design and construction issues for the project.

Finally, Council's Capital Program Working Party (CPWP) meet monthly to review the status of the project and to ensure that there is a transparent and accountable governance framework in place for the project.

WH&S

Council's WH&S team inspected the construction site in November 2021 after site

establishment and reported no issues with the project. There have been no WH&S reported incidents onsite thus far.

Planning or Policy Implications

The Development Application (DA) for EAC masterplan was approved on 19 December 2019.

The Construction Certificate (CC) for stage 2 of the EAC masterplan was divided into two stages. The first stage (CC1) included the scope for the demolition, footings and concrete slab for the new pool and was granted on 20 October 2020. The second stage (CC2) for the construction of the structure and fit out of the new pool was granted on 6 January 2021.

An interim occupation certificate will be granted for stage 2 of the masterplan upon completion of the stage 2 construction works.

Financial Implications

On 25 June 2019 Council endorsed the total project cost of \$11.5 million for the Enfield Aquatic Centre Master Plan implementation.

The costing of the stage 2 works has been undertaken by an independent Quantity Surveyor, with the total cost of works estimated at \$5.4 million.

Stage 2 \$5.4 million (New Learn to Swim Pool)

Stage 3a & 3b \$1.8 million (New carpark & entrance facilities)

Stage 4 \$4.3 million (Foyer refurbishment and new amenities)

A funding adjustment was required to be carried out due to two factors. Firstly the stage 3b rear entry works were accelerated and made part of the Stage 2 works. Secondly the design costs for Stage 4 works were costed to the current Stage 2 project as both stages were required to be designed simultaneously for co-ordination and efficiency. As a result an amount of \$400,000 is forecast to be required to complete the project, with the following adjusted amounts transferred from Stages 3b (\$217,000) and 4 to Stage 2(\$183,000).

The project is on track to be completed within the revised allocated budget and a final report inclusive of financial details will be provided to Council once the project is completed.

Conclusion

Practical completion of the project is anticipated to be 28 June 2021. With the new learn to swim pool to be operational by July 2021.

Recommendation(s)

That Council notes the information provided in this report.

No Decision - Information Item Only

(ITEM IN7/21) POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER - REPORT FOR PERIOD OF DECEMBER 2020 TO FEBRUARY 2021

File No: 21/9924

Summary

At the Council Meeting of 28 May 2019, Council resolved to delegate to Tommaso Briscese a general Power of Attorney.

The resolution included a request for a report to Council every three months on all documents signed under the general Power of Attorney.

Council notes that the following documents were signed under Power of Attorney between December 2020 and February 2021:

- VPA 9-15 George Street Burwood. Presented to Council on 22 November 2016, Item 69/16.
- Burwood Park Reserve Trust Lease to Jad's Place and Silver Winter Pty Ltd -Burwood Park Cafe - Deed of Assignment of Lease and Consent of Lessor. Presented to Council on 23 February 2015, Item 14/15.

Operational Plan Objective

2.1.3 Ensure transparent and accountability in decision making

No Decision - Information Item Only

(ITEM IN8/21) ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

File No: 21/3780

Summary

The following Questions on Notice (QoN) were submitted by Councillor Chan. Council Officers responded to the QoN and Councillors were notified on 2 March 2021 of the outcome of the QoN.

Operational Plan Objective

2.1.3 Ensure transparency and accountability in decision making.

This is now submitted as part of the Council Agenda for Public Notification:

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE						
Question	Response					
Councillor Ernest Chan	Group Manager Building and Development					
Question 1:						
With multi- storey development,	NSW Fire & Rescue do not have any input into					

say over 15 storeys, what input does NSW Fire have on the DA evaluation process?

the assessment of development applications. There is no requirement for the referral of a DA to NSW Fire & Rescue for comment. However in relation to a Construction Certificate application Clause 144 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 1994 sets out the criteria where an application for a Construction Certificate shall be referred to NSW Fire & Rescue for comment.

Councillor Ernest Chan

Question 2:

With increasing traffic on our roads, and increasing number of construction sites, how often do Council and NSW Fire jointly review suitability of our roads to carry out firefighting in our CBD?

Manager Traffic and Transport

Burwood Council is part a Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) which meets quarterly with all emergency services. The committee facilitates collaboration between the various response agencies to be prepared for a range of potential emergencies.

Council does not regularly meet specifically with NSW Fire & Rescue with regards to traffic management. NSW Police have a representative on the Burwood Local Traffic Committee who provides input on behalf of emergency services for any proposed changes to traffic and parking facilities. Council designs new traffic facilities in accordance with Australian Standards and relevant guidelines which takes into consideration the movement of larger vehicles such as fire trucks and service vehicles.

A review of traffic within the Burwood and Strathfield Town Centres is currently being undertaken as part of the LSPS process to identify existing and future traffic issues resulting from future developments.

No Decision - Information Item Only

(ITEM IN9/21) PETITIONS

File No: 21/3790

Summary

Petitions received are reported to Council on a monthly basis. Council has received two petitions since the February 2021 Council Meeting.

Operational Plan Objective

2.1.1 Provide opportunities for discussions and report decisions back to the community

Background

Date Received	Petition Subject	No. of Households and Businesses within the LGA	No. of Households outside the LGA	Responsible Council Division
12 February 2021	Petition received in objection to DA.2021.1 (proposed boarding housing at 2 Cooper Street Strathfield) and DA.2020.122 (Demolition of existing dwelling at 18 Cooper Street Strathfield)	55	13	City Strategy
15 February 2021	Petition received requesting that Council: Place a 'No Left Turn' traffic sign on Parramatta Road (intersection of Royce Avenue Croydon) Make Royce Avenue a P2 zone for non-residents (only from corner of Parramatta Road to Rostherne Avenue)	8	0	City Assets

Comments

That Council notes that the Petition has been referred to the appropriate Council Officers for attention.

No Decision - Information Item Only

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

In accordance with Sections 3.10 and 3.15 of the *Burwood Council Code of Meeting Practice*, written Questions On Notice may be submitted for consideration at an ordinary meeting of Council up until the Monday two weeks before the meeting is to be held. The following written Questions On Notice were acknowledged as received to date for consideration at the meeting scheduled for 27 April 2021:

Councillor Heather Crichton

With Sydney Metro due to commence demolition works in the fourth quarter of 2021 in the vicinity of Parramatta Road and Burwood Road, marking the commencement of the 10 year Burwood North Metro transport infrastructure project:

Question 1:

What is Council's communication strategy to our business chambers, residents and business owners in this vicinity?

Question 2:

Is Council making representations to Sydney Metro to limit possible risk and impact of:

- a) Sydney Metro staff and contractors parking on our local streets;
- b) Local air quality and dust particles;
- c) 24-hour construction noise;
- d) 24-hour truck movements and noise; and
- e) Drivers using our local streets as a 'rat run' to avoid the construction zone?

Question 3:

Is Council developing a 'place-plan' for the 10 year construction phase?

Question 4:

Will Council photograph this location prior to demolition works for our Local Studies collection?

Councillor Lesley Furneaux-Cook

Question 1:

How will the findings and implications for Council and Councillors from the ICAC recommendations on Canterbury Council be brought into our operations and discussed with councillors?

Question 2:

Do staff have any update on the progress of the Burwood North Station as part of Sydney West Metro?

Question 3:

What damages and potential costs to road and other council assets have we experienced from the recent extreme weather event?

This concluded the business of the meeting and Council rose at 5:40pm.

Confirmed this Tuesday 27 April 2021.

MAYOR