



W A V E R L E Y
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OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE will be held at Waverley Council Chambers, Cnr Paul Street and Bondi Road, Bondi Junction at:

7.00 PM, TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018

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Delegations of the Waverley Operations and Community Services Committee

On 10 October 2017, Waverley Council delegated to the Waverley Operations and Community Services Committee the authority to determine any matter **other than**:

1. Those activities designated under s 377(1) of the *Local Government Act* which are as follows:
 - (a) The appointment of a general manager.
 - (b) The making of a rate.
 - (c) A determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate.
 - (d) The making of a charge.
 - (e) The fixing of a fee
 - (f) The borrowing of money.
 - (g) The voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations.
 - (h) The compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment).
 - (i) The acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council.
 - (j) The adoption of an operational plan under section 405.
 - (k) The adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report.
 - (l) A decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6.
 - (m) The fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the council of work on private land.
 - (n) The decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the council for the carrying out of any such work.
 - (o) The review of a determination made by the council, and not by a delegate of the council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
 - (p) The power of the council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194.
 - (q) A decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons,
 - (r) A decision under section 234 to grant leave of absence to the holder of a civic office.
 - (s) The making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister.
 - (t) This power of delegation.
 - (u) Any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the council.
2. The adoption of a Community Strategic Plan, Resourcing Strategy and Delivery Program as defined under sections 402, 403, and 404 of the *Local Government Act*.

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AGENDA

PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The Chair will read the following Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage:

‘God, we pray for wisdom to govern with justice and equity. That we may see clearly and speak the truth and that we work together in harmony and mutual respect. May our actions demonstrate courage and leadership so that in all our works thy will be done. Amen.

Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our Indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our Local Government Area.’

1. Apologies/Leaves of Absence

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

3. Addresses by Members of the Public

4. Confirmation of Minutes

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6. Urgent Business

7. Meeting Closure

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OC/4.1/18.08



Subject: Confirmation of Minutes - Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting - 3 July 2018

TRIM No.: SF18/245

Author: Richard Coelho, Governance and Internal Ombudsman Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the Operations and Community Services Committee meeting held on 3 July 2018 be received and noted, and that such minutes be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Introduction/Background

The minutes of the Operations and Community Services Committee meeting must be submitted to Operations and Community Services Committee for confirmation, in accordance with clause 266 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

Attachments

1. Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes - 3 July 2018



**MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT WAVERLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CNR PAUL STREET AND BONDI ROAD, BONDI JUNCTION ON
TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2018**

Present:

Councillor George Copeland (Chair)	Waverley Ward
Councillor John Wakefield (Mayor)	Bondi Ward
Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak (Deputy Mayor)	Bondi Ward
Councillor Sally Betts	Hunter Ward
Councillor Angela Burrill	Lawson Ward
Councillor Leon Goltsman	Bondi Ward
Councillor Tony Kay	Waverley Ward
Councillor Elaine Keenan	Lawson Ward
Councillor Steven Lewis	Hunter Ward
Councillor Paula Masselos	Lawson Ward
Councillor Will Nemesh	Hunter Ward

Staff in attendance:

Ross McLeod	General Manager
Rachel Jenkin	Acting Director, Waverley Life
Peter Monks	Director, Waverley Futures
Emily Scott	Director, Waverley Renewal
Jane Worthy	Internal Ombudsman

There being no quorum at the scheduled start time of the 3 July 2018 meeting, the Chair adjourned the meeting to reconvene at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 17 July 2018, in the Waverley Council Chambers.

At the commencement of the reconvened meeting at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 17 July 2018, those present were as listed above, with the exception of Cr Keenan who arrived at 6.11 pm.

Pursuant to clause 5.2(3) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the absence of quorum at the 3 July 2018 meeting was a consequence of Cr Keenan having been granted a leave of absence for the meeting, Crs Burrill and Kay having unforeseen personal commitments and Crs Betts, Goltsman and Nemesh having other meeting commitments. Crs Copeland, Lewis, Masselos, O'Neill, Wakefield and Wy Kanak were present.

PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The Chair read the following Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage:

God, we pray for wisdom to govern with justice and equity. That we may see clearly and speak the truth and that we work together in harmony and mutual respect. May our actions demonstrate courage and leadership so that in all our works thy will be done. Amen.

Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our Indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our Local Government Area.

1. Apologies/Leaves of Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cr O'Neill.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Chair called for declarations of interest and none were received.

3. Addresses by Members of the Public

There were no addresses by members of the public.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

OC/4.1/18.07 Confirmation of Minutes - Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting - 5 June 2018 (SF18/245)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Wakefield
Seconder: Cr Kay

That the minutes of the Operations and Community Services Committee meeting held on 5 June 2018 be received and noted, and that such minutes be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Cr Keenan was not present for the vote on this item.

5. Reports

OC/5.1/18.07 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2018 (A13/0314)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Wakefield

Seconder: Cr Masselos

That Council, in respect of the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2018:

1. Nominates the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Copeland and Councillor Masselos as voting delegates for motions.
2. Nominates Councillor Lewis and Councillor Keenan as reserve voting delegates for voting on motions.
3. Nominates Councillor Nemesh to attend the Conference as an observer.
4. Delegates authority to the Mayor to appoint additional delegates if required.
5. Approves the General Manager's attendance at the Conference.
6. Notes that the deadline for the submission of motions for consideration at the conference is 26 August 2018.

OC/5.2/18.07 Related Party Disclosures Policy - Review (A17/0161)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Wakefield

Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That Council adopts the Related Party Disclosures Policy attached to this report in line with the requirements of Accounting Standard AASB 124.

OC/5.3/18.07 Tender Evaluation - Boot Factory Upgrade Options Analysis (A18/0001)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Burrill

That Council:

1. Treats the attachment to this report as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
2. Under clause 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, accepts Tomahawk Studios Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer for the supply of Head Consultancy Services for Boot Factory Upgrade Options Analysis for the sum of \$154,116 (including GST).
3. Authorises the General Manager, or delegated representative, to enter into contract on behalf of Council with Tomahawk Studios Pty Ltd.

4. Notifies unsuccessful tenderers of the decision in accordance with clause 179 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

6. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

7. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.14 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
CHAIR
7 AUGUST 2018

REPORT
OC/5.1/18.08

Subject: Illegally Dumped Waste - Removal and Investigation

TRIM No: A06/1732

Author: Sam McGuinness, Executive Manager, Sustainable Waverley
Paul Sparks, Executive Manager, Clean and Attractive Waverley
Beth Kasumovic, Sustainable Waste Co-ordinator

Director: Peter Monks, Director, Waverley Futures
Emily Scott, Director, Waverley Renewal

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Commences a 12-month trial of an additional illegally dumped waste collection crew within Public Place Cleansing to meet the new service standard outlined in clauses 2 and 3 below.
2. Removes illegal waste dumps from streets in Waverley within two business days of notification when there is no evidence to identify who is responsible for the dumping.
3. Endorses the proposal for illegal waste dumps in Waverley to be removed within three business days when they are significant illegal dumps and evidence exists to identify the offender/s.
4. Undertakes a review of the whole bulky waste collection methodologies and reports back to Council with recommendations for service improvements following this 12-month trial.
5. Notes that there may be instances when the two business day removal time or the three business day removal time cannot be met due to ongoing investigations for serious offences.

1. Executive Summary

This report responds to one Council resolution and one mayoral minute regarding the removal of illegal waste dumps, outlines Council processes on enforcement, compliance and education for Illegal waste dumping and proposes that the collection of bulky waste be reviewed with a future report to Council be prepared.

2. Introduction/Background

In 2016/17, there were 5,309 illegal waste dumping incidents in the Waverley area. This represents approximately 517 tonnes of household waste that was illegally dumped and removed, predominantly at Council's expense. As a result of the numerous incidents, there is an impact to the amenity of the public spaces that our community enjoys.

Council is guided by the policies, guidelines and strategies presented by the NSW state government. The NSW Government is targeting a 30% reduction of illegal waste dumping incidents across NSW by 2020 as outlined in the NSW Illegal Dumping Strategy 2017–21. The stage outlines methods to achieve this target,

including education and awareness; prevention, infrastructure and clean up; regulation and enforcement and monitoring.

Additionally, SSROC Regional Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2017–2021 also sets out a strategic vision for the region. The Strategy includes objectives to promote responsible citizenship in our region to reuse items more and dispose of unwanted items correctly.

Council is very active in the enforcement, education and removal of illegally dumped rubbish. Council funds the Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) squad who undertake detailed investigations and undertake compliance action whenever possible. To date, over 24 clean up notices issued since 2017 have been complied with, where the offender has paid for the removal of illegally dumped items instead of Council.

In the past year, the RID Squad have conducted a business blitz to tackle commercial dumping which has resulted in over 30 businesses being aware that they are responsible to have a site waste and recycling management plan onsite with evidence of their waste contractors, and that dumping is illegal. The level of awareness regarding waste compliance has been heightened both in our residential community and commercial sector as a result of the partnership with the Sydney RID Squad.

Council has a full time Waste Enforcement Officer who actively patrols, enforces and educated the local community on illegally dumped waste and rubbish.

With support from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Council is delivering the Get Rid of It Right Program. The Get Rid of It Right project aims to target both residents and short-term visitors that stay at holiday homes, backpackers and MUDs in the Bondi area. Five priority areas have been identified through Council's baseline data. In 2016/17 financial year, the total number illegal dumps reported at those sites was 786, which makes up 15% of the total incidents in Waverley that year.

The type of illegal dumping behaviour targeted is the illegal dumping of general household items on the kerbside (excluding Construction & Demolition). The project addresses lack of awareness of Council's waste services for collection of bulky waste items and problem wastes, the promotion of reuse initiatives, and that dumping is illegal and how to report a dumper. It will also engage key stakeholders including real estate agents, strata, property managers and various community groups to tackle dumping through education and engagement. The program will be rolled out between 2018/19.

The Program is aligned with the State Government's Illegal Dumping Strategy [NSW EPA Illegal Dumping Strategy](#). The strategy outlines six approaches as follows:

1. Building an evidence base.
2. Stakeholder engagement and capacity building.
3. Education and awareness.
4. Prevention, infrastructure and clean-up.
5. Regulation and enforcement.
6. Evaluation and monitoring.

Council is currently identifying the optimum options to improve our bulky waste collection service. A review on how best to achieve this is currently taking place so that any bulky waste that is presented can be collected within a short time frame so that waste items are not on the street for long periods.

3. Relevant Council Resolutions

Council or Committee Meeting and Date	Minute No.	Decision
Council Meeting 20 February 2018	CM/5.4/18.02	That Council officers investigate the operational changes required to remove illegally dumped rubbish from Waverley streets within 48 hours of reporting, assess the potential impacts of these changes, and report back to Council with the assessment and a media strategy for promotion of these changes.
Council Meeting 18 July 2017	CM/8.4/17.07	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="639 622 1437 972">1. Council reviews our existing approach to illegal dumping throughout the LGA from both a responsive (customer complaint led) and a proactive (planning) basis with a view to improving street cleanliness and the overall look and feel of Waverley, without compromising our strategic waste targets. The review should consider the current approach to illegal dumping from waste collection, education and compliance perspectives, benchmark Waverley against best practice approaches by other Councils and identify opportunities for improvement. <li data-bbox="639 1016 1437 1189">2. Council officers report back to Council with recommendations for improvement that include instant impact 'quick wins' and longer-term changes on how we can better address illegal dumping and clean up our municipality. <li data-bbox="639 1234 1437 1330">3. Council notes previous motions relating to illegal dumping, and officers incorporate the suggested changes from the review into previous motions and current practice.

4. Discussion

The scale of the problem with over 5,000 illegal waste dumps in Waverley reported in one year (2016/17) despite considerable efforts by Council demonstrate that this issue cannot be completely eliminated in a short period. It will require work from Council in line with the NSW Government Strategy that includes prevention, education and compliance and enforcement. This report proposes that an additional three Public Place Staff are required so that most illegal waste dumps can be collected within two business days.

There is significant social research published that indicates that the rapid removal of waste dumps embeds a perception that it is local government's responsibility to remove these items, and that there is an understanding that if items are presented on the kerb, Council will clean it up for free. Council sees it as important to continue our proactive use of the other approaches (education and enforcement) to offset this perception and ensure that illegal waste dumping in the Waverley area improves.

Bulky waste collection service

A key way to reduce illegal waste dumping is to provide local residents with a bulky waste collection service that is easy to use, understand and works effectively. Council is identifying the optimum bulky waste collection service from a customer service, operational and diversion from landfill perspective. Any changes

to our bulky waste collection service needs to ensure that they can be undertaken in an efficient and timely way. This will enable Council to reduce its transport costs and the emissions associated with this. The service also needs to be able to be booked in a simple manner for our residents such as through online and cater for problem items such as mattresses.

5. Financial impact statement/Timeframe/Consultation

To ensure all illegal waste dumps are collected within two business days from being reported, an additional three Public Place Staff are required for a 12-month period. The financial impact of implementing these recommendations is estimated to cost an additional \$137,791.68 per annum from Council's budget.

A 12-month trial will enable Clean and Attractive to complete a review of our street cleaning schedules and the success of this program. At the end of the year, the Clean and Attractive team will be in a position to determine future resource requirements and report back to Council on a review of the test of this approach to bulky waste collection within two business days, and other aspects of Council's bulky waste collection processes.

Additionally, at the end of the test period, the Clean and Attractive team will reconvene with the Sustainable Waverley team to discuss opportunities to improve Council's bulky waste collection service to ensure it:

- Aligns with the Illegal Dumping Prevention objectives of the NSW State Government.
- Is undertaken in an efficient and timely way that reduces transport costs and the emissions associated with this.
- It minimises waste sent to landfill.
- Identifies an easy way for Waverley residents to book a Clean-Up Collection and cater for problem items such as mattresses.
- It identifies the optimal bulky waste collection service for Waverley (including whether a Scheduled Clean-Up Service is required).

At this time, a report will be prepared for Council that details the optimal bulky waste collection service for Waverley.

The Sustainable Waverley team within Council are closely involved with the education and enforcement aspects of illegal dumping and have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6. Conclusion

This Council report proposes additional resourcing to collect any illegally dumped rubbish promptly, to continue to actively educate the local community on how to avoid dumping, while undertaking enforcement and compliance action on illegal dumps where possible.

7. Attachments

Nil.

REPORT
OC/5.2/18.08

Subject: NSW Public Library Funding

TRIM No: A02/0635-02

Author: Jody Rodas, Manager, Library and Learning Futures

Director: Rachel Jenkin, Acting Director, Waverley Life

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative, Renew Our Libraries, and takes a role in activating the campaign locally by:

1. Formally advising the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW that Council has endorsed the library funding advocacy initiative.
2. Writing to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts, and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bipartisan support for the provision of a significant increase in state funding for NSW public libraries, supported by a sustainable future funding model.
3. Making representations to the local State Members, the Hon. Bruce Notley-Smith and the Hon. Gabrielle Upton, in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services.
4. Endorsing the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative information at Waverley Library, as well as involvement, where appropriate in actions arising from the initiative.

1. Executive Summary

In the 2018–19 NSW State Budget papers, it is proposed to reduce State Government funding to public libraries by 18%.

In response to this, the NSW Public Library Association are launching a funding campaign, Renew Our Libraries.

This report recommends Council's endorsement of the campaign and actions arising from it.

2. Introduction/Background

NSW public libraries are governed by the *Library Act 1939*, a legislative instrument that was initially introduced to ensure the provision and ongoing sustainability of libraries through State Government and Local Government collaboration, and providing up to 50% of the funding required to establish and operate libraries. Since then local government has increasingly carried the funding burden with the situation deteriorating significantly since the 1980s. As a result, there are examples of attrition in library staffing, opening hours, collections, services and programs in a number of councils across the state.

Each year, Council invests significantly in its library service, spending \$4 million annually to fund nearly 600,000 visits and around 525,000 loans each year as well as providing electronic resources and a range of educational and recreational programs.

While Council receives funds from State Government, these have continued to decline over many years. In 2015/16, State funding for public libraries covered only 7.5% of the total costs of operating the 368 libraries across NSW. The issue impacts all Council run libraries in NSW and has now reached a critical point.

The key issues are that:

- NSW public libraries receive the lowest per-capita funding from their State Government compared to all other states in Australia.
- NSW councils are currently paying 92.5% of the costs to operate public libraries, up from 77% in 1980.
- In 2015–16, NSW State Government funding for public libraries was only \$26.5 million compared to a contribution of \$341.1 million from Local Government. NSW councils are paying 12 times more than the State Government to provide library services to their communities.
- The total funding available through the NSW Public Library Funding Strategy is not indexed to population growth or consumer price index (CPI), thereby contributing to the ongoing attrition of State Government funding.
- The 2018–19 State Budget delivered a 5% cut to current funding and cut access to all infrastructure funding for metropolitan areas.
- Physical and virtual visitation, library borrowing and participation in library programs continue to increase year on year.
- Libraries play a major part in supporting the achievement of government literacy targets.
- Libraries provide collections, programs and spaces for marginalised groups including older people, refugee and multicultural communities, and people who are digitally disadvantaged.

3. Relevant Council Resolutions

Council or Committee Meeting and Date	Minute No.	Decision
Council Meeting 18 March 2014	MM.5/14	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide support to the campaign mounted by the NSW Public Library Associations for increased State funding to local government for public libraries by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Making representation to the local State Member in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services; (b) Writing to the Hon. George Souris, Minister for the Arts, requesting the Government to implement the Reforming Public Library Funding submission of the Library Council of NSW in 2012 for the reform of the funding system for NSW public libraries; (c) Approving the distribution of NSW Public Library Associations campaign information in Council libraries; (d) Taking a lead role in activating the campaign locally.

4. Discussion

In 2011, the NSW State Government made a pre-election commitment to comprehensively review the level and allocation of funding for NSW public libraries. The Library Council of NSW worked with the NSW Public Libraries Association and the State Library of NSW to develop an evidence-based submission.

The resulting submission, *Reforming Public Library Funding*, recommending a fairer, simpler and more transparent method for the distribution of funds, was presented to the State Government in October 2012. Despite the undertaking of the State Government to comprehensively review funding for its public libraries, the recommendations of *Reforming Public Library Funding* were ignored and the funding model was neither reviewed nor improved.

This resulted in a campaign led by both the Metropolitan Libraries and NSW Public Libraries Associations, which was strongly supported by Waverley Council.

In 2016, the then Minister for the Arts, the Hon. Troy Grant, undertook to review the matter of State Government funding for NSW libraries at the conclusion of the Fit For the Future program; however, as yet there has been no review of library funding nor any mention of libraries in the Government's pre-election undertakings. At the 2016 LGNSW Conference, the Premier Mike Baird committed to reviewing library funding.

The NSW Public Libraries Association has joined forces with Local Government NSW to establish a library funding advocacy initiative in the lead up to the 2019 NSW State election. The Renew Our Libraries strategy will be rolled out over the next eight months to persuade the Government that its network of 368 public libraries has reached a funding flashpoint that, without significantly increased and sustainable funding, is at risk of imminent service reduction. The success of this approach relies heavily on the support of NSW councils, their libraries and their communities.

It should be noted that the following motion (submitted by the Blue Mountains City Council) was unanimously endorsed at the Local Government NSW 2017 Conference:

That Local Government NSW works with the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) to develop a strategic partnership to:

- a) increase public awareness of the multiple roles that Local Government Public Libraries play in supporting the educational, social, cultural and economic outcomes in local communities.*
- b) advocate, in the lead up to the March 2019 State election, for improved State Government funding for Local Government Public Libraries in NSW to enable public libraries to meet the growing needs of our local communities.*

In the 2018–19 NSW State Budget papers, it is proposed to reduce total State Government funding (including grants) to public libraries by a total of 18%.

In response to this, the NSW Public Library Association are launching a funding campaign, Renew Our Libraries. Further information is available at <https://nswpla.org.au/>

5. Financial impact statement/Timeframe/Consultation

The Library Council of NSW, in consultation with the State Library of NSW and the NSW Public Libraries Consultative Committee (PLCC), recommended an increase in public library funding to \$30 million in 2018–19.

The 2018–19 NSW state budget delivered a 5% cut to ongoing library subsidy funding, and this will have the following implications:

Funding Type	Amount Received by Council 2017–18	Impact after change to funding model
Library Subsidy	\$135,727	At this stage the impact is unknown, NSWPLA estimate all Councils will receive a cut to this funding except for Camden and City of Sydney due to increasing population in these areas.
Local Priority Grant	\$49,219	No anticipated change.
NSW Public Library Infrastructure Grants	\$41,000 (2018) \$147,000 (2017)	This grant program will be discontinued. \$5 million has been allocated to public libraries in the Regional Cultural Fund. Metropolitan libraries are ineligible to apply.

6. Conclusion

There is a high degree of uncertainty within the NSW public library network about the level of ongoing State Government funding for public libraries. Already, local authorities are responsible for a disproportionate amount of funding and the discrepancy between state and local government funding has increased with the latest funding cuts.

Council is asked to endorse the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative, Renew Our Libraries and take a role in activating the campaign locally.

7. Attachments

Nil.

**REPORT
OC/5.3/18.08**

Subject: Intersection of Bondi Road and Council Street/Waverley Street, Bondi Junction - Proposed Closure of Slip Lane and Introduction of Left-turn Ban

TRIM No: A13/0465

Author: Geoff Garnsey, Manager, Traffic and Development

Director: Emily Scott, Director, Waverley Renewal

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Raises no objection in principle to:
 - (a) The removal of the slip lane, island and crossing on the south-eastern corner of the intersection of Council Street and Bondi Road.
 - (b) The implementation of a full time left-turn ban for westbound traffic on Bondi Road into Council Street.
2. Requests of RMS that, in any detailed design for the removal of the slip lane and island, the existing 'No Stopping' zone on the eastern side of Council Street south of Bondi Road be reviewed and provision be made to increase the quantum of on-street parking.

1. Executive Summary

Council has received advice from the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) that it is considering closing the slip lane on the south-eastern corner of Bondi Road and Council Street, Bondi Junction and implementing a full time left-turn ban for traffic westbound in Bondi Road into Council Street.

It is considered the proposal has merit on pedestrian, cyclist and public transport grounds by improving conditions for all three and it is recommended the proposal be supported.

2. Introduction/Background

The RMS has contacted Council seeking comments in regard to a proposal being put forward by the authority to install a full time, left-turn ban for westbound traffic in Bondi Road into Council Street, Bondi Junction.

The RMS indicates a left-turn ban is being considered to:

- Improve conditions for pedestrians by having one less stage to cross when crossing Council Street on the south side of the intersection and improve visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.
- Improve bus running times by increasing throughput at the intersection.
- Improve general traffic benefits by reducing the incidence of rear end type crashes and better throughput.



Figure 1. Intersection of Bondi Road and Council Street, Bondi Junction.



Figure 2. View of the slip lane with zebra crossing to be closed on Council Street.

3. Relevant Council Resolutions

Nil.

4. Discussion

The RMS is proposing to close the slip lane on the south-eastern corner of the intersection of Bondi Road and Council Street/Waverley Street and install as full time, left-turn ban for westbound traffic on Bondi Road into Council Street.

The following advice has been received from the RMS in relation to RMS has indicated the left-turn restriction would provide benefits for the following road users:

- **Pedestrians** – Pedestrians would be required to cross one less stage to cross Council Street. The current pedestrian storage island is very narrow and pedestrians often struggle to fit on this island.
- **Cyclists** – Removing the slip lane would add to cycleway connectivity. A ‘toucan’ crossing could potentially be installed to allow cyclists to cross the road without the need to dismount.
- **Public transport** – The left-turn restriction would result in better bus throughput for buses using Bondi Road on weekdays and weekends.
- **General traffic** – All vehicles using Bondi Road are anticipated to benefit from the restriction. Bondi Road carries large vehicle volumes with counts showing peak hour volumes of 1,161 vehicles. Congestion for these vehicles is expected to be reduced, as well as a safety benefit with the reduced likelihood of rear end crashes. There have been six rear end crashes at this intersection over the past five years of finalised crash data.

Vehicle and pedestrian volume counts were carried out by Austraffic on behalf of the RMS on Friday, 4 May 2018 between 6 am and 7 pm for all legs of the intersection.

The tables below summarise the counts:

Time Period	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Buses	TOTAL
6 am–7 pm	1,703	120	11	1,834
7 am–8 am peak	106	9	0	115
5 pm–6 pm peak	160	1	1	162

Table 1. Vehicle Count – Left-turn from Bondi Road via the slip lane into Council Street

Time Period	TOTAL
6 am–7 pm	2,612
7.45 am–8.45 am (highest am count)	394
7.45 pm–8.45 pm(highest pm count)	196

Table 2. Pedestrian Count – Pedestrians walking across the slip lane in both directions

It is considered the left-turn ban from Bondi Road into Council Street has the potential to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists; improve running time for buses; improve general traffic flow and reduce the number of rear end crashes. The proposal is therefore supported on those grounds. The improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport accords with the objectives of Council’s People, Movement and Places Strategy document.

Drivers travelling west on Bondi Road, should the left-turn ban be implemented, do have several streets along Bondi Road at which to turn off to the left before Council Street to gain safe access onto Birrell Street then Council Street/Carrington Road.

It is considered unlikely that drivers once they are aware of the turn ban will continue to travel along Bondi Road and cross over the intersection at Council Street and use streets such as Botany Street to access Birrell Street then Carrington Road.

Those using Paul Street on the south side of Bondi Road will be disadvantaged in that there is currently a right-turn ban for vehicles from Paul Street onto Bondi Road. Users of that part of Paul Street currently turn left into Council Street to travel to the south and east. The most likely route under the RMS proposal is that once exiting Paul Street, drivers will use Botany Street then Birrell Street to access Carrington Road to travel south. It is considered the additional traffic volumes in Botany Street resulting from the left-turn ban at Bondi Road will not be significant.

Additional on street parking could potentially be provided on the east side of Council Street immediately south of Bondi Road with the closure of the slip lane and removal of the 'No Stopping' zone. The quantum of parking would need to be determined during the detailed design phase for the closure of the slip lane. Any increase in on street parking on Council Street will improve conditions for those residing in Paul Street and Dalley Street.

5. Financial impact statement/Timeframe/Consultation

All costs associated with consulting with the wider community and undertaking the works will be borne by the RMS.

6. Conclusion

It is considered the proposal by the RMS to remove the slip lane on the south-eastern corner of Bondi Road and Council Street and introduce a left-turn ban from Bondi Road into Council Street has merit on pedestrian, cyclist and public transport grounds and is recommended for approval.

7. Attachments

Nil.

REPORT
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Subject: SSROC Banking Services Contract

TRIM No: A18/0412

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That Council:

1. Treats the attachment to this report as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
2. Notes that the General Manager has signed the SSROC Banking Services Contract with SSROC's recommended preferred services provider, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, for an initial period of five years (plus 1 x 2 year extension) for Council's transactional banking services.

1. Executive Summary

The Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) recently called for Request for Tenders on behalf of the participating Councils for the Provision of Transactional Banking Products and Services (SSROC -B18).

Waverley Council participated in the tender process, as the estimated spending for this service is likely to be more than \$150,000 in any two consecutive years. Accepting the SSROC recommended preferred service provider and the Contract will enable Council to benefit from economies of scale and volume discounts.

2. Introduction/Background

SSROC is an association of 11 municipal and city councils in the Southern Region of Sydney. SSROC provides a forum for the councils to deal with common issues, particularly those that cross boundaries and achieve economies of scale. Key issues include procurement, planning, environment, transport, sustainability and waste management and advocacy on regional issues.

SSROC's Transactional Banking contract B15 SSROC was due to expire on 30 June 2018. As a result, SSROC requested interest from Councils for renewal and market testing for the procurement of these services. Seven councils participated in the procurement exercise including Waverley Council which was conducted in accordance with relevant Local Government Tender Guidelines and Regulations.

The Information Brief requested respondents to demonstrate transactional banking capacity and experience across a diverse set of transactional banking products and services including Accounts and account structure provision, EFTPOS, Electronic Banking, Merchant Services, BPAY, Security compliances, Advisory and Analytical Services.

3. Relevant Council Resolutions

Nil.

4. Discussion

The outcome of the Joint Procurement is set out below.

There were two submissions received from the following organisations:

- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- National Bank of Australia Limited

The Evaluation Panel comprised:

- Greg Byrne – Manager Financial Operations, Randwick Council (Evaluation).
- John Maunder – Manager Finance, Canterbury Bankstown Council (Evaluation).
- Tanya Ryvchin – Acting Manager Procurement, Fleet and Stores, Waverley Council (Evaluation).
- Roger Bramble – Procurement and Contracts Coordinator, SSROC (Governance).
- Daemoni Bishop – Independent Probity Advisor.

SSROC evaluation panel tender recommendation report for the Provision of Transactional Banking Products and Services (B18 SSROC) is attached to this report. Commonwealth Bank of Australia emerged from the evaluation process as the preferred provider.

SSROC finalised the contract arrangement with all the participating councils on 30 June 2018. Waverley Council has executed the contract with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia for business continuity.

5. Financial impact statement/Timeframe/Consultation

SSROC Regional Contracts increase the bargaining power of the participating Councils providing for better value for money and better services from the supply market by consolidating demand and presenting greater customer scale.

6. Conclusion

In the view of staff and the evaluation panel, the SSROC Contract represents good value for money for the Council. Staff regard using the Preferred Service Provider Commonwealth Bank of Australia under SSROC contract as advantageous for the Council.

7. Attachments

1. SSROC - Submission Recommendation Report - Provision of Transactional Banking Products and Services (confidential)