

## Agenda

### Ordinary Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly, on:

**Monday 14 September 2015**

Commencing at 7.30pm for the purpose of considering items included on the Agenda.

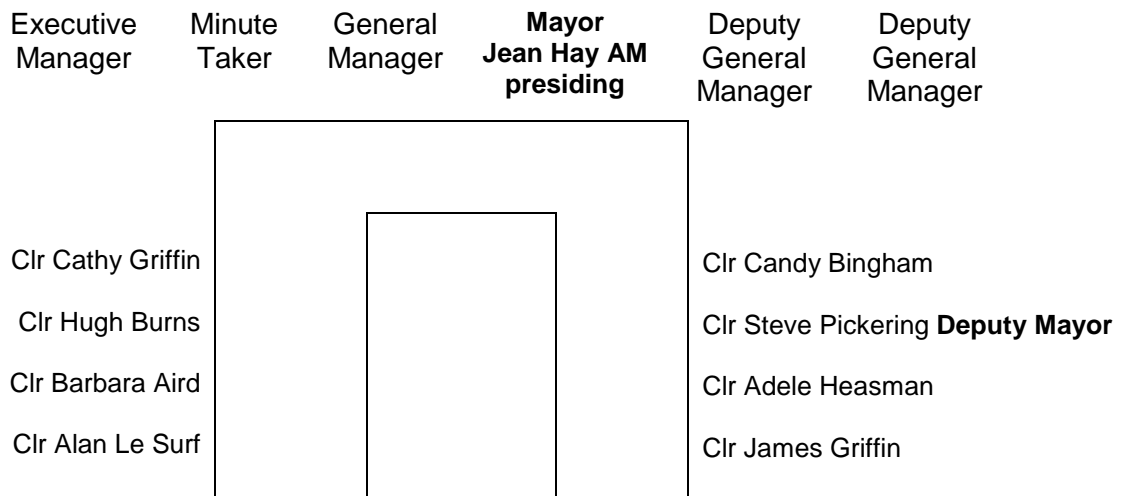
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(In accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations, 2005)

**CLOSED SESSION**



**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Notice of Motion Report No. 37  
**SUBJECT:** Smoke Free Zone – Market Place & Market Lane  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/112962

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**Councillor Candy Bingham will move that:**

The General Manager prepare a report investigating the possibility of Market Place & Market Lane becoming a designated “Smoke-Free Zone” as requested by a number of the retailers operating in this area.



**BACKGROUND**

Market Place and Market Lane are changing into a more cosmopolitan/pedestrian area. Recently a number of new eateries have opened adding to the popularity of this space for locals to visit.

A petition of 136 signatures, organised by a number of retailers in the area, is tabled to support their request for the new zoning.

Given the area in question seems to fit the criteria of the NSW Government’s new smoking regulations re the proximity of outdoor eating areas and government buildings (the library), this change would improve the overall amenity of Market Lane and Market Place.

Copy of petition submitted is tabled.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Notice of Motion be submitted for consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**AT- 1** Petition Non Smoking Market Place      7 Pages      Tabled

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Notice of Motion Report No. 37 \*\*\*\*\*

**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Notice of Motion Report No. 38  
**SUBJECT:** Retailer Survey  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/113242

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**Councillor Candy Bingham will move that:**

In conjunction with the Expressions of Interest process for the Manly2015 Plan, the report by Dr Mark De Teliga of Benchmark Research of a survey undertaken of 214 Manly CBD ground floor business owners during August 2015, be tabled and received.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Notice of Motion be submitted for consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**AT- 1** Retailer Survey 4 Pages

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Notice of Motion Report No. 38 \*\*\*\*\*



## **GOOD FOR MANLY RETAILER SURVEY**

**Conducted: August 2015**

**Report Prepared: September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Report Prepared By: Dr Mark de Teliga** (Managing Director of Benchmark Research)

### **Background:**

The Good For Manly team, and Cr Candy Bingham in particular, wanted to determine what attitudes Manly retailers had towards the proposed Oval car park, the subsequent road closures/alterations, the refurbishment of the library and the demolition of the Whistler Street car park.

A team of interviewers was dispatched with a standard questionnaire that was either completed onsite with retailers, or was left for retailers to complete when they had time.



**The Questionnaire:**

Respondents were asked to include their business name, their own name, their position within the retailer organisation, and whether or not they were a member of the Manly Chamber of Commerce (CoC).

Respondents were then asked five questions with one of three possible responses: "Support"; "Don't Support"; "Don't Know".

The five questions were:

1. Manly Council now plans to build a 500 space car park at Manly Oval to replace the Whistler Street car park. The Oval car park will provide a minimal number of additional parking spaces.
2. Council plans to demolish the Whistler Street car park and lease the site for 99 years to be redeveloped for shops and apartments. There will be no public parking on the site.
3. Council plans to refurbish/rebuild the Library with an additional two floors of community space.
4. Council plans to remove 100 parking spaces on the street to further pedestrianise Manly's CBD.
5. Council plans the closure of Sydney Road from Belgrave to the Corso, and no through traffic in Central Ave, to pedestrianise Manly's CBD.

**Responses:**

In total, 186 completed responses were received and were available for analysis. Of these total responses, 28 were from the members of the Manly CoC.

**The Analysis:**

The data was coded and entered by Benchmark research, and the analysis was performed using standard data-analysis techniques, on Excel Spreadsheets.

## Notice of Motion Report No. 38.DOC - Retailer Survey

### Retailer Survey



#### The Findings:

There were some significant differences in response towards the five questions between the total group (N=186) and the CoC members (N=28).

As can be seen from the tables below, the following differences are clear:

<b>RETAILERS N=186</b>	<b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE N=28</b>	
<b>500 Oval Car Park</b>		
Q1 SUPPORT	19%	44%
Q1 NOT SUPPORT	<b>72%</b>	42%
Q1 DK	9%	14%
<b>Lease Whistler St</b>		
Q2 SUPPORT	8%	<b>45%</b>
Q2 NOT SUPPORT	<b>83%</b>	37%
Q2 DK	9%	18%
<b>Library Update</b>		
Q3 SUPPORT	<b>69%</b>	<b>75%</b>
Q3 NOT SUPPORT	24%	21%
Q3 DK	7%	4%
<b>Lose street parking</b>		
Q4 SUPPORT	6%	<b>58%</b>
Q4 NOT SUPPORT	<b>82%</b>	39%
Q4 DK	12%	3%
<b>Close Sydney Rd</b>		
Q5 SUPPORT	14%	<b>61%</b>
Q5 NOT SUPPORT	<b>78%</b>	27%
Q5 DK	8%	12%

1. Only 19% of all retailers supported the building of the Oval car park, whereas 44% of CoC members supported this.
2. To clarify this point, 72% of all retailers said they did not support this Oval car park proposal. Almost the same number of CoC members did not support this plan (42%) as those who did support the plan.
3. With regards to the demolition of the Whistler Street car park, a majority (83%) of all retailers did not support this plan, whereas 58% of the CoC member did support it.

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**Notice of Motion Report No. 38.DOC - Retailer Survey**  
**Retailer Survey**

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4. There was general support for the refurbishment of the library with 69% of all retailers saying they supported that plan, and 75% of CoC members supporting it as well.
5. The plan to remove 100 car parking spaces from the street was overwhelmingly not supported by retailers (Don't Support = 82%); whereas nearly 60% of CoC members did support this plan.
6. The fifth matter, road closures and traffic flow changes was not supported by retailers (78%), whereas over sixty percent of CoC members did support these plans.

**Comments:**

- a. There are significant differences between the opinions of retailers and those of the CoC members.
- b. CoC members generally showed much greater support overall for the proposed changes than did all retailers who responded to the survey.
- c. The responses from all retailers cannot be misconstrued. They are clear and unequivocal. Retailers do not want these changes, apart from the refurbishment of the Library, which they did support.

**Researcher's Notes:**

- i) I believe this survey was conducted in an open, honest manner, with no prejudice from the distributor of the questionnaire.
- ii) I have reviewed the data collected, and believe the integrity of the data collected.
- iii) Having run surveys for over 25 years, I believe the questions/statements to be fair and reasonable (as long as they were factually accurate), and were not biased nor "leading" respondents towards a desired response/outcome.
- iv) The clarity of the responses i.e. the clear outcomes of the data, cannot be questioned as doubtful or unclear.



**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Notice of Motion Report No. 39  
**SUBJECT:** Completion of Manly Plaza, Short Street  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/113247

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**Councillor Candy Bingham will move That:**

The General Manager prepares a report to Council setting out when the Manly Plaza is expected to be completed, and what works are yet to be done.

The report should also include if the original plans were changed and is so, why.

**BACKGROUND**

The transformation of the tired Short Street Plaza was the first Manly2015 project as part of the Council's activation of laneways project.

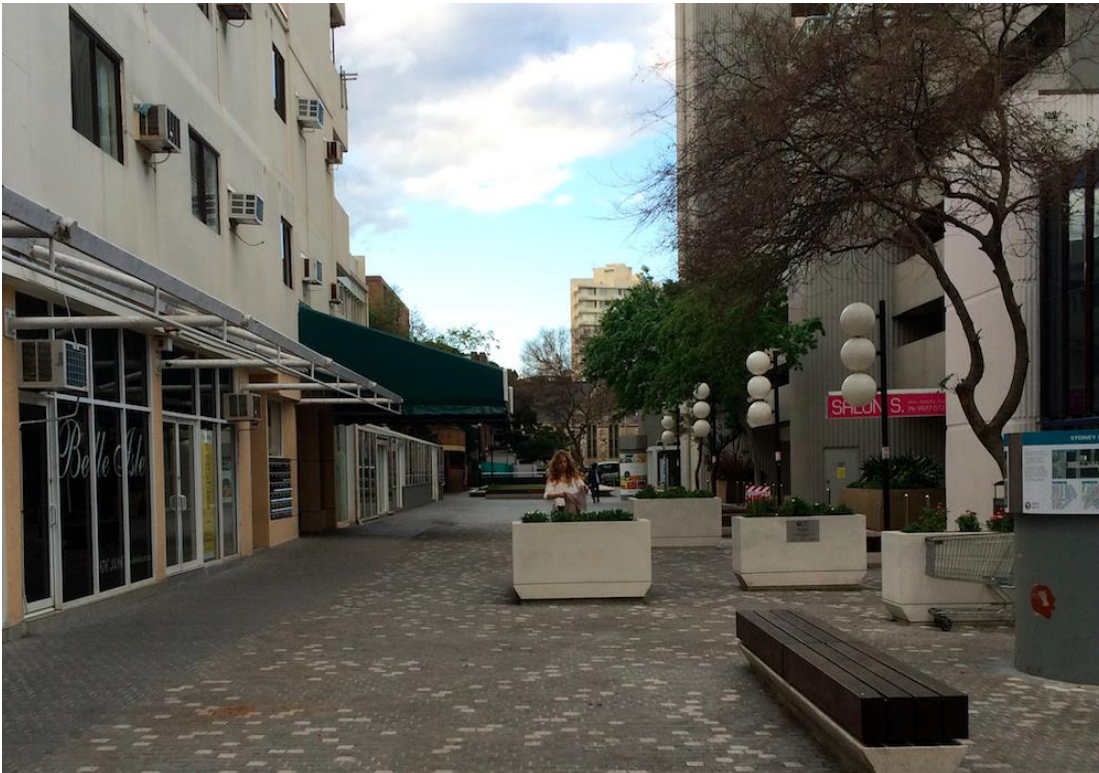
While the Manly Produce Markets have added life to the space twice a week, the new 'Manly Plaza' does not, as yet, have the green walls nor art installations that were part of the original design. What was proposed:



*Short Street's potential is revealed with an open vista, green walls and art installations.*

**Notice of Motion Report No. 39 (Cont'd)**

Actual Plaza today:

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Notice of Motion be submitted for consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Notice of Motion Report No. 39 \*\*\*\*\*



**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Notice of Motion Report No. 40  
**SUBJECT:** Progress Report on Manly Swim Centre Redevelopment  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/113254

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**Councillor Barbara Aird will move that:**

The General Manager provides a report to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council including:

All variations/amendments to original DA177/2013 approved December 2013.

Details in relation to each of the four "packages" adopted by Council on 11/8/14, viz.

1. Swim Centre redevelopment
2. Amenities L. M. Graham Reserve
3. Co Gen and Energy Centre
4. Extra works and provision for remediation

of:

Original budget;

Amounts spent to date;

Related expenditure for Kenneth Road (numerous changes to traffic conditions);

Amounts committed;

Agreed variations;

Total estimated cost to complete;

Actual/revised budget;

Estimated date of completion; also

Council to provide an ongoing monthly financial and progress report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Notice of Motion be submitted for consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Notice of Motion Report No. 40 \*\*\*\*\*

**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Notice of Motion Report No. 41  
**SUBJECT:** Progress Report on Balgowlah and Pittwater Rds Pedestrian Access and Management Plan (PAMP)  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/113255

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**Councillor Barbara Aird will move:**

That the General Manager provides a report to next Ordinary Meeting of Council on the progress to date following Council's resolution of 9th March, 2015.

Note: there have been ongoing community concerns for many years regarding pedestrian safety in this area which have continued to worsen.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Notice of Motion be submitted for consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Notice of Motion Report No. 41 \*\*\*\*\*

**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Notice of Motion Report No. 42  
**SUBJECT:** Concerns over the sale of State Government Assets  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/114554

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**Councillor Hugh Burns will move:**

The Council write to the local member and Premier the Hon. Mike Baird to

- 1) Express its concern about the ongoing sale of State Government property assets in the Manly area.
- 2) Notes that most land being sold is environmentally significant (including having heritage value)
- 3) Recognise that the community has contributed to the historical cost of the property assets being sold-off, by means of fees and charges paid for over 50 years.
- 4) Request that all surplus state government assets are first offered to Manly Council for community use, or retention as public reserves, before being sold off to developers on the open market.
- 5) Express its concern that the state government service to the public is being effectively downgraded by the sale of property such as the local RMS office.

**Background**

The current state government continues to search for “surplus” state properties to sell from various state government agencies. In terms of the state budget these sales are of insignificant value but have a major local effect and regards loss of environmental and heritage amenity, and in the case of the local RMS office closure, loss of public convenience.

The sales are largely of items of environmental significance - either heritage items of natural environment.

As regards heritage, there is the sale of the listed electricity substation in Griffiths Street and the sale of the Sydney Water original Manly Storage Reservoir site at Fairlight.

As regards the natural environment, there is the proposed sale (on hold) of part of the Sydney Water reservoir site adjacent the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park (which was created from the Manly Dam site which the reservoir facilities were once part of), and the proposed sale of bushland near Council's community gardens.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Notice of Motion be submitted for consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Notice of Motion Report No. 42 \*\*\*\*\*

**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Item For Brief Mention Report No. 12  
**SUBJECT:** Items For Brief Mention  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/111684

# 1. Notices of Motion status report.

The following Notices of Motion are currently in progress.

Res No.	Meeting Date	Subject	Resolution	Status
115/15	10 Aug	Notice of Motion Report No. 36 - Support for Save our Councils Coalition	That Council pledge its support for the Save our Councils coalition.	SOC contacted and information being provided.
114/15	10 Aug	Notice of Motion Report No. 35 - 2014/2015 Performance of Council's car parks	The General Manager prepare and make available as soon as practicable an updated report to Council on the performance of Council's car parks for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, in the same format as that provided for the previous year.	Report in progress
112/15	10 Aug	Notice of Motion Report No. 33 - Lagoon Park Lighting	Trial installation at the Pittwater Road end of Lagoon Park, two solar powered lights as a possible solution to illuminate the entire path and obtain Community feedback prior to proceeding.	Referring to Community Safety Committee
93/15	13 July	Notice of Motion 32 – Clearing of Former Tramway Reservation from Terminus to Manly road for a Public Walking Track	Council sufficiently clear the former tramway line right-of-way from the Spit Terminus near Manly Road to enable the public to walk and inspect the route, including interpretive signage.	Item referred to two committees.
55/15	11 May	Notice of Motion No. 19 – Community Art Project	Report on developing and supporting a Manly Community Art Project.	Research undertaken and report being prepared
25/15	9 Mar	Notice of Motion No. 13 - Digitisation of Manly Council Minutes/ Agendas	Council to progressively digitise its Council Meeting papers between 1960 and 2004.	Project expected to be fully delivered in October 2015

## RECOMMENDATION

- That the Notice of Motion Status Report be received and noted.

## ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Item For Brief Mention Report No. 12 \*\*\*\*\*

**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Report Of Committees Report No. 19  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes for notation by Council - Special Purpose Advisory Committee  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/111980

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That the minutes of the following Special Purpose Advisory Committee meetings are tabled at the meeting, for formal notation.

1. Waste Advisory Committee - 12 August 2015
2. Playground Advisory Committee – 13 August 2015
3. Harbour Foreshores & Coastline Management Advisory Committee – 14 July 2015
4. Manly Lagoon Catchment Coordinating Committee – 30 July 2015

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the following Special Purpose advisory committee meetings be noted.

1. Waste Advisory Committee - 12 August 2015
2. Playgro und Advisory Committee – 13 August 2015
3. Harbour Foreshores & Coastline Management Advisory Committee – 14 July 2015
4. Manly Lagoon Catchment Coordinating Committee – 30 July 2015

### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Report Of Committees Report No. 19 \*\*\*\*\*

**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Report Of Committees Report No. 20  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes for notation by Council - Community Environment Advisory Committee  
- 12 August 2015  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/112743

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These reports were dealt with at the Community Environment Advisory Committee meeting of 12 August 2015 and were listed as a Recommendation in those minutes. These items are hereby submitted to the Ordinary Meeting, together with the minutes for formal notation by Council.

**1. ITEM 8 Progress on Fisheries Regulatory Signage for Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve**

All of the 5 signs have now been installed and members of the Committee commented on how their striking appearance and excellent underwater photographs were attracting groups of adults and children to gather and admire the high quality photos of nearly 40 different species.

The opportunity to have a public opening of the signs is currently being considered by staff from NSW Fisheries and they will determine whether their Minister is available to officially launch the signs. Availability of the Mayor and General Manager has been passed on to Fisheries.

**2. ITEM 14 Sydney Water – Meeting at North Head Sanctuary regarding sewage odours from the Northern Suburbs ocean outfall system (NSOOS) and the North Head Sewage Sewage Treatment Plant**

This meeting was arranged by the North Head Sanctuary Foundation so that Sydney Water could respond to odour complaints from the community over many years. Sydney Water staff included North Head Sewage Treatment Plant Manager, James Fearey and Technical Officer Louise Vorritter and Community Relations Officer from North Head.

Sydney Water advised that:

- The plant is limited in how much captured solids it can handle by the fact that the digesters cannot handle any more than about 30% of the solids which enter the plant. The residence time in the digesters is too short and hence the odorous sludge. They have asked the government for additional funds for extra digesters; the number not being specified;
- It was claimed that underground works associated with the installation of the bio filter (replacement NSOOS Scrubber) would significantly reduce fugitive odours from underground; apparently a large source of odours;
- Because an additional generator had been installed to produce electricity, the flare and its control has been improved, an additional flare has been installed as well, H<sub>2</sub>S odours from the digesters should be reduced; and
- Since odorous gases from the digesters are not scrubbed, SO<sub>x</sub> production from the plant would continue and possibly increase with the extra flare and generator. When asked whether more than 50 tonnes per annum of SO<sub>x</sub> (an unknown mixture of sulphur dioxide and trioxide) were produced and released to the atmosphere, the only comment was agreement from the Sydney Water representatives.

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The community had experts in attendance that were able to engage Sydney Water representatives in a rigorous debate where questions were asked about the effect of odours on the Manly community from the plant as well as the Sewage Pumping Stations at Whistler and Ashburner Streets.

Following a question from a medical researcher on what information they had on the long-term effects of low concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>S on populations, the Sydney Water representatives indicated that they had no information.

The Notice of this meeting (which followed an article in the Sun Herald about Sydney Water's Odour Reduction Research Program some months ago) referred to an odour wheel and an app which were being prepared by Sydney Water to assist residents making odour complaints to identify types of odours by their smell characteristics. However, they were only mentioned by Sydney Water in passing.

A large research program to reduce H<sub>2</sub>S by injecting Odourlok into the major sewers was briefly described. It was made clear by Sydney Water that they did not have the reduction of the impact of odours on the community as the main focus, just the protection of Sydney Water's assets from corrosion caused by the production of H<sub>2</sub>S.

An inspection tour possibly on a weekend was to be organised by Sydney Water.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Community Environment Advisory Committee meeting of 12 August 2015 be received and noted, including the following items:

**1. ITEM 8 Progress on Fisheries Regulatory Signage for Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve**

The Committee would like to congratulate the members of the Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay Working Group for an excellent result.

**2. ITEM 14 Sydney Water – Meeting at North Head Sanctuary regarding sewage odours from the Northern Suburbs ocean outfall system (NSOOS) and the North Head Sewage Sewage Treatment Plant**

Council should consider that an appropriate approach for the public meeting in the Council Chambers to be attended by Sydney Water, would be to invite Precincts and people who are experiencing odours.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Report Of Committees Report No. 20 \*\*\*\*\*

**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Report Of Committees Report No. 24  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes for notation by Council - Public Domains Advisory Committee - 19 August 2015  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/113571

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This report was dealt with at the Public Domains Advisory Committee meeting of 19 August 2015 and was listed as a Recommendation in those minutes. The item is hereby submitted to the Ordinary Meeting, together with the minutes for formal notation by Council.

**1. ITEM 6      General Business**

**DA 149/14 Proposal for a Kiosk in the Corso**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Public Domains Advisory Committee meeting of 19 August 2015 be received and noted, including the following item:

**1. ITEM 6      General Business**

The Public Domains Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

- the DA 149/14, as a Section 96 modification, is opposed;
- the Committee re-affirms its previous opposition to the DA 149/14 from its minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and re-affirms this proposed use of the public is totally contrary to The Corso Management Plan; and
- the Public Domains Committee refers its views to the General Manager and requested that these views of the Public Domains Committee are included into the development assessment process.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Report Of Committees Report No. 24 \*\*\*\*\*



**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Report Of Committees Report No. 22  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes for notation to Council - Heritage and Local History Advisory Committee - 2 September 2015  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/113921

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This report was dealt with at the Heritage & Local History Advisory Committee meeting of 2 September 2015 and was listed as a Recommendation in those minutes. The item is hereby submitted to the Ordinary Meeting, together with the minutes for formal notation by Council.

**1. ITEM 7.1 Former Tram Depot (Harris Farm) Graffiti to Balgowlah Road**

Heritage Advisor, Land Use Planning, Sophie Butler prepared a report for the consideration of the committee regarding the adhesion of bill posters and graffiti to the Balgowlah Road elevation of this heritage item.

It was noted that the responsibility of bill poster and graffiti removal falls to the owner of the property.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Heritage & Local History Advisory Committee meeting of 2 September 2015 be received and noted, including the following item:

**1. ITEM 7.1 Inventory Sheets for items of Environmental Heritage**

The committee recommends that the report be put to Council with a recommendation that a sympathetic artistically detailed framed panel be added to this façade to deter graffiti/ bill posters

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Report Of Committees Report No. 22 \*\*\*\*\*

**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Environmental Services Division Report No. 35  
**SUBJECT:** Balgowlah Grey-Headed Flying-Fox Camp Management Plan  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/111267

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## SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council in relation to the management of the Balgowlah Grey-headed Flying-fox camp, focusing on the feasibility, cost-effectiveness and humaneness of dispersal as a potential management option. This is considered with particular reference to the recent trial dispersal of the flying-fox camp at Cannes Reserve, Avalon

## REPORT

### Background

In 2010, a colony of Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) established in urban bush land at Burnt Bridge Creek Reserve, Balgowlah. Regular monitoring by the Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust determined that numbers of Grey-headed Flying-fox at the camp have increased in recent years, reaching a peak of approximately 9400 individuals in June 2015. The Black Flying-fox (*P. alecto*) and one Little Red Flying-fox (*P. scapulatus*) have also been recorded at the camp.

All flying-fox species are protected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. The Grey-headed Flying-fox is also listed as vulnerable to extinction under the *NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* and the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. As the land manager of Burnt Bridge Creek, Council is responsible for managing the flying-fox camp in accordance with this legislation and associated regulations.

The proximity of the camp to adjoining residential properties has resulted in conflict between Council's obligations to protect and manage the flying-fox camp and the need to address associated impacts to public health, safety and amenity. To date, Council has received approximately 20 complaints from community members regarding flying-foxes, generally relating to issues such as noise, odor and faecal drop and concerns over public health and wellbeing.

A Flying-fox Camp Management Plan (CMP) was prepared for the Balgowlah camp in March 2015 in order to meet Council's obligations under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*. The CMP was presented to Council at the Planning & Strategy Committee Meeting on 4 May 2015. It was resolved to accept the Balgowlah Flying-fox CMP and undertake key actions to ensure the sustainable management of the population. Following the commencement of a flying-fox dispersal program at Cannes Reserve in Avalon, Council resolved at the August Ordinary meeting to consult with Pittwater Council to investigate the feasibility, cost-effectiveness and humaneness of dispersal as a potential management option. This report presents the findings of that investigation as Attachment 1.

### Legislative and Policy Context

As the agency responsible for administration of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) have developed a Flying-fox Camp Management Policy 2015 ('the Policy') to provide an overarching framework for management of flying-fox populations in NSW. The Policy sets out the legislative and licensing requirements which apply to management of flying-fox camps and provides guidelines to assist land managers in the preparation of Camp Management Plans (CMPs). Key objectives of the Policy are to:

- Enable long term conservation of flying-foxes in appropriate locations by encouraging land managers to establish and protect sufficient food supplies and roosting habitat;

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- Require land managers to consider the behaviours, habitat and food requirements of flying-foxes when developing and implementing camp management plans;
- Address the potential impacts of flying-fox camps on human health and amenity; and
- Provide a balance between conservation of flying-foxes and their impacts on human settlements.

In recognition of the complex nature of flying-fox management, the Policy sets out a three-tiered framework to match the level of intervention required with the magnitude of community impacts and effectiveness of previous actions:

- Level 1 – Routine Camp Management
- Level 2 – Creation of Buffers
- Level 3 – Camp Disturbance or Dispersal

It is important to note that CMPs require OEH approval before management actions can be implemented. In order to secure approval, CMPs must be prepared in accordance with the Policy and the associated NSW Camp Management Plan Template, and specify the relevant level of management actions (i.e. Level 1, 2 or 3) proposed. Furthermore, if Level 3 management actions (camp disturbance or dispersal) are proposed, the CMP must demonstrate that Level 1 and 2 actions have been ineffective or are inappropriate and outline specific triggers for escalating to this higher level of intervention.

**Status of the Balgowlah Flying-fox Camp Management Plan**

The Balgowlah Flying-fox Camp Management Plan is currently under review to address requirements outlined in the recently released NSW Flying-fox Camp Management Policy. The current plan sets out the following Level 1 and Level 2 management actions:

- Level 1 – revegetation, weed control, Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) maintenance and rubbish removal;
- Level 2 – progressive removal of canopy vines and coral trees to create a buffer between the camp and residential properties.

The plan also proposes a number of supplementary actions including community education and installation of advisory signage.

Whilst the current plan does provide a discussion of Level 3 actions (disturbance or dispersal), they are not included as a proposed management action. However, given that the presence of flying-foxes at Burnt Bridge Creek has continued to generate conflict and some community pressure to disperse the colony, it is timely that Council now fully considers the financial, social and environmental implications of this potential measure.

Attachment 1 outlines a relevant local case study in which Level 3 management actions were implemented at an urban flying-fox camp, and provides a summary of the cost-effectiveness and success of other flying-fox dispersal programs across Australia.

Council's Balgowlah Grey-headed Flying-fox Camp Management Plan (CMP) is currently being reviewed in light of the release of the NSW Flying-fox Camp Management Policy. In order to secure OEH approval, the revised CMP must be consistent with the three-level management action framework set out in the Policy. If a Level 3 management action (disturbance and dispersal) is proposed for inclusion in the plan, Council must be able to adequately demonstrate why Level 1 and 2 actions are considered ineffective or inappropriate, as well as specifying clear triggers for progressing to a Level 3 action.

Should Council wish to reserve the option of undertaking a Level 3 action, the triggers and long-term benefits of this higher-level intervention must be carefully considered in the revised Balgowlah

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Grey-headed Flying-fox Management Plan, given the significant costs and lengthy timeframes required to achieve a successful dispersal

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Balgowlah Camp Management Plan be revised:

1. In accordance with the NSW Flying-fox Camp Management Policy and Camp Management Plan Template; and
2. Such that dispersal is considered as a potential management option, with a discussion of the method's cost-effectiveness and humaneness and triggers for escalating to this Level 3 action.

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## ATTACHMENT 1

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#### ATTACHMENT 1 Cannes Reserve Flying-fox Dispersal Program Case Study and Summary of other Dispersal Programs

##### CANNES RESERVE FLYING-FOX DISPERSAL PROGRAM

###### Background

A Grey-headed Flying-fox camp has been resident at Avalon's Cannes Reserve within the Pittwater LGA for up to 10 years. Flying-fox numbers at the camp have generally fluctuated between 200 and 1500 individuals, until a peak of 3500 was recorded in July 2014. Since its establishment, the camp's close proximity to residential properties has led to conflict between flying-foxes and residents.

In order to address community concerns, Pittwater Council has previously undertaken selective removal of roost trees to create a buffer between the camp and adjoining residents. However, in response to the release of the Draft NSW Camp Management Policy and the July 2014 peak in flying-fox numbers, Pittwater Council resolved to prepare a new plan which would consider dispersal as a potential management option.

The Cannes Reserve Flying-fox Camp Management Plan (CMP) was developed based on extensive consultation with nearby residents and the broader community over a period of five years. This included a month-long public exhibition period of the draft CMP, a public meeting attended by approximately 70 community members, several Councillors and staff of Council and OEH.

The final plan was adopted in April 2015 and set out a two-staged approach incorporating Level 1, 2 and 3 management actions:

- Stage 1 – removal of non-indigenous vegetation (Level 1 and 2 actions)
- Stage 2 – creation of 7m buffers (Level 2 action) with dispersal (Level 3 action).

The CMP proposed a three-week dispersal trial to determine whether flying-foxes at Cannes Reserve would join other known camps without forming undesirable splinter colonies and without increasing negative impacts at these alternative locations.

###### Licensing Requirements

Under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, any works which may impact upon a threatened species or their habitat require assessment and statutory approval by OEH under either a Section 91 licence or Section 95 certificate. This process is outlined in Attachment 2.

Approval was granted in June 2015 under a Section 95 certificate which specified a set of 49 conditions for the dispersal (Attachment 3). These included a number of conditions for addressing animal welfare considerations before, during and after the trial, in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Table 1 below. This included restrictions on the time of year that dispersal can be undertaken (June, July or August only) to avoid the peak mating and maternity periods.

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Table 1. Animal welfare and monitoring guidelines for Cannes Reserve dispersal program (Cannes Reserve Flying-fox Camp Management Plan – Ecosure Pty Ltd for Pittwater Council).

Potential impact	Signs	Action
Unacceptable levels of stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· panting</li><li>· saliva spreading</li><li>· located on or within 2m of the ground</li><li>· unusual vocalisations</li></ul>	Works to cease for the day.
Fatigue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· low flying</li><li>· laboured flight</li><li>· settling despite dispersal efforts</li></ul>	Works to cease for the day.
Injury/death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· a flying-fox appears to have been injured/killed on site (including aborted foetuses)</li><li>· any flying-fox death is reported within one kilometre of the dispersal site that appears to be related to the dispersal</li><li>· &gt;5% adult females visually assessed to be in final trimester</li><li>· dependent/creching young present</li><li>· loss of condition evident</li></ul>	Works to cease immediately and where any death or injury has occurred OEH must be notified AND rescheduled OR adapted sufficiently so that significant impacts (e.g. death/injury) are highly unlikely to occur, as confirmed by an independent expert (e.g. wildlife carer) OR stopped indefinitely and alternative management options investigated.

#### Cannes Reserve Dispersal Trial

The trial commenced on 13 July 2015 and involved the use of industrial noise, lights and smoke (from burning of green waste) six days a week between 4:00am and 6:30am to coincide with the flying-foxes' pre-dawn return to the camp. Success of the trial was to be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Successful Dispersal
  - more than half of the camp disperse during the three-week trial period
  - only small amounts of maintenance dispersal required in the first year
- Unsuccessful Dispersal
  - half of the camp remains after the three-week trial period
  - ongoing proliferation of splinter camps appearing in unsuitable locations
  - more than 7 short follow-up dispersals are required within the first year

#### Trial Success and Cost-effectiveness

Pittwater Council officers have reported that while the initial three-week trial was successful in dispersing the camp, an additional three-day maintenance dispersal was commenced on 12 August 2015 following the return of a number of flying-foxes to the reserve. The maintenance dispersal involved the use of lights and smoke at pre-dawn (coupled with

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removal of key roost trees) and is considered by Pittwater Council officers to have been effective to date. However, it should be noted that the success of the trial cannot be fully determined until after the twelve-month evaluation period.

It is also important to note that Pittwater Council have committed significant resources for implementation of the program over the term of their Section 95 certificate. For example, the Cannes Reserve Management Plan specified a total program budget of \$201,000 over three years, including a budget allocation of \$81,000 for the initial trial and up to \$80,000 to undertake maintenance dispersals as required.

**Applicability to the Balgowlah Flying-fox Camp**

Whilst the Cannes Reserve flying-fox camp shares some characteristics with the Balgowlah camp (e.g. proximity to residential development), the two sites differ in terms of flying-fox numbers and variability of camp size. For example, whilst numbers at Cannes Reserve generally range from 200 to 1500 individuals (with a peak of 3500 in 2014), monitoring at the Balgowlah camp since 2010 has shown numbers to fluctuate between 0 and 4300 (with a peak of 9400 in 2015). It therefore follows that any dispersal program implemented at the Balgowlah camp is likely to require significantly greater investment in order to achieve success in the long term, compared to the Pittwater program.

**SUMMARY OF OTHER DISPERSAL PROGRAMS**

Roberts and Eby (2013) (Attachment 4) reviewed 17 recent flying-fox camp dispersals in Australia to evaluate their effectiveness as a long-term management tool. The review included a large-scale dispersal at the Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens (RBG) which was implemented in 2012 in response to flying-foxes impacting upon heritage values at the site.

The Roberts and Eby review concluded that:

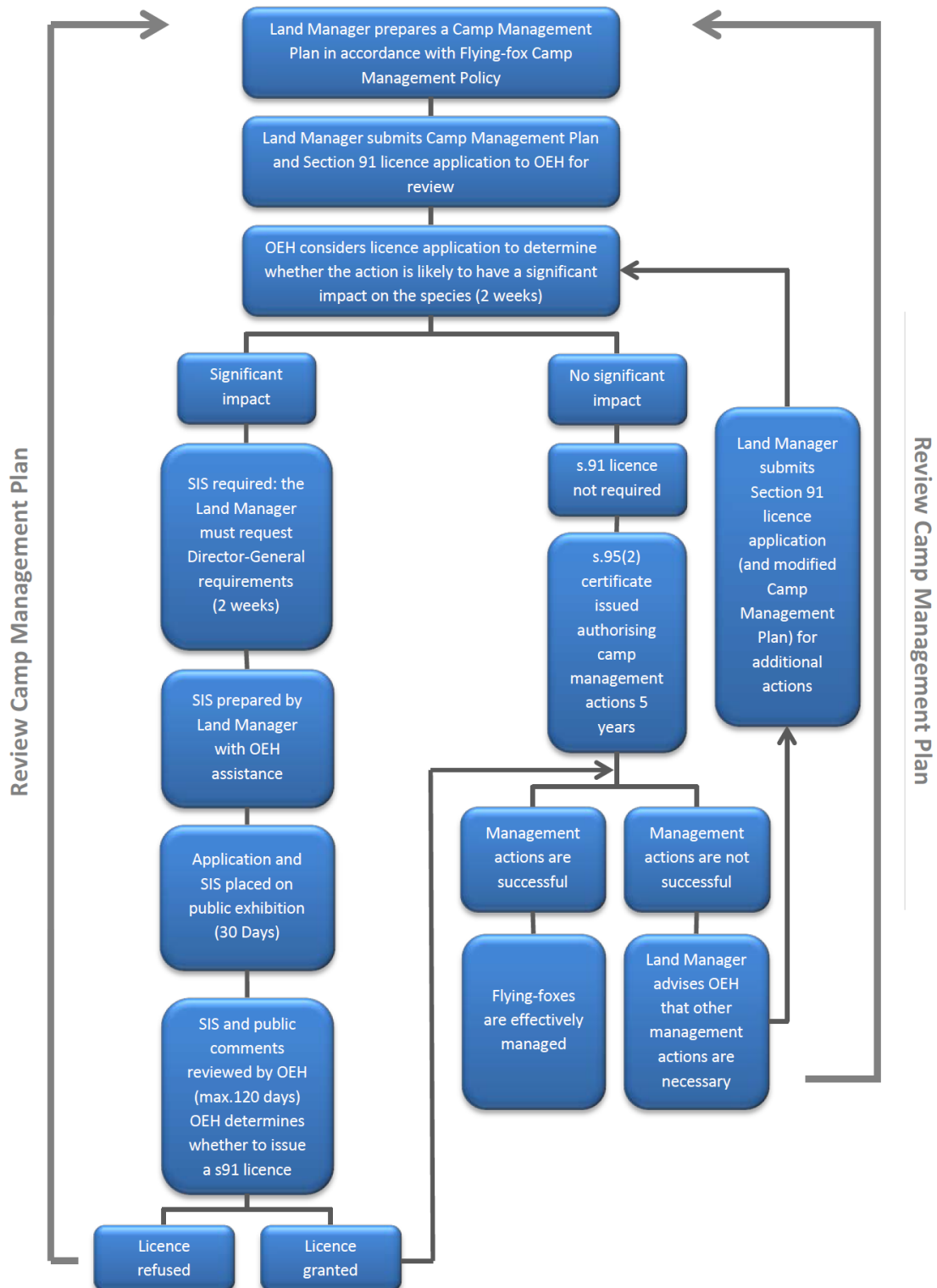
- dispersal did not reduce the number of flying-foxes within the local area in 94% of cases;
- new camps became established in nearby areas following dispersal in 85% of cases;
- repeated maintenance dispersals were generally required in all cases;
- initial and ongoing dispersal costs for each site ranged between \$28,000 and \$3m;
- that dispersal programs which proved to be successful in the long term (i.e. Melbourne RBG and Sydney RBG) required significant ongoing investments of staff time and funding (to date – \$3m and \$1m respectively).

It is therefore important to recognise that while dispersal may potentially be an effective tool for managing conflict between flying-foxes and adjoining residents, the success of dispersal programs in the longer term is contingent upon an ongoing commitment and significant financial investment.

## ATTACHMENT 2

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#### ATTACHMENT 2 OEH Process and Timeframe for Processing Flying-fox Camp Management Actions





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**Issued To:**

Mr Mark Beharrell  
Pittwater Council  
PO BOX 882  
MONA VALE, NSW 2103

**Certificate no. :** C0001089  
**Issue Date:** 19 June 2015  
**Expiry date:** 30 June 2020

I certify that the Proposed Action as described below is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats and consequently the Proposed Action does not require a licence under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*.

An act that is the subject of this certificate is a defence against prosecution under sections 118A-118D of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION**

The proposed action:

- A. Conduct a dispersal program at Cannes and Gunyah PI Reserve, Avalon, as described in your licence application, subject to the following conditions.

**RELEVANT CONDITIONS**

The holder of the certificate must ensure that:

**Prior to dispersal action:**

1. A GHFF expert, approved by OEH, is to undertake a population assessment of the camp, to determine population numbers, presence/ratio of dependent young (flightless and flying), presence/ratio of lactating or late-pregnancy females, as well as a visual assessment of the health of GHFF individuals.
2. Potential habitat for GHFF must be surveyed for GHFF roosting activity within 2 weeks prior to commencing the initial dispersal. This must include known and previous roosts within 20 km of the site, and any areas identified in the CMP as 'potential flying-fox habitat' within 3 km of the site.
3. Council will prepare a Communications Strategy in relation to the program and provide a copy to OEH.
4. Residents will be notified one week prior to the dispersal action and information will be placed on Council's website, with a contact number provided. Council's website information

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- should encourage residents to report unusual flying-fox behaviour, and provide an online reporting tool to facilitate this.
5. Community consultation is to include all information included in section 8.3 of the CMP. The consultation material is also to include a reminder to the community not to participate in or interfere with the dispersal, and to avoid entering the reserve during the dispersal program.
  6. Council will develop a protocol, in accordance with the NSW *Code of Practice for Injured, Sick and Orphaned Flying Foxes* (OEH 2012), for the handling of injured GHFF and/or abandoned young, as well as contact details of rescue and rehabilitation organisations. This protocol should be made available to all relevant Council staff, local residents and volunteers prior to the action commencing.
  7. OEH must be notified of the start date at least 24 hours prior to commencement, within business hours.
  8. Councils that manage GHFF camps within 30 km, including Ku-ring-gai, Warringah and Gosford, will be informed of the intended start date of the dispersal. The Royal Botanic Gardens' Wildlife Management Officer, John Martin, will also be informed of the start date.
  9. Council will undertake noise testing and implement any recommendations of the acoustic consultant's report. Council will also liaise with the EPA in regard to management of noise issues.

**Personnel:**

10. A dispersal team is to be established, with a nominated site supervisor. All personnel on site are to be clear about their roles and responsibilities. Council will ensure that all persons involved in the action will be aware of the conditions of this certificate.
11. All personnel must be appropriately experienced, trained and inducted. Workers should wear appropriate protective clothing and all personnel who may come into contact with the GHFF must be vaccinated against Australian Bat Lyssavirus with current titre.
12. All personnel will be briefed prior to the action commencing each day, and debriefed at the end of the day.
13. An appropriately qualified GHFF expert, approved by OEH, must be present at all times during the action, to monitor the behavioural response of the GHFF to the disturbance.
14. A licensed wildlife carer should be in attendance on the days of the dispersal in the event of any injury to GHFF. However, if the carer determines their attendance is not required, they must be "on call".
15. A wildlife rescue organisation (eg WIRES or Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife Services) should be alerted to the dispersal event dates within the camp and carer services placed "on call" as they may be required for any GHFF found injured or otherwise debilitated during or post-dispersal each day. A representative should be permitted to attend the site if requested of Council, during the dispersal program.
16. Any person(s) undertaking fauna rescue for the duration of the action must be appropriately vaccinated to handle GHFF. All other person(s) working or volunteering in the reserve must be informed that any injured or sick GHFF must not be handled, but that wildlife rescue staff should be alerted immediately. In such instances, the project manager will immediately contact a wildlife rescue organisation.

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17. An appropriately trained and qualified Council Officer will be present on site during the dispersal for the first week to ensure that the conditions are being implemented, and on call at other times.

**Undertaking the initial dispersal:**

18. The action must not occur if the population assessment (as described in condition 1) has demonstrated that females are visibly pregnant, birthing, if individuals appear malnourished, or when dependent young are present.
19. The initial dispersal action must occur within the months of June, July or August.
20. The action must not occur during or immediately after climatic extremes (such as a heat stress event<sup>1</sup>, severe weather<sup>2</sup>, or during a period of significant food stress<sup>3</sup>).
21. The dispersal methods are to include noise played through a directional speaker, as well as spotlights, laser pointers, and smoke from burning wood or green-waste in 44-gallon drums, on a randomised schedule.
22. The dispersal methods are to be applied for no longer than 4 am-6:30 am, plus set up and pack up, in accordance with draft Commonwealth mitigation standards.
23. The dispersal methods are to be applied for six days a week for three weeks, as stated in Pittwater Council's application. If this method is not successful, a seven day a week program should be considered.
24. The duration of the action each day will be minimised as much as possible, to avoid disturbance to residents.
25. A section of the reserve will be designated as a rest area, to be reduced in size over time as described in Council's application.
26. No roost tree removal is to occur, other than any works that have already been approved by OEH.

**Maintenance (follow up) dispersals:**

27. Maintenance dispersals are subject to conditions 1-26 above, except as modified below.
28. Maintenance dispersals may be carried out in March-December, provided there are no crèche young in the camp or individuals are visibly in poor health, as determined by a suitably qualified GHFF expert.
29. Subject to Condition 28, maintenance dispersals will be carried out as required to prevent the camp from re-establishing. If, despite maintenance actions, flying-foxes are found to continue to persist in numbers comparable with pre-dispersal numbers then OEH will advise if maintenance actions can continue.
30. Residents must be notified of a maintenance action, within a timeframe as agreed to by the residents.
31. The action must be supervised by a person approved by OEH and with knowledge and experience relevant to the management of flying-foxes and their habitat, who can satisfactorily identify that flightless young or individuals in poor health are not present.

<sup>1</sup> A 'heat stress event' is defined for the purposes of this approval as a day on which the maximum temperature does (or is predicted to) meet or exceed 38 °C

<sup>2</sup> Severe weather is defined as a severe weather event identified by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology in the area or nearby

<sup>3</sup> Food stress events may be apparent if large numbers of low body weight animals are being reported by wildlife carers in the region

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This person must make an assessment of the relevant conditions and advise the site supervisor whether the activity can go ahead consistent with these standards.

32. Council must contact OEH during the planning stage of any maintenance dispersals.

### **Actions at other sites:**

33. Surveys of alternative habitat sites will be undertaken prior to and during all dispersal actions and for at least two weeks following the completion of dispersal activities. This is to include daily checks of 'potential flying-fox habitat' within 600m, twice weekly checks of 'potential flying-fox habitat' within 3km and weekly checks of known camps within 20km of the site. Where weekly counts are already being undertaken by GHFF experts at other camps within 20km, then counts at these camps by Council is not required, provided Council has the agreement of these experts to access these data.
34. OEH is to be notified if Council becomes aware of new GHFF camps establishing or if there is an influx of GHFF at nearby camps. If this occurs, an assessment will be made on whether the site is an appropriate GHFF roost site, in consultation with Council and the relevant land owner/manager. Sites deemed appropriate for GHFF will meet the following criteria (as per ARCUE 2009)<sup>4</sup>:
- the camp is unlikely to negatively impact on any threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats;
  - the neighbouring landowners or managers are accepting of occupancy within their land or neighbouring areas;
  - there is a minimum 300 m buffer separating the camp from residential dwellings, or if the buffer is less than this, only with neighbouring landowner's and manager's approval;
  - there is capacity to provide a large enough area of suitable roosting habitat; and
  - the area is preferably three times the area occupied by the camp at Cannes Reserve, to allow the camp to shift and occupy other areas in response to canopy degradation.
35. If the splinter camp, or the influx at an existing camp, is deemed inappropriate according to the above criteria, then a dispersal will also be carried out at the splinter camp site, provided:
- more than 50 GHFF have settled at the site for more than 3 days (unless the GHFF expert is satisfied that the site is unlikely to be a temporary refuge that may be naturally abandoned, in which case the action can be undertaken if fewer than 50 GHFF are present, or in less than 3 days).
  - stakeholders (including landowners and land managers) have agreed to the timing and duration of disturbances.
  - all costs associated with the dispersal, including community consultation, are to be the responsibility of Council.
36. Splinter camp dispersals are subject to conditions 1-26 above. Adequate consultation must be undertaken with neighbouring landowners and land managers.
37. The action must be supervised by a person with knowledge and experience relevant to the management of flying-foxes and their habitat, who can identify dependent young and is aware of climatic extremes and food stress events. This person must make an assessment of the relevant conditions and advise the supervisor/proponent whether the activity can go ahead consistent with these standards.

<sup>4</sup> Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology (ARCUE) (2009): Public Environment Report: Proposed relocation of a camp of Grey-headed Flying-foxes (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) from the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

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38. No actions are to be undertaken at any splinters camps without consultation with OEH.
39. If there is an influx of GHFF at nearby known camps, and OEH considers it likely that these impacts have been caused by the action at Cannes Reserve, but a dispersal is not considered appropriate, then Council will provide assistance to the relevant land manager to ameliorate impacts of the displaced GHFF on amenity issues, and impacts on the displaced GHFF. The details of this assistance are to be developed in consultation with OEH.
40. Council will investigate establishing a crèche at Deep Creek Reserve, for rehabilitating flying-foxes to self-release, to encourage the establishment of a flying-fox camp at this location.

### **Triggers to stop dispersal program (for initial dispersal, maintenance dispersals and at splinter sites):**

41. If any of the animal welfare triggers (as outlined in Table 3 of the CMP) occur, such as unacceptable levels of stress, fatigue, injury or death of the GHFF, then the action is to cease immediately and the proposal must be reassessed in consultation with OEH.
42. Council must develop a trigger of the number of noise or other complaints that will stop work and inform OEH of this trigger.
43. Other triggers to cease the dispersal program are:
  - if, in the opinion of OEH or Council, there is an ongoing proliferation of splinter camps in unsuitable locations;
  - if impacts are created or exacerbated at other locations, including existing GHFF camps, and there are unlikely to be sufficient resources available to ameliorate these impacts;
  - if splinter camps become established in inappropriate locations and OEH or Council considers that for ecological, social or other reasons, a dispersal at the splinter location is not appropriate;
  - if more than 50% of the total GHFF occupying the camp during pre-dispersal monitoring are still present after the three week dispersal, as stated in Council's application;
  - if more than seven maintenance or splinter camp dispersals are required within any 12 month period, as stated in your application; or
  - if allocated resources are exhausted.
44. If the dispersal program is stopped, Council will reassess the program in consultation with OEH.

### **Ameliorative actions:**

45. Council will continue to implement the CMP and POM to regenerate the native vegetation in the reserve.
46. Council will provide easily accessible updates for residents on the progress of the bush regeneration program at Cannes Reserve and promote the information to facilitate community engagement.

### **Monitoring and Reporting:**

47. Monitoring is to occur daily throughout dispersal activities, including at splinter sites and during any maintenance dispersals, to determine population numbers, the camp extent, signs of morbidity or mortality, and whether the breeding status has changed. If large numbers are being affected by maintenance or splinter camp dispersals, then monitoring

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must also include daily checks of 'potential flying-fox habitat' within 600m, twice weekly checks of 'potential flying-fox habitat' within 3km and weekly checks of known camps within 20km of the site.

48. During any dispersal action, liaison with wildlife carers is required to monitor whether there is an increase in the number of GHFF being taken into care or showing signs of stress, including aborted young. If increases are apparent, Council is to consult with OEH before continuing the action.
49. Quarterly reports must be submitted to OEH, with the first quarterly report due one month after the completion of the three-week dispersal. Reporting must be ongoing while the dispersal program continues. Annual reports are required if no dispersal action has taken place in the 12 months since the last report. The reports must include:
  - an assessment of the outcome of the action, including reactions of GHFF.
  - the results of pre- and post-action population monitoring
  - any information on new camps that Council is aware have established subsequent to the action, and population numbers of camps in the local area.
  - a summary of any responses or complaints to the action from residents adjoining the Cannes Reserve camp, or other individuals/groups.
  - details of the bush regeneration actions that have been undertaken as described in the CMP and POM.
  - Council expenditure (financial and in-kind costs) on the dispersal program.
  - progress on the establishment of a crèche at Deep Creek Reserve.

TOM GROSSKOPF

**Director, Metropolitan Branch**

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### **INFORMATION AND WARNINGS**

- This certificate is issued under section 95(2) of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*.
- It is an offence against section 133(4) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, for the holder of this certificate to contravene or fail to comply with any condition or restriction of this certificate.
- The maximum penalty for a corporation is 200 penalty units and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of 20 penalty units for each day that the offence continues.
- The maximum penalty for an individual is 100 penalty units and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of 10 penalty units for each day that the offence continues.

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Our reference : A06414-2015; DOC15/148983  
Contact : Sarah Burke, 9995 6848

Mr Mark Beharrell  
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MONA VALE, NSW 2103

Dear Mr Beharrell

**APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO HARM THREATENED SPECIES, POPULATIONS,  
ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES OR TO DAMAGE THEIR HABITATS**

I refer to your application for a licence to harm threatened species, populations or ecological communities, and/or damage their habitats under section 91 of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* (TSC Act) through the dispersal of a camp of Grey-headed Flying-foxes (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) (GHFF) at Cannes Reserve and Gunyah PI Reserve, Avalon, received by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on 6 May 2015.

I have considered the application and supporting information provided and I have determined that the proposed action is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats. Therefore, a licence is not required under the TSC Act for the proposed action. A certificate to this effect has been issued (enclosed) under section 95 of the TSC Act subject to the conditions prescribed in the certificate.

I also refer to your request for approval of the Camp Management Plan (CMP). I have reviewed the CMP for this reserve and approve it for the period 2015-2020, subject to the conditions overleaf and any conditions imposed by your section 132C licence.

You should note that it is an offence under section 133(4) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* to contravene or fail to comply with any condition or restriction attached to the certificate.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Sarah Burke on phone 9995 6848.

Yours sincerely

TOM GROSSKOPF

Director, Metropolitan Branch

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## Review of past flying-fox dispersal actions between 1990-2013.

*Prepared by Billie Roberts and Peggy Eby June 2013*

To understand the utility of dispersals as a management tool to resolve conflict between humans and flying-foxes, the outcomes of 17 recent camp dispersal attempts were systematically reviewed. The review identified a set of common outcomes of camp dispersals that should guide their use in Australia. A further observation was that the outcomes of dispersals are often not known for several years.

1. In all cases, **dispersed animals did not abandon the local area**<sup>1</sup>.
2. In 16 of the 17 cases, **dispersals did not reduce the number of flying-foxes** in a local area.
3. **Dispersed animals did not move far** (in approx. 63% of cases the animals only moved <600m from the original site, contingent on the distribution of available vegetation). In 85% of cases, new camps were established nearby.
4. In all cases, it was **not possible to predict where replacement camps would form**.
5. **Conflict was often not resolved**. In 71% of cases conflict was still being reported either at the original site or within the local area years after the initial dispersal actions.
6. **Repeat dispersal actions were generally required** (all cases except extensive vegetation removal).
7. The **financial costs of all dispersal attempts were high** ranging from tens of thousands of dollars for vegetation removal to hundreds of thousands for active dispersals (e.g. using noise, smoke etc).

There were a few exceptions to these patterns, but they only occurred when there were abundant financial and human resources (e.g. RBG Melbourne and RBG Sydney) and/or specific landscape characteristics (e.g., isolation from neighbours (Batchelor, NT) or habitat link to 'acceptable' location (RBG Melbourne)).

### Further reading:

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<sup>1</sup> Local area is defined as the area within a 20 km radius of the original site = typical feeding area of a flying-fox.



# ATTACHMENT 4

## Environmental Services Division Report No. 35.DOC - Balgowlah Grey-Headed Flying-Fox Camp Management Plan Review of Past Flying-Fox Dispersal Actions Between 1990 - 2013

Table 1 Summary of known documented attempts to disperse Australian flying-fox camps using non-lethal methods, during 1990 to 2013.

Location	Species	FF population estimate at time of dispersal	Method	Did the animals leave the local area?	Did the local population reduce in size?	How far did they move?	Were new camps formed (number of new camps if known)?	Number of separate actions	Cost (if known)	Was conflict resolved at the original site?	Was conflict resolved for the community?	Source+
Barcaldine, Qld	R	>50,000	VN	no	no	≈2 km	yes (1)	trees in township felled		yes	no	1,2
Batchelor, NT	B	200	BNS	no	no	<400 m	yes (1)	2		yes	yes	3,4
Boyne Island, Qld	BR	25,000	LNS	no	no	<500 m	yes (2)	3		yes	no	5,6,7
Bundall, Qld	GB	<400	V	no	no	uk, but 4 camps were within 5 km	yes (3)	1		yes	uk	8,9,10
Charters Towers, Qld	RB	variable	HLNPOW	no	no	200 m	no (returned to original site)	repeated since 2000	>\$500,000	no	no	11,12
Dallis Park, NSW	BG	28,000	V	no	yes	300 m	yes (1)	2		yes	no	13
Duaringa, Qld	R	>30,000	VNFO	no	no	400 m	yes	1	\$150,000	yes	uk	14
Gayndah, Qld	RB	200,000	VN	no	no	600 m	yes	3 actions, repeated		yes	no	9
Maclean, NSW	BGR	20,000	NS	no	no	350 m	yes (7)	>23	>\$400,000 and ongoing	no	no	13
Mataranka, NT	BR	>200,000	BHLNOSW	no	no	<300 m	uk	>9		no	no	13
North Elton, Qld	B	4800	VNFB	uk	no	<1.5 km initially	yes (≈4 majority temporary)	2	\$45,000	yes	yes (conflict at one site)	10,15,16, 17

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Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, Vic	G	30,000	NS	no	no	6.5 km	yes (2)	6 mths	\$3 million	yes	yes, ongoing management required	13
Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW	G	3,000	LNPOW	no	no	4 km	no	ongoing daily actions for 12 mths	>\$1 million and ongoing	yes	yes	13, 18, 19
Singleton, NSW	GR	500	LNUW	no	no	<900 m	no (returned to original site)	>3	\$117,000 and ongoing	no	no	13, 20
Townsville, Qld	BR	35,000	BNS	no	no	400 m	no (returned to original site)	5		no	no	13
Wanwick, Qld	GRB (dispersal targeted R)	200,000	NLBP	no	no	≈1 km	no (site known to be previously occupied by GB)	5 days	\$28,000	yes	uk (complaints persisted until migration)	8, 21, 22
Young, NSW	L	<5000	VN	no	no	<600 m	yes (1)	uk		yes	no	23

\* G = grey-headed flying-fox; B = black flying-fox; R = little red flying-fox  
 # B = "birdfite"; F = fog; H = helicopter; L = lights; N = noise; P = physical deterrent; O = odour; S = smoke; U = ultrasonic sound; V = extensive vegetation removal; W = water.  
 + 1 Storm Stanford (Wildlife carer, pers comm. 2013); 2 Louise Saunders (Bats Qld, pers comm. 2013); 3 Phillips *et al.* (2007) Displacement of Black flying-foxes *Pteropus alecto* at Batchelor, Northern Territory *Australian Zoologist* 34: 119-124; 4 John McCarthy (Northern Territory Government, pers comm. 2010); 5 Roberts (2006) *Management of Urban Flying-fox Camps: Issues of Relevance to Camps in the Lower Clarence, NSW*; Valley Watch Inc., Maclean; 6 Information from Gladstone Regional Council in 2010 and 2013; 7 Joe Adair (formerly DEHP, pers. comm. 2010); 8 Trish Wimberly (Australia Bat Clinic pers. comm. 2013); 9 Information obtained from Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) in 2013; 10 Billie Roberts unpublished data; 11 Scott Sullivan (DEHP, pers. comm. 2010); 12 Information from Charters Towers Regional Council in 2010 and 2013; 13 Roberts *et al.* (2012b) and additional references within; 14 Perry Deeds (Central Highlands Regional Council, pers. comm. 2013); 15 Jarrairie (2010) *Species Management Plan*, Mackay Regional Council; 16 Heidi Jarrairie (Mackay Regional Council, pers. comm. 2013); 17 Daryl Barnes (Walkerston resident, pers. comm. 2013); 18 Peggy Eby (Ecologist, pers. comm. 2013); 19 John Martin (RBG, pers. comm. 2013); 20 Singleton Council Meeting Minutes; 21 Information from the Southern Downs Regional Council in 2013; 22 Tim Low (pers. comm. 2013); 23 Young Shire Council.

**TO:** Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015  
**REPORT:** Corporate Services Division Report No. 13  
**SUBJECT:** Report on Council Investments as at 31 August 2015  
**FILE NO:** MC/15/5216

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## **SUMMARY**

In accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, a report setting out the details of money invested must be presented to Council on a monthly basis.

The report must also include certification as to whether or not the Investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

## **REPORT**

Council is required to report on a monthly basis, all invested funds which have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, and Council's Investment Policy.

Attached is the report of the bank balances and investment performance for **August 2015**.

## **Legislative & Policy Implications**

Manly Council Investment Policy  
Section 625 Local Government Act 1993  
Clause 212 Local Government (General) Regulation 2005  
DLG Circular 11-01 – Ministerial Investment Order dated 12 January 2011  
DLG Circular 10-11 – Investment Policy Guidelines

## **Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer**

I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached reports have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

## **Investment Performance**

The Investment Report shows that Council has total Investments of \$48,278,673 comprising a Commonwealth Bank Balance of \$3,269,593 and Investment Holdings of \$45,009,080 directly managed.

Investments overall performed above the 90 day average Bank Bill Swap Rate (BBSW) for the month providing a return of 2.88% (*Council Benchmark = 2.14% - benchmark is 90 day average BBSW*).

The investment with Emu Note (Dresdner Bank) is not paying interest coupons and initiating capital guarantee mechanisms to protect the investment. The average rate of return for investments paying interest is 2.92%.

## **Movements in Investments for the Month of August 2015**

## Corporate Services Division Report No. 13 (Cont'd)

**Investments Made**

<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Face Value</u>
AMP	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
AMP	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Term Deposit	\$235,335
CBA	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
CBA	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
CBA	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
CBA	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
CBA	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
ME Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
ME Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000
Westpac Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000

**Investments Matured**

<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Face Value</u>	<u>Redeemed Value</u>
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
CBA	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
CBA	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
CBA	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
CBA	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
ME Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
ME Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
ME Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
National Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Rabobank	Term Deposit	\$238,162	\$238,162
Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Westpac Bank	Term Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That:** the statement of Bank Balances and Investment Holdings as at 31 August 2015 be received and noted.

**Corporate Services Division Report No. 13 (Cont'd)**

**ATTACHMENTS**

**AT- 1** Investment Report 4 Pages

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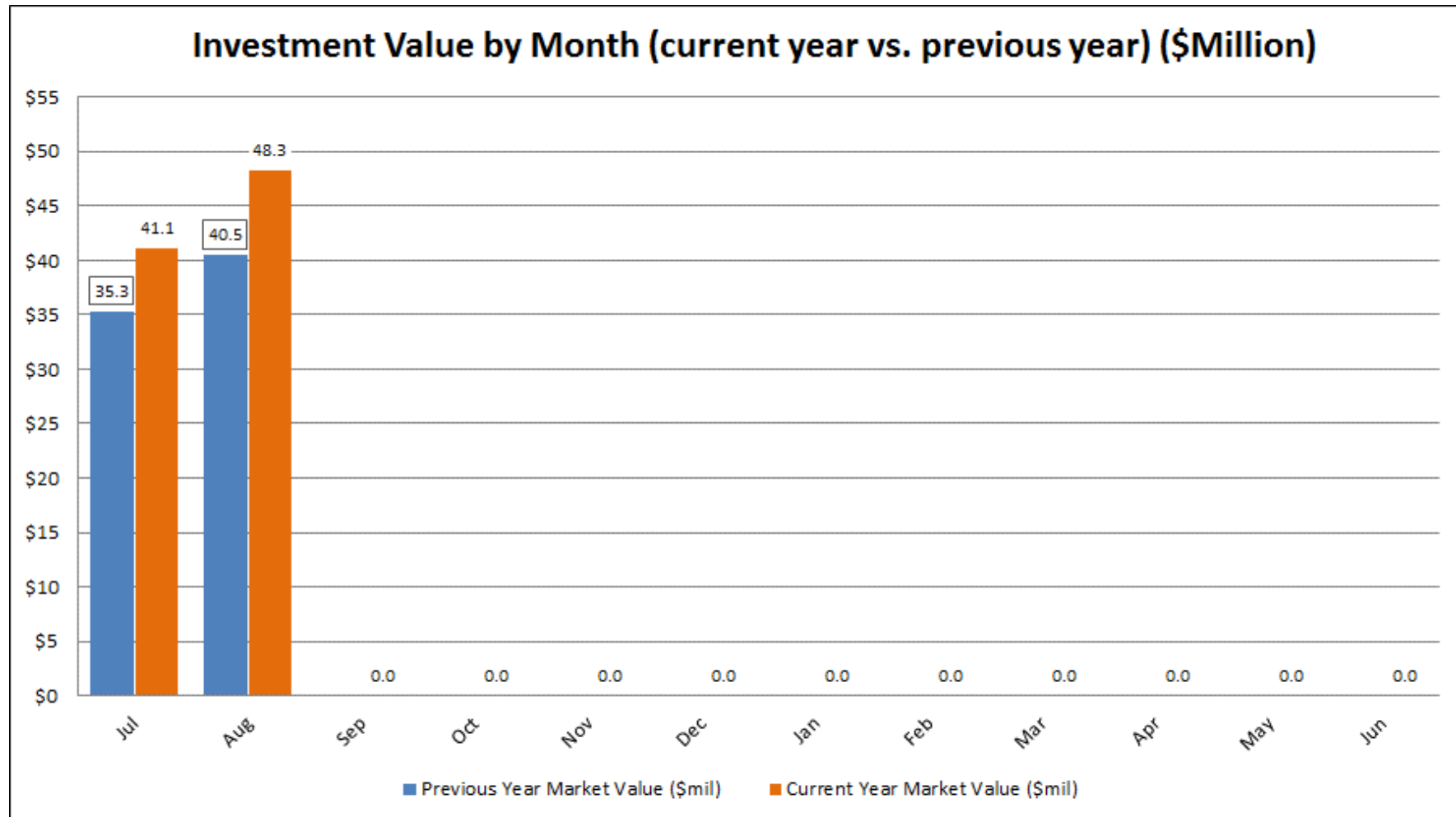
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## Corporate Services Division Report No. 13.DOC - Report on Council Investments as at 31 August 2015 Investment Report

MANLY COUNCIL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO as at 31 August 2015										
	Form of Investment	Investment \$	Market Value \$	Percentage of Portfolio	S & P Rating	Date Invested	Call/Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest YTD	Aug 2015
<b><u>Directly Managed Funds</u></b>										
<b>Trading Account</b>										
CBA	Cash Trading Account	3,269,593	3,269,593	6.77%	AA-			0.3% <sup>(2)</sup>	5,639	3,315
<b>Others</b>										
CBA	At Call	4,427,088	4,427,088	9.17%	AA-	At Call	At Call	1.90%	12,945	6,754
AMP	At Call	3,065,172	3,065,172	6.35%	A+	At Call	At Call	2.55%	14,685	6,764
Macquarie Bank	At Call	61,608	61,608	0.13%	A	At Call	At Call	1.90%	198	99
AMP	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A+	04/08/2015	02/02/2016	2.90%	2,145	2,145
AMP	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A+	04/08/2015	02/02/2016	2.90%	2,145	2,145
Bank of Queensland	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A-	17/08/2015	15/02/2016	2.85%	1,093	1,093
Bank of Queensland	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A-	17/08/2015	15/02/2016	2.85%	1,093	1,093
Bank of Queensland	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A-	02/06/2015	30/11/2015	2.95%	5,011	2,505
Bank of Queensland	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A-	02/06/2015	30/11/2015	2.95%	5,011	2,505
Bankwest	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	01/06/2015	30/11/2015	2.90%	4,926	2,463
Bankwest	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	01/06/2015	30/11/2015	2.90%	4,926	2,463
Bankwest	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	04/06/2015	01/12/2015	2.90%	4,926	2,463
Bankwest	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	07/07/2015	07/01/2016	2.90%	4,370	2,463
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A-	09/06/2015	08/09/2015	2.90%	4,926	2,463
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A-	04/06/2015	02/09/2015	2.90%	4,926	2,463
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	TD	235,335	235,335	0.49%	A-	06/08/2015	09/08/2016	2.85%	459	459
CBA	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	26/08/2015	22/02/2016	2.76%	378	378
CBA	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	05/08/2015	01/02/2016	2.79%	1,987	1,987
CBA	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	05/08/2015	01/02/2016	2.79%	1,987	1,987
CBA	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	31/08/2015	31/12/2015	2.85%	-	-
CBA	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	31/08/2015	31/12/2015	2.85%	-	-
ME Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A2	24/08/2015	22/02/2016	2.80%	537	537
ME Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A2	24/08/2015	22/02/2016	2.80%	537	537
ME Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A2	07/07/2015	07/10/2015	2.95%	4,445	2,505
ME Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A2	07/07/2015	07/10/2015	2.95%	4,445	2,505
National Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	24/08/2015	22/02/2016	2.90%	556	556
National Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	24/08/2015	22/02/2016	2.90%	556	556
National Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	26/08/2015	22/02/2016	2.88%	395	395
National Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	31/08/2015	29/02/2016	2.88%	-	-
National Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	04/08/2015	02/02/2016	2.90%	2,145	2,145
National Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	04/06/2015	04/12/2015	2.93%	4,977	2,488
National Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	07/07/2015	07/01/2016	3.00%	4,521	2,548
National Bank	TD	719,877	719,877	1.49%	A+	07/07/2015	07/07/2016	3.00%	3,254	1,834
Suncorp Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A+	25/05/2015	23/11/2015	2.90%	4,926	2,463
Suncorp Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A+	26/05/2015	23/11/2015	2.90%	4,926	2,463
Suncorp Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A+	03/06/2015	30/11/2015	2.95%	5,011	2,505
Suncorp Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A+	26/08/2015	22/02/2016	2.84%	-	-
Suncorp Bank	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	A+	31/08/2015	29/02/2016	2.85%	-	-
Westpac	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	07/07/2015	07/10/2015	2.79%	4,204	2,370
Westpac	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	07/07/2015	07/10/2015	2.79%	4,204	2,370
Westpac	TD	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.07%	AA-	04/08/2015	04/11/2015	2.80%	2,071	2,071
Emu Note - Dresdner Bank AG	Struct'd Note	500,000	495,950	1.04%	A	25/10/2005	30/10/2015	0.00%	-	-
	Total	45,009,080	45,005,030	93.23%						
<b>Total Directly Managed Funds</b>		48,278,673	48,274,623	100%						
<b>Retired Investments</b>									68,968	22,752
<b>TOTAL PORTFOLIO</b>		48,278,673	48,274,623	100%				2.88%	204,456	101,612
<b>BENCHMARK<sup>(1)</sup></b>								2.14%		
<b>Notes:</b>										
1 Benchmark is 90 day BBSW as at 31 August 2015										
2 CBA Trading account not included in the monthly portfolio return calculation										
3 Market Value as at 31 July 2015										

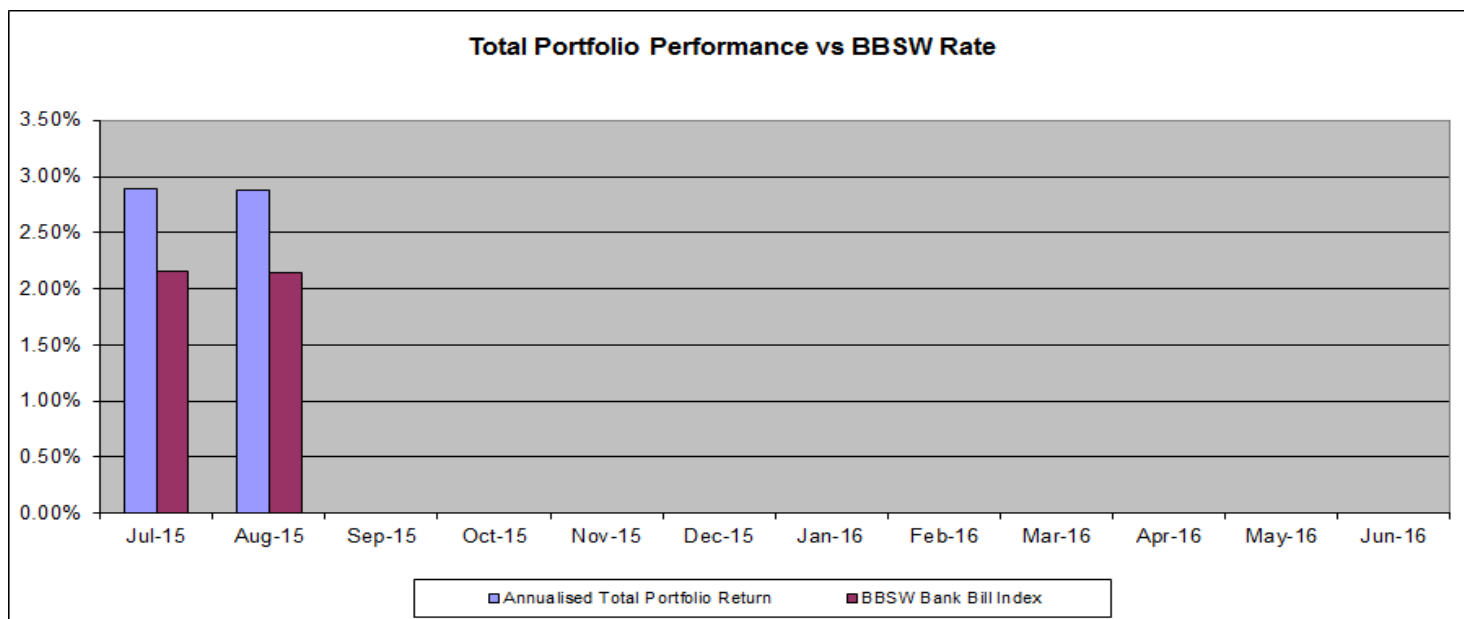
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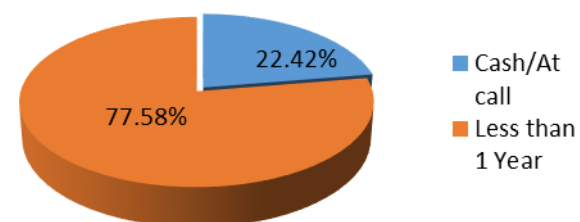
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Summary by Credit Rating		No.
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A-	12.92%	7
A	1.16%	2
A2	8.29%	4
	100.00%	43

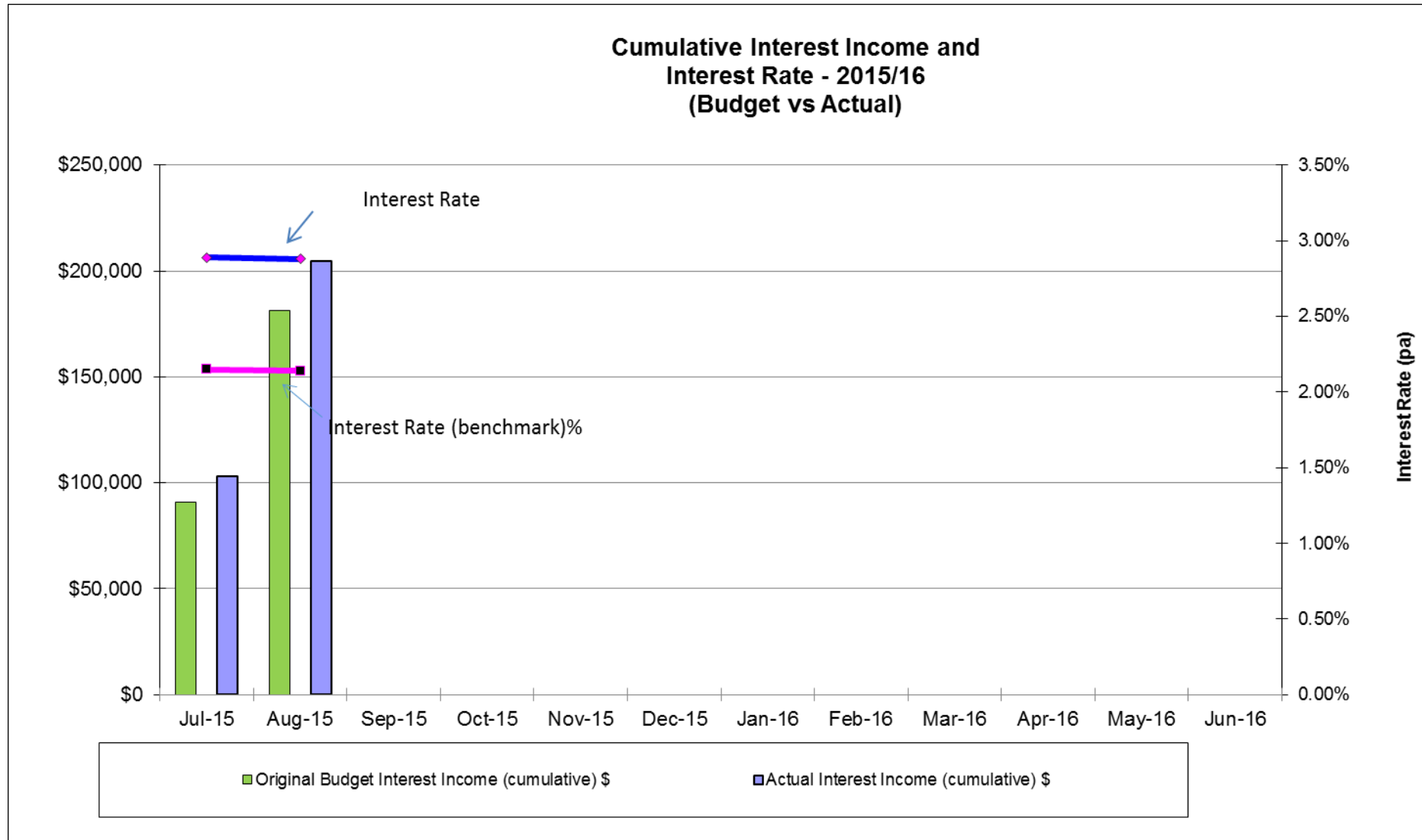
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**TO: Ordinary Meeting - 14 September 2015**  
**REPORT: Corporate Services Division Report No. 14**  
**SUBJECT: Draft Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2015 – Audit Statements**  
**FILE NO: MC/15/113628**

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## **SUMMARY**

Council's Draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 are ready for referral to audit. An Audit Statement pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 is required in respect of the accounts from Council and Management in relation to the accuracy of the accounts. It is recommended Council sign the statement and refer the accounts for audit.

## **REPORT**

Council's Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 have been prepared and are ready to proceed for Audit.

The general purpose financial reports, special purpose financial reports and special schedules are required to be completed and ready for audit by 31 October following the financial year end.

In accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, Council is required to include with the General Purpose Financial Statements a "Statement by Councillors and Management" signed under resolution of Council, by the Mayor, one other Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer, which will allow Council's Auditor to complete the audit. A similar "Statement by Councillors and Management" is also required for the Special Purpose Financial Statements.

Following completion of the Audit, the Annual Financial Statements will then be presented to Council in October, with the Auditors Report.

The draft Financial Statements will be tabled at the Council meeting.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. In respect to Council's General Purpose Financial Statements the following statement be provided for signature by the Mayor, one other Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer:-

### **GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to section 413 (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended).

The General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015, have been prepared in accordance with:-

- The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under;
- The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements;
- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting;

To the best of Council's knowledge and belief, these Statements:

- Presents fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year; and
- Are in accordance with Council's accounting and other records.

**Corporate Services Division Report No. 14 (Cont'd)**

We are not aware of any matter that would render these Statements for the twelve months ending 30 June 2015, false or misleading in any way.

2. In respect to Council's Special Purpose Financial Statements, the following statement be provided for signature by the Mayor, one other Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer:-

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

The Special Purpose Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015, have been prepared in accordance with:-

- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting; the
- NSW Government Policy Statement *"Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government"*; and
- Department of Local Government guidelines *"Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality"*.

To the best of Council's knowledge and belief, these Statements:

- Present fairly Council's operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared Business Activities for the year; and
- Are in accordance with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render the Council's Statements for the twelve months ending 30 June 2015, false or misleading in any way.

3. Council's Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 be referred for audit by Council's Auditors.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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\*\*\*\*\* End of Corporate Services Division Report No. 14 \*\*\*\*\* .

\*\*\*\*\* END OF AGENDA \*\*\*\*\*