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# MAYORAL MINUTE BOOKLET

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

**Tuesday 24 October 2017**

Beginning at 6.30pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.

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**Mark Ferguson**  
Chief Executive Officer

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# OUR VALUES

*Trust*

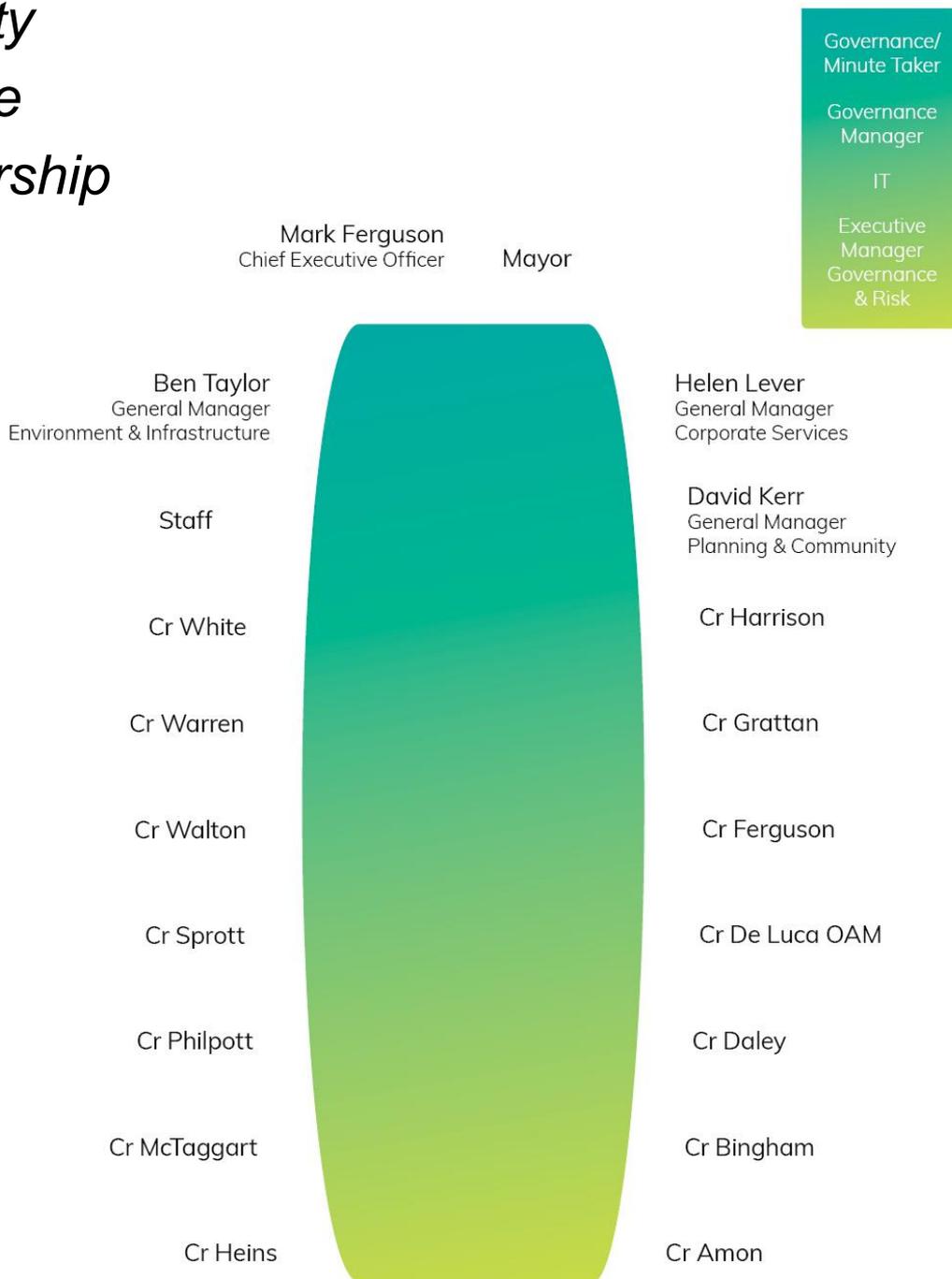
*Teamwork*

*Respect*

*Integrity*

*Service*

*Leadership*



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## 5.0 MAYORAL MINUTES

<b>ITEM 5.1</b>	<b>MAYORAL MINUTE NO 01/2017 - BROOKVALE OVAL</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2017/387420</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Delivering the sustainable future of Brookvale Oval and Park has been an ongoing challenge for many years that the former Councils were not able to solve.

We have a highly valued community space right in the centre of Brookvale that has dated grandstands and infrastructure, and continues to be expensive to maintain. We have an NRL team that wants to stay and play there into the future. Yet after many years of trying, we haven't been able to find the catalyst to make that happen.

The draft Brookvale Structure Plan provides the vision for the future of Brookvale and there is an opportunity here to position Brookvale Oval as a key centrepiece of the reinvention of this vital part of the Northern Beaches.

The Australian Government has already committed \$12.5million in funding towards the upgrade of Brookvale Oval and the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles have also recently been working with the NSW State Government on potential funding sources.

Having discussed this recently with the Sea Eagles, I believe that we have a great opportunity to redevelop Brookvale Park as an urban rejuvenation project that kicks off the revitalisation of Brookvale. Ideas include building a new eastern stand and western stand that could include a sports Centre of Excellence, with an expanded range of community uses and mixed use development.

I believe that as a new Council with greater capacity to manage a significant project such as this now is the time to finalise a solution. This solution will not only take the financial burden off maintaining the facilities from the ratepayers of the Northern Beaches, but has the potential to deliver an amazing community outcome for decades to come.

This is about future proofing the stadium facilities not just for the Sea Eagles Rugby League team but so other sports that are presently not able to can regularly use it too. It is about increasing the overall community benefits of this existing community space. The potential of the site is huge for our community and can help spark the rejuvenation of that end of Brookvale.

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## RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR

That Council:

- A. Commence community engagement for the rejuvenation of Brookvale Oval and Park to ensure its ongoing sustainability as a public facility, including an expanded range of permitted land uses whilst ensuring its retention as a facility for national rugby league.
- B. Work with the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles as the major tenant of Brookvale Oval to prepare a concept for the rejuvenation of Brookvale Oval to use as the basis for community engagement
- C. Consider the 2013 concepts outlined in Securing the Future of Brookvale Oval previously developed by the former Warringah Council in developing the concept for the new community engagement process.
- D. Note the significant cost to Council of maintaining Brookvale Oval and that the endorsed position of Council and the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles remains that Brookvale Oval be placed into a State Sponsored Trust with the appropriate ongoing community use forming part of the Trust Agreement.
- E. Provide a report outlining the results of community consultation to the March 2018 Council meeting.

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**Michael Regan**  
**MAYOR**

<b>ITEM 5.2</b>	<b>MAYORAL MINUTE NO 02/2017 - NORTHERN BEACHES TRANSPORT STRATEGY</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2017/387432</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Northern Beaches community has for many years identified transport issues, including public transport, as top of the list for issues to address.

As the first 15 Councillors of the Northern Beaches, I consider it our collective duty to ensure this is a top priority for the Council. We need to play our part in making it easier and faster for people to move around the Northern Beaches.

The key focus in particular is rapid public transport connections between the Dee Why and Chatswood, and between Mona Vale and Macquarie Park, as well as making sure the B-Line delivers on its promises of faster, more reliable transport into the city.

In 2014, the NSW Government released the Northern Beaches Transport Action Plan.

While the B-line is imminent and I hope will realise some great improvements for residents, unfortunately no progress has been made delivering the promised rapid public transport connections between Dee Why and Chatswood, and Mona Vale and Macquarie Park.

Macquarie Park is a major employment centre, the fastest growing in Sydney. A one hour and 20 minute journey to get there on the 197 bus route to travel 20kms is not acceptable. The Dee Why to Chatswood route is a major transport corridor and home to the Northern Beaches Hospital. Over an hour on the 136 bus route to travel 14kms is not something anyone would be keen to endure daily.

In recognition of the importance of finding solutions, I am very pleased to announce Council has created a new Transport Network team to work closely with Transport for NSW to unclog the transport network.

In my view, Northern Beaches Council should now put our greater strategic capacity to use and call on the NSW and Australian Governments to work with us to develop a realistic and achievable concept for rapid public transport between Dee Why and Chatswood, and between Mona Vale and Macquarie Park. The concept of the 30 minute city that the State and Federal Governments are currently promoting is a noble and worthwhile one. We are but one small step away from achieving that with rapid transport solutions.

Our community has made its views very clear – they want faster, more reliable and more extensive public transport. A major priority of this Council should be to always advocate strongly for the residents of the Northern Beaches, develop partnerships with the State and Federal Governments on the issue and ensure we see delivered the public transport system that this area needs.

Let's get on the front foot and develop concepts that can actually be delivered.

I understand that funding to undertake this work can be met within existing operational budgets.

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**RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR**

That Council:

- A. Prepare a Northern Beaches Transport Strategy as the overarching strategy to transform the way people move about the Northern Beaches and provide a clear plan for improving public, active and road transport for the Northern Beaches community
  - B. Identify options for a realistic and achievable rapid public transport service between Dee Why and Chatswood, and between Mona Vale and Macquarie Park
  - C. Invite relevant State and Federal Government agencies to work in partnership with Council to identify the preferred rapid transport concept
  - D. Provide a short report outlining a progress update on these projects back to Council within three months.
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**MAYOR**

<b>ITEM 5.3</b>	<b>MAYORAL MINUTE NO 03/2017 - SYNTHETIC FIELDS</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2017/387400</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Northern Beaches Sportsground Strategy that was announced this year by Council clearly identified the shortage of sporting fields, including the need for synthetic sports fields and upgrades to existing sports fields across the Northern Beaches.

The 15 year Strategy will require careful planning and extensive community consultation on some elements of the Strategy and will take some time before projects can be delivered. I am pleased to see work already underway on projects such as more lighting for fields and developing partnerships with our local schools to use their fields for community purposes.

However I also believe there is an opportunity and a real need to deliver synthetic upgrades to at least two additional fields in the short term.

Two fields that have been proposed as priorities as they are highly used include Seaforth Oval at Seaforth and Kitchener Park at Mona Vale.

As we know, the fields already upgraded at Cromer Park 1 at Cromer, Melwood Oval at Forestville and the field located at Narrabeen Sports High School are a resounding success. The significant benefits to the community include providing a year round playing surface for 60 hours per week that remains at peak condition. Work has recently commenced on Cromer Park 2 and I believe it may be possible to bring forward and deliver further synthetic field upgrades identified in our capital works program earlier than currently scheduled.

There are a number of sporting groups which stand to benefit including AFL, soccer, cricket, touch football, as well as local school children having access to fields all year round. I understand the highest number of written submissions during community consultation on the Strategy called for converting grass fields to synthetic surfaces especially from hockey players who lack facilities on the Northern Beaches.

I appreciate there is complex process around identifying capital works projects and setting budgets around a program of works. With this in mind I ask Council to provide a report prioritising possible synthetic field upgrades so we can make a more informed decision around capital works budget allocations of these important strategic priorities for the community.

This proposal I believe will have the support of the community and sporting groups and there may also be opportunities to seek State Government funding to progress further upgrades and help reduce the shortfall of playing time on existing grass fields.

## RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR

That Council:

- A. Request staff prepare a short report to Council within three months with a prioritised list of sporting fields that could be converted to synthetic surfaces
  - B. Include in the report special consideration for Seaforth Oval and Kitchener Park that have already been identified as priorities on the maintenance programs
  - C. Outline in the report options for the budgeting program to enable at least two of the highest priorities to be brought forward into the 2018/19 capital works program
  - D. Provide Councillors a briefing prior to the presentation of the report at an Ordinary Council meeting
  - E. Undertake to write to local State Government Members seeking financial assistance from state government funding for the delivery of synthetic field upgrades.
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**MAYOR**

<b>ITEM 5.4</b>	<b>MAYORAL MINUTE NO 04/2017 - NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL STRUCTURE PLAN – INCREASE IN GREEN SPACE</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2017/387439</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct Structure Plan adopted by Council outlines the overarching strategy for future planning in Frenchs Forest and sets a 20 year vision for development and growth.

The State Government recently announced Frenchs Forest as a Priority Precinct which essentially means they will have overall planning control so it will be critical for Council to work in close partnership to ensure the local community's interests are represented in any decisions made. Along with myself, Councillors Harrison, Philpott and Sprott who represent the Frenchs Forest Ward, have had many conversations with local residents and strongly support any push to increase green space within the Structure Plan for Frenchs Forest.

The Structure Plan envisages a Town centre with commercial, retail and residential opportunities as well as a new high school proposed for the Warringah Aquatic Centre site. As part of this, it is important to remember that development standards of a floor space ratio of 2.9:1 and a height of 40 metres (no taller than the hospital) were key foundations of the proposed town centre in the Structure Plan. Having said this though, it is also important that we continue to advocate for more green space within the town centre to cater for the increase in residents who will be living not only in the town centre but those in the existing surrounding areas.

There is green open space included in the Structure Plan such as the proposed improvements already identified, for example the upgrading of Brick Pit Reserve (Bantry Bay Rd) that will also form a link to the aquatic centre area, however further consideration is required to deliver as much green space as possible across the precinct. Sadly, the construction of the hospital saw substantial tree removal and this loss is still not forgotten by our community.

The existing school site is perfect for the delivery of Open Space with connections to the town centre and the future retail and residential precinct. Innovative and considerate planning will be needed to deliver a solution that assists in breaking up the taller elements of the plan. Equally, consideration needs to be given to development underground for a transport interchange to future proof a rapid transport solution. This site is potentially a central connection to the hospital, the town centre, Warringah Road and Forest Way. We cannot lose that opportunity and must push for that in future plans.

I believe that the funding needed to increase community green space could be found through possible Developer Contributions or Special Infrastructure Contributions and would therefore not place any burden on ratepayers. Equally the proceeds of the school site can go back to providing the green space, on the same site.

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### **RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR**

That staff prepare a short report to present to Council within three months that identifies options to increase open space in the proposed Frenchs Forest town centre site as part of the ongoing development of the Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct Structure Plan.

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