



**CITY OF
PARRAMATTA**

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA A & B

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held in PHIVE (COUNCIL CHAMBER) COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 5 PARRAMATTA SQUARE, PARRAMATTA on Monday, 8 April 2024 at 6.30PM.

Gail Connolly PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
SUBJECT	Youth Week 2024
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09382973
REPORT OF	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

CSP THEME: Welcoming

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Lord Mayoral Minute is to acknowledge Youth Week from 11-21 April 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council acknowledge City of Parramatta's Youth Week, the largest youth-focused program in over a decade, being held from 11-21 April 2024 with the theme: 'Express. Empower. Get Loud!'.
- (b) That Council celebrate the important perspectives and contributions of young people in the Parramatta community.
- (c) That Council note the ongoing work to develop a Youth Inclusion Framework in consultation with young people, with a draft plan to be presented to Council in August 2024.

BACKGROUND

1. Parramatta is home to more than 36,000 young people aged 12-24 years old, which is forecast to almost double to more than 61,000 young people by 2036.
2. National Youth Week is an opportunity for young people to share ideas, attend live events, have their voices heard on issues of concern, showcase their talents, celebrate their contributions to the community, take part in competitions and have fun. In 2024, Youth Week will take place from 11-21 April. This year's theme is: 'Express. Empower. Get Loud!'.
3. City of Parramatta's Youth Week 2024 is the largest program in over a decade, featuring innovative activities and workshops including:
 - a. Parramatta Aquatic Centre (PAC) activities including water splash pop-up and inflatable obstacle courses, Active Parramatta activities, Train Like A Giant functional fitness class and AFL Club – 18 April, 10am-4pm
 - b. Living Stories Workshops
 - i. Carlingford Library – 16 April, 10.30am-12.30pm
 - ii. PHIVE – 17 April, 10.30am-12.30pm
 - iii. Epping Library – 17 April, 2.30-4.30pm
 - c. Liquid Nitrogen Show at Ermington Library – 15 April, 10am
 - d. Crafternoon Workshop at Ermington Library – 17 April, 4-6pm
 - e. The Peter Wood Funny Magic Show at Constitution Hill Library – 16 April, 10.30-11.30am
 - f. Origami Art Workshop at Constitution Hill Library – 17 April, 10-11am

- g. Walkabout Reptiles at Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library – 16 April, 11am-12pm
 - h. Riverside Theatres performances:
 - i. 360 ALLSTARS, an urban circus delivered by Onyx Productions – 19 April, 7pm, 20 April, 2pm and 22 April, 11am and 1.30pm
 - ii. Tempo, a musical circus performed by young people in connection with Flying Fruit Fly Circus – 16 April, 6.30pm, 17 April, 10.30am
4. Council's Youth Week program is funded by a NSW Department of Community and Justice (DCJ) grant, with matched funding from Council. This year's total project budget is \$20,000.
5. In addition, Council offered a Youth Focused Small Grant round to local services and groups for up to \$2,000 for the delivery of 2024 Youth Week programs or activities. Council officers and a youth panel, including Zyntaurus Donna-Aroon, City of Parramatta's Young Citizen of the Year 2023, assessed applications through a competitive grants process by against eligibility and assessment criteria in line with Council's Grants and Donations Policy. Successful projects include:
- a. Z-Axis @ Parra at Nautanki Theatre – 13-20 April
 - b. Art therapy for service clients at Parramatta Women's Shelter – 11-21 April
 - c. Y NSW's StreetgYm – 19 April
 - d. Reclink's Pop Up Sporting Activities – 11-19 April
 - e. Worn Stories creative writing workshops at the Story Factory – 11-21 April
 - f. Community Conversation with Young People at Dundas Area Neighbourhood Centre – 11-21 April
 - g. St Vincent de Paul's Outreach Stall (11-15 April) and VINeyes social justice workshop (16-21 April)
 - h. WSLHD Youth Health's Check-in 4 Health – 18 April
 - i. Karabi's Design and Create Photography Workshops – 11-19 April
6. City of Parramatta Council staff are working with local young people to develop a new framework to better engage with 12 - 24 year old young people. It is intended to present a draft plan to Council in August 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL

7. There are no new financial implications for Council as a result of this Lord Mayoral Minute.

Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
SUBJECT	Proposed Postponement of June 2024 i4Give Day Free Public Fete
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09391978
REPORT OF	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

CSP THEME: Welcoming

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Lord Mayoral Minute is to seek Council approval for the June 2024 i4give Day fete to be postponed, and funding to be rolled over to the 2024/25 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note that the i4give Foundation is seeking to postpone the 2024 i4give Day free public fete.
- (b) That Council postpone the planned 2024 i4give Day free public fete and support the event being held before 30 June 2025.
- (c) That Council support the 2024 event funds being rolled over and included in the draft 2024/25 budget.
- (d) That Council provide the i4give Foundation with details of the revised public fete event, including the scope, program and budget for the 2025 free public fete.

BACKGROUND

1. i4give Day and the i4give Foundation were launched in 2021 in remembrance of the four lives that were tragically lost on 1 February 2020, in Oatlands.
2. The focus of i4give Day and the i4give Foundation is to increase community awareness of the power of forgiveness in transforming human relationships and increasing resilience.
3. On 25 October 2021 Council approved the contribution of \$65,000 per year for three years to support the delivery of i4give Day free public fetes, starting in February 2022.

February 2024 Postponement

4. In December 2023 the Foundation approached Council's Events Team to request that Council postpone the delivery of the February 2024 fete due to personal circumstances of one of the Foundation members.
5. Council officers liaised with the Foundation over the Christmas/New Year period and agreed to postpone the fete subject to the event occurring within the 2023/24 financial year. The Foundation was formally notified of the postponement on 11

January 2024 and Council officers began work on securing a new date and booking the venue.

6. Subsequently, Council officers continued to liaise with the Foundation to agree on a revised date. Agreement was reached on 20 February 2024 for Council to hold the fete on 22 June 2024 at Prince Alfred Park and event planning and venue booking commenced on this basis.

Request for June 2024 Postponement

7. The i4give Foundation is seeking to again postpone the 22 June 2024 i4give Day fete, due to personal circumstances. The Foundation has requested that Council host the fete in 2025.
8. It is recommended that Council postpone the planned 22 June i4give Day public fete and support the event being held before 30 June 2025 (to ensure the funds are spent in the 2024/25 financial year).
9. Accordingly, this Minute seeks Council support for the 2023/2024 operational funds (\$65,000) being rolled over and included in the draft 2024/25 budget to support the delivery of the event before 30 June 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL

10. Unspent operational funds are not usually able to be rolled over into future financial years for use at a later date. However, in extenuating circumstances, Council may resolve to rollover existing allocated funds as part of an annual budget process.
11. This Lord Mayoral Minute proposes that the \$65,000 allocated for the 2024 i4Give Day public fete be rolled over from the 2023/2024 financial year to support Council's Event's Team to deliver the event in the 2024/2025 financial year.

Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

PUBLIC FORUM

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
SUBJECT NOM 14.1 Council Support to End "No Grounds" Evictions and
Emergency Bookings for Clean Up Service for Renters
REFERENCE F2024/00282 - D09393406
FROM Melissa Brooks

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors. I wish to address you this evening regarding item 14.1 on Council support to end No ground evictions.

My husband and I rent our home in North Parramatta, where we live with our four year old son. I am also the Chair of the Tenants Union of NSW, a community legal centre and the peak body for tenancy advice services in NSW.

My four year old son has lived in four homes and we have been evicted twice in his short life.

The first time we were evicted, we were subject to a retaliatory eviction three weeks before Christmas, after telling our agent that we were prepared to go to NCAT to enforce our right to a safe home. We had asked the agent to take action via strata to prevent the constant ingress of cigarette smoke into our home and my newborn son's bedroom. The agent used a provision in the Act that is supposed to be used when a home is rendered uninhabitable by a natural disaster. In the same email where the agent said he agreed, the home was unsafe and so we could not live there, he told us that we were required by law to make the apartment available for prospective tenants to inspect.

After that experience, we were extremely reluctant to raise requests for repairs. We had desperately searched for a home in the weeks before Christmas after having been evicted, and moved in on the 19th of December during the drought and horror bush fire season at the end of 2019. When the drought broke we were discovered that the roof leaked in every room, that in winter the walls dripped with condensation from the cold and that there was a chronic mould problem. When our landlord refused to fix the leaks in the roof or deal with the mould that covered our belongings, we ended up leaving of our own accord so that we didn't have another retaliatory eviction on our record.

When we moved into our next home, we invested a huge amount of time in the garden, reviving a sick orange and fig tree that were in the yard, getting to know our neighbours and volunteering as a tree champion for council. When we moved in we were promised we could expect to stay for at least five years. We were evicted after less than eighteen months because our landlords decided that they wanted to move in.

Both times we were evicted, it was for reasons permitted under the law, and those reasons would still be permitted under a regime where no grounds evictions were prohibited. The difference, and it is really meaningful to tenants, is that we could no longer be forced to leave our homes for no reason, simply for asking that the protections we are supposed to enjoy were enforced.

Society would not tolerate a situation where individual households needed to take energy retailers or network owners to court in order to ensure a reliable and safe supply of electricity when they were consistently paying their bills – but that is the situation that renters in NSW find themselves in with their housing.

Your only recourse when your landlord does not make repairs, or charges you unfairly, is to take the person who owns your home to tribunal, in an adversarial environment. Even if you

are successful, the landlord currently has the right to make you homeless for no reason whatsoever, at either 30 or 90 days notice.

This does not just hurt individuals. As I said, we are a family who are invested in our community. I volunteer at my son's daycare, at our local community garden and as one of council's bushcare volunteers – as well as working full time and volunteering for the Tenants Union. So many other members of our community who make the civic institutions that make this community a great place to live are in the same situation as us. As we discuss primary school choices with our son's friends parents, so many of them are in the same situation of feeling very ambivalent about that big transition when you have no security at all about where you will be living. Communities rely on the continuity of connection and knowledge that exists when people are able to give years of their lives to an place, and all of this is jeopardised by forcing people to move every time their landlord can extract a higher rent from a different tenant.

We have made choices about life, work and childcare that are thrown into chaos every time we are forced to move. The very fine balance of our lives that allow two full time working parents to commute by public and active transport is exploded every time we have to move and figure out how we do they daycare drop off and get to work on time. The tenants union estimates it costs renters on average about 4000 each time they move. We would guess we have spent easily more than \$15,000 on moving house during our son's life, and nearly three times that in the thirteen years we have lived together in rented homes. The time and money we could have spent on nearly anything else is a heartbreaking waste.

The state government went to last year's election with a commitment to renters that they would end no ground evictions. A year on, there is still no timeframe on when that will be delivered. The government has continued to equivocate about whether they will fulfil that promise. For me and my family, it's really important that the commitment that was made to renters in NSW is fulfilled as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
SUBJECT	Council Support to End 'No-Grounds' Evictions and Emergency Bookings for Clean Up Service for Renters
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09380098
FROM	Councillor Kellie Darley

MOTION

- (a) That Council call on the State Government to fulfil its election promises to end no-ground evictions in NSW.
- (b) That Council support ending no-grounds evictions for both periodic and fixed term tenancy agreements.
- (c) That the Lord Mayor write to the Premier, Minister for Fair Trading and Member for Parramatta expressing the view of Council on this matter.
- (d) That Council implements emergency bookings (7 days' notice) for council clean ups for residents who have received an eviction with only 30 days' notice.

BACKGROUND

1. Nearly half of all households in the City of Parramatta are renters (44% in the 2021 Census), representing one of the highest proportions of renting households in NSW.
2. The majority of NSW renters are currently on a fixed term agreement (58%). Those who are on a fixed term agreement are more likely to face a 'no grounds' eviction (71%). (Tenants Union of NSW)
3. Just over 11% of all tenancies that end in NSW are as a result of a 'no-grounds' eviction. (Tenants Union of NSW)
4. Evictions are disruptive and costly to renting households who are displaced from their homes. In a housing crisis with rapidly increasing rents, individuals and families are at risk of being forced out of their communities, and away from their jobs, education and support networks.
5. 2022 Research by the Tenants Union of NSW found that renting households in NSW face basic costs of \$2,520 when they move, and generally are more likely to face costs of around \$4,075 to move house. These costs are difficult for many households to meet, creating further pressure on household budgets and for the most vulnerable renters driving a cycle of poverty.
6. This disruption caused by evictions is not confined to the households affected. Over 80% of private renters have moved in the last 5 years. One third have moved between 2 – 3 times; and 10% have moved 5 times or more. This impact is felt in communities, as support networks are disrupted, neighbourhood cohesion is impacted and schools, childcare centres and local services have to

respond to populations who are forced to move much more often than they want to.

7. A lack of stability and security for renting households makes it harder for members of these households to invest tie in the community organisations and networks that allow our communities to thrive – including sporting clubs, P&Cs, community gardens and other volunteer organisations. This effect becomes more pronounced the greater the proportion of renting households in a community. Parramatta has one of the highest proportions of renting households in NSW.
8. Apart from the impact to renters of receiving a no grounds eviction, the existence of no-grounds evictions acts as a deterrent for renters to assert their rights under NSW tenancy laws to object to unreasonable rent increases, or request repairs to their property. Over the longer term and at a systemic level, this has effects on the quality of rental housing stock and on the quality of life of all renting households.
9. The NSW Labor Government made an election commitment to end no-grounds evictions in NSW. With a year having passed since their election, no legislation to end no-grounds has been presented for consultation or introduced into the NSW Parliament. Over 72,000 renting households in Parramatta live with the threat of being forced to leave their home for no reason hanging over their heads while they wait for the Government to act.

Executive Director City Assets and Operations Response:

In response to requests, Council extends support to community members facing similar eviction situations as described above on average twice per year. These requests undergo thorough investigation to verify their authenticity (identity, genuine eviction, etc). However, it should be noted that they demand the diversion of considerably more resources to implement a clean-up, compared to regular online bookings. (The average wait time for a regular clean-up is 15 days).

Kellie Darley
Councillor

Roxanne Thornton
Chief Governance & Risk Officer

George Bounassif
Executive Director City Assets and Operations

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
SUBJECT	Council Rate Categories and History of Rate Increases
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09342351
REPORT OF	Councillor Kellie Darley

CSP THEME: Accessible, Fair,

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:

1. [What is the percentage of rates revenue received by category this financial year compared to the previous two financial years?](#)

Executive Director Finance and Information Response:

Over the last 3 financial years, the percentage of rates revenue per category has remained stable. For FY2023-2024 the breakdown is shown in the table below:

Residential	61.8%
Business General	9.8%
Business CBD	15.5%
Business CBD #2	2.2%
Business Industrial	10.7%

2. [What is the percentage of rate payers by category this year compared to previous two years?](#)

Executive Director Finance and Information Response:

Over the last 3 financial years, the percentage of ratepayers per category has remained stable. For FY2023-2024 the breakdown is shown in the table below:

Residential	95.2%
Business General	2.4%
Business CBD	1.4%
Business CBD #2	0.1%
Business Industrial	0.9%

3. [How do Council rates in Parramatta compare with other similar LGAs and surrounding LGAs?](#)

Executive Director Finance and Information Response:

The average ordinary residential rate for the City of Parramatta came in at 7th lowest when compared to 30 other Sydney metropolitan councils.

The average ordinary business rate for the City of Parramatta came in as the 2nd highest when compared to 30 other Sydney metropolitan councils.

4. What has been the average increase of Council rates in Parramatta over the last decade?

Executive Director Finance and Information Response:

The increase in Council rates is determined by the NSW government (IPART rate peg) with the average increase in the rate peg by IPART being 2.7%.

5. What is the percentage spread of rate payers across the differing amount levels of rates payable (i.e. what percentage of rate payers pay the minimum and then other amount ranges)?

Executive Director Finance and Information Response:

By rate category, the following percentage of ratepayers pay minimum rates in FY2023-2024. (Preparation of rate ranges by other amount ranges/increments, and percentages for every category of rates will require a report to Council).

Rate Category	Minimum
Residential	59.3%
Business General	23.0%
Business CBD	25.5%
Business CBD #2	0.0%
Business Industrial	5.0%

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.2
SUBJECT	Accessibility and Baby Change Facilities in Public and Community Toilets
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09345437
REPORT OF	Councillor Kellie Darley

CSP THEME: Accessible, Fair

QUESTION WITH NOTICE:

1. How many Council parks have a public toilet? What proportion of these have a baby change table and/or accessible toilet?

Executive Director, City Assets & Operations response:

There are 20 Council parks with a public toilet. 16 park amenities have a baby change table and disability access and all 20 amenities have accessible toilets.

2. Do all Council operated community facilities (i.e. halls, meeting rooms, libraries) have an accessible toilet and a baby change table?

Executive Director, City Assets & Operations response:

There are 29 sites in total, of which 19 have at least one baby change table and 27 have accessible toilets. All sites have disability access.

3. In each Council public or community toilet with a baby change table, is at least one able to be used by both men and women?

Executive Director, City Assets & Operations response:

All Council park toilets that are fitted with a baby change table are able to be used by both women and men.

17 community facilities are fitted with a baby change table which are able to be used by both women and men.

ATTACHMENTS:**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.6
SUBJECT	Developer Contributions for Local Infrastructure (City Centre/Church St Precinct, North Parramatta)
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09380218
REPORT OF	Councillor Phil Bradley

CSP THEME: Accessible, Fair

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:

1. As advised by the Executive Director, City Planning and Design, for the CBD/City Centre full development, “the current funding gap between the total works program [for local community infrastructure] and the estimated [developer contribution] income is \$1.295 Billion” ie. \$1,295 million. What please is the breakup list of items and their location included in the “total works program”/schedule?

Executive Director, City Planning & Design Response:

The list of items, estimated cost and priority is included within the Works Program to the Parramatta City Centre Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022 in Appendix C (which is a statutory requirement in any plan). Maps showing the location of the works are included at Appendix D. The Plan is available at: [Parramatta City Centre Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.parramatta.nsw.gov.au).

2. Officers have previously advised that “to fully fund the [directly attributable] apportionable component [of work schedule items], the proposed [contribution] rates would, in theory, need to double”.
 - a) In the Church St North [Parramatta] precinct, the stated 20% reduction of theoretical GFA would already reduce the cost of development by about 20% and thus the cost of a 5% developer contribution by about 20%. Why then should Council allow *an additional 20% cost reduction* of the city centre 5% developer contribution rate to 4% for residential development?
 - b) Likewise, why should Council allow a 25% additional cost reduction of the city centre 4% contribution rate to 3% for commercial development, when a theoretical 20% reduction of GFA would already reduce the cost of a 4% developer contribution rate by about 20%?

Executive Director, City Planning & Design Response:

To fully fund the apportionable component of the works program of about \$1.2 billion, the Officer’s report to the meeting of 25 October 2021 (page 762) stated that the 3% levy in place at that time would need to double to **6% levy** (assuming full development of all sites). However, this rate could not be supported on development feasibility grounds, which was verified by independent testing. The previous report to Council of 26 February 2024 (page 109) explained the rationale for the proposed percentage rates for the Church Street North precinct (4% for Residential and 3% for Commercial) that were endorsed by Council for exhibition – page 12). As contributions in the City Centre are calculated using

estimated development cost, a reduction in the development potential on a site or in a precinct inevitably reduces the potential overall income across that precinct. These principles also apply to commercial development.

3. Given the apparent “double dipping” reduction of the 4%/3% recommended developer contribution referred to in 2 above, surely a slightly increased 4.5% residential and 3.5% commercial contribution rate in the Church St North precinct would still be “viable” by providing a very profitable Internal Rate of Return of about 20% and provide about \$5 million more for the community?

Executive Director, City Planning & Design Response:

Council’s endorsed draft rates for the Church Street North precinct align with the 20% reduction in development potential between Council’s original CBD Planning Proposal and the final planning controls developed through the State Government-led rezoning. An analysis of the rates recommended to Council and their impact on the theoretical Internal Rate of Return (IRR) achievable by developers in the precinct is provided in the Officer’s Report of 25 October 2021 (Paragraphs 18 and 19). The consultant’s report suggests that even at higher FSRs, a 5% contribution would only just meet the industry accepted benchmark of 20% IRR. Therefore, officers are satisfied that the 4% recommended for residential is an appropriate adjustment given the 20% decrease in development potential and the need to retain business confidence and continue to attract investment in the Parramatta CBD.

4. Approximately what proportion of the LGA’s residential and commercial rates, fees and/or charges will need to be contributed each year to fund the estimated \$1.295 Billion infrastructure shortfall associated with new development in addition to these paying for Council’s operating expenses?

Executive Director, City Planning & Design Response:

The Works Program within the City Centre contributions plan sets out estimated costs of works and locations for delivery over the 40-year life of the contributions plan based on local infrastructure assumptions and priorities when the Program was developed (2021-2022). The Works Program is subject to periodic reviews and change. The final commitment to deliver particular works aligns with Council’s Delivery Program and Operational Plan and budgeting processes as resolved by Council each year. In addition, funding for certain projects usually entails a mix of developer contributions, VPA funding, grants from Federal and State governments and Council funds. For these reasons, officers are not in a position to estimate what proportion of funding for the works program will be derived from rates vs other sources of funding that become available each year.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.7
SUBJECT	Questions Taken on Notice at the 25 March 2024 Council Meeting
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09381363
REPORT OF	Council Secretariat & Policy Officer

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:

Councillor Valjak asked the following question on Item 8.4 – Celebrating Greek Independence Day – 25 March 2024;

1. [Can the CEO please provide an update to Councillors on whether Council will reconsider flag raising ceremonies?](#)

Executive Director City Engagement and Experience Response:

Flag raising ceremonies are currently still on hold until a flag raising policy is adopted by Council. The draft Policy was considered by the Policy Review Committee on 25 October 2023. At this meeting it was resolved that further consultation on the Policy was required and members of the Committee were requested to provide their feedback for consideration to progress the Policy. At this stage, no feedback has been provided.

Councillor Darley asked the following questions on Item 12.1 Minutes of Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 23 November 2023;

1. [How can Councillors receive the relevant information referred to in the ARIC Minutes when the Minutes are merely referred to Council to receive and note?](#)

Executive Director Finance and Information Response:

The Minutes of each ARIC meeting are reported to Council to 'receive and note'. There is no role for Council to deliberate or reconsider any of the matters that have been considered by ARIC.

If any Councillor requires additional information, a request for the information may be made to the Chair of the ARIC by Council resolution. The Chair is only required to provide the information requested by the governing body where the Chair is satisfied that it is reasonably necessary for the governing body to receive the information for the purposes of performing its functions under the Local Government Act 1993. Individual Councillors are not entitled to request or receive information from the ARIC.

Councillor Garrard and Councillor Pandey are the current Councillor members of the City of Parramatta Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) and in accordance with the Office of Local Government Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW, the role of a Councillor member is to:

- relay to the ARIC any concerns the governing body may have regarding the Council and issues being considered by the ARIC;

- provide insights into local issues and the strategic priorities of the Council that would add value to the ARIC's consideration of agenda items;
- advise the governing body (as necessary) of the work of the ARIC and any issues arising from it; and
- assist the governing body to review the performance of the ARIC each Council term.

Further, the current ARIC Charter states that 'The Committee may, at any time, report to the Council any matter it deems of sufficient importance to do so'.

2. [Public Interest Disclosures Policy – request for training to be provided to Councillors.](#)

Executive Director Finance and Information Response:

The CEO has requested the Internal Ombudsman to arrange two training sessions for interested Councillors. These dates are currently being coordinated with Councillor Support to ensure that one session is held during business hours and one session is held during the evening.

Councillor Darley asked the following question on Item 12.2 ARIC Annual Report 2023

1. [Can Council \(or Councillors\) receive a high-level overview of the key findings from Internal Audits, possibly via a Councillor Workshop?](#)

Executive Director Finance and Information Response:

Internal Audit reports are routinely tabled at ARIC meetings where the findings and management responses are reviewed by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC). As with other matters relating to ARIC, the mechanism for reporting back to Council is via the current Councillor ARIC members or when the ARIC considers it necessary to inform the Council as a significant matter.

Councillor Bradley asked the following question on Item 12.4 Quarter Two Progress Report - Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2023/24;

1. [Why did only 2 trees get planted within the last DPOP reporting period and how many are planned to be planted? Could we not report on the trees given out to the community?](#)

Executive Director City Assets and Operations Response:

There have been hundreds of trees planted in parks across the LGA. However, street trees are scheduled for planting during the cooler Autumn months, with 750 plantings scheduled before the end of the Autumn season. During the September 2023 free plant day, a total of 3,600 plants and trees were given away to the community.

Councillor Noack asked the following questions on Item 12.5 Traffic Engineering Advisory Group – 21 February 2024 – Minutes;

1. Bennelong Bridge Load Limit was recently increased from 5 tonne to 30 tonne. When will the 533 bus be allowed to cross this bridge?

Executive Director City Planning and Design Response:

The repair options for the bridge are currently being investigated by Council staff and it is expected that the detailed design of the selected option will be undertaken before the end of 2024. Subject to Council allocating the required funding, tenders will be called and works will be targeted for 2025. When the works are completed, Bus Route 533 will be permitted to travel across the bridge.

2. Roadwork on roundabout and pedestrian crossing at Burroway Road and Hill Road. When will the work be complete?

Executive Director City Planning and Design Response:

During physical works on-site, the developer uncovered stormwater assets that were not identified during the initial subgrade investigations. As these assets were in conflict with the approved drainage design, the developer has been working with Council's Stormwater Engineers to modify the design and resubmit for approval. Subject to Council's approval of the revised design and weather conditions, it is expected that construction will recommence in April and be completed in June 2024.

Councillor Bradley asked the following question on Item 15.3 Developer Contributions – Parramatta City Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan – Church St North Precinct;

1. Total works program – it appears that the total works quantum has been fixed. Could Councillors please be provided with a copy of the works program. If possible, if this information could be published on Council's website.

Executive Director City Planning and Design Response:

The works schedule for the Contributions Plan is contained at Appendix C (page 21) and is available on Council's website at this link [Parramatta City Centre Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.parramatta.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/contributions-plan).

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL