



City Services Committee

6:30 PM
Wednesday 8 October 2025

Venue:
Committee Room, Botany Town Hall
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(Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany)

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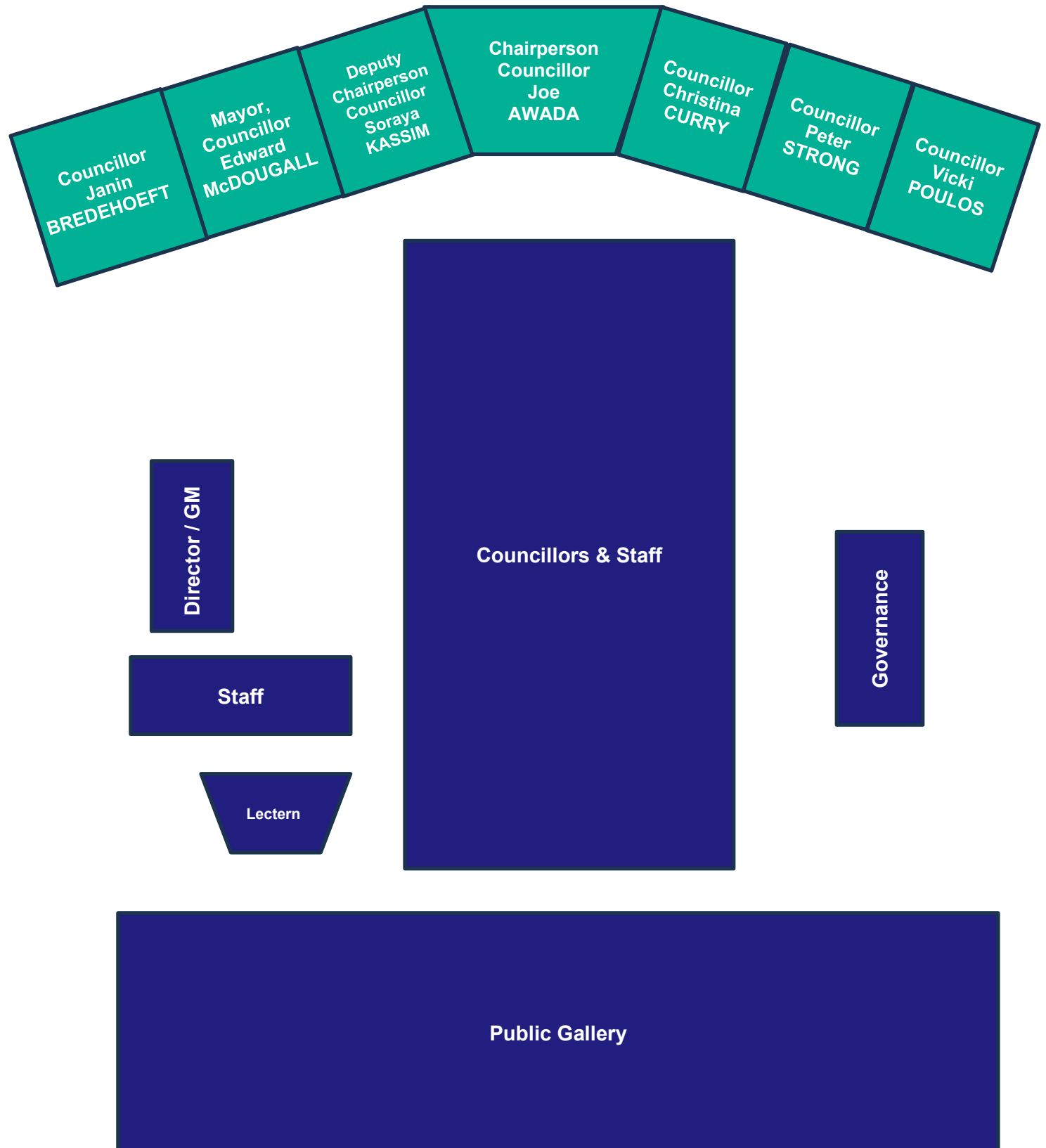
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Statement of Ethical Obligations

Obligations

Oath [Affirmation] of Office by Councillors

Oath

I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Bayside Local Government Area and the Bayside Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Affirmation

I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Bayside Local Government Area and the Bayside Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Code of Conduct conflict of interests

Pecuniary interests

A Councillor who has a **pecuniary interest** in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting.

The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting:

- a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, or
- b) at any time during which the council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

Non-pecuniary conflicts of interests

A Councillor who has a **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** in a matter, must disclose the relevant private interest in relation to the matter fully and on each occasion on which the non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to the matter.

Significant non-pecuniary interests

A Councillor who has a **significant** non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to a matter under consideration at a council meeting, must manage the conflict of interest as if they had a pecuniary interest in the matter.

Non-significant non-pecuniary interests

A Councillor who determines that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is **not significant** and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest must also explain why conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the
City Services Committee
will be held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall
1423 Botany Road, Botany
(Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany)
on **Wednesday 8 October 2025 at 6:30 PM**

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The meeting will be video recorded and live streamed to the community via Council's YouTube channel, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Peter Barber
Acting General Manager

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.

2 APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE & ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act and their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

City Services Committee

8/10/2025

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the City Services Committee Meeting - 10 September 2025
Report by	Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
File	SF24/8143

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the City Services Committee meeting held on 10 September 2025 be noted

Present

Councillor Edward McDougall, Mayor
Councillor Joe Awada, Chairperson
Councillor Soraya Kassim, Deputy Chairperson
Councillor Peter Strong
Councillor Janin Bredehoeft
Councillor Vicki Poulos

Also present

Councillor Liz Barlow (via Audio-Video link)
Councillor Michael Nagi
Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas
Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Debra Dawson, Director City Life
Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
Mariam Fares, Manager City Projects
Louise Farrell, Manager City Infrastructure
Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle
Phoebe Mikhie, Manager Compliance and Community Safety
Hong Nguyen, Manager Environment & Resilience
Rani Param, Manager Community Life
Christine Stamper, Manager Events, Arts and Design
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk
Robert Sciglitano, Manager Procurement (Acting)
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer
Anne Suann, Governance Officer
Nabin Bhattarai, IT Service Management Officer

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall, at 6:33pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.

2 Apologies, Leave of Absence & Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Apologies

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Kassim and McDougall

That the apology from Councillor Curry be received and leave of absence granted.

Leave of Absence

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

There were no Committee members in attendance via audio-visual link.

3 Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Joe Awada

CS25.029 - Change of Name - Mascot and Hillsdale Childcare Centres

Councillor Awada declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item CS25.029 on the basis that his family operates a family childcare centre in the area and stated he would remain in the meeting for consideration and voting on the matter.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

[4.1 Minutes of the City Services Committee Meeting - 13 August 2025](#)

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Bredehoeft

That the Minutes of the City Services Committee meeting held on 13 August 2025 be noted.

4.2 Business Arising

Note: The Committee notes that the Minutes of the City Services Committee of Wednesday 13 August 2025 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of Wednesday 27 August 2025 with the exception of the following:

12.3 CS25.024 NSW Electric Vehicle Kerbside Charging Grant - Round 2 Outcomes

- 1 That Council endorses the proposed locations of Electric Vehicle Kerbside Charging Stations for public consultation for 28 days which includes letterboxing the directly impacted houses, and core flute on proposed poles.
- 2 That a post public consultation report be submitted to City Services Committee for allocation of dedicated parking space.
- 3 That Council investigates licencing agreements with charging operators for dedicated parking spaces.
- 4 That any future locations come back via the City Services Committee.
- 5 That 18 Kinsel Grove, Bexley (opposite 1b Short Street, Carlton) and 22 Warialda Street, Kogarah, be removed from the proposed locations of Electric Vehicle Kerbside Charging Stations.

5 Items by Exception

There were no Items by Exception.

6 Public Forum

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

7 Reports

[CS25.025 Response to Notice of Motion - Gardiner Park Lighting](#)

Note: A presentation was given by Louise Farrell, Manager City Infrastructure.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Strong and McDougall

That the Response to Notice of Motion - Gardiner Park Lighting report be received and noted.

CS25.026 Response to Notice of Motion - Fairy Lights at Ramsgate Beach Shops

Note: A verbal update was given by Christine Stamper, Manager Events, Arts and Design.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Kassim

- 1 That the attachment/s to this report be withheld from the press and public as they are confidential for the following reason:

With reference to Section 10(A) (2) (d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1993, the attachment relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council. It is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open meeting it would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest due to the issue it deals with.

- 2 That Council approves the installation of Fairy Lights at Ramsgate Beach in two stages.
- 3 That funds for Stage One be funded from the Ramsgate Beach Local Area Fund.

CS25.027 Response to Notice of Motion - Investigation into Dual Naming of Barton Park

Note: A verbal update was given by Rani Param, Manager Community Life.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Bredehoeft

- 1 That Council endorses the dual name *Wadhangarii-Barton Park* for formal submission to the Geographic Names Board.
- 2 That Council notes the Geographic Names Board will exhibit the proposed dual name for public comment, and Council will link to and promote this exhibition through its Have Your Say page, thus reducing duplication of feedback.

CS25.028 Response to Notice of Motion - CCTV Camera Installation in Arncliffe to Improve Community Safety

Note: A verbal update was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Strong and Bredehoeft

That Council notes the Response to Notice of Motion - CCTV Camera Installation in Arncliffe to Improve Community Safety report.

CS25.029 Change of Name - Mascot and Hillsdale Childcare Centres

Councillor Awada had declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest, and remained in the meeting for consideration of, and voting on, this item.

Note: A verbal update was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Bredehoeft

That Council endorses the name change of Mascot and Hillsdale Childcare Centres to the more contemporary Mascot and Hillsdale Early Education and Care Centres, consistent with the naming of Garrigarang Early Education and Care Centre.

CS25.030 Draft Circus Management Policy - Outcome of Community Engagement

Note: A verbal update was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Bredehoeft

- 1 That Council receives and notes the Draft Circus Management Policy – Outcome of Community Engagement report.
- 2 That Council notes the community engagement results regarding Bayside's draft Circus Management Policy.
- 3 That Council adopts Bayside's Circus Management Policy.

CS25.031 Response to Notice of Motion - Story Dog Program

Note: A verbal update was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Bredehoeft

That Council notes the Response to Notice of Motion – Story Dog Program report.

CS25.032 Draft Bayside Council CCTV Policy

Note: A verbal update was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Bredehoeft

That the draft Bayside Council CCTV Policy be endorsed and be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:34pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall, at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 8 October 2025.

Attachments

Nil

5 ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

These are items that have been identified to be confirmed in bulk in accordance with the Officer Recommendation and without debate. These items will not include items identified in the Public Forum, items in which councillors have declared a Significant Conflict of Interest and a Pecuniary Interest, items requiring a Division and any other item that a Councillor has identified as one they intend to speak on or vote against the recommendation

6 PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public, who have applied to speak at the meeting, will be invited to address the meeting.

Any item the subject of the Public Forum will be brought forward and considered after the conclusion of the speakers for that item.

7 REPORTS

City Services Committee

8/10/2025

Item No	CS25.033
Subject	2025 - 26 Community Grants Program
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	F25/1013

Summary

This report recommends applications for funding under the Bayside Council Community Grants Program.

All applications have been assessed by an independent Assessment Panel in accordance with the eligibility and selection criteria detailed in Council's Community Grants and Donations Policy and the Community Grants Guidelines 2025.

Community Grants were advertised through social media, e-News, Council's website, and the efforts of the Community Life, Sport and Recreation, Environment and Resilience teams and the Arts and Culture Specialist promoting and sharing grant funding information through their respective networks. Applications were accepted for a 6 week period from 21 July 2025 until 29 August 2025. Council received 42 applications for funding.

Details of the 23 individual small and seeding grants recommended for funding are included in this report.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approves the distribution of the recommended Seeding and Small Grants to the value of \$66,704, as outlined in this report.

Background

Bayside Council runs a biannual Community Grants Program designed to support local, not for profit, community organisations, groups, and clubs to establish, extend or improve programs or services to the Bayside community. Council opened applications for funding on 21 July 2025 and closed on 29 August 2025.

Community Life engaged with individual organisations to provide them with any information required, and applications were developed and submitted through the online SmartyGrants portal.

Two types of community grants are available:

- Seeding grants of up to \$5,000

These are generally one-off grants to support initiatives to address the social, cultural, creative, artistic or leisure needs of the community in line with Council's Community Strategic Plan. Seeding grants support innovative and/or new activities that have not been previously run in Bayside, or existing activities being delivered in innovative ways and/or with a new target demographic.

- Small grants of up to \$2,000

These are for equipment purchases, delivery of small-scale activities, or development of information resources to support community programs.

Applicants must be incorporated, non-profit organisations, or unincorporated groups or individuals with an auspice organisation. Eligible organisations based in the Bayside LGA or those which service Bayside residents are also eligible to apply.

All grants must be acquitted if the funded activity has been delivered. Applicants with outstanding acquittals are ineligible to apply for further grant funding. An acquittal is deemed outstanding if the funded activity has been delivered and an acquittal form with receipts documenting expenditure has not been submitted.

To support potential applicants with their application, Council offered three Grant Information Workshops on 5 August 2025 (online), 19 August 2025 (Hillsdale Community Hall), and 21 August 2025 (Rockdale Library).

Assessment Panel

Under the Community Grants and Donations Policy, an independent Assessment Panel is required to assess the applications against the criteria and make recommendations to Council for approval.

The panel was supported by Council officers who were available to answer the Panel's questions about the process, eligibility criteria, and provide contextual information in relation to community groups and sporting and recreation clubs. Panel members are required to declare conflicts of interest where these arise, and do not contribute to discussion about that particular application.

The following panel members convened on 8 September 2025:

Ms	Myrna Chaar	NSW Department of Communities and Justice
Ms	Antoinette Chow	Advance Diversity Services
Ms	Vicki Jonhston	Jacaranda Women's Hub and local community advocate

Community Grants Applications

Council received 42 applications for funding with a total value of \$155,274.80. Of these, 23 are recommended for funding, and 19 applications have been assessed as either not meeting the grant funding or eligibility criteria, were uncompetitive, or not recommended because more appropriate funding sources exist (e.g. NSW Government grants). Applicants

that have been identified as having more appropriate funding sources for their projects will be referred to these funding sources.

Recommended Applicants

The Small and Seeding Grant applications recommended by the Assessment Panel for funding are as follows:

Seeding Grants: Up To \$5,000.00		
Organisation	Program Description	Amount Recommended
Bay City Care	Trauma-informed counselling services for women survivors of domestic violence	\$5,000
Banksmeadow Public School P&C	Water-safe workshop program for families of students with additional learning needs	\$4,344
Carlton School of Arts and Literary Institute	<i>Carlton Chronicles</i> , a six-week creative writing and performance program	\$4,010
Eastlakes Public School P&C	Collaborative community mural project on the school's outer walls	\$4,650
STARTTS	New after-school youth program aimed at young people from refugee and similar backgrounds	\$5,000
Walking Football NSW	Come and Try series of activities to extend the program to new Bayside seniors audiences	\$2,000
PCYC Eastern Suburbs	New afternoon activity program featuring chill-out space, free wifi and activities for young people	\$2,000
Rockdale Junior Rugby Union Football Club	Six week holistic health and wellbeing program for disadvantaged youth	\$4,600
Total Seeding Grants		\$31,604

Small Grants: Up To \$2,000.00		
Organisation	Program Description	Amount Recommended
Cultural Forum – Sydney Inc	HSC High Achievers Awards ceremony for Lebanese Australian outstanding students	\$1,050
Gladstone Street Community Garden	Purchase soil and other equipment for the garden	\$1,800
Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Ltd	Establish a new mothers group and playgroup for Greek families	\$1,000
Gujaga Foundation	Development of additional resources to support the Dharawal language program in Bayside preschools	\$2,000

Small Grants: Up To \$2,000.00		
Organisation	Program Description	Amount Recommended
Jubilee Eastlakes Before, After School and Vacation Care	Hands-on gardening program to support composting and waste programming	\$2,000
Lever Street Community Garden	Cultural Diversity Trellis to grow vegetables that reflect the diversity of local gardeners from culturally diverse backgrounds	\$2,000
Mascot Netball Club	Purchase replacement game-day netballs that will directly support over 60 teams across the club	\$2,000
SHARE SMR Inc.	Design, printing and distribution of the SHARE timetable weekly activities	\$2,000
South Eastern Community Connect	Purchase additional resources to support the youth drop-in service	\$1,500
South Sydney Mount Carmel Junior Cricket Club	Purchase new cricket balls for matches – a new ball is required for each match	\$1,000
St George Historical Society	Purchase additional outdoor seating and a marquee for weather-protected outdoor events at Lydham Hall	\$2,000
St George Randwick Hockey Club Inc	Purchase additional training balls	\$1,750
The Deli Women and Children's Centre	Purchase outdoor furniture, seating and plants for a dedicated Safe and Healing Space for therapeutic activities	\$2,000
Total Small Grants		\$22,100

Applicants recommended pending additional information		
Organisation	Program Description	Amount Recommended
Kogarah Community Services	Water Safety Beach Sessions for young people. The sessions will occur in Cronulla, however Council officers can work with the group to have sessions held at Ramsgate Beach. <i>Funding is subject to beach sessions being held in the Bayside LGA</i>	\$4,800
The Family Co	Deliver two Create and Grow workshops for children aged 0 – 5 years and caregivers <i>Funding is subject to evidence workshops will be held in the Bayside LGA</i>	\$2,000

Rockdale Community Garden	Purchase of mini rainwater tank and expand wicking beds to promote water wise gardening <i>Funding for mini rainwater tank is subject to obtaining any necessary Council permissions</i>	\$2,000
Sans Souci Community Veggie Patch	Site preparation for, and transport of a storage container for the garden to prevent theft <i>Funding is subject to obtaining any necessary Council permissions for storage container</i>	\$4,200
Total recommended Community Grants		\$66,704

If approved by Council, successful applicants will be invited to a presentation ceremony at 5pm on 12 November 2025 at Botany Town Hall.

Applicants Not Recommended

Unsuccessful applicants are always offered feedback to help them improve their applications for future funding rounds. Unsuccessful applicants can opt to have this feedback in person or over teleconference or videoconference.

The following applicants are not recommended:

Small and Seeding Grants Not Recommended by Assessment Panel		
Organisation	Program Description	Comments
14 Stars Children Foundation Pty Ltd	Social media and podcasting program	Unclear whether activities will take place in Bayside LGA. Value for money not clearly defined in application.
Brighton Le Sands Public School P&C Assoc	Purchase cubby houses and outdoor activities as teaching resources	Curriculum resources are responsibility of the school/ Department of Education
Carlton School of Arts and Literary Institute	<i>Bayside Faces</i> , a six week fine arts program to teach portraiture and painting	Community benefit and value for money not clearly defined in application
Carlton School of Arts and Literary Institute	Purchase an LED community noticeboard for the building	More appropriate sources of funding exist
Christopher Manias	Weekly ukelele lessons January 1 to February 5 2026	Applicant ineligible
Hamerkaz Ltd	Bay of Light: A Chanuka Celebration to mark the Jewish holiday	Uncompetitive application. Requesting budget for retrospective activity. Unclear where activity will take place.

Small and Seeding Grants Not Recommended by Assessment Panel		
Organisation	Program Description	Comments
Ice Zoo Skating Club Inc	Dance specific workshops for seniors	Uncompetitive application - appears more commercial than community oriented
Jana Hlavackova	Monthly meetup series focused on mental health	Uncompetitive application
Moorefield Men's Bowling Club	Jack Attack Lawn Bowls to emulate the Bowls Premier League	Uncompetitive application. Does not demonstrate community benefit.
Narwee Baptist Community Broadcasters	Vibras Latinas en Community Radio	More suitable funding is available via Multicultural NSW Festival Grants
Pagewood Public School P&C Assoc	Purchase and install a water bottle filling station	More appropriate sources of funding exist
PURE Korean Traditional Art Music Performance and Academy Australia	A cultural wellbeing project where community members will be invited to share something meaningful about plants	Uncompetitive application, limited value for money, unclear whether activities will take place in Bayside LGA
Rockdale City Raiders Soccer Club	Purchase microwave and BBQ for canteen and kitchen	Club should purchase appliances for its kitchen
Sayed Zainab Holdings Ltd	Purchase and install video conferencing facilities	Uncompetitive application. Budget does not align with project aims and description.
Shopfront Arts Co-op	End of Year Extravaganza celebration	Uncompetitive application. Limited value for money, does not meet the criteria for Seeding grant.
Sydney Airport Ladies Association	Annual Christmas party and fundraising walk	Does not meet criteria for Seeding Grant. Limited value for money.
The Bayside Garden Inc**	Supply and plumbing of a new water tap	Not an application for Community Grants, but for in-kind assistance from Council

All unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to seek feedback regarding their application. Those applications more suitable for alternative funding sources will be referred to these funding opportunities.

**The Bayside Garden Inc applied for a Community Grant (Small Grant), however, this is a request for in-kind assistance from Council's City Works business unit to install a new tap in the garden. This request can instead be considered by the General Manager under delegated authority.

Financial Implications

Not applicable	☐
Included in existing approved budget	☒
Additional funds required	☐

Community Strategic Plan

Theme One – In 2035 Bayside will be a vibrant and liveable place	☒
Theme Two – In 2035 our Bayside community will be connected and feel that they belong	☒
Theme Three – In 2035 Bayside will be green, resilient and sustainable	☒
Theme Four – In 2035 Bayside will be financially sustainable and support a dynamic local economy	☒

Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

No risk	☐
Low risk	☒
Medium risk	☐
High risk	☐
Very High risk	☐
Extreme risk	☐

Community Engagement

Not applicable.

Attachments

Nil

City Services Committee

8/10/2025

Item No	CS25.034
Subject	Supplementary Report - Gardiner Park Lighting/Sports Lighting
Report by	Peter Barber, Director City Futures
File	SF25/4740

Summary

The following Motion was submitted by Councillor Nagi at the May 2025 Council Meeting:

- 1 *That Council investigates the feasibility of lighting upgrades at Gardiner Park to support the full-purpose use of the facility by its custodian clubs.*
- 2 *That the investigation considers improvements that enable:*
 - *evening training capacity.*
 - *enhanced game day experiences for players, officials, and spectators.*
 - *improved safety of training facilities for players and officials.*
- 3 *That Council investigates ways to reduce light spillage via upgrades to lighting in Gardiner Park.*

This report provides supplementary information as requested by Councillors at the September Council Meeting.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That Council notes the information provided and is considered when voting on the Response to Notice of Motion – Gardiner Park Lighting.
 - 2 That the Council notes that Gardiner Park is included in the future Capital Projects Program (CPP) for renewal of light fixtures before 2030, in line with the Australian Federal Government's Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Act and the phase-out of inefficient lighting fixtures.
 - 3 That Council supports standardisation of lighting lux levels, set at 50 lux for training purposes and 100 lux for match practice and club-level competition, managed through Council's booking system, via the *Cloudmaster* operating system. The standard for natural turf fields will be 50 lux, and 100 lux for all weather fields where the impacts can be satisfactorily addressed.
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Background

Gardiner Park currently features eight floodlight poles, with four positioned to illuminate the all-weather playing field, and four directed toward the natural turf field.

The lighting currently installed to the all-weather field is intended to be suitable for “Amateur” play under the requirements outlined in AS 2560.2:2021 – Lighting for Football: Amateur Level of Play. According to this standard, a lighting level of 50 lux is required.



Figure 1: Current Light Pole Locations

Existing Lights - Compliance with Lighting Standards

A recent assessment commissioned by Council using a sports lighting specialist who conducted tests on site after dark confirms that the existing lighting system meets the requirement of 50 lux for amateur-level football, as specified in AS 2560.2:2021.

Proposed Lighting Assessment

Council commissioned an assessment of the existing lighting structures to determine if there is an opportunity to improve the illumination levels utilising the existing poles. It was concluded that new lighting fixtures providing lighting up to 100 lux could be accommodated on the existing poles. The coverage diagram is shown below.

The assessment also found that to achieve a higher level of lux would require the installation of more or higher poles, which would add significant cost and complexity. It would also be unlikely that light spill at a higher lux level could be satisfactorily controlled.

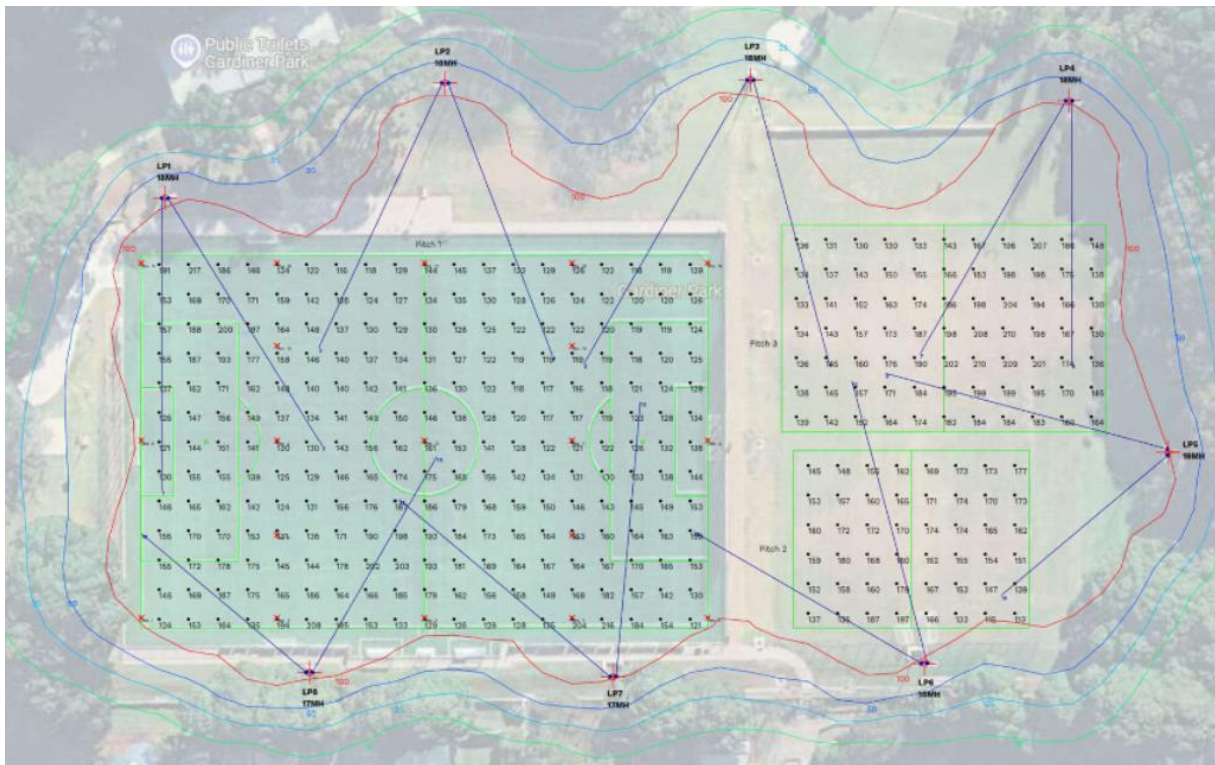


Figure 2: Proposed 100LUX Light Level

Cost and Risk Assessment

Below is cost estimate comparison based on Council's experience with recent projects.

Criteria	Current Condition	100 Lux Upgrade (Amateur Level)	200 Lux Redesign (Semi-Professional Level)
Cost	Nil	Approx. \$250,000	Approx. \$900,000
Community Impact	Minimal light spill; no adverse effects on neighbours	Meets obtrusive light standards; minimal additional impact on surrounding residents	Risk of light spill due to proximity of homes; shielding may be ineffective
Club Impact	Suitable for amateur use and training	Enables amateur-level evening games and extended training hours	Supports semi-professional competition; requires significant infrastructure upgrades such as a grandstand
Overall Assessment	Fit for purpose and minimal community disruption.	Improved lighting with club benefit and minimal additional community impact.	Future-proofs the facility but at high cost and with potential community and heritage impacts.

Current lighting across Council's Sports Fields

Council's playing fields were provided with lighting, and some subsequently upgraded, over a long period of time. The standard and types of lighting provided, their current condition, and the amount of information available about the specification of fixtures varies across the Council area. Below is a summary of information for each location using best information available:

Facility	Lux	Lighting Type	Age of System
Ador Avenue Reserve	100 lux (can be switched to 200lux)	LED	2024
Arncliffe Park	100 lux (can be switched to 200lux)	LED	2020 & 2024
AS Tanner Reserve	50 lux	LED	2025 (under construction)
Barton Park	100 lux (can be switched to 200lux)	LED	2024
Bexley Oval	50 lux	LED	2023
Bicentennial Stadium/Illinden	100 lux	LED	2017
Booralee Park	50 lux	Metal Halide	1999 & 2009
Brighton Memorial Fields	100lux	LED	2021
Cahill Park	100lux	Halogen	2009 & 2017
Gardiner Park	50 lux	Halogen	2009 & 2017
Hensley Oval	Unknown	Metal Halide & LED	2017 & 2018
Jellicoe Park	100 lux (3 fields) 50 lux (training)	LED	2023 & 2025
Kingsgrove Avenue Reserve	100 lux	Halogen	2009
L'Estrange Park	Unknown	Metal Halide	2009
Mascot Oval	Unknown	Metal Halide	2009
McCarthy Reserve (J Graham)	100 lux	LED	2021
C A Redmond Field	Unknown	Halogen & LED	1999, 2009, 2017
Riverine Park – Main	Offline		
Riverine Fields 1 & 2	Offline		
Rowland Park	40 lux	Metal Halide	1999 & 2009

Scarborough Park Central	50 lux	LED & Halogen	2009, 2014, 2017
Scarborough Park North	Unknown	Halogen	2009
Scarborough Park East	50 lux	LED	2025 (under construction)
Tonbridge Street Reserve	50 lux	Halogen	2017

Capital Projects Program – lighting upgrades

The current Capital Projects Program (CPP) includes the upgrade of:

- Scarborough Park East
- Scarborough Park Central
- AS Tanner Reserve
- Booralee Park
- Rowland Park
- Riverine Park (in conjunction with sporting partners)
- Mascot Oval

Lighting upgrades are typically delivered over two financial years. In the first year, activities include a review of existing lighting, structural assessment of lighting poles to determine potential re-use, geotechnical testing (if new poles required), design of new lighting, community consultation, and approvals. The second year involves procurement through a construction tender process, reporting to Council, and construction.

Phase out of Halogen Lights

The Australian Federal Government commenced the phasing out of inefficient halogen light globes with the implementation of the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Act in 2021, the Act was further updated in 2024, which will lead to halogen and incandescent models being banned from import into Australia in October 2025. Sale of existing stock will be permitted until 2030.

Whilst Councils are not required to replace all of their halogen lights by a specific date, the phase out of halogen lights in the Australian Market means replacement globes will become difficult to obtain. To avoid the risk of Council's sports field lighting not being operational if bulbs cannot be sourced, we are working towards transitioning to more efficient LED lighting to align with these new regulations.

Council's lighting renewal program is aiming for all sports lighting to be upgraded from halogen to LED by 2030 at the latest.

Upcoming renewals

The remaining parks with halogen lighting that are not already in the current CPP will be programmed for renewal over the next 4 years, to ensure we meet our 2030 deadline:

- Cahill Park
- Gardiner Park
- Kingsgrove Ave Reserve
- Tonbridge Street Reserve (sporting club currently seeking grant funding)
- CA Redmond Field (5 towers/lights)

Recommended Lux Levels

At amateur and semi-professional level, training fields require an average illumination of 50 lux, according to Australian Standards. It is recommended that this level of lighting continue to be the standard for natural turf fields.

At amateur and semi-professional level, match practice and club-level competition games require an average of 100 lux according to Australian Standards. It is recommended that this standard be adopted for all weather playing fields where there is demand, and the assessment/approval process finds that the impacts (especially light spill) can be managed.

The level of lighting can be managed through the Cloudmaster system, which Council has been progressively rolling out with lighting upgrades. The system allows the lighting level to be preset when bookings are made for fields to match the purpose of the booking (i.e. training vs. competition).

Higher lux levels are only necessary for higher level games that will be broadcast. Infrastructure such as a grandstand, parking, filming platforms and the like are also required in these instances. Higher lux levels generally require taller or a greater number of poles (or both), and light spill becomes difficult to control. The cost also increases significantly, and this would be difficult for Council to resource as a standard across all of its fields.

Financial Implications

The cost of lighting upgrades is variable due to number of fields, ground conditions if new poles are required to be installed, and current electrical capacity available at each park.

Based on recent projects, parks are varying between \$500K - \$1million.

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| Not applicable | ☐ | |
| Included in existing approved budget | ☐ | |
| Additional funds required | ☒ | For upgrade of all non-LED lighting |

Community Strategic Plan

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| Theme One – In 2035 Bayside will be a vibrant and liveable place | ☒ |
| Theme Two – In 2035 our Bayside community will be connected and feel that they belong | ☐ |
| Theme Three – In 2035 Bayside will be green, resilient and sustainable | ☐ |
| Theme Four – In 2035 Bayside will be financially sustainable and support a dynamic local economy | ☐ |
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Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

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| No risk | ☐ |
| Low risk | ☐ |
| Medium risk | ☒ |
| High risk | ☐ |
| Very High risk | ☐ |
| Extreme risk | ☐ |
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Community Engagement

Community engagement occurs for each proposed lighting upgrade as it progresses.

Attachments

Nil