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NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM-1 NOM 26/02/19 - COMMITMENT TO HIGH QUALITY POOLS

COUNCILLORS: D CLAUSEN, M BYRNE, C DUNCAN, J DUNN, N NELMES, E WHITE AND P WINNEY-BAARTZ

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 12 February 2019 from the abovenamed Councillors.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Reiterates its commitment to high quality aquatic facilities and ocean baths accessible to all Novocastrians.
2. Notes recent submissions and discussions with Venues NSW about the future of the Broadmeadow Sports and Entertainment Precinct, and the opportunities to locate a new all year round aquatic facility as part of the future Sports Precinct at Broadmeadow.
3. Notes the NSW Government's recent commitment towards a new aquatic facility in the Paramatta Local Government Area.
4. Receives an updated report outlining the current condition assessment of each inland pool, and a report on the quality of service delivery at each pool (including engagement with relevant communities and users) that outlines options for the future operation of Newcastle's aquatic facilities (including both short term operational and longer term capital and operational management)
5. Writes to local state members and the NSW Ministers and Shadow Ministers for Local Government and Sport advocating for a commitment to an all year-round aquatic facility as part of the Broadmeadow Sports and Entertainment Precinct.

BACKGROUND

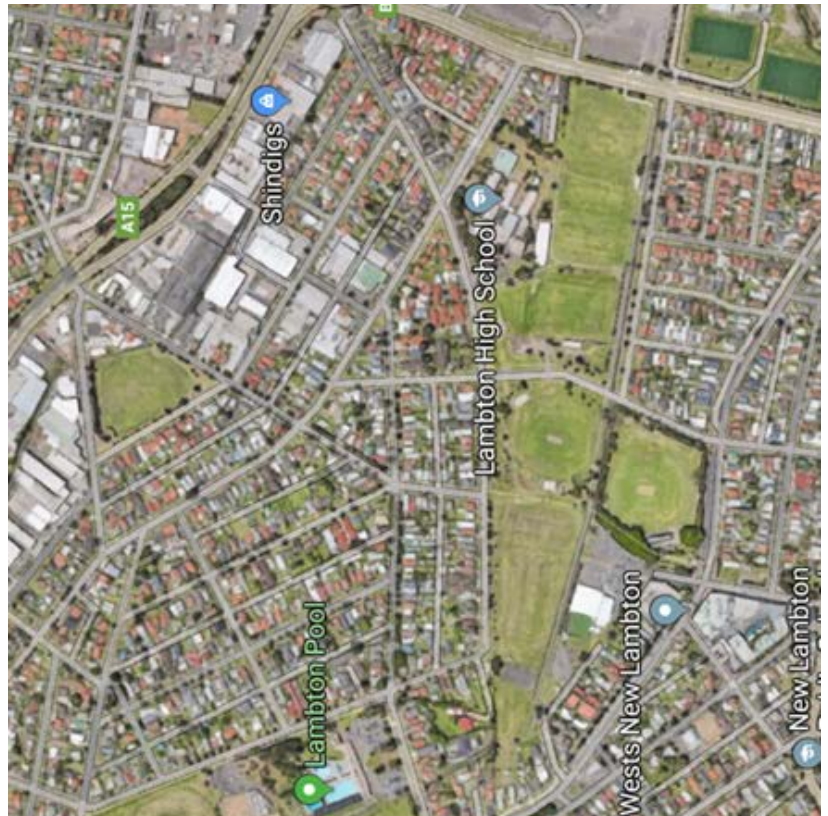
Together with the community, Labor Councillors saved Beresfield Pool from closure.

Since that time, Council has routinely resolved to improve the offering at our public pools, including motions to extend operating hours and reduce entry fees at Beresfield Pool, and preparatory steps for towards an all year aquatic facility at the Lambton Pool site.

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As part of the proposed Venues NSW upgrades to the Broadmeadow Sports and Entertainment Precinct, there is the potential for the inclusion of a new indoor aquatic facility only 10 minutes' walk (1.1km) from Lambton Pool. The NSW Government are due to release a masterplan for the Precinct.



ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

ITEM-2 NOM 26/02/19 - LGNSW SAVE OUR RECYCLING

**COUNCILLOR: COUNCILLORS D CLAUSEN, M BYRNE, C DUNCAN,
J DUNN, N NELMES, E WHITE AND P WINNEY-BAARTZ**

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 12 February 2019 from the abovenamed Councillors.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Endorse Local Government NSW's campaign, *Save Our Recycling*, to realise the reinvestment of a 100% of the Waste Levy collected each year by the NSW Government in waste minimisation, recycling and resource recovery.
2. Make representation to the Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and local State Members for Newcastle, Wallsend and Charlestown, in support of this campaign objective - for the NSW Government to commit to reinvest 100% of the Waste Levy in waste minimisation, recycling and resource recovery.
3. Write to the Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, the Opposition Leader, the Hon Michael Daley MP, the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, and the Shadow Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Penny Sharpe MLC, seeking bipartisan support for the 100% reinvestment of the Waste Levy collected each year into waste minimisation, recycling and resource recovery.
4. Take a lead role in activating the Local Government NSW *Save Our Recycling* campaign locally, and write to neighbouring councils and the Hunter JO recommending their involvement.
5. Endorse the distribution and display of the Local Government NSW *Save Our Recycling* information on Council premises, as well as involvement in any actions arising from the initiative.
6. Formally advise Local Government NSW that Council has endorsed the *Save Our Recycling* advocacy initiative.

BACKGROUND

This motion requests that CN support Local Government NSW in its advocacy to all those contesting the State election to reinvest 100% of the waste levy collected each year into waste management, recycling and resource recovery in NSW.

The *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) requires certain licensed waste facilities in NSW to pay a contribution to the NSW Government for each tonne of waste received at the facility. Referred to as the 'waste levy', the contribution aims to reduce the amount of waste being landfilled and promote recycling and resource recovery.

The waste levy applies in the regulated area of NSW which comprises the Sydney metropolitan area, the Illawarra and Hunter regions, the central and north coast local government areas to the Queensland border as well as the Blue Mountains, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly local government areas.

In 2016/17, the NSW Government collected \$726 million from local government, community, businesses and industry via the waste levy, but only committed to use \$72 million through its Waste Less Recycle More initiative – or 10% - on waste minimisation and recycling in 2017-18.

Overall the NSW Government's *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative allocates \$801 million over 8 years (2013-2021) to waste and recycling, however the waste levy collected over that same period will be over \$4.62 billion.

At a local government level, just 18% of the \$300 million collected from the local government sector each year is reinvested in recycling and waste management.

Over the past ten years, City of Newcastle has paid more than \$178 million in the waste levy.

Regardless of how you look at it, the principle remains the same – very little of the waste levy is currently used to support waste minimisation, recycling and resource recovery. The remainder is returned to NSW Government's consolidated revenue.

The reinvestment of the waste levy to support waste and resource recovery infrastructure, develop markets and innovative solutions, and undertake other initiatives to encourage reuse and recycling also offers wide-ranging benefits to our communities right across NSW. There is the potential for economic growth, new infrastructure, new technology and new jobs, particularly in our regional areas.

It should be noted that the following motion was unanimously endorsed at the Local Government NSW 2018 Conference:

That the NSW Government be called upon to ensure that 100% of the levy arising from Section 88 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 be used for waste infrastructure and programs, predominantly by local government and the waste sector, for initiatives such as:

- *Development of regional and region-specific solutions for sustainable waste management (e.g. soft plastic recycling facilities, green waste, waste to energy).*

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- *Support innovative solutions to reduce waste and waste transport requirements.*
- *Protect existing and identify new waste management locations.*
- *Local community waste recovery and repair facilities.*
- *Funding a wider range of sustainability initiatives, such as marketing and strategies, that promote and support a circular economy.*

This motion covered motions proposed by Blacktown City Council (Resource recovery locations); Central Coast Council (Waste levy revenues); Cessnock City Council (Recycling crisis - funding support); City of Ryde (Revenue raised by the waste levy); Federation Council (Waste resource); Gwydir Shire Council (Tyre recycling); Hornsby Shire Council (Increase in grant funding for waste levy program); Leeton Shire Council (Increase of waste levy distribution); and Shoalhaven City Council (POEO Levies). Related motions were also submitted by Tweed Shire Council (Recycled products and procurement); Lake Macquarie Council (Support for recycle end markets, reusable, recyclable or compostable packaging); and Orange City Council (Waste management).

As previously noted, this is not a party-political issue: the advocacy initiative calls on all parties and candidates to commit to the 100% hypothecation of the Waste Levy to the purpose for which it is collected.

CN should support this campaign by the NSW local government sector and Local Government NSW and call on all political parties to commit to the reinvestment of 100% of the Waste Levy collected each year by the NSW Government into waste management, recycling and resource recovery.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

In September 2018, CN adopted a Lord Mayoral Minute advocating for change to the Section 88 Waste Levy.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

ITEM-3 NOM 26/02/19 - ON-STREET BIKE AND CAR SHARE PARKING

**COUNCILLOR: COUNCILLORS D CLAUSEN, M BYRNE, C DUNCAN,
J DUNN, N NELMES, E WHITE AND P WINNEY-BAARTZ**

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 12 February 2019 from the abovenamed Councillors.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Notes its commitment to active, public and low-emissions transport (including park-and-ride), and the need for improved integration of transportation to improve efficiency, health and wellbeing, and reduce carbon emissions.
2. Notes recent approaches from car share companies, such as GoGet, seeking to establish in the City of Newcastle local government area.
3. Develops a policy for the use of a limited number of on-street parking bays for bicycle and car share parking, noting that the provision of this infrastructure reduces car dependency especially in the city centre. This policy should include a process to consider community views prior to the installation of any new parking bays and ensure a process for regular evaluation and review.

BACKGROUND

Use of bicycles and car share schemes help to reduce the use of private cars and have been shown to effectively help reduce congestion and improve community health and wellbeing.

A number of Councils across NSW have developed policies to manage the installation of new on-street bicycle and car share parking. In particular:

- City of Sydney:

https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/109099/2016-631840-Car-Sharing-Policy-2016-accessible.pdf

- Burwood City Council:

http://www.burwood.nsw.gov.au/verve/resources/Car_Share_Policy_-_Adopted_by_Council_24_October_2017_-_Team_Responsible_Traffic_and_Parking.pdf



ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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ITEM-4 NOM 26/02/19 - ICAN CITIES APPEAL - SUPPORTING THE UNITED NATIONS TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

COUNCILLORS: M BYRNE, D CLAUSEN, C DUNCAN, J DUNN, N NELMES, E WHITE AND P WINNEY-BAARTZ

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 12 February 2019 from the abovenamed Councillors.

MOTION

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Notes that 2017 Nobel Peace Prize winners 'International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons' (ICAN), and Hunter Peace Group, have asked City of Newcastle to support the 2017 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (the Treaty), and to endorse the ICAN Cities Appeal campaign which is aimed at building support and awareness for the Treaty;
- 2 Supports the ICAN Cities Appeal campaign by publishing our commitment statement on City of Newcastle's website and social media channels; and
- 3 Writes to the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader, calling on the Federal Government to sign the 2017 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

BACKGROUND

On 7 July 2017, 122 nations voted to adopt the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Following this, 2017 Nobel Peace Prize winners 'International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons' have enacted a global call for cities and towns to pledge their support for the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons prohibits the use, production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and lays the foundations for their total elimination.

Although the Australian Government ratified the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in 1973, it has not yet signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, introduced in July 2017.

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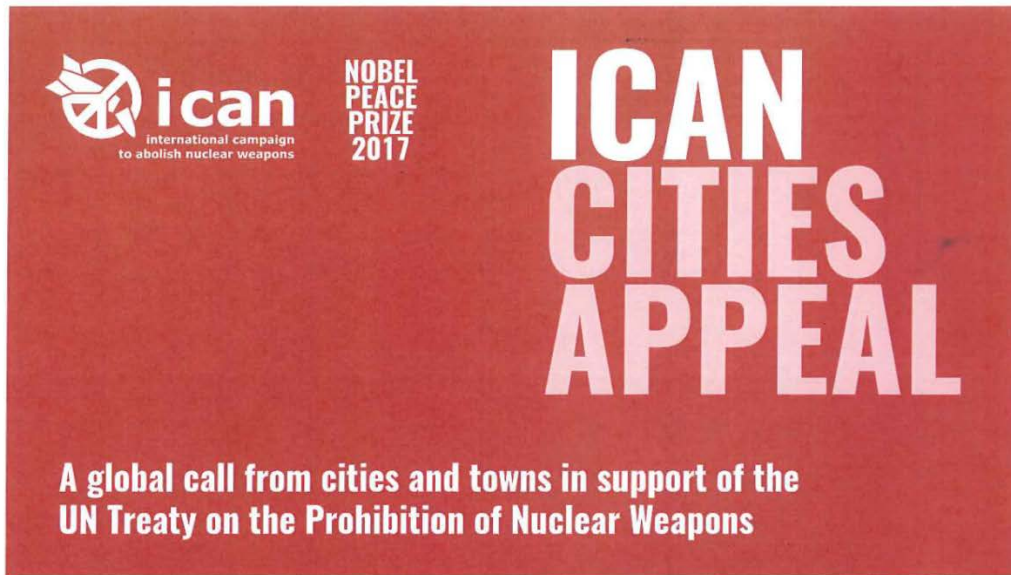
City of Newcastle Commitment Statement:

City of Newcastle is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for our people and the environment. Therefore, we warmly welcome the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2017, and we call on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal fact sheet

Attachment B: Correspondence from Hunter Peace Group

Attachment A**About the Appeal**

Nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people everywhere. This is why, on 7 July 2017, 122 nations voted to adopt the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. All national governments are now invited to sign and ratify this crucial global agreement, which prohibits the use, production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and lays the foundations for their total elimination. Cities and towns can help build support for the treaty by endorsing the ICAN Cities Appeal.

Text of the Appeal

"Our city/town is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment. Therefore, we warmly welcome the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2017, and we call on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay."

How to endorse the Appeal

The mayor or administrator of the local government should send an email to info@icanw.org indicating that the city/town has agreed to endorse the ICAN Cities Appeal. This appeal is for local governments of cities/towns in nations that have not yet ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Suggestions for further action

1. **Write to the national government:** Inform the foreign minister or other relevant official that your city/town has endorsed the ICAN Cities Appeal.
2. **Inform the media:** Issue a press release announcing that your city/town has joined the call for the national government to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
3. **Inform your residents:** Distribute information or hold a public exhibition about the threat of nuclear weapons and global efforts to eliminate this threat.
4. **Divest public funds:** Take steps to ensure that funds administered by your city/town are not invested in companies that produce nuclear weapons. See www.dontbankonthebomb.com.

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Attachment B



Hunter Peace Group



Peace is for everyone

Formed in April 2016 by Union of Australian Women and friends

14th January 2019

Cllr Nuatali Nelmes,
Lord Mayor,
Newcastle City Council,
PO Box 489 Newcastle 2300

Dear Lord Mayor

I am writing on behalf of Hunter Peace Group to make representations to you and your Council to consider drawing up a resolution which states that "Newcastle City Council supports the 2017 UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons" which in turn, supports ICAN's (International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons); "Save My City" campaign.

We are somewhat buoyed by the fact that at the ALP National Conference a commitment was unanimously endorsed that should Labor win the next Federal Election they will sign the above mentioned Treaty, however, nothing is sure and the election is still some way off; so believe it is still pertinent to make this request.

The members of Hunter Peace Group are gravely concerned regarding the threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that residents in Newcastle have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long lasting consequences for your constituents; our fellow citizens and our environment. We therefore call on Newcastle City Council to support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and pass a resolution stating this position, thus allowing us to advise ICAN that Newcastle is another city of support..

Hunter Peace Group members are available to discuss this with you. We await your response with great interest.

Yours in Peace and friendship

Lynda Forbes,
Secretary, Hunter Peace Group

PS along with others both Sydney and Melbourne are cities of support.

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ITEM-5 NOM 26/02/19 - ADAMSTOWN CONCEPT PLAN

COUNCILLORS: K ELLIOTT, J CHURCH, A RUFO AND A ROBINSON

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 13 February 2019 from the abovenamed Councillors.

MOTION

That Council:

- 1 Develop a concept plan for the retail/commercial section of Bruncker Rd, Adamstown, to create a village feel and encourage activity and business growth.
- 2 Allocate funding in this year's budget to complete the concept plan in 2019.
- 3 Identify opportunities for façade upgrade support for landlords with commercial premises in Bruncker Rd within the commercial precinct.
- 4 Develop a budget for the works identified in the agreed concept plan for consideration by Council.
- 5 Work closely with the local Adamstown business community in the interim to install a smart pole, recycle and install currently unused Council planter boxes, and facilitate improved lighting at the pedestrian crossing in front of the Nags Head hotel for night time safety.

BACKGROUND

Adamstown has experienced considerable development during the past few years and its shopping strip has not kept pace with the suburb's changing demographics.

The Adamstown business community recognises this, and members have been meeting regularly to identify and undertake locally based initiatives to improve the local commercial precinct.

They have a vision to make the Adamstown business strip a place where people want to dwell and spend time, rather than doing short focused trips to one or two stores and then leaving the precinct.

They have previously applied for a grant from Council but were unsuccessful and advised by Council that this was because their application was too infrastructure focused.

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The business community have identified that they would like to:

- i) recycle some existing, but unused, Council planter boxes,
- ii) have some design plans for a deep section of the pavement in front of the Business Link,
- iii) landscape and streetscape plan for Brunner Rd in the commercial precinct,
- iv) a smart pole, consistent with Newcastle's smart city aspirations and plans, and
- v) support for landlords to improve facades.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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REPORT ON NOTICE OF MOTION - ITEM-5 - NOM 26/02/19 - ADAMSTOWN CONCEPT PLAN

REPORT BY: INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROPERTY

CONTACT: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROPERTY

DIRECTOR COMMENT

In 2016, City of Newcastle (CN) assessed all neighbourhood centres zoned B2 and B1 under the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012, as part of the Local Centres Public Domain Renewal Program. Centres were prioritised to allow the equitable and sustainable allocation of limited resources across the Local Government Area.

High priority neighbourhood centres were assessed based on major issues such as aged infrastructure and road safety which need to be addressed in a holistic manner through a public domain planning process.

Adamstown was assessed as a medium priority local centre, requiring civil design for localised access issues rather than a full public domain plan. Undertaking improvements at Adamstown would impact on resourcing for higher priority centres on the waiting list set in 2016. It would also set a precedent for queue jumping which would be highly problematic for the long-term work program.

Opportunities to support façade improvement, refurbishment and installation of landscaping elements, and installation of smart poles are components of the delivery of a local centres project. It would not be financially prudent to consider the delivery of these works, or the installation of smart poles without a clear understanding of the objective or in isolation prior to a centre being delivered. Furthermore, there is no underground power on Bruncker Road which would complicate the installation of smart poles and likely make the project cost prohibitive.

Many of the suggested works in the Notice of Motion have been traditionally delivered by a Business Improvement Association (BIA) including the installation of planter boxes, improved lighting, and improved activation.

As Councillors are aware, in late 2018, CN consultants AECOM met with Sharon O'Rourke (representing the Adamstown business community) regarding the review of the BIA funding model. Concerns in relation to parking, amenity and the retail mix on Bruncker Road were raised at the meeting.

The general business community's desire to improve the presentation of Adamstown Local Centre is common to local centres across the Local Government Area (LGA). Support for the formalisation of Adamstown as a BIA was difficult to determine due to this mix of the Bruncker Road retailers.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1 Note that Council has resolved to prioritise the development of public domain across the Local Government Area, with works currently underway in Carrington, Beresfield, Stockton and Wallsend, and draft public domain plans being developed with community consultation in Orchardtown Road New Lambton, Birmingham Gardens, Shortland and Beaumont Street James Street Plaza, Hamilton.
- 2 Note that officers have developed a prioritisation framework to guide further plan development, which includes Brunner Road Adamstown as a medium priority local centre, and consistent with the broader program it is expected that Council will allocate funding as part of future capital works budgets.
- 3 Continue discussions with Adamstown businesses regarding establishing a Business Improvement Association, including consideration of expanding the special business rate levy to support economic development in this area, as part of the AECOM review that is currently underway.

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ITEM-6 NOM 26/02/19 - RIGHT TO THE NIGHT PROJECT

COUNCILLORS: J CHURCH, K ELLIOTT, A RUFO AND A ROBINSON

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 13 February 2019 from the abovenamed Councillors.

MOTION

That City of Newcastle

1. Notes that a nationwide survey released in 2018 by Plan International and commissioned by Our Watch reveals 30 per cent of young Australian women aged 15-19 report avoiding public places after dark, with approximately 23 per cent believing it's not safe to travel alone on public transport.
2. Notes that Ballarat Council has developed The *Right to the Night* project, which won a local government award for collaborative communities, and saw that council develop a website and an app enabling users to pin places they feel unsafe to help council revitalise these spaces and to discourage violence.
3. Investigates the merits, costs and benefits of launching a similar project in the City of Newcastle, which could help council planners revitalise areas identified as unsafe with lighting and furniture to promote the use by more people and discourage anti-social behaviour to compliment and inform the city's after dark strategies.

BACKGROUND

This notice of motion was prompted by correspondence from Islington Village Community advocate Terry McCauley. The authors of this Notice of Motion acknowledge his deep interest in creating safe public spaces and speaking out for his community. It is further informed by an article, which was published in Government News on October 22, 2018.

The key findings are:

1. More than 65 women were killed in an act of violence in Australia from January to October in 2018, a number of whom were killed in public spaces.
2. Nine in 10 women reported they were harassed in the street at least once, according to research by Plan International
3. While CCTV is often touted as a useful tool to discourage violence and assist with prosecution of crime, Dr Bianca Fileborn, a criminologist with expertise in

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sexual violence at the University of New South Wales, says that there are doubts over its utility alone in protecting women against violence.

4. The *Right to the Night* project, which won a local government award for collaborative communities, saw the council develop an app enabling users to pin places they feel unsafe to help council revitalise these spaces to discourage violence.
5. The project received an overwhelming response, with women marking 70 safe spaces and pinning 235 unsafe spaces, which will now help Ballarat Council revitalise these areas with lighting and furniture to promote more people and discourage anti-social behaviour.
6. “Energetic and vibrant” spaces were often highlighted as places where people felt safe. Ballarat Council says creating more spaces like these will in itself promote a reduction in crime and has urged other councils around Australia to follow its lead.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

REPORT ON NOTICE OF MOTION - ITEM 6 - NOM 26/02/19 - RIGHT TO THE NIGHT PROJECT

REPORT BY: STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT

CONTACT: INTERIM DIRECTOR STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT

DIRECTOR COMMENT

The Right to the Night project was conducted in 2018 by the City of Ballarat and project partners to inform decision-making around the design of safer public spaces in the Ballarat city centre. It used an interactive website and geo-spatial mapping interface for local women and girls to anonymously identify locations that were safe and unsafe and record notes of why the area made them feel safe or unsafe. Two 'urban walks' through the city centre, facilitated by City of Newcastle (CN) staff, were also arranged for community groups and individuals who may have had difficulty engaging with the online tool.

The project was based on the *Free to Be* project created by children's charity Plan International Australia and conducted in Melbourne and Sydney in 2016 and 2018 respectively and several international cities. The various versions of the online tool are commonly designed to aid people, particularly young women, to 'reclaim the city' by capturing public anecdotal experiences that could be used by authorities such as police and councils to make urban areas generally safer.

CN values highly the safety of all members of the community in public space and invests in appropriate initiatives accordingly. These values are expressed in our Community Strategic Plan Newcastle 2030 under the objective to provide vibrant, safe and activated places that are used by people day and night.

Two strategies deliver on this objective: *Newcastle After Dark Night-time Economy Strategy 2018-2022*, and the *Newcastle Safe City 2017-2020*. CN acknowledges that the experiences and perceptions of safety of women and girls in public space at night are an important and complex issue. The general intention of the NOM is in keeping with the principles underlying these strategies, which outline a range of initiatives that are aligned to the City of Ballarat project.

CN has in place existing digital consultation tools for collecting spatially specific (geo-coded) data. This platform, Social Pinpoint, is used regularly in community engagement programs to collect the views of the community in relation to experiences of place. Additionally, CN is undertaking a data collection and analysis program specifically for mapping night-time activities. Crowdsourced collection of experiences of safety in the city at night has already been considered and forms part of this project.

Finally, CN systematically includes Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) when considering the redevelopment and management of public spaces.

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Existing programs for public domain improvements, local centre upgrades and management of CN community facilities all provide opportunities for integrating insights generated through community crowdsourced methods identified in the NOM in the improved design and management of public spaces, including at night.

RECOMMENDATION

That a specific project of crowdsourced data collection focused on the place-specific experiences of safety by women and girls be established through *Newcastle After Dark Night-time Economy Strategy 2018-2022*. That this program utilise existing digital consultation tools that are fit for purpose and integrated in current project scope and budget for night-time activities mapping.

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ITEM-7 NOM 26/02/19 - CITY OF NEWCASTLE VIP EVENT

COUNCILLORS: J CHURCH, K ELLIOTT, A RUFO AND A ROBINSON

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 14 February 2019 from the abovenamed Councillors.

MOTION

That City of Newcastle

1. Notes that the cost to ratepayers of the 2017 and 2018 City of Newcastle VIP Event held at Fort Scratchley during the Coates Hire Newcastle 500 has been \$94,705.38 (2018 - \$49,796.38 2017 – \$44,909)
2. Notes that these are invitation only events and not open to the public,
3. Notes that the costs do not include the opportunity cost of hiring the venue to a third party at commercial rents.
4. Notes that despite the event being characterised as a charity event, City of Newcastle has not made a direct donation to the charity associated with the lunches.
5. Resolves to cancel future City of Newcastle VIP lunch events held at Fort Scratchley during the Newcastle 500 unless they can be staged at nil cost to ratepayers via other funding options which may include, but not be limited to, tickets sales or sponsorship.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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REPORT ON NOTICE OF MOTION - ITEM-7 - NOM 26/02/19 - CITY OF NEWCASTLE VIP EVENT

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CONTACT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CEO COMMENT

The City of Newcastle VIP Event is held annually on the Saturday of the Coates Hire Newcastle 500.

The event is an opportunity to ensure people of influence including prominent business leaders, media and politicians attend the Newcastle 500. Their attendance ensures they witness the excitement of the live event and are therefore able to speak from personal experience of the success of the Supercars event.

Tickets to the 2017 and 2018 Newcastle VIP Events have been provided by Supercars at no cost to the City of Newcastle. Costs are contained to an event marquee, associated furniture and on the day food and beverage.

Supercars cities throughout Australia host similar events to that hosted by the City of Newcastle. Such cities include Adelaide, Bathurst, Darwin, Gold Coast, Townsville and Melbourne. It should be noted that each is roughly double the size of that hosted by City of Newcastle.

The VIP Event has coincided with White Ribbon Day during the first two years of the Newcastle 500 and as such City of Newcastle has taken the opportunity to concurrently stage a charity fundraiser for Got Your Back Sista (GYBS). This charity supports women who have escaped a violent relationship and are faced with the daunting prospect of starting their lives again.

GYBS provides a pathway from refuge accommodation to sustainable independent housing, living and employment. The charity is focused on providing these services within the Hunter, Central Coast and Manning Regions and is investigating expanding its services further over the next 12 months.

Invitations to the City of Newcastle VIP Event included the following message:

The VIP Event will also include an onsite auction by our charity partner, Got Your Back Sista.

Further details about this charity is available at www.gotyourbacksista.com.

In 2018, an auction was staged at the event raising \$23,460 for GYBS (Attachment A). Auction prizes were donated by City of Newcastle, Blue Star Catering, Aaron

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Kinnane, Supercars Australia, Newcastle Jets FC, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Keolis Dower, Hunter Water, BarterCard and Svitzer.

GYBS volunteers attended on the day, selling raffle tickets which also served as an opportunity to network with attendees and develop support for their programs and events that raise awareness of the trauma of domestic violence.

In 2019, Council will make Fort Scratchley available for hire on the Friday and Sunday of the Newcastle 500. Council intends to donate the proceeds of any venue hire to GYBS as part of its 2019 City of Newcastle VIP Event.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Correspondence from Melissa Histon Founder, Got Your Back Sista

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Attachment A

Dear Jeremy

On behalf of Got Your Back Sista, I would like to thank all the wonderful people and organizations who threw their support behind our charity at the Supercars Newcastle City Council event at Fort Scratchley last week.

We raised \$23,460 for Got Your Back Sista from the Live Auction, raffle plus some wonderful donations! The funds raised will help us to help more women and children begin their lives again after escaping domestic violence.

Thank you to our generous prize donors:

- City of Newcastle and Blue Star Catering
- Award-winning artist Aaron Kinnane
- Newcastle Jets FC
- Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club
- Keolis Dower
- Hunter Water
- BarterCard
- Svitzer

Thanks also to the people who bid on and/or won the Live Auction prizes, purchased raffle tickets and made donations.

I would also like to thank the team at the City of Newcastle to help spread our key message, that domestic violence is never ok and that our community stands behind those people experiencing domestic violence to reach out and ask for help.

If ever you would like more information about our services, or how you may wish to further work with or support Got Your Back Sista, please contact us at 02 4989 2777 or melissa@gybs.com.au

As a small charity, this whole event and the opportunity to raise much needed funds means the world to us!

Thanks again! I am very grateful to you all!

Cheers,

Melissa Histon
Founder, Got Your Back Sista

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ITEM-8 NOM 26/02/19 - CLEAN SEAS INITIATIVE

COUNCILLOR: J MACKENZIE

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 14 February 2019 from the abovenamed Councillor.

MOTION

That City of Newcastle

- 1 Endorse the UN Environment Clean Seas campaign.
- 2 Write to the Federal Environment Minister to communicate this endorsement, and request information on progress of implementation since the Federal Government committed to the campaign in October 2018.
- 3 Commit to phase out all single use plastic from all Council-managed enterprises, Council activities and events on Council land by 2020, including plastic straws, balloons, promotional paraphernalia and plastic signage, and single use water bottles.

BACKGROUND

UN Environment launched Clean Seas (#CleanSeas on social media) in February 2017, with the aim of engaging governments, the general public and the private sector in reducing marine plastic pollution. Over five years, the initiative will address the root-cause of marine litter by targeting the production and consumption of non-recoverable and single-use plastic. The Clean Seas campaign urges governments to pass plastic reduction policies; encourages industry to minimize plastic packaging and redesign products; and calls on consumers to change behaviours associated with single use plastics.

On 29th October 2018, the Australian federal government announced our national commitment to the Clean Seas campaign at the Our Ocean conference in Bali, Indonesia. Australia presented ambitious targets as part of its Clean Seas commitment, including a pledge that 100 per cent of Australia's packaging will be reusable, compostable or recyclable by 2025, 70 per cent will be recycled or composted by 2025, and that single-use packing will be phased out through design, innovation or introduction of alternatives.

The announcement makes Australia the 56th country to sign up to the Clean Seas campaign, joining an ever-growing list of countries that are taking action to tackle marine plastic pollution.

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This motion is consistent with previous decisions of Council on marine waste and plastic pollution. In September 2017, the City of Newcastle committed to formalise a policy to ensure that all Council-managed enterprises, Council activities and events on Council land seek to eliminate the use of disposable plastic items. Council also agreed to:

- i) Promote the positive steps being taken in the community to both reduce the use of single use plastic bags, and to address marine plastic pollution more generally; and
- ii) Continue to assist and educate local businesses and the community to reduce the use of disposable plastic items.

ATTACHMENTS

New initiatives to protect our oceans and tackle marine debris across the Great Barrier Reef, The Hon. Melissa Price, Minister for the Environment, Media release, 29 October 2018. Online at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/price/media-releases/mr20181029.html>

More information on the Clean Seas Campaign: <http://www.cleanseas.org/>

**ITEM-9 NOM 26/02/19 - CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL AND RISK
DISCLOSURE**

COUNCILLOR: J MACKENZIE

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 14 February 2019 from the abovenamed Councillor.

MOTION

That City of Newcastle receive a report on the implications of the Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) for the City of Newcastle's financial and risk reporting, including options for incorporating climate-related financial and risk information into the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework.

BACKGROUND

The growing demand for decision-useful, climate-related information has resulted in the development of several climate-related disclosure standards. Many of the existing standards, however, focus on disclosure of climate-related information, such as greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other sustainability metrics. Users of such climate-related disclosures commonly cite the lack of information on the financial implications around the climate-related aspects of an organisation's business as a key gap.

In general, inadequate information about risks can lead to a mispricing of assets and misallocation of capital and can potentially give rise to concerns about financial stability since markets can be vulnerable to abrupt corrections.

Recognising these concerns, the G20 (Group of 20) Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors requested that the Financial Stability Board (FSB) "convene public and private sector participants to review how the financial sector can take account of climate-related issues." The FSB subsequently established the industry-led Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) in December 2015 to design a set of recommendations for consistent disclosures, primarily to help financial market participants understand their climate-related risks.

The remit of the TCFD was to develop consistent climate-related financial risk disclosures for use by companies in providing information to investors, lenders, insurers, and other stakeholders. TCFD considered the physical, technical, liability and transition risks associated with climate change and what constitutes effective financial disclosures associated with these risks across industries.

The TCFD represents an opportunity to standardise climate-related financial reporting, and make such reporting consistent and accessible. Better access to data

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will enhance how climate-related risks are assessed, priced, and managed. It will allow decision-makers to more effectively measure and evaluate their own risks and those of their suppliers and partners. Investors will make better informed decisions on where and how they want to allocate their capital. Lenders, insurers and underwriters will be better able to evaluate their risks and exposures over the short, medium, and long-term.

In June 2017, the TCFD released its final recommendations (see attached), under four broad themes: governance; strategy; risk management; and metrics and targets. For each theme, the TCFD includes specific recommended disclosures organisations should include in their financial filings to provide decision-useful information, and guidance on implementing the recommended disclosures for all organisations.

Although the TCFD is intended for private sector disclosures, the recommendations have direct application to the operations of Council. Council manages an extensive asset portfolio on behalf of the community, and decisions about the investment and maintenance of this infrastructure should consider the risks associated with climate change. In addition to the capitalised infrastructure assets, Council owns and manages a significant value of natural assets, with varying degrees of climate risk exposure. Both capitalised and natural assets represent asset management investment demands required to deliver effective community service levels, which may include the need to adapt existing infrastructure to emergent climate threats, particularly for assets that deliver critical services to the community.

ATTACHMENTS

Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). 2017. Final Report: Recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures. Online at: <https://www.fsb-tcfd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/FINAL-TCFD-Report-062817.pdf>