

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

2017 - 2018

ATTACHMENT D:
ADDITIONAL LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT
REQUIREMENTS

From the mountains to the sea

Requirements as per Act (section 428)

Wollongong City Council 2017-18 Annual Report was produced to comply with the Local Government Act 1993 (section 428) and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (clauses 132, 217 and 224). The following information is a requirement under the Act to include in a council's annual report.

Special Variation of Rating Income

Local Government (General) Regulation 5508(2) s508(a)

The tables below outline how the total amount of the rating increase has been allocated and expended during the 2017-18 financial year, in accordance with Council's financial sustainability program.

Capital Program Related to Special Rate Variation (SRV)					
30 June 2018					
SRV Renewal Program	Base Revenue	Allocation of SRV revenue	Base + SRV	Total renewal actuals expenditure of revenue funding	Difference of expenditure to Base + SRV
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Public Transport -Bus Shelters	100,000	95,000	195,000	360,597	-24,403
Roadworks - Road Resurfacing	1,000,000	1,905,000	2,905,000	4,433,868	1,403,868
Roadworks - Road Reconstruction	4,040,000	4,390,000	8,430,000	8,704,053	-1,405,947
Bridges, Boardwalks and Jetties	820,000	476,000	1,296,000	2,150,948	854,948
Footpaths	1,405,000	4,286,000	5,691,000	5,708,823	-62,177
Cycle/Shared Paths	700,000	857,000	1,557,000	7,954,884	5,847,884
Car parks	840,000	238,000	1,078,000	2,183,488	1,032,762
Community Buildings	7,337,590	5,429,000	12,766,590	10,225,753	-3,221,216
Public Facilities (Shelters, Toilets etc.)	260,000	305,000	565,000	600,620	35,620
Crematoriums/Cemetery Facilities	160,000	48,000	208,000	231,871	23,871
Play Facilities	690,000	514,000	1,204,000	1,462,703	112,712
Recreation Facilities	841,280	457,000	1,298,280	40,075	-1,258,205
Sporting Facilities	418,000	333,000	751,000	600,928	-150,072
Aquatic Facilities (Pools etc.)	2,033,600	667,000	2,700,600	2,074,905	-799,499
TOTAL	20,645,470	20,000,000	40,645,470	46,733,517	2,390,147

The following table provides a comparison of forecast operating result contained in the submission for the special Rate Variation (SRV) that was approved by Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in June 2014 with the actual result for the year ending 30 June 2018.

Operating Statement Comparison of Special Rate Variation Forecast and Actual 2017-18 30 June 2018			
	SRV \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variation \$'000
Total Revenue	283,219	314,776	31,557
Total Expenses	274,270	266,010	8,260
Operating results including capital grants and contributions	8,949	48,766	23,297

Major Variations	\$M
Revenue Variation	
Assets contributed to Council by external parties largely associated with West Dapto subdivision	18.3
Capital grants received for projects mainly associated with West Dapto Access Strategy projects	12.8
Timing of developer contributions	2.3
Additional specific purpose operating grants mainly for community transport and environmental programs	1.6
Improved revenue trends at tourist parks	1.3
Interest on investments	0.9
Share in joint venture	0.8
Development and approval income reflecting economic environment	0.6
Waste Facility and Domestic Waste Management income partly due to lower operating costs and abolition of carbon tax	(7.5)
Expense Variation	
Waste facility operating costs including EPA levy and carbon tax repeal	12.1
Utility costs	2.4
Depreciation expenses	4.3
Legal and insurance costs	1.6
Loss on disposal of assets	(3.9)
Processing of waste materials	(2.8)
Change in time of local government elections	(1.0)
Other including additional funded and specific projects	(4.0)
Total variation for year ending 30 June 2018	39.8

Senior Managers Remuneration

As determined by a resolution of Council in July 2017, the General Manager, four directors and 13 senior managers are defined as senior staff under the Local Government Act (sec 332). The remuneration packages of senior staff include the:

- total value of the salary component of the package
- total amount payable by Council by way of the employer contribution or salary sacrifice to any superannuation scheme to which the manager may be a contributor
- total value of any non-cash benefits for which the manager may elect under the package
- total amount payable by Council by way of fringe benefits tax for any such non-cash benefits, and
- total amount of any bonus, performance or other payments that do not form part of the salary package.

Position	Period	Total Value \$
General Manager	1-7-17 to 30-6-18	401,044
Directors (4) Community Services Corporate Services Infrastructure + Works Planning + Environment	1-7-17 to 30-6-18	948,972
Senior Managers (13) Manager Property + Recreation; Manager City Works; Manager Infrastructure, Strategy + Planning; Manager Project Delivery; Manager Library + Community Services; Manager Governance + Information; Manager Finance; Manager Community, Cultural + Economic Development; Manager Human Resources ; Manager Environmental Strategy + Planning; Manager Development Assessment and Certification; Manager Regulation + Enforcement; General Counsel.	1-7-17 to 30-6-18	2,410,836

Contracts Awarded

In accordance with Section 428(2)(h) of the Local Government Act 1993 the following is a list of contracts equal to or greater than \$150,000 awarded during the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (whether as a result of tender or otherwise):

Tender No.	Name of Contractor	Contract Description	Contract Amount (Excluding GST) \$
T17/01	Kenpass Pty Ltd	Refurbishment of Road Bridge on Berkeley Road, Unanderra	661,132
T17/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleary Bros (Bombo) Pty Ltd • Hansen Construction Materials • Hy-Tech Industries Pty Ltd • Boral Resources • Baines Transport 	Supply and Delivery of Pre-Mixed Concrete	4,500,000
T17/09	OTIS Elevator	Lift Upgrades at Wollongong City Art Gallery	226,600
T17/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecohart Pty Ltd • Good Bush Pty Ltd • Southern Habitat (NSW) Pty Ltd • Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council • Midgees Bushland Restoration • Toolijooa Pty Ltd • Illawarra Bushland Restoration • Commelina Bushworks • Bowantz Bushfire and Environmental Pty Ltd 	Natural Area Restoration and Bushfire Hazard Reduction Works	5,500,000
T17/12	Batmac Constructions Pty Ltd	Windang Tourist Park Amenities Refurbishment – Southern Block	625,343
T17/16	Batmac Constructions Pty Ltd	Mt Keira Summit Works – Stage 2	642,267
T17/19	Batmac Constructions Pty Ltd	Fernhill Soccer Club Amenities	543,028
T17/20	Van Mal Group Pty Ltd	Dapto Memorial Swimming Pool Roof and Ceiling Replacement	455,213
T17/23	<p>Broad Area Mowing consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skyline Landscape Services Pty Ltd • Illawarra Grounds and Surrounds • Prime Facility and Asset Management Pty Ltd • Asplundh Tree Expert (Australia) Pty Ltd trading as Summit Open Space Services • Waratah Lawncare and Garden Management <p>Small Parks consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skyline Landscape Services Pty Ltd • Programmed Property Services • Illawarra Grounds and Surrounds • Prime Facility and Asset Management Pty Ltd • Nat's Neat Cuts Pty Ltd <p>Maintenance Crew consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skyline Landscape Services Pty Ltd • Programmed Property Services • Illawarra Grounds and Surrounds • Prime Facility and Asset Management Pty Ltd • Nat's Neat Cuts Pty Ltd 	Open Space Maintenance	150,000
T17/27	T & C Services Pty Ltd	Unanderra Pool Solar Panel	159,000

Tender No.	Name of Contractor	Contract Description	Contract Amount (Excluding GST) \$
T17/30	Infrastructure Management Group Pty Ltd	Roads and Footpaths Video and Condition Assessment	176,138
T17/32	Water Research Laboratory (WRL)	Lake Illawarra Entrance Channel Management	262,675
T17/35	Project Coordination	Stanwell Park Café Redevelopment	1,419,396
T17/36	SRG Structural Systems Pty	Yallah Bay Road Bridge 1 Cathodic Protection	578,552
T17/38	GT Civil Pty Ltd	Brokers Road Dam Rehabilitation	190,586
T17/41	The Flagstaff Group	Tourist Park Linen Services	470,331
T17/42	Batmac Constructions Pty Ltd	Cringila Community Hall (Large) Refurbishment	618,979
T17/44	Batmac Constructions Pty Ltd	Coniston Community Centre Refurbishment	499,296
T17/45	Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd	Fowlers Road to Fairwater Drive – Stage 1C and 1D – Electrical Services Relocation	2,691,465
T17/48	Specialised Geo Pty Ltd	Harry Graham Drive Embankment Stabilisation	422,072
T17/50	Panel	Administration of Project Management Services Panel – PMS	1,500,000
T17/55	Kenpass Pty Ltd	O'Brien's Road Pedestrian Bridge Replacement	438,225
T17/57	Batmac Constructions Pty Ltd	Ensuite Blocks and onsite Astroturf Annex Sites at Windang Beach Tourist Park – Construct, Supply, Deliver and Install	276,700
T17/58	Peloton Construction Pty Ltd	Austinmer Boatshed Extension Project	513,904
T18/01	JRW Trading Pty Ltd	King George V Park Sports Field Lighting	273,024
T18/02	Growth Civil Landscapes Pty Ltd	Belmore Basin Embankment Reinstatement	350,367
T18/03	Dynamic Civil Pty Ltd	Wombarra Rock Pool Retaining Wall and Shell Works	1,019,642
T18/04	Dynamic Civil Pty Ltd	Coalcliff Beach Revetment Works	923,672
T18/06	Batmac Constructions Pty Ltd	Refurbishment of Office/Amenities at Western Suburbs Pool	820,644
T18/07	Programmed Property Services Pty Ltd	City Wide Park Furniture Painting	297,164
T18/10	Twin Connect Pty Ltd	Kanahooka Road and Brownsville Avenue Traffic Signal	235,010
T18/13	Project Coordination Pty Ltd	Wombarra Pre School Refurbishment and Retaining Wall	879,090
T18/19	Specialised Geo Pty Ltd	Harry Graham Drive Embankment Stabilisation – Stage 2 (Site 1)	476,417
T18/23	New England Constructions Pty Ltd	Helensburgh Rugby League Football Club Refurbishment	240,209
T18/26	Glennos Constructions Pty Ltd	Wongawilli Road – DN250 Water Pipe Installation	294,700
E4858	Fuji Xerox Business Centre Illawarra	Supply and Maintenance of Production Colour Printer for WCC Printing Department	343,193
E5074	Bibliothece Pty Ltd	Wollongong City Libraries RFID Self-Check Units	211,702
ISJO 05/16	Flick Anticimex Pty Ltd	Sanitary and Nappy Disposal and Cleaning Services	152,165
E4975	T & C Services Pty Ltd	Western Suburbs Pool Solar Panel Installation	159,175
E5022	Stowe Australia	Bulli and Corrimal Beach Tourist Parks Lighting Upgrade	162,752
E5021	Batmac Constructions Pty Ltd	Civil Works/Services at Bulli Beach Tourist Park in preparation for Installation of Cabins	163,100
E5037	Clinton's Toyota	Purchase of two Buses – 22 seat Community Transport	231,999
E5137	Hitachi Construction Machinery	Supply of three Hydraulic Crawler Excavators	266,150
E5115	Programmed Building Projects	IPAC Column External Repair and Painting	406,914

Controlled Entities

There are no controlled entities in the financial statements for 2017-18.

Council has significant influence over the following entities but do not consolidate due to their immaterial value and nature.

- Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Limited
- Wollongong City of Innovation Limited (trading as *Destination Wollongong*)

Partnerships, Cooperatives or Joint Ventures

Wollongong City Council is in a joint venture with CivicRisk West and CivicRisk Mutual, whose principal activities are insurance.

Financial Assistance to Persons for Council Functions

Contributions made by Council under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, 1993 in 2017-18 include:

Name of Contractor	\$
Community Events and Activities	109,459
Arts and Cultural Activities	71,445
Educational and Environmental Activities	20,095
Sporting Activities	93,526
Heritage Grants	37,500
Total	332,025

National Competition Policy

Council has adopted the principle of 'competitive neutrality' to its business activities as part of the national competition policy which is being applied throughout Australia at all levels of government.

The framework for its application is set out in the June 1996 Government Policy statement on the Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government.

The Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses 'A Guide to Competitive Neutrality' issued by the Division of Local Government in July 1997 has also been adopted.

The pricing and costing guidelines outline the process for identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard of disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents; Council subsidies; return on investments (rate of return); and dividends paid.

DECLARED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

In accordance with Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses 'A Guide to Competitive Neutrality' Council has declared that the following are to be considered as business activities:

CATEGORY 1 (where gross operating turnover is over \$2 million):

- a. Waste Disposal - Manages the disposal of solid waste generated within the city.
- b. Tourist Parks - Operation, management and development of tourist parks at Bulli, Corrimal and Windang.
- c. Health and Fitness - Responsible for the management and upkeep of Council's leisure centres.
- d. Crematorium and Cemeteries - Provision of quality crematorium, cemetery and memorial facilities and services.

COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COMPLAINTS

Underpinning competitive neutrality is the need to properly recognise the full costs of Council's business activities. This allows comparisons to be made with competitors in the same marketplace and provides information that will allow Council to determine pricing policies for each business.

Wollongong City Council has a process distributing indirect costs and overheads attributable to the declared business activities which are shown in the Special Purpose Financial Reports.

Rates and Charges Written Off

	\$
Postponed Rates	33,825
Postponed Interest	51,667
Council Voluntary Pension Rebate	409,984
Rates written off due to Crown Lease cancelled	35,350
Total	530,826

Companion Animal Management

Council has lodged the annual Pound Data Collection Returns with the Office of Local Government for the 2017-18 year. Information regarding dog attacks that have occurred throughout the city has also been lodged with the Office of Local Government for the year. These returns provided the following information:

- There were 161 dog attacks within the Wollongong City Local Government Area during the 2017-18 year.
- Council seized 415 companion animals during the 2017-18 year.
- Council returned 78 companion animals to their owners, the remaining 337 were impounded.

Council undertakes its impounding activities in accordance with Deed of Agreement with the RSPCA, through their facility at Industrial Road, Unanderra. This partnership provides improved opportunities for the re-homing of companion animals with Council and the RSPCA working together to achieve this. Council also has a "Hardship Policy" that is currently being reviewed. This policy provides opportunities to arrange payment options for owners who may be experiencing financial difficulty to have their animals released and taken home.

Throughout the 2017-18 year, Council invested \$1,375,455 on companion animal management and activities with all the companion animal registration income returned from the Office of Local Government's Companion Animal Fund being invested back into companion animal management and activities.

Community education programs conducted this year included partnering with the RSPCA to conduct a free microchipping day. This event provided Council an opportunity to distribute information to the community regarding responsible pet ownership, including the importance of de-sexing, identifying and registering dogs and cats. Council also participated in the "Aussie Dog Show" that was held as part of Australia Day celebrations. This event also provided Council the opportunity to remind companion animal owners of the importance of responsible pet ownership and to distribute information on how to achieve this. Website information including registration and identification requirements was reviewed and updated to ensure that information provided is contemporary and accurate.

Council's Foreshore Rangers continued to operate Friday to Sunday with an emphasis on education in relation to Council's Dogs on Beaches & Parks Policy, with particular attention to the foreshore areas of the City. In May 2018 Council's Animal Control & Foreshore Rangers conducted a beach patrol education program. This program was focused on community education and engagement and was conducted on the northern beaches of the City from Woonona to Stanwell Park.

The review of Council's Dogs on Beaches & Parks Policy also commenced in the second half of the 2017-18 year with an audit of current signage and access points one of the first activities being undertaken. The review of this policy will continue into the 2018-19 year including investigations into establishing other reserve / park based leash free declared areas.

The current list of declared off-leash beaches are:

- Perkins Beach, Windang (extending from Shellharbour Road/Wattle Street beach walkway north to access way south of Port Kembla Surf Life Saving Club southern car park;
- MM Beach, Port Kembla;
- Coniston Beach, Coniston south of Bank Street;
- Beach area directly east of Puckey's Estate, Fairy Meadow ie walkway north of Fairy Creek lagoon to walkway south of playground at Fairy Meadow Beach;
- East Corrimal Beach (from northern side of Bellambi Lagoon to Bellambi Point);
- Bellambi between Bellambi ramp and ocean pool;
- McCauley's Beach, Bulli/Thirroul;
- Little Austinmer Beach, Austinmer;
- Sharkey's Beach, Coledale (from the car park, south toward the rock outcrop);
- Stanwell Park Beach, north of northern lagoon.

In addition, Council also has a number of leash free areas declared in parks and reserves:

- Figtree Oval, Figtree;
- Proud Park, Helensburgh;
- Riley Park, Unanderra;
- Eleebana Reserve, Koonawarra; and
- King George V Park, Port Kembla.

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Section 7.5(5) Planning Agreements

Particulars of compliance with and the effect of planning agreements in force during the year.

Agreement Description	Property Description	Agreement Date	Particulars of compliance with and effect of
Brooks Reach Subdivision Monetary contributions, land dedication and onsite works.	Lot 601 DP 1054648, Lot 60 DP 1063539, Lot 1 DP 549692 & Lot 62 DP 751278 Bong Bong Road, HORSLEY	6/05/2011 (Amended 26/10/2012 and 12/5/2017)	This Planning Agreement was finalised during the period through the payment of a monetary contribution and the provision of on-site works.
Vista Park Subdivision Monetary contributions, land dedication and onsite works.	Lots 1, 2, 5 and 6 DP 1169628, Lot 4 DP 1178706, Lot 2 DP 1175865, known as 60 Smiths Lane, WONGAWILLI	25/07/2013	Monetary contributions in accordance with the schedule in the agreement.
Alkira Estate, Horsley Monetary contributions, land dedication and onsite works.	Lots 3, 5, 6 and 9 in DP 33650, Lot N in DP 103642 and Lot 4 in DP 661032 otherwise known as 80, 88, 94, 104 Shone Avenue and Lot 9 Iredell Road, Horsley.	8/09/2015	No effect this period.
Calderwood Monetary contributions of 6 staged payments toward the construction of Marshall Mount Road, Yallah Road and new road NR1-NR3	Lot 2 DP 2534, Lots 1-4 and 8 DP 259137, Lot 112 DP 851153, Lots 21,22 and 23 DP 1224293, Lots 21 and 22 DP 809156, Lot 1 DP195342, Lot 1 DP 558196, Lot 10 DP 619547, Lot 42 DP 878122, Lots 1101-1175, 1177 and 1182 DP 1202087, Lots 1201, 1222-1225, 1227, 1233 and 1234 DP 1206166, Lots 1301-1377, 1379-1380 and 1382-1383 DP 1206167, Lots 1401-1450 DP 1206168, Lot 2 DP 158988, Lot 1 and Lot 2 DP 608238, Lot 1 DP 1044038, Lot 1 DP 998349.	13/12/17	The agreement was entered into during the period.

Swimming Pool Inspections

In accordance with Clause 18BC of the Swimming Pool Regulations 2008, Councils are required to include in their annual report the number of inspections performed and the resultant number of certificates of compliance and certificates of non-compliance issued.

Inspections of pool barriers located at Tourist and visitor accommodation	20
Inspections of pool barriers upon premises with 2 or more dwellings	0
Total number of compliance certificates issued	78
Total number of non-compliance certificates issued	73

Environmental Upgrade Agreements (Section 54p)

Particulars of any environmental upgrade agreement entered into, in accordance with any requirements imposed under s406

Nil. This is not a service offered by WCC.

Stormwater Management Services

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CHARGE

Management of stormwater in Wollongong is challenging due to the large number of creeks and estuaries as well as the proximity of the escarpment to the coast which results in rapid stormwater surface flows during rainfall events. This presents particular challenges for managing the planning and development of the city's stormwater drainage network in such a way to balance the sometimes competing demands for new land for development, increased stormwater run-off that accompanies new development, protection of private and public assets from floods and protection of the natural environment.

The Stormwater Management Service Charge was introduced in 2006-07, following changes to the Local Government Act, to help fund the stormwater infrastructure and management costs borne by councils. The legislation allowed a flat fee of \$12.50/\$25.00 to be applied to each unit and townhouse/individual household and a pro rata fee for each business premises. The charge enables a significant increase in the works program for renewal of our ageing stormwater infrastructure, along with construction of new stormwater infrastructure with a focus on urban flooding and stormwater quality improvement works.

The City has an Integrated Stormwater Management Plan that incorporates the three stormwater management plans, including some overlap into the Shellharbour LGA, that provide a strategic approach to stormwater management. The plans, along with the Stormwater Asset Management Plan, catchment specific Floodplain Risk Management Plans, Illawarra Biodiversity Strategy and estuary management plans, inform future capital, maintenance and operational works programs to continue to build the capacity and reliability of the city's stormwater infrastructure to manage both the quantity and quality of stormwater run-off. Some tasks and projects identified in these programs are funded, or part funded, by the Stormwater Management Service Charge.

Projected Versus Actual Expenditure on Stormwater Infrastructure

Stormwater Management Service	Expenditure \$'000	Funding * \$'000
Planned - Annual Plan 2017-18	6,961	1,700
Actual costs 2017-18	6,681	1,817
Difference	280	(117)

* Stormwater Management Service Charge revenue

ALLOCATION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE FUNDS

Income from the Stormwater Management Service Charge is allocated across five categories as follows:

Category	Planned Expenditure 2017-18 \$	Final Expenditure 2017-18 \$	Reasons for change
Stormwater Quality Management	106,000	10,000	Projects were progressed from other funding sources
Stormwater and Watercourse Quality Management	767,853	767,853	
Stormwater Infrastructure Restoration and Replacement	530,000	120,234	Projects were progressed from other funding sources
Stormwater Operational Management	82,624	529,291	Additional planned maintenance were carried out
Stormwater Asset Management System	225,000	221,644	Delivery cost of the planned program was lower than initial estimates
Floodplain Structures	325,004	325,004	
Total	2,036,481	1,974,026	

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE FUNDED WORKS

Stormwater Quantity Management

Construction of new or enhanced stormwater drainage services to address current needs

Project Location	Work Description	Funding \$
Springhill Road, Water Quality Device	Debris control structure (design)	10,000
Total		10,000

Stormwater and Watercourse Quality Management

Construction or renewal of infrastructure for debris and/or pollution control; and creek bank clearing and revegetation with appropriate native species to maintain or improve stormwater flows, improve natural pollution control including siltation reduction and weed propagation as well as reducing flood risks.

Project Location	Work Description	Funding \$
Stormwater - Weed Tree Removal	Weed removal and replanting with native species	38,319
Bellambi Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	35,500
Collins Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	21,000
Edgewood Estate	Weed removal and replanting with native species	10,500
Hargraves Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	7,500
Towradgi Creek East	Weed removal and replanting with native species	24,236
Towradgi Creek West	Weed removal and replanting with native species	26,500
Whartons Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	15,000
Slacky Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	18,000
Tramway Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	1,000
Camp Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	7,000
Cabbage Tree Creek West	Weed removal and replanting with native species	47,500
Cabbage Tree Creek Guest Park	Weed removal and replanting with native species	20,000
Cabbage Tree Creek East	Weed removal and replanting with native species	20,340
Anthropegenic Creeks	Weed removal and replanting with native species	28,868
Fairy Creek Catchment	Weed removal and replanting with native species	37,486
Byarong Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	20,000
Branch Creek/Brandy & Water Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	35,500
American Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	26,500
Budgong Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	33,104
Minegang Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	40,000

Project Location	Work Description	Funding \$
Brooks Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	60,000
Allans Creek- Surrounds	Weed removal and replanting with native species	35,000
Harbour Creek	Weed removal and replanting with native species	10,000
Lake Projects East	Weed removal and replanting with native species	10,000
Mullet Creek West	Weed removal and replanting with native species	45,000
Mullet Creek South	Weed removal and replanting with native species	14,000
Mullet Creek North	Weed removal and replanting with native species	10,000
Allans Creek - Charcoal	Weed removal and replanting with native species	50,000
Gurungaty Waterway	Weed removal and replanting with native species	20,000
Total		767,853

Stormwater Infrastructure Restoration and Replacement

The replacement and/or upgrading of existing stormwater drainage assets due the condition of the asset or to address current needs.

Project Location	Work Description	Funding \$
Buttenshaw Drive, pipe	Construction	35,000
Minor Drainage Central - stormwater drainage	Construction	4,994
Cnr Lawrence & Carrington St - outlet structure	Construction	15,000
Gunyah Park Dam - Prescribed dam Rehabilitation	Design	12,237
9 Toorak Ave, pipe reline	Construction	23,003
Vale St & Gladstone Ave, additional pits & pipes	Construction	30,000
Total		120,234

Stormwater Operational Management

Planning and undertaking operational activities including cleaning of debris and pollution control assets

Project Location	Work Description	Funding \$
Citywide	Cleaning and removing of debris from stormwater pollution control and stormwater drainage infrastructure	529,291
Total		529,291

Stormwater Asset Management System

Collection of asset management data on the stormwater drainage network, the urban drainage (pits and pipes), creeks/waterways, flood attenuation and management structures and pollution/debris control structures. This information is used to refine and update the asset management plan including maintenance, capital renewal and augmentation programs.

Project Location	Work Description	Funding \$
Citywide	Programmed inspections of stormwater assets, develop maintenance and capital renewal programs	221,644
Total		221,644

Condition of Public Works

Financial information on the condition of public works is reported in the General Purpose Financial Statements through Note 9a - Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment, Note 27 - Fair Value Measurement; and Special Schedule No. 7 - Report on Infrastructure Assets.

Work Carried Out On Private Land *(Section 67(3))*

Throughout the year, Council did not complete any works on private lands applicable under Sect 67 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Public Interest Disclosures (PID)

Public authorities are required to report annually to Parliament on their obligations under the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 (Section 31). The Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 (PID Act) sets in place a system to encourage public officials to report serious wrongdoing. The conditions around this reporting are set out in Council's Internal Reporting Policy.

Public Interest Disclosures received and investigated by Council during 2017-18 include:	
Number of public officials who made PIDs	3
Number of PIDs received	3
Corrupt Conduct	3
Number of PIDs finalised	2

Note: The number of PIDs finalised only refers to PIDs that have been received since 1 July 2016.

During the reporting period, Council undertook the following actions to meet its staff awareness obligations:

- Policy briefing to senior managers
- Staff undertaking that they have read and understood Council's Code of Conduct and reporting procedures
- Refresher training provided by the organisation
- Reminder messages shared through the Hub and Team Brief
- Awareness raising posters in all locations of Council.

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009

The Government Information (Public Access) Act was introduced 1 July 2010 and facilitates access to information that Council holds in the following ways: Mandatory release of information via Council's website (Open access), authorised proactive release via Council's website, informal release subject to an informal access application and release subject to a formal access application. Any person who wishes to obtain access to information held by Council is encouraged to contact our public officer for assistance. There are a number of *open access* documents available including Wollongong 2022 Community Strategic Plan, management plans, annual reports, annual budgets, plans and policies, meeting agendas and minutes and graffiti and land registers. These, and other documents, are easily accessed via our website.

The following table specifies the number of Formal Access Applications lodged under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 received during the 2017-18 period. Statutory processing times were complied with in all cases.

Month	Number of Applications Received	Were applications processed within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days
July	3	Yes
August	5	Yes
September	3	Yes
October	3	Yes
November	6	Yes
December	1	Yes
January	4	Yes
February	0	Yes
March	4	Yes
April	4	Yes
May	2	Yes
June	4	Yes

Where a formal access application is received, and it is likely to be of interest to members of the public, Council may make the details available by publishing the content to its *disclosure log*. The disclosure log contains non-personal information only and can be viewed on Council's website via the following link – <http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/council/gipa/Pages/DisclosureLog.aspx>

Summary of Legal Proceedings

Particulars	Finalised	Expenses Including GST \$	Receipts Excluding GST \$
Liability Litigation Against Council			
Commercial Litigation	No	59,657	
Personal Injury	Yes	115,624	0
Personal Injury	No	83,760	0
Professional Indemnity	Yes	0	0
Professional Indemnity	No	0	0
Council Initiated Litigation			
Unauthorised Structures and Use	Yes	15,294	10,000
Unauthorised Structures and Use	No	11,437	
Swimming Pool Litigation	Yes	1,818	1,818
General Prosecutions	Yes	7,454	
Planning Appeals Against Council			
Refusal of Development Applications	Yes	86,358	9,544
Refusal of Development Applications	No	182,751	31,854
Challenges to Consents	Yes	12,500	

External Bodies That Exercise Functions Delegated By Council

During 2017-18 the following external bodies exercised functions delegated by Council under Section 355 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Body	Function
PLANNING + ENVIRONMENT	
Alanson Avenue Fiready	APZ maintenance
Allen Park Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Alvan Parade Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Balmer Crescent Fiready	APZ maintenance
Bellambi Dune Bushcare	Dune/lagoon restoration
Blue Divers Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Blue Lagoon Bushcare	Coastal/riparian restoration
Brickyard Point Bushcare	Coastal headland restoration
Brooks Creek Upper	Riparian restoration
Budjong Creek Landcare	Riparian restoration
Buttenshaw Place Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Byarong Creek (Figtree) Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Byarong Creek (Mt Keira) Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Carrington Road Bushcare	Woodland restoration
City Beach Dunecare	Dune restoration
Coachwood Park Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Coalcliff FiReady	APZ maintenance
Coledale Bushcare	Sea cliff restoration
Compton St FiReady	APZ maintenance
Emperor Court Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Farmborough Waterfall Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Figtree Oval Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Friends of the Botanical Gardens	Through active volunteering, the Friends foster community interest in the garden, promote the role of education in the garden, and support the development of the garden by raising funds for specific projects.
Garden Avenue Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Garden Avenue Fiready	APZ maintenance
Gellatly Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Greenhouse Park Bushcare	Revegetation
Helensburgh Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Hewitts Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Hewitts Ck (Armagh Pde) FiReady	APZ maintenance
Hooka Point Bushcare	Saltmarsh/riparian restoration
John Parker Reserve	Riparian restoration
Keira Oval Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Kelvin Road Bushcare	Bushland restoration
King George V Oval Bushcare	Revegetation
Kooloobong Park Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Kulgoa Road Bushcare	Riparian Restoration
Kurrimul Creek Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Lower Hill Street Fiready	APZ maintenance
Mangerton Park Bushcare	Dry rainforest
Mangerton Park Project	Dry rainforest
Melaleuca Park Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Mount Kembla Pathway Project	Maintenance of Memorial Track
Murray Garden Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Nyrang Park Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Odenpa Road Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Puckeys Estate Bushcare	Dune/lagoon restoration
Rae Crescent Bushcare	Riparian restoration

Body	Function
Reed Park Bushcare	Bushland Restoration
Richardson Park Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Riveroak Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Stanwell Park Dunecare	Dune restoration
Stephen Drive Fiready	APZ maintenance
Stockyard Slope	Riparian restoration
Sunninghill Circuit Fiready	APZ maintenance
Taminga Crescent Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Tathra Park Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Throsby Drive Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Towradgi Dune Bushcare	Dune restoration
Underwood Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Upper Hill Street Fiready	APZ maintenance
Wharton's Creek Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Whipbird Reserve Bushcare	Bushland restoration
William Beach Park Bushcare	Riparian restoration
Wilson Street Bushcare	Sea cliff restoration
Windang Dunes North Dunecare	Dune restoration
Windang Dunes South Dunecare	Dune restoration
Wisemans Park Bushcare	Woodland restoration
Wollomai Pt Bushcare	Bushland restoration
Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort Dunecare	Dune restoration
Wombarra Creek Bushcare	Riparian Restoration
Wombarra LHD Dunecare	Dune restoration
Wombarra Pool	Bushland restoration
CORPORATE SERVICES	
Mt Kembla Mining Heritage Inc.	Hosting of the 96 Candles Ceremony; Hosting of the WW1 Memorial Planting Ceremony; Operation of the Mt Kembla Heritage Centre.
COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group	Undertake minor maintenance and works to the grounds and improvements of Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery also utilising private equipment and labour from the Periodical Detention Centre.
Bulli Senior Citizens' Centre	To occupy, manage, secure, care take and maintain the premises on behalf of Council. Make the premises available for use by senior groups, community groups and others compatible with guidelines at mutually agreed times.
Comic Gong Volunteers	To assist to meet and greet visitors, conduct craft activities and surveys.
Community Transport Volunteers	To transport eligible older people and their carers and people that are transport disadvantaged in their own vehicles or Council's vehicles.
Friends of Scarborough Cemetery	Undertake minor maintenance and works to the grounds and improvements of Scarborough cemetery.
Home Library Service Volunteers	Selection of books on behalf of and delivery to customers' homes
Living Books	To be a "living book" as part of Councils Living Book program which includes sharing their story with young people and members of the Community at Living Book events
Social Support Services Volunteers	To provide social support in the community for eligible people. To provide respite support for eligible dementia client's carers by providing entry level care for dementia clients.
Surf Life Saving Illawarra	To provide lifesaving and rescue services to Council in accordance with the executed service agreement.
Viva La Gong Volunteers	To assist with set up and running of Viva la Gong Festival
Volunteering Illawarra Volunteers	Interviewing members of the public interested in volunteering their time in the community.
Wollongong Art Gallery Volunteers	To fulfil the role of Gallery guides, provide informed talks and facilitate discussion about the exhibitions for both school groups and adult members of the community.
Wollongong City Libraries Volunteers	Broadly working in libraries to gain skills undertaking administrative and customer service tasks such as IT training and events.

Details of Overseas Visits by Councillors and Council Staff

Kerry Hunt
 Director Community Services
 [Acting]
 Executive Management
 Community Infrastructure –
 Research Tour
 Christchurch, New Zealand
 7-9 November 2017

COSTS	
Registration	N/A
Accommodation	\$336
Flights	\$548
Expenses	\$134
TOTAL COST	\$1,018

Jason Hall
 Risk and Insurance Team Leader
 Governance + Information
 Division
 PRIMA Annual Conference and
 Insurance Pooling Research Tour
 USA
 2-19 June 2018

COSTS	
Registration	Nil
Accommodation	Nil
Flights	Nil
Expenses	Nil
TOTAL COST	Nil

Note: Costs met by CivicRisk Mutual of which Council is a member for insurance and risk management purposes.

Cr Gordon Bradbery AM
 Lord Mayor
 Commonwealth Local
 Government Conference (Malta)
 and Trade opportunities (UK)
 21-30 November 2017

COSTS	
Registration	948
Accommodation	161
Flights	11,962
Expenses	877
TOTAL COST	13,948

Greg Doyle
 Director Infrastructure and Works
 Executive Management
 Community Infrastructure –
 Research Tour
 Christchurch, New Zealand
 7-11 November 2017

COSTS	
Registration	N/A
Accommodation	\$1068
Flights	\$925
Expenses	\$545
TOTAL COST	\$2,538

Sue Savage
 Community Cultural and
 Development Manager
 Community Services Department
 13th International Conference on
 the Arts in Society Research
 Network
 Vancouver, Canada
 26-29 June 2018

COSTS	
Registration	\$710
Accommodation	N/A
Flights	N/A
Expenses	N/A
TOTAL COST	\$710

Note: S Savage presented a paper at this conference titled 'Local Government and the Arts: Building Identify through Collaboration with Creative Industries and the Arts'.

Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan

The Employment, Equity and Diversity (EED) Management Plan includes a number of programs addressing targeted groups. Our EED programs have continued to expand, and staff continued to be involved in employment strategy initiatives in the community. During 2017-18, Council undertook the following activities which provided and maintained opportunities for a diverse range of groups:

- Following on from Council's commitment to achieving gender equity, Council's focus during the year centred on reporting on gender equality pay matters. The Gender Equality Report, as at January 2018 was published on Council's website. An updated summary of this report is now available in the main body of this annual report (pages 14-15). Results highlight a gender pay gap, based on like for like positions, is 1.03% or \$807 p.a in favour of women. This compares to the industry average published by Workplace Gender Equality Agency of 15.3% or \$253.70 p.a in favour of men. The Gender Equality Report will be an ongoing feature of Council's annual report.
- Council reviewed and finalised its Workforce Management Strategy 2018-2022, which expresses an ongoing commitment to strengthening Council's workplace focus on diversity and inclusiveness through the following strategies;
 - To move toward representing our community and benefit from greater diversity of experience and thought.
 - Diversity and inclusion are part of our day to day decisions.
 - Better reflect the diversity of our community through designated recruitment process and positions.
- Significant improvements were made to Council's recruitment practices resulting in the streamlining of processes, improved employment screening and a reduction in recruitment campaign periods.
- Recruitment and appointment of a number of women in key leadership roles across the organisation, including achieving an Executive Committee that includes 40% women.

Council is committed to:

- Continuing to support the promotion and advocacy of diversity within the workforce.
- Implementing an EEO management plan for groups of people who are under-represented in our workforce and provide specific strategies to encourage better representation and participation within work areas, job families and managerial roles where they are underrepresented. These groups include women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, young people, people with disability and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Human Service Agency

Wollongong City Council comply with the Carers Recognition Act 2010 [CR Act s8(2)].

Councillors Attendance at Meetings

Council on 14 September 2015 resolved that councillor attendance at Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings, Section 355 Committees, as well as Councillor Briefing sessions, be recorded and reported in the annual report.

Attendance at Council Meetings and Councillor Briefing Sessions (1 July to 31 July 2017)

During the period under review, there were two Council meetings (pre September Election) and one Councillor briefing held (pre September Election).

Councillor	Council Meetings Attended	Councillor Briefings Attended
Lord Mayor, Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM	2	1
Councillor Michelle Blicavs	2	1
Councillor David Brown	2	1
Councillor Chris Connor	2	1
Councillor Leigh Colacino	2	1
Councillor Bede Crasnich	2	0
Councillor Vicki Curran	2	1
Councillor John Dorahy	2	1
Councillor Janice Kershaw	2	1
Councillor Ann Martin	2	1
Councillor Jill Merrin	2	1
Councillor Greg Petty	2	0
Councillor George Takacs	2	1

Attendance at Section 355 Committees

Australia Day Committee	Meetings Held	Attended
Lord Mayor, Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM	2	2
Councillor Chris Connor	2	0

City Centre Major Projects Steering Committee Councillor Members	Meetings Held	Attended
Lord Mayor, Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM	1	0
Councillor Michelle Blicavs	1	1
Councillor David Brown	1	1
Councillor John Dorahy	1	1
Councillor George Takacs	1	1

Attendance at Council Meetings and Councillor Briefing Sessions (September 2017 to 30 June 2018)

During the period under review, there were 12 Council meetings (post September Election) and 19 Councillor briefings held (post September Election).

Councillor	Council Meetings Attended	Councillor Briefings Attended
Lord Mayor, Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM	11	18
Councillor Cath Blakey	12	19
Councillor David Brown	12	19
Councillor Tania Brown	12	18
Councillor Chris Connor	8	14
Councillor Leigh Colacino	12	16
Councillor Mithra Cox	12	19
Councillor John Dorahy	9	10
Councillor Dom Figliomeni	11	17
Councillor Janice Kershaw	11	17
Councillor Vicky King	11	15
Councillor Jenelle Rimmer	11	17
Councillor Cameron Walters	12	17

Attendance at Section 355 Committees (September 2017 to 30 June 2018)

Australia Day Committee	Meetings Held	Attended
Lord Mayor, Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM	7	7
Councillor Chris Connor	7	2

City Centre Major Projects Steering Committee Councillor Members	Meetings Held	Attended
Lord Mayor, Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM	2	2
Councillor David Brown	2	2
Councillor Tania Brown	2	2
Councillor John Dorahy	2	1
Councillor Cath Blakey	2	1

Report of the Audit Committee

Report to Council covering the period July 2017 to June 2018

Membership

The Audit Committee of Council (The Committee) comprises five (5) members: three (3) independent members and two (2) Councillor members.

They are:

Independent members	Mr Jim Mitchell FCPA, Chairperson Dr Philip Ross BBus, MCom, PhD, CA Mr Stephen Horne PFIIA, CIA, CGAP, CRMA, MAICD, FGIA
Councillor members	Councillor Vicky King JP FPA

All independent members have recent and relevant financial experience in addition to extensive experience in corporate governance. Councillor members have appropriate qualifications and experience to allow them to undertake their roles.

Responsibilities

The Committee has the following responsibilities:

Financial Reporting

Advise Council whether the financial information reported by management reasonably portrays the Council's financial position, results of operations and significant commitments. In fulfilling this responsibility throughout the year the Committee have:

- Reviewed monthly and quarterly management financial, investment and performance reports.
- Reviewed the annual financial statements to ensure completeness, consistency with the Committee's knowledge of operations and application of accounting policies and principles.
- Received briefings on significant accounting and legislative matters with the potential to affect the financial position of Council.

Internal and External Audit

Oversight the work of both internal audit and external audit. External Audit included that provided by Council's contracted external auditors and more recently the Audit work undertaken by the Audit Office of NSW.

In fulfilling this responsibility throughout the year the Committee have:

- Reviewed Council's risk profile developed by the Internal Auditor and subsequently considered, approved and monitored the annual audit plan for internal audit activities.
- Ensured that all systems, processes, operations, functions, and activities of the Council were subject to internal audit evaluation at regular intervals based on risk assessment. To assist in this regard the Committee received regular briefings and updates on legislative and operational changes with the potential to affect Council's risk profile.
- Monitored, through the results of internal and external audits, the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control structure.
- Reviewed internal and external audit reports, the practicality of any recommendations and the adequacy of management responses. The Committee also monitored the implementation by management of recommendations arising from audit reports.
- Provided input and feedback on external audit coverage and performance.
- Reviewed the Audit Committee and Internal Audit Charters.

Other Responsibilities

- The Committee is required, through the Chair, to provide assistance and advice to the Corporate Governance Committee should any matters related to ethics, conflict of interests, misconduct, or fraud come to its attention.
- The Committee, during the year, received reports and provided advice to Management and Council on the review of Council's advisory committee structure.
- The Chair of the Committee may provide advice to the General Manager in relation to any matter if requested.

J Mitchell
Chairperson
Audit Committee
2 July 2018

Internal audits undertaken during the period July 2017 to June 2018, which were overseen by and reported to the Committee.

2017-18 Internal Audit Plan	
Sponsorships and Grants Policy and Controls	The overall objective of the internal audit was to consider the effectiveness of key controls as identified with WCC Management, compliance with current policies and procedures to manage WCC sponsorships and grants, and to identify any improvement opportunities.
Infrastructure and Works Project Management	The objective of this internal audit was to consider the effectiveness of Infrastructure and Works Project Management processes and to identify improvement opportunities
Rates Revenue	The objective of this internal audit was to consider the effectiveness of key controls as identified with Management and compliance with current policies and procedures relating to rates revenue, and to identify any improvement opportunities.
Inventory Stores	The objective of this internal audit was to consider the effectiveness of key controls as identified with Management and compliance with current policies and procedures relating to Inventory Store, and to identify any improvement opportunities.
Payroll Processes and Controls	The objective of this internal audit was to consider the effectiveness of key controls as identified with Management and compliance with current policies and procedures relating to payroll processes and controls and to identify any improvement opportunities.
Corporate Governance Health Checklist	The overall objective of the internal audit was to assess WCC documentation and processes against the Quarterly Corporate Governance Health Checklists completed. Where relevant, the assessment raised any identified potential enhancements or improvements that could be made to the Checklist and associated methodology.
Follow-up Audit	The purpose of each review is to establish and report on the status of actions taken by management to implement agreed internal and external audit and PCC recommendations. This review covered all recommendations noted by management as completed during the audit period.

Report of the Corporate Governance Committee

Report to Council covering the period July 2017 to June 2018

Membership

The Corporate Governance Committee (The Committee) has five (5) members: three independent members and two Councillors. All independent members have recent and relevant corporate governance experience in addition to relevant industry experience. Councillor members have appropriate qualifications and experience to allow them to undertake their roles.

They are:

Independent Chairperson: Terry Clout BA (UoW), FAICD, FGCRI, FRMIA, FACHSM, CPRM, JP

Independent members: Ross Clifton PhD, MBA, MA, BEd
Catherine Hudson BEc, GAICD

Councillor members: John Dorahy, GAICD
Chris Connor, MEdAdmin, GradDipEdSt (School Admin), DipT, MAICD

Responsibilities

The role of the Corporate Governance Committee is to serve as an independent and objective party to assist Council in fulfilling its responsibilities in relation to corporate governance, management of its financial affairs, compliance with laws, ethical behaviour, and for risk management.

As per the terms of reference, during the reporting period the Committee completed the following activities:

1. Financial Monitoring

- Reviewed Council's financial performance against the Budget as approved by Council, both operating and capital budgets
- Reviewed strategies of management to achieve budget balance
- Reviewed long term financial strategies developed by management.

Note: The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for examining the appropriate management of the budget. The Audit Committee is responsible for signing off on the financial statements for accuracy.

2. Planning and Performance Monitoring

- Monitored the development of the Council's annual management plan
- Reviewed and monitored progress of Council's strategic plans
- Reviewed the Council's progress against key performance indicators:
 - Executive key performance indicators
 - Council trends and statistics including:
 - Legal matters, including claims
 - Status of Council resolutions
 - Active Council tasks register
 - Internal audit recommendations
 - Customer relations feedback
 - TRIM statistics
 - Work health and safety
 - Corporate governance health checklist.

3. Risk Management

The Committee closely monitored the risk management program to ensure a comprehensive risk management plan is in place and management has a program to manage all significant risks by identification, prioritisation, and implementation of strategies.

In particular, the Committee reviewed:

- Reports on risk assessments and controls
- Risk management policies and procedures
- Risk management systems and compliance processes for adequacy.

The Committee received presentations in relation to the appropriate management of the following corporate risks:

- Compliance with Work Health and Safety obligations
- Fraud, corruption and/or maladministration prevention
- Public safety – storm water drains and culverts
- Maintenance of Council's workers compensation self-insurer licence.

In addition, the Committee provided advice on investigative processes throughout the year and undertook the role of monitoring the implementation of recommendations arising from some major external reviews.

4. Ethical Conduct

The Committee reviewed Council's approach to:

- Managing conflicts of interest
- Managing gifts and benefits
- Fraud prevention strategies
- Corruption risk management
- Probity issues relating to procurement practices and procedures
- Developing and maintaining staff awareness of ethical conduct, risk management and corruption prevention.

Closed Session Meetings with the Professional Conduct Coordinator (PCC) were held prior to each Committee Meeting to consider the PCC's Progress Report for the preceding period.

5. Council Policy Reviews

The Committee conducts ongoing reviews of the Council Policy Register and Corporate Governance Health Check to ensure that all key policies are current and meet legislative requirements.

The Committee, during the year provided advice to Management and Council on the review of the following policies:

- draft Model Code of Conduct (Office of Local Government)
- Unsolicited Proposals policy
- Councillor recordkeeping

6. Other Responsibilities

The Committee Chairperson provided advice to the General Manager in relation to the assessment and investigation of Code of Conduct complaints.

The Committee, during the year, received reports and provided advice to Management and Council on the review of Council's advisory committee structure

Prepared by T Clout

Chairperson

Corporate Governance Committee

12 June 2018

Sponsorship of Wollongong City Council Events

The following table provides a list all sponsorship, as per Council's Sponsorship Policy. (Figures reported excluding GST).

Sponsors / Event	Australia Day \$	NYE \$	Moonlight Movies \$	Giving Tree \$	Comic Gong \$
Friends of Wollongong City Library					3,000
BlueScope WIN Community Partners	2,500				
Remondis	2,500				
University of Wollongong	3,500				
Telstra	10,000				
McDonalds	2,000				
Greenacres	1,000				
Greencross Vets	500				
Illawarra Dog Training Club	500				
Dirty Dogz Day Spa	500				
Bendigo Bank, Fairy Meadow	3,500				
Go Hire	900				
BlueScope WIN Community Partners				500	
Acorn Lawyers		12,000			
SouthCoast BMW		6,500			
Foreshores Shipping Containers			500		
Corrimal Chamber of Commerce			500		
Horizon Credit Union			2,000		
CareSouth			4,000		
Thirroul Sea Side & Arts Festival			2,000		
Total	27,400	18,500	9,000	500	3,000

Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016 – 2020

This is the second annual report of progress in the implementation of the Wollongong City Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016 – 2020 which guides Council in meeting its requirements under the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014.

The plan has four focus areas:

- Creating liveable communities
- Improving access to services through better systems and processes
- Promoting positive community attitudes and behaviours
- Supporting access to meaningful employment.

The development of the plan involved extensive community consultation and Council continues to engage the community to ensure the priorities are current. A detailed Implementation plan and evaluation framework support the plan and measure our progress. An internal steering group with representatives across Council is overseeing the implementation of the plan.

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Annual Progress

Completed	Ongoing	In Progress (Projects)	Pending	Not Started
9	82	7	0	10

Creating Liveable Communities

Council has undertaken the following infrastructure projects to increase access to the built environment for people with disability:

- Completed the Blue Mile Tramway Link project to improve accessibility to the Belmore Basin area and to the Continental Pool
- Installed an Adult Lift and Change table at Wests Unanderra Pool, Unanderra and an automated toilet at Pop Errington Park
- Completed Stage One of the accessible rainforest walk at the Wollongong Botanic Garden including a new entry off Robsons Road
- Built three new cabins at Council tourist parks that include accessible ramp access
- Improved access to several Council buildings including accessible toilets at Cringila and Coniston community halls, access to the kiosk at Mt Keira Summit and upgrades to the lift and balcony at the Wollongong Art Gallery
- Installed an accessible lift platform into Berkeley Pool, Berkeley
- Developed a Quick Links project where eight small projects to increase access were identified
- Upgraded kerb ramps at 24 crossing points, five cycle way /shared paths and six footpaths
- Improved access at 14 bus stops by creating paths of travel from the bus stop/shelter to the kerbside. Four of these upgrades incorporated seating and 5 incorporated shelters
- Upgraded six car parks including paths of travel to and from the car parks.

Council is working towards a greater understanding of access across the city and has allocated funding in the 2017-18 budget to:

- Develop a Public Toilet Strategy and work on the development of an implementation plan to deliver this strategy
- Develop a Foreshore and Beach Access Strategy to inform future access upgrades to our beaches and foreshore areas
- Collect data about access as part of the footpath condition audit
- Undertake an access audit of bus stops and shelters
- Undertake an audit of Council's accessible parking both on road and in car parks in key locations.

Improve Access to Services Through Better Systems and Processes

Council has worked to increase access to information including:

- Installation of communication boards at Towradgi, Stuart Park, Botanic Garden, Corrimal and Thirroul playgrounds
- Council is in the process of developing a new website. Increasing access to information for people with disability is a key goal of this project
- 15 Council officers completed Easy Read Training to build skills in preparing documents using easy read techniques.

Council continues to be committed to consulting with people with disability. This includes:

- Facilitating a mid term - Disability Inclusion Action Plan report back and engagement with people with disability
- Engaging people with disability in the development of the Fairy Creek Master Plan.

Promote Positive Community Attitudes and Behaviours

Council has worked towards promoting positive community attitudes and behaviours towards people with disability through the delivery of:

- Employ-ABILITY local stories project to raise awareness of the Employ-ABILITY of people with disability through a series of short stories of local people with a disability in paid employment.

Council has worked to increase opportunities for people with disability to participate in community activities. This includes:

- Improved access to New Year's Eve and Australia Day celebrations for people with disability. New Year's Eve included a performance by an aerial artist with disability, an Auslan interpreter signing the countdown and a signed singing performance
- Supported a range of recreation opportunities at Beaton Park Leisure Centre including Recreation Illawarra a partnership with the Disability Trust, Illawarra Academy of Sport group, the Water Rats swim group, and a gymnastics program for children with autism in the school holidays
- Producing a calendar of events to celebrate International Day of People with a Disability 'Celebration of Ability'
- Provided Ceramic Workshops for people with disability at the Wollongong Art Gallery.

Supporting Access to Meaningful Employment

Council has worked to support people with disability seeking employment. Initiatives included:

- Supported the Workers of Wollongong program by providing work experience opportunities for people with disability at Council's tourist parks
- Participated in mock interviews with people with disability to assist them with preparing for interviews
- Continued to promote job vacancies at Council through disability networks.