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Introduction

As required by legislation the following information details the annual reporting requirements of Randwick City Council. In addition this information forms part of the State of the City Report 2012.

Community Services

PROMOTING COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

The *Randwick City Plan* outlines the needs of the seven key target groups (as prescribed by the Division of Local Government) and pinpoints strategies to meet these needs. Some of the key programs and activities implemented in 2011-12 in response to identified needs included:

- A vacation care program at Kooloora Community Centre in partnership with the Centre staff and Malabar After School Care.
- A variety of events and projects for young people, designed to engage their interests such as Urban Shorts Youth Short Film Festival where the entries are shown at the Randwick Ritz Cinema, and the Filthy Arts Festival held at Maroubra Beach celebrating Youth Week NSW.
- A series of health and well-being information forums on issues such as mental health for carers and family members for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, including topics that impact on customers of human support services, their families and carers.
- A wide variety of library events, competitions and literacy projects specially designed to engage with different age groups.
- An on-going domestic violence prevention program called 'Love Bites' targeting local schools, and working in conjunction with teachers and skilled service providers to raise community awareness through discussions and art works.
- A number of activities in support of National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week, including a Family Fun Day.
- Provision of information about local community services through the LINCIS information database on the Council's website and printed community services directories.
- An on-going affordable rental housing program for low to medium income residents or employees working in essential services sectors.

Cultural Arts Program

In July 2010, the Council implemented its Cultural Arts Program, designed to activate community centres and halls. An annual budget of \$30,000 was allocated to fund a range of musical and cultural performances. Now in its second year, the 2011-12 Twilight Concerts, continues to be well attended. Audiences enjoyed a range of scheduled performances held at the Prince Henry Centre and the Randwick Town Hall.

The Council also provided four stimulating talks on a range of fascinating topics at the Maroubra Senior Citizen Centre, such as *The History of Australian film; who are we? Australian National Character*; and *On Coogee Beach*. The Council will continue to stage a high standard cultural arts program that is both affordable and accessible to our residents and their families.

The Council's libraries also held a range of cultural activities throughout the year, including book clubs, Chinese New Year Celebration, The Actor's Forum play readings, author talks and workshops on various subjects.

Services for people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds

The Council launched its multilingual website consisting of the most important information about Council translated into Chinese, Greek, Indonesian, Russian and Spanish. Usage figures indicate a high uptake of this valuable service.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The library provides books and magazines in Chinese, Greek, Indonesian, Russian and Spanish for adults and children, plus a small collection of French and Polish books. There are Babies Love Books sessions in a number of languages, as well as a Literacy Book Club where abridged literature is read by second language English readers. There are a number of English conversation classes run by accredited volunteers in the library.

MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Council has a Multicultural Advisory Committee, with 10 community representatives, which facilitates communication between the Council and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. In 2011-12, its representation was broadened with two university students from overseas participating as committee members.

PROJECTS AND EVENTS

The Council, in collaboration with community based organisations, celebrated Harmony Day, Seniors Week and Refugee Week by holding a range of community activities and events. It supported the Indonesian Welfare Association and the Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project (ESMAP) to hold a series of healthy living workshops for older people from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background. The Council also partnered with local organisations to hold community information sessions targeting Chinese, Russian, Italian, Greek, Maltese and Spanish speakers in 2011-12. Libraries held literacy classes in other languages and maintain comprehensive multicultural language resources. They also offer daily English conversation classes and other activities to promote cultural awareness for children, including storytimes in Chinese and 'Babies Love Books' sessions in English, German, Spanish and Turkish.

LANGUAGE AIDES

The Council provides a pool of bilingual staff who are accredited Language Aides. Language Aides ensure that people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds are appropriately assisted with their enquiries and remain informed about services and programs.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY PLANS

Planning for the needs of our CALD residents has been addressed within the social inclusion plan, *An Inclusive Randwick City* and the *Randwick City Cultural Plan*.

INFORMATION

The Council provides information in a number of languages through the Community Information Directory, in brochure format and on the Council's website.

COMMUNITY SERVICE NETWORK

Randwick Council participates in a number of service networks and forums that address the needs of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The Council is the convener of the Inner and Eastern Sydney Migrant Interagency meetings and participates in the Local Government Multicultural Workers Network and the Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project Advisory Committee. The Council also attends the Multicultural Advisory Forum of NSW.

Children's services

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The library provides parents with access to an extensive collection of resources and activities including Babies Love Books, Bop2Books, Kids Club, Undercover Book Club, Totally Random Book Club, a series of play workshops and "Know your child" workshops for parents and carers. There are science based workshops for children, "The Little Bang Discovery Club" and "The Big Bang Science Club". The school holiday programs are well supported and always fully booked while special events such as the Summer Reading Program and Book Week encourage children to immerse themselves in literature

SUMMER AND COASTAL ACTIVITIES AND MARINE DISCOVERY PROGRAM HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Council provided a range of educational activities during the year that focused on the protection and preservation of the coastal environment while being fun and entertaining for the kids. These activities were well attended by families and varied according to the holiday seasons. Examples of activities held during 2011-12 were kayaking, rockpool ramble, snorkelling, interactive show and tell talks about coastal fauna and flora, and coastal walks.

MOVERLY CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The Council manages and owns the Moverly Children's Centre, a 39 place long-day care centre for children aged from six weeks to five years. The service implements the Early Years Learning Framework and incorporates environmental initiatives into the daily curriculum. Moverly Children's Centre maintained its High Quality status in the Accreditation process.

VACATION CARE

In partnership with Malabar After School Kare (MASK) and Kooloora Community Centre, the Council provided nine weeks of school holiday vacation care for children.

PARENTING CALENDAR PLANNING GROUP

The Council continues to collaborate on the planning, implementation and distribution of the parenting calendar for the eastern suburbs, with more than 40 workshops covering a range of skills for parents with infants and children. These workshops were delivered throughout the year, covering topics such as Raising Confident Children, Dad's Workshop, and Communicating with Children and Adolescents.

Aged, access and equity services

The Council worked in collaboration with a range of local disability organisations to hold events and activities within Randwick City to celebrate International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) including the Eastern Sydney Masquerade Ball, Coogee Family Fun Day, drama workshops for people with intellectual and physical disabilities and a series of healthy living workshops for people from Non-English speaking backgrounds who have a disability or are carers. Additional activities included:

- A series of healthy living and wellbeing information sessions,
- workshops for older people jointly delivered with local service providers such as Area Mental Health, Prince of Wales Hospital, Carers NSW, and Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access projects,
- On-going projects to improve physical access for people who are wheelchair users or are less mobile. For example, repairs to several kerb ramps and footpaths were completed in Maroubra and Malabar, and a handrail was installed on the steps leading down to the amphitheatre area of the Prince Henry Centre.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Next Chapter program offers a series of workshops, talks and events for seniors. Cyberwise workshops, art appreciation, painting lessons and much more are well attended by our seniors. The Home Library Service has approximately 200 housebound members, plus several nursing homes, who receive carefully chosen books and other material, delivered fortnightly or monthly.

HOME MAINTENANCE AND MODIFICATION SERVICES

The Council's Home Maintenance and Modification Service (HMMS) provides affordable home maintenance and modification services for frail older residents, as well as for people with disabilities and their carers. In 2011-12, HMMS completed 1,212 jobs.

SENIORS WEEK

Activities organised by the Council included an Information Day for Seniors Week, two Alzheimer Information Expos, two Therapeutic Gardening workshops, an Evening Tour of the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum, a Playwriting and Performance Workshop and Master class.

CARERS WEEK

Activities organised by Council included a Community Open Day at the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum, Little Bay, a play called *The Gift* by Murray Smith, and an NRMA Road Safety for Seniors Presentation at Bowen Library.

Council also secured \$2,500 funding from South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Services (SESIAHS) Carers Week Grant Program to hold activities for carers living in Randwick City. A series of healthy living workshops were also held for Seniors and Carers from non-English speaking backgrounds.

OLD TIME DANCE

The Old Time Dance is a free dance held for seniors and provides them with an opportunity to attend a monthly social gathering, especially for seniors without families who can feel quite isolated. During 2011-12, ten dances were held at the Randwick Bowling Club.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS/DONATIONS

Two Christmas functions were organised for seniors at South Sydney Juniors in Kingsford. Nearly 1,000 guests attended this special event and were entertained by singers and the Australian Army Band.

The Council also provides gifts and donations to nursing homes and hostels, Senior Citizens Centres and community support organisations in Randwick City to help them celebrate their end of year festivities. In 2011-12 the majority of nursing home residents chose to receive their gift in the form of a musical performance.

SUPPORT, INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The Council, in partnership with a range of health providers, developed a suite of health and wellbeing sessions for older people and their carers. In addition, the library runs a series of events and activities to engage seniors and increase their sense of belonging. Activities are marketed under the Next Chapter banner and include monthly Cyberwise workshops teaching seniors a variety of computer skills, an art group and travel, sports and gardening discussion groups.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

EASTERN REGION LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER (ATSI) FORUM

Randwick City hosts and coordinates the activities of the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum. The aim of the Forum is to advocate for stronger commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander communities within the inner city and eastern suburbs local government areas.

The Forum has four key objectives: Reconciliation, Advocacy, Engagement, and Accountability. The Forum also coordinates the annual Pauline McLeod Reconciliation and Primary School Art Awards. The Pauline McLeod award recognises an individual's commitment to reconciliation.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Committee is to provide a forum for people who live and/or work within the City of Randwick to discuss issues important to people from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background, and to develop recommendations for the Council's consideration. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Advisory Committee met every two months and worked to increase the community's awareness and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Randwick City Council participates annually in Nationally Sorry Day which leads into National Reconciliation Week. Council supports the principles of reconciliation and was committed to working together with all members of the community towards closing the gap, and achieving a reconciled nation. Celebrations for National Reconciliation Week 2012 included a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents of the City of Randwick connecting with Aboriginal history by experiencing the Burrawang Walk in the Kamay Botany Bay National Park and a cultural celebration event held at La Perouse.

NAIDOC WEEK

The Council works closely with local Aboriginal service providers and the local Aboriginal community of La Perouse and surrounding areas to develop activities for the NAIDOC Week celebrations. NAIDOC Week is an important occasion, it provides people from all backgrounds with the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements, culture and customs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. A major community event, the Guriwal Family Fun Day, was held at Bicentennial Park, La Perouse with many government and non-government service providers participating through information stalls. Council also works closely with the Yabun Festival Committee on the annual Survival Day concert held on Australia Day.

Young people

LIBRARY

The library continued to provide young people with resources and opportunities to socialise in a safe and educationally enriched environment. School holiday and term activities are well supported and a Young Adult Book Club which meets monthly continues to thrive. A series of HSC lectures, Ride the HSC Wave, presented in conjunction with Waverley, Woollahra and Botany Councils was very well attended and received.

The Council provided a variety of activities and events throughout the year to engage the interest of young residents. During Youth Week 2012, Council held in partnership with local youth agencies the Filthy Art Festival at Maroubra Beach. Activities included, skateboard art, chalk art and skateboard workshops. The Council also continued its tradition of holding the Urban Short Film Festival. The annual busking competition was also organised at Lexington Place, Maroubra to show case the talent of budding young musicians and dancers.

ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE

The Council was the convenor of the Eastern Sydney Youth Services Network and was a member of the management committee of Randwick's leading youth service provider, The Shack. The Randwick Youth Council was an active participant and facilitator of Youth Week. The Youth Council also advised Council staff on various youth related issues.

Connect for Youth 2012, an initiative developed by Council, drew staff from local schools and youth organisations together to discuss issues, and raise awareness of the availability of support services operating in the locality that could be accessed by young people via their school councillors and teachers.

The Council through NSW Health, also convened the Randwick Community Drug Action Team (CDAT), which produced a series of drug and alcohol information and awareness booklets for young people and their families.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

The Council provided funding to The Shack Youth Services to run nine weeks of holiday programs for young people. All holiday programs achieved capacity attendance.

Women

The Council worked with a range of local support services to address the priority needs of women and their families. The Council was an active member of the Children and Families Interagency and the local domestic violence network. In 2011-12 Council assisted in the planning and implementation of an annual Domestic Violence Forum, where key speaker's present information on best practice intervention methods for domestic violence. It has also helped its partner organisations implement a successful domestic violence awareness and prevention project delivered to school students as part of the schools' extra-curriculum program. The Council continued to fund a vacation care program to primary school children from disadvantaged backgrounds, where women need respite and opportunity for their children to participate in structured holiday activities.

Other Activities

WORLD AIDS DAY

Activities organised by Council included "Breaking Down the Barriers" information session to raise awareness and understanding about HIV/AIDS at the Randwick Branch Library. Funds were also raised on the behalf of SESIAHS HIV and AIDS related Unit with proceeds shared between the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (local recipient) and Save the Children program, Papua New Guinea (International Recipient).

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

A volunteer morning tea and information session with the Mayor and a range of volunteers from organisations in Randwick City was held during National Volunteer Week.

Accommodation and subsidies

We have provided over \$700,000 dollars worth of rental subsidies to community organisations over the past year. Service providers using Council-owned buildings at a substantially reduced rent include baby health and childcare centres, kindergartens, youth services, meals on wheels and family day care. We also subsidise the rent for services such as surf clubs, offshore boat rescue, bowling clubs, fishing clubs, croquet club, Coogee Diggers, Rotary, Surfing NSW, The Junction Neighbourhood Centre and Randwick netball. The subsidies include capital maintenance of the buildings, insurance and waiver of rates.

Further subsidies in the form of reduced or free hall hire are given to not-for-profit groups that operate for the benefit of local residents, such as seniors groups, various health services, church groups, playgroups, Neighbourhood Centre services, multicultural groups and precinct committees.

Funding

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FUNDING PROGRAM

The Community Partnerships Funding Program funded social service providers to deliver services aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged residents. Annually a total of \$143,000 is distributed to a range of local organisations. In 2011-12 projects funded under the program included:

- professional driving instruction to help young people obtain drivers license to increase their employment opportunities.
- transport assistance for people having difficulty getting to and from natal medical services.
- mentoring young people in health and fitness, and providing arts and culture programs.
- a series of taster TAFE courses for young people at risk of disengaging from the school system.
- support for women and children who have experienced domestic violence.
- case management for people in crisis or emergency accommodation.

CULTURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The Cultural Community Grants Program allocates funds to local not-for-profit community organisations and groups wishing to hold activities or events aimed at promoting participation and celebrating culture and creativity. In 2011-12 the Council allocated \$105,000 to community groups to carry out a diverse range of activities which included:

- Coogee Family Fun Day, a beachside day of festivities for the community.
- Cross cultural day showcasing traditional food, music and dance.
- Maroubra Fun Run, with a carnival of market stalls and entertainment.
- Randwick Art Society expedition promoting art and local artists.
- Intergenerational Art project bringing young and older people to explore the cultural history of people of Randwick using creative writing and visual arts techniques.
- Surfing competitions at Maroubra Beach.
- Swimming competitions at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre.

Randwick Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme

The Council convenes and administers the Randwick ClubGRANTS Scheme on behalf of the participating clubs in Randwick. In 2011-12 the Randwick ClubGRANTS Scheme continued to have five clubs contributing to the scheme: South Sydney Juniors Rugby Leagues Club, Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club, Randwick Labor Club, Coogee Diggers and Matraville RSL Club. The scheme funds a wide range of community projects, programs and services to the benefit of disadvantaged residents in Randwick.

In 2011-12, \$357,527 was distributed to 49 organisations, delivering 66 varieties of programs to Randwick.

MAJOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Randwick City Council holds a wide range of events to promote community pride and to celebrate excellence within our community. The key events for 2011-12 are listed below.

NATIONAL TREE DAY

In conjunction with Planet Ark's National Tree Day, Randwick City Council hosted a local tree planting morning at the corner of Beauchamp Road and Malabar Road Maroubra. This reserve attracted many local residents as well as passers-by. The Girl Guides Association of Maroubra assisted with the free community BBQ.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

Randwick Council promoted and featured its regular free activities and events to showcase the 2011 theme of "Empowering Communities. The highlight event was a Community Mental Health Forum attracting around 150 people at an evening held at the Town Hall.

GARDEN AWARDS

The annual Randwick City Council Garden Awards was judged in the first week of September 2011. Winners were announced at the Ecoliving Fair and we were honoured to have several major sponsors present the awards on the day.

CIVIC RECEPTIONS

In recognition of the dedication and commitment our various community organisations make, the Council holds civic receptions for Rotary and Lion's Clubs to acknowledge the volunteers from these groups. The Council also hosted the annual Australia Day Botany Bay Regatta presentation where the Mayor presented the winners of the Navigators' Cup with their prizes.

BALI COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

The ninth annual commemoration ceremony was held at the Bali Monument, Dolphins Point, Coogee Beach. Attended by a large number of family, friends and residents, speeches were delivered in tribute to those who were lost.

SPORT AWARDS

For the past 28 years Randwick City Council has acknowledged its finest athletes through the presentation of the Awards for Sporting Achievements. There were three categories, The Bradley Matthews Memorial Award for Sporting Achievements, The Randwick City Junior Sports Award and the Sporting Champions. The winners in 2011 were:

- Lewis Thompson – Junior Sports Award (male)
- Charlotte Wilson – Junior Sports Award (female)
- Ruben Sondjaja – Bradley Matthews Memorial Award
- Simon Katich – Hall of Sporting Champions
- Chelsea Pitman – Hall of Sporting Champions
- Dick French – Hall of Sporting Champions

BLenheim HOUSE OPEN DAY

Blenheim House annual open day was held in 2011 to coincide with heritage week. Residents were invited to come in and view the historic house, home of Simeon Pearce, Randwick's first Mayor.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Seniors' Christmas celebrations are highly anticipated among the seniors in our community. In 2011 the two concerts were held at the auditorium at South Juniors as the Australian Jockey Club (Shannon Room) had commenced renovations. Numbers in attendance were 1200. The alternative venue proved to be popular and South Juniors were generous sponsoring the event by providing all audio visual equipment and room hire free of charge.

COOGEE CAROLS

Family favourite event, Coogee Carols, was held in Goldstein Reserve and was one of the most highly attended family events held by Council.

A mix of locals and visitors, friends and family sang along to much loved Christmas Carols. They were joined by a star studded cast of local celebrities. Proceeds from the sales of song books and glow sticks were donated to a local women's refuge.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

A large number of residents, families and visitors enjoyed the stunning family orientated fireworks display at Coogee Beach. A popular alternative to the harbour fireworks, Coogee Beach is now considered a popular family destination to enjoy the New Year's Eve celebrations with larger crowds attending each year. A new start time of 9pm was well advertised and promoted and was well received by the community.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDS

The citizenship ceremony and announcement of the Community Service Awards winners was held at the Prince Henry Centre and was followed by a free community celebration.

At Coogee, families could take part in some fun games and collect a flag tattoo or have their face painted.

THE SPOT FESTIVAL

The Spot Food and Film Festival again attracted a large number of local residents and visitors who enjoyed entertainment, food, stalls and films. The festival also included the induction of actors Deborah Mailman and Barry Otto into the Australian Film Walk of Fame.

ANZAC CIVIC RECEPTION

A Civic Reception was hosted by the Mayor to honour the Returned Servicemen and Service women.

BUSINESS AWARDS LAUNCH

The Business Awards were launched at a Civic Reception for previous winners, media, precinct and chamber representatives.

Human Resources

WORKFORCE STRATEGY

In 2011-12 Randwick Council continued to action our Workforce Strategy. The strategy aims to provide Randwick Council with a high performing workforce who can deliver services and programs efficiently and effectively to the community.

During this reporting period, Randwick Council entered the final year of *Our People, Our Outcomes: a Strategic Plan for Human Resources*. The implementation of this plan continues to support the Randwick City Plan by attracting, retaining and developing the best staff.

Our People, Our Outcomes outlines actions around the following key themes:

- aligning values and workplace
- strengthening workforce capability
- inspiring performance
- building skills and knowledge, and
- encouraging wellbeing

Council continued building individual and organisational capability by providing staff with learning and development activities developing their professional knowledge, skills and leadership competencies. Our award-winning 'All Stops to Randwick' program was held and together with the roll out of a 'Workforce Obligations Toolkit' for Managers, we continue to strengthen awareness in corporate and legal obligations.

The reporting period also saw Randwick Council win the NSW Local Government Management Challenge and continue on to strongly compete in the Australasian Finals. We participated for a second time in the *Aon Hewitt Employer of Choice* accreditation process and achieved a 9% increase in staff engagement levels. Using this process Randwick Council continues to implement actions supporting the strategic goal of not only being an employer of choice in local government but being recognised as one throughout Australia and New Zealand when compared to both private and public organisations.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO)

Randwick City Council continued implementation of its EEO policy and management plan to ensure the workforce diversity with a high local representation.

The Council continued to implement practices in learning and development, recruitment, selection and welfare that maintained awareness and supported the diversity of its current and potential workforce. Staff also completed EEO training to maintain high levels of knowledge, awareness and support to eliminate discrimination.

In this reporting period Randwick Council was acknowledged by the Australian Local Government Women's Association's program '50:50 Vision - Councils for Gender Equity' with the achievement of 'Bronze Accreditation'.

Fees and expenses for the Mayor and Councillors

Councillors are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable business expenses when attending conferences, seminars, meetings or functions. Approval to attend conferences and seminars within NSW is granted by the Mayor and the General Manager. For interstate conferences and seminars, the Council's approval is required.

The Local Government Act 1993 requires councils to adopt a policy for the payment of expenses incurred by and the provision of facilities to, mayors, deputy mayors and other councillors. Mayors, deputy mayors and councillors can only be reimbursed for expenses, and provided with facilities, in discharging the functions of civic office, in accordance with this policy. The Council's policy on the provision of facilities for use by councillors and the payment of councillors' expenses is available on our website.

In accordance with the Council's adopted policy, councillors are entitled to receive facilities such as a mobile telephone, laptop computer, ipad and fax machine. In addition, Council-related fax and telephone calls and internet access are paid by the Council. Other facilities such as stationery, cab charge, reimbursement for use of private vehicle, refreshments at council and committee meetings and access to councillors' rooms, are also provided. Councillors receive an allowance in accordance with the Local Government Act.

The Mayor is entitled to receive a mayoral allowance, full private use of the Council's mayoral vehicle, office accommodation at the Town Hall with associated business equipment and reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred when attending functions or performing duties in the role of the mayor.

The total amount of money expended during the year on mayoral fees and councillors' fees was **\$373,847**. The total amount of money expended during the year on the provision of facilities and the payment of expenses to councillors was **\$89,462**. This included:

- \$14,056 for the provision of dedicated office equipment allocated to councillors on a personal basis, such as laptop computers, mobile telephones and landline telephones and facsimile machines installed in councillors' homes, and
- \$18,177 for telephone calls made by councillors, including calls made from mobile telephones provided by the Council and from landline telephones and facsimile and internet services installed in councillors' homes, and
- \$33,212 for the attendance of councillors at conferences and seminars, and
- \$11,396 for interstate visits undertaken during the year by councillors while representing the Council at conferences, including the cost of transport, accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses, and

- \$12,621 for the training of councillors and the provision of skill development for councillors, and
- Expenses of a spouse, partner or other persons who accompanied a councillor in the performance of his or her civic functions - Council paid for airfares, accommodation and sustenance expenses for the Mayor's partner to accompany him on a trip to China in April 2012, and
- Nil for expenses involved in the provision of care for a child, or an immediate family member of a councillor, to allow the councillor to undertake his or her civic functions, and
- In April 2012, the Mayor, Cr Nash, accepted an invitation to visit Hangzhou province in China to further strengthen our Sister City Relationship with this rich cultural region. Hangzhou province paid for some accommodation and sustenance expenses for the mayor and his partner and Council paid for airfares, some accommodation and some sustenance expenses. Total expenses for the trip (for the Mayor and his partner) totalled **\$13,307**.

Senior staff remuneration

Three Senior Staff members and the General Manager were employed in this category during 2011–12. Senior Staff were paid a total combined remuneration (including salary sacrifice, non cash benefits and Fringe Benefits Tax) of \$1,157,632. The individual remuneration paid to each senior staff member is shown in the table below.

Position	Period Occupied	Total Remuneration
General Manager	1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	\$356,431
Director Governance & Financial Services	1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	\$254,088
Director City Planning	1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	\$272,456
Director City Services	1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	\$274,657

Council grants, donations and subsidies

During 2011-12 the Council provided a range of grants, donations and subsidies to individuals, community groups and non-profit organisations. These payments are summarised below.

2011-12 Grant Funds		Dollar Amount
Grant	3 Council Ecological Footprint Project	166,000
	Total	166,000
Donations	Council Contingency Fund	110,576
	Community Partnerships Funding Program	154,553
	Community Cultural Grants Program	211,933
	Other Donations	39,135
	Total	\$516,197
Subsidies	Rental Subsidies and Maintenance	771,576
	Operational and Capital Subsidies to Surf Clubs and Offshore Rescue	150,000
	Total	\$921,576
TOTAL GRANT FUNDS		\$1,603,773

Councillor's attendance record, 2011-12 Council and Committee Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Randwick City Council has 15 councillors. There were 11 **Ordinary Council Meetings** held during 2011-12.

Councillor	No. of meetings attended/ No. of meetings held
Cr Andrews	11/11
Cr Belleli	11/11
Cr Bowen	11/11
Cr Hughes	10/11
Cr Matson	11/11
Cr Matthews	11/11
Cr Nash	11/11
Cr Notley-Smith	7/11
Cr Procopiadis	9/11
Cr Seng	11/11
Cr Smith	11/11
Cr Stevenson	10/11
Cr Tracey	10/11
Cr White	11/11
Cr Woodsmtih	11/11

There was one **Extraordinary Council Meeting** held during 2011-12

Councillor	No. of meetings attended/ No. of meetings held
Cr Andrews	1/1
Cr Belleli	1/1
Cr Bowen	1/1
Cr Hughes	1/1
Cr Matson	1/1
Cr Matthews	1/1
Cr Nash	1/1
Cr Notley-Smith	1/1
Cr Procopiadis	1/1
Cr Seng	1/1
Cr Smith	1/1
Cr Stevenson	1/1
Cr Tracey	1/1
Cr White	0/1
Cr Woodsmtih	1/1

Committee Meetings

Elections to determine the membership of council committees are held annually in late September. There were 11

Administration and Finance Committee meetings held during 2011-12.

Councillor	No. of meetings attended/ No. of meetings held
Cr Andrews	9/11
Cr Belleli	11/11
Cr Bowen	9/11
Cr Hughes	9/11
Cr Matson	11/11
Cr Matthews	11/11
Cr Nash	9/11
Cr Notley-Smith	0/11
Cr Procopiadis	10/11
Cr Seng	8/11
Cr Smith	9/11
Cr Stevenson	9/11
Cr Tracey	10/11
Cr White	8/11
Cr Woodsmtih	11/11

There were seven **Environment Committee meetings** held during 2011-12. The membership of the Environment Committee changed at the end of September 2011.

Councillor	No. of meetings attended/ No. of meetings held
Cr Belleli	7/7
Cr Hughes	6/7
Cr Matson	7/7
Cr Matthews	1/2
Cr Nash	5/5
Cr Smith	7/7
Cr Tracey	6/7
Cr White	6/7
Cr Woodsmtih	7/7

There was one **Economic Development Committee meetings** held during 2011-12.

Councillor	No. of meetings attended/ No. of meetings held
Cr Belleli	1/1
Cr Hughes	1/1
Cr Matson	1/1
Cr Nash	1/1
Cr Notley-Smith	0/1
Cr Procopiadis	1/1
Cr Stevenson	1/1
Cr White	0/1

There were 11 **Works Committee meetings** held during 2011-12.

Councillor	No. of meetings attended/ No. of meetings held
Cr Andrews	9/11
Cr Belleli	11/11
Cr Bowen	9/11
Cr Hughes	9/11
Cr Matson	11/11
Cr Matthews	11/11
Cr Nash	9/11
Cr Notley-Smith	2/11
Cr Procopiadis	10/11
Cr Seng	8/11
Cr Smith	9/11
Cr Stevenson	9/11
Cr Tracey	10/11
Cr White	8/11
Cr Woodsmtih	11/11

There were 11 **Community Services Committee meetings** held during 2011-12.

Councillor	No. of meetings attended/ No. of meetings held
Cr Andrews	9/11
Cr Belleli	11/11
Cr Bowen	8/11
Cr Hughes	9/11
Cr Matson	11/11
Cr Matthews	11/11
Cr Nash	9/11
Cr Notley-Smith	0/11
Cr Procopiadis	10/11
Cr Seng	8/11
Cr Smith	9/11
Cr Stevenson	9/11
Cr Tracey	10/11
Cr White	8/11
Cr Woodsmtih	11/11

There were 11 **Planning Committee meetings** held during 2011-12.

Councillor	No. of meetings attended/ No. of meetings held
Cr Andrews	11/11
Cr Belleli	11/11
Cr Bowen	10/11
Cr Hughes	10/11
Cr Matson	11/11
Cr Matthews	11/11
Cr Nash	10/11
Cr Notley-Smith	4/11
Cr Procopiadis	10/11
Cr Seng	9/11
Cr Smith	10/11
Cr Stevenson	11/11
Cr Tracey	10/11
Cr White	8/11
Cr Woodsmtih	11/11

Privacy and access to information

PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act (PPIPA) 1998, a Privacy Management Plan must be prepared by every council in New South Wales. The Council's Privacy Management Plan was comprehensively reviewed during the 2006–07 financial year. A copy of the Plan was distributed to all managers and posted on the staff intranet and on Council's website.

Council's Privacy Management Plan will be reviewed during the 2012-13 financial year to ensure compliance with the recently released Information and Privacy Commission NSW (IPC) 'Guide to making Privacy Management Plans'.

A review of all Council forms was undertaken during the 2010-11 financial year to ensure that all forms contained an appropriate privacy clause in accordance with the requirements of Council's Privacy Management Plan.

Council received no PPIPA applications during 2011-12.

Public Interest Disclosures

Reporting Period: Jan 2012 – Jun 2012	
No of public officials who made public interest disclosures to your public authority	0
No of public interest disclosure received by your public authority	0
Of public interest disclosures received, how many were primarily about:	
Corrupt Conduct	0
Maladministration	0
Serious and substantial waste	0
Government information contravention	0
Local government pecuniary interest contravention	0
No of public interest disclosures (received since 1 Jan 2012) that have been finalised in this reporting period	0
Have you established an internal reporting policy?	Yes
Has the head of your public authority taken action to meet their staff awareness obligations?	
If so, please select how staff have been made aware	
Training provided by your organisation, Training provided by a private sector organisation, Training provided to new staff during induction, Email message to all staff, Links on your intranet site, Messages in payslips, Statement of commitment from the head of your organisation, Flyers.	Yes

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(GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT 2009)

The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) commenced on 1 July 2010, replacing the existing Freedom of Information (FOI) Act in operation since 1989.

Obligations under the GIPA Act

1. REVIEW OF PROACTIVE RELEASE PROGRAM CLAUSE 7(A)

Under section 7 of the GIPA Act, agencies must review their programs for the release of government information to identify the kinds of information that can be made publicly available. This review must be undertaken at least once every 12 months.

Our agency's program for the proactive release of information involves:

- council employs an 'Access to Information Officer' who deals with 1,000+ informal Access to Information requests on an annual basis. Where ever possible, council deals with information requests informally and, for the ease of applicants, information is provided electronically (often via email attachments).
- council has adopted Access to Information Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions which are published on our website on an 'Access to Information' page with other documents (including an Open Access table) to assist residents to gain access to council information in the most efficient manner.

During the reporting period, we reviewed this program by:

- reviewing the information available via the 'online services' section of Council's website particularly in response to information released by the Office of the Information Commissioner in relation to copyright and personal information
- reviewing the information contained in our development application notification letters in relation to release of development application submission letters and other documentation submitted, particularly by objectors, in relation to development applications and the informal release of such information.
- making available a Randwick 'App' (myRandwick) available for downloading from the App Store to expand the way residents and ratepayers interact with Council and to provide a customised experience for local residents based on where they live. The App will give residents more options to receive information and interact with Council.

As a result of this review, we released the following information proactively:

- localised information via the myRandwick smartphone App (including local development applications, garbage collection and special pick up information and localised information in relation to capital works).

2. NUMBER OF ACCESS APPLICATIONS RECEIVED CLAUSE 7(B)

During the reporting period, our agency received a total of **4** formal access applications (including withdrawn applications but not invalid applications).

3. NUMBER OF REFUSED APPLICATIONS FOR SCHEDULE 1 INFORMATION CLAUSE 7(C)

During the reporting period, our agency refused a total of **1** formal access applications because the information requested was information referred to in Schedule 1 to the GIPA Act. Of those applications, **0** were refused in full, and **1** was refused in part.

4. STATISTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESS APPLICATIONS CLAUSE 7(D) AND SCHEDULE 2

Table A: Number of applications by type of applicant and outcome*								
	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Information not held	Information already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm/deny whether information is held	Application withdrawn
Media	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of Parliament	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private sector business	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not for profit organisations or community groups	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of the public (application by legal representative)	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Members of the public (other)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*More than one decision can be made in respect of a particular access application. If so, a recording must be made in relation to each such decision.

This also applies to Table B.

Table B: Number of applications by type of application and outcome								
	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Information not held	Information already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm/deny whether information is held	Application withdrawn
Personal information applications*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access applications (other than personal information applications)	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Access applications that are partly personal information applications and partly other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* A **personal information application** is an access application for personal information (as defined in clause 4 of Schedule 4 to the Act) about the applicant (the applicant being an individual).

The total number of decisions in Table B should be the same as Table A.

Table C: Invalid applications	
Reason for invalidity	Number of applications
Application does not comply with formal requirements (section 41 of the Act)	0
Application is for excluded information of the agency (section 43 of the Act)	0
Application contravenes restraint order (section 110 of the Act)	0
Total number of invalid applications received	0
Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications	0

Table D: Conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure: matters listed in Schedule 1 of the Act

	Number of times consideration used*
Overriding secrecy laws	0
Cabinet information	0
Executive Council information	0
Contempt	0
Legal professional privilege	1
Excluded information	0
Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety	0
Transport safety	0
Adoption	0
Care and protection of children	0
Ministerial code of conduct	0
Aboriginal and environmental heritage	0

* More than one public interest consideration may apply in relation to a particular access application and, if so, each such consideration is to be recorded (but only once per application). This also applies in relation to Table E.

Table E: Other public interest considerations against disclosure: matters listed in table to section 14 of the Act

	Number of occasions when application not successful
Responsible and effective government	0
Law enforcement and security	0
Individual rights, judicial processes and natural justice	0
Business interests of agencies and other persons	0
Environment, culture, economy and general matters	0
Secrecy provisions	0
Exempt documents under interstate Freedom of Information legislation	0

Table F: Timeliness

	Number of applications
Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions)	4
Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)	0
Not decided within time (deemed refusal)	0
Total	4

Table G: Number of applications reviewed under Part 5 of the Act (by type of review and outcome)

	Decision varied	Decision upheld	Total
Internal review	0	0	0
Review by Information Commissioner*	0	0	0
Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act	0	0	0
Review by ADT	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*The Information Commissioner does not have the authority to vary decisions, but can make recommendation to the original decision-maker.

The data in this case indicates that a recommendation to vary or uphold the original decision has been made.

Table H: Applications for review under Part 5 of the Act (by type of applicant)

	Number of applications for review
Applications by access applicants	0
Applications by persons to whom information the subject of access application relates (see section 54 of the Act)	0

The Council's business functions

COMPETITION POLICY

The Council has adopted the following activities for the purpose of the National Competition Policy.

CATEGORY 1

- Property management
- Aquatic centre

CATEGORY 2

- Childcare centre
- Community nursery
- Trade waste

The Council has reported on the Category 1 and Category 2 businesses for the year ended 30 June 2012 in the Special Purpose Financial Reports and Independent Auditors' Report. These are included in the Audited Financials Report 30 June 2012 that is printed separately.

COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COMPLAINTS

A specific category in the Council's Complaints Management System was established in 1996 to deal with complaints on competitive neutrality. During the period 2011-12, no complaints relating to competitive neutrality were received.

Randwick Council has not publicised the system it has in place to deal with complaints in relation to competitive neutrality, but all staff who log requests for work to be undertaken, or receive complaints, are aware of the existence of the category in the Complaints System and are required to use it should the need arise.

Functions delegated by the Council

No functions were delegated to any external body during 2011-12.

Companies controlled by the Council

The Council did not hold a controlling interest in any company during 2011-12.

Partnerships, co-operatives or joint ventures with the Council

The Council is a member of Statewide Mutual, a NSW Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme. The Council is a member of the three Statewide Schemes: the Statewide Mutual Liability Scheme, Statewide Mutual Fidelity Guarantee Scheme and Statewide Mutual Property Scheme.

Statewide is formed by more than 150 councils and council authorities in NSW. Statewide's three schemes each reported an accumulated surplus at 30 June 2010. In this period, performance-based rebates were also distributed back to councils.

The Council is also a member of Premsure, a Local Government Insurance Pool. The scheme is currently in wind-down mode.

Rates and charges

RATES AND CHARGES WRITTEN OFF \$428(2)(R)

In accordance with the requirement specified under the Local Government General Regulation 2005 (Rates and Charges), the following table indicates the rates and charges written off from 2008-12

Rates & Charges	2011-12
Section 600 rebate	\$428,349
Pensioner rebates (Rates)	\$901,672
Rates Postponed	\$9,528
Interest Postponed	\$6,048
Domestic Waste Service Pensioner rebates	\$431,689
Write off small balances	\$0
Total	1,777,286

Special variation to rates

During 2011-12, Randwick City Council received additional rates revenue from special variations to rates that were approved in previous years.

Buildings for our Community program 2011-12

Since the \$34.14 million, seven year *Buildings for our Community* program was adopted in 2010 Council has commenced both the planning stages and construction of a number of building projects.

In the financial year 2011-12, the focus was on planning the delivery of the Des Renford Aquatic Centre, a new toilet facility and the remediation of Council's fourth surf club buildings.

DES RENFORD AQUATIC CENTRE UPGRADE

The planning stages are well underway to upgrade the Des Renford Aquatic Centre in Maroubra with a new specially designed building to complement and enhance the existing pools and outdoor areas.

The proposed upgrade includes a new community fitness centre and gym, a purpose built crèche, upgraded café and kitchen, new reception, offices and retail space.

BAKER PARK TOILETS

A new toilet block is planned for Baker Park, Coogee and is to be built adjacent to the existing tennis courts.

This will benefit the users of the park, in particular the local primary school children, tennis and playground patrons who enjoy the park facilities.

MAROUBRA SURF CLUB

Extensive repair works were undertaken to the Club in early 2011 including structural repairs to the walls, floors and stairs, eliminating the concrete cancer, waterproofing, rendering, painting and replacing the balustrade and deteriorated windows.

The work follows additions carried out by the Club including a new terrace to the southern side of the building.

RANDWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE - SOS PRESCHOOL

The existing awning at the SOS preschool was extended to provide a sheltered walkway to the preschool entry for the children and their carers.

Accompanying this work was internal alterations undertaken by the preschool to create more play space, including a new bay window at the end of the building.

2011-12 BUILDINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAM EXPENDITURE

Description	Actual expenditure
Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club	\$121,700
Maroubra Surf Club	\$428,827
South Maroubra Surf Club	\$1,376,252
Coogee Surf Club	\$333,730
Des Renford Leisure Centre	\$611,640
Baker Park Toilets	\$65,135
SOS Preschool/Randwick/South Sydney Day Care	\$54,932
Chifley Sports Reserve Amenities	\$34,350
Coral Sea Park Amenities/Change room	\$6,750
KU Childcare Centre	\$9,192
Moverly Children's Centre	\$5,610
Rainbow Street Childcare Centre	\$26,117
Peter Pan Kindergarten	\$7,972
Duffy's Corner Childcare Centre	\$5,013
Total	\$ 3,087,220

Of this expenditure \$1,955,133 was funded from the Buildings for Our Community Levy with the remainder being funded from Grants, Contributions and Council's General Revenue.

Project planning

For projects scheduled in 2012-13 the planning stages are already underway on upgrading amenity facilities for Nagle Park, Pioneers Park (lower), Coral Sea Park, refurbishing five child care centres, upgrading the Clovelly beach inspectors office, and building a new amenity facilities at Heffron Park and Chifley Reserve.

Environmental Levy

Randwick Council obtained approval to continue its award-winning 'Sustaining our City' Program, funded predominantly by an environmental levy that commenced initially in 2004. This continuation is for a further five-year period and incorporates a wide range of initiatives aimed at protecting and improving the environment. These include:

- major energy and water saving projects for householders and council sites
- continuing upgrades of the Coastal Walkway
- initiatives to reduce both our carbon and ecological footprints including options for sustainable transportation choices
- biodiversity conservation and restoration programs including green corridor plantings and food garden initiatives
- a wide program of community education activities and events for residents, schools and businesses.

The Council provides an annual report to residents on the environmental levy program in the form of one of our quarterly newsletters (also available on the Council's website).

2011-12 Environment Levy Expenditure

Description	Actual expenditure
Biodiversity Strategy	\$207,970
Coastline Strategy	\$1,800,000
Sustainability Strategy	\$1,370,356
Climate Protection Strategy	\$817,933
Water Conservation Strategy	\$348,481
Total	\$ 4,544,740

Stormwater management service charge

Randwick City Council has continued with the Stormwater Management Service Charge in the 2011-12 financial year. The purpose of the charge is to establish a sustainable funding source aimed solely at providing for improved stormwater management across Randwick City.

Stormwater Management can be defined as managing the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff from a catchment with the aim of:

- minimising stormwater impacts on aquatic ecosystems
- minimising flooding impacts, and
- utilising stormwater as a water resource.

Stormwater management involves physical infrastructure and treatment techniques and non-structural activities such as studies, research, education programs and monitoring measures.

As a result of the charge, the Council was able to undertake additional stormwater related work beyond what could otherwise be undertaken. Key projects undertaken by the Council included the following:

- Continued work on Flood Studies for the Kensington - Centennial Park, Maroubra Bay and Coogee Bay Catchments.
- Completion of the Green Square, West Kensington Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.
- Drainage upgrades as part of the Bunnerong Road upgrade project.
- Malabar Beach Stormwater Diversion Project in conjunction with Sydney Water.
- Construction of drainage augmentation works at Power Lane and Castle Lane, Randwick.
- Replacement of failed pipe section at 202 Clovelly Road.

2011-12 Drainage Program

Description	Original Budget	Actual Expenditure	Works to be completed in 2012/13	Notes
Data Collection / CCTV	\$20,216	\$10,870	\$0	
Doncaster Ave Pipe Relining	\$155,000	\$0	\$155,000	Tender awaiting Council Approval
Flood Study / Flood Plain Management	\$118,000	\$19,057	\$98,943	
Bunnerong Road – Stage 2	\$901,150	\$1,801,874		\$900,724 was carried over from stormwater levy 2010/11.

Additional Planned works

Description	Revised Budget	Actual Expenditure	Notes
Power / Castle Lane, Randwick	\$200,000	\$197,081	2009-10 Carry Over
202 Clovelly Road – Pipe Repair	\$35,000	\$30,741	Emergency Repair

Legal Proceedings paid during 2011-12

Development application- matters	Court	Costs paid in 11-12	Costs recovered in 11-12	Status/outcome
379-401 Clovelly Road, Clovelly	L&E COURT	\$ 303	\$0	Finalised - Appeal Upheld
57-63 St Pauls Street, Randwick	L&E COURT	\$ 333	\$0	Finalised
86 Dudley Street, Coogee	L&E COURT	\$ 962	\$0	Finalised - Appeal dismissed
32-34 Perouse Road, Randwick	L&E COURT	\$ 1,431	\$0	Ongoing
92 Alison Road, Randwick	L&E COURT	\$ 2,312	\$0	Finalised - Appeal dismissed
165 Maroubra Road, Maroubra	L&E COURT	\$ 2,322	\$0	Finalised - Appeal discontinued
440-448 Anzac Parade, Kingsford	L&E COURT	\$ 6,549	\$0	s34 Agreement
11/98 Mount Street, Coogee	L&E COURT	\$ 9,916	\$0	Finalised - Appeal dismissed
51 Willis Street, Kingsford	L&E COURT	\$ 11,340	\$0	Finalised - Appeal Upheld
121-123 Haig Street, Maroubra	L&E COURT	\$ 11,915	\$0	Ongoing
147 Avoca Street, Randwick	L&E COURT	\$ 12,306	\$0	s34 Agreement
250 Coogee Bay Road, Coogee	L&E COURT	\$ 14,658	\$0	Finalised - Costs awarded to Council
96 Maroubra Road, Maroubra	L&E COURT	\$ 20,256	\$0	Ongoing
7 Dutruc / 8 Chapel Street, Randwick	L&E COURT	\$ 28,070	\$0	Ongoing
2 St Marks Road, Randwick	L&E COURT	\$ 28,978	\$0	Ongoing
201 Barker Street, Randwick	L&E COURT	\$ 37,323	\$0	Finalised - Appeal Upheld
95 Wentworth Street, Randwick	L&E COURT	\$ 42,148	\$0	Finalised - Appeal dismissed
4R Argyle Crescent, Randwick	L&E COURT	\$ 42,982	\$0	Finalised - Appeal dismissed
2-6 Goodwood Street, Kensington	L&E COURT	\$ 91,425	\$0	Finalised - Appeal dismissed
2 Blackwood Avenue, Clovelly	L&E COURT	\$ 4,121	\$0	s34 Agreement
42 Wride Street, Maroubra	L&E COURT	\$ 14,343	\$0	Finalised - Appeal Upheld
169-181 Dolphin Street, Coogee	L&E COURT	\$ 36,765	\$ 33,500	Finalised - Costs awarded to Council
2 Wolseley Road, Coogee	L&E COURT	\$ 45,018	\$0	Finalised - Appeal Upheld
304 Rainbow Street, Coogee	L&E COURT	\$ 6,936	\$0	Finalised - Appeal dismissed
15 Seaside Parade South Coogee	L&E COURT	\$ 19,143	\$0	Finalised - Appeal Upheld
55 Dudley Street, Coogee	L&E COURT	\$ 26,392	\$0	Finalised - Costs awarded to Council
		\$518,247	\$33,500	

Other matters

Other – Matter	Court	Costs paid in 11-12	Costs recovered in 11-12	Status/outcome
93 Little Bay Road, Little Bay	L&EC / Court of Appeal	\$ 380	\$0	Finalised - Appeal dismissed
169-181 Dolphin Street, Coogee	Court of Appeal	\$ 2,870	\$0	Finalised - Appeal was withdrawn
102-104 Brooke Street, Coogee	Local Court	\$ 3,362	\$0	Finalised - Costs awarded to Council
55 Dudley Street, Coogee	L&E Court	\$ 7,192	\$0	Finalised - Costs awarded to Council
775A Anzac Parade, Maroubra	Local Court	\$ 7,546	\$0	Finalised - Costs awarded to Council
495-503 Bunnerong Road, Matraville	Local Court	\$ 10,729	\$0	Finalised - Fine Issued
Staff Industrial Hearing	Industrial Relations Commission	\$808	\$0	Finalised
		\$32,888	\$0	

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Supplier Name	Amount	Contract Type	Description
Adecco Australia Pty Ltd	\$406,958	Contract	Temporary Staff Hire
Adtrans Hino Pty Ltd	\$223,467	Contract	Trucks
Advanced Arbor Service	\$308,960	Tender	Arborist Services
Alco Pump Maintenance Pty Ltd	\$336,724	Tender	Infrastructure Services (irrigation work)
Allianz Aust Workers Compensation	\$1,070,447	Tender	Workers Compensation Insurance
AMP Capital Investors Limited	\$223,674	Lease	Randwick Branch Library
Ausgrid Energy bills	\$1,071,537	Contract	Electricity
Australian Power Services NSW Pty Ltd	\$400,593	Tender	DRAC Kiosk Substation
Bakers Construction & Industrial	\$154,192	Contract	Hardware
Brewster Hjorth Architects	\$512,824	Tender	Professional Services
Brooks Irrigation Pty Ltd	\$797,132	Tender	Infrastructure Services (irrigation work)
Caltex Aust Petroleum Pty Ltd	\$596,726	Contract	Fuel
Complete Urban Pty Ltd	\$160,213	Contract	Professional Services
Computer Systems Australia Pty Ltd	\$246,358	Contract	Computer Hardware, Related Products and Services
Corporate Express Aust Pty Ltd	\$175,040	Contract	Stationery, Printer Toners, Canteen, and Childcare Supplies
Corporation Sole EPA Act	\$231,406	State Government	Contribution – Environmental Planning Sydney Region Development Fund
Cunneen & Co Pty Ltd	\$346,742	Tender	Signage
Dial A Dump Industries Pty Ltd	\$691,014	Tender	Waste Services
Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd	\$3,774,700	Tender	Road Resurfacing Services
ECS International Security	\$298,001	Tender	Security Services
Energy Australia	\$1,084,738	Contract	Electricity
GHD Pty Ltd	\$173,594	Tender	Professional Services
Green Options	\$634,393	Tender	Landscaping Services
Hewlett Packard Australia Pty Ltd	\$383,549	Contract	Computer Software, Hardware, Consumables
Image Air Conditioning	\$162,241	Tender	Air Conditioning Services; Pool Heating
J & C G Constructions Pty Ltd	\$1,457,800	Tender	South Maroubra Life Saving Club Alterations; Building Trades & Building Management Services
Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd	\$381,037	Contract	Insurance
Jay Transport Pty Ltd	\$341,866	Tender	Civil Construction Services; Minor Works
John Coulston Electrics Pty Ltd	\$519,174	Tender	Infrastructure Services (electrical)
Kashamo Pty Ltd	\$341,183	Tender	Civil Construction Services; Minor Works
Kealec Pty Ltd	\$288,200	Tender	Sport Field Lighting
KK Civil Engineering	\$4,819,659	Tender	Civil Construction Services; Minor Works; La Perouse Coastal Walkway Upgrade
Land & Property Information	\$151,953	State Government	Valuation Fees – Rating database.
M Collins & Sons Holdings Pty Ltd	\$737,297	Tender	Minor Works
Marsdens Law Group	\$229,412	Tender	Legal Services
Marsupial Landscape Management Pty Ltd	\$193,991	Tender	Minor Works
Ministry for Police & Emergency Services	\$2,299,513	State Government	Contributions to NSW Fire Brigade and SES.
Momentum Energy Pty Ltd	\$1,392,735	Contract	Electricity for Large Sites and Street lighting
Murphy McCarthy & Associates Pty Ltd	\$543,507	Tender	Stormwater harvesting - supply / install
National Road Sealing	\$206,022	Tender	Linemarking

Supplier Name	Amount	Contract Type	Description
News Local	\$350,340	Council Resolution	Advertising
Norton Rose Australia	\$220,648	Tender	Legal Services
Office of State Revenue	\$680,145	State Government	Fine Processing.
Patterson Building Group Pty Ltd	\$283,663	Tender	Coogee Surf Club Project; Building Trades & Building Management Services
Plateau Tree Service	\$280,824	Tender	Minor Works
QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited	\$157,393	Contract	Compulsory Third Party Insurance
RichSoul Concreting Specialists	\$514,982	Tender	Minor Works
S Black Plumbing	\$305,259	Tender	Infrastructure Services (Plumbing)
SITA Environmental Solutions	\$534,654	Tender	Waste Services
Songlen Pty Ltd	\$880,467	Tender	Building Trades & Building Management Services
Statewide Civil Pty Ltd	\$8,608,037	Tender	Heffron Park Redevelopment; Road Resurfacing
Statewide Mutual	\$513,825	Contract	Insurance
Statewide Quality Services Pty Ltd	\$322,063	Tender	Building Cleaning Services
Suttons City Holden	\$791,887	Contract	Fleet Vehicles
Suttons Motors Arncliffe P/L	\$897,730	Contract; Tender	Fleet Vehicles; Vehicle Maintenance Services
Sydney Civil Pty Ltd	\$406,451	Tender	Minor Works
Sydney Water Corporation	\$375,096	Sole Supplier	Water Services
Technology One Ltd	\$283,131	Tender	Corporate Computer Software Application
Telstra Corporation	\$198,826	Contract	Telecommunications - Fixed line and mobile
The Biodiesel Station Pty Ltd	\$549,337	Contract	Fuel
Toolijooa Pty Ltd	\$213,895	Tender	Bush Regeneration Services
Waldock Construction Group Pty Ltd	\$1,053,555	Tender	Building Trades & Building Management Services
Willana Associates	\$156,428	Tender	Professional Services
Wilshire Webb Staunton Beattie	\$234,612	Tender	Legal Services
WSN Environmental Solutions	\$11,376,505	Tender	Waste Services

Land and animal management

PRIVATE LAND

No work was carried out by the Council on private land, as referred to in s67(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

BUSH FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION

The City of Randwick is in the Sydney metropolitan area and has no separate Bush Fire Service Unit. The combat agent for bush fires in Randwick is the NSW Fire Brigade, which has three stations located at Randwick, Maroubra and Matraville. Other nearby stations are Mascot and Alexandria. The National Parks and Wildlife Service has trained combat teams for fire outbreaks in National Parks such as Botany Bay Park. The City of Randwick is considered a low risk area for bush fire hazards.

The Council's Parks and Gardens staff keep the grassed areas under control, reducing the risk of bush fires. The Department of Lands maintains fire hazard control over coastal areas.

COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

As required, the Council lodged with the Division of Local Government (DLG) both pound data collection returns and data relating to dog attacks.

The Council undertook a number of companion animal community education programs and worked closely with other agencies such as Housing NSW and Police to ensure compliance with current regulations with respect to responsible dog and cat ownership.

The Council promoted companion animal matters and responsible dog ownership through local media and community events and provides printed information (brochures) with outgoing correspondence. Posters were displayed in library, customer service areas and public bus shelters.

The Council promoted the desexing programs of animal welfare agencies such as Cat Protection Society, Animal Welfare League and the RSPCA through local media and community promotions.

The Council's pound has a 'no kill' policy where possible. Dogs and cats were re-homed/fostered where appropriate.

The Council provided 14 off-leash dog exercise areas.

Funds for companion animal activities came from a number of sources including:

- DLG returns on dog/cat registrations
- grant funding
- Compliance (funds derived from on-the-spot fines for breaches of the Local Government Act).
- Income derived from on-the-spot fines is taken up in general revenue and redistributed to fund the operation of companion animal enforcement.

Council assets

The Council has developed Asset Management Plans that form part of the Resourcing Strategy within the Integrated Planning process. The plans allow enhanced modelling of asset lifecycle costs based on service levels and desired asset condition. Information on condition, estimated cost to bring each asset class up to a satisfactory standard, and annual maintenance requirements as at 30 June 2012 are provided in the table below.

With the implementation of the Building Levy, Council has invested more funds on buildings to close the renewal gap. The estimated current gross replacement cost of the Council's public infrastructure assets and buildings was approximately \$1,363 million.

Asset Class	Asset Category	Asset Condition	Estimated cost to bring up to a satisfactory condition / standard (1) \$,000	Required Annual Maintenance (2) \$,000	Current Annual Maintenance (3) \$,000
Buildings	Council Offices (Incl Town Hall)	3	2,711	554	1,261
	Council Works Depot	3	1,933	119	271
	Libraries (Incl Matraville)	2	5,242	403	917
	Other Buildings	3	12,752	1,624	3,700
	sub total		22,638	2,700	6,149
Public Roads	Sealed Roads	2	11,338	5,150	7,490
	Footpaths	2	3,767	3,343	3,537
	Kerb and Gutter	2	3,828	873	834
	Other	3	632	1,061	1,221
	sub total		19,565	10,427	13,082
Drainage Works	Drainage Network	3	9,440	2,250	2,264
	sub total		9,440	2,250	2,264
TOTAL – ALL ASSETS			51,643	15,377	21,495

Asset Condition “Key” (NSW Local Government Asset Accounting Manual)

1. Near Perfect - Ranges from New or Good
2. Superficial Deterioration - Ranges from Generally Good to Fair
3. Deterioration Evident - Ranges from Fair to Marginal
4. Requires Major Reconstruction - Ranges from Poor to Critical
5. Asset Unserviceable - Critical, Beyond Repair

Notes:

1. Satisfactory refers to estimated cost to bring the asset to a satisfactory condition as deemed by Council. It does not include any planned enhancements to the existing asset.
2. Required Annual Maintenance is what should be spent to maintain assets in a satisfactory standard.
3. Current Annual Maintenance is what has been spent in the current year to maintain assets.

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