

APPENDIX 2

SNAPSHOT OF COUNCIL'S CURRENT ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY



An engaged city

- Publication of annual Management Plan and Budget to communicate Council's goals and projects for the coming year to the community and staff.
- Annual review process of internal policies and ongoing maintenance of Council's Policy Register to ensure guidelines and best practice governance models are upheld.
- Long term financial planning in place with supporting performance indicators reported regularly to Council and the community.
- Active governance program, seeking to review and strengthen internal controls on key procedures (such as Procurement, Risk Management and OH&S).
- Human Resource services dedicated to improving and developing staff skills and performance.
- Access to information processes to encourage transparency and invite public scrutiny of Council documentation and decision making.
- Inviting public participation in decision making through an active Council Meeting Schedule.
- Effective support for our elected representatives in voicing the concerns of the community over key issues.

A green city

- Cintra Hockey Water Recycling Project.
- Water Mining for Irrigation of Councils parks and Golf Courses Project.
- Powell's Creek Reserve Stormwater Harvesting Project.
- Yaralla Estate Bush Regeneration Project.
- An active program of protecting and conserving endangered ecological communities.
- Contaminated Land and Sediment remediation.
- An active Sustainable Community Committee.
- A Multidisciplinary Sustainability Team within Council.

- Active school waste education program, leader in waste service provision and proactive in trialling resource recovery processes.
- A range of Parks and Sportfields allowing a diversity of usage.
- An Active Green Business Program and Network.
- Iron Cove "Catchment to Cove" Storm water and Biodiversity Initiative.
- Catchment Management Initiatives developed as part of the Parramatta River Catchment Group.

A healthy city

- BayRider.
- Meals on Wheels.
- Community spaces and facilities.
- Bus outings for Active Adults and Frail Aged.
- Family Day Care.
- Long Day Care Centre.
- Parks and sporting facilities.
- Provision of facilities for early childhood health seminars.
- Playgrounds.
- Health Forums.
- Awards and grants.
- Children's activities program.
- Community service networks and interagency.

An liveable city

- Local Planning Strategy to plan for the needs of the existing and future population.
- First Council in NSW to prepare a Local Environmental Plan in the NSW Standard Template (LEP gazetted in March 08).
- New City of Canada Bay Development Control Plan - to deliver a high standard of urban design.

- Daily planning assistance for the community.
- Free heritage advisory service.
- Heritage Assistance Grants - to celebrate the conservation of built heritage.
- Heritage Awards - to promote the value of local heritage.
- Dedication of 23 affordable housing units for key workers in the City.

A moving city

- Council's bicycle plan which aims to provide safe bicycle routes and parking for bicycles through Canada Bay.
- Footpath program and a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) that identifies new locations for footpaths to allow safe areas for residents to walk.
- Repair of roads to provide the community with well functioning and stable road pavements.
- Continually lobby State Government Agencies such as the RTA and the STA to provide better services for residents.
- Reviewing all bus stop facilities to identify improvements that can be made to high demand stops.
- Installing more motorcycle parking to give sustainable modes of transport preferential parking in town centres.

A prosperous city

- Keeping local business updated through a quarterly newsletter, monthly ezine and regular updates in the bayside news.
- Business training program including extensive support for home based business and a key focus on environmentally sustainable business practise.
- Business Awards and recognition programs to create good practice examples and support good business to do more.

- Physical and marketing support for village centres including major works to improve the streetscape at Five Dock, Concord West and Wareemba in the last five years.
- Local purchasing programs to improve business and encourage residents to shopping locally.
- Tourism initiatives to service the “friends, visitor and relations” markets including audio walking tours, maps guides and festivals.
- Support food, events and hospitality markets through cluster marketing and events programs including Eat Out Week, participation at national event marketing expos and Mangia Italiano.
- Support building and trade industry through the Renovators Destination at Victoria Road and targeted industries of health and wellbeing, and creative industries through cluster marketing at festivals, public health forums.

A vibrant city

- Youth Theatre and Film Project.
- English Language classes.
- New resident tours.
- Library seminars.
- Ferragosto.
- Concord Carnival.
- Community Development projects.
- Cultural Development.
- Village Centre enhancements and revitalisation.
- Awards and grants to support community organisations.
- Youth and Children Activities.
- Days of Recognition.

“...a model **Council** leading a **sustainable environment** campaign in **partnership** with **business** and the **community**”

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