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ORDINARY MEETING

Late Items

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council of Burwood will be held in the Council Chamber, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Tuesday 25 June 2024 at 6:00 PM

Tommaso Briscese
General Manager

Agenda

For an Ordinary Meeting of Burwood Council to be held in the Conference Room, Level 1, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Tuesday 25 June 2024 immediately after the Public Forum commencing at 6.00pm.

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Reports to Council

(Item 40/24) Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents - Adoption

File No: 24/20341

Report by General Manager

Summary

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 May 2024, Council resolved to place its Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days for feedback from the community. The public exhibition period has concluded and this report seeks Council's adoption of the:

- Delivery Program 2022-2026 (Year 4)
- Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025;
- Draft Budget 2024-2025 (contained within the Delivery Program 2022-2026);
- Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025 (contained within the Delivery Program 2022-2026);
- Draft Fees & Charges 2024-2025; and
- Updated Resourcing Strategy including the updated Long-Term Financial Plan.

Operational Plan Objective

C.11.1 – Conduct Council business with transparency, accountability, compliance and probity that ensures community confidence in decision making

P.43 – Plan, monitor and report on the delivery of services and initiatives in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework under the Local Government Act

A.104 – Undertake corporate planning and reporting

Background

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) requires all NSW Councils to produce a four-year Delivery Program and an Annual Operational Plan detailing the principal activities to be undertaken by the Council to implement the strategies established in the Community Strategic Plan.

Every year the Delivery Program is reviewed and a new Operational Plan is created, which must be put on public exhibition and adopted by Council. As required, the *Delivery Program 2022-2026* and *Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025* were placed on public exhibition from Monday, 27 May 2024 to Friday, 21 June 2024 along with the *Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025*, *Draft Budget 2024-2025*, *Draft Fees & Charges 2024-2025* and *updated Resourcing Strategy*.

Additionally, the Long-Term Financial Plan (which forms part of Council's Resourcing Strategy) must be updated annually as part of the development of the Operational Plan.

Therefore, the following documents are now submitted to Council for endorsement for the purpose of public exhibition:

- Delivery Program 2022-2026 (Year 4)
- Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025;
- Draft Budget 2024-2025 (contained within the Delivery Program 2022-2026);
- Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025 (contained within the Delivery Program 2022-2026);
- Draft Fees & Charges 2024-2025; and
- Updated Resourcing Strategy including the updated Long-Term Financial Plan.

It is noted that the Delivery Program 2022-2026 has been reviewed and updates have been made to the Our Priorities section for the 2024-2025 financial year and Our City Shaping Projects 2022-2026 to include updated information related to the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants (WSIG) Program projects and also include minor typographical changes.

Burwood Council's Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2024-2025 and related Draft Budgets were produced in accordance with Sections 404-406 of the Act.

Consultation

The *Delivery Program 2022-2026*, *Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025*, *Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025*, *Draft Fees & Charges 2024-2025*, *Draft Budget 2024-2025* and *Updated Resourcing Strategy* were placed on public exhibition for a period of more than 28 days from Monday, 27 May 2024 to Friday, 21 June 2024.

During the public exhibition period the documents were made available to the community for comment via Council's online engagement platform – Participate Burwood. There were a total of 70 views of the project page by a total of 47 unique visitors. No submissions were received via Participate Burwood or email to Council during the exhibition period.

Council also utilised its social media and e-news channels to promote the documents during the public exhibition period.

After internal review a change has been made to the Fees and Charges to respond to the needs of the Burwood community. Over the past 2 months Council has received an increased number of requests from International Delegations, particularly from Korea. In response, Council met with the Korea Local and State Government Office, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Sydney on 28 May 2024 to discuss current approaches undertaken by Councils receiving delegations. This included the suggestion of Council introducing fees and charges in consideration of the time spent preparing and delivering visits. As such, Council's Draft Fees and Charges 2024-25 have been updated to include a fee of \$1,500 for International Delegation Visits.

Planning or Policy Implications

The requirements for IP&R are set out in the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation).

The IP&R Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government explain what councils need to do to ensure they comply with their planning and reporting requirements set out in the Act and have been utilised by Council to develop the Draft IP&R documents included under Attachments 1 and 2 of this report.

The revised *Delivery Program 2022-2026* and *Operational Plan 2024-2025* form key corporate planning and policy documents for Council. These documents set out the principal activities, actions and targets that Council commits to delivering over their respective timeframes to achieve the long term strategic directions set out in Council's Community Strategic Plan, Burwood2036. Changes to these documents by way of addition or deletion of activities can only be made via Council resolution and all other plans of Council must link to the IP&R framework and associated documents.

Progress on these important plans will be reported to Council and the community through Council's reporting framework consisting of the *State of the City Report* detailing performance against the Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program; and six monthly and annual reports on the Operational Plan, clearly outlining to the community the extent to which Council is delivering on its integrated plans.

Financial Implications

In preparing the *Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025*, *Draft Budget 2024-2025*, *Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025* and *Draft Fees and Charges 2024-2025*, due regard has been given to promoting the financial sustainability of Council.

Draft Budget 2024-25

During the public exhibition period, a number of matters have come to light that required consideration as part of the finalising the 2024/25 Budget and Fees and charges;

Budget Changes

1. Increase Councils rates subsidy for pensioners with a total cost of \$82,000 offset against higher returns expected from investment income
2. Increase of \$115,000 to Material and Services for the continued delivery of Strategic Place Management initiatives and frameworks.

By incorporating the two proposed adjustments Councils operating result would be a surplus of \$30,318,000 before capital contributions and a deficit of \$1,523,000 after capital contributions.

Changes to Draft Fees and Charges 2024-25:

1. New Fee added – International Delegations Visit - \$1,500 incl. GST

These changes have been incorporated into the attached documents.

Conclusion

The Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Resourcing Strategy has been revised and updated in line with the changes to the *Draft Budget 2024-25* and *Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024-2025*.

The other suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting documents for 2024-25 align with the Delivery Program 2022-2026 and reflect the current vision, aspirations and priorities of the community. Together they form Council's key corporate planning and policy documents, and are integral in enabling Council to fulfil the long term strategic directions set out in Council's Community Strategic Plan, Burwood2036 including the principal activities, actions and targets that Council commits to delivering over their respective timeframes.

This report recommends that Council adopt the following documents included under Attachments 1, 2 and 3 following the conclusion of the public exhibition period:

- Delivery Program 2022-2026(Year 4)
- Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025;
- Draft Budget 2024-2025(contained within the Delivery Program 2022-2026);
- Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025(contained within the Delivery Program 2022-2026);
- Draft Fees & Charges 2024-2025; and
- Updated Resourcing Strategy including the updated Long-Term Financial Plan.

Recommendation(s)

1. That Council adopt the *Delivery Program 2022-2026* and *Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025*, incorporating the *Draft Budget 2024-2025* and *Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025* included under Attachment 1.
2. That Council adopt the *Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024-2025* included under Attachment 2.

3. That Council levy two ordinary rates, being “Residential” and “Business”.
4. That the “Residential” rate be sub-categorised into:
 - a. Residential
 - b. Residential – Town Centre.
5. That the “Business” rate be sub-categorised into:
 - a. Business A
 - b. Business B
 - c. Business C
 - d. Business D
 - e. Town Centre – Minor Business.
6. That Council continue to adhere to the minimum/ad-valorem basis of rating with a reasonable substantial minimum rate set at an amount determined to be the contribution required to cover the provision of the basic activities of the Council.
7. That Council make:
 - a. An Ordinary Rate (Residential) of 0.00107525 in the dollar on all rateable residential land in the Burwood Council area excluding Residential–Town Centre land, with the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect to each separate parcel of rateable land be the sum of \$1,207.59;
 - b. An Ordinary Rate (Residential–Town Centre) of 0.00069754 in the dollar on all rateable residential land in the Burwood Council area defined and categorised as Residential–Town Centre land, with the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect to each separate parcel of rateable land be the sum of \$1,539.99;
 - c. An Ordinary Rate (Business A) of 0.0018573 in the dollar on all rateable business land in the Burwood Council area other than the rateable business land included in sub-categories Business B, Business C, Business D and Town Centre–Minor Business, with the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect to each separate parcel of rateable land be the sum of \$1,320.56;
 - d. An Ordinary Rate (Business B) of 0.00276938 in the dollar on all rateable business land within the centre of activity defined, and categorised Category Business B, with the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect to each separate parcel of rateable land be the sum of \$1,320.56;
 - e. An Ordinary Rate (Business C) of 0.00276604 in the dollar on all rateable business land within the centre of activity defined, and categorised Category Business C, with the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect to each separate parcel of rateable land be the sum of \$1,320.56;
 - f. An Ordinary Rate (Business D) of 0.00629128 in the dollar on all rateable business land within the centre of activity defined, and categorised Category Business D with the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect to each separate parcel of rateable land be the sum of \$1,689.33;
 - g. An Ordinary Rate (Town Centre–Minor Business) of 0.00218338 in the dollar on all rateable business land within the defined Town Centre area and categorised as Town Centre–Minor Business, with the minimum amount payable for this rate in respect to each separate parcel of rateable land be the sum of \$1,689.33;
 - h. A Residential Waste Management Service Availability Charges (Residential Waste Charge or Res Strata Waste Charge) in accordance with Section 496 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for 2024-2025 of \$580.75 as per Schedule of Fees and Charges.
 - i. A Stormwater Management Service Charges (Stormwater Management Service Charge) in accordance with Section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Clauses 125A and 125AA of *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, as denoted in the 2024-2025 Schedule of Fees and Charges document.

8. That Council note the Rate Yield for 2024-2025 with the Independent Pricing and Remuneration Tribunal (IPART) increase of 4.8% and the rates shown in the following table:

2023-2024 RATING STRUCTURE WITH +3.7% Rate Peg and Other Mandatory Adjustments						
1. RATE TYPE	1. CATEGORY	2. TOTAL NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS	3. RATE IN THE DOLLAR	5. NUMBER MIN. RATE ASSESSMENTS	6. MINIMUM RATE	8. NOTIONAL YIELD
					7. \$	9. \$
Ordinary	Residential	10,541*	0.00107525	4,466*	\$1,207.59	\$17,998,103
Ordinary	Business A	445*	0.0018573	164*	\$1,320.56	\$1,721,321
Ordinary	Business B	41	0.00276938	3	\$1,320.56	\$630,344
Ordinary	Business C	30	0.00276604	2	\$1,320.56	\$513,857
Ordinary	Business D	42	0.00629128	4	\$1,689.33	\$2,814,457
Ordinary	Residential Town Centre	3,837	0.00069754	3,801	\$1,539.99	\$6,084,879
Ordinary	Town Centre - Minor Business	483	0.00218338	309	\$1,689.33	\$1,957,243
Total		15,419		8,749		\$31,720,204

9. That the yield from the Residential Waste Management Service Availability Charges of \$9,264,247 be noted in the Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025.
10. That the yield from the Stormwater Management Service Charges of \$301,500 be noted and updated in the Statement of Revenue Policy 2024-2025.
11. That the yield for the Section 611 Charges (Gas Mains Assessment) be noted as approximately \$28,000.
12. That for the 2024-2025 rating year the additional pensioner rebate will be \$180 in addition to any other pensioner rates concession granted to a rates assessment of an eligible pensioner.
13. That Council adopt the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister being 10.5% p.a.
14. That the General Manager levy the rates and charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 by service of the rates and charges notices pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Regulations made there under.
15. That Council delegate to the General Manager the delivery of the Capital Works program in line with a detailed plan of works/services and budget for the financial year 2024-2025 including the acquisition of goods and services, request for quotations and tendering for roads, footpaths, kerb and gutter and drainage works using prescribed agencies under Section 55 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and NSW Government panels available to Council.
16. Receive and note the updated Burwood Resourcing Strategy

Attachments

- 1 Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2024-25 (*Excluded from agenda*)
- 2 Draft Fees and Charges 2024-25 (*Excluded from agenda*)
- 3 Burwood Resourcing Strategy (*Excluded from agenda*)

(Item 32/24) Draft License to Play Policy

File No: 24/19592

Report by General Manager

Summary

To seek endorsement for the exhibition of the draft interim *License to Play Policy*, a comprehensive, interagency permitting policy that streamlines the delivery of trial and demonstration projects and public activations across the Burwood Local Government Area (LGA) for a period of 12 months.

This policy offers guidance on permissibility, requirements, and management responsibilities for third-party proposals to deliver vibrant public spaces on private and Council-owned land.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.3 An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place.
 - P.13 Develop and implement planning policies to enhance and promote design excellence.
 - P.23 Protect and enhance quality open spaces and recreational facilities that are diverse, accessible and responsive to changing needs.
- C.9 Safe, clean and activated streets, centres and public places are enjoyed by people day and night
- P.34 Facilitate the growth and prosperity of local businesses and target the growth of business sectors and growth industries
- A.80 Implement activities or initiatives that enhance Burwood's night time economy

Background

The draft *License to Play Policy* represents an innovative and enabling approach to placemaking in the Burwood LGA. The first policy of its kind in NSW, it signals a new era for city-making, fostering opportunities for dynamic partnerships between local government, businesses, property owners and the community. This policy synthesises national and international best practices, drawing inspiration from models in cities such as New York City, Los Angeles, and Hong Kong.

Policy Context

The placemaking movement is at a pivotal juncture, with grassroots activities now effectively integrated into government planning strategies. This integration has led to more responsive planning approaches, marked policy shifts, and improved governance models. The *Draft License to Play Policy* embodies this shift.

Key Objectives

1. Lowering Barriers to Participation:
 - Simplifying the regulatory framework to encourage greater involvement from local businesses and residents.
 - Providing clear guidelines and support to navigate the permitting process.
2. Streamlining Permitting and Agency Review Processes:
 - Creating a more efficient and coordinated review process across multiple agencies.
 - Reducing the time and complexity associated with obtaining necessary permits.
3. Creating Self-Financing Opportunities:
 - Developing mechanisms to support the long-term stewardship of public spaces.
 - Encouraging innovative funding models to sustain ongoing projects.
4. Defining Parameters for Operations and Permit Terms:
 - Establishing clear operational guidelines and permit conditions.

- Ensuring transparency and consistency in permit issuance and management.
5. Facilitating Greater Equity in Project Distribution:
 - Promoting equitable geographic distribution of projects across all neighbourhoods.
 - Ensuring that all communities benefit from public space activation.
 6. Enabling Frequent, Diverse, and Free Public Activation:
 - Supporting a wide range of activation events that are accessible to the public.
 - Encouraging diverse programming to cater to various community interests and needs.

Benefits

Economic Impact:

- Enhancing ease of doing business in Burwood, attracting investment, and stimulating economic growth.
- Encouraging entrepreneurship and facilitating the establishment of new businesses, fostering a vibrant and competitive business environment.

Community Engagement and Empowerment:

- Engaging and empowering local businesses and residents to take an active role in placemaking.
- Leveraging local knowledge, ideas, and potential to create vibrant public spaces.
- Encouraging innovation and creativity through a permissive regulatory framework.

Proposal

The draft *License to Play Policy* necessitates a shift towards a more flexible, adaptive, and responsive regulatory framework that supports the rapid implementation of public space activations for a trial period of 12 months.

The draft *License to Play Policy* will be implemented through a coordinated effort involving multiple Council departments and external agencies. The policy will cover various types of spaces, including on-parcel (pop-up events, vacant spaces, private lots, and public lots), footpaths, and roadways.

A dedicated team will oversee the application and review process, ensuring timely and efficient handling of proposals. Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to assess the policy's impact and make necessary adjustments.

Following the 12-month trial, Council will return with a report outlining any opportunities for the formal ongoing adoption of this new policy framework.

Intention to Establish a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP)

The Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner is preparing new guidelines to support more councils looking to establish Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs) across NSW. Councils can establish SEPs to support their night-time economies and embrace more creative activities. SEPs support live music and performance venues by allowing them to stay open longer. This not only benefits venues, but also supports nearby residents and businesses, by creating more vibrant districts. SEPs are complemented by other precinct-based initiatives being led by the Office of 24 Hour Economy Commissioner, including the Purple Flag Program, a night-time precinct management accreditation program, and the Uptown Program, a district development program for local business communities of which Council is actively supporting and pursuing.

During the exhibition of the draft *License to Play Policy*, Burwood Council intends to submit an application to the NSW Government to establish a SEP in the Burwood Town Centre bounded by Burwood Road, Railway Parade, Belmore Street and Conder Street, which includes:

- Burwood Chinatown: A vibrant hub known for its diverse culinary offerings, retail stores, and cultural activities.
- Emerald Square: A commercial hub boasting Sydney's best Japanese eateries and entertainment in the heart of Burwood.
- Activated Laneways that offer opportunities for creative programming and enhanced night-time experiences.

The Burwood Town Centre is a key commercial and entertainment precinct that attracts a diverse range of visitors throughout the day and night. The precinct is also adjacent to Burwood Railway Station, a major transportation hub providing significant foot traffic to the surrounding areas.

A SEP is a designated area or streetscape under the *Local Government Act 1993*, where later trading hours and favourable sound regulations support live music and performance venues. It's an opportunity to enhance local going out areas to address local community interests by setting conditions in a precinct management plan.

It can also provide businesses and venues with greater operational and investment certainty. SEPs can provide councils with the opportunity to diversify and strategically develop precincts and improve the experience and amenity of local areas for residents and visitors. The "Vibrancy Reforms" passed in November 2023 will strengthen the SEP framework in the *Local Government Act 1993* and will be fully implemented by July 2024.

Consultation

Internally, relevant departments across Council have been consulted to ensure that the policy aligns with current strategies and operational requirements. This internal consultation has ensured a comprehensive understanding of the policy's implications and facilitated the incorporation of valuable insights from various departmental perspectives.

Externally, the policy has been informed by extensive feedback from the community and local businesses through recent consultation programs. These programs include the Night Time Economy Strategy, consultation on a new Open Space Vision and Action Plan, and direct engagement with key stakeholders in Burwood. The feedback received from these engagements has been instrumental in shaping the policy, ensuring it addresses challenges and meets the needs and aspirations of our community.

To further refine the policy and gather additional input, the draft *License to Play Policy* is proposed to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. During this time, further engagement will be undertaken with the community and key stakeholders on the policy's intended effects. This consultation period will provide an opportunity for residents, businesses, and other interested parties to review and provide feedback, ensuring that the final policy reflects a broad consensus and addresses community concerns.

Additionally, this policy is consistent with the direction put forward by the State Government through programs like Open Streets and Permit Plug Play. By aligning with these State initiatives, the *License to Play Policy* reinforces Burwood Council's commitment to progressive urban planning and placemaking strategies that are supported at multiple levels of government.

Special Entertainment Precinct

In May 2024 Council was invited to submit an expression of interest to Investment NSW on the Establishment of a SEP in Burwood.

In June 2024 Council subsequently met with the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner to discuss the submission and next steps. At this time Council was encouraged by the State Government to pursue the establishment of a SEP in Burwood and reinforced the value of tabling this intention to Council for endorsement.

Planning or Policy Implications

The *License to Play Policy* will take effect for a trial period of 12 months, ensuring a streamlined and cohesive approach to placemaking.

Related legislation:

- *Roads Act 1993*
- *Food Act 2003*
- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Law Enforcement Powers and Responsibilities Act 2002*
- *Protection of Environment Operations Act 1997*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Related Council policies:

- *Footpath Activation Policy*
- *Temporary Road Closure (including Standing Plant) Policy*
- *Works on Council's Road Reserve Asset Policy*
- *Compliance and Enforcement Policy*
- *Busking Policy*
- *Shopfront Improvement Program Policy*
- *Public Art Policy*
- *Burwood Development Control Plan*

Furthermore, the draft *License to Play Policy* serves as a statement of intended effects and will act as an evidence base for formal enabling changes to the *Burwood Local Environment Plan (LEP)* through the planning proposal process. It requires ongoing collaboration between various Council departments and external agencies to ensure alignment with existing planning strategies and objectives.

Moreover, it will serve as a catalyst for further policy reforms, to enable consistency through the instruments and assessment processes now being addressed through this Policy via the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*, *Local Government Act 1993* and *Roads Act 1993*. Council through various internal teams will facilitate instrument changes to reduce time and red tape associated with the delivery of the Licence to Play provisions.

This will encourage a culture of innovation and experimentation within local governance. By embracing this forward-thinking approach, Burwood Council can set a precedent for other municipalities, positioning itself as a leader in contemporary placemaking practices.

SEP Framework

SEPs can only be made by councils and identified in a Local Environment Plan. To establish a SEP, Council must publish a precinct management plan (PMP). The plan will include requirements for noise attenuation for different development types, include trading hours and the process for managing complaints and notify residents or people moving into the area of the SEP on websites or planning certificates. The benefits of a SEP include that trading hour and noise requirements are defined in a PMP.

Under new rules starting mid-year, a precinct management plan will override development consent conditions. Offensive noise conditions won't apply, and Liquor & Gaming NSW will manage sound complaints from licensed premises as they do across the State. Sound requirements in a PMP are considered by the Secretary in Liquor & Gaming NSW disturbance complaints.

Live music and performance venues can also get an extra 2 hours of trading if 45 minutes of performance is hosted after 8PM and they get one hour on all other nights of the week. That is more than what venues that are located outside of SEPs will receive.

Financial Implications

As part of this 12-month interim policy, all current fees and charges associated with the following initiatives are proposed to be waived:

Activity	Proposed fee waiver	Rate
Burwood Unplugged: Busking Permit Fee	Busking Permit Fee	\$28.50
Extended Eats:	Waived license variation fee – request for change in approved areas fee for requests to extend existing outdoor dining areas into the neighbouring property	\$149.50
	Burwood Town Centre – per m ² per annum (footpath dining)	\$395
Vacant to Vibrant and Dress the Street Program	Burwood Town Centre – per m ² per annum (display of merchandise and other articles)	\$353

Further, the policy proposes that no fee is introduced for the delivery of the following new provisions:

Activity	Proposed fee-free service	Rate
Burwood Urban Street Art and Wall to Wall Festival	Booking fee for artists	N/A
Temporary Terrace Parklet Program	Outdoor dining fee	N/A
Streets Alive	Event permit fees	N/A
Art Front	Cost to commission vinyl wraps	N/A
Illuminate Burwood	Cost to submit Development Application	N/A

In line with Burwood Council's Fees and Charges 2024-25, the following fees apply to the Bookable Streets provision:

Activity	Fee
Bookable Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarendon Place: \$1,500 per day for the use of the whole road space during a road closure • Burwood Road (between Railway Parade and Belmore Street): \$7,000 per day for the use of the road space during a road closure. • Other road spaces may be considered on a case-by-case basis, with fees and charges determined accordingly. • Applicants must also pay all related traffic-management fees and charges.

The policy also seeks to remove the maximum funding cap of \$3,000 for the Shopfront Improvement Program, now titled the 'Street Appeal: Shopfront Improvement program' in an effort to increase opportunities for applicants, while achieving greater street beautification outcomes as well as social and economic benefits for our community.

A financial allocation of \$50,000 has also been made towards Placemaking activities aligned with the License to Play program in the 2024-25 financial year.

Conclusion

The *License to Play Policy* is a bold and transformative initiative that aligns with Council's vision of creating vibrant, activated public spaces. Endorsement of this policy will mark a significant step forward in our commitment to responsive planning, community empowerment, and sustainable economic development.

Recommendation(s)

That Burwood Council endorses:

1. The draft interim *License to Play Policy* to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. The submission of an application to the NSW Government to establish a Special Entertainment Precinct in the Burwood Town Centre bounded by Burwood Road, Railway Parade, Belmore Street and Conder Street.

Attachments

- 1 Draft Licence To Play Policy - June 2024 (*Excluded from agenda*)