

8.6. Report on the Special Rate Variation (SRV) funded projects for 2020/21

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. SRV Special Rate Variation Projects completed in 2020-21 Report Attachment [8.6.1 - 33 pages]

PURPOSE:

To report to Council on the status of Special Rate Variation (SRV) funded projects for 2020/21 and to outline what projects and programs are SRV funded in 2021/22 financial year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its meeting of 29 October 2018, Council resolved its 'intent' to apply for combined special rate variation (SRV) and minimum rate increase under its preferred financial option of the North Sydney Council Resourcing Strategy 2018/19-2027/28, for a 7% increase per annum, for 5 years, inclusive of the annual rate peg.

On 13 May 2019, IPART approved a 7% increase per annum, for 3 years, inclusive of the annual rate peg, and noted that Council could make a further application to amend the approval or submit a new application at the end of the three-year period.

Subsequently there were several SRV projects funded in the 2020/21 financial year across various asset classes. These projects included the replacing of drainage infrastructure, gross pollutant trap, wharf, boardwalk, retaining walls, seawalls, streetscapes, lighting, and walking tracks infrastructure assets in poor to very poor condition. These projects and associated costs are detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.

The projects and programs to be funded through the SRV in the 2021/22 financial year are detailed in the body of this report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The total SRV funding allocated to capital works Projects in 2020/21 was \$5,163,390. The total amount of the allocated funds actually spent at the end of the 2020/21 financial year was \$4,192,522. Refer to the detail section of this report which explains why not all the allocated funds were spent last financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** this report on the status of Special Rate Variation (SRV) funded projects be received.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

2. Our Built Infrastructure

2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet community needs

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 29 October 2018, Council resolved its 'intent' to apply for combined special rate variation (SRV) and minimum rate increase under its preferred financial option of the North Sydney Council Resourcing Strategy 2018/19-2027/28, for a 7% increase per annum, for 5 years, inclusive of the annual rate peg. Community engagement was undertaken in a program run between 1 November 2018 and 16 January 2019.

The community engagement outcomes were reported to Council at its meeting of 29 January 2019. Council resolved to proceed to submit a combined application to IPART. Council submitted its 2019/20 application for a combined SRV and minimum rate increase to IPART on 11 February 2019. On 13 May 2019, IPART partially approved a 7% increase per annum, for 3 years, inclusive of the annual rate peg, and noted that Council could make a further application to amend the approval or submit a new application at the end of the three-year period.

Subsequently there were several SRV projects funded in the 2020/21 financial year across various asset classes. These projects included the replacing of drainage infrastructure, gross pollutant trap, wharf, boardwalk, retaining walls, seawalls, streetscapes, lighting, and walking tracks infrastructure assets in poor to very poor condition. These projects and associated costs are detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement on the special rate variation (SRV) was undertaken between 1 November 2018 and 16 January 2019.

The community engagement outcomes were reported to Council at its meeting of 29 January 2019. Council resolved to proceed to submit a combined application to IPART.

DETAIL

As outlined in Table 1, the total SRV budget for 2020/21 was \$5,163,390 and the actual expenditure is \$4,192,522. The majority of SRV funded projects were completed last year. The Seawall Program was completed last year and the savings on these projects have been

carried forward into the 2021/22 financial year to repair seawalls in poor condition. The Neutral Bay & Cremorne Public Domain Masterplan project along Military Road was completed last year and the savings on these projects have been carried forward into the 2021/22 financial year to complete the Cremorne Plaza upgrade.

The Lighting Upgrade Program was not complete as there were significant delays in the delivery of poles for the Bradfield Park project. Also, underground services investigations delayed the lighting upgrade in Atchison Lane, Crow's Nest. These unspent funds were carried forward in 2021/22 financial year so that both these projects can be completed. The Primrose Park Walking Track Upgrade was not completed due to Aboriginal heritage constraints as well as failing Sydney Water sewer infrastructure that is awaiting repair. The unspent funds were carried forward in 2021/22 financial year so that this project can be completed. The St Leonards Park Tunks Way upgrade was not completed (within the financial year) due to the extreme weather events of early 2021. The unspent funds were carried forward in 2021/22 financial year. This project was completed in the early part of the 2021/22 financial year and the balance of the funds spent.

Table 1. Total SRV budget reconciliation for 2020/21 and proposed funding for 2021/22

SRV Funded Project Name	2020/21 Revised SRV Budget	2020/21 Y.T.D SRV Actual Spent	2021/22 SRV Budget	Unspent 2020/21 SRV funds to be carried forward	Revised 2021/22 SRV Budget
Drainage Capital Works Program	1,089,124	1,089,124	946,625	-	946,625
GPT Upgrade Program Capital	325,000	325,000	700,000	-	700,000
Footpath Reconstruction Program	-	-	40,950	-	40,950
Sawmillers Reserve Wharf	695,949	695,949	-	-	-
Hayes Street Boardwalk	207,043	207,043	-	-	-
Retaining Wall Reconstruction Program	220,200	220,200	121,215	-	121,215
Roads Reconstruction Program	-	-	68,838	-	68,838
Seawall Reconstruction Program	600,000	497,927	435,115	102,073	537,188
Kirribilli & McMahons Point Village Centres	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
Neutral Bay & Cremorne Public Domain Masterplan Projects	500,000	309,591	500,000	190,409	690,409
Streetscape Lighting Upgrades - Village Centres	236,074	174,297	295,943	61,777	357,720
Gore Cove to Smoothey Park Walking Track Upgrade	-	-	90,000	-	90,000
Fred Hutley Reserve Playground Upgrade (formerly Grasmere Children's Park Playground Upgrade)	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
Primrose Park Walking Track Upgrade	90,000	62,646	-	27,354	27,354

SRV Funded Project Name	2020/21 Revised SRV Budget	2020/21 Y.T.D SRV Actual Spent	2021/22 SRV Budget	Unspent 2020/21 SRV funds to be carried forward	Revised 2021/22 SRV Budget
St Leonards Park - Landscape Masterplan Implementation	1,200,000	610,745	1,200,000	589,255	1,789,255
Totals	5,163,390	4,192,522	4,998,686	970,868	5,969,554

Refer to Attachment 1 of this Report for photos of the completed SRV Projects for 2020/21.

Special Rate Variation Projects completed in 2020/2021

SUMMARY

Program	Project	SRV Budget 2020/21	Total Actual Project Expenditure 2020/21	Amount funded from SRV 2020/21
Drainage	Lithgow Street	\$17,784	\$17,784	\$17,784
Drainage	Burroway Street (At Shellcove Road) & Bertha St	\$297,390	\$297,390	\$297,390
Drainage	Rocklands Road and Ivy Street	\$344,749	\$344,749	\$344,749
Drainage	Belmont Avenue Wollstonecraft, Newlands Lane to Shirley Road	\$185,827	\$185,827	\$185,827
Drainage	Greens Drive and Carter Street	\$45,385	\$45,385	\$45,385
Drainage	Chandos Street Culvert Base at Ingram Lane	\$9,120	\$18,239	\$9,120
Drainage	McHatton Street at Pacific Highway	\$29,921	\$29,921	\$29,921
Drainage	Metcalfe Street to Edwin Street	\$34,229	\$41,500	\$34,229
Drainage	Ernest Street From Merlin Street to pedestrian path	\$124,719	\$124,719	\$124,719
	Subtotal	\$1,089,124	\$1,105,514	\$1,089,124
GPT Upgrade Program	GPT - Smoothery Park, Wollstonecraft	\$325,000	\$358,346	\$325,000
	Subtotal	\$325,000	\$358,346	\$325,000
Marine Structures	Hayes Street Boardwalk	\$207,043	\$208,112	\$207,043
Marine Structures	Sawmillers Reserve Wharf	\$695,949	\$834,097	\$695,949
	Subtotal	\$902,992	\$1,042,209	\$902,992
Retaining Wall	Alfred St Nth, Neutral Bay	\$146,714	\$189,871	\$146,714
Retaining Wall	Bent St, Neutral Bay	\$73,486	\$73,486	\$73,486
	Subtotal	\$220,200	\$263,357	\$220,200
Seawall	Kurraba Point - Kurraba Point Reserve - Stage 1	\$342,385	\$240,312	\$240,312
Seawall	Dr Mary Booth Lookout, Kirribilli	\$28,396	\$28,396	\$28,396
Seawall	Kesterton Park, North Sydney	\$62,457	\$62,457	\$62,457
Seawall	Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve, Kirribilli	\$166,762	\$166,762	\$166,762
	Subtotal	\$600,000	\$497,927	\$497,927

Program	Project	SRV Budget 2020/21	Total Actual Project Expenditure 2020/21	Amount funded from SRV 2020/21
Neutral Bay & Cremorne Public Domain Masterplan	Military Rd, Cremorne	\$500,000	\$309,591	\$309,591
	Subtotal	\$500,000	\$309,591	\$309,591
Lighting	Bradfield Park - lighting upgrade	\$90,000	\$62,846	\$62,846
Lighting	Atchison La Crows Nest lighting upgrade between Christie St to Oxley St	\$49,592	\$14,969	\$14,969
Lighting	bus shelters - lighting upgrade	\$39,356	\$39,356	\$39,356
Lighting	Decommissioning of 7 residual Ausgrid poles in the CBD	\$24,654	\$24,654	\$24,654
Lighting	Minor works	\$32,472	\$32,472	\$32,472
	Subtotal	\$236,074	\$174,297	\$174,297
Footpaths	Primrose Park Walking Track Upgrade	\$90,000	\$62,646	\$62,646
	Subtotal	\$90,000	\$62,646	\$62,646
St Leonards Park - Landscape Masterplan Implementation	St Leonards Park Tunks Way upgrade	\$1,200,000	\$610,745	\$610,745
	Subtotal	\$1,200,000	\$610,745	\$610,745
	TOTAL	\$5,163,390	\$4,424,632	\$4,192,522

Drainage Capital Works Program

Project: Stormwater Drainage Project: Lithgow Street Crows Nest, Hume Street to River Road

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$17,784

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$17,784

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$17,784

The existing stormwater drainage system at Lithgow Street, Crows Nest, was in very poor condition and needed to be replaced with new pipe.



Project: Stormwater Drainage Project: Burroway Street Neutral Bay, Shellcove Road to Bertha Street

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$297,390
Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$297,390
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$297,390

Infrastructure improvement works have been completed on Burroway Street. The works have included the replacement of kerb & gutter, removal of gutter bridges and installation of Stormwater Drainage pipes. The existing stormwater drainage system was in very poor condition and needed to be replaced with new pipe. At the same time road levels were significantly improved and large “gutter bridges” removed. A number of incidents were previously reported to council where vehicles were getting stuck against old gutter bridges. Also, passenger side car doors could not be opened due to the severe road camber adjacent to the kerb. The works completed has addressed these issues.



Project: Stormwater Drainage Project: Rocklands Road and Ivy Street, Wollstonecraft

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$344,749

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$344,749

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$344,749

The existing stormwater drainage system at Ivy Lane, Wollstonecraft, was in very poor condition and needed to be replaced with new pipe. In addition, some larger pipes and larger pit inlets were used to improve capacity and reduce flooding risk to neighbouring properties. At the same time road levels were improved and large “gutter bridges” removed with the kerb and gutter being replaced in Ivy Street and Rocklands Road.

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Project: Stormwater Drainage Project: Belmont Avenue Wollstonecraft, Newlands Lane to Shirley Road

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$185,827
Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$185,827
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$185,827

The existing stormwater drainage system at Belmont Avenue, Wollstonecraft, was in very poor condition and needed to be replaced with new pipe. In addition, new pipes were layed to remove a converter (water being put back into the kerb and gutter from the drainage pipes) to reduce the overland flow in the street.



Project: Stormwater Drainage Project: Greens Drive, Cammeray at Carter Street

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$45,385
Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$45,385
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$45,385

The existing stormwater drainage system at Greens Drive, Cammeray, was in very poor condition and needed to be replaced with new pipe.



Project: Stormwater Drainage Project: Chandos Street Crows Nest, At Ingram Lane

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$9,120
 Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$18,239
 Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$9,120

The existing sandstone culvert that crosses Chandos Street, Crows Nest, was in very poor condition and needed a new base, the existing sandstone base was filled with a new smoother concrete base. These works were undertaken in conjunction with Willoughby Council, with the cost being split 50/50. The utility service has been contacted to remove their protruding service.





Project: Stormwater Drainage Project: McHatton Street, North Sydney at Pacific Highway

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$29,921

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$29,921

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$29,921

The existing stormwater drainage system at McHatton Street, North Sydney, was in very poor condition and needed to be replaced with new pipe.



Project: Stormwater Drainage Project: Metcalf Street Crows Nest, at Edwin Street

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$34,229

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$41,500

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$34,229

The footpath between Metcalf Street and Edwin Street, Corws Nest was very narrow due to the kerb and gutter that allowed Metcalf Street to drain towards Edwin Street. This kerb and gutter was replaced with drainage pipes allowing the footpath to be widened to a more pedestrian friendly width. A number of incidents were previously reported to council where motorised scooters we unable to use the footpath due to the narrow width.





**Project: Stormwater Drainage Project: Ernest Street, Merline Street to Bynes Street
Pedestrian path**

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$124,719
Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$124,719
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$124,719

The existing stormwater drainage system at the pedestrian path the Bynes Street, Neutral Bay, used to convert in to the kerb and gutter at Ernest Street. This system would block regularly which would on occasion surcharge into the neighbouring properties. A new pipe from the converter to the existing stormwater system at Merlin Street was built to eliviate this problem.

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Gross Pollutant Trap Capital Works Program

Project: GPT Upgrade Program Capital: Smoothery Park Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT)

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$325,000

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$358,346
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$325,000

The existing litter baskets at smoothey park due to be replaced. The replacement GPT will allow better litter capture and more overall storage of litter and other bedris. This GPT is located directly upstream of Berry Creek.



Marine Structures Program

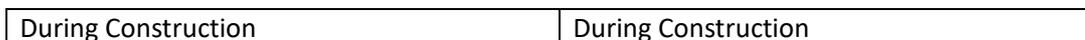
Project: Hayes Street Jetty, Neutral Bay

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$207,043
Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$208,112
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$207,043

The existing jetty at Hayes Street, Neutral Bay, was in very poor condition and sections of the structure were closed off for public safety reasons. Significant preliminary work and approvals were required prior to construction. Construction commenced on 29 June 2020 and all works were completed in December 2020.

Works completed include:

- Replacement of the old mossy timber decking with a new fibreglass mesh deck to provide a more slip resistant and safer surface for pedestrians to use
- Replacement of old timber girders with recycled plastic beams and girders
- Strengthening of the existing timber piles by encasing them in a high density plastic sleeve and infilling with concrete
- Installation of timber handrails to both sides of the deck (the original deck only had a handrail on one side)





Marine Structures Program

Project: Sawmillers Reserve Wharf, Munro Street, McMahons Point

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$695,949

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$834,097

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$695,949

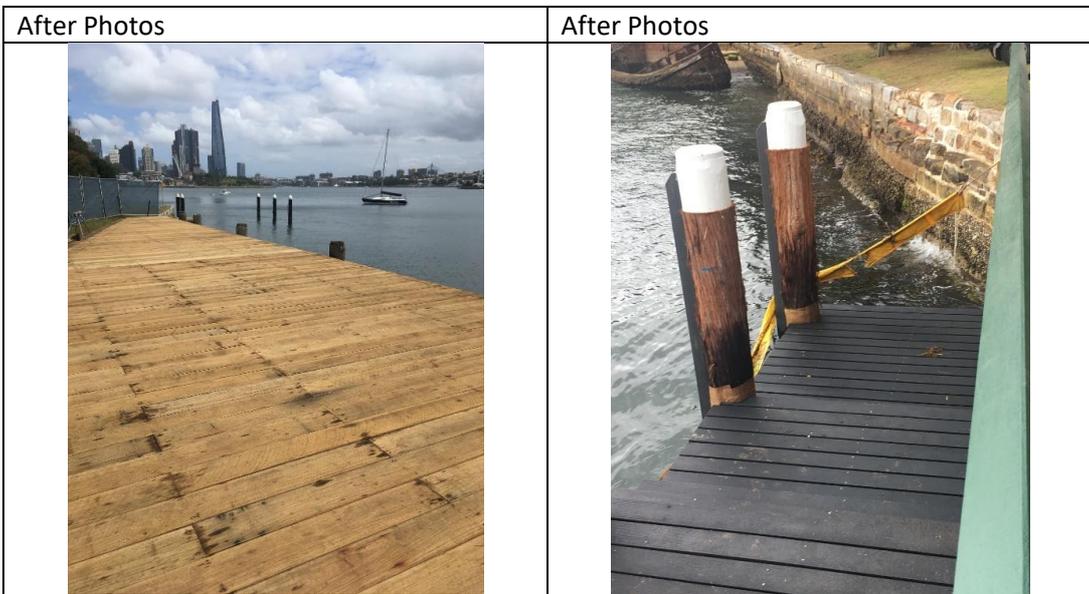
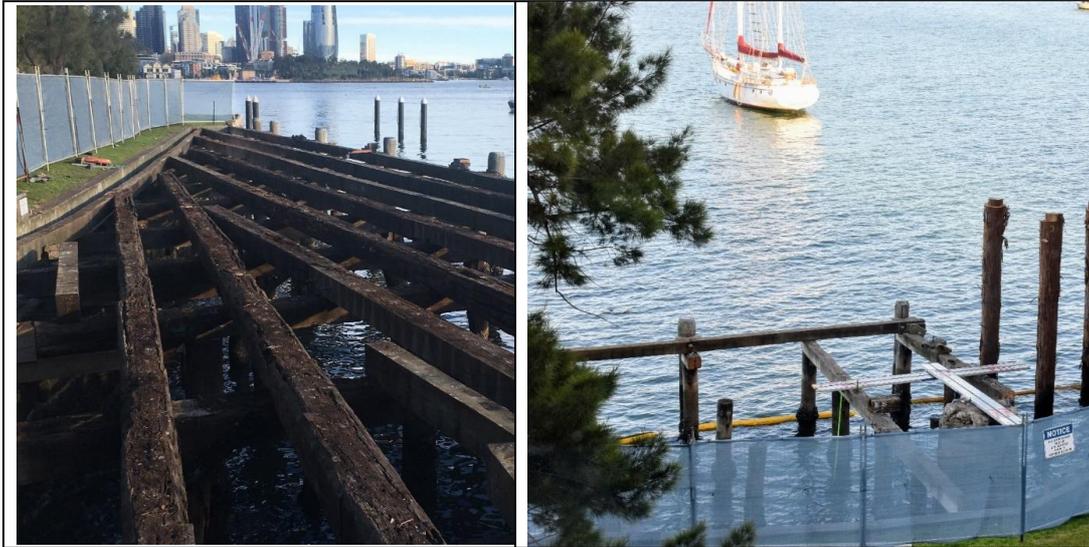
The existing wharf at Sawmillers Reserve, Munro Street, McMahons Point was in very poor condition and sections of the structure were closed off for public safety reasons. Significant preliminary work and approvals were required prior to construction. Construction commenced on 3 August 2020 and was completed in early December 2020

Works completed include:

- Replacement of 500m2 of timber decking
- Replacement of old timber beams and girders that were badly affected by rot and termite damage
- New stairs down to the harbour (made from recycled plastic) to replace the old rotten stairs that had previously been closed due to safety concerns.

<p>Sawmillers Reserve Wharf, McMahons Point - overview</p>	<p>Before</p>
	

<p>During Construction</p>	<p>During Construction</p>
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Retaining Wall Capital Works Program

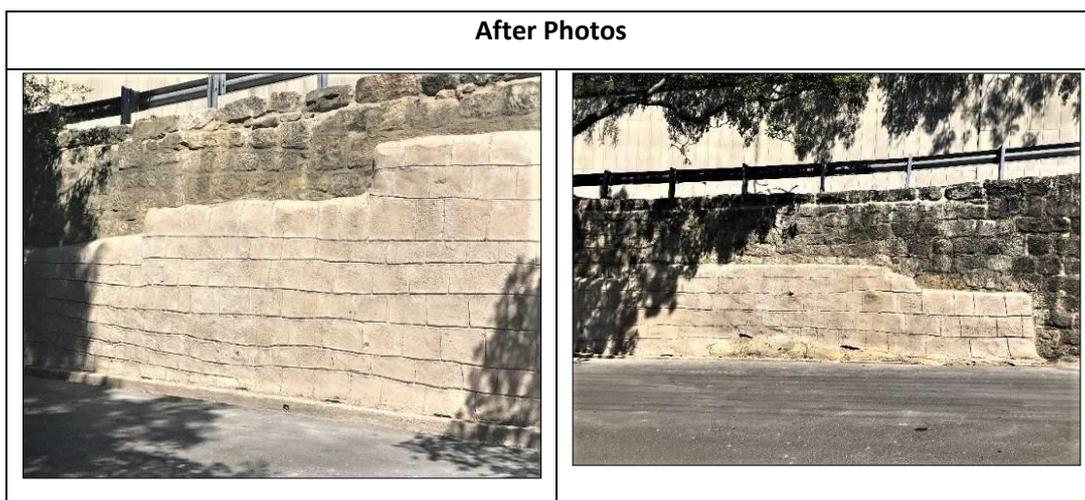
Project: Alfred St Nth, Neutral Bay

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$146,714

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$189,871

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$146,714

The retaining wall at Alfred Street North, Neutral Bay was in poor condition. The work entailed the stabilisation of the rock face with shotcrete. The shotcrete was coloured and textured to match the surrounding terrain.



Project: Bent Street Retaining Wall, Neutral Bay

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$73,486

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$73,486

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$73,486

The retaining wall at Bent Street, Neutral Bay, was in poor condition and was treated. Vegetation and small trees were cleared from sandstone retaining wall. Heliflex rod was installed. Weepholes were drilled and installed. Sandstone retaining wall at garden bed was constructed.



Seawall Capital Works Program

Project: Kurraba Point - Kurraba Point Reserve - Stage 1

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$342,385
Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$240,312
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$240,312
Funds carried forward into 2021/22 = \$102,073

Seawall rehabilitation was carried out using a specialised grout injection technique behind the seawall as well as along the toe of the seawall. Contingencies were not required on this project. The savings on this project have been carried forward into the 2021/22 financial year to continue repairing seawalls in poor condition.





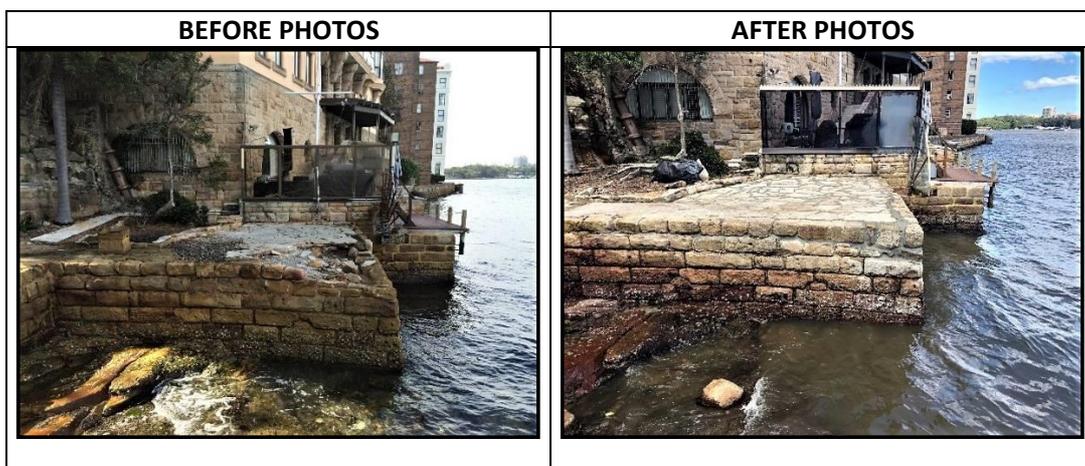
Project: Dr Mary Booth Lookout, Kirribilli 2020/21 SRV Budget = \$342,385

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$28,396

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$28,396

Funds carried forward into 2021/22 = \$28,396

Seawall rehabilitation was carried out using a specialised grout injection technique behind the seawall as well as along the toe of the seawall. Joints were also re-mortared and sandstone block were replaced where required.



Project: Kesterton Park, North Sydney

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$62,457

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$62,457

Funds carried forward into 2021/22 = \$62,457

Seawall rehabilitation was carried out using a specialised grout injection technique behind the seawall. Joints were also re-mortared where required.



Project: Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve, Kirribilli

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$166,762

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$166,762

Funds carried forward into 2021/22 = \$166,762

Seawall rehabilitation was carried out using a specialised grout injection technique behind the seawall as well as along the toe of the seawall. Joints were also re-mortared and sandstone block were replaced where required.

BEFORE PHOTOS	AFTER PHOTOS
	
	

Neutral Bay & Cremorne Public Domain Masterplan

Project: Military Road Neutral Bay Public Domain Upgrade

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$500,000

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$309,591

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$309,591

Funds carried forward into 2021/22 = \$190,409

Public domain upgrades have been completed in Neutral Bay as part of Council's ongoing efforts to make the shopping and commercial strip more appealing as a shopping destination for residents and visitors. The project originally had high contingencies which were not required at the completion of the project. As a result there was \$190,409 in project savings. These savings are being carried forward into the 2021/22 financial year to complete the Cremorne Garden Plaza. The upgrade works include:

- Paving upgrade
- More garden beds
- More seats and bins
- More trees
- New watering points
- More bicycle parking

The works will include new materials and furniture from our [Public Domain Style Manual and Design Codes](#).



Completed works on at May Gibbs Pace



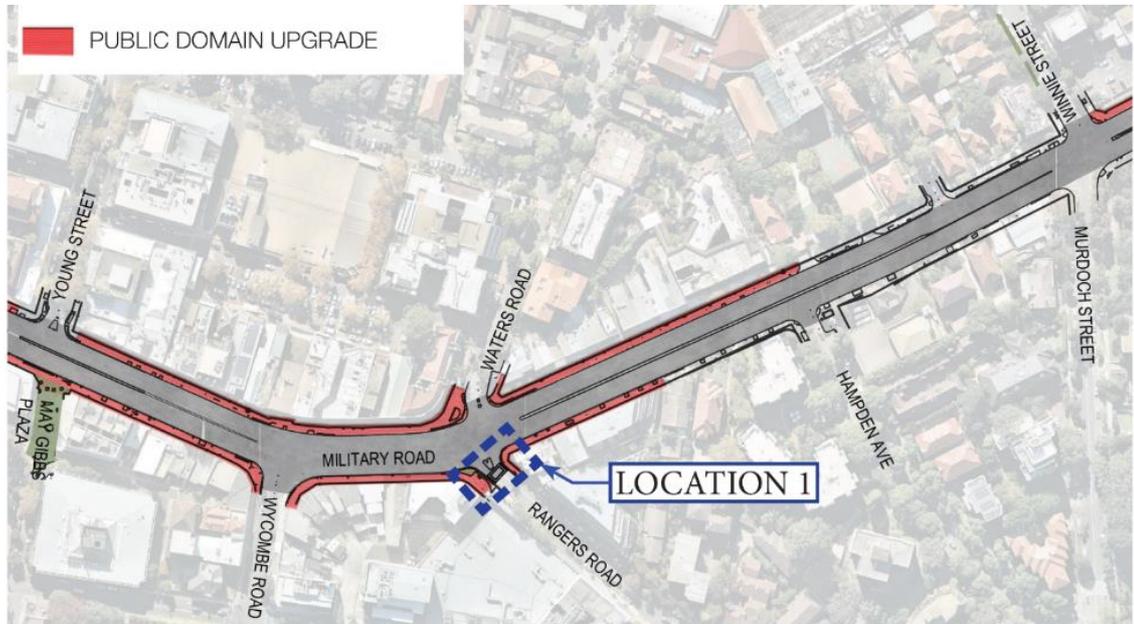
Completed works on the north side of Military Road



Completed works on the south side of Military Road



Completed works on the south side of Military



Lighting Upgrade Program

Project: Bradfield Park - lighting upgrade

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$90,000
Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$62,846
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$62,846
Funds carried forward into 2021/22 = \$27,154

This project includes the replacement of 16 light poles in Bradfield Park that are in poor condition. The luminaires are being replaced with energy efficient LED lighting. There was a significant delay in the arrival of the poles and therefore the project was delayed. The project will be completed in 2021/22.

Project: Atchison La Crows Nest lighting upgrade between Christie St to Oxley

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$49,592
Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$14,969
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$14,969
Funds carried forward into 2021/22 = \$34,623

The lighting level in Atchison La Crows Nest between Christie St to Oxley is poor and requires a lighting upgrade. A number of requests have been received regarding this matter. Underground utility investigations have now been completed and the works will be completed in 2021/22.

Project: Bus Shelters - Lighting Upgrade

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$39,356
Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$39,356
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$39,356

In the past year Council had received a number of complaints regarding the quality of lighting at bus shelters in particular at Watson A and B Bus Shelter, Military Road, Neutral Bay.

Preliminary investigation by Council staff indicated that the lighting did not comply with the relevant standards.

A consultant was engaged and a design provided to bring the lighting up to standard.

The old fittings were replaced in May 2021 with new fittings in accordance with current standards.

Council has received a number of compliments since the lighting upgrade. The lighting at all bus shelters is being investigated and upgraded as required.

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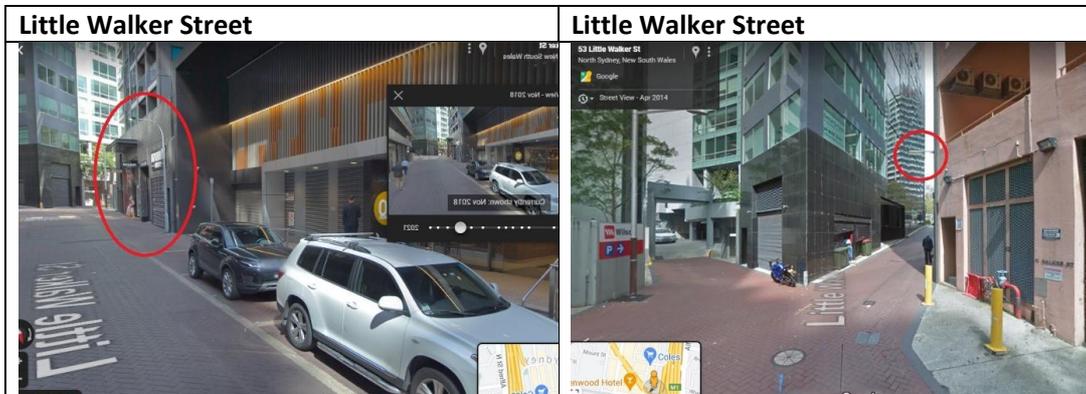
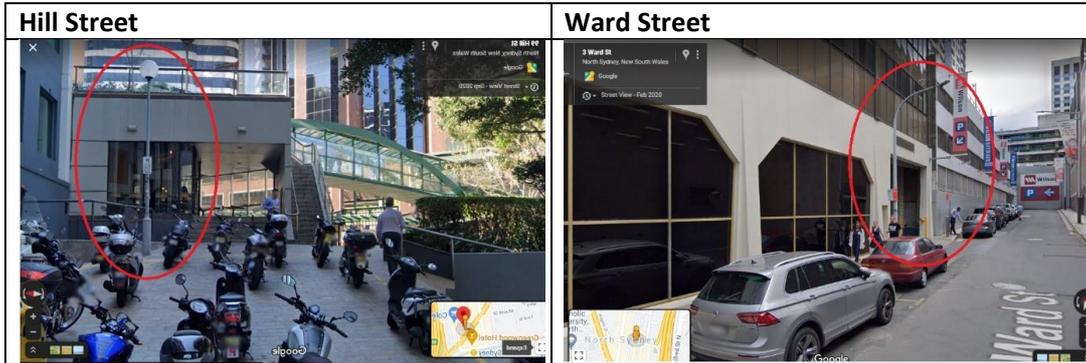
Project: Decommissioning of 7 residual Ausgrid poles in the CBD

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$24,654

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$24,654

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$24,654

Seven redundant Ausgrid poles were decommissioned and removed in the North Sydney CBD in Hill Street, Little Walker Street, and Ward Street.



Little Walker Street



Project: Minor works

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$32,472

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$32,472

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$32,472

Minor lighting works included the following:

- Replacement of lighting loops in the CBD
- Public Lighting Strategy – consultant
- Internal design and project management
- Repairs to under awning lighting at Kirribilli

Footpath Capital Works Program

Project: Primrose Park Walking Track Upgrade

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$90,000

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$62,646

Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$62,646

Funds carried forward into 2021/22 = \$27,354

The track works addressed erosion, trip hazards and wear associated with regular track usage and changing rainfall patterns. The Grafton St entry point was upgraded, new dimension sandstone steps were installed at each switchback along the Zig Zag track and several raised boardwalks had their deteriorated decking timbers replaced with Fibre-reinforced Plastic (FRP) composite mesh panels which offer superior grip in wet conditions and a longer lifespan.

The budget was \$90,000. The project could not be fully completed due to a critical section of the track that was unable to be upgraded due to Aboriginal heritage constraints (i.e. a midden within the track) as well as failing Sydney Water sewer infrastructure that is awaiting repair. Implementing any track upgrades in this section prior to the Sydney Water work would likely be counter productive with the new track vulnerable to damage. Once the Sydney Water work is completed, this section of track can be upgraded.



St Leonards Park - Landscape Masterplan Implementation

Project: St Leonards Park Tunks Way upgrade

2020/21 SRV Budget = \$1,200,000

Actual spent 2020/2021 = \$610,745

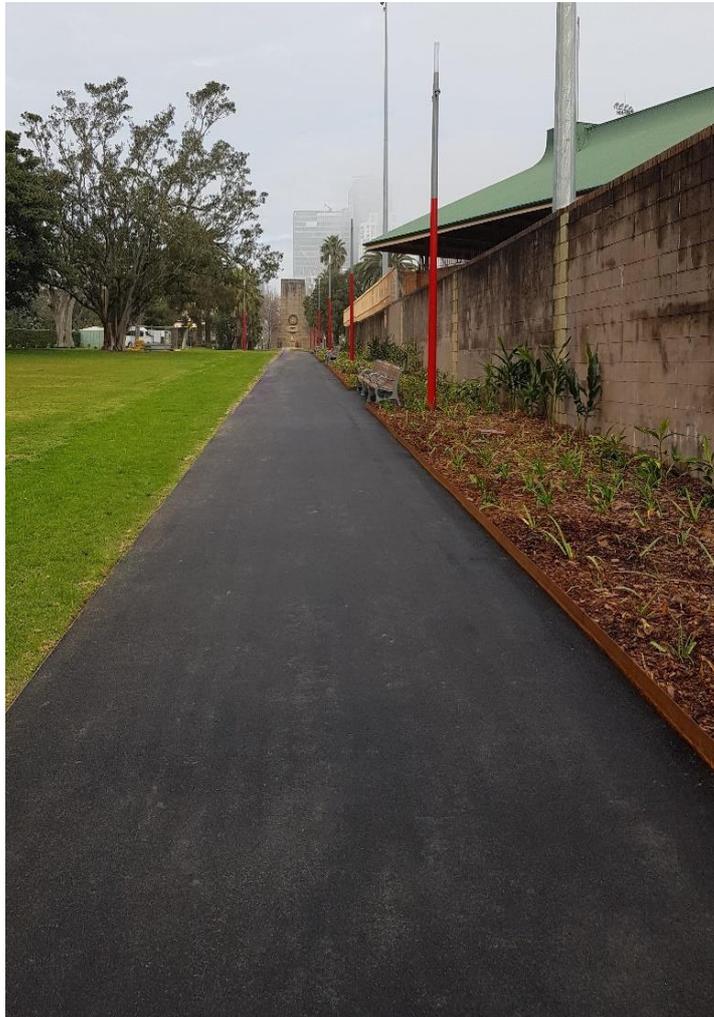
Amount funded from SRV, 2020/21 = \$610,745

Funds carried forward into 2021/22 = \$589,255

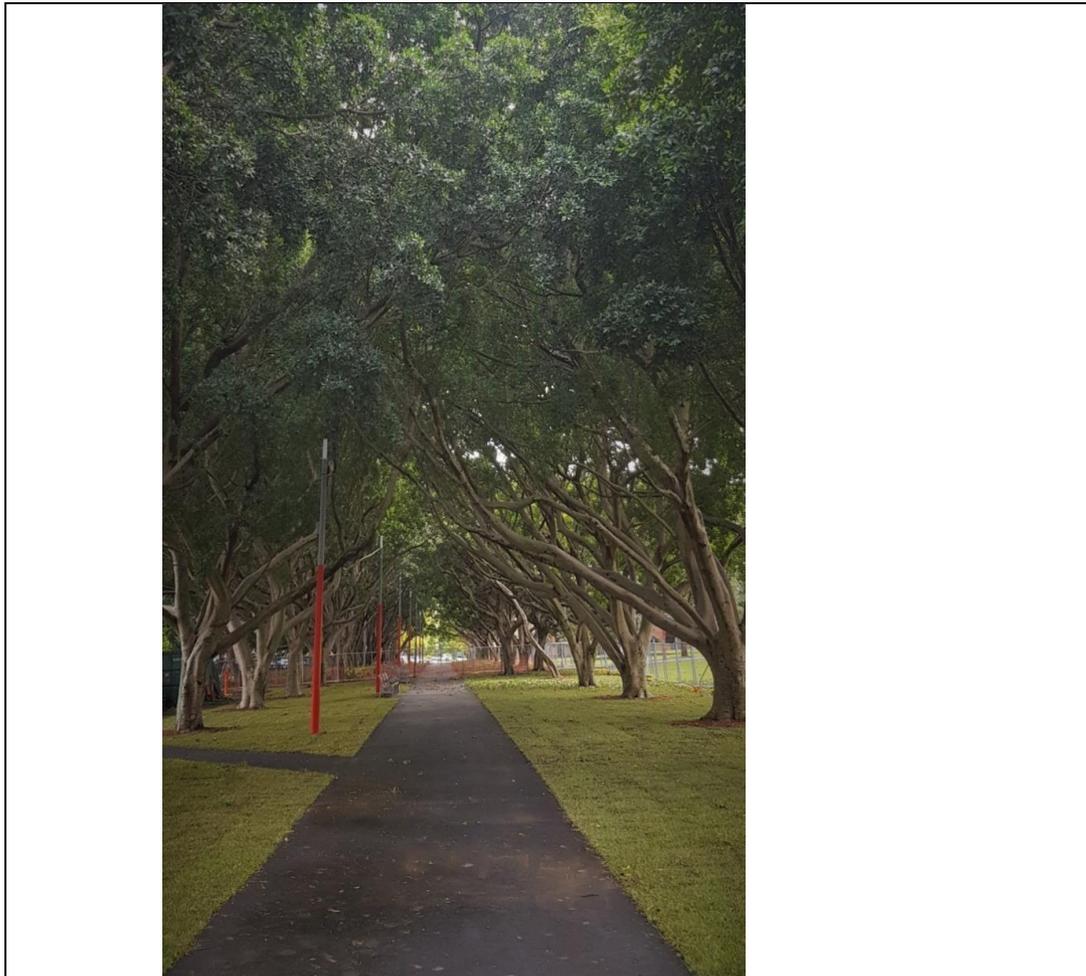
The Stage Two St Leonards Park Landscape Master Plan construction work started in January 2021 and was completed in August 2021. Minor delays were experienced during project delivery due to the extreme weather events of early 2021. The project spanned two financial years during construction, accounting for the underspend in the estimates for the 2020-2021 financial year. Funding was carried over for completion of Stage 2 in the 2021-2022 period.

The much-anticipated stage two of the St Leonards Park Master Plan -Tunks Way and Field Gun relocation was opened to the community in August after numerous improvements, including widening of the walkway to three metres, additional seating, and upgrades to Tunks Fountain and surrounds. New, upgraded lighting has been re-positioned from the middle of the footpath to the side providing better lighting for users of the park, allowing an unobscured view, and creating a very grand feel to Tunks Way. Light pruning of the Fig trees in the northern half of Tunks Way has allowed filtered light for improved grass and plant growth yet still maintains the sense of tranquillity and protection from the canopy above. More seating has been provided in many locations along the pathway and new low-level gardens help soften the appearance of the North Sydney Oval wall.

The field gun has been moved to a more prominent location on the northern end of Tunks Way. These works are part of the St Leonards Park Master Plan and follow upgraded cricket practice nets on Fig Tree Lane and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects award-winning Miller Street Forecourt and entrance to the North Sydney Oval.



After: Relocation of light poles and widening of the pathway has created a stronger visual connection to the North Sydney War Memorial



During: Pathway widening and light crown raising of the fig trees along Tunks Way

St Leonards Park Field Gun Relocation.

St Leonards Park has received an exciting change with the World War I Field Gun being relocated to a more prominent position in the park. The Field Gun has been relocated to the northern end of Tunks Way and has been given new and improved stature, becoming visible to more pedestrians in the park and commuters using Falcon Street.

The Relocation of the Field Gun creates a connection with the Cenotaph on the southern end of Tunks Way. The new light poles along Tunks Way are painted half red and half grey and are symbolic of flags at half-mast.



Relocation of WW1 Field Gun to the northern end of Tunks Way