

Ku-ring-gai Council - Frequently asked questions

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How will the funds raised by the sale of land be used?

The funds will be used to address the asset renewal gap (funding shortfall) by returning the funds to reserves for expenditure on new assets or major asset refurbishment in accordance with the [Long Term Financial Plan](#) (LTFP) guiding principles (see page 4 of report).

It could be used to fund Council's co-contribution for projects identified in the Development Contributions Plan 2010. The LTFP proposes that asset sales from rationalisation of property assets commence in 2015/16 and continue over a 10 year period as Contribution Plan projects proceed. (refer to page 23 of report).

[View the Long Term Financial Plan](#)

What is Council's plans for open space and community land in Lindfield?

To meet the needs of a growing population, Ku-ring-gai Council has developed an innovative Open Space Acquisition Program (OSAP), which is providing much needed parkland for the community. The program demonstrates a successful example of how local government can provide new parks and open space in infill areas experiencing high levels of growth.

In response to this program, the Ku-ring-gai Open Space Acquisition Strategy, 2007 was prepared to guide land purchases for the purposes of local parks and civic spaces, including a development contributions plan to fund acquisitions. The Strategy establishes a series of principles for the acquisition of open space within Ku-ring-gai. The plan also identifies priority areas for acquisition so that Council's efforts would be focused on the areas of greatest future need. These principles are consistently applied through the application of criteria when selecting suitable locations for new parks.

The over-arching goal of the Open Space Acquisition Strategy, 2007 is to ensure that new parks and public spaces are located in the right position in the first place – parks must be open and visible, centrally located, with high quality design and a range of facilities to cater for different users. Secondly, Council's open space acquisition program aims to ensure the existing population does not suffer a progressive and cumulative reduction in access to parks and recreation facilities as a result of population growth. The program is effectively responding to the Strategy's aim by delivering new parks and civic spaces within areas of high density residential and mixed use development.

Since its inception, Council has been acquiring land at an unprecedented rate, spending \$39.5 million on acquiring 20,400 m² of land for new parks and civic spaces in Gordon, Lindfield, Killara, Turramurra, St Ives and Wahroonga (figures current at July 2014). Council is currently in the design stage for two large civic spaces in Lindfield; the first Lindfield Green will be a new area of parkland on Tryon Road with an area of 2,700sqm; the second will be a large park area on Bent Street as part of the Lindfield Community Hub which will be 3,800sqm in area.

Together with the development of the proposed Lindfield Community Hub and Lindfield Village Green, there will be a significant increase in the provision of community facilities and public open space within Lindfield Local Centre.

What are the traffic impacts?

Changes to the road network are proposed, to accommodate additional vehicle traffic and pedestrian movements expected to be generated from the site. This includes:

- new traffic signals at selected intersections, to improve pedestrian and vehicle access across Pacific Highway, and general circulation;
- a new road adjacent to the site, to provide additional connectivity for pedestrians, people who ride bicycles and vehicles;
- closure of roads to vehicles, to improve pedestrian access and urban amenity, and
- changes to circulation patterns, such as conversion of 2-way road to a one-way road, and turning restrictions.

Provision will be made for commuter drop-off and pick-up (kiss and ride) space in Woodford Lane.

What does this road mean in the new development?

As part of the proposed transport scheme for the Lindfield Local Centre, the [Lindfield Local Centre Transport Network Model Study](#) considered the road through the library site to be accessed left-in only from Pacific Highway, with one way circulation from Pacific Highway/Library site, towards the railway station entrance at Tryon Place (i.e. ti-clockwise circulation).

Page 122 of the Lindfield Local Centre Transport Network Model Study shows the preferred transport scheme, with the access road through the library site connecting to the upgraded intersection of Pacific Highway and Tryon Place.

As one way anti-clockwise circulation is proposed, vehicles would not be leaving the new road to join Pacific Highway. As a result, there would not be sight distance requirements at the curve on Pacific Highway for vehicles leaving the library site.

To leave the library site, vehicles would travel in a northerly direction along Tryon Place up to the Pacific Highway, to the proposed traffic signals at that intersection, then turn left or right.

[View the Lindfield Local Centre Transport Network Model Study](#)

Will Lindfield be without a library for a while?

No. Council is committed to ensuring the transition to the new Lindfield Library is as seamless as possible. The Lindfield Library will continue to operate in its current site or at an alternative Lindfield location until the new Lindfield Library at the Lindfield Community Hub is ready.

What about the seniors' centre?

In 2013 Council commissioned the Lindfield Community Facilities Study which included a review of the former Lindfield Seniors Citizen's Centre/Resource Centre and found:

- older facility in average condition, repair works required;
- a site close to the Lindfield local centre and train station but difficult to access by car; and
- limited additional capacity.

- Lindfield Seniors' Resource Centre had a dysfunctional layout and very small spaces, limiting the types of uses it can accommodate

The study recommended that the existing library and Seniors' Centre facilities be replaced with new multi use facilities located in the Lindfield Community Hub. This proposal was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 10 December 2013.

What will happen to KYDS?

Council will relocate the Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) service within the proposed Lindfield Community Hub.

The new facility will provide purpose-built rooms to be designed in consultation with representatives of KYDS to meet their specific requirements.

What will happen to the tennis courts?

There are six Council owned tennis courts within close proximity to the tennis courts located at the rear of the Lindfield library precinct.

The courts at Lindfield Library are vacant 6 days out of 7; the more heavily used courts located nearby are vacant an average of 3 days a week. It can therefore be assumed that the loss of the Lindfield library courts within the network would make very little difference as the nearby courts would have the capacity to take up additional usage.

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