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1.	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, 91 (Total=77)	N/A	N/A	<p>Consider Charles Curtis Park, Normanhurst for renewal/upgrade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deteriorated - Lacks shade - Unsafe (insufficient fencing, broken gate, lack of footpath access) - Request pavement next to the café on Myrtle Street be extended - Replace basketball hoop and resurfacing basketball court - Update play equipment to cater for a wider range of preschool and primary school aged children - Expand/revamp outer perimeter of park - Replace/install new swings - Park floods, slippery in winter - Limited play equipment - Lacks seating and picnic tables - Park maintenance lacking - Install traffic signs to slow down cars near park - Install nature based play equipment - Not adequately accessible to people with disabilities - Rename with indigenous name - Lacks access to water/drinking tap - Provide barbecues. 	<p>Given the number of submissions received and weight of community interest, Council officers have given consideration to how Charles Curtis Park may be programmed for renewal ahead of its proposed 2027/28 timeframe.</p> <p>Charles Curtis would be brought forward as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and consultation in 2024/25 • Construction in 2025/26 <p>In the interim the following works have been undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground gate latch repaired • Fence adjoining shop has been replaced (by the property owner) • Footpath in front of shops replaced. This includes extending the area in front of the shop and park for outdoor dining • Deciduous shade tree planting. <p>Picnic tables are to be installed following footpath works.</p> <p>The new works will consider drainage.</p> <p>This would require interim repair works to be undertaken at Britannia Street Playground, Pennant Hills to be pushed back in the forward works program from 2025/26 to 2027/28.</p>

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					The pedestrian activity around the park does not warrant additional signage. Review of crash data shows that streets around the park are operating safely with no crashes recorded in over 20 years. Residents are encouraged to report illegal driving to NSW Police. The DPOP be amended.
2.	1, 34 (Total=2)	N/A	N/A	Comment on intent of community consultation on Plan. Expressed dissatisfaction with Council’s consideration of feedback provided on Special Rate Variation.	Council is required to review its Delivery Program and prepare an annual budget and Operational Plan each year which undergoes community consultation. Community feedback is sought and given thoughtful consideration by Council. No change to DPOP.
3.	85, 90 (Total=2)	Inside front cover	Acknowledgement, Connections to Country	Not in support of Council’s recognition of GuriNgai peoples.	An alternate viewpoint. No change to DPOP.
4.	2	N/A	N/A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Consider additional active transport projects in the Cherrybrook Metro Precinct. 2) Ensure safety and attractiveness of footpath upgrade to New Line Road. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Council has resolved to develop an integrated Active Transport Strategy that will provide Council with a roadmap for active transport infrastructure for the next 10 years. Development of this strategy will include consideration of active transport issues in the Cherrybrook Metro Precinct. No change to DPOP. 2) All Council footpath upgrades are undertaken to a condition which satisfies safe, convenient and comfortable pedestrian passage and contribute to the Shire’s attractiveness. No change to DPOP.
5.	27	N/A	N/A	Provision of additional schools.	Council is not responsible for school planning but can advocate to the NSW Government for provision of additional schools. No change to DPOP.
6.	32	151	Capital Projects	<p>Begonia Road and Blantyre Close Reserves, Thornleigh to Pine Street, Normanhurst – upgrading pedestrian links – Stage 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) timing of works 	Begonia Road and Blantyre Close Reserves, Thornleigh to Pine Street, Normanhurst – upgrading pedestrian links – Stage 2 are to be undertaken in 2025/26. The community interest in the proposed swing bridge is noted. Several factors that, on balance, do not support proceeding with

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				<p>2) investigate potential for a swing bridge in this location as part of a future Stage 3 delivery, and seek grant funding</p> <p>(This submission also made comment on Charles Curtis Park, Normanhurst for renewal/upgrade. Refer to item No. 1 above).</p>	<p>the project. These include restrictive site conditions, the bridge's potential disturbance to nearby residents, adverse effects on existing sewer infrastructure, substantial financial expenditure, and an uncertain level of environmental impact. No change to DPOP.</p>
7.	36	N/A	N/A	<p>1) Consider higher prioritisation of budget for local road and traffic improvements.</p> <p>2) Support for spend on parks and sporting facilities. Consider better parks and sporting facilities particularly in remote areas.</p>	<p>1) Upgrade of our local roads are programmed based on their condition and usage and prioritised based on the funding available. No change to DPOP.</p> <p>2) Council's recreational facility provision and expenditure on parks and sporting facilities typically is more intensive in more populated areas where the use and demand for open space is highest as compared with remote areas. No change to DPOP.</p>
8.	37	27, 78	Transforming our Shire, Productive	<p>Public domain at Asquith/Mount Colah:</p> <p>1) timing of delivery of proposed development</p> <p>2) pedestrian safety</p> <p>3) current plaza is unfit for purpose.</p>	<p>The DPOP allocates \$2.4m to the Asquith/Mount Colah Public Domain in 2024/25 and identified Key Initiative 6A.K01 Public Domain – undertake construction of Asquith-Mount Colah streetscape improvements in line with adopted public domain plan in 2024/25 and 2025/26. Design works are underway for the Asquith-Mount Colah corridor to provide wider footpaths and improved pedestrian amenity. No change to DPOP.</p>
9.	43	150	Capital Projects	<p>There appears to be no allocation of funds for Berowra Heights drainage works despite this being given as a reason for the special rate levy.</p>	<p>Drainage improvement works are being delivered using Special Rate Levy funds progressively based on the priorities. Drainage works in Berowra Heights will be delivered in a future year of program. No change to DPOP.</p>
10.	49	42	Liveable	<p>1) Concerned with proposed developments around Hornsby Central:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reconsider emphasis on high-rise residential buildings 	<p>1) This is addressed in another Plan. Council adopted the Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan in November 2023. Council, in consultation with the community during the preparation of the Local Strategic Planning Statement and Local Housing Strategy, has committed to the</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritise green spaces and community facilities, consider more areas that foster social interactions and community connections - Commit to a minimum of 30% tree canopy coverage in new developments. <p>2) Support of plan's focus on arts and cultural development.</p>	<p>provision of high rise buildings for future housing in our Town Centre which enables us to better protect our local neighbourhoods from overdevelopment and retain the bushland character. New green public spaces are proposed including a Hornsby Square and a park on the corner of George Street and Burdett Street and one of the goals of the Masterplan is increased canopy cover within the Town Centre. No change to DPOP.</p> <p>2) Noted. No change to DPOP.</p>
11.	52	N/A	N/A	Ensure the community infrastructure near the Hornsby Town Centre and Hornsby Park is delivered and sufficiently funded for its full completion as promised. Continue to work with the NSW Government to obtain Hornsby's fair share of the announced \$520 million community infrastructure funds to help transform/develop the Hornsby town centre into a vibrant and prosperous community.	Council adopted the Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan in November 2023. In December 2024 the State Government announced that the Town Centre was one of eight accelerated Transit Oriented Development projects which would be rezoned by the State Government. Council continues to work closely with the State Government to secure adequate funding for the infrastructure required to support the development of the Town Centre. No change to DPOP.
12.	78	N/A	N/A	Consider allocating SRV 'Shared paths – footpaths and cycleways' funding to deliver priority missing footpaths in Normanhurst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Oak St (Pine St to Cedar St) 2) Pine St (Myrtle St to Oak St). 	The Walking and Cycling Strategy recommends provision of footpaths in Pine and Oak Streets as 'priority 1'. This will be considered when formulating future footpath program. Provision of footpath in Willowtree Street, Normanhurst – Calga Avenue to Pine Street has been identified in DPOP for construction in 2025/26. No change to DPOP.
13.	80	132	The Special Rate Variation – Strategic Initiatives	1) Focus on the key initiatives. Too many charts and diagrams. Include comparative data year-to-year. Unnecessarily aligns programs to contrived themes. Too many pages. Difficult to read and understand.	<p>1) Noted. No change to DPOP.</p> <p>2) The information provided on SRV spend is transparent. Council consulted with the community on the SRV in October 2022. The 16 SRV strategic initiatives identified in the Plan are those Council proposed in its application</p>

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				<p>2) Council needs to be honest with details of major spending (The Special Rate Variation - Strategic Initiatives).</p> <p>3) \$18M commitment to connected and walking cycling paths - excludes all areas of the Shire to the west of Cobah Creek.</p>	<p>for the SRV. A condition of the SRV approval is that revenue raised by the special variation can only be used by Council for the purpose of funding the program of expenditure included within its application. A further condition is that Council must report progress against the program of expenditure in the Annual Report each year. No change to DPOP.</p> <p>3) As part of the review of the Walking and Cycling Strategy Council will consider provision of footpaths near rural subdivisions including west of Cobah Creek, but providing paths along most rural roads is a low priority as shared paths are very expensive, and it is not economically viable to build shared paths in rural areas where utilisation is generally low. No change to DPOP.</p>
14.	89	145	Capital Projects	<p>1) Consider Fearnley Park, Beecroft, Lyne Road Cheltenham and the railway station playground Beecroft for renewal/upgrade.</p> <p>2) Beecroft Shopping Centre public spaces - Improve condition/maintenance of street furniture and blister garden.</p>	<p>1) The play spaces at Beecroft Railway Gardens and Lyne Road are not needing to be renewed in the foreseeable future as they are relatively new compared with other playgrounds throughout the LGA. The playground at Fernleigh Park is included for funding in the 2024/25 Operational Plan as part of \$1m allocation for playground upgrades in capital projects, considering its length of age and deteriorating condition. No change to DPOP.</p> <p>2) Renewal and maintenance requirements for the majority of Council's expansive asset base are fully funded in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plans, Asset Management Strategy and recently approved Special Rate Variation. Physical asset and condition data for Beecroft Station Gardens and the Village Green was collected in November 2021</p>

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					<p>and formed part of the financial projections in the SRV for the Land Improvements (Open Space) asset class.</p> <p>Council’s Asset Management Improvement Plan includes recommendations relating to internal processes to ensure that the maintenance and renewal requirements for these assets are completed when required. This ties in with Action 6A.A02 - Undertake tasks to improve the management and functioning of town centres – including grant seeking. No change to DPOP.</p>
15.	91	79, 98, 151	Productive, Collaborative, Capital Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Support for Key Initiatives 6A.K13 Develop draft Pennant Hills Place Plan and 8A.K23 Pennant Hills Town Centre review. 2) Support for Key Initiative 8A.K24 Commence a review of the Pennant Hills Road Corridor between Pennant Hills and Thornleigh following the opening of NorthConnex. Consider use of whole Pennant Hills Road Corridor up to Hornsby and beyond as part of cycle way strategy. 3) Consider improving/upgrading the wooded Briddon Close area. 4) Support for Catchment Remediation – Wilga Street. Increase focus on reducing litter. Work with local schools, in particular Pennant Hills High School to change attitudes on litter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted. No change to DPOP. 2) This is addressed in the recently completed (March 2024) Pennant Hills Road Transport Plan by TfNSW. A key recommendation of the Pennant Hills Road Transport Plan is to investigate a regional cycle network between the M2 Motorway to Hornsby connecting centres, public transport, and activity nodes. No change to DPOP. 3) Briddon Close Playground is classified as a 'Pocket Park' in the adopted Hornsby Play Plan. At this stage the playground has been identified for renewal in 2026/27. At which time the playground is to be renewed, consultation will occur with the community regarding its design. No change to DPOP. 4) Council’s Cleansing Team litter pick the area of Hillcrest/Ramsay Road/Yarrara Streets and train station area at Pennant Hills three to five times a week. There are no Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices currently managed through the Catchment

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				(This submission also made comment on Charles Curtis Park, Normanhurst for renewal/upgrade. Refer to item No. 1 above).	<p>Remediation rate program in this location. The level of litter in this area reported by Council’s Cleansing Team is minimal and is not considered a littering hot spot with elevated or problematic littering levels.</p> <p>Regarding on-school property littering, unfortunately, Council has no knowledge of the severity of littering within the Pennant Hills High School grounds. Littering on school grounds is the responsibility of the school management.</p> <p>Council officers can arrange contact with schools to provide support and education on littering if the school wishes to engage with Council. Council can offer assistance by providing advice on how the school can undertake litter monitoring and reporting to determine the level and timing of littering; providing advice on placement, numbers and servicing frequency of litter bins, including signage or bin stickers; providing advice on litter cleanups and patrol frequencies for school operations; assist the school to join and participate in Clean up Australia Day; assist in educating students on the general issue of littering and environmental harm littering can have; encouraging the school to develop an anti-littering culture; and providing various anti-littering resources for use by school including Litter Assessment Tools, Guidelines for Developing a Litter Management Plan, and general educational resources. No change to DPOP.</p>