

## **AGENDA**

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### **Extraordinary Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, 02 August 2022**

**7.00pm**

**Dragon Room**

**Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre**

**Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets, Hurstville**



## **OATH OF OFFICE OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE**

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office made at the time of their swearing into the role of Councillor.

All Councillors are to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Georges River Council area and are to act faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgement.

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflict of interest (perceived or otherwise) in a matter being considered by Council or at any meeting of Council.

## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

CCL058-22

**1. OPENING****2. NATIONAL ANTHEM****3. PRAYER****4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting is being held as the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation.

**5. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE****6. NOTICE OF WEBCASTING****7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST****8. PUBLIC FORUM****9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Item:** CCL058-22 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 June 2022

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

CCL058-22

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 June 2022 be adopted.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 27 June 2022, as attached, be adopted by Council as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/156118

**ATTACHMENTS**

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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

## MINUTES

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### Council Meeting

Monday, 27 June 2022

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Dragon Room, Civic Centre, Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Mayor, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Kevin Greene, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, Councillor Colleen Symington, Councillor Warren Tegg and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Acting General Manager - David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop (online), Acting Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Acting Director Business and Corporate Services - Sue Weatherley, Acting Manager, Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Chief Financial Officer - Danielle Parker, Manager Community and Early Learning Services – Kylie Downing (online), Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services - Thomas Koruth (online), Manager City Life - Kevin Brennan (online), Chief People Officer - Sharni Watts (online), Manager Strategic Placemaking – Hayley Barnes (online), Chief Audit Executive - Juliette Hall, Executive Services Officer - Marina Cavar, Executive Services Officer - Ann-Marie Svorinic, Executive Services Officer - Neil Treadwell and Coordinator Technology - Brendan Scott.

### **EXTERNAL**

Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Chair – Cliff Haynes

## **OPENING**

The Mayor, Councillor Katris, opened the meeting at 7.02pm.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

All those present stood for the singing of the National Anthem.

## **PRAYER**

Councillor Greene offered a prayer to the meeting.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor, Councillor Katris acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation.

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

## **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

The Mayor, Councillor Katris advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

## CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

## DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL051-22 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy – June 2022**, for the reason that he is a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society which is subject of an application under the policy. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **NM051-22 Wildlife Protection Areas Within Georges River LGA**, for the reason that his principal place of residence is adjacent to government-owned land which could in future be classified as a Wildlife Protection Area. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **NM055-22 Investigation into Environmental, Financial and Other Impacts of Synthetic Fields** for the reason that he is a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Society, which has researched this matter and brought it to my attention. He had also assisted with soil sampling at Poulton Park. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL046-22 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022 (FIN026-22 Business Use of Footpath - Fee Waiver Request)** for the reason that he is acquainted with business owners who may derive a benefit from this proposal. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

**Councillor Greene** declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL030A-22 Hurstville Oval Community Pavilion** for the reason that he is the President of St George District Cricket Club who have leased Hurstville Oval for 112 years. As this is a Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Greene will leave the meeting.

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**PUBLIC FORUM**

	Speaker	Report No	Report Title
1	Mathew Papas	NM050-22	Deferred Report NM045-22 – Peakhurst Park Sporting Amenities
2	Fiona Prodromou	NM052-22	Hogben Park Lighting Solution
3	Dr Scott Wilson	NM055-22	Investigation into Environmental, Financial and other Impacts of Synthetic Fields
4	Dr Gary Housley	NM055-22	Investigation into Environmental, Financial and other Impacts of Synthetic Fields
5	Tom Messenger	CCL054-22	Working together for a better future - 2022-2026 Delivery Program 2022/23 Operational Plan
6	James Farrow	CCL054-22	Working together for a better future - 2022-2026 Delivery Program 2022/23 Operational Plan
7	Ilknur Bayari	CCL054-22	Working together for a better future - 2022-2026 Delivery Program 2022/23 Operational Plan
8	David Boettiger	QWN030-22	Complying Development Certificates
9	Justin Mathews	QWN030-22	Complying Development Certificates
10	Dennis Cunneen	CCL054-22	Working together for a better future - 2022-2026 Delivery Program 2022/23 Operational Plan
11	Adrian Polhill	NM055-22	Investigation into Environmental, Financial and other Impacts of Synthetic Fields
12	Catherine Ford	QWN025-22	Mortdale Masterplan

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**CCL044-22 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 May 2022**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Elmir

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 May 2022 be adopted.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## MAYORAL MINUTES

### MM012-22 Hurstville War Memorial Commemoration (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillor Symington

That Council acknowledges and observes the centenary commemoration of the Hurstville War Memorial and pays respect to those that the memorial honours.

#### Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

### MM013-22 Greek Summer Festival

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillor Elmir

That Council congratulates St Basil's Homes NSW/ACT on the success of the Greek Summer Festival held on 6 June 2022.

#### Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous.

### MM014-22 Mayoral Golf Day

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillor Elmir

That Council thanks all involved in the organisation of the Annual Mayor's Charity Golf Day and is proud to donate the proceeds to the St George Sutherland Medical Research Foundation.

#### Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

## CONDOLENCES

Councillor Peter Mahoney expressed his condolences on the passing of Oatley West resident Sharyn Cullis (or Andersen) she tragically passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> June. I'd like to echo, and expand upon, the sentiments expressed by Mark Coure MP, Member for Oatley and Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Minister for Seniors in his Private Member's Statement dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Sharyn was at the forefront of environmental activism and education, not just within the Georges River LGA but across southern and southwest Sydney and the Illawarra, and in other areas around Australia.

As principal of Georges River Environmental Centre and secretary of the Georges River Environmental Alliance, Sharyn lived and breathed the river and its environs, including bushland areas and tributaries. She helped lead the charge against threats to endangered wildlife, particularly koalas, in the Campbelltown and Wollondilly LGA's. Sharyn's passion for environmental education extended from community members to company executives and to participants of Juvenile Justice programs.

Not only was Sharyn a board member of the Sydney Metropolitan Water Catchment Authority, but she was also appointed to the National Parks Advisory Committee, and sat on consultative committees for the South32 Appin Mine and Moorebank Intermodal. Sharyn also helped found, and was vice-president of, Save Sydney's Koalas.

It was thanks to Sharyn's tireless advocacy and liaison with former Premier Barry O'Farrell and Mark Coure MP that 6,500 hectares of pristine wilderness between the Georges River and the Illawarra escarpment, which would otherwise have fallen victim to coal mining, have been preserved for current and future generations as the Dharawal National Park.

In 1992 Sharyn gained her Master's degree in Science and Society. In 2004 she graduated as an M.A. (Honours) in Science and Technology for her thesis on the damage which would have been caused by building Sydney's second airport at Holsworthy. In 2019 Sharyn was awarded a PhD by the University of NSW for another thesis, titled "Fractured landscapes and narratives: Controversy in the Southern Coalfield", which critiqued the expansion of mining west of Bulli and its impact on the Georges River.

Sharyn also worked tirelessly within the Georges River LGA as a volunteer with the Streamwatch and River Health Monitoring programs, and campaigned strongly on many other local issues, such as plans for a phone tower and café in Oatley Park, high rise on the Oatley Bowling Club site, and against increased densities within the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area. Sharyn was an active member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society and Friends of Oatley, and only recently helped establish "Friends of Glenlee".

In 2020 the NSW Government acknowledged Sharyn's many achievements and high level of dedication with a St George Community Award.

Sharyn was an inaugural community representative with the Georges River Combined Councils Committee (or Riverkeeper) and for that she earned a place on the organisation's Honour Board, which was the subject of a Mayoral Minute in April this year.

Sharyn was an extremely articulate, courageous and engaging advocate for the environment, and was respected by everyone - even those who did not share her altruistic views.

A ceremony to celebrate Sharyn's life was held at St George Motor Boat Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and was attended by over 300 people, including representatives from a wide range of environmental organisations and David Coleman, Member for Banks.

My thoughts are with Sharyn's husband, Philip, daughters Kirsty and Tamzi, mother Maurney brother Brian and other family members, and to the scores her friends and associates who are affected by her passing.

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Tegg and Councillor Greene

That, in accordance with Clause 7.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council alter the Order of Business of this meeting to allow for the following items to be considered prior to all other items on the agenda;

- **CCL049-22:** Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Report to Council 2021-2022
- **NM050-22:** Deferred Report NM045-22 – Peakhurst Park Sporting Amenities
- **NM052-22:** Hogben Park-Lighting Solution



- **NM055-22:** Investigation into Environmental, Financial and Other Impacts of Synthetic Fields
- **CCL052-22:** Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination - Mayor and Councillors Fees for 2022/23
- **CCL057-22:** DEFERRED REPORT FIN028-22 Councillor Superannuation Contributions
- **CCL054-22:** Working together for a better future - 2022-2026 Delivery Program 2022/23 Operational Plan

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Chair of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Mr Cliff Haynes addressed Council.

**CCL049-22      Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Report to Council 2021-2022**  
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Tegg

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Report to Council for 2021-2022 be received and noted.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**NM050-22      DEFERRED REPORT NM045-22 - Peakhurst Park Sporting Amenities**  
(Report by Councillor Konjarski)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Greene

- (a) That the Acting General Manager, in consultation with Peakhurst United, prepare a report for the extension of the existing sporting amenities building located at Peakhurst Park to include female change facilities. The report is to consider the layout and floor plan of the extension as well as detailed cost estimates.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager investigate irrigation and drainage to the remaining fields including cost estimates.
- (c) That the Acting General Manager write to The Hon. David Coleman, Federal Member for Banks and The Hon. Mark Coure, Member for Oatley to request grant funding for the extension of the existing Peakhurst Park sporting amenities and irrigation and drainage to playing fields.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**NM052-22 Hogben Park - Lighting Solution**

(Report by Councillor Borg)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Konjarski

That the General Manager provide a report to Council on the most appropriate lighting solution and the associated cost to install lighting to the basketball courts at Hogben Park, Kogarah and to undertake the required community consultation.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**NM055-22 Investigation into Environmental, Financial and Other Impacts of Synthetic Fields.**

(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council conducts a comprehensive investigation into the impacts arising from Synthetic Playing Fields within the LGA, to encompass the following:

The immediate prevention of the migration of crumb rubber and artificial grass (microplastics) into the environment surrounding each synthetic playing field in the LGA, including:

- Installation and regular maintenance of bunding (e.g., coir logs);
- Use of vacuums or other equipment to remove leaf litter (not leaf blowers);
- Maintenance guidelines, education and training for all users of the fields; and
- Annual surveys of crumb rubber and microplastic migration into the environment to assess effectiveness of prevention measures.

- (b) That Council takes note of the findings of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer who is in the process of compiling a report (due mid-2022) on the use of synthetic turf in public open spaces.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CCL052-22 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination - Mayor and Councillors Fees for 2022/23**

(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

**MOTION:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillor Landsberry

That Council adopts a 2% increase minimum and maximum as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal under section 239 and 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillors Greene, Landsberry, Symington, Tegg and Wang

Against the Motion: Councillors Borg, Elmir, Jamieson, Konjarski, Liu, Mahoney, Mort, Smerdely and Stratikopoulos

On being PUT to the meeting voting for the Motion was six (6) votes FOR and nine (9) votes AGAINST. The Motion was LOST.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Elmir and Councillor Konjarski

That there be no change on the remuneration on the Mayor and Councillor Fees for this 2022/23 Financial Year.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Councillors Borg, Elmir, Greene, Konjarski, Landsberry, Liu, Mahoney, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos, Symington, Tegg and Wang

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillors Jamieson and Mort

On being PUT to the meeting voting for the Motion was twelve (12) votes FOR and three (3) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

**CCL057-22 DEFERRED REPORT FIN028-22 Councillor Superannuation Contributions**

(Report by A/Director Business and Corporate Services)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Symington

That Council make superannuation payments to Councillors as from the 1 July 2022 in line with the recent amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillors Borg, Greene, Jamieson, Landsberry, Mahoney, Mort, Symington, Tegg and Wang

Against the Motion: Councillors Elmir, Konjarski, Liu, Smerdely and Stratikopoulos

On being PUT to the meeting voting for the Motion was ten (10) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

**CCL054-22 Working Together for a Better Future - 2022 - 2026 Delivery Program  
2022/23 Operational Plan and Updated Resourcing Strategy**  
(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

**MOTION:** Councillor Elmir and Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council note that following the public exhibition period for the:
- Draft Delivery Program 2022 - 2026; and
  - Draft 2022/23 Operational Plan including the budget, revenue policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges; and
  - Draft Resourcing Strategy encompassing Workforce Management Plan, Digital Resource Management Plan, Asset Management Plan and the Long-Term Financial Plan;

Attachment 1 has been amended as detailed in Attachment 3 to this report.

- (b) That in accordance with Sections 403, 404 and 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the:
- Delivery Program 2022 - 2026
  - 2022/23 Operational Plan including the budget, revenue policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges; and
  - Resourcing Strategy encompassing the Workforce Management Plan, Digital Resource Management Plan, Asset Management Plan and the Long-Term Financial Plan.

including the amendments referred to in (a) above, be adopted.

- (c) That Council endorse 2022/23 Budget Strategy as per the Independent Pricing and regulatory Tribunal Special Rate Variation approval and the Long-Term Financial Plan.
- (d) That the 2022/23 Budget Operating Surplus is unfavourably reduced from \$1.9 million to \$1.83 million based on the following two proposed changes:
- \$20,000 increase to Council's contribution to the Georges River Council Combined Committee (GRCCC)
  - \$50,000 Councillor superannuation contributions from 1 July 2022 at 10.5%.
- (e) That subject to the approval of (b) above, the 2022/23 Schedule of Fees and Charges, become effective as at 1 July 2022.
- (f) That the Acting General Manager be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes, enhancements and resolved budgetary amendments prior to publishing these documents on Council's website and providing a copy of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan to the Office of Local Government.
- (g) That Council note the Long-Term Financial Plan as an essential decision-making tool that is to be updated in line with decisions that may impact and affect the sustainability and ongoing service provisions of Council.
- (h) That Council adopt the proposed 2022/23 Budget strategies/directions outlined in the body of the report.

- (i) That, in accordance with Sections 496, 496A, 534 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes rates and charges for every parcel of rateable land within the Georges River Council Local Government Area for the year commencing 1 July 2022 as detailed in the 2022/23 Operational Plan, Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges.
- (j) As per the Instrument of Approval under section 508A and section 548(3)(a), Council applies the Special Variation for Georges River Council for 2022/23 of 5.8% to its general income.
- (k) That in accordance with Sections 493, 494 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 Residential Rate based on the latest valuations (Base Date 1 July 2019) and any supplementary valuations applicable as at 1 July 2022. As such, the Georges River Council Residential Rate will be 0.0017040 and apply to all properties categorised as Residential, subject to the minimum rate.
- (l) That in accordance with Section 493, 494 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 Business General Rate based on the latest valuations (Base Date 1 July 2019) and any supplementary valuations applicable as at 1 July 2022. As such, the Georges River Council Business General Rate will be 0.0034863 and apply to all properties categorised as Business, except for the following subcategories and subject to the minimum rates:
  - (i) Business Industrial Rate will be 0.0042723;
  - (ii) Business Local Rate will be 0.0040531;
  - (iii) Business Major Shopping Complex Rate will be 0.0094025;
  - (iv) Business Strategic Centres (Hurstville and Kogarah CBDs) rate will be 0.0043441;
- (m) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 annual ordinary residential minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$990.
- (n) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 annual ordinary Business – other than Strategic Centres minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,128.
- (o) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 annual ordinary Business Strategic Centres (Hurstville and Kogarah CBD) minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,538.
- (p) That interest charged on overdue rates and charges for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 be the maximum rate set by the Minister for Local Government, calculated on a daily basis.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Councillors Elmir, Konjarski, Liu, Smerdely and Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: The Mayor Councillor Katris and Councillors Borg, Greene, Jamieson, Landsberry, Mahoney, Mort, Symington, Tegg and Wang

On being PUT to the meeting voting for the Motion was five (5) votes FOR and ten (10) votes AGAINST. The Motion was LOST.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council note that following the public exhibition period for the:

- a. Draft Delivery Program 2022 - 2026; and
- b. Draft 2022/23 Operational Plan including the budget, revenue policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges; and
- c. Draft Resourcing Strategy encompassing Workforce Management Plan, Digital Resource Management Plan, Asset Management Plan and the Long-Term Financial Plan;

Attachment 1 has been amended as detailed in Attachment 3 to this report.

- (b) That in accordance with Sections 403, 404 and 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the:

- a. Delivery Program 2022 - 2026
- b. 2022/23 Operational Plan including the budget, revenue policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges subject to the following amendments to the budget

The following items be reduced or deferred in the 2022/2023 budget;

- Community Grants Program - budget reduced by \$45,000 to \$436,00
- Meet Your Ward Councillor Days - format be revised and budget of \$32,000 deferred
- Staff Leadership Program - budget reduced by \$20,000 to \$80,000
- Cashless Payments Customer Experience Centres - budget of \$50,000 deferred.
- River Run Staff Conference - budget of \$200,000 deferred.
- Analysis of risk along ethane pipeline - budget of \$35,000 deferred
- No change to the Councillor Salary for the 2022/23 Financial Year.

The following items be included in the 2022/2023 budget;

- Increase council's contribution to the Georges River Council Combined Committee (GRCCC) - \$20,000
- Councillor superannuation contributions from 1 July 2022 of 10.5% - \$50,000
- 3 Staff Grant Days - \$600,000
- Significant Tree Register - \$40,000 (\$20,000 to be funded by Resilience Fund grant)
- Councillor Discretionary Ward Fund - \$45,000
- Population Data Analysis and Forecast Report - \$70,000
- Playing field lighting upgrades - \$90,000
- Finalise the Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan - \$60,000
- Masterplan Traffic Studies - \$100,000

including all the amendments referred to in (a) and (b) above, be adopted.

- (c) That Council endorse 2022/23 Budget Strategy as per the Independent Pricing and regulatory Tribunal Special Rate Variation approval and the Long-Term Financial Plan.
- (d) That the 2022/23 Budget Operating Surplus is reduced from \$1.9 million to \$1.2 million.
- (e) That subject to the approval of (b) above, the 2022/23 Schedule of Fees and Charges, become effective as at 1 July 2022.



- (f) That the Acting General Manager be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes, enhancements and resolved budgetary amendments prior to publishing these documents on Council's website and providing a copy of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan to the Office of Local Government.
- (g) That Council note the Long-Term Financial Plan as an essential decision-making tool that is to be updated in line with decisions that may impact and affect the sustainability and ongoing service provisions of Council.
- (h) That Council adopt the proposed 2022/23 Budget strategies/directions outlined in the body of the report.
- (i) That, in accordance with Sections 496, 496A, 534 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes rates and charges for every parcel of ratable land within the Georges River Council Local Government Area for the year commencing 1 July 2022 as detailed in the 2022/23 Operational Plan, Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges.
- (j) As per the Instrument of Approval under section 508A and section 548(3)(a), Council applies the Special Variation for Georges River Council for 2022/23 of 5.8% to its general income.
- (k) That in accordance with Sections 493, 494 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 Residential Rate based on the latest valuations (Base Date 1 July 2019) and any supplementary valuations applicable as at 1 July 2022. As such, the Georges River Council Residential Rate will be 0.0017040 and apply to all properties categorised as Residential, subject to the minimum rate.
- (l) That in accordance with Section 493, 494 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 Business General Rate based on the latest valuations (Base Date 1 July 2019) and any supplementary valuations applicable as at 1 July 2022. As such, the Georges River Council Business General Rate will be 0.0034863 and apply to all properties categorised as Business, except for the following subcategories and subject to the minimum rates:
  - (i) Business Industrial Rate will be 0.0042723;
  - (ii) Business Local Rate will be 0.0040531;
  - (iii) Business Major Shopping Complex Rate will be 0.0094025;
  - (iv) Business Strategic Centres (Hurstville and Kogarah CBDs) rate will be 0.0043441;
- (m) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 annual ordinary residential minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$990.

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- (n) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 annual ordinary Business – other than Strategic Centres minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,128.
- (o) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2022/23 annual ordinary Business Strategic Centres (Hurstville and Kogarah CBD) minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,538.
- (p) That interest charged on overdue rates and charges for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 be the maximum rate set by the Minister for Local Government, calculated on a daily basis.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **CCL045-22 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Mahoney

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendation for Item ENV015-22, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

#### **ENV015-22 Planning Proposal PP2022/0001 - 9 Gloucester Road Hurstville - Request for Gateway Determination**

(Report by Strategic Planner/Information Management)

- (a) That Council support the recommendation of the Georges River Local Planning Panel dated 2 June 2022 for the Planning Proposal PP2022/0001 relating to 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville.
- (b) That Council support the amendment to Schedule 1 of the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 proposed by Planning Proposal PP2022/0001 relating to part of the site known as 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville.
- (c) That Council endorse the forwarding of Planning Proposal PP2022/0001 relating to 9 Gloucester Road, Hurstville to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to request a Gateway Determination under Section 3.33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for an amendment to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 by:
  - 1) introducing "residential flat building" as an additional permitted use on "Area A" of the Site (being Part Lot 30 DP785238); and
  - 2) excluding the application of Clause 6.13 Development in certain business zones from "Area A" of the Site (being Part Lot 30 DP785238).
- (d) That the Planning Proposal be placed on formal public exhibition in accordance with the conditions of any Gateway Determination issued by the DPE.
- (e) That Council write to the DPE requesting that the Planning Proposal be placed on the public exhibition for 28 days.
- (f) That Council consider a report on the submissions received following the public exhibition.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CCL046-22 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Greene

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for Items FIN024-22 to FIN027-22, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**FIN024-22 Administrative Matter - Execution of Documents Under Delegated Authority (1 May 2022 to 31 May 2022)**

(Report by Research and Projects Officer)

That Council receive and note the report.

**FIN025-22 Investment Report as at 30 April 2022**

(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That Council receives and notes the 'Investment Report as at 30 April 2022'.

**FIN026-22 Business Use of Footpath - Fee Waiver Request.**

(Report by Property Approvals Officer)

As per the resolution of Council on 26 July 2021 (CCL047-21), this report seeks approval for the additional fee waiver/assistance as generally detailed within this report, for the businesses that continue to trade but remain affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**FIN027-22 Release of Restrictive Covenants - 2, 2a and 2b The Crescent Kingsgrove**

(Report by Administration Officer)

- (a) That Council release all restrictive covenants to which it is an interested party, over land located at 2, 2a, and 2b The Crescent, Kingsgrove, described as Lot 567 in Deposited Plan (DP) 1276349.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to sign the formal application and all other associated documentation on behalf of the Council, for the release and/or extinguishment of the restrictive covenants.
- (c) That the applicant reimburses Council's costs in relation to the release and extinguishment of the restrictive covenants.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CCL047-22 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Konjarski

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendation for Item ASS015-22 and ASS017-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**ASS015-22 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting 7 June 2022**

(Report by Senior Asset Engineer - Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 June 2022 be adopted by Council

**ASS017-22 T22/001 Demolition and Construction of New Sporting Amenities at The Green – Kyle Bay**

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

- (a) That in accordance with 178 (3) (a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Council declines to accept any of the tenders for T22/001 Demolition and Construction of New Sporting Amenities at The Green – Kyle Bay and the proposed works for this contract be postponed.
- (b) That Council notify all Tenderers that Council declined to accept any of the Tenders.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**ASS016-22 Identification of Council Land for Basketball and Netball Facilities in Georges River**

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council receive and note Council land, identified in this report, that can be used to build a Basketball / Netball Centre to accommodate the needs of both the St George Basketball Association and the St George Netball Association.
- (b) That Council's preferred sites be the Johnny Warren Indoor Sports Centre, Penshurst and Tallawalla Reserve, Beverly Hills, for use as a Basketball / Netball Centre to accommodate the needs of both the St George Basketball Association and the St George Netball Association.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillors Borg, Jamieson, Landsberry, Mahoney, Mort, Symington and Wang

Against the Motion: Councillors Elmir, Greene, Konjarski, Liu, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos and Tegg

On being PUT to the meeting voting on the Motion was eight (8) votes FOR and seven (7) votes AGAINST, the Motion was CARRIED.

**CCL048-22 Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu and Councillor Konjarski

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendation for Item COM023-22 to COM029-22, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**COM023-22 Adoption for Public Exhibition - Customer Experience Strategy 2022-2027**

(Report by Manager, Customer Experience & Events)

- (a) That Council endorses the Draft Customer Experience Strategy 2022-2027 for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council following community consultation for adoption.

**COM024-22 Adoption for Public Exhibition - Social Justice Charter**

(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

- (a) That Council endorse the Draft Social Justice Charter to be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days to facilitate community consultation.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council detailing feedback from any public submissions made during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes to the Draft Social Justice Charter prior to adoption.

**COM025-22 Adoption of Georges River Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026**

(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

That Council adopt the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2022-2026.

**COM026-22 Update on Georges River Council's Anti-Racism Campaign 'Better Together'**

(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

- (a) That Council receive and note the first quarterly update for the anti-racism campaign, Better Together.
- (b) That future reports to Council be provided on a six-monthly basis.

**COM027-22 Georges River Council Community Grants Program 2021-2022 Round 2**

(Report by Grants Officer)

- (a) That the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2021-2022 Round 2, as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report, be adopted.
- (b) That funds of \$48,221 not allocated in Community Grants 2021-2022 Round 2 be returned to general revenue as savings.

**COM028-22 Establishment of the Georges River Council Public Art Advisory Panel**

(Report by Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

That Council receive and note the following individuals as the External Members of the Georges River Council Public Art Advisory Panel for a two (2) year term commencing July 2022 and concluding July 2024;

- Pedro de Almeida
- Christene Casali
- Monica McMahon
- Peter Day
- Natasha Lewis Honeyman
- Victoria Jones

**COM029-22 T21/013 Design and Construction of a Sensory Garden at Hurstville Library**

(Report by Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

- (a) That under Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council accepts the tender that is recommended for T21/013 Design and Construction of a Sensory Garden at Hurstville Library, from Plantabox Pty Ltd for the contract price of \$272,695.45 (excluding GST).
- (b) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to sign the Contract with the preferred Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

**CCL050-22 Draft (revised) Code of Meeting Practice**

(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Code of Meeting Practice attached to this report, for public exhibition for a period of forty-two (42) days.
- (b) That following the public exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council detailing any submissions received and providing a final Code of Meeting Practice for Council adoption.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Tegg left the meeting at 9.49pm

**CCL051-22 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - June 2022**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Symington

That the following applications for funding, pursuant to the Councillors Ward Discretionary Fund Policy, be approved:

- i. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of Project Youth in the amount of \$500.00.
- ii. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of SES - Hurstville Unit in the amount of \$500.00.
- iii. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of St George Men's Shed in the amount of \$500.00.
- iv. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of St George Little Athletics in the amount of \$500.00.
- v. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of SES - Kogarah Unit in the amount of \$500.00.
- vi. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of St George Community Transport in the amount of \$500.00.
- vii. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of Olds Park Netball Association in the amount of \$500.00.
- viii. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of Penshurst West Football Club in the amount of \$500.00.
- ix. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of Oatley Flora and Fauna Association in the amount of \$500.00.
- x. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of Penshurst West Cricket Club in the amount of \$500.00.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Tegg returned to the meeting at 9.50 pm.

**CCL053-22 Community Strategic Plan - The Plan**

(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Council note that following the public exhibition period for the Draft Community Strategic Plan – The Plan, Attachment 1 has been amended as detailed in the body of this report.
- (b) That in accordance with Sections 402, 402A and 406 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the Community Strategic Plan – The Plan, including the amendments referred to in (a) above, be endorsed.

- (c) That the Acting General Manager be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes and enhancements prior to publishing this document on Council's website.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CCL055-22 Report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 31 March 2022)**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Jamieson

That the report be received and noted.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CCL056-22 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) 2022 Annual Conference - Voting Delegates and Submission of Motions**

(Report by Research and Projects Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Symington

- (a) That Council nominate nine (9) Councillors to attend the 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference as voting delegates and any other Councillors to attend as observers. The following Councillors have been nominated to attend;

- Mayor Councillor Katris
- Deputy Mayor Councillor Landsberry
- Councillor Symington
- Councillor Wang
- Councillor Stratikopoulos
- Councillor Elmir
- Councillor Borg
- Councillor Konjarski
- Councillor Smerdely

- (b) That Council consider any motions it wishes to submit to the 2022 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference.

- (c) That Council review and confirm motions, to be submitted for the LGNSW Conference, at the Council meeting of 25 July 2022.

- (d) That Council note that the Acting General Manager will nominate staff to attend the Conference.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous



## NOTICES OF MOTION

### **NM051-22 Wildlife Protection Areas Within Georges River LGA** (Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Tegg

That the Acting General Manager write to the NSW Minister for Environment, James Griffin MP, to request that the NSW Government conducts a study to determine whether any government-owned land within the Georges River LGA (such as schools and railway corridors) meets the definition of a "Wildlife Protection Area" under the Companion Animals Act 1998 (NSW), and if so, that it takes measures to ensure that threatened species, which are resident in those areas, are afforded the relevant legislated safeguards.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

### **NM053-22 Sydney Dogs and Cats Home** (Report by Councillor Tegg)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Tegg and Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That the Mayor contact the eight councils that rely on the services of the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home to develop a strategy and action plan relating to the provision of impounding facilities for cats and dogs within the metropolitan area.
- (b) That Council write to the Hon Wendy Tuckerman MP, Minister for Local Government and the Hon. Matt Kean MP, NSW Treasurer seeking their support to:
  1. Assist Sydney Dogs and Cats Home in securing funding to build their new animal shelter at Kurnell.
  2. Undertake an analysis to determine if there are sufficient companion animal impounding facilities to meet the broader impounding needs of Sydney councils.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

### **NM054-22 Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee** (Report by Councillor Borg)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Landsberry

That the General Manager prepare a report for Council on the creation of a Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee (The Committee) that includes a proposed Charter for The Committee as well as outlining;

- (a) The objective of the Sports Advisory Committee including;



- Providing a forum for dissemination and consideration of information to the local community;
- Encouraging participation from members of all sporting associations in Council's decision-making processes;
- Promoting cross-code collaboration between sporting groups to achieve greater utilisation of facilities and fields;
- Assisting Council in the identification of current and future sporting needs for the community including infrastructure and capital works requirements; and
- Maintenance requirements and investment in new facilities;

(b) The Committee's Authority in relation to Council's decision-making.

(c) The Committee's term, membership, meeting schedule and reporting requirements.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Smerdely left the meeting at 10.05pm

**NM056-22 2022 Local Government Excellence Awards.**

(Report by Councillor Symington)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council congratulate the staff involved in the Lower Poulton Park Naturalisation and Carpark Construction project, which was awarded the Asset and Infrastructure Award at the 2022 Local Government Excellence Awards.
- (b) That Council also congratulate the staff involved in receiving a Highly Commended award within the Community Development category for the Community and Culture on Wheels - COVID-19 Safe Events Program.
- (c) That Council note:
  - i. The awards are a celebration of outstanding achievement in local government.
  - ii. That Council received a total of eight nominations in several categories.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Smerdely returned to the meeting at 10.08pm.

Note: Councillor Mort left the meeting at 10.09pm

Note: Councillor Konjarski left the meeting at 10.10pm

Note: Councillor Wang left the meeting at 10.10pm

**NM057-22 Congratulations to Local Recipients of Queen's Birthday Honours.**

(Report by Councillor Greene)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Greene and Councillor Tegg

That Council congratulates and the Mayor writes to the local recipients of the recent Queens Birthday Honours List 2022. Each of the recipients are local residents or through their work have been closely associated with the Georges River Community. Congratulations to the following:

Officer (AO) in the General Division

- The Honourable Robert Bruce McCLELLAND - Sydney NSW 2000 - for distinguished service to the people and Parliament of Australia, to the law, social justice and law reform.

Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

- Dr Louis McGUIGAN - South Hurstville NSW 2221 - for significant service to rheumatology, and to Community Health.

Order of Australia Medals (OAM) in the General Division

- Mr Mohamed HAGE - Kyle Bay NSW 2221 - For service to Australia-Arab business, trade and investment relations.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Mort returned to the meeting at 10.12pm.

Note: Councillor Elmir left the meeting at 10.12pm.

Note: Councillor Wang returned to the meeting at 10.13pm.

Note: Councillor Smerdely left the meeting at 10.16pm.

Note: Councillor Stratikopolos left the meeting at 10.17pm.

Note: Councillor Greene left the meeting at 10.17pm.

#### **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

##### **QWN023-22 Banning of Single Use Plastic Bags** (Report by Councillor Liu)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

##### **QWN024-22 Get the Site Right** (Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

##### **QWN025-22 Mortdale Master Plan** (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN026-22 Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Design and Place) 2021**  
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN027-22 Street Signs Replacement Program.**  
(Report by Councillor Liu)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN028-22 Applications before the Local Planning Panel.**  
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN029-22 Former Oatley Bowling Club Site**  
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN030-22 Complying Development Certificates**  
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

Note: Councillor Greene returned to the meeting at 10.20pm.

Note: Councillor Konjarski returned to the meeting at 10.20pm.

Note: Due to disclosing a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL030A-22 Hurstville Oval Community Pavilion, Councillor Greene left the meeting at 10.21pm and did not return.

## CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS IN CLOSED SESSION

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Tegg and Councillor Symington

At this stage of the meeting being 10.20pm the Mayor advised that the meeting would move into a Committee of the Whole to allow consideration of a matter in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session will be withheld.

This action was taken to allow discussion of the following item:

**CCL030A-22 Hurstville Oval Community Pavilion**  
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

*THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) it is considered the matter information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

*THAT in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

This matter will be considered in closed session in accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

The Mayor asked the Acting General Manager if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in closed session.

The Acting General Manager replied that no representations had been received to the item in closed session.

The Mayor asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons Council proposes to consider the items in Closed Session.

There were none.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Council moved to Closed Session at 10.20pm

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris / Councillor Landsberry

That the Meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes, the time being 10.21pm.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Meeting was adjourned at 10.21pm.

**RECONVENE MEETING**

The Mayor, Councillor Katris reconvened the Ordinary Council Meeting, Closed Session, at 10.30pm.

Note: Councillor Elmir returned to the meeting at 10.31pm.

Note: Councillor Smerdely returned to the meeting at 10.31pm.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the meeting at 10.31pm.

## CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

### **CCL030A-22 Hurstville Oval Community Pavilion** (Report by Manager City Technical Services)

Note: Councillor Greene disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in this item and did not participate in the discussion or voting.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Tegg and Councillor Symington

That Council proceed with the Hurstville Oval Community Pavilion construction project and:

- i. That the Hurstville Oval Community Pavilion project budget be increased as a result of the project variation to the existing contract associated with construction material increases.
- ii. That the project funding sources be amended to reflect the funding sources outlined within this report.
- iii. That amendments to existing grants, and additional grant funding opportunities be investigated to offset internal Council funding sources.
- iv. That the fees and charges for 2022/23 are amended to aim for the recovery of revenue to offset the project variation via the expansion of usage availability on the completion of the site (anticipated December 2022).
- v. That the approved budget amendments be reflected in the First Quarterly Budget Review Statement for period ending 30 September 2022.
- vi. That variations associated with construction material cost increases be verified by an independent Quantity Surveyor prior to approval.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillors Elmir, Jamieson, Konjarski, Landsberry, Liu, Mort, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos, Symington, Tegg and Wang

Against the Motion: Councillors Borg (abstained) and Mahoney

On being PUT to the meeting voting on the Motion was twelve (12) votes FOR, one (1) vote ABSTAINED and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

## OPEN COUNCIL

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Tegg and Councillor Symington

That the meeting revert to Open Session time being 10.36pm.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The meeting moved to Open Session at 10.36pm

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Tegg

That the recommendation from the Closed Session in relation to **CCL030A-22 Hurstville Oval Community Pavilion** be received and noted as resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor Councillor Katris, Councillors Elmir, Jamieson, Konjarski, Deputy Mayor Councillor Landsberry, Liu, Mort, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos, Symington, Tegg and Wang

Against the Motion: Councillors Borg (abstained) and Mahoney

On being PUT to the meeting voting on the Motion was twelve (12) votes FOR, one (1) vote ABSTAINED and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 10.38pm

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Chairperson

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## **MAYORAL MINUTE**

### **Item: MM015-22 Congratulations to 3Bridges and Council Officers on the NAIDOC Week Youth and Family Day**

**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris

#### **BACKGROUND**

It was my pleasure to attend the NAIDOC Week, Youth and Family Day, held on 15 July 2022 at Penshurst Park Sporting Hub.

The event was a partnership between 3Bridges Community Organisation and Georges River Council, which was led by First Nations specialists from 3Bridges, with support of Council officers. The theme of NAIDOC this year was “Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!” which is about supporting reforms for First Nations and celebrating those who have been champions of change for First Nations people.

It was great to see so many people attend this event, demonstrating the high level of interest and engagement from our community in First Nations culture and heritage, with over 1,000 people in attendance, who enjoyed food, market stalls and entertainment.

I was privileged to witness immersive cultural experiences from First Nations people, including a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony; followed by cultural performances from the locally-based Koomurri Aboriginal Dance Troupe.

The event was successful in attracting visitors throughout the day in recognising the traditional custodians of our local area, the Bidjigal people; and promoting our local area as a socially and culturally connected community.

The event also showcased Penshurst Park Sporting Hub as an ideal location for community organisations and Council to stage high-quality events.

I congratulate 3Bridges Community for leading such a successful event, including Mr Raj Nair, Vanessa Gauci, and everyone who was involved in delivering this special event. I look forward to greater collaboration between Council and First Nations people as Council's First Nations Strategy is developed.

#### **MOTION:**

That Council congratulate the 3Bridges Community, including the First Nations specialists, along with Council officers, on their successful delivery of the NAIDOC Week, Youth and Family Day.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Item:** CCL059-22 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 July 2022

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

CCL059-22

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for Items ENV017-22 to ENV020-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

### BACKGROUND

The following Committee recommendations for Items ENV017-22 to ENV020-22, are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 11 July 2022.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

**ENV017-22 Report on Submissions - Planning Proposal to List 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno ('Glenlee') as a Local Heritage Item**  
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal PP2022/0002 that seeks to list 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno, known as 'Glenlee' as a local heritage item.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 as exhibited in relation to Lot 1 DP10359, 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno to:
  - a. List No. 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno as a local heritage item in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage of the Georges River LEP 2021; and
  - b. Amend the Heritage Map - Sheet HER\_003 to map No. 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno as "Item – General".
- (c) That Council forward the Planning Proposal for gazettal to the Department of Planning and Environment in accordance with Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (d) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal be advised of Council's decision.



**ENV018-22      Review of Georges River Keeping of Animals Policy 2020**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

- (a) That Council endorse the Draft Keeping of Animals Policy 2022, contained in Attachment 1 to this report, for the purpose of public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition.

**ENV019-22      Wildlife Protection Area Policy 2022 - Report of Public Submissions**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

- (a) That Council endorse the Georges River Wildlife Protection Area Policy 2022 as exhibited and contained in Attachment 1 to this report.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council outlining the costs to enforce the Wildlife Protection Area Policy.


**ENV020-22      Zero Litter to Georges River - Progress Update Report**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That Council note the progress made towards Council's aim for a target of zero litter originating from terrestrial locations above the high-water mark within the Georges River Local Government Area by 2030.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/155280

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment      UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - Environment and Planning Committee - 11 July  
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## MINUTES

### Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 11 July 2022

7.00pm

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets, Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

**PRESENT****COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry (Chairperson), Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Warren Tegg and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

**COUNCIL STAFF**

Acting General Manager – Sue Weatherley, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Coordinator Environment Sustainability and Waste – Elyse Ballesty, Acting Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer - Neil Treadwell and Helpdesk Officer – Henri Savage.

**OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry, opened the meeting at 7.00pm

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation.

**NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry, advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with Section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

**APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **ENV017-22 Planning Proposal to List 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno ('Glenlee') as a Local Heritage Item** for the reason that he is a member of the 'Friends of Glenlee' and has lodged a personal submission in support of the planning proposal. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

**Councillor Jamieson** declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **ENV017-22 Planning Proposal to List 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno ('Glenlee') as a Local Heritage Item** for the reason that she is a member of the 'Friends of Glenlee'. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

	Speaker	Report No	Report Title
1	Mr David Burdon	ENV017-22	Report on Submissions – Planning Proposal to List 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno ('Glenlee') as a Local Heritage item.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**ENV016-22 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 June 2022**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Borg

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022 be confirmed.

### Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ENV017-22 Report on Submissions - Planning Proposal to List 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno ('Glenlee') as a Local Heritage Item**  
(Report by Strategic Planner)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal PP2022/0002 that seeks to list 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno, known as 'Glenlee' as a local heritage item.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 as exhibited in relation to Lot 1 DP10359, 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno to:
  - a. List No. 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno as a local heritage item in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage of the Georges River LEP 2021; and
  - b. Amend the Heritage Map - Sheet HER\_003 to map No. 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno as "Item – General".
- (c) That Council forward the Planning Proposal for gazettal to the Department of Planning and Environment in accordance with Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (d) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal be advised of Council's decision.

### Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillors Landsberry, Borg, Jamieson, Mahoney, Tegg and Wang.

Against the Motion: Nil

**ENV018-22 Review of Georges River Keeping of Animals Policy 2020**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Tegg and Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Council endorse the Draft Keeping of Animals Policy 2022, contained in Attachment 1 to this report, for the purpose of public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillors Landsberry, Borg, Jamieson, Mahoney, Tegg and Wang.

Against the Motion: Nil

Note: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Konjarski entered the meeting at 7.21pm.

**ENV019-22 Wildlife Protection Area Policy 2022 - Report of Public Submissions**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council endorse the Georges River Wildlife Protection Area Policy 2022 as exhibited and contained in Attachment 1 to this report.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council outlining the costs to enforce the Wildlife Protection Area Policy.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillors Landsberry, Borg, Jamieson, Mahoney, Tegg and Wang.

Against the Motion: Nil

**ENV020-22 Zero Litter to Georges River - Progress Update Report**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Tegg

That Council note the progress made towards Council's aim for a target of zero litter originating from terrestrial locations above the high-water mark within the Georges River Local Government Area by 2030.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris and Councillors Landsberry, Borg, Jamieson, Mahoney, Tegg and Wang.

Against the Motion: Nil

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 7.36 pm

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Chairperson

**Item:** **CCL060-22 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 11 July 2022**

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

CCL060-22

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for Items FIN030-22 to FIN033-22, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**BACKGROUND**

The following Committee recommendations for Items FIN030-22 to FIN033-22 are submitted to Council for determination.

These recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 11 July 2022.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FIN030-22 Investment Report as at 31 May 2022**  
(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the 'Investment Report as at 31 May 2022' be received and noted by Council.

**FIN031-22 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 24 February 2022**  
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 24 February 2022 be received and noted.

**FIN032-22 Property Matter - Easement to Drain Water - Smith Park, Kingsgrove**  
(Report by Administration Officer)

- (a) That Council grants an Easement to drain water over Lot 93 in Deposited Plan 663238, being Smith Park, Kingsgrove as generally detailed in this report.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Section 88B Instrument or Transfer Granting Easement and all associated documentation to create the easement.
- (c) That all costs associated with the granting of the easement be met by the applicant.


**FIN033-22      Administrative Matter - Execution of Documents Under Delegated Authority (1 June 2022 to 30 June 2022)**  
(Report by Research and Projects Officer)

That the report 'Administrative Matter - Execution of Documents Under Delegated Authority (1 June 2022 to 30 June 2022)' be received and noted by Council.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/155304

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment      UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - Finance and Governance Committee - 11 July  
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### Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 11 July 2022

6.00pm

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Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL



## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Elise Borg (Chairperson), The Mayor, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Colleen Symington.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Acting General Manager – Sue Weatherley, Acting Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Chief Audit Executive - Juliette Hall, Head of Strategic Property - Bernard Morabito, Manager Executive Services – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer - Marina Cavar, Team Leader Technology Service – Garuthman De Silva, Helpdesk Officer – Henri Savage and Executive Assistant to the Director Business and Corporate Services - Nickie Paraskevopoulos (Minutes).

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation.

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**MOTION:** Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Jamieson

That apologies be accepted and leave of absence be granted for Councillor Greene.

### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**FIN029-22**

**Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 June 2022**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Jamieson

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022 be confirmed.

### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **FIN030-22 Investment Report as at 31 May 2022**

(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Mahoney

That the 'Investment Report as at 31 May 2022' be received and noted by Council.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

### **FIN031-22 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 24 February 2022**

(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Mayor Katris

That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 24 February 2022 be received and noted.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

### **FIN032-22 Property Matter - Easement to Drain Water - Smith Park, Kingsgrove**

(Report by Administration Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council grants an Easement to drain water over Lot 93 in Deposited Plan 663238, being Smith Park, Kingsgrove as generally detailed in this report.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Section 88B Instrument or Transfer Granting Easement and all associated documentation to create the easement.
- (c) That all costs associated with the granting of the easement be met by the applicant.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

### **FIN033-22 Administrative Matter - Execution of Documents Under Delegated Authority (1 June 2022 to 30 June 2022)**

(Report by Research and Projects Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Symington

That the report 'Administrative Matter - Execution of Documents Under Delegated Authority (1 June 2022 to 30 June 2022)' be received and noted by Council.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6:07pm

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Chairperson

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**Item:** **CCL061-22 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 July 2022**

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

CCL061-22

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for Items ASS019-22 and ASS020-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**BACKGROUND**

The following Committee recommendations for Items ASS019-22 and ASS020-22 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 11 July 2022

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ASS019-22 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting 5 July 2022**

(Report by Senior Asset Engineer - Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 July 2022 be adopted by Council.

**ASS020-22 Bushcare Program Update**

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

That Council receives and notes the report 'Bushcare Program Update'.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/155328

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - Assets and Infrastructure Committee - 11 July 2022



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## MINUTES

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### Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, 11 July 2022

7.00pm

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Colleen Symington (Chairperson), Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor and Nick Smerdely.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Manager City Technical Services – Tom Heath, EA to the Director, Assets and Infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath (minutes) and Executive Services Officer – Marina Cavar, Team Leader Technology Services – Garuthman De Silva and Technology Service Officer - Earl Santos.

## **OPENING**

Councillor Symington, opened the meeting at 7.01pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Councillor Symington acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation.

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**MOTION:** Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Elmir

That an apology be accepted for Councillors Greene, Mort and Stratikopoulos and a leave of absence granted.

### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Symington, advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with Section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**ASS018-22** Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 June 2022  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu and Councillor Smerdely

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022 be confirmed.

**Record of voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ASS019-22 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting 5 July 2022**

(Report by Senior Asset Engineer - Traffic and Transport)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Smerdely

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 July 2022 be adopted by Council.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**ASS020-22 Bushcare Program Update**

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Elmir and Councillor Liu

That Council receives and notes the report 'Bushcare Program Update'.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 7.04pm

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Chairperson



**Item:** **CCL062-22 Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 July 2022**

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

CCL062-22

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendation for Item COM031-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**BACKGROUND**

The following Committee recommendation for Item COM031-22 is submitted to Council for determination.

This recommendation was made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 11 July 2022.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**COM031-22 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022**  
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That the 'Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022' be received and noted by Council.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/155353

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - Community and Culture Committee - 11 July 2022



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## MINUTES

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### Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 11 July 2022

6.00pm

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Waratah Meeting Room

Ground Floor

Georges River Civic Centre, Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Warren Tegg and Councillor Benjamin Wang

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Acting Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Coordinator Programming and Operations - Andrew Williams, Team Leader Technology Services - Garuthman De Silva, Technology Services Officer - Earl Santos, Executive Services Officer - Neil Treadwell and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture - Franziska Mintus (Minutes)

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjegal people of the Eora Nation.

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**MOTION:** Councillor Elmir and Councillor Konjarski

That an apology on behalf of Councillor Mort and Councillor Stratikopoulos be accepted and a Leave of Absence granted.

### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with Section 4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry** disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **COM031-22 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022** for the reason that her son is a coach and committee member at Carss Park Football Club, the sub-licensee holder of the Charles Pirie Reserve Amenities building, as noted in the report. He also works out of the Football St George office located at Jubilee Oval from time to time, and Football St George is noted as the head licensee for Charles Pirie Reserve. Councillor Landsberry will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Tegg** disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **COM031-22 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022** for the reason that his daughter plays football and he occasionally coaches for the Penshurst Panthers who lease a facility in this report. Councillor Tegg will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Konjarski** disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **COM031-22 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022** for the reason that his daughter plays for the Connells Point Rovers and they play out of Poulton Park. Councillor Konjarski will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**COM030-22 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 14 June 2022**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Elmir and Councillor Konjarski

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022 be confirmed.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COM031-22 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022**  
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

Note: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Tegg and Councillor Konjarski each disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item COM031-22. All Councillors remained in the meeting and took part in consideration and voting on this item.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Tegg

That the 'Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022' be received and noted by Council.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

### **CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 6.11pm.

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Chairperson

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## FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

**Item:** CCL063-22 Proposed Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2022/23

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL063-22

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the proposed meeting schedule for the period 1 September 2022 to 31 December 2022 and the proposed meeting schedule for the period 1 January 2023 to 30 September 2023 as attached to this report.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report is seeking Council endorsement of the Council and Committee Meeting schedule for 2022/23 as attached to this report.

### BACKGROUND

2. The proposed meeting schedule has followed the adopted procedure for the majority of the period, however slight amendments are recommended as follows;

#### Schedule of meetings for September 2022

The making of the Order does not affect the requirement for a Council to hold Deputy Mayor elections for those Deputy Mayors elected in December 2021 as is the case for Georges River Council.

An Extraordinary Council Meeting will be held on 26 September 2022 for this purpose.

3. In accordance with Chapter 12, Part 2, Section 365 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Council is required to meet at least 10 times per year (financial year), each time in a different month. The proposed Meeting Schedule achieves this minimum requirement.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Adoption of the recommendations outlined in this report will have no financial impact, as there is provision for the conduct of meetings allocated in the adopted 2022/23 Operational Plan and budget.

### RISK IMPLICATIONS

5. No risks identified.


### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

6. Community engagement was not undertaken in the preparation of this report.

## FILE REFERENCE

D21/178301

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1  Proposed Council and Committee Meeting Schedule (2022-23)

CCL063-22





## Council and Standing Committee Meeting Schedule 2022/23

2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR				
	Date	Meeting	Commencing	Ordinary Council Mtg No.
MEETINGS SCHEDULE ALREADY APPROVED	<b>JULY 2022</b>			
	Mon, 04 July 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 11 July 2022	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 11 July 2022	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 11 July 2022	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 11 July 2022	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 18 July 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 25 July 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	1
	<b>AUGUST 2022</b>			
	Mon, 01 Aug 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 08 Aug 2022	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 08 Aug 2022	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 08 Aug 2022	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 08 Aug 2022	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 15 Aug 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 22 Aug 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	2
	Mon, 29 Aug 2022	No meeting		
	<b>SEPTEMBER 2022</b>			
	Mon, 05 Sept 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Sept 2022	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Sept 2022	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Sept 2022	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Sept 2022	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 19 Sept 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 26 Sept 2022	Extraordinary Council Meeting (tentative)	6.00pm	
	Mon, 26 Sept 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	3
	<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>			
	Tue, 04 Oct 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 Oct 2022	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 Oct 2022	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 Oct 2022	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 10 Oct 2022	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 17 Oct 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 24 Oct 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	4
	<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>			
	Mon, 07 Nov 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 Nov 2022	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 Nov 2022	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 Nov 2022	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 14 Nov 2022	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 21 Nov 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 28 Nov 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	5
	<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>			
	Mon, 5 Dec 2022	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Dec 2022	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Dec 2022	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Dec 2022	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Dec 2022	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 19 Dec 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	6



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	<b>JANUARY 2022</b>	<b>NO MEETINGS</b>		
	<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>			
	Mon, 6 Feb 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 13 Feb 2023	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 13 Feb 2023	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 13 Feb 2023	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 13 Feb 2023	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 20 Feb 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 27 Feb 2023	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	7
	<b>MARCH 2023</b>			
	Mon, 6 Mar 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 13 Mar 2023	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 13 Mar 2023	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 13 Mar 2023	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 13 Mar 2023	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 20 Mar 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 27 Mar 2023	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	8
	<b>APRIL 2023</b>			
	Mon, 3 Apr 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Tue, 10 Apr 2023	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Tue, 10 Apr 2023	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Tue, 10 Apr 2023	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Tue, 10 Apr 2023	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 17 Apr 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 24 Apr 2023	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	9
	<b>MAY 2023</b>			
	Mon, 1 May 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 8 May 2023	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 8 May 2023	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 8 May 2023	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 8 May 2023	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 15 May 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 22 May 2023	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	
	Mon, 29 May 2023	No Meetings		10
	<b>JUNE 2023</b>			
	Mon, 5 June 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Tues, 13 June 2023	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Tues, 13 June 2023	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Tues, 13 June 2023	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Tues, 13 June 2023	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 19 June 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 26 June 2023	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	11

### 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR

	<b>JULY 2023</b>			
	Mon, 3 July 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 July 2023	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 July 2023	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 July 2023	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 10 July 2023	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 17 July 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 24 July 2023	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	1
	Mon, 31 July 2023	No Meetings		



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	<b>AUGUST 2023</b>			
	Mon, 7 Aug 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 Aug 2023	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 Aug 2023	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 Aug 2023	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 14 Aug 2023	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 21 Aug 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 28 Aug 2023	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	2
	<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>			
	Mon, 4 Sep 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 11 Sep 2023	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 11 Sep 2023	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 11 Sep 2023	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 11 Sep 2023	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 18 Sep 2023	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 28 Sep 2023	Extraordinary Council Meeting (tentative)	6.00pm	
	Mon, 28 Sep 2023	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	3

**Item:** CCL064-22 Financial Governance: Funding and Formulating the Capital Program

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**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the Council receives and notes their responsibilities in ensuring sound financial management including:
- a. Council spending should be responsible and sustainable, aligning general revenue and expenses.
  - b. Councils should invest in responsible and sustainable infrastructure for the benefit of the local community.
  - c. Councils should have effective financial and asset management, including sound policies and processes for the following:
    - i. performance management and reporting,
    - ii. asset maintenance and enhancement,
    - iii. funding decisions,
    - iv. risk management practices.
  - d. Councils should have regard to achieving intergenerational equity, including ensuring the following:
    - i. policy decisions are made after considering their financial effects on future generations,
    - ii. the current generation funds the cost of its services.
- (b) That the Council receives and notes the contents of this report.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The financial management and sustainability of a Council is a complex task that is dependent on responsible decision making and adherence to the governance framework.
2. Several enquires have been received from members of the public and councillors, requesting the purchase and/or construction of high value/cost capital items. This report aims to provide information on the financial governance framework that guides sound financial management on these items.
3. Specifically, the report will cover the following topics:
  - Financial Governance Framework
  - Characteristics of Financial Mismanagement (based on Industry Case Studies)
  - Capital Program Formulation
  - Liquidity and Cash Reserves

- Funding Sources

## BACKGROUND

### Financial Governance Framework

4. The financial governance framework requires consideration in financial decision making in combination or in isolation depending on the matter at hand.

### Legislative Responsibility

5. Council must ensure that it complies with section 8B of the *Local Government Act 1993* - Principles of sound financial management and in particular section 8B(d)(ii):
  - (a) *Council spending should be responsible and sustainable, aligning general revenue and expenses.*
  - (b) *Councils should invest in responsible and sustainable infrastructure for the benefit of the local community.*
  - (c) *Councils should have effective financial and asset management, including sound policies and processes for the following:*
    - (i) *performance management and reporting,*
    - (ii) *asset maintenance and enhancement,*
    - (iii) *funding decisions,*
    - (iv) *risk management practices.*
  - (d) *Councils should have regard to achieving intergenerational equity, including ensuring the following:*
    - (i) *policy decisions are made after considering their financial effects on future generations,*
    - (ii) *the current generation funds the cost of its services.*

### Audit Office of NSW

6. In 2016 the NSW Parliament passed several Local Government reforms aimed at improving governance and strategic business planning.
7. One reform included the appointment of the Auditor General to be the financial and performance auditor of NSW local government.
8. The objectives of the reform included:
  - strengthening governance and financial oversight in local government
  - providing greater consistency in external audit
  - ensuring reliable financial information is available to assess council performance
  - improving financial management, fiscal responsibility and public accountability in how councils use citizens' funds.

### Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC)

9. The *Local Government Act 1993* mandates a Council must appoint an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
10. The committee has responsibility to review a portfolio of areas; including financial management

11. At its July 2020 and May 2021 meetings, ARIC made recommendations to Council on the immediate financial risks and requirement to act. In summary the comments outlined:
- *Council is not financially sustainable and this will expose Council to significant risks to service delivery, governance and reputation*
  - *The current and continuing economic, financial and social impact of COVID-19 has further exacerbated these financial risks*
  - *That the financial position of Council should continue to be taken very seriously and before reaching any resolution take very close and careful consideration of the potential financial consequences*
  - *Council continues to apply measures that address the financial risks, particularly in regard to increasing revenues and reducing expenditure.*

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#### Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)

12. IPART are the NSW regulators of pricing in Local Government. Their aim is to independently:
- protect consumers from unreasonable price increases
  - improve providers' efficiency and service quality
  - encourage competition
  - protect the environment
  - ensure that regulated service providers remain financially viable.
13. Approval to change rates and other regulated revenue items require IPART approval.
14. IPART undertake independent sector reviews and make recommendations for change. Recent reviews included:
- Rate peg and population growth
  - Infrastructure Contributions
  - Costs of conducting local government elections.

#### Office of Local Government (OLG)

15. The NSW Government agency responsible for strengthening the sustainability, performance, integrity, transparency and accountability of the local government sector is the Office of Local Government (OLG).
16. The OLG provides procedures and guidelines to councils to assist in ensuring that all principles of sound financial management are followed. Guidelines include:
- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| • Capital Expenditure Guidelines | • Integrated Planning and Reporting                           |
| • Council Loans                  | • Quarterly Budget Review                                     |
| • Debt Management and Hardship   | • GST Reporting   |
| • Financial Assistance           | • Credit Cards  |
| • Investments                    | • Asset Management  |
| • Rating and Special Variations  | • Performance ratio benchmarks                                |
| • Tendering and Procurement      | • Local Government Code of Accounting and Financial Reporting |

### Capital Expenditure Guidelines

17. In summary, these Guidelines must be adhered with for capital expenditure in excess of 10% (\$8 million) of the council's annual rate revenue. Noting that projects in excess of \$10 million have extra governance steps required.
18. The Guidelines were issued by the NSW Department of Local Government in 2010 pursuant to section 23A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) relating to capital expenditure on projects.
19. The overriding principles of the Guidelines are accountability and prudent financial management of council resources.
20. A council must demonstrate that its decision to carry out the capital expenditure is based on sound strategic and financial planning, supported by valid data and research and that it reflects the views, priorities and objectives of the broader community.
21. Councils are required to prepare a preliminary business case for each Council project to which these Guidelines apply.

### **Characteristics of Financial Mismanagement and Sustainability**

22. A sector wide insurance risk survey identified financial sustainability was named the number one risk facing councils (above COVID-19, cyber security and climate change).
23. Below are a number of characteristics of financial mismanagement that have been outlined in industry case studies:
  - No effective control to prevent restricted monies from being accessed for the wrong purposes.
  - No effective monitoring or reporting of cash liquidity.
  - No liquidity contingency plan.
  - No early warning mechanism for deteriorating liquidity or compromise of restricted funds.
  - Lack of significant emphasis on the importance of the financial position and performance of Council.
  - Lack of focus on the overarching budget strategy.
  - No contingency funding.
  - Officers not communicating the financial risks to the elected council.
  - Too many competing priorities that overshadow the need for a financially sustainable organisation.
  - Unsustainable/unfunded capital program and operating budgets.
  - Lack of timely response to address the financial issues and amend operations/structure according to revenue.
  - Weak controls regarding the management and use of Local Infrastructure Contributions.
  - Continuous and large budget deficits.
  - Lack of control and transparency in the inherited financial system.
  - Lack of investment in financial system/process enhancements.
  - High turnover in senior leadership positions.



- Lack of clear separation between unrestricted (general funds/working capital) and restricted cash funds.
  - Lack of attention and due diligence to the complexity of the council budgeting process.
24. Noting that a natural disaster, pandemic, and high inflation have played a significant role in exacerbating and accelerating any underlying financial weaknesses of any entity, the importance of strict financial management is now more than ever, critically important.

### **Capital Program Formulation**

25. The capital program expenditure differs from operating expenditure in that it must result in the:
- Construction or purchase of a new asset
  - Expansion/enhancement of an existing asset
  - Renewal of an existing asset to extend its useable life.
26. Whereas operating expenditure is based on the costs incurred during the regular, day-to-day operations of a business.
27. Capital expenditure can have a favourable and unfavourable impact on Council's operating budget and is dependant on a number of factors.
28. A budget is used on an annual and long-term basis as:
- a formal statement that includes estimated financial costs/results (income, expenditure, cash flow, etc.)
  - based on historical trends, future plans, commitments, and objectives over a specific period of time
  - a financial control tool to monitor activities, review spending, and highlight irregularities
  - a legally required document to be adopted by Council each year.
29. Budget control and the Long-Term Financial plan (LTFP) are critical tools in mitigating/preventing a situation of insolvency and/or inability to meet contractual obligations.
30. Achieving the budgeted result relies on prioritisation, management of resources and strict decision making that aligns to the budget and LTFP. Operating losses over an extended period is an unsustainable prospect, resulting in the need to reduce operational expenses and can result in negative cash flow which lead to the inability to meet obligations, such as salary and supplier/contractor expenses.
31. All projects included in the 2022/23 Capital Program:
- Align to the Resourcing Strategy 2021/22 and Long Term Financial Plan
  - Have an identified eligible funding source(s)
  - Adhere to strategic asset management principles and practices
  - Link to a Plan of Management (POM), Master Plan, Council Strategy/Plan and/or Stakeholder Plan
  - Support Council's recently adopted Environmental Resilience Action Plan 2022-2040

- Consider the change in accounting standards that now restrict previously eligible capitalised items, increasing operational expenditure.

32. Council must adhere to the Office of Local Government's *Capital Expenditure Guidelines 2010* when constructing/acquiring capital assets of a particular value.

### Liquidity and Cash Reserves

33. Cash flow and profit are both important indicators of financial performance and it is critical to acknowledge the differences when establishing financial health and in financial decisions.
34. Cash flow has been a high-risk item during the COVID-19 pandemic economic distress, which was further exacerbated by Council's historically deteriorating financial position.
35. Strict budget management strategies have maintained Council's ability to continue funding operations during this time until the financial position remediation commenced and was adhered to.
36. As of 30 June 2021, Council had over \$160 million in cash, of which 96% (\$153 million) has restrictions on use.
37. The restrictions of Council cash are important to acknowledge as there is a common misconception that there are high value amounts of available cash for new projects or new services.
38. The table below highlights the Georges River Council and former council's audited cash balances from 2010/11 to 2020/21. It also highlights the trend of restricted cash being on average 95% of available cash.

% Unrestricted and Restricted Cash Split											
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Restricted	97%	95%	90%	89%	91%	93%	93%	95%	99%	100%	95%
Unrestricted	3%	5%	10%	11%	9%	7%	7%	5%	1%	0%	5%
<b>Total (\$'000)</b>	<b>57,569</b>	<b>59,988</b>	<b>76,496</b>	<b>88,804</b>	<b>112,213</b>	<b>126,877</b>	<b>173,085</b>	<b>182,038</b>	<b>166,713</b>	<b>145,157</b>	<b>160,291</b>
\$ Unrestricted and Restricted Cash Balance											
(\$'000)	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Externally Restricted	24,244	28,079	37,424	43,807	61,403	67,557	76,876	96,048	104,091	102,013	103,718
Internally Restricted	31,669	29,091	31,369	34,882	41,121	50,750	83,555	77,118	60,871	43,116	49,357
Unrestricted	1,656	2,818	7,703	10,115	9,689	8,570	12,654	8,872	1,751	28	7,216
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,569</b>	<b>59,988</b>	<b>76,496</b>	<b>88,804</b>	<b>112,213</b>	<b>126,877</b>	<b>173,085</b>	<b>182,038</b>	<b>166,713</b>	<b>145,157</b>	<b>160,291</b>

39. In 2018/19 and 2019/20 unrestricted cash levels were high risk. Best practice guides indicate a business should hold three to six months' worth of operating expenses in cash. This equates to between \$30 and \$60 million per year for Georges River Council. Based on the trend of rates being a moderately high stable form of cash flow, three months' worth of operating expenses, would be sufficient. 2022/23 Budget forecasts a split of 93% restricted (\$136 million) and 7% unrestricted (\$10 million).

## Funding Sources

40. On average over 85% of the capital program is funded from grants, restricted reserves and developer contributions. This split is also commonly reflected in the individual project funding.
41. This funding split highlights the current dependency on a combination of restricted funding sources to fund the capital program.
42. In order to fund a capital project, Council can explore the following funding options in isolation or in combination. All options have specific restrictions or limits in funding/approval:
  - Grant funding
  - Special Rate or Special Rate Variation
  - Internally or Externally Restricted Reserves
  - Development/Disposal of Assets
  - External Loan

### Grant Funding

43. If grant funding is sought, funding is normally required to be matched on a 50/50 basis by Council and meet specific requirements in terms of timeframes and 'shovel-ready' projects. Should the funding be provided by NSW Treasury, the project may be subject to an Infrastructure NSW Investor Assurance gateway review and potentially a Design for Excellence Process.
44. If funding is to be sought under a Grant Program, an expression of interest (EOI) must first be lodged.
45. If an EOI is successful, the applicant will be requested to formally submit a detailed application (project plan, budget and business case), based on the known scope of the project.
46. At the business case stage, evidence of an approved or lodged Development Application may be required to demonstrate the readiness of the project.

### Special Rates

47. Council is legally required to levy rates and charges each year. A special rate is in addition to the normal ordinary rate charged on a ratepayer's annual notice. Special rates are a means to clearly outline a specific rate for a specific project. A special rate can also be levied and collected from specific locations/properties within the Local Government Area for a specific project.
48. The special rate scenarios outlined below would need to be in addition to the current approved Special Rate Variation (SRV) that has been implemented to ensure Council's long-term financial sustainability and avoid service reductions.

Term	Amount	Annual Special Rate per ratepayer	Total special rate paid per ratepayer after the term of special rate
10 years	\$10,000,000	\$18	\$182
10 years	\$20,000,000	\$36	\$364
20 years	\$40,000,000	\$36	\$727
20 years	\$75,000,000	\$68	\$1,364
20 years	\$110,000,000	\$100	\$2,000

\*These scenarios assume 55,000 residential rateable properties and are for indicative purposes.

### Externally Restricted Funds

49. Externally restricted funds are contributions and levies received under section 7.11 and section 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and other funds. Council is statutorily obligated to restrict their use.
50. The New South Wales (NSW) local infrastructure contributions (LIC) system helps provide new and growing communities with appropriate infrastructure. The NSW LIC system is regulated by the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. Section 7.11 allows councils to levy contributions towards the cost of providing local infrastructure. Contributions plans set out the local infrastructure required to meet the demand from new development, and the contributions a council can levy on developers to fund the necessary land and works.
51. Development timeframes are such that there is often several years between when LICs are collected, and the infrastructure is delivered.
52. The new Georges River Council Contribution Plan includes \$422 million worth of works of which approximately 45% (\$192 million) is to be funded by Council contribution and the remainder is developer contributions.
53. State and Federal grants assist in funding Council's contribution within the works schedules.
54. The below table outlines the forecast closing balances as at 30 June 2023 for externally restricted funds:

Description	Balance (\$'000)	Percentage of Total
Developer Contributions	78,643	54%
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	3,701	3%
Domestic Waste Management Reserve	13,626	9%
Stormwater Management	2,101	1%
Environmental Levy	93	0%
Town Improvement Levy Funds	2,318	2%
Infrastructure Plus	203	0%
<b>Externally Restricted Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$100,685</b>	<b>69%</b>

55. The Domestic Waste Reserve funds can only be spent on projects related to domestic waste management and remediation of former landfills. Town Improvement levies must be applied to those areas of the Local Government Area from which they were levied. Funds

from Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA) must be applied to specific proposals in accordance with the relevant planning agreement.

56. Based on the above, no Externally Restricted funds are available to be borrowed internally to fund any high valued capital project.

### Internally Restricted

57. Internally Restricted Funds are funds required to be isolated, as per section 8 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which are set aside by Council e.g.: bonds, leave entitlements, asset replacement.
58. The below table outlines the forecast closing balances as at 30 June 2023 for internally restricted funds:

Description	Balance (\$'000)	Percentage of Total
Commercial Property	7,600	5%
Employee Leave Entitlements	6,126	2%
Strategic Centres	5,743	4%
Bonds and Damage Deposits	4,240	4%
Plant and Vehicle Replacement	2,843	3%
Assets, Roads and Infrastructure Management	2,732	2%
Financial Assistance Grant	2,350	2%
Merger Initiatives Allocation*	529	0%
Election	1,023	1%
Childcare Equipment	903	1%
Tree Preservation	655	0%
Outdoor Synthetic Sports Fields Reserve	224	0%
Street Lighting Project Reserve	152	0%
Aquatic Facilities	115	0%
Hurstville Golf Course	112	0%
Revolving Energy	105	0%
Passenger Sustainable Fleet Reserve	31	0%
Heritage Building Grants Program Reserve	10	0%
Stronger Communities Fund	-	
<b>Internally Restricted Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$35,493</b>	<b>24%</b>

59. Strategic Centres and Commercial Property funds are held in reserve to fund the programs of strategic and commercial property investments and significant maintenance and upgrades in those buildings (e.g.: lift replacement, plant replacement, etc). These investments demand substantial amounts of money and it is not feasible to raise such amounts through operations within a short timeframe, e.g. recent purchase of strategically important commercial property in Penshurst.
60. The Employee Leave Entitlements (ELE) cash reserve is held to fund staff entitlements such as annual leave, sick leave (pre 1993) and long service leave payments to staff who leave the organisation.
61. Bonds and Deposits are held in trust by Council and withdrawn as the purpose for those deposits is concluded. These funds are held as security by Council to fund any unpaid

liabilities on projects and are refundable on completion of the project and the payment of any charges raised, e.g. damage to footpaths, etc.

62. Funds for the replacement of plant/fleet finance the purchase of new and/or replacement plant, vehicles and equipment required to perform normal operations. Annually, approximately \$1 million is deducted from this reserve to purchase replacement plant, vehicles and equipment. This is an ongoing annual need to facilitate effective delivery of services.
63. Asset Management is a legislative requirement to ensure that all assets of Council are maintained in sound working order to enable not only the delivery of services but also safe and effective use of assets. Asset management is a continual process which requires expenditure beyond that of normal maintenance. Funds are allocated to this reserve in accordance with Council's various asset management plans. Examples include the 8-year scheduled replacement of the synthetic surface of the recently constructed synthetic field at Peakhurst Park (\$1 million). These investments demand substantial amounts of money and it is not feasible to raise such amounts through operating budgets within a short timeframe.
64. The election reserve is used to fund the cost of the local government election, usually held every four years. The average cost is between \$750,000 - \$1,200,000 depending on the extent of pre-polling, polling booths, etc. The next local government elections are scheduled for September 2024.
65. Child Care services are budgeted to be cost neutral in terms of operating results and therefore do not generate sufficient additional cash to fund the purchase of required equipment. The funds held in this reserve are used annually for that purpose.
66. The funds set aside in the aquatic facilities reserve are used to fund aquatic plant and equipment replacement, substantial upgrades or repairs, or to match/supplement grant funding for special projects e.g. Sans Souci Swimming Pool upgrade in 2018-19.
67. It is noted that in the event unrestricted cash is in negative, internal reserves will be required to rebalance the cash position. This is not sustainable and will result in Council not being able to fund its immediate operational commitments.

### Loan

68. The NSW Government provides loans to Local Government via TCORP. The loans must be for a minimum of 3 years and maximum of 20 years, solely for infrastructure and can be a fixed amortising loan with annual, semi or quarter instalments.
69. Based on current rates, TCORP advised the following indicative amortising loan options:

Term (years)	Indicative Rate	Amount	Annual Repayment	Total Interest	Total Principal and Interest
10 years	4.83%	\$10,000,000	\$1,263,000	\$2,628,000	\$12,628,000
10 years	4.83%	\$20,000,000	\$2,526,000	\$5,257,000	\$25,257,000
20 years	4.83%	\$40,000,000	\$3,123,000	\$22,458,000	\$62,458,000
20 years	4.83%	\$75,000,000	\$5,855,000	\$42,108,000	\$117,108,000
20 years	4.83%	\$110,000,000	\$8,588,000	\$61,759,000	\$171,759,000

70. In order for a council to be approved for a TCORP loan, it must meet the following criteria:
- It cannot have greater than 30% of its investment portfolio in BBB or unrated investments
  - It must meet the OLG Financial Ratios (operating ratio).
71. In terms of the first criteria, Council has less than 30% of its investment in BBB or unrated investments.
72. In terms of the second criteria, though it is improving, the financial results have not illustrated a positive operating ratio for consecutive years.
73. Servicing a loan annually and the operating costs of a new asset will also impose further strain on Council's current and projected financial position, which must be factored into decision making with an appropriate funding model.

#### Redevelopment/Disposal of Assets

74. Council's asset portfolio is in excess of \$1 billion
75. Each year assets from the portfolio may be disposed.
76. Reasons for disposal may include:
- Need to generate cash to fund operations
  - The asset is fully depreciated
  - The asset is no longer useful or does not meet its intended purpose
  - Generating a profit to reinvest in a new asset that will generate a greater return
  - Commercial opportunity
  - The equipment is no longer working or cannot be salvaged
  - The equipment does not meet work, health and safety standards or service needs.
77. Council owns a number of assets in strategic locations across the Local Government Area. Opportunities for redevelopment of sites are a viable option for funding community assets.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

78. No budget impact for this report. Report is for information only.

#### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

79. No risks identified. Report is for information only.

#### **FILE REFERENCE**

D22/142028

**Item:** CCL065-22 General Manager Delegations

**Author:** A/Director Business and Corporate Services

**Directorate:** Business and Corporate Services

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL065-22

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council revoke all previous delegations granted to the General Manager by the Council on 24 September 2018.
- (b) That Council, in accordance with clause 131(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, fix the amount of rates and charges at \$10,000, above which any individual rate or charge may be written-off only by resolution of the Council, equal to and below that amount can be written-off by the General Manager.
- (c) That Council, in accordance with clause 213(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, fix the amount of debts at \$10,000, above which any individual debt to Council may be written-off only by resolution of the Council, equal to and below that amount can be written-off by the General Manager.
- (d) That Council in accordance with section 377(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, delegate to the General Manager the Instrument of Delegation of Functions to General Manager, Attachment 1 to this report with the effective date of 1 October 2022.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1. In accordance with section 380 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Council must review all its delegations during the first 12 months of each term of office. A comprehensive external legal review was undertaken by Lindsay Taylor Lawyers. A revised Instrument of Delegation of Functions to General Manager (Instrument) is provided in Attachment 1.
- 2. Additionally, the report seeks to confirm the amounts above which any individual rate, charge or debt owed to the Council may be written-off only by resolution of the Council.
- 3. The attached draft Instrument of Delegation has been prepared following the consideration of the Finance and Government Committee on 9 May and the Council on 23 May and subsequent briefings on the 15 June and 18 July 2022.
- 4. The draft Instrument has an effective date of 1 October to enable all sub-delegations to staff to be drafted.

**BACKGROUND**

- 5. It is proposed to revoke all the delegations granted to the General Manager by the Council on 24 September 2018, and to adopt the Instrument in Attachment 1.
- 6. Council, by resolution, may delegate to the General Manager any of the functions of the Council as declared in section 377 of the Act, other than the functions reserved to the Council in subsections (a) to (u) of section 377(1), which are listed in Attachment 2.
- 7. There are no specific legislative changes affecting the Instrument since it was last reviewed and adopted by Council on 24 September 2018.



8. It is proposed the Council continue to allow rates and charges and debts to be written-off by the General Manager to the amount of or below \$10,000, in accordance with clauses 131 and 213 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation). This amount is the same as adopted by Council on 24 September 2018 and considered appropriate to enable administrative efficiency and oversight by Council.
9. The Instrument in Attachment 1 includes Schedule 1 - Functions Delegated, and Schedule 2 - Conditions and Limitations. These conditions and limitations are explained below:

### **Compliance with Council resolutions and policies**

The General Manager must not exercise a delegated function contrary to any lawful resolution of the Council, including any lawful policy adopted by resolution of the Council.

*Noting this will encompass the Council resolution of 24 February 2020 (NM010-20), which requires the reporting to the next ordinary meeting of Council any leases, contracts or hire agreements (excluding staff contracts) executed under the General Manager's delegation.*

### **Financial assistance**

The General Manager must, pursuant to section 377(1A) of the Act, exercise the function under section 356 of the Act to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons in accordance with a program that is included in the Council's adopted operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is given.

**Note:** Section 377(1A) of the Local Government Act 1993 only allows the Council to delegate its functions under section 356 of that Act if:

- (a) *the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and*
- (b) *the program is included in the council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and*
- (c) *the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and*
- (d) *the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within the council's area.*

### **Leases, licenses and management agreements**

The General Manager must not grant, enter into, modify, terminate or revoke, a lease or licence of, or a management agreement in respect of, land vested in or under the control of the Council, including land for which the Council is the Crown land manager under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (NSW) having a term (including any period of renewal) exceeding ten (10) years **and**

The General Manager must not grant, enter into, modify, terminate or revoke, a lease or licence or a management agreement in respect of land, building or place specified.

*Note* - There are 2 categories of land, buildings or places.

### **Landowner's consent**

The General Manager must not grant the consent of the Council as landowner to the making of a development application or an application to modify a development consent under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) relating to land, building or place specified.

## Grant funding applications made to other bodies

The General Manager must not grant the consent or approval of the Council to the making of a grant funding application by a person to another person or body (including but not limited to a governmental body), where the grant funding to which the application relates is proposed to be applied in respect of land, building or place specified unless, it is less than \$30,000, or if for a project endorsed by council or in the case of urgency with the concurrence of the Mayor.

*Note* – following discussion by Councillors, the \$30,000 limit of the grant value has been included and this would enable the General Manager to approval applications for grants to fund minor works, such as kitchen improvements, first aid equipment or new goal posts.

## Writing-off rates, charges and debts

The General Manager must not write-off an amount of rates and charges or a debt owing to the Council unless:

- a. the Council has, by resolution, fixed the amount of rates and charges or debts above which any individual rate or charge or debt may be written off only by resolution of the council, and
- b. the amount of the rate or charge or debt written-off by the General Manager is less than the amount fixed by resolution of the Council.

*Note* – the recommendation (parts b and c) in this report sets this limit at \$10,000 as this is the limit under the current delegations. Council can resolve to set a lower or higher limit for either debts or rates and charges.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The delegation of functions to the General Manager does not have a direct budget implication, however the proposed delegations may increase costs associated with managing Council assets as there will be additional administrative steps for some activities, approvals, authorities and actions.

## RISK IMPLICATIONS

11. Effective and efficient governance and administration of Council requires adequate delegations of powers and authorities to the General Manager, with sub-delegation to other council officers and appropriate oversight and review by Council.
12. The draft Instrument of Delegation seeks to balance these requirements.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

13. Council is not required to undertake public consultation prior to delegating functions to the General Manager.

## FILE REFERENCE

D22/154576

## ATTACHMENTS

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## Georges River Council

### Local Government Act 1993, Section 377

#### Instrument of Delegation of Functions to General Manager

Georges River Council, pursuant to s377(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* ('Act') and a resolution of the Council passed at a duly convened meeting of the Council held on [Drafting Note. Insert date]:

- (a) revokes all previous delegations of the Council's functions given by the Council to the General Manager of the Council including but not limited to the delegations given on 24 September 2018, and
- (b) delegates to the General Manager of the Council (including any person appointed to act in the vacant position of General Manager pursuant to section 336 of the Act and any person temporarily appointed to the position of General Manager pursuant to section 351 of the Act), the functions of the Council specified in Schedule 1 subject to the conditions and limitations specified in Schedule 2.

This Instrument takes effect on [Drafting Note. Insert date] and remains in force until expressly amended or revoked by instrument in writing authorised by resolution of the Council.

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## Schedule 1

### Functions Delegated

All functions, including powers, authorities and duties, of the Council conferred or imposed by or under the Act or any other Act able to be lawfully delegated by the Council to the General Manager.

## Schedule 2

### Conditions & Limitations

#### Compliance with Council resolutions & policies

1. The General Manager must not exercise a delegated function contrary to any lawful resolution of the Council, including any lawful policy adopted by resolution of the Council.

#### Granting of financial assistance

2. The General Manager must, pursuant to section 377(1A) of the Act, exercise the function under section 356 of the Act to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons in accordance with a program that is included in the Council's adopted operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is given.

**Note:** Section 377(1A) of the *Local Government Act 1993* only allows the Council to delegate its functions under section 356 of that Act if:

- (a) the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and
- (b) the program is included in the council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and
- (c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and
- (d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within the council's area.

#### Leases, licences & management agreements

3. The General Manager must not grant, enter into, modify, terminate or revoke, a lease or licence of, or a management agreement in respect of, land vested in or under the control of the Council, including land for which the Council is the Crown land manager under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (NSW) having a term (including any period of renewal) exceeding ten (10) years.



4. Despite clause 3, the General Manager must not grant, enter into, modify, terminate or revoke, a lease or licence or a management agreement in respect of:
- a. any of Council's premium sporting facilities listed below:
    - I. Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre,
    - II. Parkside Drive Tennis Centre,
    - III. Netstrata Jubilee Stadium,
    - IV. Hurstville Oval (including new pavilion),
    - V. Norm O'Neill Cricket Training Centre,
    - VI. Beverley Park Golf Course,
    - VII. Hurstville Golf Course (including new pavilion),
    - VIII. Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre,
    - IX. Poulton Park (Synthetic),
    - X. Peakhurst Park (Synthetic),
    - XI. Vanessa Street Multi-sports Courts,
    - XII. Penshurst Park Sporting Hub (Synthetic Field),
    - XIII. Sans Souci Leisure Centre,
  - b. any of the following:
    - i. Carss Park Cottage, 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park NSW 2221,
    - ii. Carss Park restaurant and kiosk, 107 Carwar Avenue Carss Park NSW 2221,
    - iii. The Kyle Bay, Merriman Reserve, 12 Merriman Street, Kyle Bay NSW 2221,
    - iv. Olds Park Sports Club, 1 Olds Park Lane, Penshurst NSW 2222,
    - v. 247 Princes Hwy, Carlton NSW 2218 (upon Council's acquisition),
    - vi. Sans Souci Pavilion (once built), 10 Water Street, Sans Souci NSW 2219,
    - vii. Former Hurstville Baptist Church, 4-6 Dora St, Hurstville NSW 2220.

#### **Landowner's consent**

5. The General Manager must not grant the consent of the Council as landowner to the making of a development application or an application to modify a development consent under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) relating to land specified in clause 4.a. or a building or place specified in clause 4.b.

#### **Grant funding applications made to other bodies**

6. The General Manager must not grant the consent or approval of the Council to the making of a grant funding application by a person to another person or body (including but not limited to a governmental body), where the grant funding to which the application relates is proposed to be applied in respect of land specified in clause 4.a. or a building or place specified in clause 4.b. unless:

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- a. The grant funding sought is not more than \$30,000, or
- b. the grant funding will be applied towards a project endorsed or approved by resolution of the Council, or
- b. in cases of urgency where project has not been endorsed or approved by resolution of the Council, the General Manager has obtained the concurrence of the Mayor to the approval of the application.

**Writing-off rates, charges and debts**

- 7. The General Manager must not write-off an amount of rates and charges or a debt owing to the Council unless:
  - a. the Council has, by resolution, fixed the amount of rates and charges or debts above which any individual rate or charge or debt may be written off only by resolution of the council, and
  - b. the amount of the rate or charge or debt written-off by the General Manager is less than the amount fixed by resolution of the Council.

**Note:** Clause 131 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* enables the Council, by resolution, to fix the amount of rates and charges above which any individual rate or charge may be written off only by resolution of the Council, and further enables the General Manager to write-off an amount of rates or charges of or below that amount by order in writing. Clause 213 of the Regulation applies in the same way to the writing-off of debts owing to the Council.

**Acknowledgement by Delegate:**

I, David Tuxford, Acting General Manager of Georges River Council, acknowledge that I have read and understand the above delegations and will exercise the delegations in accordance with this Instrument.

..... Date ...../...../.....  
David Tuxford  
**Acting General Manager**

..... Date ...../...../.....  
Nick Katris  
**Mayor**



## Local Government Act 1993 No 30

Current version for 1 January 2022 to date (accessed 12 April 2022 at 15:08)

[Chapter 12](#) > [Part 3](#) > Section 377

### 377 General power of the council to delegate

- (1) A council may, by resolution, delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any of the functions of the council under this or any other Act, other than the following—
- (a) the appointment of a general manager,
  - (b) the making of a rate,
  - (c) a determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate,
  - (d) the making of a charge,
  - (e) the fixing of a fee,
  - (f) the borrowing of money,
  - (g) the voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations,
  - (h) the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment),
  - (i) the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council,
  - (j) the adoption of an operational plan under section 405,
  - (k) the adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report,
  - (l) a decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6,
  - (m) the fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the council of work on private land,
  - (n) the decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the council for the carrying out of any such work,
  - (o) the review of a determination made by the council, and not by a delegate of the council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#),
  - (p) the power of the council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194,
  - (q) a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons,
  - (r) a decision under section 234 to grant leave of absence to the holder of a civic office,
  - (s) the making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister,

- (t) this power of delegation,
  - (u) any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the council.
- (1A) Despite subsection (1), a council may delegate its functions relating to the granting of financial assistance if—
- (a) the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and
  - (b) the program is included in the council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and
  - (c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and
  - (d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within the council's area.
- (2) A council may, by resolution, sub-delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any function delegated to the council by the Departmental Chief Executive except as provided by the instrument of delegation to the council.
- (3) A council may delegate functions to a joint organisation only with the approval, by resolution, of the board of the joint organisation.



**Item:** CCL068-22 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Special Conference - Call for Motions

**Author:** Research and Projects Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL068-22

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council review and confirm motions that were received from Councillors for submission to Local Government NSW (LGNSW), at the Extraordinary Council meeting of 2 August 2022.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager lodge all proposed motions with Local Government NSW (LGNSW) by the due date, being 10 October 2022.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report is presented to Council for its consideration to confirm motions, to be submitted at the 2022 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference, to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from Sunday 23 October 2022 to Tuesday 25 October 2022.

**BACKGROUND**

2. The 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley from Sunday 23 October to Tuesday 25 October 2022.
3. Separate from conference registration, member councils must register the names of their delegates for voting on motions during formal business sessions.
4. The 2022 Conference will involve voting on motions only. There is no Board Election this year.
5. In accordance with the Local Government NSW rules, only members that were financial on 1 March 2022 (the 'calculation date') have been allocated voting entitlements. To exercise voting rights, members also need to be financial on Sunday 27 September 2022 (the date on which the roll of voters closes). The formula for calculating members' voting entitlements is prescribed at Rule 23 of the [LGNSW rules](#).
6. In 2022, Council is entitled to nine (9) voting members. Council registered nine (9) Georges River Councillors: Mayor Katris, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington and Councillor Wang.
7. The deadline to provide LGNSW with the names of nominated voting delegates is 5pm (AEDT) on Monday 10 October 2022. Nominations of voting delegates received after the closing date/time cannot be accepted.

**MOTIONS**

8. Draft motions submitted to date for Council's consideration are shown below.

## 9. PROPOSED MOTION 1

Submitted by Councillor Elise Borg

**That Local Government NSW advocates to the NSW Government to review the current legislation:**

- (a) That for the deemed refusal period for development applications and develop a tiered approach for the time period for deemed refusals based on the cost and complexity of the development, before a 'deemed refusal appeal' can be lodged with the Land and Environment court.
- (b) That for the 90 day period for planning proposal rezoning review requests and develop a tiered approach for the time period before a proponent may lodge a request for a rezoning review, based on the scale, complexity and issues arising from the rezoning proposal:

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10. There is no cost to Council to submit Motions for debate at the Conference.
- 11. Any costs associated with Council delegate attendance, will considered as part of the report going to the first meeting of newly elected Council.

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 12. No risks identified.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- 13. Community engagement is not required.

## **FILE REFERENCE**

D22/131857

**ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Item:** CCL066-22 Forest Road/Durham Street, Hurstville Traffic Facility Construction

**Author:** Manager City Technical Services

**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure

**Matter Type:** Assets and Infrastructure

CCL066-22

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Forest Road/Durham Street Traffic Facility Construction project budget and funding be approved as outlined in the confidential attachment.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. Current and future development surrounding the intersection at Forest Road, Durham Street and Wright Street, Hurstville has resulted in the need for intersection facility upgrades to increase traffic and pedestrian safety in the area.
2. The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the proposed works and to seek resolution for the allocation of appropriate budget to enable the execution of works.

**BACKGROUND**

3. In conjunction with the East Quarter Stage 3 Developer, designs to upgrade the four-way intersection at Forest Road, Durham Street and Wright Street, Hurstville, including associated road and footpath infrastructure, have been developed and certified by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Ausgrid.

Work includes:

- Service location of all underground utility services within the works area prior to undertaking any excavation, and adjustment of services as required.
  - Relocation of two existing power poles, transfer of new/existing power lines and installation of street lighting in accordance with certified Ausgrid drawings.
  - Supply and installation of traffic signals by a TfNSW Prequalified Contractor as per the TfNSW approved TCS design plans, including all associated signage and line marking.
  - Civil works including excavation, preparation of subgrade and construction of pavement, concrete median islands, pram ramps, kerb and gutter, footpath, tree pits and drainage.
4. The majority of construction works at the East Quarter Stage 3 development site have now been completed, enabling the progression of the Council managed traffic facility work.
  5. A Request for Quotation (RFQ) process is ongoing through VendorPanel to seek quotations from suitably experienced and qualified contractors under the Local Government Procurement (LGP) Minor + Major Civil Works + Materials (LGP420) panel contract.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. This project is currently not included in the adopted 2022/23 Capital Program.
7. The purpose of this report is for Council to approve the budget and funding in order to commence the project and meet the relevant timeframes.
8. The project budget is proposed to be fully funded from Externally Restricted Voluntary Planning Agreement funds.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS**

9. Operational risk/s identified and management process applied.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

10. Community notification will be conducted as part of the project commencement process. This notification will include:
  - Notification signage and letter box drops to surrounding residents.
  - Ongoing consultation with the Developer and associated selling agents to provide information as part of development 'welcome pack'.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/155387

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment	Forest Road Durham Street, Hurstville Traffic Facility Construction (2) -
1	Confidential Report (Confidential)

## COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

**Item:** CCL067-22 St George Local Business Awards 2022 Sponsorship

**Author:** Business Improvement Officer

**Directorate:** Community and Culture

**Matter Type:** Community and Culture

CCL067-22

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the allocation of \$10,000 towards the 2022 St George Local Business Awards from the 2022/23 budget for the sponsorship of community-run events.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council has received a sponsorship request from Precedent Productions for \$10,000 to sponsor the 2022 St George Local Business Awards. It is recommended that Council provide sponsorship for this event by allocating \$10,000 from the 2022/23 budget pertaining to sponsorship of community-run events.

### BACKGROUND

2. On 22 February 2021, Council resolved (CCL008-21), to approve the allocation of \$10,000 towards the 2021 St George Local Business Awards from the 2020/21 budget for the sponsorship of community-run events. This event was postponed from October 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions and the event proceeded on 1 February 2022.
3. Council has provided sponsorship support for the St George Local Business Awards for over 10 years.
4. Council received correspondence from Precedent Productions requesting that Council become a major sponsor for the 2022 St George Local Business Awards, valued at \$10,000. The presentation night will be held on 26 September 2022 at the recently opened Southern Sydney Event Centre located in Hurstville.
5. In accordance with the Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy, Council's Sponsorship Specialist, along with representatives from the Events team and City Strategy and Innovation team, carried out a review of the proposal to assess potential benefits to Council and the community as a result of sponsoring the 2022 St George Local Business Awards.
6. Benefits to Council as a result of being included as major sponsor of the 2022 St George Local Business Awards include:
  - a. access to contacts of the list of finalists and winners
  - b. sponsorship recognition through digital and print media
  - c. logo recognition on event collateral
  - d. logo recognition on post-event Facebook campaign
  - e. tickets for six Council representatives to attend the presentation evening
  - f. the opportunity for a Council representative to address the audience in a

keynote speech and participate in the awards presentation to winners.

7. The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns have had a negative impact on small business. Support for the awards is a demonstration of Council's recognition of the value small businesses bring to our community in providing local services and local jobs. In light of the financial climate, and to continue to demonstrate support for local businesses, it is recommended that Council continue the partnership for one year only as a major sponsor for the 2022 Awards, valued at \$10,000.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The approved 2022/23 budget for sponsorship of community run events is \$87,200.
9. The remaining balance of the budget allocation, should Council resolve to continue its major sponsorship of the 2022 St George Leader Local Business Awards to the value of \$10,000, stands at \$77,200.
10. The total financial request for Council approval is within the 2022/23 approved budget.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

11. Council has an extensive history of sponsoring the St George Local Business Awards on an annual basis. Given the significant local community interest in the event, there may be a reputational risk to Council in becoming disassociated from the event, which would be contrary to expectations amongst both business and community members.
12. \$10,000 is a significant amount to provide as sponsorship of the event.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

13. Community engagement was undertaken in the development of the Georges River Council Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy and Events Strategy.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D22/152653

**NOTICES OF MOTION****Item: NM058-22 Charles Pirie Reserve Lighting Upgrade****Councillor:** Councillor Borg**MOTION:**

Following the recent adoption of Council's 2022/23 Delivery Program and Operational Plan that Council officers:

- (a) Investigate and provide a report to Council on the most appropriate lighting solution and the associated cost to upgrade lighting to Charles Pirie Reserve so that the northern and southern ends of the park are adequately lit to enable training in those locations.
- (b) Undertake the required consultation with stakeholders and the community.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This motion is consistent with the Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028 *Pillar 1 - A Protected Environment and Green Open Spaces, Goal 1.3 - Everyone has access to beautiful parks and open spaces.*

Charles Pirie Reserve is home of the Carss Park Football Club and the St George Warriors. There is an opportunity to increase the accessibility of Charles Pirie Reserve by adding additional light to the northern and southern ends of the Reserve. Charles Pirie Reserve is a highly utilised open space asset providing training and playing facilities for the community. The accessibility and inclusivity of the Reserve was increased in 2019 when Council completed the construction of the inclusive sports amenities building.

The *Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy* recommends lighting for consideration in future planning. The guiding principles in section 14 of this strategy provide for supportive lighting to our facilities that will ensure future flexibility and adaptive usage while improving passive surveillance.

Extensive community consultation is required to determine the impact on surrounding residents and other park users prior to the installation of any further lighting at the site.

Works to install lighting in a reserve may be exempt development under State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 subject to compliance with the requirements Clauses 20 and 64-66 of that Planning Instrument.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Within budget included as part of the Recreation Critical Safety and Renewal Capital Program. Pending further investigation, the estimated cost of installing additional lighting at Charles Pirie Reserve is in the range of \$70k-\$100k.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/143160

NM058-22

**Item: NM059-22 Congratulations to CanRevive on the “Body, Mind and Spirit” Wellness Program****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council congratulate CanRevive for successfully delivering the “Body, Mind and Spirit” Wellness Program series of events held across May and June 2022.

NM059-22

**DIRECTOR’S COMMENT**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council’s Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, *Pillar 1, Our Community*:

- *Goal 1.1 – Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity; and*
- *Goal 1.3 – The community is safe and healthy.*

Established in Sydney in 1995, CanRevive is the first Chinese cancer support organisation in NSW to provide information and support services for Chinese-speaking cancer patients and their families. In 2007, CanRevive opened a branch office in Hurstville to better meet the growing demand for services in the Southern Sydney area.

Working under the mission that “*No one should face cancer alone*”, CanRevive provides a range of programs and resources such as support groups, recreational activities and public information sessions that incorporate appropriate cultural and linguistic needs.

Council has supported several CanRevive programs through Council’s Community Grants Program over the last three years, and also most recently with Councillor Ward Discretionary funding for the “Body, Mind and Spirit” Wellness Program, held in May and June 2022.

Ten Mandarin speaking cancer patients and carers attended this face-to-face program. Attendees were provided with information and coping tools to improve physical and emotional wellbeing through healthy eating, sleeping and exercise activities. Video resources from the event will be made available and the attendees have requested more programs to be delivered.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/143265



**Item: NM060-22 Recording of Condolence Motions****Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That Council records all past and future Condolence Motions in the Georges River Libraries local studies collection.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This motion is consistent with the Georges River Library Strategy, Libraries 2030, *Action 2.8 – To digitise, preserve and provide access to the library local history collection.*

The Georges River Libraries Local Studies Collection documents the history and community life of the region in a variety of formats including books, photographs, oral history recordings, Council archives and artefacts. It has been assessed as a unique collection of material that is of national significance.

The recording of condolence motions in the Georges River Libraries local studies collection as a digital collection will provide an opportunity to expand the local studies collection by creating content and preserving it for future generations while continuing to increase accessibility to the history and culture of the Georges River Council local government area (LGA).

A record on the individual will be created that captures the condolence notice provided by the Councillor including the link to the death notice (if available). A more detailed record will be created if the individual meets one or more of the following criteria:

- a) Has made a significant demonstratable contribution to community capacity building including extensive volunteer work or has led social, cultural, or economic reform within the Georges River Council LGA
- b) Has represented the diversity of the region including and not limited to First Nations Peoples and war veterans
- c) Has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group
- d) Has contributed to an understanding of the cultural or natural history of the Georges River Council LGA

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Under the assumption that there are approximately 26 notices per year to record in the local studies collection that are associated with Condolence Motions, Council officers would be required to add approximately 182 notices retrospectively, requiring a minimum of 364 hours of staff time at a cost of \$17,475. This cost is not within the existing budget allocation for Cultural Engagement and Library Services' salary and wages.

Based on the above financial implications, Council officers recommend commencing the creation of such notices within the local studies collection from the start of the new term of the current Council (January 2022). Pre-2022 condolence notices will be, however, archived as part of the Council meeting minutes available on Council's website.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/146249

**Item: NM061-22 Congratulations to the Australian Chinese Community Association of NSW on the "Healthy Living Workshop"****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council congratulate the Australian Chinese Community Association of NSW (ACCA) on the successful delivery of their recent event, the "Healthy Living Workshop", at the Civic Theatre.

NM061-22

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, *Pillar 1, Our Community*:

- *Goal 1.1 – Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity; and*
- *Goal 1.3 – The community is safe and healthy.*

Formed in 1974, the Australian Chinese Community Association (ACCA) is a not-for-profit organisation that works to meet the changing social and wellbeing needs of Chinese Australians in New South Wales. Since its foundation, ACCA has grown its membership to over 13,000 community members and has secured sponsorship and donations to support the successful delivery of a range of services and programs such as aged home care, aged day care and dementia services.

In addition to services that support older members of the Chinese Australian community, ACCA also promotes Chinese culture and social cohesion through the delivery of: Chinese language classes; cultural and festival events; and anti-racism projects.

ACCA's most recent event, the "Healthy Living Workshop" was held from the Civic Theatre in the Hurstville Entertainment Centre on 22 June 2022. The event was well-attended and provided seniors residents, who are Mandarin and Cantonese speakers, with information and resources on ways to live a healthier lifestyle; how to prevent falls and how to manage blood pressure.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/146488

**Item: NM062-22 Community Safety Education Program****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council approve the development and implementation of an ongoing Georges River Council Community Safety Education Program.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, *Pillar 1, Our Community, Goal 1.1 – Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity.*

The Georges River Council local government area (LGA) records significantly lower rates of crime than both the NSW state average and surrounding LGAs across all major crimes.

Council undertakes numerous activities that focus on crime prevention and aim to increase the perception of safety in the Georges River LGA. These initiatives include:

- Establishment and facilitation of Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas in consultation with the St George Police Area Command (PAC)
- Maintaining an ongoing CCTV program that sets priorities for public CCTV instalment by working with the PAC to identify areas of need, responding to community requests, and seeking State Government funding to implement CCTV projects
- Implementation of the "Better Together" anti-racism campaign
- Delivery of information campaigns such as "Lock it, don't lose it!", which alerted the community to the importance of securing valuables within parked vehicles
- Participation in the Domestic and Family Violence committee where safety strategies and projects are developed in partnership such as the "Pocket Guide to Relationships, Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control"
- Monthly meetings between Police Officers from the St George PAC and Council officers to share local community safety information and collaborate on relevant initiatives

Council officers have recently reviewed current safety programs now that we have emerged from COVID lockdowns, and the Police and Council Officers are able to meet regularly again. This review has identified a need for community education surrounding a range of safety issues and overall perceptions of crime and safety in the Georges River LGA.

A Community Safety Education Program will address this by harnessing existing relationships with the PAC, community groups, and local services. Through consultation with these stakeholders, the program will provide education on crimes of opportunities. Changing perceptions of crime throughout the LGA will be done through a communications plan.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Program costs will be budgeted within the Community Capacity Building projects. External grant funding will be sought to meet any additional costs associated with the program.

The cost of implementation will be provided in a further report to Council about the development of Council-led Community Safety Education Program.

## **FILE REFERENCE**

D22/151535

NM062-22

**Item: NM063-22 Congratulations to Cass Care Ltd. on their Performance "A Journey in New Land"****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council congratulate Cass Care Ltd. for successfully delivering the performance "A Journey in New Land" performance at the Marana Auditorium.

NM063-22

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, *Pillar 1, Our Community, Goal 1.1 – Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity.*

Cass Care Ltd. (Cass Care) is a community organisation which provides a range of social and welfare services to multicultural communities, particularly community members from East Asian backgrounds. Services Cass Care provides include aged care services, early childhood education, disability support services as well as vocational education and training.

On 22 June 2022, Cass Care staged a performance from the Marana Auditorium at the Hurstville Entertainment Centre, titled "A Journey in New Land" which celebrated the journeys of migrants settling in Australia.

More than 200 people participated in delivering the performance, including art professionals, Cass Care volunteers and community members and supported by the Multicultural NSW Stronger Together Grants Program. The event was free for all community members to attend.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/152650

**Item: NM064-22 Removal of Car Spaces in the Mortdale Streetscape****Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

In relation to the Mortdale streetscape project, how many car spaces were removed? Can the Acting General Manager provide a report in regard to the effects of removing the car spaces?

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This motion is consistent with Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028 *Pillar 4 - Our Built Environment, Goal 4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.*

In 2019/20 Council commenced the Mortdale Streetscape Works project that focused on improving community amenity, and pedestrian safety along Morts Road between Mortdale Train Station and Martin Place, Mortdale.

As part of this work, seven (7) parking spaces are to be removed from the area to widen a section of footpath and ensure pedestrian crossings meet Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Standards. Four (4) of these parking spaces were removed to directly meet TfNSW Standards, while the remaining three (3) were removed to improve pedestrian safety and amenity.

Extensive community consultation was carried out notifying local residents, shopkeepers and shoppers of the proposed changes, prior to approval by the Traffic Advisory Committee in March 2020.

A report in relation to the effects of removing parking in Mortdale Town Centre will consider current impacts to the community as well as an assessment of future demands based on population and development associated with the Mortdale Town Centre Master Plan

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications of a consultant completing an investigation of parking within Mortdale Town Centre will be provided in a future report.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D22/154496

**Item: NM065-22 Change of Parking Space to Motorbike Parking Only****Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

A parking space on Morts Road, Mortdale in front of Wishbone has been changed into a motorbike parking spot. There are no signs on Morts Road to let the community know of the change.

- (a) That Council erect posters in town centres to notify of proposed changes to traffic and/or parking conditions as part of the existing community consultation process.
- (b) That Council communicates these changes prior to enforcing parking infringements.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This motion is consistent with the Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028 *Pillar 6 - Our Governance, Goal 6.1 - Our Communities voice is considered in planning the areas future and Pillar 4 - Our Built Environment, Goal 4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.*

The Chair of the Local Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) requested at its May 2022 meeting an investigation on the suitability for motorcycle parking following numerous community complaints regarding motorcycles parking in the angle bays and occupying existing full size (6 metre) motor vehicle on-street spaces. This request was included in the minutes of the May 2022 Local Traffic Advisory Committee as part of General Business.

The TAC is comprised of an elected Council member (Chair), St George Police Local Area Command, Transport for NSW, Punchbowl Buses and Council traffic and transport engineers.

Following the investigation, Council officers proposed converting one full size motor vehicle parking space into a dedicated motorcycle parking space that would accommodate up to five motorcycles to alleviate community concerns relating to motorcycles taking up multiple full size motor vehicle parking spaces.

Consultation letters of the proposed change in parking to provide dedicated motorcycle parking and the loss of a motor vehicle parking space were provided to the local businesses on the northern side of Morts Road in May 2022, with no written responses received. One business owner provided verbal feedback requesting a 15-minute parking zone be implemented as part of the proposed change.

A report recommending the proposed changes was presented to the June TAC meeting and endorsed by Council on 27 June 2022.

Council's Community Engagement Strategy 2018-2028 principles include, that:

- Community engagement is purposeful. We will ensure that we know why and who we are engaging so that community engagement is purposeful and meaningful.
- Community engagement is timely. We will engage early and provide various opportunities for the community to comment and provide feedback.
- Community engagement is genuine. We will be clear about your level of influence and state why we are seeking your participation.
- Community engagement is inclusive. We will provide information that is accessible for all.

- Community engagement is transparent. We will update you on how your feedback has helped shape decision making.

Council's current standard practice for changes and improvements relating to traffic and transport includes written notification to residents and businesses directly impacted, with a minimum consultation period of 14 days (dependant on the extent of the change) to provide an appropriate response time. Following the consultation period recommendations are provided to the TAC for consideration, with a further opportunity for the community to speak to the proposed changes.

Issues concerning traffic and transport changes relating to public safety are assessed by Council engineers in conjunction with the TAC, as a matter of urgency.

Council officers are currently exploring the erection of signage relating to major projects to enhance information provided to the community regarding all future Council activities.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Additional non-budgeted funds of approximately between \$10,000 will be required to fund this recommendation in 2022/2023. This does not include the additional staff time to support this process.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D22/154549



**Item: NM066-22 Acquisition of Glenlee****Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That Council takes the following steps to preserve “Glenlee” (Lot 1 DP10359, 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno) for current and future generations, namely;

- (i) That Council supports of the listing of “Glenlee” on the State Heritage Register by lodging its own submission with the Heritage Council of NSW.
- (ii) That Council encourages residents and organisations to also support the listing of “Glenlee” on the State Heritage Register by inviting them to lodge individual submissions with the Heritage Council of NSW, by publicising the matter on its website and through social and print media.
- (iii) That Council urgently seeks funding commitments for the acquisition of “Glenlee” from:
  - (a) Mr James Griffin MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage, and Mr Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, and
  - (b) Ms Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water, and Ms Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians.
- (iv) That Council, upon consideration of the funding commitments received from the NSW and Commonwealth governments at (iii) above, directs the General Manager to investigate the possibility of the provision of the balance of the funds necessary for the acquisition of “Glenlee” by Council, through sources which have been identified consequent upon Council’s resolution CCL077-21 dated 25th October 2021. Specifically, that the balance of any Council funds deemed necessary for the purchase of “Glenlee” be sourced from external and internal sources and that, in the case of development contributions being identified as a funding source, that Council utilises only those development contributions which have accrued as a consequence of higher density and commercial development in the Peakhurst Ward.
- (v) That, once the equitable and appropriate acquisition of “Glenlee” has been finalised, that the NSW Government incorporates the property into the nearby Georges River National Park, so that the auspicious National Parks and Wildlife Service will be entrusted with the safe stewardship of this unique property and its environmental, historical and cultural attributes into the future.

**COUNCILLOR BACKGROUND**

- (i) On 5th July 2022 the Heritage Council of NSW gave notice of its intention to consider the listing of “Glenlee” on the State Heritage Register, in recognition of the significance of this property to the people of NSW.
- (ii) On 11th July 2022 Council’s Environment and Planning Committee recommended:
  - (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal PP2022/0002 that seeks to list 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno, known as “Glenlee” as a local heritage item.

- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 as exhibited in relation to Lot 1 DP10359, 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno to:
- (c) List No. 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno as a local heritage item in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage of the Georges River LEP 2021; and
- (d) Amend the Heritage Map - Sheet HER\_003 to map No. 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno as "Item – General".
- (e) That Council forward the Planning Proposal for gazettal to the Department of Planning and Environment in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- (f) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal be advised of Council's decision.

NOTE: Of the community submissions, 56% (67) provided direct support for the Planning Proposal and/or heritage listing. A further 43% (52) provided general support for "Glenlee" (e.g., retaining/preserving the site for the benefit of the community).

- (iii) Council, through its Open Space, Recreation and Communities Facility Strategy has identified the necessity for "a future hub providing access to high quality community space, with a potential bushland focus" in Peakhurst/Lugarno.
- (iv) Council, through its Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040 has recommended the following actions:
  - (a) *"Develop and implement the Foreshore Access and Improvement Plan to provide infrastructure to improve access to the waterfront of the Georges River, short to medium term" (A85) and*
  - (b) *"Collaborate with National Parks and Wildlife Service to develop a vision for the Georges River National Park and advocate for improved potential amenity in Lugarno, short to long term" (A86).*

#### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

- (i) Council supports the listing of "Glenlee" on the State Heritage Register by lodging its own submission with the Heritage Council of NSW on 18 July 2022.
- (ii) The Heritage Council of NSW resolved at its meeting on 5 July 2022, to give notice of its intention to consider listing Glenlee on the State Heritage Register (SHR) in accordance with section 33(1) (a) and the Heritage Act 1977 (NSW). Council released the news on its Facebook page on 12 July 2022 advising that members of the community are invited to make a written submission regarding the proposed listing and significance of Glenlee. Details on where submissions should be made and the deadline for submissions.
- (iii) Council supports the request for funding from Minister for Environment and Heritage, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, Minister for the Environment and Water, Minister for Indigenous Australians.
- (iv) As outlined in the officer response on 28 February 2022 Council meeting (QWN002-22), it is anticipated that the technical report will be submitted to Council in the second half of 2022 as assessing the eligibility of developer contributions (externally restricted reserves) to fund the acquisition is dependent on the completion of the Georges River Open Space Expansion and Acquisition Plan.

Further, if the estimated acquisition cost and lifecycle costs are estimated to be above \$8 million, the capital expenditure guidelines are required to be completed prior to proceeding with budget adoption/acquisition.

- (v) Council should note that the Georges River National Park comprises land abutting and near the Georges River from Picnic Point, Revesby Heights, Padstow Heights, Lugarno and Alfords Point. While these lands are not all contiguous, they are close together, Glenlee is over 1km from the nearest part of the park.

The Hon. Mark Coure MP verbally advised the Acting General Manager on 24 June 2022 that he will again write to the Hon. James Griffin MP – Minister for Environment and Heritage regarding the purchasing of the site to be incorporated into the Georges River National Park.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Should Council resolve to support this motion the financial implications will be provided in a future report.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D22/152621

**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**Item:** QWN031-22 Increase in Major Sports by Women and Girls

**Author:** Councillor Greene

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

QWN031-22

**COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

In the last 20 years there has been a significant increase in the participation of women and girls in a number of major sports. Can the Director please outline ways in which Council has supported this growth?

**OFFICER RESPONSE**

Council has developed strong sporting/community facility design protocols utilising the Family and Community Services (2018) NSW Women's Strategy 2018-2022 and the NSW Government - Office of Sport (2018) Her Sport Her Way Strategy 2019-2023.

These strategies have guided Council to ensure it continues to develop facilities that 'empower women and girls to have full access to opportunity and choice, be valued for their diversity, be recognised for their contribution, and be able to participate in all aspects of life, including sport, freely and safely'.

New and upgraded amenities blocks including at Parkside Drive, Claydon Reserve, Riverwood Park, Peakhurst Park, Harold Fraser, Beverly Hills Park, Penshurst Park, Gannons Park, Oatley Park and Hurstville Oval focus on providing amenities suitable for all sporting users including women/girls and people with disabilities.

Council also seeks to increase the utilisation of facilities, including premium facilities (Hurstville Oval, Jubilee Oval and Harold Fraser Oval), for local and representative Sydney wide females sporting competitions in Aussie Rules, Rugby, Football, Rugby League and Cricket. This includes:

- Council hosting a Sydney Sevens Carnival at Riverwood Park.
- AFL establishing that Netstrata Jubilee Stadium has sufficient pitch area to host AFLW matches and will be trialling NSW Schools Finals and possible Sydney Swans AFLW matches in August 2022.
- Netstrata Jubilee Stadium hosting Sydney FC's W League team for four seasons 2019 to 2022, with W League Grand Finals played at the Stadium in 2019, 2021 and 2022.
- Netstrata Jubilee Stadium identified by the NRL as a suitable venue for standalone and double header NRLW events and tentative bookings are in place for the coming season, commencing end of August 2022 through September.
- Sydney Sixers have used Hurstville Oval as a home ground in 2019 and 2020 for WBBL fixtures and expect that post COVID this venue will continue to be a consideration, particularly following the construction of the new pavilion.
- There is interest in having a Harvey Norman Competition women's Rugby League team based at Hurstville Oval from 2023.

The strategic business plan for Netstrata Jubilee Stadium includes making the venue the NSW home of women's football – AFLW, NRLW and Women's Football (A League Women's and International)

As Council develops business cases and designs for future sporting amenity upgrades, the expansion of female sporting participation will continue to be a strong focus.

**Item:** QWN032-22 Disaster Assistance

**Author:** Councillor Liu

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

QWN032-22

## COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Due to severe weather and flooding from 27 June 2022 onwards a natural disaster declaration was issued to 23 local government areas (LGAs) by the NSW State Government, including Georges River Council.

Can the Director Assets and Infrastructure provide an update on the following:

1. What impact has this had on operations?
2. Have any additional measures been implemented?
3. What has Georges River Council learned from this disaster?

## OFFICER RESPONSE

1. What Impact has this had on operations?

The impact of the recent severe weather and flooding event that occurred on 27 June 2022 to Council's operational services has been cumulative. There has been a significant strain placed on Council staff resulting from issues arising from the extreme weather event experienced during February and March 2022, which has been exacerbated by the recent events in June 2022.

Council has been inundated with requests from emergency services, state agencies and residents. The total number of requests received during this period are six times higher than the number of requests in the equivalent period five years prior.

The current estimate to rectify Council assets resulting from damage associated with recent severe weather and flooding is \$2.2 million.

Georges River Council roads have significantly deteriorated due recent weather events. Operational staff have undertaken a record number of pothole repairs, while extensive road patching works have been programmed by Council officers in coming months.

The extent of rainfall during this period has also created high levels of subsoil moisture and localised flooding within our recreation spaces, resulting in a detrimental impact to the quality of sports field playing surfaces, playgrounds and parks due to an inability for Council staff to meet specified cyclic maintenance schedules.

There has also been a marked increase in customer related tree requests received in the past six months.

Council is currently working with State Government for reimbursement of costs incurred due to emergency works as well as planning for future works through the Restoration of Public Assets Program.

## 2. Have any additional measures been implemented?

The protocols in place to maintain and protect Council's assets, including the following:

- An increased focus on asset management and preventative maintenance across all asset classes
- On-call staff for 24-hour emergency response to the community and to provide ongoing support and assistance to the State Emergency Service (SES), Local Area Command (NSW Police) and other emergency agencies.
- Redeployment of staff within City Operational Services to address priority safety issues relating to individual residences, Council buildings, parks, the road (potholes) and stormwater networks.
- Additional street sweeping in identified 'hotspot' areas to clear high levels of gutter debris and stormwater drain entry points.
- Targeted preventative clearing of drains in identified flooding risk zones.
- On-demand response by Tree Maintenance and Arboriculture Officers to address resident safety concerns and street / public tree issues.
- Increased stock levels of sand and preparation of sandbags to meet the on-demand requirements of residents and the SES.
- Strategic placement of industrial vacuums at Council buildings and facilities, and 24-hour support and monitoring by Council officers.
- Strategic bollard placement in low lying road crossings to enable a more responsive approach to emergency road closures.

## 3. What has Georges River Council learned from this disaster?

Further emergency response funding should be considered as part of Council's annual budget.

The NSW Government does not currently have any clearly recognised policy position or statement on stormwater management. Under the Stormwater Management Service Charge Guidelines, Council can only levy \$12.50 for strata and \$25 per rateable property per annum. This service charge was introduced in 2005 and has not increased (no adjustment for CPI or material cost changes) since it was first established and is not sufficient to meet the needs of Georges River Council residents.

NSW Government should align the stormwater service charge with current Sydney Water rates of approximately \$80 per household and \$25 per unit, and apply an annual CPI thereafter to ensure localised flooding due to under investment in our current asset base is avoided.

**Item:** QWN033-22 **Former Oatley Bowling Club Site**

**Author:** Councillor Mahoney

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

QWN033-22

## COUNCILLOR QUESTION

At the Council meeting of 27 June 2022, Councillor Mahoney asked the following questions which were reported in QWN029-22;

*Can the Acting General Manager advise:*

- (a) What are the applicable lot numbers and deposited plan numbers recorded in Council's Land Register for the former Oatley Bowling Club site?*
- (b) What are the applicable lot numbers and deposited plan numbers recorded in Council's Land Register for Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve?*
- (c) What are the applicable lot numbers and deposited plan numbers recorded by the Geographical Names Board for the former Oatley Bowling Club site?*
- (d) What are the applicable lot numbers and deposited plan numbers recorded by the Geographical Names Board for Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve?*
- (e) According to Geographical Names Board records, what is the name currently recorded for the lot number or numbers applicable to the former Oatley Bowling Club site?*
- (f) When was the land upon which the Oatley Bowling Club site was located dedicated to the public?*
- (g) Under what circumstances does Council's Place Naming Policy permit a request to rename a reserve or other geographical feature?*
- (h) Under what circumstances does the Geographical Names Board's Place Naming Policy permit a request to rename a reserve or other geographical feature?*
- (i) Can the Acting General Manager publish a copy of Council's submission to the Geographical Names Board concerning the renaming of the former Oatley Bowling Club site?*

## OFFICER RESPONSE

At the time of the Council meeting on 27 June 2022, Council was advised that:

Council has contacted the NSW Geographical Names Board to seek clarification on the points raised. A response to the Question with Notice will be provided at the July Council Meeting.

The following information is now provided:

- a. What are the applicable lot numbers and deposited plan numbers recorded in Council's Land Register for the former Oatley Bowling Club site?**

Lot 100 DP 1252069. The closed road (Lot 106 in DP 1252069) is a separate land parcel adjacent to the club site. The consolidation of Lots 100 and 106 DP 1252069 was approved by the Georges River Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) in September 2016.



**b. What are the applicable lot numbers and deposited plan numbers recorded in Council's Land Register for Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve?**

- 35A River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lot 106 DP 1252069)
- 40 River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 101-105 DP 1252069)
- 40 River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 1-2, 8-10, 16-20 Section 4 DP 7124)
- 40 River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 9-23 Section 27 DP 7124)
- 40 River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 9A, 10-20, 24-29 Section 26 DP 7124)
- 40 River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lot 27 DP 1054143)
- 34 Mimosa St OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 4-6 Section 26 DP 7124)
- 34D Mimosa St OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 1 DP 564191)
- 38 Mimosa St OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 1-2 Section 26 DP 7124)

**c. What are the applicable lot numbers and deposited plan numbers recorded by the Geographical Names Board for the former Oatley Bowling Club site?**

According to NSW Geographical Names Board records, Lot 100 DP1252069 is known locally as the former Oatley Bowling Club site. Both Lot 100 and 106 DP1252069 are currently part of Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve.

Following community consultation and then unanimous approval at the Council meeting held on Monday 28 February 2022, the name "Arthur Hardiman Reserve" for Lots 100 and 106 of DP 1252069 was submitted to the NSW Geographical Names Board for review and gazettal.

The NSW Geographical Names Board has resolved to extend the advertising period for Arthur Hardiman Reserve and to advertise the amended extent for Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve for public comment. The advertising period for Arthur Hardiman Reserve has been extended until 22 August 2022. The advertising period for Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve is scheduled for 22 July to 22 August 2022.

**d. What are the applicable lot numbers and deposited plan numbers recorded by the Geographical Names Board for Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve?**

- 35 River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lot 100 DP 1252069)
- 35A River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lot 106 DP 1252069)
- 40 River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 101-105 DP 1252069)
- 40 River Road OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 1-2, 8-10, 16-20 Section 4 DP 7124)
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- 38 Mimosa St OATLEY NSW 2223 (Lots 1-2 Section 26 DP 7124)

- e. **According to Geographical Names Board records, what is the name currently recorded for the lot number or numbers applicable to the former Oatley Bowling Club site?**

According to NSW Geographical Names Board records, Lot 100 DP1252069 is known locally as the former Oatley Bowling Club site. Both Lot 100 and 106 DP1252069 are currently part of Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve.

- f. **When was the land upon which the Oatley Bowling Club site was located dedicated to the public?**

The land upon which the Oatley Bowling Club site is located was dedicated to the public in the 1940s.

The new Plan of Management (PoM) was required to provide direction for the Council in managing the former Oatley Bowling Club site and adjacent closed road in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act). This PoM satisfies Council's obligations for management of community land provisions of the LG Act with respect to the subject land.

This PoM categorises the Oatley Bowling Club site (Lot 100 in DP1252069) as 'Park' and categorises the closed road (Lot 106 in DP.1252069) as 'Natural Area' with a sub-category of 'Bushland'. It should be noted that the categorisation of Lot 106 under the LG Act will remain as "Natural Area – Bushland".

The PoM reconfirms the values the community holds for the overall parcel of Community Land and ensure protection of those values in future management decisions. It addresses current recreational uses, demands and trends as well as anticipated future uses and other pressures on the land. It also considers the land's historic and scenic values along with its presentation and visual appeal, as well as leasehold or commercial activities and special events. The PoM informs Council in the allocation and prioritisation of resources for the community land in the context of other Council commitments.

A new PoM was required to provide direction for the Council in managing the former Oatley Bowling Club site and adjacent closed road in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act). This PoM satisfies Council's obligations for management of community land provisions of the LG Act with respect to the subject land.

- g. **Under what circumstances does Council's Place Naming Policy permit a request to rename a reserve or other geographical feature?**

Section 5 of the Georges River Place Naming Policy allows renaming in circumstances where the name would cause a safety issue or confusion. Council's intention to assign a new name to Lot 100 and Lot 106 DP 1252069 is to ensure clear wayfinding in the area, especially for emergency and essential service response. Council is obliged to ensure that first responders clearly understand where to go should an incident occur.

Section 1 of the Georges River Council Place Naming Policy stipulates a consistent naming convention for Council assets to provide the following benefits for the community:

- a) *efficient response to emergency situations by emergency services and other public services;*
- b) *clear wayfinding for the public when moving around the Georges River Local Government Area;*
- c) *improved commercial activities by assisting efficient delivery of goods and services; and*
- d) *recognition of the history and culture of Georges River.*

**h. Under what circumstances does the Geographical Names Board's Place Naming Policy permit a request to rename a reserve or other geographical feature?**

The NSW Geographical Names Board outlines the following policy requirements:

Section 4 describes the purpose of place names:

*“Clear and unambiguous place names are essential for emergency services, postal and service delivery as well as professional and personal navigation.”*

Section 9 allows names to be changed if the change is in the public interest or for safety reasons. Council's intention to assign a new name to Lot 100 and Lot 106 DP 1252069 only is consistent with the Geographical Names Board Policy as it is to ensure clear wayfinding in the area, especially for emergency and essential service response. Council is obliged to ensure that first responders clearly understand where to go should an incident occur.

The proposal to assign a new name to Lot 100 and Lot 106 DP 1252069 is not replacing the name of Myles Dunphy Reserve. The proposal is to assign a new name only to the land which is subject to the Former Oatley Bowling Club and Closed Road Plan of Management. The proposal will remove Lot 100 and Lot 106 DP 1252069 from Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve.

The NSW Geographical Names Board has provided policy advice to Council previously regarding an analogous situation: the establishment of a wetlands within an existing reserve. In that example, the land related to the wetlands would require its own geographic name, separate to the land related to the existing and enduring reserve name.

#### 9.2 Selection of names

*The changing of long-established place names is to be avoided except where necessary to avoid ambiguity or duplication.*

#### 9.3 Changing names

*Where names have been changed or corrupted by long established local usage, it is not usually advisable to attempt to restore the original. Changes are discouraged unless the change has been deemed to be in the public interest or for safety reasons. Changing well established names can lead to address or location confusion, especially to electronic navigation services.*

#### 9.11 Renaming of reserves

*Names chosen for reserves are expected to be enduring, and the renaming of these features is confusing and disruptive and is discouraged. If the renaming of a reserve is proposed, evidence of community support for the name change must be provided. The NSW Geographical Names Board will then evaluate the merits of the proposal before making a decision.*

**i. Can the Acting General Manager publish a copy of Council's submission to the Geographical Names Board concerning the renaming of the former Oatley Bowling Club site?**

The submission provides information to the Board about the location of the geographical feature, the subject of the naming, and evidence of Council endorsement including community support.

The Geographical Names Board accepted Council's request for the renaming of the two lots and has commenced community consultation.

Council has requested that the Geographical Names Board extend the advertisement of the proposal for public comment, and make available additional material that was submitted with the proposal, including:

- *Excerpt from “Kogarah Volunteer Heroes” related to Arthur Hardiman*
- *Arthur Hardiman War Service Record*
- *Former Oatley Bowling Club Site and Closed Road Plan of Management*
- *Former Oatley Bowling Club Site and Closed Road Master Plan*
- *Council endorsement of Former Oatley Bowling Club Site and Closed Road Plan of Management and Master Plan*
- *Council endorsement of Arthur Hardiman Reserve place naming proposals*
- *Council endorsement of community feedback about Arthur Hardiman Reserve place naming proposal and submission to the Geographical Names Board*

The Board resolved to extend the advertising period for Arthur Hardiman Reserve and to advertise the amended extent for Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve for public comment. The advertising period for Arthur Hardiman Reserve has been extended until 22 August 2022. The advertising period for Myles Dunphy Bushland Reserve is scheduled for 22 July to 22 August 2022.

**Item:** QWN034-22 "Glenlee" 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno  
**Author:** Councillor Mahoney  
**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager  
**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

QWN034-22

## COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. What is the expected timeframe for the publication of the report as resolved by Council on 25th October 2021 (CCL077-21 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2021), namely:  
*"(f) That the General Manager investigate, analyse and model the purchase of Glenlee through development contributions, other external and internal funding sources and submit a separate report to Council"?*
2. Has Mark Coure MP, Anthony Roberts MP or a representative of the NSW Government provided a response to Council following its resolution NM047-22 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, namely:

*"Further, that Council now calls on Mark Coure MP, Member for Oatley, to:*

- (i) approach Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, to ascertain what programs are now currently available for the purchase of Glenlee for open space and/or as a community hub, and*
- (ii) facilitate discussions between Council officers and staff from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, for the purpose of acquiring Glenlee by the NSW Government, so that it is incorporated into the Georges River National Park. As a consequence of that, the auspicious National Parks and Wildlife Service will be entrusted with the safe stewardship of this unique property and its environmental, historical and cultural attributes into the future."*

## OFFICER RESPONSE

1. As outlined in the officer response to the 28 February 2022 (QWN002-22) and 28 March 2022 Council meeting (QWN015-22), it is anticipated that the technical report will be submitted to Council in the second half of 2022.

This timeframe was developed in consideration of the urgency and cannot be expedited any further without compromising legislated procurement processes and the quality of the Georges River Open Space Expansion and Acquisition Plan.

Prior to submission of any technical report, the Georges River Open Space Expansion and Acquisition Plan is required to be completed.

This Plan will provide Council with data/evidence on locations throughout the local government area where there is an existing shortfall of open space and those areas that will experience higher densities of development and population growth requiring increased provision of open space in the future.

This information will allow officers to determine if Lugarno will experience a shortfall of open space in the future and whether the Glenlee site could therefore be eligible for inclusion (under legislation) within a local contributions plan.

2. To date, in relation to NM047-22, a response to Council's letter dated 7 June 2022 (e-mailed 9 June) has not been received. However, the Member for Oatley verbally advised the Acting General Manager on 24 June 2022 that he will again write to the Hon. James Griffin MP – Minister for Environment and Heritage regarding the purchasing of the site to be incorporated into the Georges River National Park.

**Item:** QWN035-22 Stormwater, Infrastructure and Drainage Issues in Princes Street, Mortdale

**Author:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

QWN035-22

### COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can the Director of Assets and Infrastructure please provide an update on the status of Council investigations into the storm water, infrastructure and drainage issues in Princes Street, Mortdale, which were raised by Mr James Farrow and Mr Dennis Cuneen, residents of Princes Street, in their submissions to public forum at the June 2022 Council meeting.

### OFFICER RESPONSE

On the 11 July 2022, Council completed investigative works on the section of stormwater pipe located between Park Street and Princes Street, Mortdale running through properties located at 23, 25 and 27 Park Street and including the road reserve. The works included internal inspection and camera footage via closed circuit television and a detailed condition assessment of the existing section of pipe.

The investigation identified defects associated with the structure and flow of a 25-metre (approximately) section of the existing stormwater pipe, located within the property boundaries of 23 and 25 Princes Street, Mortdale.

The corrective actions required to rectify the defects identified as part of this investigation include the relining of the 25-metre section of pipe that will improve structure and flow, while increasing its useful life and serviceability.

The cost of relining the section of pipe is estimated at \$20,000.

Due to the high number of flood investigations relating to recent rain events in this vicinity, a further investigation of the wider catchment involving 2km of stormwater network spanning Pacific Avenue, McCraes Reserve through to Renown Park will be undertaken by Council in 2022/23. Works identified as part of this investigation will be prioritised as part of Council's future Stormwater Critical Asset Renewal Capital Program.

**Item:** QWN036-22 RecycleSmart Program

**Author:** Councillor Borg

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

### **COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

What is Council's current strategy around recycling soft plastics? Is Council in a position to enter into an agreement with Recycle Smart to provide a soft plastic recycling service?

### **OFFICER RESPONSE**

Council's current waste collection and processing contracts do not cater for the collection of soft plastics at this time as the demand for the service is not practically/financially viable for them to pursue due to:

- the lack of volume of soft plastics generated by the community, and
- there is a limited market to recycle or reuse soft plastics waste streams.

Further, there are other suitable market alternatives to Council bulk collection via Coles and Woolworths to meet current demand. Residents are also encouraged to make use of Council's A - Z RECYCLING GUIDE [Georges River Council - Waste \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.georgesrivercouncil.nsw.gov.au/waste) to find suitable options for the recycling/reuse of a broad range of items.

In May 2021 Council adopted the Waste Strategy 2021-2040 which outlines Council's commitment to reducing waste to landfill and increasing resource recovery and sustainable waste management practices. The Waste Strategy was informed through a comprehensive community engagement and consultation process. It outlines key actions for Council to implement and deliver sustainable future waste services however there are no recommendations relating to soft plastics. Therefore, Council's future waste management initiatives are focused on implementing the Waste Strategy recommendations, which prioritise improved management of the largest volumes of waste for the maximum benefit to the community.

RecycleSmart is only one such organisation that offers soft plastic recycling services and should there be a future need to collect and process this item of the waste stream, Council would need to follow the Procurement Policy and seek tenders for such services.