

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 28 November 2022

7.00pm

Dragon Room

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets, Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, 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 and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting General Manager - David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Acting Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Acting Director Legal Services - Sue Weatherley, Acting Manager, Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Acting Manager City Life - Thomas Koruth (online), Manager Environment, Health and Regulatory Services – Andrew Spooner, Manager Premium Facilities - Luke Coleman (online), Manager City Technical Services - Tom Heath (online), Acting Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services – Justin Yeomans (online), Acting Manager Community and Early Learning Services - Kylie Downing (online), Manager, Strategic Placemaking - Hayley Barnes (online), Coordinator Sustainability and Waste - Elyse Ballesty, Acting Co ordinator Community Capacity Building (online), Acting Head of Corporate Governance and Risk – Jennifer Anderson (online), Coordinator Communications and Engagement – Catherine James (online), Executive Services Officer - Marina Cavar (Minutes), Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Acting Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott (online), Acting Head of Technology - Garuthman De Silva and Acting Team Leader – Earl Santos.

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

Dr George Foster from Southern Sydney Synagogue Hurstville, offered a prayer to the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor, Councillor Katris acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Mayor, Councillor Katris acknowledged the brave Australians who have served and those who have died as a result of war.

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye,
steady and aglow; they were staunch to the end against odds uncounted.
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

Lest We Forget.

OATH / AFFIRMATION OF COUNCILLOR

An Oath of Office was taken in accordance with Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 by Councillor Veronica Ficarra.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend the meeting via audio visual link.

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 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in the item **CCL108-22 ASS036-22 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting 1st November 2022** for the reason that he is acquainted with one of the non-voting members of the Local Traffic Committee as the member was a former work colleague. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Ficarra declared a Pecuniary interest in the item **CCL116-22 Georges River Aquatic Facility - Carss Park Site Assessment Review** for the reason of her employment. As this is a Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Ficarra will leave the meeting and not vote on this item.

Councillor Borg declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in the item **CCL-106-22 - Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 14 November 2022 (ENV034-22 Beverly Hills Master Plan - Consideration of Options)** for the reason that a family member is a registered speaker on this item. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting.

Councillor Smerdely declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in the item **QWN042-22 Traffic Study – Mater Dei School** Blakehurst for the reason that Catholic Schools NSW is a client of my business. As this is a Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure. Councillor Smerdely will leave the meeting.

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **MM035-22 The Georges River Combined Councils' Committee** for the reason the residents mentioned in this minute are friends and associates of mine. As this is a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary disclosure, Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Report No	Report Title
1	Bob Jones	CCL106-22 (ENV034-22)	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee held on 14 November 2022 (Beverly Hills Master Plan - Consideration of Options)
2	Chris Shannon (Representing Gavin Sharp)	CCL106-22 (ENV034-22)	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee held on 14 November 2022 (Beverly Hills Master Plan - Consideration of Options)
3	Alan Heighway	CCL 109-22	Harmonised Library opening hours
4	Ilknur Bayari	CCL116-22	Georges River Aquatic Facility - Carss Park Site Assessment Review
5	Karina McDougall	NM097-22 CCL109-22 (COM045-22)	Revitalising Council's Branch Libraries Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting
6	Michelle Ford	CCL116-22	Georges River Aquatic Facility - Carss Park Site Assessment Review
7	Cara Hickman	CCL106-22 (ENV034-22)	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee held on 14 November 2022 (Beverly Hills Master Plan - Consideration of Options)
8	Barbara Arambatzis	NM097-22	Revitalising Council Branch Libraries
9	Brian Russell	QWN042-22	Traffic Study – Mater Dei School Blakehurst

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL105-22 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 October 2022

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Mahoney

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 October 2022 be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM032-22 Condolence - Howard Wallace former Hurstville Council General Manager

(The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That tonight in recognising Howard's enormous contribution to our community, we offer our sincerest condolences to his wife Robyn and family.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM033-22 Oatley West Learning Centre rated "Exceeding Quality Standards"

(The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council acknowledge and congratulate the Oatley West Early Learning Centre team; and
- (b) That the 'Exceeding National Quality Standards' rating be included in all promotional collateral for Oatley West Early Learning Centre.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM034-22 NO Domestic Violence Walk

(The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That Georges River Council continues to advocate for the elimination of domestic violence in our community and to support those impacted by domestic violence.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM035-22 The Georges River Combined Councils' Committee

(The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

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

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That Council thanks the Georges River Combined Councils' Committee for its ongoing commitment to the environment.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM036-22 Diverse and Affordable Housing

(The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

- (a) That the General Manager prepare report on landholdings and identify a site where Council could partner with a community housing provider for the delivery of affordable housing.
- (b) That Council endorse the November 2022 minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee to develop an affordable housing contributions scheme for the local government area to increase the amount of affordable housing in our local area.
- (c) That Council work with Resilient Sydney to jointly advocate to the Federal and State Governments to establish effective evidence-based policies and programs for the delivery of affordable housing.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Smerdely left the meeting at 8.06pm.

MM037-22 National Asbestos Awareness Month

(The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That Council note the ongoing commitment in promoting Asbestos Awareness Month and the involvement in this year's Campaign.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONDOLENCES

There were no condolences.

PROCEDURAL MOTION**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Elmir

That, in accordance with Clause 8.5 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;

- **CCL116-22** Georges River Aquatic Facility - Carss Park Site Assessment Review
- **CCL109-22 / COM045-22** Harmonised Library Opening Hours
- **NM097-22** Revitalising Council's Branch Libraries

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Smerdely returned to the meeting at 8.16pm.

CCL116-22 Georges River Aquatic Facility - Carss Park Site Assessment Review
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

Note: Councillor Ficarra disclosed a Pecuniary interest in this item and she left the meeting at 8.08pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council notes and receives the findings and recommendations of the Georges River Aquatic Facility-Carss Park Site Assessment Review.
- (b) That Council notes Carss Park is a feasible option as identified in the Georges River Aquatic Facility- Carss Park Site Assessment Review and endorses the inclusion of Carss Park-Option 1: Local Scale Development (Aquatic Facility) in the future Capital Works Plan.
- (c) That Council resolves to build the LGA's third aquatic centre on the existing site of the Kogarah War Memorial Pool and that Council endorses the immediate commencement of DA2020/0405 including the demolition of the existing pool and ancillary structures, remediation of contaminated land, earthworks and associated landscaping works.
- (d) That Council acknowledges its statutory obligations pursuant to Section 8A and 8B of the NSW Local Government Act 1993 on the management of lands and other assets and the principles of sound financial management.
- (e) That Council resolve to allocate expenditure from the Merger Initiatives Reserve of \$320,000 in the 2022/23 Budget in order to commence;
 - (i) a new Plan of Management and Master Plan for Carss Bush Park and Todd Park which identifies the location of the third aquatic facility on the current site.
 - (ii) to prepare a business case and seek funding for the preliminary work and construction of a Local Aquatic Facility at Carss Park, including the appointment of a project manager.
- (f) That Council immediately begin the process of seeking funding from the various State and Federal Government bodies in the form of grants or any other form of financial assistance in order to fund the LGA's third aquatic centre.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillors Ambihaipahar, Borg, Elmir, Jamieson, Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry, Liu, Mahoney, Mort, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos Symington and Wang (Unanimous)

Note: Councillor Ficarra returned to the meeting at 8.23pm.

COM045-22 Harmonised Library Opening Hours
 (Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Liu and Councillor Elmir

- (a) Council approve the harmonised library hours for Hurstville, Clive James and Penshurst as outlined in this report and increase proposed hours of South Hurstville and Oatley Library from 10am-6pm Monday to Friday.
- (b) That the General Manager prepare a report for Council on the three branch libraries outlining the following:
 - i. options for increasing the utilization and visitation of our branch libraries and after hours access through the integration of technology and floor plan upgrades; and
 - ii. options to increase service provision of each location with addition to customer service, extra community programmes and hiring of spaces for community use

AMENDMENT: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Mort

That Council approve the proposed library opening hours for the District Libraries at Kogarah and Hurstville, and the branch library at Penshurst, as outlined in this report. The branch libraries at Oatley and South Hurstville shall be open Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm, and Sat 10am - 1pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillors Ambihaipahar, Borg, Elmir, Ficarra, Jamieson, Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry, Liu, Mahoney, Mort, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos Symington and Wang (Unanimous)

COM045-22 Harmonised Library Opening Hours
 (Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Mort

That Council approve the proposed library opening hours for the District Libraries at Kogarah and Hurstville, and the branch library at Penshurst, as outlined in this report. The branch libraries at Oatley and South Hurstville shall be open Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm, and Sat 10am - 1pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillors Ambihaipahar, Borg, Elmir, Ficarra, Jamieson, Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry, Liu, Mahoney, Mort, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos Symington and Wang (Unanimous)

NM097-22 Revitalising Council's Branch Libraries.
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Elmir

That Council conduct a feasibility study on how to increase visitation to the existing branch libraries at Oatley, Penshurst and South Hurstville by transforming and revitalising these spaces so that they are more flexible for programming, community use and self-service pick up points. The study should include opportunities for optimal programming provision including the proposed promotion of library programs, potential design, and layout options as well as the associated costs.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Note: Councillor Smerdely left the meeting at 9.09pm.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos left the meeting at 9.10pm.

CCL106-22 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14 November 2022
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Mahoney
That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for Items ENV033-22 to ENV038-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

ENV033-22 NSW Local Government Heritage Grant Application 2023-25.
(Report by Strategic Planner)

That Council receive and note the contents of the report for information.

ENV034-22 Beverly Hills Master Plan - Consideration of Options
(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

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

That Council receives and notes the comprehensive report provided by the Council Officers regarding the matter of the Beverly Hills Master Plan.

Council resolves the following:

- (i) The matter is to be deferred to a workshop of all Councillors so that they can seek further clarification and express their opinions regarding all matters contained in this report.

- (ii) Council reaffirms its previous resolutions that any further Master Plan for the Beverly Hills centre must not incorporate any form of compulsory acquisition of private property.
- (iii) Further to this, that the Green Corridor and Public Link proposed in Option 3 are not incorporated in a future master plan for the Centre.

ENV035-22 Georges River Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme 2022
(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

- (a) That Council resolve to prepare an Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme for the Georges River Local Government Area.
- (b) That Council resolve to amend the Georges River Policy on Planning Agreements to comply with the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning Agreements) Direction 2019 issued 28 February 2019 by the Minister for Planning.
- (c) That Council advise the Department of Planning and Environment of its intention to prepare an Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme for the Georges River Local Government Area.

ENV036-22 Adoption of Generic Plans of Management
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council adopt the exhibited Generic Parks, Generic Sportsgrounds, Generic Natural Areas and Generic General Community Use Plans of Management with minor amendments in accordance with section 40 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and section 3.23(6) of the *NSW Crown Land Management Act 2016*.
- (b) That Council authorise the Acting General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Generic Parks, Generic Sportsgrounds, Generic Natural Areas and Generic General Community Use Plans of Management.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the Generic Parks, Generic Sportsgrounds, Generic Natural Areas and Generic General Community Use Plans of Management be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the adopted Generic Parks, Generic Sportsgrounds, Generic Natural Areas and Generic General Community Use Plans of Management be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment – NSW Crown Lands for information.
- (e) That the adopted Generic Parks, Generic Sportsgrounds, Generic Natural Areas and Generic General Community Use Plans of Management be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.
- (f) That Council not proceed with undertaking any detailed site environmental and recreational feasibility studies to determine if Oatley Park should be pursued for any new off-road bike facilities, "given the severe threats which those facilities would present to the environment".

ENV037-22 Adoption of Penshurst Park Plan of Management
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council adopt the exhibited Penshurst Park Plan of Management with amendments in accordance with section 40 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with section 3.23(6) of the *NSW Crown Land Management Act 2016*.
- (b) That Council authorise the Acting General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Penshurst Park Plan of Management.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the Penshurst Park Plan of Management be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the adopted Penshurst Park Plan of Management be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment – NSW Crown Lands for information.
- (e) That the adopted Penshurst Park Plan of Management be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.
- (f) That prior to a development application being lodged for the fence and ticket box under Action 1.10 of the Plan of Management, the design of the fence, including height, materials, location etc, is to be the subject of a report to Council for its approval and endorsement.

ENV038-22 Development and Building Department Functions and Services Metrics Report - Q1 2022/23
(Report by Manager Development and Building)

That Council receive and note the Development and Building Department Functions and Services Metrics Report for the reporting period being July 2022 – September 2022.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Elmir left the meeting at 9.11pm.

CCL107-22 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 14 November 2022
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Jamieson

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for Items FIN052-22 to FIN055-22, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

FIN052-22 Investment Report as at 30 September 2022
(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 30 September 2022 be received and noted by Council.

FIN053-22 Quarterly Budget Review Report for Period Ended 30 September 2022
(Report by Business Performance Accountant)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the

Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 30 September 2022.

- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2022/23 Budget as outlined in Attachment 1.

FIN054-22 Amendments to 2022/23 Fees and Charges

(Report by Business Performance Accountant)

- (a) That the following 2022/23 Fees & Charges be amended:
- i. Impounded Animal Daily Boarding Charge – Dogs - \$92 per day (+ GST)
 - ii. Impounded Animal Daily Boarding Charge – Cats – \$34 per day (+ GST)
 - iii. Impounded Animal Daily Boarding Charge – Small Animals - \$34 per day (+ GST)
 - iv. Impounded Animal Veterinary Treatment Charge – At Invoiced cost
- (b) That the following fees be added into the 2022/23 schedule of Fees & Charges:
- i. Impounded Animal Transport Charge – Strathfield – \$160 (+ GST)
 - ii. Impounded Animal Transport Charge – Austral – \$260 (+ GST)
 - iii. After Hours Emergency Animal Transport Charge - Rosebery - \$200 (+ GST)
 - iv. Animal Intake Administration Fee \$50 (+ GST)
- (c) That the above fees and charges are placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- (d) That a further report be presented to Council at end of exhibition period.

FIN055-22 Auditor General - Audit Procurement Management in Local Government

(Report by A/Director Legal Services)

That the report on the Audit undertaken by the NSW Auditor-General on the Procurement Management in Local Government be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL108-22 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 14 November 2022

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Konjarski

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for Items ASS036-22 and ASS037-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

ASS036-22 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting 01 November 2022

(Report by Senior Asset Engineer - Traffic and Transport)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item. That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 01 November 2022 be adopted by Council.

ASS037-22 Hurstville Golf Club Memorandum of Understanding

(Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

- (a) That Council receive and note the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The Hurstville Golf Club and Council.
- (b) That Council authorise the Acting General Manager to execute the MOU on behalf of Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL109-22 Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 14 November 2022

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Konjarski

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for Item COM046-22 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

COM046-22 Interactions with Children and Young People Policy

(Report by Child Protection and Youth Services Officer)

That Council endorse the Interactions with Children and Young People Policy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COM045-22 Harmonised Library Opening Hours

(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Mort

That Council approve the proposed library opening hours for the District Libraries at Kogarah and Hurstville, and the branch library at Penshurst, as outlined in this report. The branch libraries at Oatley and South Hurstville shall be open Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm, and Sat 10am - 1pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Councillors Ambihaipahar, Borg, Elmir, Ficarra, Jamieson, Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry, Liu, Mahoney, Mort, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos Symington and Wang (Unanimous)

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL110-22 Draft Georges River Council Annual Report 2021/22 (Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That the Georges River Council Draft Annual Report 2020/21 be approved and forwarded to the Minister of Local Government and an electronic version published on the Council Website.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager be delegated authority to undertake any necessary minor administrative or editorial changes to the Georges River Council Draft Annual Report 2021/22.
- (c) That the Council receive and note the status of the audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL111-22 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - November 2022. (Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Symington

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

- (a) Application submitted by Councillor Mort on behalf of Hurstville Croquet Club in the amount of \$996.38.
- (b) Application submitted by Councillor Mort on behalf of St George Men's Shed in the amount of \$500.00.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL112-22 Adoption of Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (2022). (Report by Research and Projects Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris and Councillor Borg

That Council adopt the Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (2022) as attached to this report with amendments as advised to Clause 6.2 and Clause 9.7:

6.20. Light refreshments (hot or cold) will be provided to councillors prior to committee meetings and councillor briefings for councillors attending in-person.

9.7. Copyright and exclusive use of the professional photos remains with council for duration of the council term. Although the use of photographs by Councillors may be approved by the General Manager in consultation with the Mayor.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Liu left the meeting at 9.17pm.

CCL113-22 Confirmation of Georges River Council Organisation Structure 2022
(Report by Acting General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council re-determine Georges River Council's organisational structure as detailed in this report.
- (b) That Council notes the following senior staff positions are removed from the proposed Council Structure
 - i. Director Legal Services General Counsel
 - ii. Director City Strategy and Innovation.
- (c) That Council confirms that the proposed four directorate structure will provide the appropriate level of senior staff and span of control.
- (d) That Council notes that four directorates will be led by a Director responsible for the functions and relevant reporting lines within that directorate.
- (e) That Council notes that the functions previously residing within the City Strategy and Innovation Directorate will be absorbed within the remaining four directorates and Office of the General Manager.
- (f) That Council notes that the proposed Council structure results in minimal disruption to Council staff and the services that they provide to our community, as changes are reporting line and team composition based.
- (g) That Council notes the forecast savings associated with the proposed structure.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL114-22 Report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 30 September 2022)
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Jamieson

That the report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 30 September 2022) be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CCL115-22 T21/022 Gannons Park Stormwater Treatment Construction
(Report by Team Leader Procurement and Contracts)

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Konjarski

- (a) In accordance with Section 178 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

(NSW), Council accepts the Tender from Optimal Stormwater Pty Ltd for T21/022 Gannons Park Stage 4 Stormwater Treatment Construction for the contract price of \$379,250 (excluding GST).

- (b) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to execute 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

CCL116-22 Georges River Aquatic Facility - Carss Park Site Assessment Review
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

The item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

Note: Councillors Liu and Smerdely returned to the meeting at 9.20pm

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM094-22 EveryAGE Counts
(Report by Councillor Mort)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort and The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That Council join EveryAGE Counts as a Coalition Member Organisation and take the pledge to raise awareness of the impacts of ageism.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM095-22 CCTV cameras in Mortdale
(Report by Councillor Smerdely)

RESOLVED: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Jamieson

That the Georges River Council investigate the feasibility and suitability for CCTV cameras to be installed in Mortdale, Narwee and Penshurst shopping areas.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM096-22 2023 - 2024 Stronger Together Major Festival Local Council Grants Program
(Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Symington

- (a) That Council receive and note grant funding of \$240,000 received from the NSW Government to contribute towards the In Good Taste Festival featuring Lunar New Year for the next two years.
- (b) That Council thank the Minister for Multiculturalism, The Hon, Mark Coure and the Minister

for Local Government, The Hon. Wendy Tuckerman for their support to Council with the partnership grant.

- (c) That Council congratulate Council officers involved in the preparation of the successful submission for the grant funding.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM097-22 Revitalising Council's Branch Libraries. (Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry)

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

Note: Councillors Elmir and Stratikopoulos returned to the meeting at 9.31pm

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN042-22 Traffic Study - Mater Dei School Blakehurst (Report by Councillor Mort)

Note: Councillor Smerdely disclosed a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item. He left the meeting at 9.31pm.

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

Note: Councillor Smerdely returned to the meeting at 9.33pm

CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS IN CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Landsberry

At this stage of the meeting being 9.33pm the Mayor, Councillor Katris 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:

CCL061A-22 Legal Costs Settlement (Report by A/Director Legal 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) (b) (g) it is considered the matter contains information concerning the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer; AND contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

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 contains information concerning the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer; AND contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

CCL062A-22 Georges River Waste Services and Contracts

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory 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.

These matters 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, contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed reveal a trade secret and deals with personal hardship or ratepayer; AND contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

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 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: The meeting moved into closed confidential at 9.35pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CCL061A-22 Legal Costs Settlement

(Report by A/Director Legal Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Borg

- (a) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to negotiate a settlement to the legal and court costs as discussed in this report and the amount shall be no less than is stated in

this report.

- (b) That the Acting General Manager be authorised to negotiate the terms of any required deed to settle this matter.
- (c) That the Church provide Council with recent or current financial statements.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL062A-22 Georges River Waste Services and Contracts

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney and The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council note the update on the preparation of the waste contract for Georges River Council.
- (b) That Council note options for the inclusion of an Expanded Polystyrene collection service, Food Organics Garden Organics Collection Services, advanced asset management technology and sustainable fleet options in the upcoming waste tender.
- (c) That a further report be provided to Council in early 2023 with an update on the outcomes of the waste tender and recommendations for preferred services and contractor.
- (d) That Council note the implementation of the bin audit and rates reconciliation project.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PROCEDURAL MOTION

OPEN COUNCIL

RESOLVED: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Jamieson

That the meeting revert to Open Council

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Council returned to Open Session at 10.11pm.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Konjarski

That the recommendations of the Closed Session in relation to **CCL061A-22 Legal Costs Settlement** and **CCL062A-22 Georges River Waste Services and Contracts** be received and noted as resolutions of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 10.15pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Katris', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chairperson

Mayor, Councillor Nick Katris

Minutes confirmed at the Ordinary Council meeting on 19 December 2022 (CCL117-22)