

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 23 October 2023

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.

ORDINARY MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPENING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges 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.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: CCL088-23 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 September 2023

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

CCL088-23

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 September 2023 be adopted.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/249015

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MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 25 September 2023

7.00pm

Dragon Room

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets, Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Lou Konjarski, 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

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Meryl Bishop, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Executive Services Officer – Neil Treadwell, Acting Coordinator Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Acting Team Leader Technology Services Officer - Mark Tadros.

OPENING

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir 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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

PRAYER

The Opening Prayer which tonight will be led by a Buddhist representative from the St George Womens Interfaith Network.

Note: Councillor Katris joined the meeting 7.05pm.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir 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

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL085-23 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy**, for the reason that his son plays with the Kogarah Cougars JRLFC. Councillor Elmir will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Ficarra disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL087-23 Memorandum of Understanding - Turf Wicket Utilisation**, for the reason that Kevin Greene, a Patron of the St George District Cricket Club, and I were candidates in the same group at the 2021 Local Government election. Councillor Ficarra will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL085-23 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy**, for the reason that he serves on the committee of the Greek Orthodox Church of Kogarah. Councillor Stratikopoulos will not be present during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Katris disclosed a Pecuniary interest in item **CCL085-23 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy**, for the reason that a grant has been proposed by a Councillor on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Parish and Community and my office provides Architectural Consultancy work every now and again. Councillor Katris will not be present during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Jamieson disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **NM052-23 Name of Item**, for the reason that Deborah Mackie was on my number ticket in the last council election and is speaking on the motion tonight. Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Report No	Report Title
1	Tania Katsanis	CCL080-23 / ENV033-23	Companion Animal Identification and De - sexing Program
2	Matthew Allison	NM055-23	Cessation of Use of Second Generation Anticoagulant rodenticides
3	Susan Ghosh	NM054-23	Establishment of Bushcare Group in Georges River
4	Jennifer Parry	ASS025-23	Beverly Hills Commuter Carpark
5	David Boettiger	NM052-23	Issue with Private Certifiers
6	Maree Derwent	CCL084-23	Proposed Motions to Local Government Conference - 2 & 3
7	Deborah Mackie	NM052-23	Issue with Private Certifiers
8	Matthew Montgomery	ENV030-23	Exhibition of Draft Plan of Management and Master Plan for Donnelly Park
9	Annabela Lima	ENV030-23	Exhibition of Draft Plan of Management and Master Plan for Donnelly Park
10	Sonia Rita Baxant	NM055-23	Cessation of Use of Second Generation Anticoagulant rodenticides
11	Adrian Polhill	QWN030-23	FOGO
12	Ethan Montgomery	ENV030-23	Exhibition of Draft Plan of Management and Master Plan for Donnelly Park
13	Alison Furey	NM052-23	Issue with Private Certifiers

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**CCL079-23 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 August 2023**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Stratikopoulos Councillor Borg

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2023 be adopted.

Record of voting:For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONDOLENCES

Councillor Wang expressed condolences for John Kelly.

It's hard not to know and like John Kelly if you pass by Hurstville train station from time to time. The busker, guitarist, singer regularly performed at the bottom of the escalators outside the Westpac Bank on Forest Road, Hurstville. Mr Kelly was a resident of Penshurst and passed away at age 80 in St George Hospital on 7 August 2023.

Councillor Mort expressed condolences for Mary Archer.

I wish to make a condolence motion for one of our great community servants - Mary Archer - who passed away after a long illness on September 17 at the age of 85.

Mary was a Life Member of the North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club and the Carinya RSL Day Club - established to assist return service men and women with day excursions and functions. She was introduced to the Day Club 38 years ago when she took 8 return service people to the RSL to introduce them around - and never left!

She also served on the committee of the Australian Air League, Riverwood "Hornet" Squadron where she transported and prepared cadets for their parades on weekends. The organisation met in one of the old army huts within the Riverwood Housing Commission area. Consequently most of these cadets came from single parent families so the Squadron became a second home to them and helped to give them some much needed stability and direction.

In addition, she was on the committee of the Waratah Slimmers Club where she was a long-time member and Treasurer of their Padstow branch.

Mary's association with the North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club dates back to 1970 right up to her recent passing. She served on the Committee and for many years occupied the role of Chief Judge.

As a current member of the Swim Club, I can personally vouch for Mary's wonderful service and her personality and character will most definitely be missed each Sunday morning when we swim together.

The Carinya RSL Day Club and the Waratahs Slimmers Club were highly valued by many people who relied on them - and Mary's diligent service - to make their lives more enjoyable.

Mary was rightly awarded an Order of Australia for exceptional community service - and today on behalf of so many people from our local community - I salute you Mary.

You were certainly one of a kind.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos left the meeting at 7.57pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL080-23 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Borg

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for Item ENV030-23 to ENV034-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

ENV030-23 Public Exhibition of Draft Plan of Management and Master Plan for Donnelly Park

(Report by Strategic Planner/Information Management)

- (a) That Council notify the draft Plan of Management and Master Plan to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, as the representative landowner of part of the land under section 39 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to obtain owner's consent prior to public exhibition.
- (b) That Council seek written consent from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to adopt the draft Plan of Management, in accordance with section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.
- (c) That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to make any further amendments to the draft Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan to address any points raised by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors if required.
- (d) That Council endorse the draft Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan for public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days and allow submissions to be received up until 42 days in accordance with section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (e) That Council endorse the proposed changes to the land categorisation and hold a public hearing under section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ENV031-23 Abandoned Shopping Trolley Update

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That Council receive and note the information contained within this report.

ENV032-23 Swimming Pool Compliance Policy and Program - Post Exhibition

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That Council adopt the Swimming Pool Compliance Policy 2023 and Swimming Pool Inspection Program 2023, contained in Attachment 1 and 2 to this report.

ENV033-23 Companion Animal Identification and De - sexing Program

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

- (a) That Council receive and note the information contained in this report.
- (b) That Council endorse consideration of funding the Companion Animal De- sexing Program in the 2024/2025 budget.

ENV034-23 Proposed Planning Proposal for 28 Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay

(Report by Strategic Planner)

- a) That Council acknowledge the Heritage Significance Assessment Report for 28 Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay, prepared by Edwards Heritage Consultants dated July 2023.
- b) That Council forward the Planning Proposal No. 2023/0003 enclosed in **Attachment 1** to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- c) That Council endorse to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the Department of Planning and Environment and the Georges River Council Engagement Strategy.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: Councillor Landsberry left the meeting at 8.00pm

CCL081-23 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Borg

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for Items FIN035-23 to FIN036-23, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

FIN035-23 Investment Report as at 31 July 2023

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 July 2023 be received and noted by Council.

FIN036-23 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 18 May (Confirmed) and 10 August (Unconfirmed) 2023

(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

That:

- (a) The confirmed Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 10 May 2023 be received and noted by Council.
- (b) The unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 10 August 2023 be received and noted by Council.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar,

Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the meeting at 8.01pm

CCL082-23 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for Items ASS023-23 to ASS024-23 and ASS027-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

ASS023-23 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 September 2023

(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 September 2023 be adopted by Council.

ASS024-23 Riverwood Traffic Facilities Upgrade

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

- (a) Council approves grant funding of \$2,836,600 to deliver Traffic Facility Upgrades in the Riverwood Town Centre.
- (b) Council receive and note that the project is multi-year and a budget of \$470,000 be added to the 23/24 Capital Works Budget and \$2,366,000 be added to the 24/25 Capital Works Budget.
- (c) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the funding agreement on behalf of Council.
- (d) The General Manager continue to seek funding opportunities to support a street scape update of the Riverwood Town Centre.

ASS027-23 T23/003 Civil Construction and Ancillary Services

(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

- (a) In accordance with Section 178 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW), Council accepts the Tenders from the Tenderers listed below for T23/003 Construction and Ancillary Services for the contract term of three (3) years with the option to extend for a further one (1) year, plus one (1) year, plus one (1) year, at Councils sole discretion:
 - o Ally Property Services Pty Ltd (ABN 54 094 217 151).
 - o Civeco Pty Ltd (ABN 85 604 338 712)

- o KK Consultants Pty Ltd (ABN 45 096 363 254)
 - o Mack Civil Pty Ltd (ABN 94 163 885 943)
 - o NSW Building and Civil Pty Ltd (ABN 82 630 836 234)
 - o Sam the Paving Man Pty Ltd (ABN 95 050 612 194)
 - o State Civil Pty Ltd (ABN 88 159 352 271)
 - o Stateline Asphalt Pty Ltd (ABN 76 138 667 759)
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Contracts with the preferred Contractors on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

ASS025-23 Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Ficarra

- (a) Council receive and note the progress of the Transport for NSW Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park Project.
- (b) Council receive and note the response from the Minister of Transport, the Hon. Jo Haylen.
- (c) Council receive and note the advocacy work undertaken by Council staff to increase the accessibility of the project.
- (d) That the General Manager refer this matter to the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) by writing to the Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission, Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM, and by lodging an Australian Human Rights Commission Complaint Form via the AHRC website.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

ASS026-23 T23/007 Renown Park Field 2 Reconstruction

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Symington

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)*, Council accepts the Tender from Landscape Solutions Australia Pty Ltd for T23/007 Renown Park Field 2 Reconstruction for the contract sum of \$728,372.24 (excluding GST).
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: Councillor Landsberry returned to the meeting at 8.09pm

CCL083-23 Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Konjarski

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for Item COM027-23 to COM029-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

COM027-23 Place Naming - Hurstville Oval Community Pavilion - Results of Community Consultation

(Report by Coordinator Library Operations)

- (a) That Council notes the outcomes of the community engagement undertaken and assign the name "Blackshaw Gould Community Pavilion" for the new pavilion at Hurstville Oval.
- (b) That the facility, once open, include some history about the persons after whom the facility was named.

COM028-23 Outgoing Sponsorship and Donations Report

(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approves the event sponsorship request of \$10,000 (\$9,480 financial and \$520.00 in-kind value) to support the 'Christmas in Kogarah' event on Saturday 9 December 2023.

COM029-23 Results of Networking and Mentoring Programs for Emerging Creatives

(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

That Council acknowledge the successful outcomes of the Creative Pathways project and the feasibility of providing networking and mentoring opportunities through ongoing programs to

support the development of creative people in the Georges River area.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL084-23 Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Call for Motions
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council review and confirm motions that were received from Councillors for submission to Local Government NSW (LGNSW), at the Council meeting of 28 August 2023.
- (b) That the General Manager lodge all proposed motions with LGNSW by the due date, being 15 October 2023.

MOTION 1 – approved at August 2023 Council Meeting- submitted to LGNSW

Submitted by Councillor Wang:

That LGNSW and all Councils observe the Multicultural Principles in conducting their affairs based on *Multicultural NSW Act 2000* and work with Multicultural NSW to establish the best practice in their administration.

PROPOSED MOTION 2

Submitted by Councillor Mahoney:

That LGNSW requests the NSW Government to conduct a review of the penalties applicable to illegal tree and shrub works, including pruning, removal, poisoning, vandalism and insufficient protection measures on building sites, and introduce higher penalties for the unauthorised destruction of vegetation in environmentally sensitive areas such as riparian zones, areas of high biodiversity value and foreshore protection areas.

PROPOSED MOTION 3

Submitted by Councillor Mahoney:

That LGNSW requests that the NSW Government takes steps to prevent future pollution of the state's waterways through sewerage overflows, including but not limited to the upgrade of the Georges River-Malabar main carrier and the treatment plants within that system

PROPOSED MOTION 4

Submitted by Councillor Mahoney:

That LGNSW requests that the NSW Government amends the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act so that retailers are obliged to collect all abandoned trolleys within three hours of notice being given.

PROPOSED MOTION 5

Submitted by Councillor Jamieson:

That LGNSW petitions the NSW government to review and introduce a Developer Contributions Scheme which is commensurate with the infrastructure needs of the LGA.

PROPOSED MOTION 6

Submitted by Councillor Jamieson:

That LGNSW urges the NSW Government to take steps to improve Private Certification processes, including, but not limited to:

- (a) empowering councils to enable them to act against infringements or other malpractice committed by Private Certifiers, e.g., to issue penalty notices for non-compliance with approvals;
- (b) undertaking discussions with the Department of Customer Service (NSW Fair Trading) regarding developing and piloting a system to deal with complaints by neighbours or other third parties (rather than having to contact the certifier);
- (c) creating an authority to arbitrate on objections to Complying Developments and provides free advice to members of the public to assist them in submission writing.
- (d) mandating the provision of notifying Complying Development Certificate applications to neighbours by letter, and also to the general public through the NSW Planning Portal and council website;
- (e) allowing members of the public 14 days' notice to lodge objections;
- (f) examining whether the allocation of Private Certifiers from an approved list would assist in stamping out malpractice;
- (g) funding councils so that they are adequately equipped to police the actions of private certifiers by way of a development compliance levy as part of the application lodgement process;
- (h) increasing penalties for non-compliance; and
- (i) ensuring that the Departments of Customer Service and Planning and Environment are resourced and empowered to respond promptly and effectively when dealing with breaches by certifiers.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 08:12pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 08:12pm

CCL085-23 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - September 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Borg

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

- (a) CWF 06/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Smerdely on behalf of The Greek Orthodox Parish & Community of Kogarah in the amount of \$2,000.
- (b) CWF 07/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Mort on behalf of Connells Point Physical Culture Club in the amount of \$1,500.
- (c) CWF 08/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Kingsway Community Care Incorporated in the amount of \$1,000.
- (d) CWF 09/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Konjarski on behalf of Georges River Rugby Club in the amount of \$2,000.
- (e) CWF 10/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre Incorporated in the amount of \$1,000.
- (f) CWF 11/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Kingsway Community Care Incorporated in the amount of \$600.
- (g) CWF 12/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Borg on behalf of St Cuthberts Anglican Church in the amount of \$1,000.
- (h) CWF 13/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Elmir Kogarah Cougars Rugby League Football Club in the amount of \$2,000.
- (i) CWF 14/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Konjarski IRT Retirement Village Peakhurst in the amount of \$2,000.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 08:14pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers at 08:14pm

CCL086-23 Unaudited General Purpose Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

(Report by Chief Financial Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council note the improvement in Council's financial results though acknowledge continued efforts are required to achieve a positive operating performance ratio in future years.

- (b) That in accordance with clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act (NSW) 1993* (Act), it is the opinion of Council that:
- i. The Draft General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 have been drawn up in accordance with:
 - a. the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations;
 - b. the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Asset Accounting Manual; and
 - c. the Australian Accounting Standards.
 - ii. The reports present fairly the Council's financial position and operating result for the year.
 - iii. The Statements are in accordance with the Council's accounting and other records.
 - iv. The Council is unaware of anything that would make the financial reports false or misleading in any way.
- (c) That in accordance with clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Section 413(2)(c) of the Act, Council authorises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign Council's General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.
- (d) That in accordance with Section 418(1)(a) of the Act, Council will present Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 at a scheduled Council meeting immediately after receipt of the Auditors Report and public notice in accordance with Section 418(1)(b), 418(2) and (3) of the Act.
- (e) That Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023, together with the Auditor's Reports are placed on public exhibition as per Section 418(4) of the Act and the necessary notice in the required form be published on Council's website and in the local newspapers and any submissions shall be dealt with as per Section 420 of the Act.
- (f) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to authorise the year end accounts for issue immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Report, a copy of the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 to the Office of Local Government, subject to there being no material audit changes or audit issues, in accordance with AASB 110.
- (g) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CCL087-23 Memorandum of Understanding - Turf Wicket Utilisation (Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council receive and note the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in regard to the use of the turf cricket wickets within the Georges River Council Local Government Area, between Council and St George District Cricket Club.
- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to sign the MOU on behalf of Council.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM052-23 Issue with Private Certifiers (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Mahoney

That the General Manager write to the NSW State Government in regard to Private Certifiers and in relation to -

- (a) Ensuring that there is greater response to certifiers who do not act properly by the Department of Fair Trading.
- (b) Determine if allocating certifiers from a list as opposed to developers aligning with certifiers.
- (c) Councils be authorised, via an amendment to legislation, to charge a development fee to assist in funding the compliance services.
- (d) Providing access to drawings to neighbours on the Planning Portal.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

NM053-23 Sporting Legacy for Women and Girls
(Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Mort

- (a) That, following the Federal Government's announcement on 19 August 2023 of one of Australia's biggest comprehensive investments in women's sports with funding and reforms to help more women play sport, Council officers apply for the Federal Government's new \$200 million *Play Our Way* grants program, which is expected to open in early 2024.
- (b) That Council officers promote this grant funding opportunity through Council's communication channels and networks, including the Sports Advisory Committee, so that there is increased awareness of how community organisations can support women and girls to play in sport.
- (c) That the programs and/or facilities supporting women and girls to play sport are clearly identified and allocated accordingly, should Council be successful in obtaining grant funding as part of the *Play Our Way* program.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

NM054-23 Establishment of Bushcare Group in Hurstville Ward
(Report by Councillor Wang)

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang and Councillor Landsberry

That the General Manager compiles a report concerning the feasibility of establishing a Bushcare group in Hurstville Ward, so that volunteers can learn about, and help to protect, the native flora and fauna in Council's parks and reserves.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

NM055-23 Cessation of the Use of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Jamieson

That, due to the adverse side-effects caused to native fauna, the General Manager prepares a report to a future meeting of Council into the possible cessation of the use of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) in or on any Council-owned and Council-managed properties and lands by Council staff and contractors

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

NM056-23 Congratulations to St George Football Club and St George City Youth
(Report by Councillor Konjarski)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Smerdely

- (a) That Council congratulates St George Football Club for having been promoted to the Mens National Premier League, the top tier football league in New South Wales.
- (b) That Council congratulates St George City Youth who were also promoted to the top tier football league for youth football in New South Wales.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN029-23 Certification Campaign
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the Business Paper

QWN030-23 FOGO Scheme
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in the Business Paper

CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS IN CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Liu

At this stage of the meeting being 8.31pm 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 items:

CCL045A-23 Waste Collection Tender Outcome and Comingled Recycling Processing Options

(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) (d(ii)) it is considered the matter commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

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 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:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: The Meeting moved into closed session at 8.33pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CCL045A-23 Waste Collection Tender Outcome and Comingled Recycling Processing Options

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(b) and Section 178(3)(e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*,
 - a. Council declines to accept any of the Tenders received for F22/108 Collection and Associated Waste Management Services and;
 - b. Resolves to enter into negotiations with both Tenderers with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
 - c. In accordance with Section 178(4)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the reason for Council hereby resolving to decline all tenders and not invite fresh tenders is based on Council's current waste contract expiring on 28 September 2024 and the insufficient timeframe available to undertake a new tender process (up to twenty four (24) weeks) and still achieve the required twelve (12) month transition period for the procurement and establishment of a new fleet of collection vehicles.
 - d. In accordance with Section 178(4)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the reason for Council hereby resolving to enter into negotiations with both Tenderers is that a desired outcome is likely to be achieved based on their demonstrated experience, capacity and capability to undertake the services and by negotiating certain departures and/or elements of the submissions.
 - e. That a briefing and report be provided to Council, expected in October 2023, detailing the outcome of the negotiations and recommended waste collection contractor, with the General Manager delegated to execute the contract.
- (b)
 - a. That Council resolves, in accordance with s55(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, that a satisfactory result will not be achieved by inviting tenders for comingled recycling processing services (proposed service) because of the circumstances and unavailability of competitive and reliable tenderers for comingled recycling processing services resulting from:
 - (i) the need for Council to seek a contract for the proposed services due to the inability by Council's current provider of comingled recyclables processing services to further extend the current contract and provide the proposed services for the period specified in the report and the limited market availability of existing comingled recyclables processors; in order to either:
 - align with the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Council's led Comingled Recycling for Sustainable Solutions Project for recyclables processing services on a long-term basis; or
 - allow for the provision of recyclables processing services as part of Council's proposed waste collection contract, which was the subject of a request for tender process; or

- allow for the provision of recyclables processing services under a direct negotiation contract held by Council with the only market provider for the period necessary as determined during negotiations; and
 - (ii) the unavailability of contractors willing to provide competitive tenders for the proposed services due to the nature of the proposed contract, and the limited availability of recyclables processing infrastructure.
- b. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to undertake direct negotiations with the only existing recyclables processor, with a view to entering into a short-term contract (for the period necessary as dictated by the only market provider) for commingled recycling processing services; and/or to execute any contract as may be agreed as a result of Council and/or SSROC negotiations to ensure a contract is in place for the processing of recyclables from February 2024 – September 2024.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

OPEN COUNCIL

RESOLVED: Councillor Smerdely

Council returned to Open Session at 8.34 pm

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: The meeting re-opened at 8.34pm.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Landsberry

That the Committee of the Whole recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to Item **CCL045A-23 Waste Collection Tender Outcome and Comingled Recycling Processing Options** of this meeting be received and noted as a resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.

Record of voting:

For the Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8.36pm

Chairperson

Item: CCL089-23 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 25 September 2023

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

CCL089-23

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 25 September 2023 be adopted.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/259366

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment  1  Unconfirmed Minutes - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 25 September 2023

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Monday, 25 September 2023

6.00pm

Dragon Room

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets, Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

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

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Meryl Bishop, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Acting Coordinator Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Technology Services Officer – Mark Tadros.

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Katris opened the meeting at 6.04pm.

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.

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 5 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.

PUBLIC FORUM

There are no registered speakers for this meeting.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Katris vacated the chair to the Returning Officer, General Manager David Tuxford.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL075-23 Election of Mayor (Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Borg

- (a) That the method of voting be open, by way of show of hands, for the election of the Mayor.
- (b) That letters be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the Chief Executive of LGNSW advising the appointment of the Mayor.

Record of Voting:

For The Motion:

Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Borg, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang.

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertook the election of the Mayor.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that he had received two (2) nominations for the Office of Mayor, as follows:

Councillor Elmir

Nominated by Councillor Smerdely seconded by Councillor Borg

Councillor Elmir accepted the nomination.

Councillor Katris

Nominated by Councillor Ficarra seconded by Councillor Symington

Councillor Katris accepted the nomination.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, called for any other nominations and there were none.

Voting on the election of the Mayor was conducted by show of hands as follows:

Voting for Councillor Elmir:

Councillor Borg, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos.

Note: There were NINE (9) votes FOR.

As a result of the vote, the General Manager declared Councillor Elmir elected to the Office of the Mayor of Georges River Council until September 2024.

CCL076-23 Election of Deputy Mayor
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Mort

- (a) That the method of voting be open, by way of show of hands, for the election of the Deputy Mayor.
- (b) That letters be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the Chief Executive of LGNSW advising the appointment of the Deputy Mayor.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion:

Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Borg, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang.

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertook the election of the Deputy Mayor.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that he had received one (1) nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor, as follows:

Councillor Borg

Nominated by Councillor Jamieson seconded by Councillor Mort

Councillor Borg accepted the nomination.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, called for any other nominations and there were none.

As there was only one (1) nomination, the General Manager declared Councillor Borg elected unopposed to the Office of the Deputy Mayor of Georges River Council until September 2024.

Note: The General Manager vacated the Chair at 6.13pm.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir assumed the position of Chair at 6.13pm.

CCL077-23 Appointment of Councillor Representation to Georges River Council Standing Committees
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Mahoney

That Council determine the Councillor representatives and Chairpersons of the following Standing Committees for the period until the end of the current term of Council:

- i. Assets and Infrastructure Committee
- ii. Community and Culture Committee
- iii. Environment and Planning Committee
- iv. Finance and Governance Committee.

That Council appoint the following Chairpersons and Councillors to each of the Standing Committees of Council for the period until the end of the current term of Council:

i. **Assets and Infrastructure Committee**

Chairperson – Councillor Konjarski

Councillor Members: Councillor Ficarra

Councillor Liu

Councillor Mort

Councillor Smerdely

Councillor Stratikopoulos

Councillor Symington

ii. **Community and Culture Committee**

Chairperson – Councillor Liu

Councillor Members: Councillor Konjarski

Councillor Landsberry

Councillor Mort

Councillor Smerdely

Councillor Stratikopoulos

Councillor Wang

iii. **Environment and Planning Committee**

Chairperson – Councillor Mahoney

Councillor Members: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

Councillor Ambihaipahar

Councillor Jamieson

Councillor Landsberry

Councillor Wang

iv. **Finance and Governance Committee**

Chairperson – Councillor Jamieson

Councillor Members: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

Councillor Ficarra

Councillor Jamieson

Councillor Mahoney

Councillor Symington

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir is an ex-officio member of all Committees.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLVED: Councillor Ficarra and Councillor Konjarski

That the Environment and Planning Committee Membership be recommitted to include Councillor Katris in the membership.

iii. **Environment and Planning Committee**

Chairperson – Councillor Mahoney

Councillor Members: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg
Councillor Ambihaipahar
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Katris
Councillor Landsberry
Councillor Wang

Records of Voting:

For The Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLVED: Councillor Ficarra and Councillor Konjarski

That the Finance and Governance Committee Membership be recommitted to include Councillor Katris in the membership.

iv. **Finance and Governance Committee**

Chairperson – Councillor Jamieson

Councillor Members: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg
Councillor Ficarra
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Katris
Councillor Mahoney
Councillor Symington

Record of Voting:

For The Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CCL078-23 Appointment of Councillor Delegates to Advisory Committees, External Committees and Panels

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg and Councillor Stratikopoulos

That Council determine the Councillor delegates to the following advisory committees, external committees and panels until the end of the current term of Council:

- i. Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC);
- ii. Georges River Combined Councils Committee (GRCCC);
- iii. NSW Public Libraries Association;
- iv. Sydney South Planning Panel;
- v. Local Traffic Advisory Committee (LTAC); and
- vi. Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC);
- vii. Bushfire Management Committee.

- (a) That Council appoint the follow Councillor representatives to the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) until the end of the current term of Council:

Councillor Members: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

Alternate Members: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Smerdely

- (b) That Council appoint the following Councillor representative to the Georges River Combined Councils Committee Advisory Committee (GRCCC) until the end of the current term of Council:

Councillor Member: Councillor Mahoney

- (c) That Council appoint the following Councillor representative to the NSW Public Libraries Association until the end of the current term of Council:

Councillor Member: Councillor Mort

- (d) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Sydney South Planning Panel until the end of the current term of Council:

Councillor Member: Councillor Ambihaipahar
Councillor Stratikopoulos

Alternate Member: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (e) That Council appoint the following Council representative to the Local Traffic Advisory Committee (LTAC) until the end of the current term of Council:

Councillor Member: Councillor Smerdely

Alternate Member: Councillor Konjarski

- (f) That Council appoint the following Councillor to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as a non-voting member, as recommended by the ARIC Chair until the end of the current term of Council:

Councillor Member: Councillor Konjarski

- (g) That Council appoint the following Councillor representative to the Bushfire Management Committee until the end of the current term of Council:

Councillor Chairperson: Councillor Mahoney

Alternate Chairperson: Councillor Mort

Record of Voting:

For The Motion:

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.28pm.

Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: CCL090-23 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2023

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL090-23

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for Item ASS029-23 to ASS031-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for Item ASS029-23 to ASS031-23 are submitted to Council for determination.

These recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 9 October 2023.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ASS029-23 T23/008 – Design and Construction of Hurstville Oval Sports Lighting
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender from Havencord Pty Ltd t/as Floodlighting Australia (ABN: 46 003 987 602) for T23/008 - Design and Construction of Hurstville Oval Sports Lighting, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council informs the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

ASS030-23 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2023
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2023 be adopted by Council.

ASS031-23 Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting Held 26 September 2023
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

That:

- (a) The Committee note the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes held on 26 September 2023 are not a correct record of the meeting.

- (b) The minutes be referred to the next meeting of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting for administrative amendments to be made.
- (c) Once approved by the Floodplain Risk Management Committee, the amended minutes of 26 September 2023 be reported to the next available Assets and Infrastructure Committee.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/252345

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting 9
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MINUTES

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Monday, 09 October 2023

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Lou Konjarski (Chairperson), Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos and Councillor Colleen Symington.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting Director Assets and Infrastructure – Hans Kludass, Manager City Technical Services – Tom Heath, EA to the Director, Assets and Infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath (minutes) and Executive Services Officer – Neil Treadwell, Technology – Sandra Vazzoler

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Konjarski, opened the meeting at 7.10pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Konjarski 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.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA VISUAL AUDIO LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Konjarski, 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

SPEAKER	ITEM
Theresa Kot (read to the meeting)	ASS031-23 - Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting Held 26 September 2023

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ASS028-23 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington and Councillor Liu

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2023 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASS029-23 T23/008 – Design and Construction of Hurstville Oval Sports Lighting
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Stratikopoulos

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender from Havencord Pty Ltd t/as Floodlighting Australia (ABN: 46 003 987 602) for T23/008 - Design and Construction of Hurstville Oval Sports Lighting, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

ASS030-23 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2023
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2023 be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

**ASS031-23 Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting Held 26
September 2023**

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Stratikopoulos

That:

- (a) The Committee note the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes held on 26 September 2023 are not a correct record of the meeting.
- (b) The minutes be referred to the next meeting of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting for administrative amendments to be made.
- (c) Once approved by the Floodplain Risk Management Committee, the amended minutes of 26 September 2023 be reported to the next available Assets and Infrastructure Committee.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.23pm

Chairperson

Item: **CCL091-23 Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2023**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL091-23

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for Item COM031-23 to COM033-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for Items COM031-23 to COM033-23 are submitted to Council for determination.

These recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 9 October 2023.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

COM031-23 Adoption of the Georges River Council Grants and Donations Policy and Sponsorship Policy (Report by Sponsorship Specialist)

- (a) That Council note minor changes made to the Grants and Donations Policy and the Sponsorship Policy, following exhibition of the draft policies, as outlined in the Summary of Changes table attached to this report (Attachment 3).
- (b) That Council adopt the Grants and Donations Policy (Attachment 1).
- (c) That Council adopt the Sponsorship Policy (Attachment 2).
- (d) Subject to the adoption of the Grants and Donations Policy and Sponsorship Policy, Council undertakes a review to amend existing policies and guidelines, such as Statement of Business Ethics and Financial Assistance Guidelines, to replace reference to the superseded Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy (2020) with reference to the Grants and Donations Policy and Sponsorship Policy where applicable.
- (e) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to either policy, if required.

COM032-23 Outgoing Sponsorship and Donations (Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

- (a) That Council retrospectively approve the event sponsorship of \$6,307.54 (\$5,162.54 financial and \$1,145 in-kind value) to support the 'Annual Church Fete' on Sunday 24 September 2023.
- (b) That Council approve event sponsorship request of \$20,000 (\$14,175 financial and \$5,825 in-kind value) to support the 'Epiphany Greek Festival' on Sunday 7 January 2024.

COM033-23 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/252500

ATTACHMENTS

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October 2023



MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday 9 October 2023

6.00pm

Dragon Room

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Coordinator Programming and Operations - Andrew Williams, Coordinator Community Capacity Building - Alexis Drevikovsky, Grants Officer - Elloise Brady, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Manager Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Team Leader Technology Business Support - Mark Tadros, Executive Services Officer - Marisa Severino and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture - Franziska Mintus (Minutes).

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 6.01pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. Councillor Liu paid her 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.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUESTS TO ATTEND MEETING VIA VISUAL AUDIO LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

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

Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **COM032-23 Outgoing Sponsorship and Donations** for the reason that he serves on the Committee of the Greek Orthodox Church of Kogarah. Councillor Stratikopoulos will not be present during the consideration of this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM030-23 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Landsberry

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2023 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM031-23 Adoption of the Georges River Council Grants and Donations Policy and Sponsorship Policy
(Report by Sponsorship Specialist)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That Council note minor changes made to the Grants and Donations Policy and the Sponsorship Policy, following exhibition of the draft policies, as outlined in the Summary of Changes table attached to this report (Attachment 3).
- (b) That Council adopt the Grants and Donations Policy (Attachment 1).
- (c) That Council adopt the Sponsorship Policy (Attachment 2).
- (d) Subject to the adoption of the Grants and Donations Policy and Sponsorship Policy, Council undertakes a review to amend existing policies and guidelines, such as Statement of Business Ethics and Financial Assistance Guidelines, to replace reference to the superseded Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy (2020) with reference to the Grants and Donations Policy and Sponsorship Policy where applicable.
- (e) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to either policy, if required.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

COM032-23 Outgoing Sponsorship and Donations
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item COM32-023. Councillor Stratikopoulos left the meeting at 6.09pm and did not take part in consideration and voting on this item.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council retrospectively approve the event sponsorship of \$6,307.54 (\$5,162.54 financial and \$1,145 in-kind value) to support the 'Annual Church Fete' on Sunday 24 September 2023.
- (b) That Council approve event sponsorship request of \$20,000 (\$14,175 financial and \$5,825 in-kind value) to support the 'Epiphany Greek Festival' on Sunday 7 January 2024.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the meeting at 6.15pm.

COM033-23 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Wang

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.18pm.

Chairperson

Item: CCL092-23 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2023

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for Item ENV036-23 to ENV039-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for Item ENV036-23 to ENV039-23 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 9 October 2023.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ENV036-23 Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan - Exhibition of Two Options
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the two draft Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan options.
- (b) That Council adopt the Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan Option 2A as exhibited with the following amendments in response to submissions received to maintain the village character, ensure a lower building scale in the Centre and increase housing diversity:
 - a. Rezoning of the street block bound by Newman Street, Cook Street, Victoria Avenue and Cook Lane from R2 Low Density Residential to R3 Medium Density Residential with a height of 9m / 2.5 storeys and floor space ratio of 0.7:1 with associated public domain improvements.
 - b. Provide additional clarification on dedicated cycleways.
 - c. State that the proposed Martin Place road closure can be trialled with a temporary closure to test traffic impacts and use before any permanent changes are implemented.
- (c) That Council prepare a Planning Proposal, amendment to the *Georges River Development Control Plan 2021*, and amendment to the *Georges River Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2021* to implement the Mortdale Local Centre Revised Master Plan Option 2A (Post Exhibition Version), subject to a successful budget bid in the 2024/25 financial year.
- (d) That Council write to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment requesting the adopted Mortdale Local Centre Revised Master Plan Option 2A (Post Exhibition Version) be endorsed as a strategic study.
- (e) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision on this

matter.

- (f) That the General Manager hold a workshop with the Councillors to identify the key parking, traffic and road networks issues that would be considered in a future traffic study of the Mortdale Centre and the surrounding road network.
- (g) That Council endorse including design excellence principles and controls in the DCP for the Mortdale Centre to ensure building design compliments the village atmosphere.

ENV037-23 Proposed LEP and DCP Heritage Review
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council receive and note the information contained in this report.
- (b) That Council undertake a heritage study to review the heritage items in the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* and identify any potential new items across the whole Georges River LGA, subject to a successful budget bid in the 2024-25 financial year.
- (c) That Council commence a review of heritage controls in the *Georges River Development Control Plan 2021* using funding received from the Local Government Heritage Grant 2023-25 matched with funding from Council's existing heritage advisory budget.

ENV038-23 GRDCP 2021 - Amendment No 5 - Subdivision, Lot Consolidation and Boundary Adjustments in Heritage Conservation Areas - Public Exhibition
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council endorse the public exhibition of Amendment No. 5 to the Georges River Development Control Plan 2021, comprising of an amendment to Appendix 3 (Heritage Conservation Areas) to insert provisions for subdivision, lot consolidation and boundary adjustments in Heritage Conservation Areas.
- (b) That Council endorse the public exhibition process to be carried out in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (c) That Council endorse that the Director, Environment and Planning make minor modifications to correct any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, if required, in preparation for the public exhibition.
- (d) That a further report be submitted to Council following the public exhibition period.

ENV039-23 Development and Building Department Functions and Services Metrics Report - Q4 2022/2023 and Preliminary Planning Application Metrics for Q1 2023/2024
(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 April - September 2023.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/252513

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Environment and Planning Committee - 9 October 2023



MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 09 October 2023

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre,
Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Peter Mahoney (Chairperson), The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ashvini Ambihapahar, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

A/General Manager, Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Manager Development & Building – Liam Frayne, Strategic Planner – Molly Porter, Coordinator Strategic Planning – Stephanie Lum, Director Community and Culture - Kristi Dodd, Executive Manager City Futures – Simon Massey, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Assistant to the Director, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, and Team Leader Technical Services Mark Tadros.

OPENING

Councillor Mahoney, opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Mahoney 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.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA VISUAL AUDIO LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney, 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

Councillor Jamieson disclosed a Special Disclosure Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV036-23 Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan - Exhibition of Two Options**, for the reason that the councillor has an interest in land that adjoins or is adjacent to or is in proximity to the identified land. Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

ITEM	SPEAKER
1. ENV036-23 - Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Masterplan - Exhibition of Two Options	Catherine Ford
2. ENV036-23 - Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Masterplan - Exhibition of Two Options	Tony Lycakis
3. ENV036-23 - Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Masterplan - Exhibition of Two Options	Vicki Tsounis
4. ENV036-23 - Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Masterplan - Exhibition of Two Options	James Gunaidi
5. ENV036-23 - Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Masterplan - Exhibition of Two Options	Adrian Buncle
6. ENV036-23 - Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Masterplan - Exhibition of Two Options	James Hamilton
7. ENV036-23 - Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Masterplan - Exhibition of Two Options	David Martin

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ENV035-23 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Borg

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2023 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV036-23 Report on Submissions - Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan - Exhibition of Two Options (Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris and the Mayor, Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the two draft Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan options.
- (b) That Council adopt the Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan Option 1A as exhibited with the following amendments in response to submissions received:
 - a. Amend the heights along Victoria Avenue to be 13m / 4 storeys.
 - b. Provide additional clarification on dedicated cycleways.
 - c. State that the proposed Martin Place road closure can be trialled with a temporary closure to test traffic impacts and use before any permanent changes are implemented.
- (c) That Council prepare a Planning Proposal, amendment to the Georges River Development Control Plan 2021, and amendment to the Georges River Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2021 to implement the Mortdale Local Centre Revised Master Plan Option 1A (Post Exhibition Version), subject to a successful budget bid in the 2024/25 financial year.
- (d) That Council write to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment requesting the adopted Mortdale Local Centre Revised Master Plan Option 1A (Post Exhibition Version) be endorsed as a strategic study.
- (e) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision on this matter.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the two draft Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan options.
- (b) That Council adopt the Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan Option 2A as exhibited with the following amendments in response to submissions received to maintain the village character, ensure a lower building scale in the Centre and increase housing diversity:
 - a. Rezoning of the street block bound by Newman Street, Cook Street, Victoria Avenue and Cook Lane from R2 Low Density Residential to R3 Medium Density Residential with a height of 9m / 2.5 storeys and floor space ratio of 0.7:1 with associated public domain improvements.
 - b. Provide additional clarification on dedicated cycleways.
 - c. State that the proposed Martin Place road closure can be trialled with a temporary closure to test traffic impacts and use before any permanent changes are implemented.
- (c) That Council prepare a Planning Proposal, amendment to the *Georges River Development Control Plan 2021*, and amendment to the *Georges River Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2021* to implement the Mortdale Local Centre Revised Master Plan Option 2A (Post Exhibition Version), subject to a successful budget bid in the 2024/25 financial year.
- (d) That Council write to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment requesting the

adopted Mortdale Local Centre Revised Master Plan Option 2A (Post Exhibition Version) be endorsed as a strategic study.

- (e) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision on this matter.
- (f) That the General Manager hold a workshop with the Councillors to identify the key parking, traffic and road networks issues that would be considered in a future traffic study of the Mortdale Centre and the surrounding road network.
- (g) That Council endorse including design excellence principles and controls in the DCP for the Mortdale Centre to ensure building design compliments the village atmosphere.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Wang

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry

On being put to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was five (5) votes FOR and three (3) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the two draft Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan options.
- (b) That Council adopt the Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan Option 2A as exhibited with the following amendments in response to submissions received to maintain the village character, ensure a lower building scale in the Centre and increase housing diversity:
 - a. Rezoning of the street block bound by Newman Street, Cook Street, Victoria Avenue and Cook Lane from R2 Low Density Residential to R3 Medium Density Residential with a height of 9m / 2.5 storeys and floor space ratio of 0.7:1 with associated public domain improvements.
 - b. Provide additional clarification on dedicated cycleways.
 - c. State that the proposed Martin Place road closure can be trialled with a temporary closure to test traffic impacts and use before any permanent changes are implemented.
- (c) That Council prepare a Planning Proposal, amendment to the *Georges River Development Control Plan 2021*, and amendment to the *Georges River Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2021* to implement the Mortdale Local Centre Revised Master Plan Option 2A (Post Exhibition Version), subject to a successful budget bid in the 2024/25 financial year.
- (d) That Council write to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment requesting the adopted Mortdale Local Centre Revised Master Plan Option 2A (Post Exhibition Version) be endorsed as a strategic study.
- (e) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision on this matter.
- (f) That the General Manager hold a workshop with the Councillors to identify the key parking, traffic and road networks issues that would be considered in a future traffic study of the Mortdale Centre and the surrounding road network.
- (g) That Council endorse including design excellence principles and controls in the DCP for

the Mortdale Centre to ensure building design compliments the village atmosphere.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Wang

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry

ENV037-23 Proposed LEP and DCP Heritage Review
(Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council receive and note the information contained in this report.
- (b) That Council undertake a heritage study to review the heritage items in the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* and identify any potential new items across the whole Georges River LGA, subject to a successful budget bid in the 2024-25 financial year.
- (c) That Council commence a review of heritage controls in the *Georges River Development Control Plan 2021* using funding received from the Local Government Heritage Grant 2023-25 matched with funding from Council's existing heritage advisory budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

ENV038-23 GRDCP 2021 - Amendment No 5 - Subdivision, Lot Consolidation and Boundary Adjustments in Heritage Conservation Areas - Public Exhibition
(Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council endorse the public exhibition of Amendment No. 5 to the Georges River Development Control Plan 2021, comprising of an amendment to Appendix 3 (Heritage Conservation Areas) to insert provisions for subdivision, lot consolidation and boundary adjustments in Heritage Conservation Areas.
- (b) That Council endorse the public exhibition process to be carried out in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (c) That Council endorse that the Director, Environment and Planning make minor modifications to correct any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, if required, in preparation for the public exhibition.
- (d) That a further report be submitted to Council following the public exhibition period.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir left the Chambers at 08:49pm and did not return.

ENV039-23 Development and Building Department Functions and Services Metrics Report - Q4 2022/2023 and Preliminary Planning Application Metrics for Q1 2023/2024
(Report by Manager Development and Building)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Ambihaipahar

That Council receive and note the Development and Building Department Functions and Services Metrics Report for the reporting period being April - September 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang
It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8.59pm.

Chairperson

Item: **CCL093-23 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2023**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL093-23

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for Items FIN038-23 to FIN039-23 and FIN048A-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for Items FIN038-23 to FIN039-23 and FIN048A-23 are submitted to Council for determination.

These recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 9 October 2023.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN038-23 Investment Report as at 31 August 2023
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 August 2023 be received and noted by Council.

FIN039-23 Draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy
(Report by Governance and Risk Specialist)

- (a) That Council approve the revised Draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days (Attachment 1).
- (b) That Council endorse for the revised Draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy to become effective after public exhibition if no submissions have been received.
- (a) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes, if required.


FIN048A-23 Kogarah Town Square - Maintenance of Infrastructure
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

- (a) That the report “Kogarah Town Square – Maintenance of Infrastructure” be received and noted.
- (b) That the additional budgeted expenditure is approved, as detailed in this report, to ensure the timely repair of community infrastructure.
- (c) That the additional budgeted expenditure is funded from the Council’s Commercial Property Reserve.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/252527

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Finance and Governance Committee - 9 Octoberr
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CCL093-23

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 09 October 2023

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Peter Mahoney and Councillor Colleen Symington.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting General Manager – Andrew Latta, Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Acting Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Head of Corporate Governance and Risk – Renata Sala, Head of Strategic Property - Bernard Morabito, Executive Services Officer – Neil Treadwell (Minutes), Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott, Team Leader Technology Business Support – Mark Tadros and Technology Business Support Officer - Sandra Vazzoler.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6.07pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson 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.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA VISUAL AUDIO LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson, 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 are no speakers registered for tonight's meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN037-23 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Borg and Councillor Mahoney

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2023 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN038-23 Investment Report as at 31 August 2023
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Borg

That the Investment Report as at 31 August 2023 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

FIN039-23 Draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy
(Report by Governance and Risk Specialist)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Borg and Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council approve the revised Draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days (Attachment 1).
- (b) That Council endorse for the revised Draft Enterprise Risk Management Policy to become effective after public exhibition if no submissions have been received.
- (a) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes, if required.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (CLOSED SESSION)

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson asked the Director Business and Corporate Services if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in closed session.

The Director replied that no representations had been received to the item in closed session.

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson 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.

Motion: Councillor Borg and Councillor Katris

That in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matters be considered in closed meeting at which the press and public are excluded.

FIN048A-23 Kogarah Town Square - Maintenance of Infrastructure
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

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.

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) of the Act, the reports and correspondence relating to these matters be withheld from the press and public.

Record of voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

Note: The Meeting moved into closed session at 6.11pm.

Note: Councillor Symington entered the meeting during discussion of this item at 6.17pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN048A-23 Kogarah Town Square - Maintenance of Infrastructure
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Borg

(a) That the report "Kogarah Town Square – Maintenance of Infrastructure" be received and

noted.

- (b) That the additional budgeted expenditure is approved, as detailed in this report, to ensure the timely repair of community infrastructure.
- (c) That the additional budgeted expenditure is funded from the Council's Commercial Property Reserve.

Record of voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Borg and Councillor Mahoney

That the meeting revert to Open Session at 6.22pm

Record of voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Borg and Councillor Katris

That the recommendations of the Closed Session be adopted.

Record of voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

It was noted that the motion was carried unanimously.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.23pm.

Chairperson

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**Item:** CCL094-23 Tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns**Author:** Head of Corporate Governance and Risk**Directorate:** Business and Corporate Services**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL094-23

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the report regarding the tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillors and designated persons.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to table those Returns lodged with the General Manager by Councillors and designated persons in accordance with the Model Code of Conduct for NSW Councils for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
2. Additionally, this report confirms that Councillors' and designated persons returns will be published on Council's website to ensure they are publicly available in compliance with requirements of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act).

BACKGROUNDAnnual Returns

3. In accordance with the Model Code of Conduct for NSW Councils, a Councillor or designated person holding that position as at 30 June in any year, must lodge a Return with the General Manager within three months after that date.
4. Returns for the period ending 30 June 2023 must be tabled at the first Council meeting held after the last day for lodgement.

Returns of newly appointed designated persons

5. Additionally, in accordance with the Code, a designated person must complete and lodge a Return within 3 months of attaining a position of designated person with Council.
6. New staff appointed to the following permanent and temporary positions have submitted a Return in accordance with the Code.
 - General Counsel
 - Head Corporate Governance & Risk
 - Chief Audit Executive
 - Acting Chief Financial Officer (temporary position)
 - Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services
 - Coordinator Advisory & Specialist Assessment
 - Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Members

7. In total 15 Councillor, and 46 designated returns are to be tabled in accordance with legislated requirements and Code of Conduct obligations.

Tabling of Returns

8. Completed Returns lodged in accordance with Clauses 4.21(a) and (b) of Council's Code of Conduct are tabled accordingly.
9. Annual Returns of Councillors as at 30 June 2023 were received by 30 September 2023.
10. Annual Returns of all designated persons holding that position as at 30 June 2023 were received by 30 September 2023.

Public availability of Returns

11. Under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act) and Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 (GIPA Regulation), Returns are considered 'open access' information and as outlined in the Information and Privacy Commission's (IPC) *Guideline 1: For Local Councils on the disclosure of information (returns disclosing the interest of councillors and designated persons)* and must be made publicly available on Council's website.
12. To ensure compliance with the GIPA Act, GIPA Regulation and IPC Guideline 1, Council will continue to publish completed Returns of all Councillors and designated persons (including independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee members) on its website. These Returns will be published with redactions of the person's residential street address and signatures. Other personal information may have also been redacted as requested where it is considered the safety or well-being of any person would be affected by not suppressing the information as requested.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

14. It is a legislative requirement that Disclosure of Interests in written returns be lodged with the General Manager and the returns must then be tabled at a meeting of Council, pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Georges River Council Code of Conduct.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

15. Community engagement is not required as a result of this report.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/238340

Item: **CCL095-23 Property Matter - David Place Peakhurst - Easement and Road Access Issues**

Author: Head of Strategic Property and General Counsel

Directorate: Business and Corporate Services

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL095-23

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That an Easement for Access be refused over Lot 8 in DP239732 in favour of Lot C in DP342717 being 12 Ogilvy Street, Peakhurst.
- (b) That the connection of David Place be reviewed and that a further report be presented to Council on the outcome of that investigation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Georges River Council is the registered proprietor of a couple of narrow parcels of land, located in David Place, Peakhurst. The Lots are described as Lot 8 in Deposited Plan (DP) 239732 and Lot 3 in DP1062006.
2. The land parcels are what is known as Development Control Strips and have historically been (generally) created by Councils to prevent an adjoining owner gaining direct access to a public road for which the adjoining owner did not financially contribute to that road's construction.
3. The owner of 12 Ogilvy Street, Peakhurst has requested an easement for access over the Development Control Strip described as Lot 8 in DP239732 to facilitate access to David Road (south), with the proposed easement subsequently facilitating the construction of a second dwelling at the rear of the property. A location plan of all relevant properties is provided in Attachment 1.
4. The granting of an easement for access and the subsequent property constructed at the rear of 12 Ogilvy Street, Peakhurst, will result in Council losing the opportunity to complete the public road connection of David Place. A further issue is that the offer submitted by the adjoining owner is not considered to represent market value. It is recommended that the offer be formally rejected by Council.

BACKGROUND

5. Georges River Council is currently before the Land and Environment Court with the owner of 12 Ogilvy Street, Peakhurst regarding a proposed redevelopment of this property.
6. Council's concerns regarding the proposed development at 12 Ogilvy Street, Peakhurst under DA2022/0387 include that:
 - a) The proposal comprising a floor space ratio (FSR) of 0.93:1 being a gross floor area (GFA) of 1427.44m², exceeds the relevant FSR permitted under the relevant development standard of 0.49 in the Georges River Local Environmental Plan

2021 (GRLEP); resulting in a scale of development that is not consistent with the existing character of single dwellings in the locality.

- b) The proposal includes an unacceptable scale of excavation.
 - c) The proposal will result in the loss of significant trees.
 - d) One of the basement levels proposed to store art works, measured at 476.34m², is not commensurate with a residential purpose such that it is properly characterised as a separate and independent use as “information and education facility”, which is defined in the GRLEP to include a building or place used for the exhibition or display of items, and includes an art gallery. Such a use is prohibited in the R2 Low Density Residential zone.
7. The southern part of David Place has a connection to Ogilvy Street, while the northern part of David Place connects to Clarendon Road. The connection of the southern and northern part of David place is interrupted by private land holdings and land held by Council for the purpose of facilitating the public road connection of both sides of the David Place. Refer to Attachment 1.
 8. Council is the owner of four (4) land parcels in this regard in David Place, Peakhurst. These properties were transferred to Council in the 1960’s for road purposes. Despite the roadway having been constructed on these parcels, the roadway has not been dedicated as public road.
 9. Council is also the owner of two Development Control Strips being Lot 8 in DP239732 and Lot 3 in DP1062006. Lots such as these are created to restrict access to public roads generally to adjoining owners who historically did not contribute financially to the construction of the road at the time.
 10. As can be seen in the arial photo in Attachment 2, the Development Control Strips and the Council lands at 7A and 9A David Place, restrict access to the dedicated public road for the properties at 145, 147 and 149 Belmore Road, Peakhurst and 12 Ogilvy Street, Peakhurst.
 11. It should be noted that 7 and 8A Ogilvy Street, while fronting the Council owned land at 7A and 9A David Place, that no formal property rights exist over Council’s land, providing access to David Place and that access to these properties remains from Ogilvy Street.
 12. The property at 145 Belmore Road, Peakhurst was granted informal access rights by Council over Lot 8 in DP239732. The building file in this matter indicates that the owner was required to construct the second dwelling on this property, at a setback of approximately 6 metres from the rear boundary, to accommodate any future road extension of David Place.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The offer for the proposed access easement over Lot 8 in DP239732 is nominal in nature and not representative of market value. Detailed valuation advice is required in this regard to determine current market value for such access rights (to be provided as part of a follow-up report to Council).

14. In addition to the access valuation advice, estimates will need to be sought regarding road dedication and construction costs to extend/connect David place.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

15. The granting of access rights over the development control strip will restrict Council's ability to construct a full width carriageway, as it will most likely result in the construction of a dwelling within the alignment of a future road reserve, required to complete the David Place connection. This may have an impact on Council, by way of increased costs, should there be a need to acquire land for a road extension that is impacted by a residential dwelling.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

16. No community engagement was conducted as part of this report.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/245002

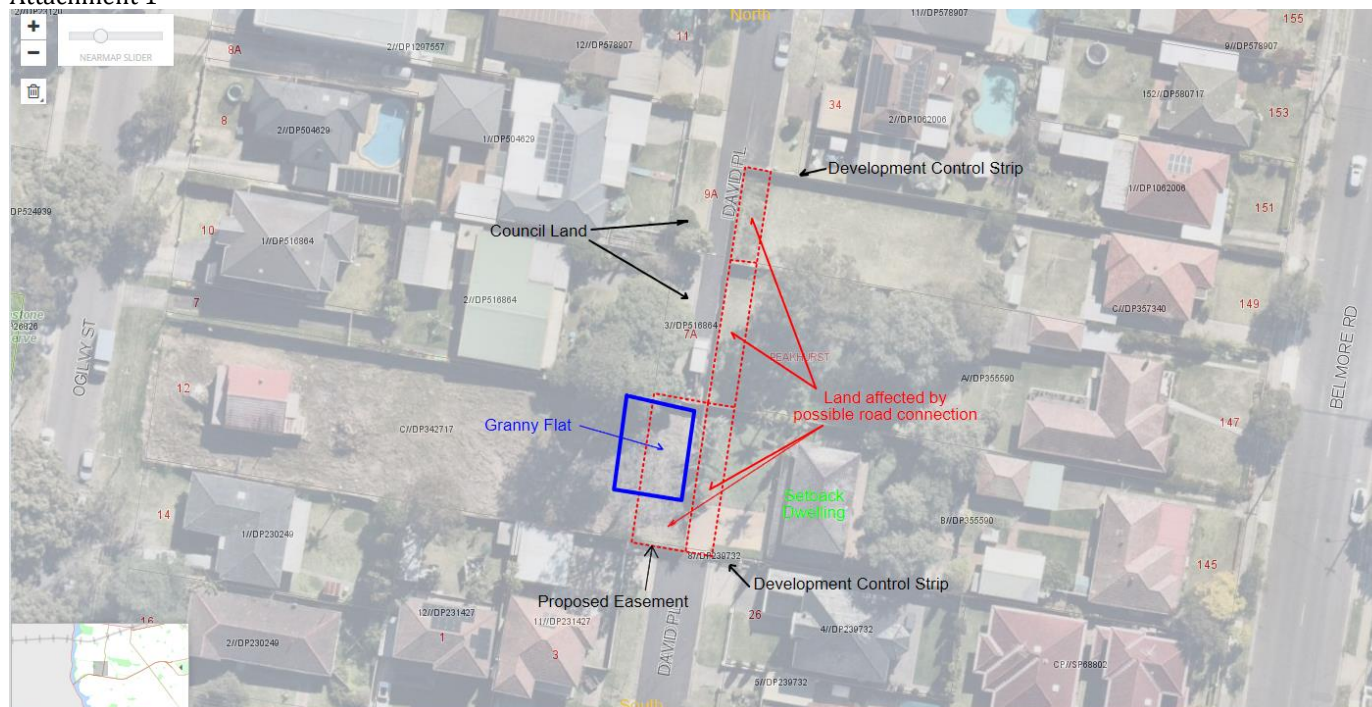
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#)   Location Plan - David Place Peakhurst

Attachment [2](#)   Development Control Strip - Lot 8 David Place Peakhurst



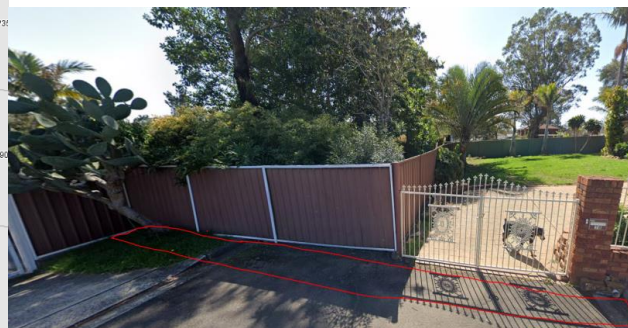
Attachment 1



Site of Proposed Easement



Attachment 3



Item: CCL096-23 Delivery Program End of Year Progress Report - July 2022 to June 2023

Author: Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL096-23

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council receive and note the End of Year Progress Report July 2022 - June 2023 (Attachment 1) of performance made towards Georges River Council's Delivery Program 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 and Operational Plan 2022/23.
- (b) That Council endorse the Delivery Program and Operational Plan items recommended for cancellation and carry over, as detailed in Table 1: Proposed Cancellations and Table 2: Proposed Carry Overs.
- (c) That a copy of the End of Year Progress Report July 2022 – June 2023 be published on Council's website and a link provided to the Office of Local Government.

1. The July 2022 – June 2023 End of Year Progress Report of performance made towards Georges River Council's Delivery Program 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 and Operational Plan 2022/2023 is submitted for the information of Council.

BACKGROUND

2. Section 405(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the General Manager to ensure that regular progress reports are provided to the Council on its progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in its Delivery Program, at least every six months. This is the second progress report on the 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 and Operational Plan 2022/2023.
3. Section 203 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* requires that a Quarterly Budget Review be considered by Council that shows current estimates for income and expenditure for the year, indicates whether Council's financial position is satisfactory and makes recommendations for remedial action, if required.
4. Council's Four Year Delivery Program 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 and One Year 2022/2023 Operational Plan sets the strategic and financial objectives of the year. These documents also detail the goals and strategies for Council's six (6) pillars which underpin Council's planning, their relevant performance measures and the projects Council plans to deliver initially in 2022/2023 and within the next four (4) years.

Progress against Operational Plan and Delivery Program

5. Attachment 1 includes details for each of the six (6) pillars and the 22 goals, detailing the targets adopted by Council and the performance to date in achieving these targets by 30 June 2023.
6. Progress against Council's Four-Year Delivery Program 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 is tracking well with 79% of the Operational Plan items for 2022/23 were either completed, carried over, ongoing or on track. 21% of actions are behind schedule, on hold or cancelled.

7. Reasons for the cancellations and carry overs can be seen in Table 1: Proposed Cancellations and Table 2: Proposed Carry Overs.
8. All projects that are proposed to be cancelled or carried over are listed in this report for Council's consideration.

Table 1: Proposed Cancellations

Cancellations		
Item Code and Description	Delivery Program (DP) or Operational Plan (OP) item	Reason
4.1.2Ai Import current planning controls in the ASSESS module in preparation for future implementation.	OP	This has been cancelled due to information technology risk, software redundancy and inefficiency of outcome.

Table 2: Proposed Carry Overs

Carry Overs		
Item Code and Description	Delivery Program (DP) or Operational Plan (OP) item	Reason
6.4.1Ai Evaluate Work, Health and Safety (WH&S) procedures and implement effective controls to manage WH&S risks.	OP	The review and drafting of WHS documentation have continued to put in place a robust system to meet the needs of Council. The completion of the three target areas of the self-audit improvement plan have benefitted Council and its workers. It has also made Council eligible for 30% the StateCover incentive payment.
6.2.1.Bi Complete the 2022/23 Audit Program.	OP	<p>The Audit Program 2022/23 was slightly behind schedule in an effort to allow a catch-up period for the implementation of audit recommendations from prior audits due to the extensive Audit Plans 2018-2021 & 2021-2024, comprising 650 recommendations.</p> <p>The following audits were completed or commenced in 2022/23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TfNSW DRIVES 24 Annual Compliance audit 2022 • Cash Management • Exception Reporting: Procurement and Payroll • IM&T Internal Network Penetration Testing • IM&T Microsoft 365 Assessment • Community Leases

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants, Contractors & Labour Hire • TfNSW DRIVES 24 Annual Compliance audit 2023 • Fleet Management to be carried over to 2023/4 <p>Internal Audits not completed or commenced will be re-assessed in terms of risk in the 2024-2028 Audit Plan.</p>
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CCL096-23

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Council's Financial Statements for 2022/23 will be presented to Council in a separate report. Any associated budget carry overs from 2022/23 will be submitted to Council for approval in the 2023/24 Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Quarter 1.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

10. Enterprise risk/s identified and management process applied.


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

11. No community consultation is required as a result of this report. Members of the community are able to attend and address Council at the Council meeting in relation to this matter in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice. A copy of the End of Year Progress Report July 2022 – June 2023 will be published on Council's website for the information of the community.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/252673

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1  2022-23 End of Year Progress Report (16 Oct) - *published in separate document*

Item: **CCL097-23 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - October 2023**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL097-23

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- (a) CWF 15/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Smerdely on behalf of the Lions Club of Lugarno in the amount of \$2,000.
- (b) CWF 16/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Natalie Mort on behalf of North Ramsgate Amateur Swim Club in the amount of \$2,000.
- (c) CWF17/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Liu on behalf of St George Arts and Entertainment Centre Inc in the amount of \$2,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council, at its meeting on 24 July 2023, endorsed the revised Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy (the Fund).
2. The Policy provides a framework which enables Councillors to provide minor financial support to individuals and community groups within wards which will complement Council's existing grants, sponsorship, and donations framework.
3. This report includes details of applications which have been assessed against the funds eligibility criteria and determined to qualify for funding.

BACKGROUND

4. The Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy stipulates two categories for applications of funds, those by an individual or community group.
5. For the 2023/24 financial year, there is a \$75,000 allocation made available for Councillors elected at the December 2021 Local Government Elections.
6. In keeping with ensuring accountability and transparency, details have been included below regarding applications that are now listed for consideration and their demonstrated ability to satisfy the eligibility criteria of the Fund.
7. In addition to these measures, details of funds awarded are available on Council's website and are included in Council's Annual Report as is required regarding the allocation of funds through Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CWF 15/23-24	Councillor Smerdely
Classification of Application	Community Group

Reason for Request	Lions Club of Lugarno Incorporated equipment upgrade for festival
Applicant's Details	Lions Club of Lugarno Incorporated
Amount of Funds Requested	\$2,000
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Councillor Smerdely has signed a Non-significant Non-pecuniary declaration advising that there is no conflict of interest.
Eligibility Criteria	The provision of funds to the Lions Club of Lugarno Incorporated aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 5.3.2 A Harmonious and Proud Community with Strong Social Services and Infrastructure. Develop, support, and promote programs and activities that foster social participant and wellbeing of the diverse community, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or religious background.
Community Group	The Lions Club of Lugarno is an organisation focused on providing humanitarian services. They do this by running fundraising events, festivals and delivering service projects to the community.
History of Previous Applications	September 2019 - \$1,000 November 2019 - \$2,500
Conformity to the Councillor Ward Fund Discretionary Fund Policy	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

CWF 16/23-24	Councillor Mort
Classification of Application	Community Group
Reason for Request	Lane hire fees and equipment including storage box, signs, stop watches.
Applicant's Details	North Ramsgate Amateur Swim Club
Amount of Funds Requested	\$2,000
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Councillor Mort has signed a Non-significant Non-pecuniary declaration advising that there is no conflict of interest.
Eligibility Criteria	The provision of funds to the North Ramsgate Amateur Swim Club aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 5.3.2 A Harmonious and Proud Community with Strong Social Services and Infrastructure. Develop, support, and promote programs and activities that foster social participant and wellbeing of the diverse community, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or religious background.

Community Group	The North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club was formed almost eighty years ago and until 1970 operated from Pemberton Baths Ramsgate Beach. During the last 40 years NRASC has successfully co-existed with the other clubs that use Sans Souci and Carss Park Pools. North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club's races are run on handicap starts which provides the opportunity for all swimmers to win races, trophies and become club champions.
History of Previous Applications	Nil
Conformity to the Councillor Ward Fund Discretionary Fund Policy	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

CWF17/23-24	Councillor Liu
Classification of Application	Community Group
Reason for Request	Purchasing musical instrument & equipment on community performances.
Applicant's Details	St George Arts and Entertainment Centre Inc.
Amount of Funds Requested	\$2,000
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Councillor Liu has signed a Non-significant Non-pecuniary declaration advising that there is no conflict of interest.
Eligibility Criteria	The provision of funds to the St George Arts and Entertainment Centre Inc. aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 5.3.2 A Harmonious and Proud Community with Strong Social Services and Infrastructure. Develop, support, and promote programs and activities that foster social participant and wellbeing of the diverse community, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or religious background.
Community Group	A local community group for more than 20 years based in St George area. Providing social/cultural connections and opportunities for people who has talents of singing, dancing and music composing. Participating and supporting community and charity events.
History of Previous Applications	October 2019 - \$1,500
Conformity to the Councillor Ward Fund Discretionary Fund Policy	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

8. Funds of \$75,000 have been allocated in the 2023/24 Operational Plan.

Non-Capital Funds (\$5,000/Councillor)	Funds Allocated to date including this report	Remaining Balance
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Councillor Ambihaipahar	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Borg	\$2,000	\$3,000
Councillor Elmir	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Ficarra	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Jamieson	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Katris	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Konjarski	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Landsberry	\$1,400	\$3,600
Councillor Liu	\$2,000	\$3,000
Councillor Mahoney	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Mort	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Smerdely	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Stratikopoulos	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Symington	\$2,000	\$3,000
Councillor Wang	\$1,000	\$4,000

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RISK IMPLICATIONS

9. The Enterprise Risk Management Strategy contains two relevant actions regarding the provision of an open, accessible, and transparent decision making and meeting process.
10. The adopted process for the allocation of funds through the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy is one of many strategies that have been implemented to ensure that these actions are achieved.

FILE REFERENCE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Report - Attachment - Council Meeting 23 October 2023



CWF 15/23-24

Marisa Severino

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Cc: Ethan Smith
Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Nick Smerdely

Hi Office of General Manager,

Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund you submitted was successfully sent for review.

Details of the Fund is shown as below.

1. **Code:** CWF 15_23/24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Nick Smerdely
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
Nick Smerdely
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Lions Club of Lugarno Incorporated
6. **Trading name:** LIONS CLUB OF LUGARNO
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:** 86358860662
10. **Incorporated Entity:** 564721
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Equipment Upgrade For Festival
12. **Event/project date:** 10-10-2023
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 2000
14. **Contact Name:** Kevin Reid
15. **Phone number:** 409601673
16. **Mobile:** 409601673
17. **Email:** festival@lugarnolions.org.au
18. **Website:**
19. **Street:** PO Box 97

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Current details for ABN 86 358 860 662

ABN details

Entity name:	LIONS CLUB OF LUGARNO INCORPORATED
ABN status:	Active from 01 Nov 1999
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2223

Trading name(s)

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Trading name

LIONS CLUB OF LUGARNO

From

15 Jun 2000

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 15 Jun 2000

Record extracted: 16 Oct 2023

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Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Natalie Mort

Hi Office of General Manager,

Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund you submitted was successfully sent for review.

Details of the Fund is shown as below.

1. **Code:** CWF 16_23/24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Natalie Mort
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** North Ramsgate Amateur Swim Club
6. **Trading name:** North Ramsgate Amateur Swim Club
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:**
10. **Incorporated Entity:** 2000
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Lane Hire fees, Purchasing a metal storage box (similar to the one tradies have on their utes) to store our current equipment, purchase some advertising signs (pull up banners with the club details etc.) and a sign to advertise the club. Stop Watches,
12. **Event/project date:** 08-10-2023
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 2000
14. **Contact Name:** Kevin Archer
15. **Phone number:** 95343925
16. **Mobile:** 407807183
17. **Email:** secretary@nrasc.org
18. **Website:** nrasc.org



Association Summary - New South Wales

ABN 81 913 830 179

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Association Name:	NORTH RAMSGATE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED
Incorporation Number:	Y2141011
Status:	REGISTERED
Date of Incorporation:	16 March 1995
Registered State:	NEW SOUTH WALES
Regulator:	NSW FAIR TRADING
Official Address Suburb:	LUGARNO

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Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - NANCY LIU

Hi Office of General Manager,

Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund you submitted was successfully sent for review.

Details of the Fund is shown as below.

1. **Code:** CWF 17_23/24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** NANCY LIU
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** ST GEORGE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE INC.
6. **Trading name:** ST GEORGE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE INC.
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:** 26715366065
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** 2000
12. **Event/project date:** 08-12-2023
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 2000
14. **Contact Name:** Danny Dong
15. **Phone number:** 80416391
16. **Mobile:** 411586568
17. **Email:** Seasnowdanny@gmail.com
18. **Website:**
19. **Street:** 563 King Georges Road

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Current details for ABN 26 715 366 065

ABN details

Entity name:	SEA SNOW ARTS GROUP INCORPORATED
ABN status:	Active from 01 Jul 2022
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2220

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 24 Aug 2022

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ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Item: CCL098-23 Final Draft of the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards

Author: Manager Strategic Placemaking

Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure

Matter Type: Assets and Infrastructure

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council receive and note the presentation on the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards (The Plan) from the consultant (WMA Water).
- (b) That Council adopt the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards as amended.
- (c) That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation, formatting errors, if required, to The Plan.
- (d) That Council endorse the inclusion of the required legal notation on the 10.7 Planning Certificates.
- (e) That Council make available to the public the flood modelling data for the purpose of preparing development applications and amend its Fees and Charges to accommodate the cost associated with this service.
- (f) That the adopted Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards be published on Council's website.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. WMA Water (consultants), in conjunction with Council, have prepared the final draft of the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards (The Plan) between 2018 and 2023. The final draft is attached to this report.
2. The Plan represents the next stage of the floodplain management, following on from the adoption of the Overland Flow Flood Study for the Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards (adopted in 2016).
3. The Plan includes a full assessment of the existing flood risk in the catchment. This assessment includes hydraulic hazard across the study area, over floor flooding of residential, commercial and industrial properties, identification of existing flooding issues and hotspots and emergency response during a flood event.
4. The Plan also identifies various mitigation measures to manage flood risk and assesses these measures across a range of criteria. These measures are prioritised based on feasibility of implementation, capital cost, existing constraints and overall effectiveness.
5. The mitigation measures that rate highest will be further explored for prudence and efficiency of solutions, with a detailed feasibility study as part of the ongoing capital investigations prior to works being programmed in Councils capital works program.

6. Council has undertaken public exhibition on 2 occasions for this project:
 - a. 25 June 2022 to 3 July 2022 and
 - b. 26 June 2023 to 25 July 2023
7. Following the public exhibition in 2022, to address the submissions received, additional amendments have been undertaken in 2023. Detailed information regarding the exhibitions is provided in the background section of this report.
8. Following the 2023 public exhibition, it is recommended that Council adopt the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards. The adoption of this Plan will trigger amendments to the wording for the Flood related development control information in the Planning Certificates. It will also inform the future capital works program.

BACKGROUND

Public Exhibition 1: 25 June 2022 to 3 July 2022

9. Council first publicly exhibited The Plan from 25 June 2022 to 3 July 2022 to allow for the stakeholders and impacted residents to provide feedback. All property owners identified to be in the flood planning area were formally notified in writing. During the exhibition, 17 written submissions, 2 book in sessions and 6 phone call enquiries were received.
10. The key issues raised in the submissions are listed in Table 1 along with recommendations. The key issues relate to:
 - a. Historic Vs Predicted flood behaviour - properties tagged as flood affected not having had any flood issues in the past;
 - b. Gaps in tagging flood affected properties;
 - c. Managing future development;
 - d. General enquires regarding The Plan including implementation and timing, and
 - e. Local drainage and stormwater management issues.
11. Refer to the attachment (Appendix E within the report) for the compiled set of submissions.

Table 1: General Categorisation of Key Issues Raised during First Exhibition in 2022 with Councils Response

No.	Category	Generic Submission Comments	Council Response	Recommendation
Community Submissions				
1	Historic Vs Predicted flood behaviour	<i>"My Street/house has not been flood affected in the past, yet it has been flood tagged"</i>	<p>The properties were tagged based on modelled flood depths greater than 150 mm and modelled inundation area greater than 10% of land parcel for 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) event and Probable Maximum Precipitation.</p> <p>Typically planning is undertaken for a 1% AEP event. This is considered a reasonable level of risk to plan for as per the industry standard. The</p>	Amend the report to include historical flooding details.

No.	Category	Generic Submission Comments	Council Response	Recommendation
			Plan has been undertaken in accordance with the framework set in NSW Government's Floodplain Risk Management Policy. A primary objective of this Policy is to reduce private losses resulting from floods.	
2	Gaps in tagging flood affected properties	<p><i>"My property is tagged but the property downstream or beside mine is not tagged"</i></p> <p><i>"A property is not tagged in a cluster of tagged properties"</i></p>	<p>Council tagged the properties as flood affected if the properties had more than 150 mm depth of overland flow and approximately 10% of the land parcel was flood inundated for a 1% AEP storm. This criteria was determined to identify the most significantly impacted properties.</p> <p>As a result of the application of the tagging criteria, some properties were not tagged despite being located within a cluster of flood affected properties.</p> <p>Councils Engineer and the Consultant will review the tagging layer.</p>	Revise and update flood tagging layer
3	Managing future developments	<p><i>"Our street was flooded during recent rain events, yet the Council is approving a number of new developments upstream resulting in increase in the stormwater runoffs."</i></p> <p><i>"The downstream development is</i></p>	<p>All new developments must implement a Council adopted Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). The SWMP specifies the minimum sizes of onsite detention structures (OSD) required by new developments which will reduce the post development runoffs. Development officers/engineers will also ensure there is no adverse change to the overland flow direction due to new</p>	Council's Development Control Plan and Stormwater Management Policy has requirement for new development to include OSD and Flood Impact Study is also required to avoid impact on any sites within the floodplain. Hence no changes are

No.	Category	Generic Submission Comments	Council Response	Recommendation
		<i>modifying flow direction by obstructing the overland flow resulting in more water accumulation on our site"</i>	developments during the assessment process	required.
4	General enquires regarding the Risk Management Plan	<p><i>"This study was done before, why again?"</i></p> <p><i>"Timing for the study to be implemented"</i></p> <p><i>"Was the model prediction compared against historic storm flooding?"</i></p> <p><i>"Does the Council have plans for future flow monitoring and installation of rain gauges?"</i></p>	<p>The Plan is the next step to the previous Overland Flow Study 2016. The Plan focused on flood management solutions for areas with known flooding issues after updating the hydraulic model in accordance with the latest Australian Rainfall Runoff techniques (ARR 2019) and after resolving critical data gaps used in the model for the below and above ground stormwater infrastructure.</p> <p>Whilst no fixed timing has been adopted by the Council for the implementation of The Plan this will be gradually incorporated into the capital works program over the next 10 years, pending further investigation and design. The response modification measures and property modification measures will commence once the Plan is adopted.</p> <p>Coarse calibration was undertaken against historic events. Council, however, recognizes the need for improving the model efficiency, therefore periodic model maintenance and evaluation programs will be incorporated into the</p>	No change to The Plan.

No.	Category	Generic Submission Comments	Council Response	Recommendation
			<p>planning budget.</p> <p>Council will allow for additional flow monitoring techniques and rain gauges if required in consultation with industry experts.</p> <p>Council does not expect major changes to the planning control measures in place due to model improvements.</p>	
5	Local Drainage and Stormwater Asset Management Issues	<p><i>“How does the Council propose to resolve network capacity issues which will be further worsened due to the approved new developments?”</i></p> <p><i>“How does the Council plan to maintain the existing pipes and pits, open channels and stop the weeds from blocking the flows?”</i></p>	<p>Detailed hydraulic assessments will be undertaken to minimize the existing drainage issues. The catchment studies will be prioritised in terms of inundation risks and cost benefit assessment. Interim solutions will be recommended where feasible. The hydraulic assessment the Council will undertake will include maximum probable development scenarios.</p> <p>Council has scheduled drainage inspection, maintenance and cleaning programs. Council acknowledges this has been challenging at times. Council is endeavoring to improve the efficiency of the maintenance programs. In the event of a complaint being lodged Council work crews will address the issue at the earliest opportunity. CCTV inspections will be carried out in covered drains to inspect blockages.</p>	No change to The Plan.

12. As a result, Council Engineers and the Consultant made the following changes to the Plan and completed a second public exhibition in 2023.
- Addition of Recommendation LD01 – Local Drainage Upgrade
 - Additional information included in relation to recent storms
 - Revision to the method used to determine the Flood Planning Area (PM02).
 - The flood planning area map was revised based on a detailed review and ground truthing. Due to the revised methodology, in a 1% AEP Flood Event flood affected lots increased by 328 and in a PMF Flood Event flood affected lots increased by 47.
 - Amendment to the hydraulic model at the northern study area boundary (adjacent to the Josephine Street, Riverwood).
13. The following sections of the Plan have been updated accordingly.
- Figures and Maps updated to reflect the changes in the hydraulic model at the northern study area boundary along Josephine Street, Riverwood (Figure A6 to Figure A24);
 - Addition of recommendation LD01 (page ix and 114) ;
 - Section 1.4 – Additional information added in relation to recent and historical storm events (page 6);
 - Section 3.8 – Details of public exhibition added (Appendix E);
 - Section 8.3.2 – Flood Planning Criteria amended (page 76);
 - Section 8.3.4 – Minor changes made in relation to drainage and runoff controls (page 79);
 - Section 8.4.1.7 Addition of local drainage upgrade LD01 (page 88);
 - Table 31 Addition of Recommendation LD01 (page 114), and
 - Addition of Appendix C & E – Community Consultation (page 231).
- Public Exhibition 2: 26 June 2023 to 25 July 2023
14. Following the public exhibition in 2022, to address the submissions received, additional amendments have been undertaken in 2023. As a result, a second community consultation was conducted in June 2023 for 28 days. During the consultation period, 18 written submissions, 4 book in sessions and 10 phone call enquiries were received.
15. The key issues raised in the submissions are listed in Table 2 along with recommendations. The key issues relate to:
- Maintenance of Council infrastructure;
 - Tagging flood affected properties;
 - Scope of advertising for the Public Exhibition;
 - Local drainage issues;
 - Historic Vs Predicted flood behaviour;
 - Managing future development;
 - General process, and
 - Flood risk at individual properties.
16. Refer to the attachment (Appendix E within the report) for the compiled set of submissions.

Table 2: General Categorisation of Key Issues Raised during Second Exhibition in 2023 with Councils Response

No.	Category	Generic Submission Comments	Council Response	Recommendation
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No.	Category	Generic Submission Comments	Council Response	Recommendation
Community Submissions				
1	Maintenance of Council infrastructure	<i>“Resident requested to Council to undertake CCTV of the existing drainage easement and clear blocked drainage pits”</i>	<p>Council’s staff has prioritised these sites for the future CCTV inspection.</p> <p>Council has scheduled drainage inspection, maintenance and cleaning programs. Council acknowledges this has been challenging at times. Council is endeavouring to improve the efficiency of the maintenance programs. In the event of a complaint being lodged Council work crews will address the issue at the earliest opportunity.</p>	No changes are required to the Plan.
2	Tagging flood affected properties	<i>“My property has never been flooded - why is it considered flood affected”</i>	<p>Floods do not occur in a regular pattern. There may be a period of no floods and a period of several floods. For example, the last time the Brisbane River flooded before the 2011 disaster was in 1974. Residents who moved there in more recent times may never considered flooding an issue until the floods in January 2011. In 1949 and 1950 Kempsey experienced the two worst floods ever recorded, within</p>	Minor changes to the Flood Planning Layer.

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No.	Category	Generic Submission Comments	Council Response	Recommendation
			eight months of each other. Following extensive rain every water course will flood.	
3	Scope of advertising for the public exhibition	<i>“We would like to be notified when the Draft Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (‘the Plan’) will be available online (your say page) as it is not up there as yet” “Do we need to undertake any works as part of the Plan?”</i>	Provided details of the consultation period to the customer. Provided details on the Plan and explained that the owners are not required to undertake any works as part of this Plan.	No change to the Plan.
4	Local drainage issues	<i>“My house is always flooded when there is a large amount of rainfall within a short period of time. The drainage outside my house can never handle the floor waters, resulting in all this water building up. The water then flows into my property and floods my garage.”</i>	Council staff reviewed the issues of the garage flooding where the garages were located lower than the street gutter level. Staff also investigated the capacity of the drainage infrastructure and found that the issue of flooding occurs due to the poor design of the basement driveway. To assist, staff discussed this with the customer and advised to modify the driveway to provide adequate protection from flooding. Staff and the consultant also	Minor changes to the Plan, to include refined investigation requirement for the local drainage issues. Minor amendments to LD01.

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No.	Category	Generic Submission Comments	Council Response	Recommendation
			reviewed the flood risks to specific sites and amended the flood affected properties as required.	
5	Historic Vs Predicted flood behaviour;	<i>“Please provide details of the historic flooding in the catchment”</i>	Discussed in Table 1	No Changes to the Plan.
6	Managing future development	<i>“Our street was flooded during recent rain events, yet the Council is approving a number of new developments upstream resulting in increase in the stormwater runoffs.”</i>	All new developments must implement a Council adopted Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). The SWMP specifies the minimum sizes of onsite detention structures (OSD) required by new developments which will reduce the post development runoffs. Development officers will also ensure there is no adverse change to the overland flow direction due to new developments during the assessment process	No Change to The Plan.
7	Flood risk at individual properties.	<i>“We have never experienced flooding or ever made an Insurance claim for Water Damage due to flooding. The updated inputs applied to this study is incorrect”</i>	Council is required by NSW legislation to undertake flood studies and floodplain risk management studies. This includes the preparation of flood studies and floodplain risk management plans that model large	Minor changes to the Flood Planning Layer.

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No.	Category	Generic Submission Comments	Council Response	Recommendation
		<i>"my property should never be tagged"</i>	<p>storm events to determine flood risk to a site and flood related development controls.</p> <p>Staff have reviewed individual properties and advised the customer accordingly.</p>	

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17. Table 3 below represents the changes to the Flood Planning Area Criteria through the lifecycle of this project.

Table 3: Flood Planning Area (FPA) Criteria

	First Exhibition (2022)	Second Exhibition (2023)	Reason
FPA Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Properties tagged rather than extent Puddles of less than 50m² removed 10% of Lot impacted by depths greater than 150mm Lots greater than 80m from adjacent tagged lot must be impacted by 25% 2003 Lots were tagged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Properties tagged rather than extent Puddles of less than 50m² removed 10% of Lot impacted by depths greater than 150mm Lots with less than 10% of the lot experiencing flood affectation but located adjacent to a major overland flowpath or floodway or depressed low point or flood storage area 2331 Lots were tagged. 	Revised FPA criteria resolved the issues of the gaps in previous flood tagging.

18. Table 4 below shows the changes of the flood tagged properties since 2016 Flood Risk Study:

Table 4: Changes of the Flood Tagged Properties

Flood Event/ Study Year	2016 (includes open space and reserves)	2022 (includes open space and reserves)	2023 (includes open space and reserves)	Reason for the reduction of flood affected lots from 2016 Study
1% AEP Flood Event (Number of Tagged Lots)	4260	2003	2331	Latest rainfall data and flood modelling technique (ARR2019) and Flood Planning Area tagging criteria used. In addition, lots affected by shallow sheet (considered as stormwater issues rather than flooding) were removed from flood tagging.
PMF Flood Event (Number of Tagged Lots)	6205	4927	4974	As above.

19. In summary, community submissions received in 2023 did not require any changes to the flood model and previously recommended flood risk mitigation options. Minor changes have been made to the final draft of The Plan, including:

- Removal of properties tagged in Former Kogarah LGA (3 properties)
- Minor amendments to FM05
- Minor amendments to LD01
- Inclusion of submission response table (Appendix E)

Flood Mitigation Options:

20. To mitigate existing flood risk, a number of structural flood mitigation options have been identified as part of the Plan. These mitigation options all require detailed feasibility studies before being included in Councils capital works program.
21. The following flood mitigation options are identified for further investigation as a priority basis: Priority project include:
- LD01 Local Drainage Upgrade – Investigation projects for a number of locations;
 - FM01 Peakhurst Park Basin;
 - FM02 Ruby Wing Reserve Basin;
 - FM08 Croydon Road Drainage Upgrade; and
 - FM09 Croot Park Basin.
22. Recommended options that are reliant on other activities or need to be undertaken in collaboration with other authorities:
- FM03 Beverly Hills Drainage Channel Duplication (To be considered as part of Master plan);
 - FM04 Morgan Street (Beverly Hills) Railway Culvert (Sydney Trains);

- FM05 Stoney Creek Road Culvert Upgrade (Transport for NSW/Sydney Water);
 - FM06 Lyle Ave Drainage Upgrade (As redevelopment occurs);
 - FM07 Morgan Street (Kingsgrove) Drainage Upgrade (Localised investigation, similar to LD01); and,
 - Refined drainage investigations for a number of locations (LD01).
23. Additionally, a number of response modification measures were also identified:
- Develop Local Flood Plans including Overland Flow Flood Information (RM01)
 - Flood Emergency Response Coordination (RM02)
 - Flood Warning Systems (RM03)
 - Community Flood Education and Awareness (RM04)
 - Improvements to Driver Safety – such as signage and flood depth indicator (RM05)
24. Planning measures (such as adoption of flood planning area and managing development in flood prone area – DCP Controls) are also recommended to reduce flood risk for the new developments.
25. Details of these Flood risk mitigation measures can be found in the Plan (page 58 to 108).
26. It is recommended that Council adopt the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards.

NEXT STEPS

27. Subject to Council endorsement of The Plan as a strategic flood risk management document, it will be uploaded on Council's website and will inform the relevant actions within the Georges River Council LGA.
28. The endorsement will enable Council to formulate plans for the next 10-year planning horizons. The future capital works program will include a mix of local drainage issues and flood mitigation solutions identified in the Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

29. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

30. To ensure accurate management actions and costings Council experts and consultants where required will interrogate proposed capital projects to ensure feasibility.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

31. **Table 5:** Community Consultation Details throughout the life cycle of this project

Community Consultation	Duration	Communication Method	Number of Submissions
2019 (Community Survey)	2/10/2019 to 30/11/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Say • Council Webpage • Newspaper Ad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 Page visits • No Submissions received


		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media • Community Newsletter 	
2022 (First Public Exhibition)	25/06/2022 to 3/7/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Say • Council Webpage • Newspaper Ad • Social Media • Letter sent to the residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 written submissions • 2 book in sessions • 6 phone calls
2023 (Second Public Exhibition)	26/6/2023 to 25/7/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Say • Council Webpage • Newspaper Ad • Letter sent to the residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 written submissions • 4 book in sessions • 10 phone calls

FILE REFERENCE

D23/257227

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1  Hurstville Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan_Part1_Final_Text

Attachment 2  Hurstville Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan_Part2_Final_Figures_Appendix

CCL098-23

NOTICES OF MOTION**Item: NM057-23 NO Domestic Violence Walk 2023****Councillor:** Councillor Symington**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council continues to advocate for the elimination of domestic violence in our community; and
- (b) That Council continues to partner with and build the capacity of community organisations working to eliminate domestic violence and support those impacted by domestic violence.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

1. This Motion is consistent with:
 - Community Strategic Plan - *1.3 The community is safe and healthy.*
 - Social Justice Charter - Principles of *Participation, Equity, Respect and Empowerment.*
2. 25 November 2023 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. To mark this important date, the United Nations invites governments, international organisations and non-government organisations (NGOs) to come together and raise awareness of gender-based violence.
3. This year Georges River Council will once again host a NO Domestic Violence Walk to mark this day. On Friday 24 November, schools, community organisations and their networks are invited to hear from speakers at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium in Carlton and walk as a group to Kogarah. The event is intended to promote positive change, encouraging all people of all ages to stand up against domestic violence in the Georges River community.
4. In 2022, 1500 attendees including schools and community organisations participated in Council's NO Domestic Violence Walk from Carlton to Kogarah.
5. Council is committed to raising awareness of domestic and family violence throughout the year. Other Council initiatives and partnership activities include:
 - **Candlelight Vigil** - In May this year, Council held its annual Candlelight Vigil at Kogarah Town Square, with 80 attendees coming together to remember those who have died because of domestic and family violence.
 - **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence** - An annual international campaign starting 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and running until 10 December, Human Rights Day. This year Council will partner with the St George Domestic Violence Committee to run an awareness campaign on social media throughout the 16 days, raising awareness of issues and providing community information and resources.
 - **Membership of the St George Domestic Violence Committee** – Council is an active member of the Committee. The Committee is made up of several local organisations who provide support to those experiencing domestic and family violence in the St George region. The Committee Chair is The Family Co, which runs the Court Advocacy service for the area with secretary support from Georges River Life Care, and other member organisations include Moving Forward, St George Local Area Command Domestic Violence Officers, Kogarah Community Services, Advance Diversity

Services, Open Door Youth Housing, NSW Health, Interrelate, Project Youth and Women's and Girls' Emergency Centre. The purpose of the Committee is to provide sector support, collaboration and information about current or emerging issues, as well as to coordinate advocacy opportunities and activities.

Domestic Violence in Georges River and Australia

6. In 2022, according to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, there were 433 instances of domestic violence reported to the police in the Georges River area.
7. According to national statistics from the Census Personal Safety Survey 2021, on average:
 - 1 woman a week and 1 man a month is killed by a current or former partner.
 - 1 in 4 women have experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner, while for men it is 1 in 14.
 - Overall, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men have experienced sexual violence.
 - 1 in 3 women has experienced physical and/or sexual violence perpetrated by a man they know.
 - 27% of women have experienced violence or emotional/economic abuse by a cohabiting partner.
8. There is a need for increased awareness-raising about domestic violence services and information. According to Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS)' 2021 National Community Attitudes Towards Violence Against Women Survey:
 - 2 in 5 Australians don't know where to access domestic violence services.
 - 2 in 5 people believe that men and women are equally likely to perpetrate violence even though 77% of people who experience intimate partner violence experience it by a male perpetrator.
9. Domestic and family violence is likely to lead to further complications for those impacted. According to ANROWS:
 - Domestic or family violence is the leading driver of homelessness for women.
 - 42% of clients accessing specialist homelessness services had experienced domestic or family violence.
10. Domestic and family violence also disproportionately impacts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. According to *Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence in Australia: Continuing the National Story* (2019), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were 32 times more likely to be hospitalised for family violence than non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Funds from the Community Capacity Building, Community Safety and Events team approved 2023/2024 budget will be used to fund this initiative.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/225368

Item: NM058-23 Traffic Study for Mortdale Town Centre**Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

- (a) That in the 2023/24 Financial Year, the General Manager identify opportunities to increase short-term parking within the Mortdale Town Centre and report these results through a future Local Traffic Advisory Committee.
- (b) That a communication package be provided to Business owners and their employees within the Mortdale Town Centre promoting the use of appropriate parking. i.e off-street or unrestricted to support customer turn over and regulatory parking compliance.
- (c) That the General Manager undertake a Parking Occupancy Study in the 2024/25 Financial Year of both restricted and unrestricted parking within the Mortdale Town Centre and report the results through a future Local Traffic Advisory Committee.

NM058-23

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan- Our Community Pillar 1 – The community is safe and healthy, Goal 1.3.1A Increase community and road safety in Georges River Council Local Government Area. This Motion is also consistent with Georges River Council Car Parking Strategy (July 2018) to understand the demand and supply of the current parking situation in the Local Government Area (LGA).

Georges River Car Parking Strategy 2018 report (resolved April 2020) identified, at the time, 468 on-street parking spaces within the Mortdale Town Centre that consists of 49% unrestricted parking, 33% 1P parking, 9% 2P parking and 10% other.

The report indicates that overall high occupancy can be seen within Mortdale especially within the unrestricted spaces due to the proximity of public transportation platforms. However, a proportion of parkers in these spaces are short stay customers.

The table below summarises the potential increase in parking demands should there be no change in travel modes. The parking occupancy study was assessed in 2018.

Weekdays	Occupancy at peak period				
	2018	2023	2028	2033	2038
On-street Restricted	80%	84%	88%	93%	97%
On-street Unrestricted	97%	102%	107%	112%	117%
Subtotal	89%	93%	98%	102%	107%
Off-street Restricted	79%	83%	87%	91%	96%
Off-street Unrestricted	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subtotal	79%	83%	87%	91%	96%
TOTAL	87%	91%	96%	100%	105%

A minimum of 5.5% change in travel modes are required every 5 years to maintain peak occupancy at or below 85%. This will allow motorists to locate available parking spaces at peak times without the need for additional supply of parking spaces in the area.

To identify if the parking demands have changed since 2018, Council will undertake an updated Parking Occupancy Study in the 24/25 financial year. The study will be separated into restricted and unrestricted parking to determine the demand in certain areas within the Town Centre.

The outcomes from the Parking Occupancy Study will determine if there is a need for additional restricted and unrestricted parking spaces.

The revitalisation of Mortdale Town Centre and upgrade of the public domain in 2022 brought to Council's attention that a number of parking spaces were non-compliant in accordance with both the Australian Standards (AS2890.5 On Street Parking) and TfNSW guidelines (Stopping and Parking Restrictions at intersections and crossings). These parking spaces were subsequently removed to meet relevant standards, improve pedestrian safety and traffic movement in the area.

Following the completion of the works, Council officers will determine if the mobility parking spaces require relocation to better facilitate accessible users based on the location of businesses.

Council officers have also commenced identifying opportunities to increase short term parking within the Town Centre with a report to be presented to a future Local Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration. This will be completed prior to the Parking Occupancy Study commencing.

It has been observed by Council officers that business owners are utilising restricted parking areas for extended periods of time resulting in a reduction of short-term parking for customers.

To assist with maintaining vehicle turnover within restricted parking areas for customers, Council will prepare a communication package to be provided to business owners and their employees promoting the use of their off-street parking spaces and location of unrestricted parking areas near the Town Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Parking Occupancy Study for Mortdale Town Centre will require an Operational budget to be included in the 2024/25 financial year.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/ 233956

Item: NM059-23 New South Wales Litter Prevention Grant Program**Councillor:** Councillor Mort**MOTION:**

That the General Manager makes an application under the New South Wales litter Prevention Grant Program in order to take advantage of the numerous environmental benefits which will arise from Council's involvement in the program.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

The NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy Litter Prevention Grants are staged over a number of Rounds and based on current work programming and priorities relating to litter. Council will apply for a litter prevention grant for Round 3 in March 2024, subject to eligibility criteria, current resource need and strategy alignment.

Litter prevention is one of the key actions of the Georges River Council Waste Strategy 2021-2040. Council conducted a Litter Hotspot Audit in March 2023 which resulted in the assessment of litter across 50 sites in the local government area (LGA) using the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Local Litter Check and 'Clean site' methodology. The final report stated that Council has an efficient and effective cleaning program and is doing a good job of cleaning the sites. The report outlined education and infrastructure as potential areas for improvement.

The NSW Litter Prevention grants are somewhat restrictive in funding the improvements that Council requires in these areas. For example, infrastructure is capped at a maximum of \$500 and it is considered that Council would have to source alternate funding to develop and implement a litter project. The purchase of one litter bin surround is approximately \$3,500 exclusive of the installation costs, so under the grant program, not even one litter bin surround could be purchased. It is considered that the restrictions the EPA has stipulated in their Litter Prevention Grants eligibility requirements will not meet Council's needs in the management of litter in the Georges River LGA.

Council's association with the NSW EPA's illegal dumping enforcement branch the RID squad ceased on 30 June 2023 due to the lack of continued support from the NSW EPA and select member Councils. Council will be looking to apply for illegal dumping grants to help with monitoring, enforcement, and education. Council's focus will be on supporting important illegally dumped waste investigations as a priority over litter management, considering its limited resources and grant application restrictions by the NSW EPA.

Council's Waste Team recommends a holistic education campaign be created to cover both illegal dumping and litter management throughout the LGA. This campaign will be designed to connect with our community in a more direct and positive way in dealing with waste, while considering Council's progress to date in managing both these waste streams.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/237366

Item: NM060-23 NSW Small Business Month 2023

Councillor: Councillor Liu

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Note that October is NSW Small Business Month and acknowledge the contribution of small businesses to the Georges River Council local economy.
- (b) Thank Council officers for their partnership with the St George Business Chamber to run a small business event on Wednesday, 25 October 2023 on the important topic of cyber-security.
- (c) Request that Council officers continue to explore new partnership initiatives with the local Chamber of Commerce to support our local business community.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is:

- Consistent with Pillar 3: Our Economy in Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan
- Delivers on Goal 3.1 – Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow
- Delivers on NM037-23 Cyber Security Awareness

Georges River Council and the St George Business Chamber have developed a strong partnership to support and promote small businesses within our local community. Both organisations were successful in receiving a NSW Government Small Business Month grant. The two grants have been utilised to deliver the forthcoming cyber-security event.

Further events and advocacy opportunities between the two organisations are being explored for the remainder of 2023/24 and subsequent years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/38507

NM060-23

Item: NM061-23 Pedestrian Safety Measures - Rose Street Hurstville**Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager investigates the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing at the intersections of Rose Street and Humphreys Lane, and Rose Street and Forest Rd Hurstville and report the outcomes of this investigation to a future Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.
- (b) That Council requests funding from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to fund the construction of the pedestrian crossings.
- (c) That the General Manager investigates the current parking conditions on Rose Street to determine if additional 'Loading Zone' opportunities are required to facilitate the daily functions of the businesses.
- (d) That the General Manager investigates short term options to improve the overall safety of the site, including but not limited to signage and line marking.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Pillar 1: Our Community – The community is safe and healthy, Goal 1.3.1A Increase community and road safety in Georges River Local Government Area. This Motion is also consistent with Pillar 4: Our Built Environment - There are a range of transport options and increased walkability and cycling to connect people, goods and businesses, Goal 4.3.2 Plan for, improve and maintain safe and connected footpaths and cycleways.

In 2022, Council conducted a Hurstville High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) study to extend the existing 40km/h area while improving pedestrian and cycling movements. The study proposed the construction of 'Continuous Footpath Treatments' at the intersection of Humphreys Lane and Rose Street. There have been no proposed changes for Rose Street and Forest Road.

Council plans to request funding for the delivery of the Hurstville study from the Federal Government following the completion of the Riverwood HPAA program.

Council has adopted the warrants set by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) that require vehicle and pedestrian counts to be met in accordance with their design documents for a pedestrian crossing to be installed. The warrants for a pedestrian crossing are as follows:

“In each of three separate one hour periods in a typical day:

- The product of the measured pedestrian flow (P) per hour and the measured vehicle traffic flow (V) is equal or greater than 60,000 and;
- The measured flows, P and V are equal or greater than 30 and 500 respectively;
- The measured flows apply for three periods of one hour in any day.”

A reduced warrant will be utilised should there be a high number of school students who utilise the intersection.

Council officers will conduct a vehicle and pedestrian count at the intersection of Rose Street and Humphreys Lane to determine if a pedestrian crossing is warranted. Council officers need to conduct further investigation of the surrounding site to determine the land ownership.

Based on the outcomes of the vehicle and pedestrian counts, any proposals to construct a pedestrian crossing will be added to the list of future traffic facilities projects.

Council completed a vehicle and pedestrian count at the intersection of Rose Street and Forest Road on Tuesday 29 August 2023, with the following counts being recorded:

Time	Pedestrians	Vehicles	PV
8.15am - 9.15am	335	290	97,150
11.45am – 12.45pm	493	381	187,833
2.45pm - 3.45pm	286	357	102,102

The pedestrian and vehicle count observed a high number of school children travelling across Rose Street and Forest Road during the morning and afternoon peak periods to gain access to local businesses.

The above counts meet the required warrant of 200 vehicles and 30 pedestrians per hour for two single hours in the same day, which is needed to justify the instalment of a pedestrian crossing aimed at school children.

Council plans to request funding from the Federal Government under their Get Active program with successful applications to be funded in the 2024/25 Financial Year. If this request is unsuccessful, the raised pedestrian crossing will be investigated for funding within a future TfNSW Traffic Facilities program.

The estimated cost to construct a new raised pedestrian crossing is approximately \$85,000 which also includes street lighting upgrade, line marking and signage.

It is be noted that the construction of the pedestrian crossing will result in the loss of on-street parking on Rose Street to comply with the Australian Standards. Per the standard, 20m of 'No Stopping' restrictions are required before and 10m of 'No Stopping' after the pedestrian crossing.

There are currently 'No Parking' and 'Loading Zone' restrictions on Humphreys Lane to assist with businesses loading and unloading materials to the rear of their property. Council will conduct further investigation to determine if additional 'Loading Zone' spaces are required along Rose Street.

In the short term, Council Traffic Officers will explore the installation of additional pedestrian warning signs along Forest Road and Rose Street to warn motorists travelling through the area. Council's Road Safety Officers will investigate the installation of additional 'Look' stencils at the intersection of Forest Road and Rose Street.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications will be detailed in a report to the Local Traffic Advisory Committee if this Motion is supported.

Costs associated with the delivery of the short-term measures are within existing budget allocation for 2023/2024.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/249075

Item: NM062-23 St. George Migrant Information Day**Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council congratulates Advance Diversity Services for coordinating St George Migrant Information Day 2023.
- (b) That Council congratulates staff from Bayside Council and Georges River Council who supported Advance Diversity Services in the delivery of St George Migrant Information Day 2023.

NM062-23

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*
- Pillar 1 – Our community, Goal 1.3 – *Our community is safe and healthy.*

This motion is also consistent with Council's Social Justice Charter principle of equity. On 22 August 2022, Council resolved (COM034-22) to adopt the Georges River Council Social Justice Charter (the Charter) following a period of public exhibition. The Charter aims to create a stronger sense of community and improve the liveability of the Georges River Council local government area, particularly for vulnerable members of the community. Further, it aims to drive social change and improve the lives of our community through principles including equity, where everyone has fair and balanced access to opportunities, resources, information, facilities, and services.

St George Migrant Information Day 2023 took place at the Marana Auditorium, Hurstville on Wednesday 11 October 2023. Migrant Information Day is a free annual event that supports new migrants and refugees settling into the Georges River and Bayside communities. The event has been a vital resource for new migrants and refugees for over two decades.

The event is initiated by the St George Multicultural Network and supported by Advance Diversity Services, Georges River Council, Bayside Council, Health NSW, TAFE, and the Benevolent Society.

This year, over 350 attendees engaged with 39 stallholders from health, government, education, employment, youth, community, and CALD-specific services. The event opened with speeches from Georges River Council Mayor Sam Elmir, Bayside Council Councillor Liz Barlow, Georges River Councillor Ashvini Ambhaipahar on behalf of The Hon Chris Minns MP, Premier of New South Wales and Member for Kogarah, and a short, pre-recorded video message from of The Hon Chris Minns MP, Premier of New South Wales and Member for Kogarah. Councillor Mort and Councillor Liu were also in attendance.

The event included outdoor activities such as an interactive activity with Sydney Water, Tai Chi, Zumba, and a falls prevention exercise facilitated by NSW Health. The inside stage hosted performances from Fiestaville Choir and a Korean Drumming group. The event also included a complimentary barbeque lunch for all attendees.

Bilingual workers were present to offer language assistance in Nepali, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Bengali, and Ukrainian.

The event's success highlights its role in easing the transition of new arrivals into the community and enhancing their understanding of available resources.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within existing budget allocation. Budgeted funds from the Community Capacity Team's Multicultural budget, were used to fund this event in 2023. Financial contributions also came from Advance Diversity Services, Bayside Council, NSW Health, TAFE, and the Benevolent Society through sponsorship, and stallholders fee to participate in the event.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/252145

Item: NM063-23 Maintenance and Remediation of Street Trees in Kogarah CBD**Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council develops a plan and implements a cost effective, suitable and sustainable street-tree watering strategy in Montgomery Street, Kogarah.
- (b) That Council seeks to remediate the street trees in Montgomery Street by removing the porous paving within the tree pits, undertake removal and replacement of poor performing specimens and undertake soil remediation works, install passive irrigation inlet in the kerb and ag-pipe within the tree pit to allow for adequate water delivery to the tree root systems.
- (c) That a report is provided to a future Council meeting that outlines a broader plan, including costs of capital works required to enable the street trees in Montgomery Street, Kogarah to prosper whilst being self-maintaining.
- (d) That a budget bid is included in the 2024/2025 budget for the capital works to remediate and revitalise poor performing street tree specimens within the Kogarah CBD outlined in the report in item (c).

NM063-23

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan Pillar 2: Our Green Environment, Goal 2.1 Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment and Goal 2.3 Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.

Council officers have conducted a thorough inspection and assessment of the street trees in Montgomery Street, Kogarah and determined that further intervention by Council is required to ensure the longevity of existing healthy trees and removal of trees in decline or deemed unsuitable for the location.

A report will be provided to Council addressing points (a) to (d), including technical arboricultural guidance and recommendations relating to the most appropriate remedial actions for existing and future street tree plantings, sustainable maintenance of trees and a review of infrastructure solutions to support growth and prosperity in the vicinity along Montgomery Street, Kogarah.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FILE REFERENCE

D23/253098

Item: NM064-23 Community Engagement Policy Submissions**Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

That Council includes the following when it does the next update of the Community Engagement Policy:

- (a) Guidelines for the community of what personal information needs to be provided from a member of the community for a submission to be considered valid, to deter submissions from fake emails or fraudulent submissions.
- (b) Policy includes a process and procedure on how such submissions are handled and considered.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is:

- Consistent with Community Engagement Policy
- Consistent with Pillar 6: Governance in our Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032

The Community Engagement Policy was adopted by Georges River Council in August 2021. The Policy is due for review in August 2024. The guidelines and processes requested will be considered during the review process in 2024.

Advice will also be sought from the Office of Local Government during the review process to ensure best practice policy is developed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/253128

NM064-23

Item: NM065-23 Illegal Advertising Signage**Councillor:** Councillor Mort**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council take action to remove existing Illegal advertising signage that is placed on power poles.
- (b) That a report be provided to Council outlining the feasibility of an education campaign in order to prevent further offending.

NM065-23

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This motion is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 The Community is Safe and Healthy and Pillar 3: Our Economy, Goal 3.2 Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities.

During the normal course of duties, Council's maintenance crews actively remove illegal advertising from power poles, buildings and other infrastructure in major central business districts and town centres. However, the process of removing illegal advertising signs from Ausgrid and Council infrastructure is excessively time consuming for Council officers due to the nature of application and the adhesive used for application.

In other areas across the local government area, such as main arterial roads and residential streets, Council relies on community and resident requests to inform the reactive removal of illegal signage, which can present further staff and public safety issues relating to traffic and pedestrian volumes, and exposure to the method of removal required.

In both the active and reactive circumstances described above, the removal of Illegal advertising detracts from other essential services that are the primary focus of City Presentation maintenance crews including town cleansing, rubbish removal and amenities cleansing, as well as a multitude of other services that the maintenance crews deliver including parks maintenance, garden maintenance and reactive resident requests.

In the past, both enforcement and education of offenders of illegal advertising has proven difficult for Council and Ausgrid as the signage often lists an unidentifiable business name, mobile number and no physical address.

The City Futures team, in partnership with Asset & Infrastructure Directorate, will explore initiatives to ensure the community is aware, informed and engaged about the potential impacts of illegal poster installation within the Georges River LGA.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The removal of existing illegal signs is within budget allocation providing the current service level and timeframe is maintained within the existing maintenance crew allocation.

The ongoing proactive and reactive removal of illegal signs would require additional resourcing to facilitate improved services levels and removal timeframes. A further report to Council is required.

Communication initiatives would require additional resourcing. A further report to Council is required.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/254116

NM065-23

Item: NM066-23 Battle of the Bridges 2023**Councillor:** Councillor Landsberry**MOTION:**

That:

- (a) Council notes that Georges River Council and Sutherland Shire Council partnered together in the first ever “Battle of the Bridges” a youth-focused music event held at Sutherland Arts Theatre in Sutherland on Saturday 23 September 2023 to showcase the musical talents of young people in the Georges River and Sutherland Shire LGAs.
- (b) Council notes that the all-ages event stemmed from feedback captured during Youth Week in April 2023 and that approximately 200 friends, family and music fans turned out to support these emerging bands and musicians.
- (c) Council congratulates all of the performers who participated at Battle of the Bridges, including Georges River performers Jacinta Drumond, Pocketwatch, and DOLOR and Sutherland Shire performers, Sundryver, Spinning Cupids, and Vermanic.
- (d) Council notes that Georges River won the night based on audience popularity of the performances.

NM066-23

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 inaugural Battle of the Bridges event was held at the Sutherland Arts Theatre on Saturday 23 September 2023. This event initiated through feedback captured at Council's Battle of the Beats event held at 3Bridges Youth Zone as part of Youth Week in April 2023, when young people noted that there is a lack of opportunity for young people to engage with live music locally. Subsequently, Georges River and Sutherland Shire Councils collaborated to conceptualise and deliver Battle of the Bridges, which showcased three acts from each respective Council's youth music events held in celebration of Youth Week 2023.

The successful all-ages event was open to everyone and was extremely well attended, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry and Councillor Natalie Mort were in attendance with approximately 200 community members, band participants and family members resulting in the event reaching venue capacity. A wealth of positive feedback was received on the night highlighting how both Georges River and Sutherland Shire Councils listen to the needs of young people and support them in a meaningful way.

After six spectacular performances from Jacinta Drumond, Pocketwatch, and DOLOR representing Georges River, and Sundryver, Spinning Cupids, and Vermanic representing Sutherland Shire, Georges River collectively was named the winner of the first ever Battle of the Bridges event.

Council's youth services are based on empowerment, purposeful engagement and inclusiveness. Council works to ensure that the voices of young people are heard and valued. Following the success of this event, Council officers have been communicating with Sutherland Shire Council officers to enhance this event for 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the delivery of the Battle of the Bridges event was within existing Community Capacity Building budget allocation for 2023/2024.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/254460

NM066-23

Item: NM067-23 Bushfire Seminar - Emergency Ready Week

Councillor: Councillor Mahoney

MOTION:

That Council sends letters of thanks to Lugarno Progress Association for organising a successful Bushfire Seminar on 22 September 2023 during Emergency Ready week. That Council also send thanks to Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW Police and the National Parks and Wildlife Service for providing expert personnel to share their knowledge and, to Lugarno Public School who made the venue available, and Penshurst RSL who provided the food and drink on the night.

NM067-23

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan Pillar 1 Our Community, Goal 1.3 The community is safe and healthy. It is recognised and acknowledged that Council staff including the Local Emergency Management Officer and Resilience Program Support Officer, represented Council and spoke at the Lugarno Progress Association's bushfire meeting held on 22 September 2023.

It is also acknowledged and appreciated that other relevant agencies gave their time freely to attend and answer the many questions that the community had in relation to bushfire safety and preparedness.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/254504

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**Item:** QWN031-23 LED Screen for Hurstville Entertainment Centre**Author:** Councillor Liu**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice**COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

Council's Hurstville Entertainment Centre has always been in great demand from the local community, especially after COVID-19. Would Council staff please update us with some details, in particular the LED screen I proposed previously via a Notice of Motion NM036-21 - Feasibility of Procuring an LED Screen for Council's Cultural Facilities – 24 May 2021.

COUNCILLOR BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

OFFICER RESPONSE**1. Refurbishment to Hurstville Entertainment Centre (HEC)**

Funds have been allocated in the current financial year to conduct a detailed review and engage a Quantity Surveyor to determine the scope of works required to achieve the following benefits from refurbishing the facility:

- Maintain existing booking levels and attract new bookings for the facility;
- Remain competitive with new entrants into the venue hire market. For example;
 - i. The Pavilion Performing Arts Centre in Sutherland (formerly Sutherland Entertainment Centre)
 - ii. Southern Sydney Event Centre Hurstville (Club Central);
- Increased appeal of the facility to attract Australian and international touring shows / artists; and
- Increased community satisfaction, ensuring local community organisations keep their activities within the Georges River area.

Following the scope of works for refurbishment being ascertained, funding sources will need to be identified to conduct the refurbishment.

2. LED Screen

In October 2021, Council Officers applied for funding for the project through the NSW Government's "Creative Capital – Minor Works and Equipment Grant" Scheme, however Council was unsuccessful with this application.

On 28 March 2022, Council resolved (COM010-22);

- (a) *That Council note that Hurstville Entertainment Centre is considered the most appropriate location for a permanent LED screen.*

- (b) *That Council note that grant funding will need to be obtained in order to viably fund the acquisition and installation of an LED screen.*
- (c) *That Council note a portable screen will continue to be hired for Council outdoor events and activities as needed.*

Furthermore, a Project Proposal for the procurement of an LED Screen for the Hurstville Entertainment Centre was submitted as part of the 2023/2024 Capital Expenditure Review process. The Project Proposal was deferred due to other projects taking higher priority and/or urgency.

The project to install an LED screen remains unbudgeted and as such, the Project Proposal has been resubmitted as part of the 2024/2025 Capital Expenditure Review process.

Council officers will continue to seek suitable grant funding to acquire and install an LED screen.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

Item: QWN032-23 Replacing Faded Street Signs in the Georges River LGA

Author: Councillor Liu

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

QWN032-23

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Following my previous NOM085-22 regarding the replacement of faded street signs in the Georges River Council local government area, can Council officers provide an update on the detailed plan, current status and relevant budget for the Street Signage Replacement Program?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Following Councillor Liu's previous Motion (NM085-22), Council officers developed the 5-year Street Signage Replacement Program to address the end-of-life asset condition of street blades and community concerns relating to faded and damaged signage across the local government area.

The Street Signage Replacement Program was included in the 2023/24 Asset Renewal Program budget and includes the replacement of all faded street blades that were identified as part of the asset condition assessment undertaken by Council officers.

The Street Signage Replacement Program commenced in July 2023 with 1,200 street blades identified for replacement throughout Riverwood, Narwee and Beverly Hills in the current financial year. As at 12 October 2023, there have been 300 street signs replaced. Attachment A shows a map detailing the timing for street blade replacement by suburb over the life of the 5-year program.

Whilst a five-year program has been developed, signs are replaced on an ad-hoc basis throughout the local government area when requests are received through customer service if they have been damaged or vandalised.

The 2023/24 budget allocation is \$150,000, with a further \$150,000 per annum proposed in subsequent years of the Street Signage Replacement Program.

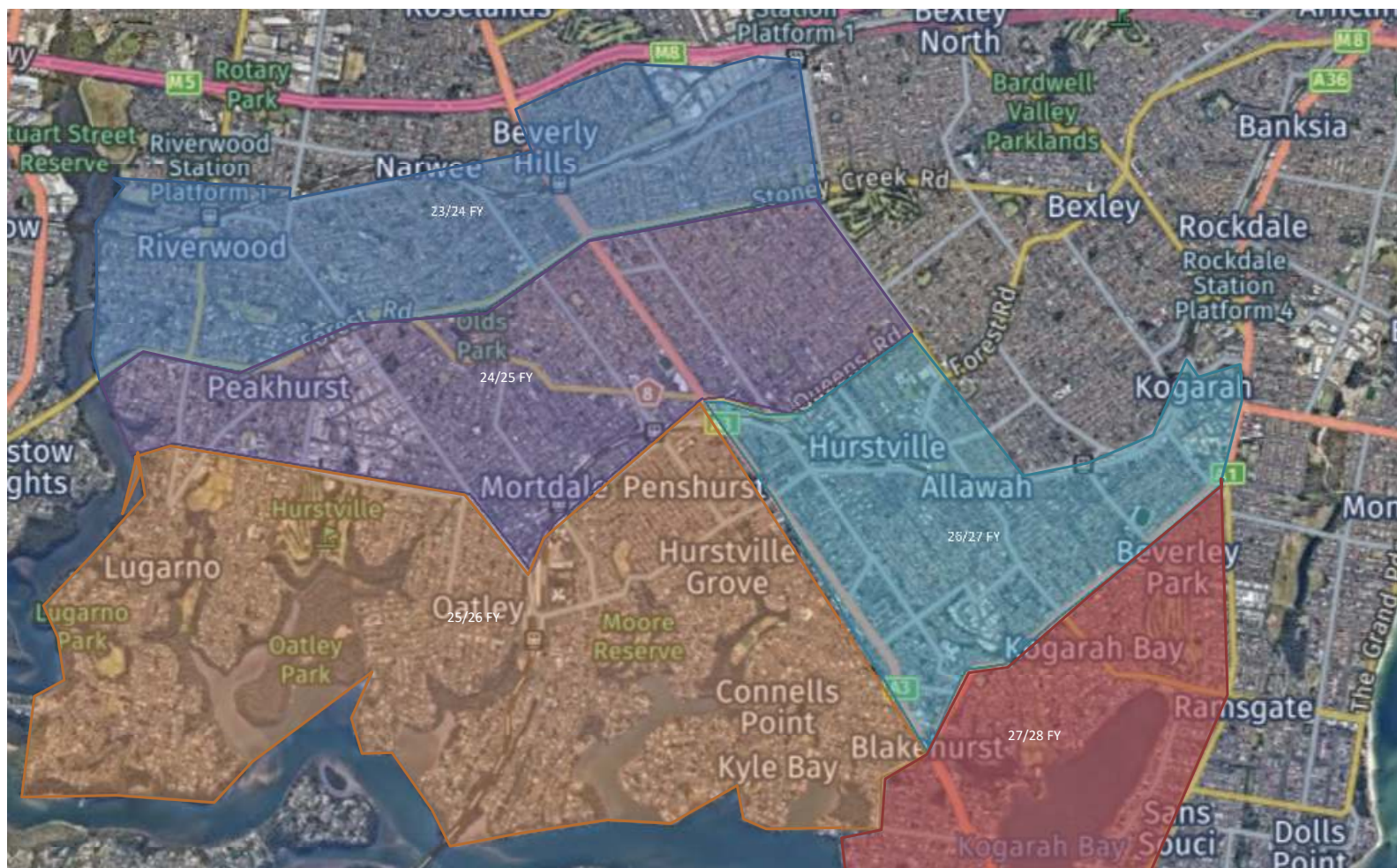
RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#)  Street Blade Replacement Program-13-10-2023

Attachment A – GRC LGA Street Sign Replacement Program – 2023/24 to 2027/28 (5 years)



Item: QWN033-23 Update on matters resolved concerning Glenlee

Author: Councillor Mahoney

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

QWN033-23

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can the Acting General Manager provide an update on the progress of the matters resolved under Notices of Motion NM041-23 (24 July 2023) and NM050-23 (28 August 2023) concerning "Glenlee"?

NOTICE OF MOTION NM041-23 DATED 24 JULY 2023

Council resolved that the General Manager:

- (a) *Acknowledges the correspondence received from the Hon. Penny Sharpe, MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage dated 20th July, 2023;*

Council Officer Response: Council letter dated 3 August 2023 sent to the Hon. Penny Sharpe acknowledges her letter dated 19 July 2023 to Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar.

- (b) *Investigates and seeks advice on Glenlee's eligibility as a "Community Acquisition Proposal" to be incorporated into the NSW National PARKS system;*

Council Officer Response: A person can offer their own land directly to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NP&WS) or a person can advise the NSW NP&WS of land that has important natural or cultural value.

The Council is to note that the NSW Department of Planning and Environment [website](#) states: *If you nominate land you do not own (except if it is on the open market), we may not be able to act on your suggestion, as we only acquire land from willing landowners. However, we can consider government-owned land.*

The process to offer/advise the NSW NP&WS of land is to complete an online form – the [community acquisition proposal](#) or via an email to reserve.establishment@environment.nsw.gov.au. The proposal is required to be accompanied by an assessment of the suitability of the land's incorporation into the National Parks System.

In respect of the suitability criteria the following is advised:

Suitability Criteria	Officer comment
International, national or state significance, such as internationally significant wetlands or areas that protect migratory birds listed under bilateral agreements.	The site is not mapped as having coastal wetlands on it under the NSW SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021. A third of the site is mapped as being within Proximity Area for Coastal Wetlands (100m buffer) under the SEPP. The site is not listed in international nor national

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	agreements.
The potential to improve the comprehensiveness, adequacy and representativeness of the national parks system.	<p>The site is not located adjacent to any NSW National Parks. The closest national park as the crow flies is 1km at 27 Moons Avenue Lugarno.</p> <p>The potential of the site to improve the comprehensiveness, adequacy and representativeness of the national parks system is unknown due to insufficient information.</p>
Threatened species, populations or ecological communities.	<p>The site has not been identified on any of the Council mapping layers as containing threatened species, populations or ecological communities.</p> <p>Information lodged as part of the DA2021/0181 appeal did indicate the following:</p> <p><i>In respect of matters required to be considered under the EP&A Act and relating to the species/provisions of the BC Act, two (2) threatened fauna species Large Bent-winged Bat (Miniopterus orianae oceanensis) and Greater Broad-nosed Bat (Scoteanax rueppellii), two (2) threatened flora species Macadamia tetraphylla (planted) and Syzygium paniculatum, no endangered populations and no threatened endangered communities were recorded within the study area.</i></p> <p><i>In respect of matters required to be considered under the EPBC Act, no threatened fauna species, no protected migratory bird species two (2) threatened flora species Macadamia tetraphylla (planted) and Syzygium paniculatum, and no TECs listed under this Act were recorded within the development footprint.</i></p> <p><i>In respect of matters relative to the FM Act, no suitable habitat for threatened marine or aquatic species was observed within the development footprint. Impacts on recorded mangrove vegetation (PCT 920) will require assessment under the FM Act.</i></p> <p>The relevant Acts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 - EP&A Act • the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 - BC Act, • the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 - EPBC Act and • the Fisheries Management Act 1994 - FM Act <p>(Reference: page iii Biodiversity Development Assessment Report dated 19 January 2022 by Travers Bushfire & Ecology).</p>
Critical habitat value such as priority koala habitat under the NSW Koala Strategy	The site has not been identified as containing priority koala habitat under the NSW Koala Strategy.
Importance for ecosystem function, catchment	The site is important in landscape connectivity,

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protection or landscape connectivity.	adjacent to Heinrich Reserve with links further north to Gannons Park.
Migratory routes and corridors, refuge, roosting sites, breeding sites and caves	<p>The site is mapped under the SSROC <i>Connected Biodiversity Corridor</i> (dated 2016) as having priority habitats and supporting habitats.</p> <p>The 2021 Biodiversity Study did not identify streets surrounding the site as being priority street tree corridors.</p> <p>Whether or not the site contains migratory routes and corridors, refuge, roosting sites, breeding sites and caves is unknown due to insufficient information. The Site does contain significant remnant native vegetation, including mature Smooth-barked Apple-Blackbutt-Red Bloodwood open forest and a wide variety of native fauna. These mature native trees provide denning and nesting hollows, nectar and insect resources for native wildlife including several threatened species.</p>
Vegetation communities, their protection status and current representation in the national parks system	<p>The site is not located adjacent to any NSW National Parks. The closest national park as the crow flies is 1km at 27 Moons Avenue Lugarno. The site is mapped under the SSROC Connected Biodiversity Corridor (dated 2016) as having priority habitats and supporting habitats.</p> <p>Information lodged as part of the DA2021/0181 appeal did indicate that there are: <i>two (2) threatened flora species Macadamia tetraphylla (planted) and Syzygium paniculatum, within the site;</i> however no endangered populations and no threatened endangered communities were recorded within the site.</p> <p>These two flora species and any other vegetation communities and their current representation in the national parks system is unknown due to insufficient information.</p>
Aquatic ecosystems (rivers and wetlands)	<p>The site has frontage to the Georges River.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (lodged with DA2021/0181) states that in respect of matters relative to the Fisheries Management (FM) Act 1994, no suitable habitat for threatened marine or aquatic species was observed within the site. Impacts on recorded mangrove vegetation along the riverbed (PCT 920) will require assessment under the FM Act should a future DA be lodged.</p>
Cultural heritage sites and objects of significance	<p>The GML assessment of heritage significance dated 11 April 2022 was undertaken against the NSW standard criteria for assessment of cultural significance. The assessment concludes that Glenlee has cultural significance at the state level under criteria (f) and (g) and at the local level under criteria (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). The criteria is explained in the</p>

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	<p>Local Government Heritage Guidelines published on Heritage NSW's website at link</p> <p>The Inventory Sheet (at Appendix C to the GML Report) indicates that the <i>“first meeting between the British and local Aboriginal people is believed to have occurred at “Lance Point” and in Lime Kiln Bay near or on the subject site.”</i></p>
Connection to other areas in a cultural context – stories or tradition	<p>The GML assessment of heritage significance dated 11 April 2022 states that the site also has historical significance for its connection to the significant practice of oyster farming in the Georges River.</p> <p>Cultivation of oysters in Lime Kiln Bay near the subject site began in 1886 and was a profitable commercial enterprise. The Matthei family, who took over the leases in 1906, continued oyster farming at the site through to 1996. The Mattheis were some of the most prominent oyster farmers in the Georges River area and the practice was one of their primary sources of income.</p> <p>The site still retains a remnant boatshed, jetty, cable-pulley engine shed and has the potential to reveal information on oyster farming practices in the Georges River.</p> <p>The GML assessment of heritage significance dated 11 April 2022 also states that Glenlee is representative of early twentieth-century agricultural practices, common to early settler estates. The site retains areas of the original gardens, along with farming machinery and irrigation systems. It is possible that the Matthei family employed early construction, farming or irrigation techniques common in Germany, which could provide insight into early twentieth-century immigrant practices in NSW. Similarly, the integrity of the house interiors and movable heritage may provide insight into life in regional NSW in the early twentieth century, and the cultural life in Lugarno specifically.</p>
Geological and/or geomorphological importance	There is insufficient information available to respond to this criteria.
Exceptional visual quality or protection of visual amenity	The site has a visual connection with Georges River, however further information is required to assess the visual impact from within the site. Access to the site has been denied by the current owners.
Manageability of the land – whether acquisition improves a reserve boundary, provides better access, reduces threats to conservation assets, or contains assets that assist management.	<p>As stated above the site is important in landscape connectivity, adjacent to Heinrich Reserve and further north to Gannons Park.</p> <p>Acquisition of the site will protect the cultural significance and the Aboriginal relics.</p>
The extent of pests and weeds	The Biodiversity Development Assessment Report

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	<p>indicates that the western portion of the site it is in relatively good condition, with high species richness and low weed abundance. Throughout the central, eastern, and margin areas, it is in poor condition with disturbed or modified understorey and high abundance of weeds. The poor condition vegetation also includes some derived native vegetation.</p> <p>There is insufficient information available to respond to the criteria regarding pests.</p>
Whether the land is subject to alternative protection mechanisms (land use zoning, conservation covenants)	<p>The site is zoned R2 – Low Density Residential and is within the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area (FSPA) under the provisions of the Georges River LEP 2021. The site is also listed as a Local Heritage Item in Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage to the Georges River LEP 2021.</p> <p>Both its low-density zoning and current local heritage listing do provide protection over the site.</p>
Capacity to generate biodiversity and carbon credits to supply environmental markets and generate revenue to reinvest in the national park estate.	There is insufficient information available to respond to this criteria.
Research and education opportunities	<p>The GML assessment of heritage significance dated 11 April 2022 states that due to the variety of landscapes and habitats across the site, encompassing waterfronts, landscaped gardens, and self-seeded bushland, there is potential for the site to yield information regarding the biodiversity of the Georges River area, and changing patterns in its flora and fauna. The site has a range of planted trees and gardens, some of which are likely to date from the early establishment of the site, in the early 1900s.</p>
Recreational or visitor experience opportunities.	<p>The site is highly intact, maintaining the original relationship between the house, its grounds, and the river, with significant views and vistas undisturbed by later development. In its current state recreational or visitor experience opportunities are limited on Site. There would need to be improvements carried out.</p>
Community support for the protection of the land or values.	There is community support for the protection of the site.

If Council was to lodge a community acquisition proposal for the site with the NSW NP&WS then the table above will be used as part of the lodgement. Council is to note that there is missing information to address some of the suitability criteria. Access to the site would need to be granted to address the suitability criteria. To date access has been denied by the owner.

The provisions for nomination for acquisition require a willingness from the landowner.

Therefore, it is suggested that if Council wishes to proceed to submit a proposal that this is undertaken with the support of the owners.

- (c) *Writes to the Hon. Penny Sharpe, MLC, to request that she authorises access to Glenlee under the Heritage Act, 1977, by Council officers and/or its appointed consultants for the purposes of carrying out any inspections deemed necessary to assess the site for Aboriginal and natural heritage.*

Council Officer response: Council letter dated 3 August 2023 was sent to Hon. Penny Sharpe, MLC, requesting that she authorises access to Glenlee under the Heritage Act, 1977, by Council officers and/or its appointed consultants for the purposes of carrying out any inspections deemed necessary to assess the site for Aboriginal and natural heritage.

A meeting was held on 16 August 2023 with the Hon. Penny Sharpe, MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage. The meeting was attended by

- Georges River Councillors: Nick Katris, Ashvini Ambihapahar, Peter Mahoney, Lou Konjarski and Veronica Ficarra
- Friends of Glenlee: Brian Ralston
- Georges River Council Staff: David Tuxford and Meryl Bishop

The actions arising from the meeting are outlined as follows.

- Council will invite the owners/family member of the land to meet with the General Manager to discuss matters including gaining access to the site.
- Minister Sharpe encouraged Council to develop a business case to determine future uses and approaches for the site.
- Minister Sharpe stated that the Government would explore progressing the heritage assessment of the site and its protection.
- Minister Sharpe suggested the group should meet again once the above matters had progressed. - no date was set for the next meeting.

- (d) *Prepares a briefing note which provides options for possible future uses of Glenlee, prior to meeting with the Minister.*

Council Officer Response: A briefing note was sent to the Minister to inform the meeting which was held on 16 August 2023. A copy of the Briefing Note was placed on the hub and circulated to Councillors.

Note: Clause 4.1B Minimum lot sizes and special provisions requires that development consent must not be granted for the erection of a dual occupancy in the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area unless the lot has an area of at least 1,000 square metres.

- (e) *Further, consult with Friends of Glenlee, Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society and local bush care and relevant community groups when developing the briefing note.*

Council Officer Response: The draft briefing note was referred to Friends of Glenlee, Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society and local bush care and relevant community groups for comment and input. Comments were received from Councillors, Friends of Glenlee, and Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society. The briefing note

was updated accordingly. Council is to note that Friends of Glenlee sent their comments directly to the Minister.

NOTICE OF MOTION NM050-23 DATED 28 AUGUST 2023

Council resolved:

- (a) *That Council supports the preparation of a business case which details options for possible future uses for Glenlee,*

Council Officer Response: Noted

- (b) *That the General Manager approaches the Hon. Penny Sharpe, MLC, Minister for Energy and Climate Change, Minister for Environment and Heritage to seek full funding for the preparation of the business case.*

Council Officer Response: Council letter dated 13 September 2023 was sent to the Hon. Penny Sharpe seeking her support for State Government funding to prepare a business case for the purchase of Glenlee. No reply has been received to date.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Council requires any additional information above than outlined in this report, there will be budgetary implications.

Currently Council has set aside \$50,000 in the budget for FY23/24 for the Glenlee Aboriginal and Natural Heritage Study Assessments. However, to date access to the site has been denied to conduct these assessments.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (CLOSED MEETING)

Council's Code of Meeting Practice allows members of the public present to indicate whether they wish to make representations to the meeting, before it is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting dealing with any or all of the matters listed should or should not be considered in closed session.

RECOMMENDATION:

That in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following matters be considered in closed Meeting at which the press and public are excluded.

CCL049A-23 Waste Collection Tender Negotiations for the Waste Contract (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) (d(ii)) it is considered the matter commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) of the Act, the reports and correspondence relating to these matters be withheld from the press and public.

OPEN COUNCIL

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS