

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 26 February 2024

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Sam 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 – Nickie Paras, Executive Assistant - Franziska Mintus, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Technology Services Officer Earl Santos.

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, opened the meeting at 7.08pm.

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

Mr Peter Wallis of the Revival Church offered a prayer to the meeting.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

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

Councillor Liu declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL010-24 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - February 2024** for the reason that she is a member of St George Community Alliance and her husband is the president who are the recipient of funding through CWF53/23-24. Councillor Liu will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Kate Burford (Written Submission)	NM002-24	Water Splash/Play Pad in the Georges River LGA
2	Tina Germani (In person)	NM018-24	Douglas Cross Gardens – Repurposing fountain area
3	Jialian Sheng's (Written submission)	NM014-24	Review of Safety and Security Measures at Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre
4	Frank Chen (Written submission)	NM014-24	Review of Safety and Security Measures at Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre
5	Dr Donwang (Written submission)	MM001-24	Congratulations to Council Officers for the Summer Events Program
6	Adrian Polhill (in person)	NM011-24	Source separation of Return and Earn eligible containers at Public Places Litter Bins
7	Mr Eric Yeung (Written submission)	NM005-24	Acknowledgement and Appreciation of CanRevive
8	Mr Tony Baddour (In person)	NM004-24	Local Street Activation
9	Sam Nadile (In person)	QWN003-24	Update on the Traffic Study proposed for the area surrounding Oatley Railway Station
10	James Hamilton (In person)	NM016-24 & NM018-24	Proposed Ellen Subway Raised Pedestrian Crossing & Douglas Cross Gardens – Repurposing Fountain Area
11	Joe Vitigliano (Written submission)	NM017-24 & NM016-24	Rectification Works in Mortdale Shopping Area & Proposed Ellen Subway Raised Pedestrian Crossing
12	Matt Allison (Remotely)	NM015-24	Cost Shifting for Beachwatch Program

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL003-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Jamieson

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2023, be adopted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CCL004-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ficarra

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2024, be adopted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM001-24 Congratulations to Council Officers for the Summer Events Program

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council congratulates all Council staff involved in the delivery of the Summer Events Program over the period of December 2023 to February 2024

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

MM002-24 Cost Shifting onto Local Government

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: Mayor, Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council receive and note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2021/22 financial year; and
- (b) That the General Manager write to the Premier, the NSW Treasurer, the NSW Minister for Local Government and Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) seeking that they:
 - i. Urgently seek to address these costs through a combination of regulatory reform, budgetary provision and appropriate funding.
 - ii. Include cost shifting and regulated fees as an area within the IPART's review of the council financial model in NSW.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CONDOLENCES

- Councillor Konjarski expressed condolences on the passing of Mortdale resident Eric Percy Frater.

Eric Percy Frater was born 30 January 1939 and passed away on Thursday 15 February 2024 at the age of 85.

Eric spent most of his working life with aboriginal children in remote missions around Australia and later at Boystown in Engadine. Most locals would remember Eric as the guy who decorated Mortdale at his own expense during the Christmas season. Eric even made the Channel 9 news in 2016 because of his generous efforts to beautify our suburb.

- Councillor Symington expressed condolences on the passing of Charles Richard Jarvis.

On the 22 December 2023 Charles Richard Jarvis a resident of the Georges River LGA for over 66 years passed away. Charles was a loving husband to Helen, his wife of 54 years, and adored father to Elizabeth and Vanessa and a doting grandfather to his four grandchildren and a friend to many.

Charles or Charlie as he was often affectionately known was born in England on 15 February 1945 and his family immigrated to Australia in 1950. Eventually settling at Jewfish Point in 1957. Once he and Helen married, they settled in Rainbow Parade, Peakhurst Heights, where they raised their family. This was his home for half a century, and he loved living there.

Charles became an Australian citizen in 1980 but he always retained his very posh English accent and this led to his nickname Sir Charles at his last workplace.

In the early 80's Charles decided to switch occupations from the Life Insurance industry to State Railways- because of the security that a government job offered. He started at the bottom by cleaning diesels at Everleigh and then progressed to a driver's offsider-a fireman.

Later on, a position became available, closer to home at Mortdale Depot so he became a driver of electric trains. Charles also took on the role of the depot's union representative and he was a constant thorn in management's side- they would always want to cut corners and he would have none that!!!

In desperation they offered him a management role to shut him down - which of course he refused. Charles was Black and White -there was no Grey. He was either your staunch ally or a formidable foe.

At 56 Charles took a redundancy offered by management but this time it was too good to refuse and spent his retirement years supporting Helen in the maintenance of Peakhurst Foreshore Reserve. He was the unofficial Catering Supervisor for the Bushcare Team and mowed and maintained the fire trail and surrounds when it was accessible. He also built possum boxes and bird boxes to provide them safe refuge for nesting and placed the boxes in the surrounding trees on the reserve.

I am going to miss my discussions with him along with listening to his stories and his jokes, he always put a smile on my face. Charles was an honorable man full of integrity and kindness he also had a fine sense of humour. A very rare breed these days and he will be sorely missed by everyone that had the privilege to know him.

- Councillor Smerdely expressed condolences on the passing of Father Nicholas Bozikis.

Father Nicholas was born in 1944 on the Greek island of Zakynthos. He received his Orthodox education at the Ecclesiastical School of the Holy Monastery of Saint Anastasia the Pharmacolytria in Vasilika, Thessaloniki.

Emigrating to Australia in 1964, he initially settled in Melbourne before relocating to Sydney in 1970 at the invitation of late Archbishop Ezekiel of Australia. There, he was ordained to the priesthood and served within the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia in Sydney for more than 50 years.

For 18 years, Father Nicholas served at the Parish – Community of the Holy Cross in Wollongong before returning to Sydney in 1988.

Father Nicholas was a parish priest at St Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Kingsford from 1989 to 1994. He also served at St Stephanos in Hurlstone Park until 2011.

Despite health challenges in 2011, he eagerly resumed his priestly duties and served for an additional six and a half years in various parishes in NSW.

In recognition of his dedication to Greek Orthodoxy, Father Nicholas was honoured with the Offikion of Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL005-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Smerdely

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS002-24 to ASS004-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

ASS002-24 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2024
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2024 be adopted by Council.

ASS004-24 T23/001 LANDSCAPING AND ANCILLARY WORKS
(Report by Team Leader Procurement and Contracts Governance)

(a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tenders that are recommended for T23/001 – Landscaping and Ancillary Works, as outlined below and in the confidential attachments.

- Asplundh Tree Expert (Australia) Pty Ltd trading as Summit Open Space Services (ABN 83 055 140 424)
- Auscape Pty Ltd (ABN 86 002 705 508)
- Green Options Pty Ltd (ABN 59 002 456 797)
- Growth Civil Landscapes Pty Ltd (ABN 35 601 437 003)
- HI Landscapes Pty Ltd (ABN 92 119 886 734)
- The Trustee For Simpson Family Trust T/A Simpson Landscapes & Consultants Pty Ltd (ABN 14 670 783 778)
- Waratah Lawncare and Garden Management Pty Ltd (ABN 12 086 800 688)

(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.

CCL006-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM002-24 to COM005-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COM002-24 VERGE GARDEN PROGRAM REVIEW
(Report by Research and Social Policy Officer)

- (a) That Council note the findings and outcomes from the review of the Verge Garden Program (the Program) detailed within this report.
- (b) That Council approve the continuation of the Verge Garden Program.

COM003-24 MINUTES OF THE SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 1 FEBRUARY 2024
(Report by Personal Assistant to Manager, City Life)

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2024 be submitted to the Community and Culture Committee for consideration and to be adopted by Council.

COM004-24 ADOPTION OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL EVENTS AND FESTIVAL CHARTER, EVENT GUIDE AND EVENT TOOLKIT
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council adopts the Events and Festivals Charter, Event Guide and Event Toolkit.

COM005-24 QUARTERLY COMMUNITY PROPERTY REPORT - 1 OCTOBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023.

CCL007-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV002-24 to ENV006-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

ENV002-24 OUTCOMES OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION - PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR 28 AND 28A CARLTON CRESCENT, KOGARAH BAY
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal PP2023/0003 for 28 and 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendment to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 as exhibited by amending the listing of Heritage Item No. I208 (*'House and front garden, "Bayview"'*) at 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay by:
 - (i) Revising the item name from 'House and front garden, "Bayview"' to "'Bayview" house and garden, boatshed, garage and summerhouse' in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
 - (ii) Revising the address from '28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay' to '28 and 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay' in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
 - (iii) Revising the property description to include both Lots 21 and 22 in Section 15 of Deposited Plan (DP) 1963 in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
 - (iv) Updating the Heritage Map to reflect the above changes.
- (c) That Council forward the Planning Proposal for gazettal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- (d) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal be advised of Council's decision.

ENV003-24 OUTCOMES OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION - OLDS PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council adopt the exhibited Olds Park Master Plan with an amendment to clarify that the redeveloped sport/community facility and public toilets/amenities are to be inclusive to all users.
- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the amendment to the Olds Park Master Plan.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the amendment to the Olds Park Master Plan be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the amendment to the Olds Park Master Plan be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.
- (e) That Football St George, Penshurst West Football Club and Football NSW be informed that the construction of a fence in the location sought is an operational matter and is not necessary to be incorporated into the Master Plan.
- (f) That the installation of any perimeter fence at Olds Park football field would be by a future resolution of Council and require a community consultation process.

ENV004-24 OUTCOMES OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION - GRDCP 2021 - AMENDMENT 5 SUBDIVISION, LOT CONSOLIDATION AND BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS IN HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREAS
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council notes the submissions received during the public exhibition of draft Amendment No. 5 to the *Georges River Development Control Plan (DCP) 2021*, being

"Subdivision, Lot Consolidation and Boundary Adjustments in Heritage Conservation Areas".

- (b) That Council adopt the exhibited Amendment No. 5 to the *Georges River DCP 2021* pursuant to Section 3.43 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* with the following amendment:
 - (i) Insert '2.0m' in Clause 6.1.2 Single Dwellings – Front Setbacks so that the written minimum setback requirement from the secondary street boundary on corner lots reflects the corresponding Figure 2 in the DCP.
- (c) That Council endorse the Director of Environment and Planning to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, if required, in the finalisation of the draft DCP.
- (d) That Council give public notice of the decision to adopt Amendment No. 5 to the *Georges River DCP 2021* on its website and in the local press within 28 days in accordance with Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (e) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision.
- (f) That the Department of Planning and Environment be given a copy of the amended DCP in accordance with Clause 20 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

ENV005-24 UPDATE ON THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY AND INCLUSIVE HOUSING STRATEGY
(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council note the progress against the actions in the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2040.
- (b) That Council note the progress against the actions in the Georges River Local Housing Strategy (LHS).
- (c) That Council note the progress against the actions in the Georges River Inclusive Housing Strategy (IHS).
- (d) That a further report be submitted to Council outlining the process and program to review the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2040.

ENV006-24 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING Q2 METRICS REPORT
(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 October to December 2023.

CCL008-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN002-24 to FIN001A-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN002-24 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2023 (Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 30 November 2023 be received and noted by Council.

FIN003-24 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

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

FIN004-24 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Report by Senior Business Performance Accountant)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 31 December 2023.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2023/24 Budget as outlined in Attachment 1.

FIN005-24 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (Report by Chief Audit Executive)

- (a) That Council appoint Mr Hamish McNulty as an independent member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) in accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference, for a four (4) year period from 22 March 2024 to 22 March 2028.
- (b) That Council thank Mr Michael Seery for his valuable contribution to good governance and his provision of independent advice to Georges River Council as an independent member of ARIC since joining in 2021.

FIN006-24 QUARTERLY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Report by Senior Property Officer)

That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio for the period ending 31 December 2023.

FIN001A-24 PROPERTY MATTER - 6 DORA STREET, HURSTVILLE - LEASE (Report by Senior Property Officer)

- (a) That the General Manager be authorised to enter, negotiate and/or amend lease terms for the property at 6 Dora Street, Hurstville as detailed in this report.
- (b) That Council take the opportunity to thank Project Youth for the valuable work that is undertaken throughout the Georges River Local Government Area.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL009-24 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government Conference - Canberra, July 2024

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Stratikopoulos

- (a) That Council nominate Councillors Elmir, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos and Konjarski to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government held in Canberra on 2 to 4 July 2024.
- (b) That Council nominate the Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir to be the voting delegate to represent Georges River Council during debates on Motions presented to the Assembly.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CCL010-24 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - February 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: **Councillor Liu** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL010-24**. Councillor Liu will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

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

- (a) CWF 47/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Hurstville Community Garden in the amount of \$300.
- (b) CWF 48/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Katris on behalf of Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club in the amount of \$1,500.
- (c) CWF 49/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Mahoney on behalf of Oatley Rugby Club in the amount of \$1,000.
- (d) CWF 50/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Australia Chinese New Arts Society in the amount of \$200.
- (e) CWF 51/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of XingMeng Arts Group Australia in the amount of \$200.

- (f) CWF 52/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Australia Oriental Dancing Group in the amount of \$200.
- (g) CWF 53/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Liu on behalf of St George Community Alliance in the amount of \$300.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CCL011-24 Report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 31 December 2023)

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu

That the report be received and noted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM001-24 Kempt Field Update and Community Involvement (Report by Councillor Liu)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 07:59pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers at 08:01pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Symington

- (a) That Council keep the public informed of the updated information on Kempt Field.
- (b) That Council erect safety signs along Roberts Lane towards the car park area and other surrounding areas in need due to the fences around the playground.
- (c) That Council assure the community is involved towards future plan on children's playground.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM002-24 Water Splash/Play Pad in the Georges River LGA
(Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That the General Manager provide a report to Council identifying locations which may be suitable for a future splash play. This report should be high level, utilising existing strategies, plans and community consultation.
- (b) That the General Manager write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces seeking funding to undertake a detailed feasibility study and concept design for a splash play area within the Georges River LGA focusing on options highlighted in the General Managers report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM003-24 NSW Government Active and Creative Kids Vouchers
(Report by Councillor Liu)

MOTION: Councillor Liu, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council advocates for NSW Government to reinstate the original value and eligibility criteria of the NSW Active Kids and Creative Kids Vouchers by writing to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government; and
- (b) That Council notes that Council's response to the NSW Active and Creative Kids Voucher Program will be considered as part of the Georges River Council Advocacy Impact Plan development.

Record of Voting

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was LOST.

NM004-24 Local Street Activation
(Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council explore enhancing street appeal and improve shopfronts, drawing inspiration from successful programs such as the Shopfront Improvement Program 2023-2024 by Burwood Council. This may include reinstating the 'Big Wash' program to deliver cleaner streets.
- (b) That Council encourage outdoor dining in designated areas and times, thereby promoting

local businesses and creating vibrant community spaces.

- (c) That Council prepare and submit a grant application for the Transport for NSW Vibrant Streets Package to deliver street activations to support the local night-time economy.
- (d) That Council explore new initiatives to enhance street appeal, drive local activation and expand the night time economy in the next iteration of the Georges River Council Economic Development Strategy.
- (e) That Council encourage businesses to invest in enhancing street appeal and improve shopfronts.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM005-24 Acknowledgement and Appreciation of CanRevive (Report by Councillor Liu)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Konjarski left the Chambers at 08:24pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely left the Chambers at 08:24pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Katris

That Council acknowledges CanRevive Inc. for providing support to members of the Chinese-speaking community of Southern Sydney who are impacted by cancer.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM006-24 Significant Success of Council's Native Stingless Bee Keeping Workshop (Report by Councillor Katris)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Konjarski returned to the Chambers at 08:28pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely returned to the Chambers at 08:28pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra

- (a) That Council thanks the Council officers that worked with the Billion Bees Foundation, to

prepare for the delivery of a successful and informative Native Stingless Beekeeping Workshop held on 2 December 2023.

- (b) That Council also congratulates the Billion Bees Foundation for conducting a stimulating, enlightening, and educational workshop on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council further expresses its gratitude to the National Emergency Management Agency in managing the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants program and supporting sustainable ventures such as the work of the Billion Bees Foundation in moving forward a program whereby our community can support vulnerable and bushfire impacted communities with social, economic and environmental recovery and further thanks the Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney MP for her assistance in this matter.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM007-24 Master Plan for Kogarah Strategic Centre (Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry

That the General Manager initiate discussions with the Member for Kogarah, Premier Chris Minns to explore working collaboratively with the State Government to develop a master plan for Kogarah Strategic Centre including the creation of a vision of greening for the CBD including increasing car parking capacity on the site of the TAFE car park in Montgomery Street, Kogarah.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM008-24 Vanessa Street Beautification Improvement (Report by Councillor Symington)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 08:41pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mort left the Chambers at 08:42pm and returned to the Chambers at 08:43pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

That Council explores solutions to enhance the beautification of Vanessa Street in Beverly Hills

and Kingsgrove and improves ongoing maintenance and upkeep in these areas.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM009-24 Congratulations to the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club (Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ficarra left the Chambers at 08:44pm and returned to the Chambers at 08:47pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ambihaipahar left the Chambers at 08:45pm and returned to the Chambers at 08:47pm.

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Georges River Council extends its congratulations to the committee, coaches, and volunteers of the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club for their commendable efforts in organising a highly successful Summer Swim Carnival.
- (b) That Council acknowledges the importance of this local event, which showcases the excellence of Sans Souci Leisure Centre, a premium asset of Georges River Council, and also attracts hundreds of swimmers and their families to the Georges River area.
- (c) That the Mayor writes to express these congratulations formally through a letter to the Swim Club.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM010-24 Camping and Caravanning in the LGA (Report by Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the General Manager prepare a report recommending signage to prohibit camping at specific Council car parks that are adjacent to our public recreational open spaces and foreshore reserves.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM011-24 Source separation of Return and Earn eligible containers at Public Place Litter Bins

(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

That the General Manager provide a report outlining the costs and feasibility of installing a cage or similar structure on the outside of Council's public place litter bins to allow the separation of Return and Earn eligible containers prior to entering the waste stream. The report shall include the specifications for an initial trial to gauge the cost/benefit of the program prior to an LGA wide roll out, including:

- a. Optimum trial timeframe
- b. Representative locations for trial bins, i.e., high use CBD areas, passive recreation areas and active sporting fields
- c. The recommended number of bins to be included in the trial.
- d. The overall cost of the program including manufacture and installation costs and loss of income from the removal of Return and Earn eligible containers from the waste stream.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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 Symington, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM012-24 Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park Hybrid Parking

(Report by Councillor Symington)

RESOLVED: Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

- (a) That the General Manager write to Hon. Jo Haylen, Minister for Transport advocating for hybrid parking at the Transport for NSW, Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park, to allow non commuters to utilise the car park by providing dedicated non commuter parking at all times, or alternatively outside of peak hours.
- (b) That the letter emphasise previous correspondence from Transport for NSW received on 4 August 2022, advising that the Car Park is not intended to be restricted to commuters only.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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 Symington, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM013-24 Congratulations on NSW State Title Award
(Report by Councillor Mort)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

That Council congratulate St George Athletic Club sprinter, Jade Johnston-Mitrevska, for claiming her first State Open Title at the 10th Annual Illawarra Track Challenge in Wollongong on Saturday, 13 January 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM014-24 Review of Safety and Security Measures at Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely left the Chambers at 08:57pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Symington

That Council collaborates with BlueFit, the facility management of Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre, to address any security concerns within the centre and in particular the undercover Council carpark to:

- i. Confirm processes and procedures to protect personal belongings on-site from Bluefit.
- ii. Recommend that Bluefit advise patrons through on-site signage and website media that CCTV is in operation at the centre.
- iii. Work with Bluefit to augment the number of CCTV devices in the undercover car park and confirm that cameras are in strategic locations within the centre.
- iv. Assess security measures at other similar public Council facilities where appropriate.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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 Symington, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM015-24 Cost Shifting for Beachwatch Program
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: Councillor Landsberry asked a question with no notice "*What sort of cost would be imposed upon Council?*". The question was taken on notice and the response will be published in the March Council meeting agenda.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the General Manager writes to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage to decline the request for Council to cover the cost of the "Beachwatch" service which is currently provided at three sites within the LGA (being Carss Park, Oatley Bay and Jewfish Bay) and fully funded by the NSW Government.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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 Symington, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM016-24 Proposed Ellen Subway Raised Pedestrian Crossing
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 09:05pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That Council proceed with the Ellen Subway and Cook St/Victoria Ave pedestrian crossings as a matter of urgency, to mitigate safety issues for pedestrians.
- (b) That as part of the implementation of these works Council broadens the notification of the Ellen Subway raised pedestrian crossing by writing to locally affected residents and businesses notifying them of the upcoming works beyond those who have already been notified.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

Against the Motion: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was eleven (11) votes FOR and four (4) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM017-24 Rectification Works in Mortdale Shopping Area
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That Council contact the shop owners in Mortdale Local Centre to determine the defects that require rectification following the Mortdale Streetscape upgrades and work with the contractor for these works to be completed.
- (b) That Council updates the Mortdale Streetscape webpage on Council's website:
 - i. to communicate publicly of when the streetscape upgrades will be completed and when the rectification works for businesses will be completed;
 - ii. including identifying what work is executed by Ausgrid and when these works become Council's responsibility again;
 - iii. that the website is updated monthly with the status until project completion; and
 - iv. that the webpage includes the contact details of the project officer for people to contact with issues.
- (c) That Council does a social media post linking to the updated Mortdale Streetscape page to provide residents and businesses an update.
- (d) That Council erects signage with QR codes linking to the Mortdale Streetscape webpage in and around the Mortdale Local Centre.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM018-24 Douglas Cross Gardens - Repurposing fountain area
(Report by Councillor Mort)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

MOVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That standing orders be suspended. Meeting was adjourned at 9.29pm

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

MOVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That standing orders be resumed. Meeting resumed at 9.36pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry

That the General Manager provides a report detailing the cost and feasibility of:

- i. Converting the disused upper fountain pond under the railway concourse to bicycle parking, garden, seat or a combination of these; and

- ii. Recommissioning or replacing the former fountain and lower pond.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN001-24 Maintenance Plan for Outdoor Recreational Facilities

(Report by Councillor Liu)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN002-24 Hurstville Memorial Square

(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN003-24 Update on the Traffic Study proposed for the area surrounding Oatley Railway Station

(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in the business paper.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 9.38pm.



Chairperson

Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir

Minutes confirmed at the Ordinary on 25 March 2024 (CCL012-24).