

# AGENDA

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## Council Meeting

Monday, 25 March 2024

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

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.

## COUNCIL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

### OPENING

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

**Item:** CCL012-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

CCL012-24

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024, be adopted.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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# MINUTES

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**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

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**GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL**

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## **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	NM015-24	Cost Shifting for Beachwatch Program

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**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 offside-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 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.

**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 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.

**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 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.

**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 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.

**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 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.

**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 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.

## 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 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.

### 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 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.

**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 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.

### **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 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.

### **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 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.

**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 Ambihapahar 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 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.

**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 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.

**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 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.

**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 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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Item:** CCL013-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

CCL013-24

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS004-24 to ASS006-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items ASS004-24 to ASS006-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 11 March 2024.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ASS004-24 LANDOWNER'S CONSENT - HURSTVILLE GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MODIFICATION**  
(Report by Director, Assets and Infrastructure)

- (a) That Council authorise the General Manager to sign a letter of landowner's consent to enable a modification to the existing Development Consent relating to DA2020/0115 to expand the use of the Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse to include a range of community events and functions.
- (b) That the options for Operating Models relating to the use of the Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse first-floor club room space be presented in a further report to Council for consideration and approval.
- (c) That the future operating model includes managing the Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse as a community space that is available to all members of the community to book via Council's website on the 'Hire a Venue' page, under similar Terms and Conditions as Council's other community centre venues.

**ASS005-24 REPORT OF THE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 20 FEBRUARY 2024**  
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2024 be adopted by Council.

**ASS006-24 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 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 5 March 2024 be adopted by Council.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/72750

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024

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## Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, 11 March 2024

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Lou Konjarski (Chairperson), The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos and Councillor Colleen Symington.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Manager City Operational Services – Hans Kludass, Manager Premium Facilities – Luke Coleman, Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking – Henry Huynh, EA to the Director, Assets and infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath (minutes) Acting Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos and Team Leader Technical Business Support - Earl Santos.

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Konjarski, opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

## **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.

## **REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**MOTION:** Councillor Symington, Councillor Smerdely

That an apology be accepted for Councillor Ficarra.

### **Record of Voting**

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

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

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

## **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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## DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

## PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### ASS003-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024

(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024, be confirmed.

### Record of Voting

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

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ASS004-24 Landowner's Consent - Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse Development Application Modification

(Report by Director, Assets and Infrastructure)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Mayor, Councillor Elmir

1. That Council authorise the General Manager to sign a letter of landowner's consent to enable a modification to the existing Development Consent relating to DA2020/0115 to expand the use of the Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse to include a range of community events and functions.
2. That the options for Operating Models relating to the use of the Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse first-floor club room space be presented in a further report to Council for consideration and approval.
3. That the future operating model includes managing the Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse as a community space that is available to all members of the community to book via Council's website on the 'Hire a Venue' page, under similar Terms and Conditions as Council's other community centre venues.

### Record of Voting

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

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

**ASS005-24 Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting Held 20 February 2024**

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Symington, Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2024 be adopted by Council.

**Record of Voting**

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

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

**ASS006-24 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2024**

(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Smerdely

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2024 be adopted by Council.

**Record of Voting**

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

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

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 7.06pm

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Chairperson

**Item:** CCL014-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for item COM007-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for item COM007-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 11 March 2024.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS****COM007-24 RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT SCHEME POLICY FOR ADOPTION**  
(Report by Manager City Life)

- (a) That Council adopts the Resident Parking Permit Scheme Policy, and
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the policy, if required.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/72754

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024

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## Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 11 March 2024

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

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## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir (ex-officio member), Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager - David Tuxford, Acting Director Community and Culture - Justin Yeomans, Director Environment and Planning – Meryl Bishop, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Coordinator Traffic and Transport – Henry Huynh, Team Leader Technology Business Support - Mark Tadros, Executive Services Officer - Marisa Severino, Personal Assistant to the Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services - Billie Johnson and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture - Franziska Mintus (Minutes).

### **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 6.03pm.

### **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. She 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.

### **REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

### **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

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### **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.

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

### **COM006-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024**

(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024, be confirmed.

#### **Record of Voting**

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

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COM007-24 Resident Parking Permit Scheme Policy for Adoption** (Report by Manager City Life)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council adopts the Resident Parking Permit Scheme Policy, and
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the policy, if required.

#### **Record of Voting**

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

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

## **CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 6.11pm.

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Chairperson

**Item:** CCL015-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV008-24 to ENV012-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items ENV008-24 to ENV012-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 11 March 2024.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ENV008-24 OUTCOMES OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND PREPARATION OF BIODIVERSITY AND CHARACTER PLANNING PROPOSAL**  
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council notes the outcomes of the pre-exhibition community consultation conducted for the proposed implementation of the *Biodiversity Study* and *Foreshore Scenic Character Study*.
- (b) That Council endorses the preparation of the Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021*, comprising of the following components:
  - (i) Introduce new biodiversity planning provision and mapping overlay to preserve and protect areas of moderate and high terrestrial biodiversity values,
  - (ii) Introduce new local character planning provision and mapping overlay to provide statutory protection to Unique Character Areas (UCA),
  - (iii) Amend the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area (FSPA) planning provision and mapped extent to ensure the role of the FSPA focuses on foreshore scenic character,
  - (iv) Retain existing lot size requirements within areas removed from the existing FSPA as follows:
    - A. Subdivision lot size: 700sqm
    - B. Dual occupancy lot size: 1,000sqm
  - (v) Increase lot size requirements for areas proposed to be added to the proposed FSPA and/or UCA as follows:
    - A. Increase subdivision lot size from 450sqm to 700sqm
    - B. Increase dual occupancy lot size from 650sqm to 1,000sqm
  - (vi) Reduce the maximum permissible FSR for R2-zoned land located within the existing

FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA from 0.55:1 for dwelling houses and 0.6:1 for dual occupancies to 0.5:1 for all development typologies,

- (vii) Amend the landscaped area planning provision to:
    - A. Protect, maintain and improve the diversity and condition of native vegetation and habitats across the Local Government Area (LGA),
    - B. Encourage the recovery of threatened species and their communities, populations and habitats across the LGA, and
    - C. Retain and strengthen the green and leafy character of the LGA, including trees in the private domain that contribute to local character and visual amenity,
  - (viii) Increase the minimum landscaped area requirement for dwelling houses and dual occupancies by 5% to 30% and 35% respectively for R2-zoned land located within the existing FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA,
  - (ix) Introduce minimum 20% landscaped area requirement for multi dwelling house, terraces and manor houses in response to the NSW Government's Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform, and
  - (x) Request Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to exclude the application of the *Low-Rise Housing Diversity Code* from the proposed FSPA and proposed UCA to ensure dual occupancies, manor houses, multi dwelling housing and terraces are only permitted through the Development Application process.
- (c) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision.

**ENV009-24 REVISED POPULATION AND DWELLING PROJECTIONS FOR GEORGES RIVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**  
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council endorse the Georges River Council *Evidence Base for the Local Housing Strategy* (March 2023) and *Georges River Population Forecast Adjustment* (September 2023) as strategic planning documents that will inform the development of policies and planning directions.
- (b) That Council place the Georges River Council *Evidence Base for the Local Housing Strategy* (March 2023) and the *Georges River Population Forecast Adjustment* (September 2023) on Council's website.

**ENV010-24 OUTCOMES OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION - HOUSEKEEPING PLANNING PROPOSAL**  
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal PP2023/0002 for the housekeeping amendment to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments included in the Planning Proposal PP2023/0002 as exhibited.
- (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.

**ENV011-24 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES – ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

- (a) That Council endorse the following draft Policies, as attached to this report, for the purpose of public exhibition for a minimum period of 60 days, in accordance with Section 160 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*:
- Management of Feral and Infant Companion Animals Policy (2024) (Attachment 1).
  - Georges River Smoke Free Policy for Outdoor Areas (2024) (Attachment 2).
  - Georges River Council Enforcement Policy (2024) (Attachment 3).
  - Keeping of Animals Policy (2024) (Attachment 4).
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council on the outcomes of the public exhibition.

**ENV013-24 DRAFT MERRIMAN RESERVE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT AND MASTER PLAN FOR EXHIBITION**

(Report by Coordinator Strategic Planning)

- (a) That Council notify the draft Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Industry, 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, Housing and Infrastructure 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 Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan to address any points raised by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors if required.
- (d) That Council endorse the draft Merriman Reserve 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*.

**ENV014-24 REVIEW OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY**

(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

- (a) That Council endorse the Affordable Housing Policy, as attached to this report, for the purpose of public exhibition for a minimum period of 60 days, in accordance with Section 160 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council on the outcomes of the public exhibition.

**ENV012-24 T23/005 PROVISION OF ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES**  
(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 Tender from St George Animal Rescue Pty Ltd (ABN: 60 002 795 771) for T23/005 Provision of Animal Management Services, 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.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/72758

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024

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## Environment and Planning Committee

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## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Coordinator, Strategic Planning - Stephanie Lum, Strategic Planner/Urban Designer - Anne Qin, Strategic Planner – Molly Porter, Strategic Planner – Michelle Fawcett, Manager Environment Health and Regulatory Services – Andrew Spooner, Executive Manager, City Futures – Simon Massey, Executive Assistant to the Director, Environment and Planning - Leanne Allen (Minutes), Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, and Team Leader Technical Services Mark Tadros.

### **CONSULTANTS**

Felicity Ratcliffe - Associate Director Group GSA, John Arnold - Director Arnold Planning.

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney, opened the meeting at 7pm

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, 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.

## **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**

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## **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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## DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV008-24 Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that he lives in the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area and made a submission to Council under the community consultation process, in my capacity as a resident. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV010-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason that he has an interest in land in the GR LEP 2021 (Planning Proposal). Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV008-24 Outcomes Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that he has an interest in land in the R2-FSPA area. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Borg** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV008-24 Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that the parkland area adjacent to her property is proposed to be added to the FSPA area. Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Borg** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV010-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition – Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason that she has a property in the LGA and this item discusses the whole LGA. However, as there is no pecuniary interest relating to her property and this is a housekeeping amendment to the LEP, there is no special or other pecuniary interest to declare. Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ambihaipahar** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV008-24 Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that the parkland area adjacent to my property is proposed to be added to the FSPA area. Additionally, her parent in law's primary place of residence is located within the FSPA. However, there is no material/pecuniary impact to their home. Councillor Ambihaipahar will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ambihaipahar** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV010-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition – Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason it impacts the whole LGA but does not have any pecuniary impact as it addresses administrative matters. Councillor Ambihaipahar will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Katris** declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV0013-24 Draft Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan for Exhibition** for the reason that he has some residents that are clients of my Architectural Practice that live directly opposite Merriman Reserve. Councillor Katris will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and he will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Wang** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV008-24 Outcomes Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and**

**Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that he has an interest in land in the R2-FSPA area. Councillor Wang will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Wang** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV010-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason that he has an interest in land in the GR LEP 2021 (Planning Proposal). Councillor Wang will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV008-24 Outcomes Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that he has an interest in land in the R2-FSPA area. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Katris** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV010-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition – Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason he is a part owner of his place of residence in Blakehurst. The Housekeeping Planning Proposal does not have any impact on him. Councillor Katris will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Jamieson** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV010-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition – Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason she has a property in the LGA and this item discusses the whole LGA. However, as there is purely administrative amendments and there is no pecuniary interest, there is no special or other pecuniary interest to declare. Councillor Katris will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

## PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Sylvia Nilsen (In person)	ENV008-24	Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal
2	Matthew Alison (In person)	ENV008-24	Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal
3	Jessie Kordic (In person)	ENV010-24	Planning proposal -Housekeeping amendments to Georges River LEP2021

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang left the Chambers at 7.18pm

**ENV007-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024**  
(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services)

**RECCOMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024, be confirmed.

### Record of Voting

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

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang returned to the Chambers at 7.22pm

Note: It was noted that the Mayor, Councillor Elmir joined the meeting at 7.23pm

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### ENV008-24 Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal (Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council notes the outcomes of the pre-exhibition community consultation conducted for the proposed implementation of the *Biodiversity Study and Foreshore Scenic Character Study*.
- (b) That Council endorses the preparation of the Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021*, comprising of the following components:
  - (i) Introduce new biodiversity planning provision and mapping overlay to preserve and protect areas of moderate and high terrestrial biodiversity values,
  - (ii) Introduce new local character planning provision and mapping overlay to provide statutory protection to Unique Character Areas (UCA),
  - (iii) Amend the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area (FSPA) planning provision and mapped extent to ensure the role of the FSPA focuses on foreshore scenic character,
  - (iv) Retain existing lot size requirements within areas removed from the existing FSPA as follows:
    - A. Subdivision lot size: 700sqm
    - B. Dual occupancy lot size: 1,000sqm
  - (v) Increase lot size requirements for areas proposed to be added to the proposed FSPA and/or UCA as follows:
    - A. Increase subdivision lot size from 450sqm to 700sqm
    - B. Increase dual occupancy lot size from 650sqm to 1,000sqm
  - (vi) Reduce the maximum permissible FSR for R2-zoned land located within the existing FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA from 0.55:1 for dwelling houses and 0.6:1 for dual occupancies to 0.5:1 for all development typologies,
  - (vii) Amend the landscaped area planning provision to:
    - A. Protect, maintain and improve the diversity and condition of native vegetation and habitats across the Local Government Area (LGA),

- B. Encourage the recovery of threatened species and their communities, populations and habitats across the LGA, and
  - C. Retain and strengthen the green and leafy character of the LGA, including trees in the private domain that contribute to local character and visual amenity,
- (viii) Increase the minimum landscaped area requirement for dwelling houses and dual occupancies by 5% to 30% and 35% respectively for R2-zoned land located within the existing FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA,
- (ix) Introduce minimum 20% landscaped area requirement for multi dwelling house, terraces and manor houses in response to the NSW Government's Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform, and
- (x) Request Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to exclude the application of the *Low-Rise Housing Diversity Code* from the proposed FSPA and proposed UCA to ensure dual occupancies, manor houses, multi dwelling housing and terraces are only permitted through the Development Application process.
- (c) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision.

#### Record of Voting

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

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

#### ENV009-24 Revised Population and Dwelling projections for Georges River Local Government Area (Report by Strategic Planner)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council endorse the Georges River Council *Evidence Base for the Local Housing Strategy* (March 2023) and Georges River *Population Forecast Adjustment* (September 2023) as strategic planning documents that will inform the development of policies and planning directions.
- (b) That Council place the Georges River Council *Evidence Base for the Local Housing Strategy* (March 2023) and the Georges River *Population Forecast Adjustment* (September 2023) on Council's website.

#### Record of Voting

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

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

#### ENV010-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal (Report by Strategic Planner)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning

Proposal PP2023/0002 for the housekeeping amendment to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021.

- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments included in the Planning Proposal PP2023/0002 as exhibited.
- (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.

### Record of Voting

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

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

### ENV011-24 Review of Council Policies – Environment, Health and Regulatory Services

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Katris

(a) That Council endorse the following draft Policies, as attached to this report, for the purpose of public exhibition for a minimum period of 60 days, in accordance with Section 160 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*:

- Management of Feral and Infant Companion Animals Policy (2024) (Attachment 1).
- Georges River Smoke Free Policy for Outdoor Areas (2024) (Attachment 2).
- Georges River Council Enforcement Policy (2024) (Attachment 3).
- Keeping of Animals Policy (2024) (Attachment 4).

(b) That a further report be provided to Council on the outcomes of the public exhibition.

### Record of Voting

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

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

### ENV012-24 T23/005 Provision of Animal Management Services

(Report by Team Leader Procurement and Contracts Governance)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Ambihaipahar

(a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender from St George Animal Rescue Pty Ltd (ABN: 60 002 795 771) for T23/005 Provision of Animal Management Services, 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.

### Record of Voting

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

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

Note: Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 08:10pm and did not return to the meeting.

### ENV013-24 Draft Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan for Exhibition (Report by Coordinator Strategic Planning)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council notify the draft Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Industry, 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, Housing and Infrastructure 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 Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan to address any points raised by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors if required.
- (d) That Council endorse the draft Merriman Reserve 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*.

### Record of Voting

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

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

### ENV014-24 Review of the Affordable Housing Policy (Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council endorse the Affordable Housing Policy, as attached to this report, for the purpose of public exhibition for a minimum period of 60 days, in accordance with Section

160 of the Local Government Act, 1993

(b) That a further report be provided to Council on the outcomes of the public exhibition.

**Record of Voting**

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

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

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 8.22pm.

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Chairperson

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**Item:** CCL016-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN008-24 to FIN009-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items FIN008-24 to FIN009-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 11 March 2024.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FIN008-24 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024**  
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 January 2024 be received and noted by Council.

**FIN009-24 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2023 (CONFIRMED) AND 28 FEBRUARY 2024 (UNCONFIRMED)**  
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

- (a) That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 9 November 2023 be received and noted by Council.
- (b) That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024 be received and noted by Council.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/72765

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024



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## Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 11 March 2024

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

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## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Acting Director Business and Corporate Services – Sharni Watts, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Executive Manager City Future – Simon Massey, Executive Service Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Acting Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services (Minutes) – Garima Jasoria, Acting Team Leader Technology Business Support – Earl Santos.

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6:04 PM.

## **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.

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

## **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.

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

**FIN007-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024**  
(Report by Acting Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2024, be confirmed.

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FIN008-24 Investment Report as at 31 January 2024**  
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

**Recommendation:** Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

That the Investment Report as at 31 January 2024 be received and noted by Council.

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

**FIN009-24 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 9 November 2023 (Confirmed) and 28 February 2024 (Unconfirmed)**  
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney

(a) That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 9 November 2023 be received and noted by Council.

(b) That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024 be received and noted by Council.

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

## **CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 6:07 PM

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Chairperson

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**ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

**Item:** CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA

**Author:** Principal Strategic Planner

**Directorate:** Environment and Planning

**Matter Type:** Environment and Planning

CCL017-24

<Summary Section>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council writes to the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Chris Minns MP and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP requesting a deferral from the application of the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* on the basis that Council is committed to the provision of capacity for additional and diverse housing through immediate and midterm changes to local planning controls.
- (b) That Council commits to the provision of capacity for additional and diverse housing throughout the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA) through immediate changes to local planning controls in response to receiving a deferral from the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.
- (c) That Council endorses the following housing commitments to be submitted to the Hon. Chris Minns MP and the Hon. Paul Scully MP:
  - (i) Prepare an accelerated planning proposal by July 2024 to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* (GRLEP) to create immediate housing capacity comprising of the following components:
    - a) Review existing controls for dual occupancies,
    - b) Investigate the introduction of medium density residential developments within the R2 Low Density Residential zone,
    - c) Review existing controls within the R3 Medium Density Residential zone,
    - d) Review existing controls within the R4 High Density Residential zone, and
    - e) Implement the *Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy* (HCCUDS) in accordance with the previous Council resolution dated 25 June 2018 (Item ENV014-18).
  - (ii) Adopt a staged approach through a revised Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) to master plan the 12 precincts identified for growth by Council resolution dated 12 February 2024 (Item CCL001-24) to enable a sustained delivery of housing and jobs over the next 10-20 years,
  - (iii) Commence a master plan for the Kogarah Town Centre (one of the 12 precincts) to support the objectives of the *Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy* (TOD SEPP), subject to the availability of funding from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and/or Council's budget allocations in the Financial Year 2024/25,
  - (iv) Commence a master plan for the Riverwood Local Centre (one of the 12 precincts) to prioritise growth in both housing and jobs, subject to Council's budget allocations for FY2024/25,

- (v) Continue with the preparation and implementation of the Beverly Hills Local Centre and Mortdale Local Centre Master Plans,
  - (vi) Introduce biodiversity and character provisions within the GRLEP through the preparation of the Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal (Item ENV008-24), and
  - (vii) Request assistance from DPHI regarding mechanisms to encourage development take up in areas of uplift.
- (d) That Council notes that budget of \$400,000 across FY2024/25 and FY2025/26 is required to enable the commencement of the master plan for Kogarah Town Centre and the master plan for the Riverwood Local Centre and that funds are allocated in the draft budget for FY2024/25 for these master plans.

CCL017-24

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council is to note that the recommendations of this report reflects the outcomes and directions provided to Council staff at the Councillor workshop held on 19 February 2024. At the workshop the Councillors identified a set of housing commitments to demonstrate Council's efforts in creating additional housing capacity and diversity. These housing commitments are to be presented to the NSW Government to assist with securing a deferral from the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.
2. Housing, and its affordability, are the focus of the current Federal and State Governments. In late 2023, the NSW Government released a series of housing reform proposals to dramatically increase the supply of housing across NSW by providing bonus height and floor space to developments that contain affordable housing, mandating high density developments around key railway stations and allowing for medium rise housing in areas close to existing public transport, amenities and services.
3. The full extent of the proposed changes is outlined in the Extraordinary Council Meeting report titled **NSW Government Housing Reforms 2023-24** dated 12 February 2024 (refer item CCL001-24).
4. One of proposed reforms is the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* which will increase the capacity for housing numbers and housing styles by permitting dual occupancies, multi dwelling housing, manor houses and residential flat buildings (RFBs) where they are currently prohibited under the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* (GRLEP).
5. Whilst Council supports the NSW Government's commitment to address the current housing crisis, concern is raised in response to the blanket 'one-size-fits-all' nature of the Reform and its impact on the local character of the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA).
6. In response, Council resolved at the Extraordinary Meeting dated 12 February 2024 to request the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to defer the implementation of the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* for Georges River Council, so Council is given the opportunity to review its Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) to create capacity for additional and diverse housing through new medium and high-density residential zones. This request was lodged with the DPHI on 23 February 2024.
7. The *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* is expected to be finalised by DPHI in June 2024. It is unlikely that a review of the LSPS will be completed within the next 3 months.
8. Therefore, a more urgent response to the NSW Government is required to demonstrate Council's commitment to address the existing housing crisis by immediately unlocking capacity for additional housing across the LGA in response to receiving a deferral from the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.

9. The purpose of this Report is to outline Council's commitment to providing capacity for new housing through immediate changes to local planning controls in a way which is appropriate to the LGA's biodiversity and unique local character. The housing commitments are outlined as follows:
  - a. Prepare an accelerated planning proposal by July 2024 to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* (GRLEP) to create immediate housing capacity comprising of the following components:
    - i. Review existing controls for dual occupancies,
    - ii. Investigate the introduction of medium density residential developments within the R2 Low Density Residential zone,
    - iii. Review existing controls within the R3 Medium Density Residential zone,
    - iv. Review existing controls within the R4 High Density Residential zone, and
    - v. Implement the *Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy* (HCCUDS) in accordance with previous Council resolution dated 25 June 2018 (Item ENV014-18).
  - b. Adopt a staged approach through a revised Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) to master plan the 12 precincts identified for growth by Council resolution dated 12 February 2024 (Item CCL001-24) to enable a sustained delivery of housing and jobs over the next 10-20 years,
  - c. Commence a master plan for the Kogarah Town Centre (one of the 12 precincts) to support the objectives of the *Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy* (TOD SEPP), subject to the availability of funding from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and/or Council's budget allocations in the next financial year (FY2024/25),
  - d. Commence a master plan for the Riverwood Local Centre (one of the 12 precincts) to prioritise growth in both housing and jobs, subject to Council's budget allocations for FY2024/25,
  - e. Continue with the preparation and implementation of the Beverly Hills and Mortdale Master Plans,
  - f. Introduce biodiversity and character provisions within the GRLEP through the preparation of the Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal (Item ENV008-24), and
  - g. Request assistance from DPHI regarding mechanisms to encourage development take up in areas of uplift.
10. This Report recommends the above housing commitments to be outlined in a letter addressed to the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Chris Minns MP and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP as part of the request for deferral from the application of the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.

## BACKGROUND

11. In late 2023, the NSW Government released a series of housing reform proposals to dramatically increase the supply of housing by providing bonus height and floor space to developments that contain affordable housing, mandating high density developments around key railway stations and allowing for medium rise housing in areas close to existing public transport, amenities and services.
12. The Georges River LGA is serviced by eleven (11) railway stations across two (2) railway lines. Due to the LGA's existing public transport accessibility and the wide range of

services provided by the 48 commercial centres, the majority of residential zoned land within the LGA is subject to the NSW Government's housing reforms.

13. The full extent of the proposed changes is outlined in the Extraordinary Council Meeting report titled **NSW Government Housing Reforms 2023-24** dated 12 February 2024 (refer item CCL001-24).
14. Once in effect, the proposed changes will override all local controls specified by individual councils, unless local controls offer greater development potential e.g., more generous height and floor space provisions. In its current state, the provisions within the housing reforms offer significantly greater development potential than the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* (GRLEP).
15. One of the proposed reforms is the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* which will increase the capacity for housing numbers and housing styles by permitting dual occupancies, multi dwelling housing, manor houses and RFBs where they are currently prohibited under the GRLEP.
16. The proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* creates capacity for additional dwellings across the LGA without consideration of existing local character, environmental constraints and the infrastructure needs of a growing population such as increased public open space and community facilities.
17. In response, at its Extraordinary Meeting dated 12 February 2024 (CCL001-24) Council resolved to request the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to defer the implementation of *the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* within the Georges River LGA so Council is given the opportunity to review its Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) to create capacity for additional and diverse housing through the creation of new R3 and R4 zones within the following 12 precincts:
  - (a) Hurstville Railway Station and Hurstville City Centre
  - (b) Kogarah Railway Station and Kogarah Town Centre
  - (c) Beverly Hills Railway Station and Local Centre
  - (d) Kingsgrove Railway Station and Kingsgrove Local Centre
  - (e) Mortdale Railway Station and Mortdale Local Centre
  - (f) Penshurst Railway Station and Penshurst Local Centre
  - (g) Riverwood Railway Station and Local Centre
  - (h) South Hurstville (King Georges Road) Local Centre
  - (i) Oatley Railway Station and Oatley (Mulga Road) Local Centre
  - (j) Allawah Railway Station
  - (k) Carlton Railway Station
  - (l) Narwee Railway Station
18. The request to defer the implementation of *the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* within the Georges River LGA was lodged with the DPHI on 23 February 2024.
19. However, the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* is expected to be finalised by DPHI in June 2024 and it is unlikely for a review of the LSPS to be completed within the next 3 months.
20. Therefore, a more urgent response to the NSW Government is required to demonstrate Council's commitment to address the existing housing crisis by immediately unlocking capacity for additional housing across the LGA in response to receiving a deferral from the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING WORKSHOP – 19 FEBRUARY 2024**

21. A Councillor briefing workshop was held on 19 February 2024 to introduce the process for preparation a revised LSPS and the actions that need to be undertaken to secure a deferral from the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.
22. The outcomes of the workshop are summarised as follows:
  - Acknowledged the NSW Government has not provided guidance regarding what Council can do to achieve an exemption or deferral from the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*,
  - Recognised there is an existing shortage of housing diversity within the Georges River LGA which needs to be addressed immediately.
  - Investigation into the existing planning provisions in the R2 zone, including reviewing the controls for dual occupancies and introducing medium density residential development to encourage a fair distribution of additional housing supply across the LGA,
  - In response to the lack of development take up within areas upzoned by the GRLEP, Councillors requested an investigation of existing controls in the R3 and R4 zones and to seek assistance from DPHI in encouraging development take up,
  - Confirmed the need to continue with the existing Beverly Hills Local Centre and Mortdale Local Centre Master Plans as endorsed,
  - Noting the resolution to conduct master planning for 12 precincts across the LGA, it was agreed there is a need for the revised LSPS to identify a staged approach to implementing the master plans to ensure the supply of employment and housing is sustainable and accompanied by the necessary infrastructure over the next 20 years.
  - Additionally, it was agreed that additional precincts need to be identified and for master plans to commence in those precincts in the next financial year. The centres of Kogarah and Riverwood were identified,
  - Identified the *Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy 2018* (HCCUDS) as a Council-adopted strategy which has yet to be implemented and it was agreed to immediately incorporate the provisions of the HCCUDS into a planning proposal for implementation into the GRLEP, and
  - In recognition of the robust evidence base provided by the *Georges River Biodiversity Study* and *Foreshore Scenic Character Study*, it was agreed to continue with the implementation of these two Studies to ensure development is balanced with the protection of the LGA's biodiversity and character.
  - A planning proposal should be prepared as soon as possible to implement the agreed commitments.
23. Finally, it was agreed that the above workshop outcomes are to be collated into a set of housing commitments to demonstrate Council's efforts in creating additional housing capacity and diversity. These housing commitments are to be presented to the NSW Government to assist with securing a deferral from the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.

## COUNCIL'S HOUSING COMMITMENTS

24. In accordance with the outcomes of the Councillor workshop, the following housing commitments are recommended to be explored for the purpose of demonstrating Council's efforts at providing housing in lieu of the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.

### More capacity in the R2 zone

25. The majority of land within the Georges River LGA is zoned R2 Low Density Residential. Currently the prevailing development typology within the R2 zone is freestanding dwelling houses.
26. Dual occupancies are permitted within the R2 zone by the GRLEP but can only be carried out when the development site meets certain site conditions. When compared to the non-refusal standards proposed by the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*, existing GRLEP requirements are more stringent, as tabulated in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1 – Dual Occupancy Site Requirements – GRLEP vs Housing Reform**

Site Requirement	GRLEP Control	Housing Reform
<b>Min. Lot Size</b>	1,000sqm for FSPA 650sqm for all other areas	450sqm
<b>Min. Lot Width</b>	15m (attached) 18m (detached front and back) 22m (detached side by side)	12m
<b>Min. Subdivision Lot Size</b>	430sqm for FSPA 300sqm for all other areas	None specified but subdivision is permitted

27. A review of the existing minimum lot size, lot width and subdivision lot sizes is proposed to be carried out to assist with unlocking more housing capacity across all low density residential areas of the LGA.
28. If changes are proposed to the GRLEP in relation to dual occupancy controls, the amendments will be included within a planning proposal by July 2024 for Council to endorse to forward to DPHI for a Gateway Determination.

### More diversity in the R2 zone

29. The *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* proposes to permit multi dwelling housing and manor houses in R2 zones if the development site is located within a "station and town centre precinct".
30. A "station and town centre precinct" is defined by the Reform as an area located within 800m walking distance of a train station or a commercial centre with a full-line supermarket.
31. Multi dwelling housing (such as townhouses, terraces and villas) and manor houses are currently prohibited within the R2 zone by the GRLEP.
32. The GRLEP was prepared in accordance with a number of overarching principles. One of the principles was to "*Develop a hierarchy of residential zones to ensure development typologies reflect the objectives of the respective zone, including a 'true' medium density residential zone*". Accordingly, a 'true' R3 zone was created to accommodate multi dwelling housing and manor houses and supported by corresponding site requirements.
33. A comparison of the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* controls is provided in **Table 2** below against the existing GRLEP controls in the R3 zone in relation to medium density

development types. The proposed Reform controls are more generous than the existing GRLEP provisions.

**Table 2 – Medium Density Site Requirements – GRLEP vs Housing Reform**

	<b>Site Requirement</b>	<b>GRLEP Control (applies to R3 zones)</b>	<b>Housing Reform (applies to R2 zones)</b>
<b>Multi Dwelling Housing</b>	<b>Min. Lot Size</b>	800sqm	600sqm
	<b>Min. Lot Width</b>	18m	12m
<b>Terraces</b>	<b>Min. Lot Size</b>	800sqm	500sqm
	<b>Min. Lot Width</b>	21m	18m
<b>Manor Houses</b>	<b>Min. Lot Size</b>	800sqm	500sqm
	<b>Min. Lot Width</b>	18m	12m

34. Medium density housing typologies are proposed to be explored in the R2 zone to provide opportunities for greater housing diversity in a low-density setting. This is proposed to be accompanied by a review of the corresponding minimum lot size and lot width requirements for these development types to ensure compatibility with the existing local character and environmental constraints.
35. If changes are proposed to the GRLEP in relation to the permissibility of medium density developments within the R2 zone and the associated site requirements, the amendments will be included within a planning proposal by July 2024 for Council to endorse to forward to DPHI for a Gateway Determination.

### **Review of existing R3 controls**

36. As tabulated above in **Table 2**, the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* provides greater development potential for medium density housing typologies when compared to the GRLEP.
37. A number of new R3 zones were created as part of the GRLEP and Council is to note that there has been no development take up within these upzoned areas since the GRLEP was gazetted on 8 October 2021:
- Peakhurst – North and West of Peakhurst Park
  - Peshurst – Apsley Estate
  - South Hurstville – Culwulla Street
  - South Hurstville – Rowe Street
  - Narwee – Berrille Road
38. A review of the existing minimum lot size and lot width controls within the GRLEP is proposed to be carried out to assist with incentivising development take up in the existing R3 zones across the LGA.
39. Additionally, the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* proposes to permit residential flat buildings (RFBs) of up to 5-7 storeys in R3 and R4 zones if the development site is located within a “station and town centre precinct”. To create opportunities for housing diversity,

the permissibility of RFBs is also proposed to be explored in the R3 zone as part of the review process.

40. If changes are proposed to the GRLEP in relation to existing controls within the R3 zone, the amendment will be included within a planning proposal by July 2024 for Council to endorse to forward to DPHI for a Gateway Determination.

**Review of existing R4 controls**

41. Two areas (one in Hurstville and one in Narwee) were rezoned from R2 to R4 as part of the GRLEP and to-date there has been no development take up within these upzoned areas.
42. Accordingly, it is proposed to conduct a review of existing development standards within the R4 zone to assist with incentivising development take up.
43. If changes are proposed to the GRLEP in relation to existing controls within the R4 zone, the amendment will be included within a planning proposal by July 2024 for Council to endorse to forward to DPHI for a Gateway Determination.
44. Additionally, assistance will be sought from DPHI regarding mechanisms used by other councils across Greater Sydney to encourage development take up in areas of uplift.

**Implementing the Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy (2018)**

45. The Hurstville City Centre is one of the 12 precincts identified for growth by Council in its resolution dated 12 February 2024 (Item CCL001-24).
46. The HCCUDS was prepared in 2018 for the Hurstville City Centre and existing residential areas to the north of the City Centre. The extent of the Study Area for the HCCUDS is outlined in **Figure 1** below.

**Figure 1 – Study Area for the HCCUDS**



47. The key objectives of the HCCUDS include:
  - To provide a clear approach to the planning controls of the City Centre,

- To reinforce the role of Hurstville as a gateway to southern Sydney,
  - To increase the use of public and active transport to and within the Centre,
  - To strengthen the identity of the Centre,
  - To improve pedestrian network and movement, and
  - To provide planning controls for each street block in the Centre.
48. The HCCUDS conducts block-by-block urban design analysis of the existing building height and floor space ratio (FSR) controls applied within the Study Area and provides a series of recommendations to update the existing planning controls for the City Centre by rectifying the mismatch between the existing height and FSR development standards.
49. The HCCUDS also recommends increases to the height and FSR in the additional capacity areas to the north to provide additional dwellings to support the non-residential functions of the City Centre. Within the additional capacity areas, the HCCUDS identifies opportunity sites where development take up is most likely to occur as these sites are not constrained by fragmented land ownership, strata subdivision or heritage restrictions.
50. At the Council meeting dated 25 June 2018, it was resolved:
- a) *That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy (September 2017).*
  - b) *That Council endorse the Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy (May 2018 - Attachment 1) as a Strategic Planning document that will inform the preparation of the LEP and DCP controls for the Hurstville City Centre excluding the additional capacity areas.*
  - c) *That Council pursuant to Section 3.33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 resolve to prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the Hurstville LEP 2012 in accordance with the recommendations of the Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy (May 2018).*
  - d) *That Council pursuant to Section 3.43 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 resolve to prepare DCP No. 2 - Hurstville City Centre (Amendment No. 9) in accordance with the recommendations of Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy (May 2018).*
  - e) *That a further report to Council be provided on the preparation, costs and funding of the following documents for the Hurstville City Centre, including:*
    1. *Preparing a Place Management Strategy;*
    2. *Updating the Public Domain Plan;*
    3. *Investigating and implementing permanent and temporary open space solutions;*
    4. *Undertaking a feasibility study for the Hurstville City Centre within the study boundary, as outlined in the Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy (May 2018); and*
  - f) *That the transition areas to the north of the existing CBD boundary and the area to the south of the railway line be considered as part of the Commercial Centres Strategy.*
  - g) *That Council resolve to prepare a new Development Contributions Plan for the Hurstville City Centre.*
  - h) *That the Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy (May 2018) forms the basis for assessing site specific Planning Proposals and Development Applications within the Hurstville City Centre until such time as the Planning proposal for the Centre is gazetted.*

- i) *That Council notify the submitters and affected landowners of Council's resolution.*
  - j) *That Council write to the landowners of sites where the FSRs/heights have been amended following the exhibition of the draft Strategy advising of the changes and inviting comments which will be considered along with the preparation of the Planning Proposal.*
  - k) *That Council continue to receive submissions on the Strategy during the preparation of the Planning Proposal.*
  - l) *That the upcoming Commercial Centres Study relating to the Hurstville City Centre (to be prepared as part of the City-wide LEP) include a study area that comprises the additional capacity areas to the north and land south of the existing CBD (as identified in the Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy).*
51. In accordance with Resolution (c) above, a planning proposal can be prepared to amend the GRLEP to implement the recommendations of the HCCUDS. However, additional studies such as a Public Domain Plan and Feasibility Study as outlined in Resolution (e) are required to support the implementation of the HCCUDS and its key objectives.
52. If a planning proposal is progressed without the required additional studies, the DPHI may require the preparation of these studies as a Condition of the Gateway Determination.
53. Based on a preliminary assessment, the recommended HCCUDS controls create capacity for approximately 406 additional dwellings within the Study Area.
54. Should Council resolve to progress with the implementation of the HCCUDS prior to the preparation of the recommended studies, the amendments to the GRLEP will be included within a planning proposal by July 2024 for Council to endorse to forward to DPHI for a Gateway Determination.

### **Planning for the 12 growth precincts**

55. To ensure any growth in jobs and housing is accompanied by the necessary infrastructure, a staged approach is required in the master planning and implementation of the 12 growth precincts as endorsed by Council at the Extraordinary Meeting dated 12 February 2024 (CCL001-24):
- (a) Hurstville Railway Station and Hurstville City Centre
  - (b) Kogarah Railway Station and Kogarah Town Centre
  - (c) Beverly Hills Railway Station and Local Centre
  - (d) Kingsgrove Railway Station and Kingsgrove Local Centre
  - (e) Mortdale Railway Station and Mortdale Local Centre
  - (f) Penshurst Railway Station and Penshurst Local Centre
  - (g) Riverwood Railway Station and Local Centre
  - (h) South Hurstville (King Georges Road) Local Centre
  - (i) Oatley Railway Station and Oatley (Mulga Road) Local Centre
  - (j) Allawah Railway Station
  - (k) Carlton Railway Station
  - (l) Narwee Railway Station
56. It should be noted that a series of detailed precinct planning work has been carried out in recent years, including the completion of the HCCUDS and the preparation of the Mortdale

Local Centre and Beverly Hills Local Centre Master Plans. Accordingly, 3 out of the 12 precincts are suitable for implementation in the short term (i.e. 0-5 years).

57. Due to the urgency of the existing shortage of housing supply across Greater Sydney, it is recommended that an additional 2 precincts be investigated for growth within the short term.
58. The Kogarah Town Centre and the Riverwood Local Centre are nominated due to the following:
- Despite the Kogarah Town Centre being identified as a strategic centre by the *Greater Sydney Region Plan* in 2017, planning controls have not been updated to reflect its role as a regionally significant commercial centre and a health and education precinct,
  - The Kogarah Railway Station has been identified as one of the stations to be included within the *Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy (TOD SEPP)*. Although existing planning controls within the Kogarah Town Centre exceeds the proposed controls of the TOD SEPP, Council at its meeting dated 12 February 2024 resolved to seek funding from DPHI to carry out a master plan for the purpose of reviewing existing controls to better support the objectives of the TOD SEPP,
  - Council has received two (2) pre-planning proposals within the Kogarah Town Centre in the past year requesting significant increases to existing development standards. This demonstrates a strong appetite for change within the existing centre,
  - Housing NSW has prepared a rezoning proposal for Riverwood Estate located in the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA. The Riverwood Local Centre is adjacent to the southern boundary of the Riverwood Estate. The Riverwood Estate proposal features extensive changes with the purpose of creating additional housing supported by community facilities, cycleways and open spaces. This presents an opportunity to revitalise the existing Local Centre, and
  - Council has received planning proposal enquiries on the periphery of the Riverwood Local Centre indicating appetite for the expansion of the existing centre to provide additional jobs and housing.
59. Therefore, it is proposed that master plans be commenced in July 2024 for the Kogarah Town Centre and Riverwood Local Centre to prioritise growth in both housing and jobs, subject to Council's budget allocations for FY2024/25.
60. The staged commencement for the remaining growth precincts will be outlined as part of the revised LSPS and associated process. The remaining growth precincts are as follows:
- (a) Kingsgrove Railway Station and Kingsgrove Local Centre
  - (b) Penshurst Railway Station and Penshurst Local Centre
  - (c) South Hurstville (King Georges Road) Local Centre
  - (d) Oatley Railway Station and Oatley (Mulga Road) Local Centre
  - (e) Allawah Railway Station
  - (f) Carlton Railway Station
  - (g) Narwee Railway Station

### **Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal**

61. To ensure development is balanced with the protection of the LGA's biodiversity and character, it is recommended that Council continue with the preparation of the Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal to implement the Biodiversity and Foreshore Studies.

62. Endorsement to prepare the Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal occurred at Council's Environment and Planning Committee meeting dated 11 March 2024 where the Committee resolved to support the preparation of the Planning Proposal comprising of the following components:

### **Biodiversity**

- Introduce new biodiversity planning provision and mapping overlay to preserve and protect areas of moderate and high terrestrial biodiversity values.

### **Local Character Area**

- Introduce new local character planning provision and mapping overlay to provide statutory protection to Unique Character Areas (UCA).

### **Foreshore Scenic Protection Area**

- Amend the existing FSPA planning provision and mapped extent to ensure the role of the FSPA focuses on foreshore scenic character.

### **Lot Size – land no longer in FSPA**

- Retain existing lot size requirements within areas removed from the existing FSPA as follows:
  - Subdivision lot size: 700sqm
  - Dual occupancy lot size: 1,000sqm

### **Lot Size – land added to FSPA**

- Increase lot size requirements for areas proposed to be added to the proposed FSPA and/or UCA as follows:
  - Increase subdivision lot size from 450sqm to 700sqm
  - Increase dual occupancy lot size from 650sqm to 1,000sqm

### **Floor Space Ratio**

- Reduce the maximum permissible FSR for R2-zoned land located within the existing FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA from 0.55:1 for dwelling houses and 0.6:1 for dual occupancies to 0.5:1 for all development typologies.

### **Landscaping**

- Amend the landscaped area planning provisions through the insertion of new objectives to:
  - Protect, maintain and improve the diversity and condition of native vegetation and habitats across the LGA,
  - Encourage the recovery of threatened species and their communities, populations and habitats across the LGA, and
  - Retain and strengthen the green and leafy character of the LGA, including trees in the private domain that contribute to local character and visual amenity,
- Increase the minimum landscaped area requirement for dwelling houses and dual occupancies by 5% to 30% and 35% respectively for low density land located within the existing FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA.

- Introduce minimum 20% landscaped area requirement for multi dwelling house, terraces and manor houses in response to the NSW Government's Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform.

### **Exclusion from Complying Development**

- Request the DPHI to exclude the application of the Low-Rise Housing Diversity Code from the proposed FSPA and proposed UCA to ensure dual occupancies, manor houses, multi dwelling housing and terraces are only permitted through the Development Application process.
63. Should Council resolve to endorse the preparation of the Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal, it will be progressed separately to the planning proposal to create additional housing capacity.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE REVIEW OF EXISTING RESIDENTIAL ZONES**

64. Council is committed to addressing the urgent need for increased housing capacity and diversity across the Georges River LGA. However, there is a need for balance between providing additional dwellings and the protection of existing values such as the natural environment and the local character of the LGA's residential suburbs.
65. Should Council endorse the preparation of a planning proposal to provide additional housing capacity, the following guiding principles are proposed to guide the review of planning controls within the R2, R3 and R4 zones:
- Develop controls which are to be comparable to other metropolitan councils in Greater Sydney to enable viable development outcomes,
  - Apply existing GRLEP requirements in relation to landscaped area to facilitate the delivery of Council's tree canopy targets,
  - Retain the existing hierarchy of residential zones by developing different sets of development standards for the R2, R3 and R4 zones respectively,
  - Apply existing GRDCP controls to accompany proposed development standards in the GRLEP to ensure any increase in density is consistent with the desired local character established by the GRDCP, including but not limited to setback distances, private open space and soft landscaping requirements, and
  - Ensure proposed planning provisions and development standards do not conflict with the concurrent Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

66. The work required to action the housing commitments as outlined in this report will be undertaken by Council's Strategic Planning Team.
67. The preparation of a master plan for the Kogarah Town Centre and a master plan for the Riverwood Local Centre requires a budget of \$400,000 across two financial years and these master plans are proposed to be included in the draft budget for FY2024/25.
68. Funding will be required for the following technical studies and expertise:
- Community consultation facilitation
  - Urban design study
  - Traffic, transport and parking study
  - Transport management and accessibility plan (TMAP)

- Development feasibility analysis
  - Economic impact assessment
  - Public domain plan
69. Information on the funding requirements will be provided in future reports on the Kogarah Town Centre and Riverwood Local Centre master plans.

## NEXT STEPS

70. Should Council resolve to adopt the recommended housing commitments, the General Manager will write to the Hon. Chris Minns MP and the Hon. Paul Scully MP requesting a deferral from the application of the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* on the basis that Council is committed to the provision of capacity for additional and diverse housing through immediate changes to local planning controls.
71. Workshops between April and May 2024 will be held with the Councillors in relation to the outcomes of the following:
- (i) Review existing controls for dual occupancies,
  - (ii) Investigate the introduction of medium density residential developments within the R2 Low Density Residential zone,
  - (iii) Review existing controls within the R3 Medium Density Residential zone,
  - (iv) Review existing controls within the R4 High Density Residential zone, and
  - (v) Implement the *Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy* (HCCUDS) in accordance with previous Council resolution dated 25 June 2018 (Item ENV014-18).
72. Following these workshops, a report will be submitted to Council seeking endorsement for the preparation of a planning proposal which implements immediate changes to local planning controls in response to receiving a deferral from the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.

## RISK IMPLICATIONS

73. The risk of not proceeding with Council's commitment to providing capacity for new housing is the likely implementation of the proposed *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform*.
74. Once in effect, the proposed changes will override all local controls specified by individual councils, unless local controls offer greater development potential e.g. more generous height and floor space provisions.
75. In its current state, the provisions within the *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* offer significantly greater development potential than existing local planning controls and will enable development across the LGA without consideration of the LGA's biodiversity and unique local character.
76. The *Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform* also does not take into account the community's needs including public open space, community facilities, drainage and infrastructure generally.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

77. Community engagement will be conducted as part of the respective and planning proposal and master plan processes with further details to be provided within those Council reports.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/51570

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

CCL017-24

**FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

**Item:** CCL018-24 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - February 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL018-24

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

- (a) CWF 54/23-24 – Cancelled - Application submitted by Councillor Jamieson on behalf of 3 Bridges in the amount of \$1,500.
- (b) CWF 55/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Cancare Centre Incorporated in the amount of \$200.
- (c) CWF 56/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Mahoney on behalf of Oatley Rugby Club in the amount of \$1,000. (Replacing CWF49/23-24)
- (d) CWF 57/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Ficarra on behalf of Autism Community Network in the amount of \$2,000.
- (e) CWF 58/23-24 – Ineligible Application – Application submitted by Councillor Ficarra on behalf of Project Youth.
- (f) CWF 59/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Autism Community Network in the amount of \$1,000.
- (g) CWF 60/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Ambihaipahar on behalf of Hurstville Croquet Club Inc in the amount of \$250.
- (h) CWF 61/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Ambihaipahar on behalf of Oatley West Public School in the amount of \$966.

**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

8. All application details can be found in the attachment to this report.

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

<b>Non-Capital Funds</b> (\$5,000/Councillor)	<b>Funds Allocated to date including this report</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>
Councillor Ambihaipahar	\$1,216	\$3,784
Councillor Borg	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Elmir	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Ficarra	\$2,000	\$3,000
Councillor Jamieson	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Katris	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Konjarski	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Landsberry	\$3,400	\$1,600
Councillor Liu	\$4,200	\$800
Councillor Mahoney	\$2,200	\$2,800
Councillor Mort	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Smerdely	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Stratikopoulos	\$1,260	\$3,740
Councillor Symington	\$4,800	\$200
Councillor Wang	\$4,600	\$400

## 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

D24/7005

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓1](#)  Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - ABN Numbers - 25 March 2024 Council Meeting

Attachment [↓2](#)  Attachment - Councillor Ward Discretionary ~ March Council Meeting 2024

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## Nickie Paraskevopoulos

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**From:** eForms  
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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 55/23-24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Ben Wang
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** CANCARE CENTRE INCORPORATED
6. **Trading name:** CANCARE CENTRE
7. **Registered for GST:** Yes
8. **ACNC Registered:** Yes
9. **ABN:** 44040479199
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Venue hire for Marana Aquarium Hurstville: for a drama and musical sharing event to foster a positive perception of life and death among the Chinese community especially for those battling cancer in a lighthearted, sensational and practical manner
12. **Event/project date:** 21-09-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 200
14. **Contact Name:** Judy Ho
15. **Phone number:** 96871795
16. **Mobile:** 412384838
17. **Email:** info@cancarecentre.org.au

18. Website:

19. Street: Ground Floor, Unit 31/ 167-173 Parramatta Road (Corner Young Street)

20. Suburb: North Strathfield

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2137

23. Please enter Postal address:

24. Declaration of conflict of interest: No conflict of interest

25. Community Group: CanCare Centre (CanCare) is a not-for-profit organization established in 2007. At CanCare, we provide Chinese cancer patients and their families with holistic care and support. Our services aim at meeting their physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs. We walk alongside our clients accompanying them to go through hard times along the road battling against cancer.



## ABN Lookup

### Current details for ABN 44 040 479 199

#### ABN details

Entity name: CANCARE CENTRE INCORPORATED  
 ABN status: Active from 07 Feb 2007  
 Entity type: Other Incorporated Entity  
 Goods & Services Tax (GST): Registered from 01 Jan 2014  
 Main business location: NSW 2137

#### Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

CANCARE CENTRE INCORPORATED is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as follows:

<b>ACNC registration</b>	<b>From</b>
Registered as a charity <a href="#">view ACNC registration</a>	03 Dec 2012

#### Charity tax concession status

CANCARE CENTRE INCORPORATED is a Public Benevolent Institution endorsed to access the following tax concessions:

<b>Tax concession</b>	<b>From</b>
GST Concession	01 Jan 2007
Income Tax Exemption	01 Jan 2007
FBT Exemption	01 Jan 2007

#### Deductible gift recipient status

CANCARE CENTRE INCORPORATED is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) from 07 Feb 2007. It is covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

 **Important**

Please read [Deductible Gift Recipient \(DGR\)](#) information before making a gift.

ABN last updated: 10 Apr 2019

Record extracted: 04 Mar 2024

Disclaimer

# CanCare Centre Incorporated

✔ Charity is registered.

✔ Charity reporting is up to date.

## Charity details

**ABN:**

[44040479199](#)

**Address:**

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North Strathfield  
NSW, 2137, Australia

**Email:**

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**Address For Service email:**

[info@cancarecentre.org.au](mailto:info@cancarecentre.org.au)

**Website:**

[cancarecentre.org.au](http://cancarecentre.org.au)

**Phone:**

[0412 38 48 38](tel:0412384838)

**Charity Size:**

Small

**Who the charity helps:**

Adults - aged 25 to under 65  
Adults - aged 65 and over  
Families  
Females  
General community in Australia  
Males  
People from a culturally and linguistically diverse background  
People with chronic illness (including terminal illness)

**Date established:**

1 January 2007

**Last reported:**

7 December 2023

**Next report due:**

31 December 2024

**Financial year end:**

30/06

## Summary of activities

CanCare Centre (CanCare) provides Chinese cancer patients and their families with wholistic care and support. Our services aim to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of our clients. We walk alongside our clients when they go through hard times managing through the battle against cancer. CanCare has expanded and delivers more comprehensive services to our clients which include regular support group programs, Walking Groups, Companion Telephone Supports, home & hospital visitations, training courses, health talks and workshops open to the public or specific client groups at various locations. Life Education is also available to the public to explore the issue of death, with an aim to enable the training participants to build a more dynamic view about death and dying. We adopt various communication channels including social platforms, Whatsapp, WeChat and e-Newsletter to widely deliver encouraging messages, videos to patients and our community. We also broadcasting 25 episodes radio Program in 2023.

## Charity programs

Support Groups, Walking Groups, Companion Telephone Supports, Visitation & Workshops  
Human services information

## Where the charity operates

**States:**

New South Wales

**Countries:**

Australia

**Using the information on the Register**

Information on the Charity Register has been provided to the ACNC by charities. If information is not shown, this may be because it has not yet been provided. The ACNC may also approve information be withheld from the Charity Register in certain circumstances. [Read more about information on the Charity Register.](#)

## People

### Responsible people

The role of a 'Responsible Person' is an important one for registered charities. Generally, a charity's Responsible People are its board or committee members, or trustees.

**Calvin Lam**

**Role:** [Treasurer](#)

[Associated charities](#) →

**Frederick Leung**

**Role:** [Chairperson](#)

[Associated charities](#) →

**Jeremy Ho**

**Role:** [Board Member](#)

[Associated charities](#) →

**Judy Ho**

**Role:** [Secretary](#)

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**THOMAS NG**

**Role:** [Deputy Chairperson](#)

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**Wai Hung Chan**

**Role:** [Board Member](#)

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## Documents

### Annual reporting

Title	Due date	Date received	Download
Annual Information Statement 2024	31 December 2024	Not yet submitted	—
Financial Report 2024	31 December 2024	Pending	—
Annual Information Statement 2023	31 January 2024	7 December 2023	<a href="#">View AIS</a>
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Annual Information Statement 2021	31 January 2022	4 November 2021	<a href="#">View AIS</a>
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Financial Report 2020	31 January 2021	25 November 2020	<a href="#">Download</a>
Annual Information Statement 2019	31 January 2020	7 November 2019	<a href="#">View AIS</a>
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Financial Report 2018	31 March 2019	19 November 2018	<a href="#">Download</a>
Annual Information Statement 2017	31 January 2018	17 November 2017	<a href="#">View AIS</a>
Financial Report 2017	31 January 2018	17 November 2017	<a href="#">Download</a>
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Financial Report 2014	No due date	18 December 2014	<a href="#">Download</a>
Annual Information Statement 2013	31 March 2014	5 December 2013	<a href="#">View AIS</a>
Financial Report 2013	31 March 2014	5 December 2013	<a href="#">Download</a>

## Documents

Title	Date	Reporting year	Download
Annual Report	16 November 2020	2019	<a href="#">Download</a>
Annual Report	19 November 2018	2018	<a href="#">Download</a>
Governing Document	31 August 2016	—	<a href="#">Download</a>

## History

### The charity's subtype history

Purpose	Start date	End date
Public Benevolent Institution (PBI)	1 January 2014	—
2012 Public benevolent institution	3 December 2012	31 December 2013
2012 Another purpose beneficial to the community	3 December 2012	31 December 2013

### Registration status history

## Nickie Paraskevopoulos

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**From:** eForms  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 March 2024 11:28 PM  
**To:** Claudine Stamos; Marisa Severino; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Sue Matthew; Vicki McKinley; Georges River Council Mail; Georges River Council Mail; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Elloise Brady  
**Subject:** Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Peter Mahoney Please note: this replaces CWF49/23-24

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 56/23-24**
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding: Peter Mahoney Please note: this replaces CWF49/23-24**
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application: Community Group (Max \$2,000)**
5. **Legal Name: Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club Ltd**
6. **Trading name: Oatley Rugby**
7. **Registered for GST: No**
8. **ACNC Registered: No**
9. **ABN: 89257939319**
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding: Towards purchase of refrigerator**
12. **Event/project date: 01-04-2024**
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000): 1000**
14. **Contact Name: Ross Bernays**
15. **Phone number: 408625633**
16. **Mobile: 408625633**
17. **Email: rossbernays@optusnet.com.au**
18. **Website: oatleyrugby.com**
19. **Street: Coleridge St**

20. Suburb: Riverwood

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2210

23. Please enter Postal address:

24. Declaration of conflict of interest: No conflict of interest

25. Community Group: Junior and Senior Teams: The junior club saw a resurgence, and the introduction of the Rugby World Cup in 1987 fueled growth. From 3 junior teams in 1990, the club expanded to field 12 teams ranging from Under 6's to Under 16's. The senior club currently fields teams in Colts (Under 21's) and 4 Open age teams in 2nd Division NSW Suburban Rugby. Wallabies Connection: The Oatley Rugby Club proudly boasts four Wallabies who donned the bottle green and gold: Bruce Battishall, Gary Gainsford, Barry Stumbles, and Rob Horne.

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## ABN Lookup

### Current details for ABN 89 257 939 319

#### ABN details

**Entity name:** OATLEY RUGBY AND SPORTING CLUB INC.  
**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	From
OATLEY RUGBY CLUB	13 Jul 2000
OATLEY JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB	13 Jul 2000

#### Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 13 Jul 2000

Record extracted: 20 Mar 2024

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## Nickie Paraskevopoulos

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**From:** eForms  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 March 2024 3:32 PM  
**To:** Claudine Stamos; Marisa Severino; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Sue Matthew; Vicki McKinley; Georges River Council Mail; Georges River Council Mail; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Elloise Brady  
**Subject:** Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Veronica Ficarra

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 57/23-24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Veronica Ficarra
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Autism Community Network
6. **Trading name:** Autism Community Network
7. **Registered for GST:** Yes
8. **ACNC Registered:** Yes
9. **ABN:** 64103662535
10. **Incorporated Entity:** 0
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Support program for carers of individuals with autism that reside in the GRC LGA
12. **Event/project date:** 29-03-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 2000
14. **Contact Name:** Vanessa Gauci
15. **Phone number:** 421462842
16. **Mobile:** 421462842
17. **Email:** Vanessa.gauci@acnaustralia.org.au
18. **Website:** <https://acnaustralia.org.au/>
19. **Street:** 18 Weston Road
20. **Suburb:** Hurstville

**21. State: New South Wales**

**22. Postcode: 2220**

**23. Please enter Postal address: PO Box 188 Riverwood 2210**

**24. Declaration of conflict of interest: No conflict of interest**

**25. Community Group: ACN is a non-profit organisation that provides support, information and activities to autistic individuals and their families at all stages, including pre-diagnosis. ACN runs peer groups, community activities and social clubs through a unique grassroots network of volunteers. ACN supports carers too, with carer only support groups and activities.**

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## ABN Lookup

### Current details for ABN 64 103 662 535

#### ABN details

Entity name:	AUTISM COMMUNITY NETWORK LIMITED
ABN status:	Active from 14 Sep 2011
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Registered from 01 Aug 2013
Main business location:	NSW 2000

#### Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

AUTISM COMMUNITY NETWORK LIMITED is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as follows:

<b>ACNC registration</b>	<b>From</b>
Registered as a charity <a href="#">view ACNC registration</a>	03 Dec 2012

#### Charity tax concession status

AUTISM COMMUNITY NETWORK LIMITED is a Charity endorsed to access the following tax concessions:

<b>Tax concession</b>	<b>From</b>
GST Concession	20 Jan 2012
Income Tax Exemption	20 Jan 2012
FBT Rebate	20 Jan 2012

#### Deductible gift recipient status

AUTISM COMMUNITY NETWORK LIMITED is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) from 20 Jan 2012. It is covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

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# AUTISM COMMUNITY NETWORK LIMITED

## Charity details

**ABN:**

[64103662535](#)

**Address:**

285A Crown St  
Surry Hills  
NSW, 2010, Australia

**Email:**

[info@acnaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@acnaustralia.org.au)

**Address For Service email:**

[info@acnaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@acnaustralia.org.au)

**Website:**

[acnaustralia.org.au](http://acnaustralia.org.au)

**Phone:**

[02 9543 9036](tel:0295439036)

**Charity Size:**

Small

**Who the charity helps:**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people  
Adults - aged 25 to under 65  
Children - aged 6 to under 15  
Early childhood - aged under 6  
Families  
Females  
Financially disadvantaged people  
General community in Australia  
Males  
People from a culturally and linguistically diverse background  
People in rural/regional/remote communities  
People with disabilities  
Youth - 15 to under 25

**Date established:**

1 January 2011

**Last reported:**

23 January 2024

**Next report due:**

31 December 2024

**Financial year end:**

30/06

## Summary of activities

ACN strives to make a difference through its peer support group for carers, activity groups for kids and social groups for autistic adults. These activities help families tackle the challenges posed by transitioning to complex social environments and break down the scourge of self-imposed isolation.

## Charity programs

PEER SUPPORT GROUP  
Community service organisations

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Social and Skills clubs  
Community organising

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Online Social and Support groups  
Community organising

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## Where the charity operates

### States:

New South Wales  
Victoria

### Countries:

Australia

## Using the information on the Register

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## Financial overview

Financial information from the latest [AIS](#).

### Revenue

**Total revenue:** \$139,576.00

### Expenses

**Total expenses:** \$171,609.00

## Nickie Paraskevopoulos

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**Sent:** Monday, 18 March 2024 4:40 PM  
**To:** Claudine Stamos; Marisa Severino; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Sue Matthew; Vicki McKinley; Georges River Council Mail; Georges River Council Mail; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Elloise Brady  
**Subject:** Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Kathryn Landsberry  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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 59/23-24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Kathryn Landsberry
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Autism Community Network Limited
6. **Trading name:** Austism Community Network Limited
7. **Registered for GST:** Yes
8. **ACNC Registered:**
9. **ABN:** 64103662535
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Bootcamp and wellness program for parents and carers
12. **Event/project date:** 01-05-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 1000
14. **Contact Name:** Vanessa Gauci, CEO
15. **Phone number:** 295439036
16. **Mobile:** 421462842
17. **Email:** vanessa.gauci@acnaustralia.org.au
18. **Website:** www.acnaustralia.org.au

19. Street: 285A Crown Street

20. Suburb: Surry Hills

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2010

23. Please enter Postal address:

24. Declaration of conflict of interest: No conflict of interest

25. Community Group: ACN is a non-profit organisation that provides support, information and activities to autistic individuals and their families at all stages, including pre-diagnosis. ACN runs peer groups, community activities and social clubs through a unique grassroots network of volunteers. ACN supports carers too, with carer only support groups and activities. This bootcamp and wellness program encourages self-care but also social inclusion and social cohesion for carers who often feel isolated and alone. Attendees will benefit from the exercise aspect, they have improved physical and mental health, and may gain a support network and build friendships.

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## ABN Lookup

### Current details for ABN 64 103 662 535

#### ABN details

Entity name: AUTISM COMMUNITY NETWORK LIMITED  
 ABN status: Active from 14 Sep 2011  
 Entity type: Other Incorporated Entity  
 Goods & Services Tax (GST): Registered from 01 Aug 2013  
 Main business location: NSW 2000

#### Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

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<b>ACNC registration</b>	<b>From</b>
Registered as a charity <a href="#">view ACNC registration</a>	03 Dec 2012

#### Charity tax concession status

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<b>Tax concession</b>	<b>From</b>
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Income Tax Exemption	20 Jan 2012
FBT Rebate	20 Jan 2012

#### Deductible gift recipient status

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[64103662535](#)

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285A Crown St  
Surry Hills  
NSW, 2010, Australia

**Email:**

[info@acnaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@acnaustralia.org.au)

**Address For Service email:**

[info@acnaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@acnaustralia.org.au)

**Website:**

[acnaustralia.org.au](http://acnaustralia.org.au)

**Phone:**

[02 9543 9036](tel:0295439036)

**Charity Size:**

Small

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people  
Adults - aged 25 to under 65  
Children - aged 6 to under 15  
Early childhood - aged under 6  
Families  
Females  
Financially disadvantaged people  
General community in Australia  
Males  
People from a culturally and linguistically diverse background  
People in rural/regional/remote communities  
People with disabilities  
Youth - 15 to under 25

**Date established:**

1 January 2011

**Last reported:**

23 January 2024

**Next report due:**

31 December 2024

**Financial year end:**

30/06

## Summary of activities

ACN strives to make a difference through its peer support group for carers, activity groups for kids and social groups for autistic adults. These activities help families tackle the challenges posed by transitioning to complex social environments and break down the scourge of self-imposed isolation.

## Charity programs

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Online Social and Support groups  
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## Where the charity operates

### States:

New South Wales  
Victoria

### Countries:

Australia

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## Financial overview

Financial information from the latest [AIS](#).

### Revenue

**Total revenue:** \$139,576.00

### Expenses

**Total expenses:** \$171,609.00

## Nickie Paraskevopoulos

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**From:** eForms  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 March 2024 10:22 PM  
**To:** Claudine Stamos; Marisa Severino; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Sue Matthew; Vicki McKinley; Georges River Council Mail; Georges River Council Mail; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Elloise Brady  
**Subject:** Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Ashvini Ambihaipahar

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 60/23-24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Ashvini Ambihaipahar
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** HURSTVILLE CROQUET CLUB INC
6. **Trading name:** HURSTVILLE CROQUET CLUB INC
7. **Registered for GST:** Yes
8. **ACNC Registered:**
9. **ABN:** 66389005133
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** To repair a small area of the weatherboards on the western side of the club house that needs repair and a protection shield attached to stop further damage
12. **Event/project date:** 19-03-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 250
14. **Contact Name:** CHRISTINE LAIRD - President
15. **Phone number:** 414747798
16. **Mobile:** 414747798
17. **Email:** croqhurst.cl@gmail.com
18. **Website:** <https://hurstvillecroquetclub.com.au/>
19. **Street:** 2A Cambridge St

20. Suburb: Penshurst

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2222

23. Please enter Postal address:

24. Declaration of conflict of interest: No conflict of interest

25. Community Group: Founded in 1936 our Club has been providing a caring and supporting environment to members who enjoy low impact exercise in a superb garden setting. \*\* need to confirm re GST question

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## ABN Lookup

### Current details for ABN 27 634 479 810

#### ABN details

**Entity name:** OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSN  
**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

#### Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSN is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) [as follows:](#)

<b>ACNC registration</b>	<b>From</b>
Registered as a charity <a href="#">view ACNC registration</a>	03 Dec 2012

#### Trading name(s)

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<b>Trading name</b>	<b>From</b>
OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSN	13 Jun 2000

#### Charity tax concession status

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSN is a Charity endorsed to access the following tax concessions:

<b>Tax concession</b>	<b>From</b>
GST Concession	01 Jul 2005
FBT Rebate	01 Jul 2005
Income Tax Exemption	01 Jul 2000

#### Deductible gift recipient status

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSN operates the following funds, authorities or institutions. Gifts to these funds, authorities or institutions may be deductible.

<b>Fund, authority or institution name</b>	<a href="#">DGR Item</a>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
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OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSN BUILDING FUND Item 1 01 Jul 2002 (current)

 **Important**

Please read [Deductible Gift Recipient \(DGR\)](#) information before making a gift.

ABN last updated: 09 Apr 2019

Record extracted: 20 Mar 2024

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# OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSN

## Charity details

**ABN:**

[27634479810](#)

**Address:**

80 Oatley Park Ave  
Oatley  
NSW, 2223, Australia

**Email:**

[oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com](mailto:oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com)

**Address For Service email:**

[oatleywestpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:oatleywestpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

**Website:**

[oatleywest-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-community/parents-citizens-association.html](http://oatleywest-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-community/parents-citizens-association.html)

**Phone:**

[02 9580 5048](tel:0295805048)

**Charity Size:**

Small

**Who the charity helps:**

Children - aged 6 to under 15  
Families  
General community in Australia

**Date established:**

31 December 1969

**Last reported:**

29 November 2023

**Next report due:**

31 May 2024

**Financial year end:**

30/11

## Summary of activities

The objectives of the P&C are to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation, through fund raising we assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promote the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

## Charity programs

Arts & Craft Festival  
Community celebration

Uniform Shop  
Primary education

## Where the charity operates

**States:**

New South Wales

### Using the information on the Register

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## Financial overview

Financial information from the latest [AIS](#).

### Revenue



Total revenue: \$296,171.00

**Expenses**

Total expenses: \$136,427.00



## Nickie Paraskevopoulos

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 March 2024 10:28 PM  
**To:** Claudine Stamos; Marisa Severino; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Sue Matthew; Vicki McKinley; Georges River Council Mail; Georges River Council Mail; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Elloise Brady  
**Subject:** Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Ashvini Ambihaipahar

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 61/23-24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Ashvini Ambihaipahar
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Oatley West Public School P&C
6. **Trading name:** OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSN
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:**
9. **ABN:** 27634479810
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Funding for three Square Reader Terminals and three portable WIFI modems with prepaid data so our volunteers during the Community Festival do not need to use their own phones and data.
12. **Event/project date:** 19-03-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 966
14. **Contact Name:** Amelia Starkey
15. **Phone number:** 417127347
16. **Mobile:** 417127347
17. **Email:** ameliastarkey@gmail.com
18. **Website:**
19. **Street:** Oatley Park Ave

20. Suburb: Oatley

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2223

23. Please enter Postal address:

24. Declaration of conflict of interest: No conflict of interest

25. Community Group: <https://oatleywest-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-community/parents-citizens-association.html>

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## ABN Lookup

### Current details for ABN 66 389 005 133

#### ABN details

Entity name: HURSTVILLE CROQUET CLUB  
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 2222

#### Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 20 Jul 2000

Record extracted: 20 Mar 2024

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Form Code	Councillor Name requesting funding	Class of application	Legal name	Trading name	ABN	ACNC Registered	Incorporated Entity	Registered for GST	Intended purpose of funding	Event project date	Amount of funding requested	Declaration of conflict of interest	Community Group	Eligibility Criteria	History of Previous Applications	Conformity to the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy
CWF 55/23-24	Ben Wang	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	CANCARE CENTRE INCORPORATED	CANCARE CENTRE	44040479199	Yes		Yes	Venue hire for Marana Aquarium Hurstville: for a drama and musical sharing event to foster a positive perception of life and death among the Chinese community especially for those battling cancer in a lighthearted, sensational and practical manner	21-09-2024	200	No conflict of interest	CanCare Centre (CanCare) is a not-for-profit organization established in 2007.  At CanCare, we provide Chinese cancer patients and their families with holistic care and support. Our services aim at meeting their physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs. We walk alongside our clients accompanying them to go through hard times along the road battling against cancer.	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	NA	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF 56/23-24	Peter Mahoney Please note: this replaces CWF49/23-24	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club Ltd	Oatley Rugby	89257939319	No		No	Towards purchase of refrigerator	01-04-2024	1000	No conflict of interest	Junior and Senior Teams: The junior club saw a resurgence, and the introduction of the Rugby World Cup in 1987 fueled growth. From 3 junior teams in 1990, the club expanded to field 12 teams ranging from Under 6's to Under 16's. The senior club currently fields teams in Colts (Under 21's) and 4 Open age teams in 2nd Division NSW Suburban Rugby. Wallabies Connection: The Oatley Rugby Club proudly boasts four Wallabies who donned the bottle green and gold: Bruce Battishall, Gary Gainsford, Barry Stumbles, and Rob Horne.	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	NA	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF 57/23-24	Veronica Ficarra	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Autism Community Network	Autism Community Network	64103662535	Yes	0	Yes	Support program for carers of individuals with autism that reside in the GRC LGA	29-03-2024	2000	No conflict of interest	ACN is a non-profit organisation that provides support, information and activities to autistic individuals and their families at all stages, including pre-diagnosis. ACN runs peer groups, community activities and social clubs through a unique grassroots network of volunteers. ACN supports carers too, with carer only support groups and activities.	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	27/03/2023, 24/04/2023, 27/11/2023 by 3	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF 58/23-24	Veronica Ficarra	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Project Youth	Project Youth	74717061265	Yes		Yes	Purchase of equipment for youth refuge in GRC LGA	01-04-2024	2000	No conflict of interest	Project Youth supports young people aged 12-25 in the Georges River, Sutherland Shire, and Bayside areas, including the operation of a youth refuge that supports vulnerable young people in the Georges River LGA.	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	23/5/2022 and 27/5/2022	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

CWF 59/23-24	Kathryn Landsberry	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Autism Community Network Limited	Autism Community Network Limited	64103662535			Yes	Bootcamp and wellness program for parents and carers	01-05-2024	1000	No conflict of interest	<p>ACN is a non-profit organisation that provides support, information and activities to autistic individuals and their families at all stages, including pre-diagnosis.</p> <p>ACN runs peer groups, community activities and social clubs through a unique grassroots network of volunteers.</p> <p>ACN supports carers too, with carer only support groups and activities.</p> <p>This bootcamp and wellness program encourages self-care but also social inclusion and social cohesion for carers who often feel isolated and alone. Attendees will benefit from the exercise aspect, they have improved physical and mental health, and may gain a support network and build friendships.</p>	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan - Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	27/03/2023, 24/04/2023, 27/11/2023 by 3	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF60/23-24	Ashvini Ambihapahar	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Hurstville Croquet Club In	Hurstville Croquet Club In	66389005133			Yes	To repair a small area of the weatherboards on the western side of the club house that needs repair and a protection shield attached to stop further damage	19/03/2024	250	No conflict of interest	<p>Founded in 1936 our Club has been providing a caring and supporting environment to members who enjoy low impact exercise in a superb garden setting. ** need to confirm re GST question</p>	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan - Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	28/11/2022	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF61/23-24	Ashvini Ambihapahar	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Oatley West Public School P&C	Oatley West Public School P&C	27634479810			Yes	Funding for three Square Reader Terminals and three portable WiFi modems with prepaid data so our volunteers during the Community Festival do not need to use their own phones and data.	19/03/2024	966	No conflict of interest	<p>The objectives of the P&amp;C are to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation, to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promote the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.</p>	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan - Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background		

**ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE****Item:** CCL019-24 Penshurst Park Operable Fence**Author:** Manager City Technical Services**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure**Matter Type:** Assets and Infrastructure

&lt;Summary Section&gt;

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council approve and endorse the Penshurst Park Operable Fence concept design, and the progression of the project to construction, including seeking development approval.
- (b) That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to sign the landowner's consent and the Development Application for Operable Fence Construction at Penshurst Park.
- (c) That Council approve the budget allocation to commence the detailed design, development approval and construction of the operable fence and associated infrastructure at Penshurst Park.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. At the November 2022 Council Meeting, it was resolved (CCL106-22) that "prior to a development application being lodged for the fence and ticket box under Action 1.10 of the Plan of Management, the design of the fence, including height, materials, location etc, is to be the subject of a report to Council for its approval and endorsement".
2. Council engaged an architectural consultant to undertake a site analysis, concept design, estimation of probable costs and develop concept landscape renders. This information is included within this report to seek Council's approval to progress the project.
3. In accordance with the Instrument of Delegations of Functions to the General Manager, landowners' consent for all matters relating to the Penshurst Park requires the approval of Council.

**BACKGROUND**

4. Penshurst Park is a significant sporting and recreational open space within the urban setting of Penshurst. The premium multisport facility includes a FIFA accredited synthetic football field and associated infrastructure, attracting community and premier sporting use from within the local government area.
5. The football facility was constructed to a standard to enable the use by teams within the National Premier League (NPL1), however compliance standards have changed since the commencement of the project, resulting in current non-compliance under the Football NSW Stadium Technical Requirements.
6. To enable compliance, the site must be enclosed by a fence minimum 1.8m in height and constructed of solid materials to negate ineligible entry to the facility during National Premier League games.
7. A current site user (St George City Football) requires this compliance to play in the National Premier League out of the venue. A Football NSW dispensation has enabled a temporary fencing solution to be utilised during the 2023 and 2024 seasons while a

permanent solution is developed. The cost for this temporary fencing is part of the current hire agreement and is funded by Council.

8. To minimise community impact surrounding the amenity and aesthetic of site fencing, an operable fencing solution was proposed. This proposal enables the site to remain open, where possible, when Stadium conditions are not required, however be a closed venue during required game periods. Budget has been allocated to this project in the 2023/24 Financial Year.
9. Whilst adopting the Penshurst Park Plan of Management in November 2022 (CCL106-22), Council resolved (ENV037-22(f)) that prior to a development application being lodged for the fence and ticket box under Action 1.10 of the Plan of Management, the design of the fence, including height, materials, location etc, is to be subject of a report to Council for its approval and endorsement.
10. Council has engaged an architectural consultancy to develop a concept design, estimation of probable costs and concept landscape renders for an operable fence for the site.
11. The concept design (attached) is compliant with NSW Football Stadium Technical Requirements while mitigating impact to the community through large openings that enable connection to the site and negate impact to open space. The proposed fencing design uses the site conditions to merge existing fencing, permanent 1.8m high steel cyclone fencing and operable (sliding) 1.8m high steel fencing panels to meet site usage requirements and develop a closed site during specified sporting events. Associated infrastructure including a ticket booth, green-wall, signage, bike infrastructure and landscaping are also included to develop a concept design that meets site and community requirements.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. The Penshurst Park Operable Fence Project has an allocated budget from the Asset Management Reserve within the 2023/24 Budget. Council to date has expended \$29,000 progressing the project.
13. Non-budgeted funds are required to complete the project. The proposed source of funding is the Asset Management Reserve, which had a budgeted closing balance of \$18.5M on 31/12/23.
14. A new fee for the operation of the Penshurst Park fencing may be identified when an understanding of the ongoing operational cost to manage and maintain the infrastructure is developed. Future Council approval of this fee will be required.

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

15. If the project does not proceed:
  - a) Penshurst Park will not meet Football NSW Stadium Technical Requirements for National Premier League (NPL1).
  - b) Penshurst Park will experience a reduction in future sporting capacity and capability, minimising opportunities for high level sport participation (female and male) and future revenue sources.
  - c) Council will need to seek other site users to meet operational deficit of current site users who require a Football NSW Stadium facility.
16. If the project and revised budget is approved, with the revised budget, there are a number of factors that must be considered:

- a) Community use of amenities during site 'closure' for sporting events will be influenced. Agreements to be in place enabling entry by the community to the closed venue to utilise amenities.
- b) Football NSW may require further infrastructure to meet Stadium Technical Requirements in the future.
- c) There is the capacity for increased content at the site, resulting in additional venue 'closure'.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

17. An element of the assessment process for a Development Application is the notification of residents, landowners near the development site of the application and park user groups. This enables comment to be provided on the proposed works and associated DA by the community.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D24/71719

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓1](#) Penshurst Park Operable Fence - Site Analysis



Attachment [↓2](#) Penshurst Park Operable Fence - Renders

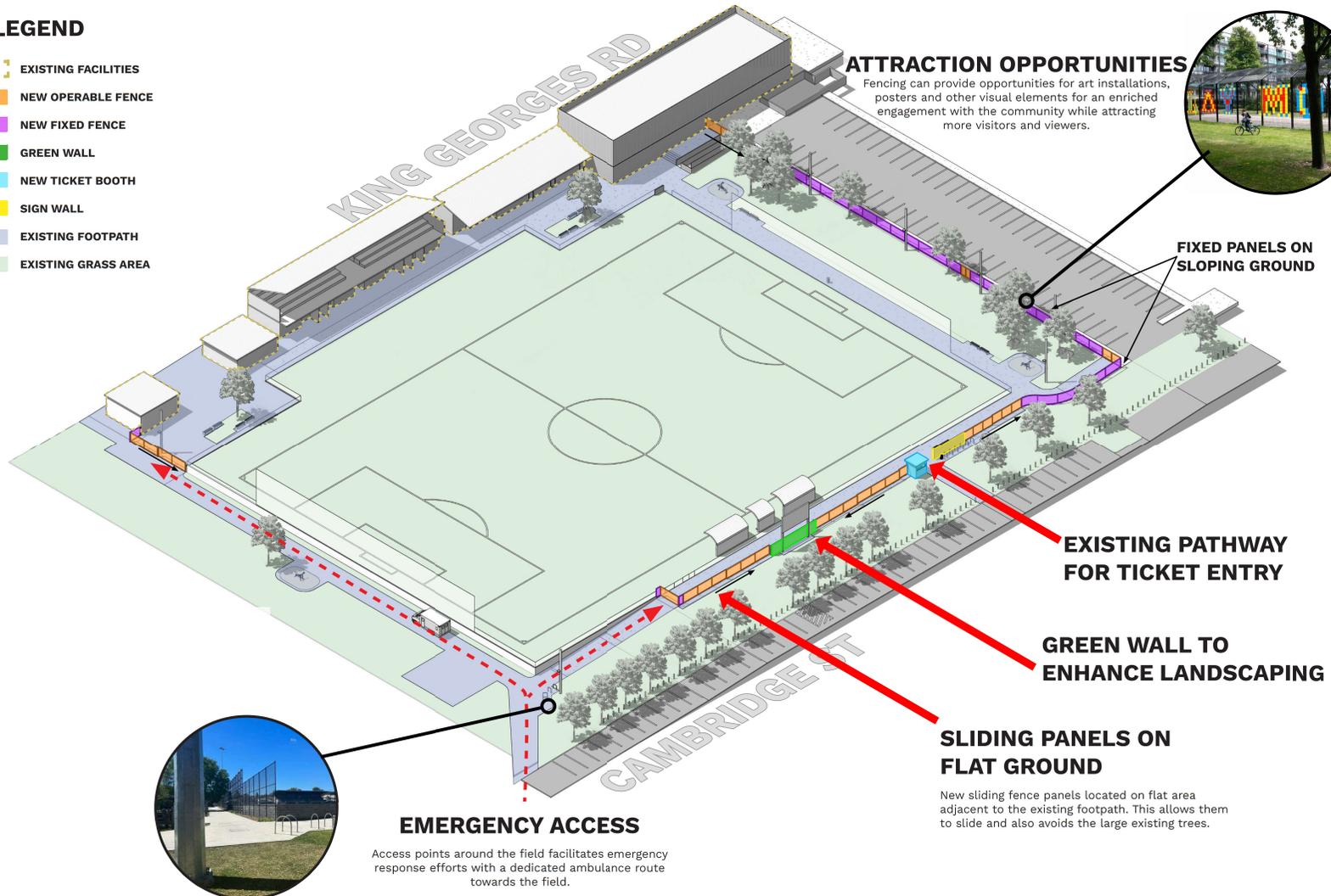


Attachment 3 Penshurst Park Operable Fence - Including Financials - Attachment - Council Meeting 25 March 2024 (Confidential)

# PENSHURST PARK FENCING SITE OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS - CLOSED

## LEGEND

- EXISTING FACILITIES
- NEW OPERABLE FENCE
- NEW FIXED FENCE
- GREEN WALL
- NEW TICKET BOOTH
- SIGN WALL
- EXISTING FOOTPATH
- EXISTING GRASS AREA



### ATTRACTION OPPORTUNITIES

Fencing can provide opportunities for art installations, posters and other visual elements for an enriched engagement with the community while attracting more visitors and viewers.

FIXED PANELS ON SLOPING GROUND

EXISTING PATHWAY FOR TICKET ENTRY

GREEN WALL TO ENHANCE LANDSCAPING

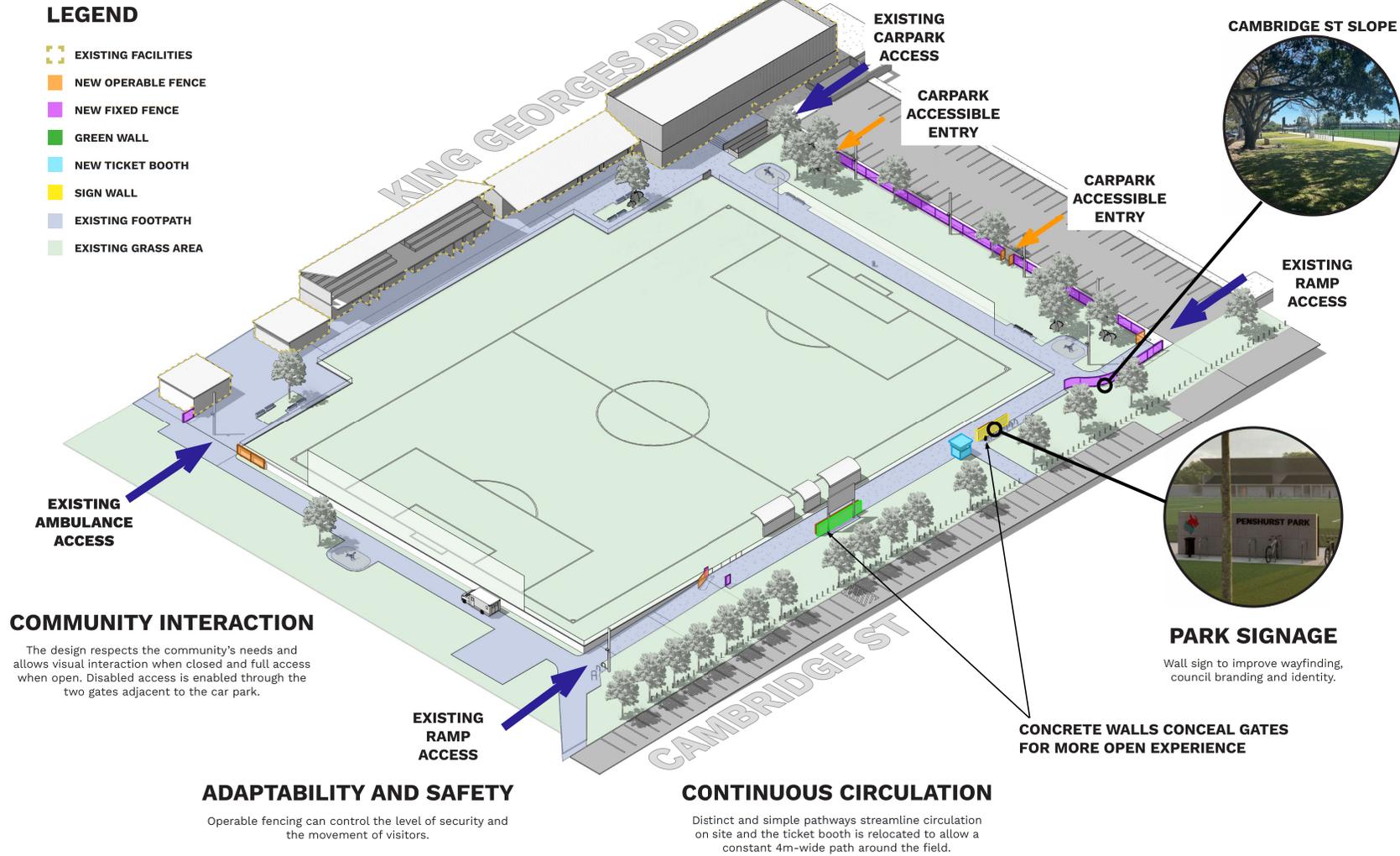
SLIDING PANELS ON FLAT GROUND

New sliding fence panels located on flat area adjacent to the existing footpath. This allows them to slide and also avoids the large existing trees.

### EMERGENCY ACCESS

Access points around the field facilitates emergency response efforts with a dedicated ambulance route towards the field.

# PENSURST PARK FENCING SITE OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS - OPEN







**NOTICES OF MOTION****Item: NM019-24 Electrical Vehicle Charging Installations****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Councils Electric Vehicle Strategy looks at opportunities for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in future streetscape upgrade projects.
- (b) That Council investigate funding opportunities for future electric vehicle charging station installations.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with the 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; Pillar 3: Our Economy, Goal 3.2 Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities; and Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.5 Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.

Council is progressing with the preparation of a draft Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy to guide Council's fleet transition that considers the financial and environmental sustainability of Council's passenger and operational vehicles. Council's development of an EV Strategy will align with the State Strategy and any further National or industry specific positions that may emerge during the timeline of Council's EV Strategy development. Council's Strategy will also consider and provide strategic direction on opportunities for EV charging stations to be included in future streetscape upgrade projects.

In June 2021, the NSW Government launched an EV Strategy, aiming for 52% of all new car sales to be electric vehicles by 2030-31. EVs help address the growing challenge of greenhouse gas emissions, with the transport sector currently the second largest and fastest growing emitter of emissions in NSW and Australia. EVs are an effective way to reduce emissions and benefit the community with quieter operation and health benefits from improved air quality.

Council officers will continue to investigate any funding opportunities that arise, through the State Government or otherwise, to support the installation of electric vehicle charging stations across the Georges River Council local government area.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications associated with this Motion. The cost of installing EV charging stations will be considered in future streetscape upgrade project budgets.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D23/297840

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM020-24 Autism Awareness Month****Councillor:** Councillor Symington**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council recognises the events and programs planned by the Autism Community Network (ACN) for Autism Awareness Month in April 2024.
- (b) That Council congratulates the Autism Community Network (ACN) for its work in the community.

NM020-24

**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 consistent with Council's Social Justice Charter 2022-2026 Principles of Equity, Participation, Empowerment and Respect. 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 to improve the lives of our community by building a culture of access and participation, respect, connection and empowerment, and equity for everyone.

The motion is also consistent with the Key Action Areas of Georges River Council's Disability and Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026, in particular Attitudes and Behaviours and Liveable Communities.

The motion is also consistent with Council's Early Learning Services Strategy in particular the principle of equity and respect and the focus area of access and inclusion. Council's Early Learning Centres provide direct support to families with children diagnosed with Autism through specialised inclusion support teachers and programming.

Autism Community Network (ACN) is a non-profit organisation that provides support, information, and activities to families of people with autism. The network was created in 2011 with the mission to help people on the spectrum and their families lead full, rich, and rewarding lives.

April is Autism Month with World Autism Awareness Day, recognised by the United Nations on 2 April each year. The United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

Georges River Council congratulates the Autism Community Network for their advocacy in raising autism awareness and their steadfast commitment to supporting people impacted by autism.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

To ensure the community is aware, informed and engaged with the events and programs planned by the Autism Community Network (ACN) for Autism Awareness Month in April 2024, Council's Communications and Engagement team will promote across all appropriate channels.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/46359

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**NM020-24**

**Item: NM021-24 Investigate the Implementation of Additional Security Measures in Oatley Park**

**Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney

**MOTION:**

That the General Manager provides a report to Council detailing the cost and feasibility of implementing additional security measures at the entrances to, and within Oatley Park, including the installation of CCTV cameras in order to prevent and detect any illegal activities occurring in the precinct, taking into account the likely impact of those activities on the safety of Council assets and the community, in consultation with St George Police Area Command.

NM021-24

**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 *The community is safe and healthy.*

Recent and planned security measures in place

Recent investment within Oatley Park has seen the installation of CCTV cameras at the Oatley Bathers Pavilion, covering the foreshore area in front of and adjacent to Pavilion. These Cameras were installed as part of grant funding provided through federal government Safer Communities Fund in February 2024 to reduce antisocial behaviour on the foreshore area.

Council is also investing in additional CCTV cameras at the Oatley Park Sporting Field to monitor the sports field and the council amenities building. Footage is to be leveraged in the event there are any acts of vandalism on or within the vicinity of these spaces. This CCTV investment is expected to be complete by September 2024.

The street Entrance/Exit gates located at Oatley Park Avenue and Douglas Haig Street are locked over night to prevent vehicular access to the park, however this restriction is only limiting traffic driving in via the road, all paths and bush track access remain open at all times.

The Technical Services Team have requested funding in the draft capital program and operating expenses for a 900-metre fence to assist in the prevention of off-road biking in sections of the Oatley Park in 2025/26. Noting this has not yet been considered or adopted by Council.

Additional CCTV Requirements

Additional CCTV would need to be investigated at the two street Entrances / Exits to the park to capture vehicle access to the area however the financial expense needs to be considered for the installation and ongoing maintenance of this additional infrastructure.

Cameras placed at Oatley Park Avenue and Douglas Haig Street would require mounting to Ausgrid poles and would require specialist installation and ongoing contractual agreements with Ausgrid to mount to these poles.

Crime Statistics and the Georges River Community Profile

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) crime statistics show that the majority of criminal offences have decreased or remained stable across the Georges River area over the past five years.

Currently 85% of residents believe that Georges River Council LGA is a safe place to live, according to data from the 2023 Micromex Research. This is 14% above the Micromex NSW

metropolitan benchmark (as opposed to regional), meaning residents of Georges River Council LGA feel safer than the average Sydneysider.

Statistics from the Community Satisfaction and Wellbeing Survey 2023 highlight community views on some specific safety issues in the Georges River Council LGA.

- 90% of participants were satisfied with Council's graffiti control, 10% higher than the Micromex NSW metropolitan benchmark.
- 67% believe living in the Georges River Council LGA gives residents a sense of community, which is an increase from 60% in 2017.

As Georges River residents already feel safer than residents in most NSW metropolitan LGAs, Council should continue to highlight how safe the area is.

#### Consultation with St George Local Area Command

The proposed report will include further investigation / consultation, with relevant stakeholders to ensure placement of security enhancements are in line with LGA crime rates and statistics at Oatley Park. While the report calls for additional security measures to be installed, recent and future changes will require time to assess the effectiveness of these in a reduction of antisocial behaviour.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Increased security has not been budgeted for and would require additional budget allocated to support any installation of CCTV Cameras or other security measures in Oatley Park. These additional costs would be outlined in a further report and would require consideration and approval during the relevant budget cycle, with the appropriate funding source.

In terms of CCTV, capital expenditure per camera would be approximately \$40,000 while an additional \$9,560 would be required annually for operational expenses to ensure these cameras are managed and maintained and depreciated accordingly to the projected useful life of 5 years.

The Technical Services Team have requested funding in the draft capital works program for a 900-metre fence in 2025/26, noting that this has not yet been adopted by Council.

#### **FILE REFERENCE**

D24/60071

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM022-24 Congratulations to Mercedes McIntyre, Aerobic Gymnastics Senior International Athlete of the Year 2023****Councillor:** Councillor Mort**MOTION:**

That Council write to Mercedes McIntyre congratulating her on her recent award, Aerobic Gymnastics Senior International Athlete of the Year 2023.

NM022-24

**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 *The community is safe and healthy.*

Mercedes McIntyre of Blakehurst has been named Aerobic Gymnastics Senior International Athlete of the Year at the Gymnastics NSW Annual Awards on the occasion of the organisation's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Gymnastics NSW is the state's governing body for gymnastics, working to promote, govern, develop and grow gymnastics throughout NSW, and supporting athletes, coaches, clubs and community to thrive through gymnastics in a safe and inclusive environment.

Gymnastics is now the third most popular activity for children in NSW, with close to 72,000 participants in over 200 clubs.

On Sunday 11 February 2024, over 600 people gathered at Doltone House at Jones Bay Wharf in Pyrmont to celebrate the local and international successes of clubs, gymnasts, coaches and officials within NSW.

26-year-old Mercedes McIntyre became the 2023 Australian Champion in aerobic gymnastics last year and went on to represent Australia at four major international events. In 2024, she will focus on competing in the World Championships. She trains at PLC Sydney.

Council congratulates Mercedes McIntyre on her achievement. Her achievements in sporting excellence are an inspiration to the Georges River Community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/62216

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM023-24 Supporting Businesses within the Centres of Georges River Council****Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

That the General Manager submits a report to Council outlining actions to be investigated that will promote and support businesses in the centres within the Georges River LGA, including the Hurstville and Kogarah CBD's and local centres, and that such actions could include:

- i. Information sessions and information packages for small business on the planning and complying development process.
- ii. Information packages on shop front designs that enhance street appeal and promote activation.
- iii. Explore reviewing planning controls as they apply to the changes of use to existing premises with the aim of simplifying the process and reducing determination times.
- iv. Reviewing the Street Performance Policy and Busking permit to promote street performances, thereby stimulating the night economy.
- v. Enhancing Hurstville Plaza to become a cultural, entertainment, and economic hub by improving lighting, shade, and hosting more regular food market events.
- vi. Investigating options to improve facilities and processes at Hurstville War Memorial and Hurstville Interchange Park to further stimulate the night economy.
- vii. Investigating the introduction of day-time events similar to the Lions Festival which used to take place in Oatley.
- viii. Collaborating with Transport for NSW to explore increasing bus services to centres.
- ix. Ensuring follow-up on the action plan outlined in the Night-Time Economy Report 2021, with regular updates provided to Council.
- x. Establishing partnerships between the council and private investors, business chamber, local community organisations, and Economic Leadership Group to facilitate the development of night-time economy initiatives.

NM023-24

**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.

Georges River Council is due to renew its Economic Development Strategy. This will be developed in 2025 under the direction of the newly elected Council and supported by our Economic Leadership Group, which includes key business and industry leaders from across the LGA. New initiatives to enhance street appeal, drive local activation and expand the night-time economy, such as those included within the NOM, will be included in the next iteration of GRC's Economic Development Strategy.

In the short-term to respond to each item raised in the NOM:

- i. Delivered in March 2024. Further events will be considered with promotion through Business Unite and St George Business Chamber network.

- ii. Seek to deliver in partnership with the NSW Business Bureau, Realise Business and St George Business Chamber.
- iii. A workshop will be held with Councillors on actions that could be explored to assist business owners through the development approval process - such actions may include fact sheet/check lists on applications requirements, fast track team assessment process and review the provisions of on street parking.
- iv. Street Performance Policy was reviewed and adopted in 2023. Policy is due for review in 2026.
- v. Process underway.
- vi. To be explored in the next iteration of Council's Economic Development Strategy.
- vii. To be explored in the next iteration of Council's Economic Development Strategy.
- viii. To be considered within the framework for Council's Advocacy Impact Plan.
- ix. An evaluation of the Night-Time Economy Study will be a key component of the preparation for Council's Economic Development Strategy. A new approach to regular reporting of Economic Development objectives will be incorporated into the forthcoming Delivery Program for 2024-25.
- x. Underway through the remit of the Economic Leadership Group.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/63049

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM024-24 Ban on Disposable Plastic Drinks Cups and Lids****Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

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 ascertain what action is being taken by the NSW Government towards implementing a ban on disposable plastic hot drink cups and lids.

NM024-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 - Pillar 2: Our green environment, in particular:

*2.1.2 Ensure waste is managed as a resource with minimal impacts from its disposal.*

This Motion is also consistent with the vision of the Georges River Council Waste Strategy 2021-2040 which focusses on reducing waste in accordance with the waste hierarchy (section 1.2.2.3).

If this Motion is supported, it will be consistent with waste management advocacy and waste avoidance principles of the Waste Strategy and will support work completed to date by Council in providing input into the State's Plastics Policy, which was open for consultation in January 2024.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation. This motion will be addressed through in-kind contributions.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/65270

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM025-24Penshurst Car Park into Open Space****Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

That Council write to the NSW Minister for Transport seeking an agreement for the TfNSW owned park area defined at the intersections of Bridge St and Penshurst St to be repurposed as a public park for the community, if TfNSW are in agreement, Council sources grants and funding to transform this area into a safe park and community area.

NM025-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

On 19 March 2024, Council wrote to the NSW Government's Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) enquiring as to the possibility of converting a fenced off landscaped area, in the vicinity of the intersection of Bridge Street and Penshurst Street, Penshurst for future passive public recreation purposes.

On receipt of a favourable reply from TAHE, Council will investigate the availability of any funding opportunities, including if there is any state government grant funding available for the proposed embellishment works. If a response is not received from TAHE in due course, Council will escalate the matter to the NSW Transport Minister, Jo Jaylen MP.

Conversion of this area to passive open space is consistent with Pillar 4 (Our Built Environment) of Council's Community Strategic Plan.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/68536

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM026-24 Current Housing Crisis****Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That, with a view to helping to alleviate the current housing crisis, the General Manager compiles a report to be presented to a future meeting of Council, to address the following:

- (a) The number of unoccupied residential properties (if available) within the Georges River Local Government Area; and
- (b) Potential methods which could be utilised by Council staff, to encourage the occupation of unoccupied properties such as approaching the owners and managers, asking them to consider placing those properties on the long-term rental market.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is:

- Consistent with Pillar 4: Our built environment in Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan.
- Delivers on Goal 4.2 – Affordable and quality housing options are available, specifically, 4.2.1. – Develop policies that encourage a greater supply of housing diversity and choice.

Housing and its affordability are a key focus of the current Federal and State Governments. At its meeting on Monday 12 February 2024, Council resolved a suite of responses to the NSW Government's Housing Reforms including:

- Acknowledged the significant housing reforms that the State Government are currently exhibiting to facilitate the delivery of 314,000 homes by 2029 across NSW.
- Resolved a range of advocacy actions regarding the Proposed Transport Orientated Development State Environmental Planning Policy [TOD SEPP], which impacts the Kogarah railway station precinct.
- Welcomed the opportunity for increased housing capacity and diversity created by the proposed low and mid-rise housing reform. However, concerns were expressed regarding the "one-size-fits-all" nature of the reform and its impact on the local character of the Georges River LGA.
- Requested that the NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure defer the implementation of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform within the Georges River LGA so that Council could identify and implement actions to create capacity for the delivery of additional and diverse housing.

Council is to note that the resolution to encourage the occupation of unoccupied properties and asking property owners to consider placing their properties on the long-term rental market does not fall within the Council's planning and community services responsibilities. However, to respond to this resolution, a report will be submitted to Council that outlines a range of potential communication approaches to promote increased utilisation of unoccupied properties. In developing this report, the Council staff will seek advice from Councils across Sydney, and potentially interstate, to explore all possible strategies.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/68549

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

NM026-24

**Item: NM027-24 Review of Consultation Process for Traffic Matters****Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

That Council review the process for community consultation for traffic facility projects to determine if:

- (a) the community can be consulted at an earlier point in the investigation process, prior to funding and solution commitments being made.
- (b) broader consultation should be undertaken for identified highly sensitive areas where many residents and businesses are affected, to ensure that all relevant parties are notified.

NM027-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 The community is safe and healthy; Pillar 6: Our Governance, Goal 6.1 Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future, and Goal 6.3 Our community knows why and how decisions are made.

The key priorities for all traffic facility projects are to provide safety enhancements for pedestrians, reduce the risk of accident and injury, optimise traffic flow and ease congestion, and to improve accessibility for user groups by engaging with all stakeholders including residents, businesses, community groups and NSW Government agencies.

Council's Traffic Engineers receive hundreds of traffic related requests each month from a wide range of sources, with each request requiring technical engineering investigations to determine if they meet relevant transport warrants and standards. Grant funding applications are only made by Council officers, and accepted by the grant funding provider, if the technical warrants and standards for traffic facilities are met.

Traffic facilities grant funding is highly sought after by all NSW councils and is very competitive due to limited available funding from the Federal and State Governments. For grant funding applications to be successful, Council projects must meet all grant funding requirements and demonstrate a significant improvement in relation to the key priorities for all traffic facility projects, as mentioned above.

A high number of grant submissions are made by Council officers each year to improve traffic facilities across the Georges River Council local government area, however only a limited number are successful due to the stringent requirements of the grant and limited funding available by the provider.

In circumstances where grant funding is approved, Council Traffic Engineers are required to prepare detailed designs for any newly proposed or upgraded traffic facility and then consult with residents and businesses prior to submitting technical recommendations to the Traffic Advisory Committee for approval.

All traffic facility projects that are approved by the Traffic Advisor Committee are included in the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee provided to Council, at the next available Council Meeting for final approval.

Council officers will review the process of community consultation for future traffic facility projects to determine if the community can be consulted at an earlier stage of the process, and whether broader consultation should be undertaken for projects proposed in areas that are identified as highly sensitive.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The additional costs associated with broader consultation for highly sensitive areas is currently unbudgeted. If this Notice of Motion is successful, an operational budget bid will be submitted for further consideration by Council.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/68666

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM028-24 Consent and Domestic Violence Training in Schools****Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

That Council investigate additional consent training to schools that also includes domestic violence prevention.

NM028-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

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

This motion is also consistent with Council's Social Justice Charter 2022-2026 principles of *Respect* and *Empowerment*. 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 to improve the lives of our community by building a culture of access and participation, respect, connection and empowerment, and equity for everyone.

**Recent training for schools and the youth services sector**

Council facilitates two local networks to allow for information-sharing related to sector priorities, service needs, and young people's behavioural presentations. This enables Council to provide adequate sector support, including training and professional development opportunities aligning with trending needs and priorities. These networks are:

- St George Youth Network (SGYN), an interagency network of local youth and community service providers, government representatives and school staff.
- Student Support Officer (SSO) Network, launched by Council in 2022, which allows SSOs employed by the Department of Education to come together quarterly to network, share ideas, and discuss challenges.

Council consults with these two networks to identify local priority areas for training.

In undertaking a local needs analysis at SGYN and SSO Network meetings in 2022, Council officers garnered service feedback and priorities for the period of June to December 2022. This process identified a prevalence of young people presenting with over-sexualised and/or inappropriate sexual behaviours towards the opposite sex. As a result, in January 2023, Council funded the delivery of Love Bites – Respectful Relationships Facilitator training for the local youth sector, including SSOs and other student wellbeing staff. A total of 23 youth sector professionals connected to Georges River participating in the training. Council officers now act as the conduit between schools and trained Love Bites facilitators, allowing for the Love Bites program to be delivered in schools in need.

A needs analysis for the upskilling of youth sector and school staff was also undertaken in 2023. This analysis identified that local youth workers would value the opportunity to be upskilled in de-escalating behaviours among young people due to the number of young people struggling with healthy communication, anger management and dealing with confrontation. Based on this consultation, Council coordinated delivery of Managing Angry Adolescents Differently (MAAD) training facilitated by Interventions Plus, in November 2023. A total of 15 local youth sector professionals connected to Georges River participated in this training.

Additionally, in November 2023 local schools were invited to participate in Council's NO Domestic Violence Walk. High schools including St George Girls High School, James Cook

Boys Technology High School, Kogarah High School, Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus, Beverly Hills Girls High School, and Woniara Road School all took a stance against domestic violence by making a public pledge to stand up against domestic violence in the Georges River community. All participating schools were provided with resources about healthy relationships following the event. Schools will be invited to participate in the event again in 2024.

### **Consultation regarding 2024 priorities**

In February 2024, a survey issued to the SGYN captured 18 responses. When asked “What 3 areas do you believe are most important to young people in 2024?”, responses of note were:

- Social engagement/connection – 20%
- Mental health support – 19%
- Skill building (supporting the transition from dependence to independence) – 14%
- Domestic and family violence support – 4%

In response to the question “What are the priorities for your service/organisation in 2024 in relation to supporting children and/or young people?”, zero responses identified domestic and family violence, and/or consent training as a priority for 2024.

In response to the survey, Council officers are currently directing focus towards upskilling the sector in relation to youth mental health and wellbeing. Similarly, Council’s youth provisions will focus on social engagement and connection through offering a variety of youth-oriented events and programs. Further, the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP) has been engaged to attend one of Council’s Youth Week events to consult directly with young people in attendance to capture their needs and priorities to support state government advocacy.

Given this feedback, consent and domestic violence prevention training in schools is not an identified priority for local schools or youth service providers in 2024, so Council will not deliver additional initiatives in these areas, as this would require additional funding and resources, and could dilute the existing programs that are in effect.

However, consultation with community stakeholders, as outlined above, is ongoing. Should community networks identify a community need for domestic and family violence and/or consent training, Council will develop an initiative to meet this need.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council’s youth service provisions are within existing budget allocation. Budgeted funds from cost centre number 460002 are used to fund sector support and youth engagement initiatives.

Additional funds are sought through available grants to deliver additional projects, where a community need is identified.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D24/68675

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM029-24 Chivers Hill Shopping Centre Lugarno - Amenities Block****Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That the General Manager, in consultation with Lugarno Progress Association, local business owners and residents, prepares a report to be presented to a future meeting of Council to consider:

- (a) the feasibility and approximate cost of constructing a public toilet facility at, or adjacent to, the Chivers Hill Shopping Centre in Lugarno.
- (b) the design of the facility to incorporate a water refilling station complete with dog bowl; and
- (c) that the report to Council outlines potential funding sources including internal and external sources, and State and Federal grants.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.2 Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained, and have equitable access, Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.1 New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable, Goal 4.4 Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities and Goal 4.5 Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.

Council officers will prepare a report identifying the feasibility of constructing a public amenity building at the Chivers Hill Shopping Centre, Lugarno. This report will investigate possible locations and the potential to include a water refilling station, an approximate cost, as well as potential funding sources.

The buildings asset portfolio of Georges River Council provides an essential service to the local community. These building assets represent a significant investment by Council and are of vital importance to providing its residents and the local community with quality services.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/70180

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****Item:** QWN004-24 **Asbestos Contaminated Mulch****Author:** Councillor Liu**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice**COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

1. Does Council manage any sites within the LGA that have been identified to contain asbestos contaminated mulch?
2. What does Council do to negate this risk?

**COUNCILLOR BACKGROUND**

People in our community are aware of an EPA investigation into asbestos within mulch at a number of locations across Sydney.

**OFFICER RESPONSE**

1. Council utilises self-generated green mulch for all operational mulching activities. This mulch is created during tree removal/trimming activities within the LGA and stored within Council facilities.  
  
Mulch utilised in open space construction projects or to meet playground safety standards is provided by contractors. Council nor its contractors have purchased any materials from the supplier associated with the EPA investigation.
2. Council will continue to ensure that contractor provided mulch meets appropriate standards and is specified as green mulch rather than a recycled material mulch.

Answer published in the business paper.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item:** QWN005-24 Mortdale Streetscape Update

**Author:** Councillor Jamieson

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

### **COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

Could we please have an update on when the Mortdale Streetscape works will be completed? Have we gone and spoken to shop owners and businesses to determine the defects? What are these defects and when will they be rectified? Have signs been posted to let constituents know about the Mortdale Streetscape update on works? What actions were taken to ensure that the constituents concern of dust and noise were addressed?

### **OFFICER RESPONSE**

Council continues to work with the contractor and Ausgrid to expedite the completion of the Mortdale Town Centre Upgrade Project, where possible. Council has updated the project website to identify the completion of the project in April 2024.

The Manager City Technical Services distributed updated work notification letters to all retailers on 28 February 2024. This letter provided an update of works and a contact point for all retailer concerns regarding the project.

A discussion regarding a known water ingress issue was had with one (1) retailer during the letter distribution. Investigations are ongoing with appropriate rectification to be undertaken as part of the completion of the project.

A pre-existing correspondence with a retailer regarding a dirty shop front has been responded to, with cleaning of the whole Mortdale Upgrade area to be completed as part of paver sealing and the completion of the project.

Following the provision of this letter, Council has received one (1) correspondence regarding concerns with defects from shop owners. This correspondence was provided by Councillor Jamieson on 13 March 2024 and is being investigated.

The installation of signs within the Mortdale Upgrade area, and distribution of letters to residents immediately surrounding the area, was completed on 15 March 2024.

Council continues to ensure that its contractors meet NSW EPA regulations within the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 to limit impacts to the surrounding environment and residents.

Answer published in the business paper.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE**

**Item:** QNN001-24 Cost Shifting for Beachwatch Program

**Author:** Manager Office of the General Manager

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with no Notice

**COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

What sort of cost would be imposed upon Council?

**COUNCILLOR BACKGROUND**

1. The question was posed to Council officers during the February Council Meeting and taken on notice.
2. On Monday 4 December 2023, the Acting Director Water Wetlands and Coastal science wrote to Council detailing the Department of Planning Industry and Environment's proposal to change services provided to Council and the community as provided under the NSW Government's Beachwatch Program. Since the written correspondence was received by Council in December 2023, Senior council staff have also met with DPIE representatives to further understand the proposal.
3. In actioning NM015-24, resolved at Councils meeting on 26 February 2024, on 6 March 2024, Council's General Manager wrote to the The Hon. (Penny) Penelope Gail Sharpe, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage to request that the NSW Government considers equitable funding of the delivery of the Beachwatch program across NSW.

**OFFICER RESPONSE**

4. Beachwatch has provided a comprehensive monitoring service for swim sites in the Sydney coastal area since 1989, at no cost to local government. This has included monitoring and reporting water quality at three sites in the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA) since 1995, as follows:
  - Carss Point Baths
  - Jew Fish Bay Baths
  - Oatley Bay Baths
5. The NSW Government has notified Council that to meet increasing community demand for information on safe swim sites throughout NSW, the NSW government has released a 10-year vision for the Beachwatch Program. The vision seeks to ensure that the Beachwatch Program supports all councils equally and equitably.
6. Beachwatch will continue monitoring swim sites in the Georges River LGA until 1 July 2024. Council has been advised that after this time, Beachwatch can no longer fund water sampling activities for any Sydney council.
7. Georges River Council does not currently have the operational budget or resources to partner with Beachwatch to undertake water quality monitoring and reporting at the above-mentioned swimming sites in the Georges River LGA. Council's boundaries extend to the high tide water mark and the management of water quality in the Georges River is already contributed to by Council through its funding and support for the Georges River Combined

Councils Committee Incorporated (known commonly as the Georges Riverkeeper), which is at a cost to Council of just under \$100,000 in the current financial year.

**Cost imposed on Council:**

8. Three options were given to Georges River Council from the Department of Planning and Environment for the proposed Beachwatch Partnership Program. The indicative pricing for the three estuarine swimming sites in lower Georges River sampled weekly from October to April, and monthly from May to September are outlined in the table below.
9. When Council staff queried the pricing provided as ‘indicative’ the Department had the following responses:
  - The inclusion or exclusion of GST could not be confirmed by Department staff when asked by Council staff, so this element is unknown at this point in time.
  - The costs for the service may vary as they are dependent on the number of councils across the state who participate from July 2025.

*Table 1: Costs to Undertake Beachwatch, according to the Department of Planning and Environment. Source: Department of Planning and Environment, 2024.*

Option 1: Council collected, analysis – DPE Report	Option 2: Council collected, sent to lab- DPE lab analysis, reporting	Option 3: Full service
Training and field audits	Training and field audits	Field monitoring and collection
Reporting costs (daily water quality forecasts, latest results)	Lab costs	Equipment
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\$0	\$2,821 (1 year)	\$12,934 (1 year)

10. It is important to specify that Council does not have the resources in which to undertake the sampling responsibilities that would be required under Option 1 and Option 2. Further, as Option 1 and Option 2 are not within Council’s current operational resources (budget nor responsibilities), the collection of samples, transport to lab, lab testing and lab reporting required would be subject to procurement in line with Council’s Sustainable Procurement Policy. The costs provided in Table 1 were provided by the Department of Planning and Environment, and the costs they have quoted as costs to Council have not been verified.
11. The full service (Option 3) provided by Department of Planning and Environment for the proposed Beachwatch Partnership Program (which mirrors the services currently being provided under the program) would cost Council approximately \$12,934 per year at the three estuarine swimming sites in lower Georges River sampled weekly from October to April, and monthly from May to September. Whether this includes or excludes GST cannot be confirmed by the Department of Planning and Environment at the time of preparing this Officer Response.
12. Lastly, it is unknown if the costs outlined in Option 3 will be committed under an agreement or other arrangement with the Department of Planning and Environment, or whether or not

these costs are subject to increase beyond CPI in future years, and/or agreement with a subcontractor to the Department.

Answer published in the business paper.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**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.

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**