

# MINUTES

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## Council Meeting

Monday, 25 March 2024

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, Councillor Colleen Symington and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Meryl Bishop, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva, Technology Services Officer Earl Santos, Manager City Operation Services - Hans Kludass (online), Chief Audit Executive - Steven Baker (online), Manager Premium Facilities - Luke Coleman (online) and Manager City Life - Margaret Le (online).

## **OPENING**

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 7:01pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

## **PRAYER**

The General Manager, David Tuxford, 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 Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg 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

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (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, being his principal place of residence. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Borg** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has a property in the LGA zoned R2 and this item discusses proposed changes to the LEP that may have a pecuniary impact on all properties in R2 residential zones. This property is her principal place of residence. Councillor Borg has interest in a property in the LGA zoned R4, which is not her principal place of residence, however the proposed changes in this item have no pecuniary impact on this property. Councillor Borg made a special disclosure under clause 4.36 of the Code of Conduct for my principal place of residence. Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV010-24) Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason that he has an interest in land in the R2-FSPA area, being his principal place of residence. This is a "housekeeping" amendment only. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that his principal place of residence is within the R2 Zone. 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 Katris** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that he is submitting this Special Interest Disclosure in accordance with Clause 4.35 of our Code of Conduct which allows him to involve himself in a planning matter as long as the matter relates to making a principle environmental instrument or an amendment, alteration or applying to the whole or a significant portion of the Council area and the pecuniary interest only arises from his ownership of his principal place of residence. Councillor Katris does not have any other property interest and his extended family and close family do not have any other interest in any other properties, whether through direct ownership or through a trust, apart from their principal place of residence. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that he is submitting this Special Interest Disclosure in accordance with Clause 4.35 of our Code of Conduct which allows him to involve himself in a planning matter as long as the matter relates to making a principal environmental instrument or an amendment, alteration or applying to the whole or a significant portion of the Council area and the pecuniary interest only arises from his ownership of his principal place of residence.

Councillor Katris does not have any other property interest and his extended family and close family do not have any other interest in any other properties, whether through direct ownership or through a trust, apart from their principal place of residence. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Mort** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that her principal place of residence is currently located in the existing FSPA, and is proposed to remain in the FSPA, so there is no pecuniary interest relating to this property. Councillor Mort has an interest in a property in the detailed study area of the Foreshore Scenic Character Study, which is not her principal place of residence, however the proposed changes in this item have no pecuniary impact on this property. Councillor Mort will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Mort** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (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 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 Mort will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Landsberry** declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL019-24 Penshurst Park Operable Fence** for the reason that her son is a coach with St George City Football Club, a site user of Penshurst Park. Councillor Landsberry will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ambihaipahar** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that a parkland is near her property and 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 **CCL015-24 (ENV010-24) Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason that 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.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mort** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has a property in the LGA zoned R2 and this item discusses proposed changes to the LEP that may have a pecuniary impact on all properties in R2 residential zones. This property is her principal place of residence. Councillor Mort has an interest in a property in the LGA zoned R4, which is not her principal place of residence, however the proposed changes in this item have no pecuniary impact on this property. Councillor Mort made a special disclosure under clause 4.36 of the Code of Conduct for my principal place of residence. Councillor Mort 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 **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal, CCL015-24 (ENV010-24) Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal and CCL017-24 Commitments to**

**deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** 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 in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Wang** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason he has investment properties that may be impacted at 10/15 Wright St Hurstville and 13/6 Blake St Kogarah. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Wang** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee held on 11 March 2024** for the reason he has investment properties that may be impacted at 10/15 Wright St Hurstville and 13/6 Blake St Kogarah. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Wang** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV010-24) Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason he has investment properties that may be impacted at 10/15 Wright St Hurstville and 13/6 Blake St Kogarah. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Wang** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason he has investment properties that may be impacted at 10/15 Wright St Hurstville and 13/6 Blake St Kogarah. Councillor Wang 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 **CCL015-24 (ENV010-24) Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason that while she has property in the LGA, this is a housekeeping matter where there are no changes that affect any rezoning and are purely administrative issues Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Konjarski** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL019-24 Peshurst Park Operable Fence** for the reason that his son plays football for St George City who are one of the clubs that use that ground. Councillor Konjarski will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Ambihaipahar** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she owns her principle place of residence which is in a R2 zone and this item pertains to proposed changes to the LEP that may have pecuniary implications on all properties in R2 zones. Councillor Ambihaipahar will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Jamieson** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has an interest in the land and she also has another property that is already developed and therefore there is no pecuniary interest in it. Councillor Jamieson will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Stratikopoulos** declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV010-24) Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason that he owns an investment property in an R2 zoning. Councillor Stratikopoulos will not partake in any

deliberations on this matter and will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Smerdely** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that an associated person of the Councillor has an interest in the land. Councillor Smerdely will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Stratikopoulos** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that an associated person of the Councillor has an interest in the land. Councillor Stratikopoulos will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Liu** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has an interest in the land, her principal place of residence 20/1 Hillcrest Avenue Hurstville 2220 and 203/71-73 Bank Lane, Kogarah 2217. Councillor Liu will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Konjarski** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that he has an interest in the land. Councillor Konjarski will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure – The Mayor, Councillor Elmir** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that he has an interest in the land and this will be a wide review as to types of housing that will be available in R2 zones. The Mayor, Councillor Elmir will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Liu** declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV010-24) Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Housekeeping Planning Proposal** for the reason her investment properties may be impacted. Councillor Liu will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure – Councillor Symington** declared a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has an interest in the land, it is her principal place of residence which she owns. Councillor Symington will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Konjarski** declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason he owns an investment in the city centre. Councillor Konjarski will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ficarra** declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has a close relative who owns a property where income is gathered from it within the Georges River LGA, and the value of the property may be affected by the impact of this item. Councillor

Ficarra will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ficarra** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes of Community Consultation and Preparation of Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal** for the reason she resides within the former study area, and near the border of the FSPA. Councillor Ficarra 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 **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason she has an interest in a property in the LGA zoned R4, however the proposed changes in this item have no pecuniary impact on this property. Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Mort** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason she has an interest in a property in the LGA zoned R4, however the proposed changes in this item have no pecuniary impact on this property. Councillor Mort 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 **CCL017-24 Commitments to deliver additional and diverse housing in the Georges River LGA** for the reason she has an interest in a property in the LGA zoned R4, however the proposed changes in this item have no pecuniary impact on this property. Councillor Jamieson 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 **CCL015-24 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 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 Borg** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes of Community Consultation And Preparation Of Biodiversity And Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that the parkland adjacent to her home is proposed to be added to the FSPA. Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL015-24 (ENV008-24) Outcomes of Community Consultation And Preparation Of Biodiversity And Character Planning Proposal** for the reason that he 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.

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL013-24 (ASS006-24) Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2024** for the reason that he made a submission to Council under the community consultation process (in his capacity as a resident). Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Report Title</b>
1	Kamal Sigdel (In person)	NM023-24	Supporting Businesses within the Centres of Georges River Council
2	Steven Ferrington	NM027-24	Review of Consultation Process for Traffic



	(In person)		Matters
3	Michael Tang (Written Submission)	NM019-24	Electric Vehicle Charging Installation
4	Liane Madden (In person)	NM025-24	Penshurst Car Park into Open Space
5	Nicky Parras (In person)	NM025-24	Penshurst Car Park into Open Space
6	Trent Fasch (In person)	NM025-24	Penshurst Car Park into Open Space
7	Adrian Polhill (In person)	CCL015-24 (ENV008-24)	Outcomes of Community Consultation
<b>Note:</b> The Mayor, Councillor Elmir joined the meeting at 7:27pm and assumed the Chair.			
8	Diane Klem-Goode (In person)	NM028-24	Consent and Domestic Violence Training in Schools
9	Stephanie Wu (In person)	NM023-24	Supporting Businesses within the Centres of Georges River Council
10	Sharyn Marshall (In person)	NM028-24	Consent and Domestic Violence Training in Schools
11	Caroline Hart (Written Submission)	NM029-24 CCL015-24	Chivers Hill Shopping Centre Lugarno – Amenities Block Report of the Environment & Planning Committee
12	Jennie Liu (Written Submission)	NM019-24	Electric Vehicle Charging Installation
13	Hayden Matthews (Written Submission)	CCL019-24	Penshurst Park Operable Fence
14	Stephen Matthews (In person)	CCL019-24	Penshurst Park Operable Fence
15	Kathryn Skelsey (In person)	CCL019-24	Penshurst Park Operable Fence
16	Kim Wagstaff (In person)	NM024-24 NM019-24	Ban on Disposable Plastic Drink Cups and Lids Electrical Vehicle Charging Installation

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

**CCL012-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**Note:** It was noted that Councillor Jamieson left the Chambers at 08:00pm

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



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

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, 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**

**MM003-24 Wesley Hospital Closure**  
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

**RESOLVED:** Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council acknowledge and thank the management and staff of Wesley Hospital in Kogarah for their service to the local Georges River community over many decades.

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, 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**

There were no condolences for tonight's meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CCL013-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS004-24 to ASS006-24 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 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.

**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.

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

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Landsberry

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for item COM007-24 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 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.

**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.

**CCL015-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Liu disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Liu left the meeting at 8:03pm

Note: Councillor Katris disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Katris left the meeting at 8:03pm

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Stratikopoulos left the meeting at 8:03pm

Note: Councillor Konjarski disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Konjarski left the meeting at 8:04pm

Note: Councillor Wang disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Wang left the meeting at 8:04pm

Note: Councillor Jamieson returned to the meeting 8:07pm

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Borg

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV008-24 to ENV014-24 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 Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington

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

**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.
  - (xi) 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.

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

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers at 08:10pmNote: Councillor Liu returned to the Chambers at 08:10pmNote: Councillor Wang returned to the Chambers at 08:10pmNote: Councillor Konjarski returned to the Chambers at 08:10pmNote: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 08:11pmNote: Councillor Smerdely returned to the Chambers at 08:11pm**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Katris

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN008-24 to FIN009-24 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.

**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.

**ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

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

(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

Note: Councillor Wang disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Wang left the meeting at 8:13pm

Note: Councillor Smerdely disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Smerdely left the meeting at 8:13pm

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Stratikopoulos left the meeting at 8:13pm

Note: Councillor Liu disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Liu left the meeting at 8:13pm

Note: Councillor Ficarra disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Ficarra left the meeting at 8:13pm

Note: Councillor Konjarski disclosed a Pecuniary interest, Councillor Konjarski left the meeting at 8:13pm

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Katris

- (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 villa and townhouse residential developments within the R2 Low Density Residential zone, excluding in Heritage Conservation Areas and the areas identified in the Biodiversity and Character Planning Proposal (Item ENV008-24) as Terrestrial Biodiversity; Foreshore Scenic Protection Areas; and Unique Character Areas



- 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.

### Record of Voting

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

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

### FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

#### **CCL018-24 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - February 2024** (Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Ficarra returned to the Chambers at 08:27pm

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 08:27pm

Note: Councillor Liu returned to the Chambers at 08:27pm

Note: Councillor Smerdely returned to the Chambers at 08:27pm

Note: Councillor Konjarski returned to the Chambers at 08:27pm

Note: Councillor Wang returned to the Chambers at 08:27pm

Note: Councillor Ambihaipahar left the Chambers at 08:27pm

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

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.

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, 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.

## **ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **CCL019-24 Penshurst Park Operable Fence** (Report by Manager City Technical Services)

Note: Councillor Landsberry left the Chambers at 08:30pm

Note: Councillor Ambihaipahar returned to the Chambers at 08:30pm

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Liu

- (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.

- (d) That council will introduce a fee for the operation of the Penshurst Park Fencing which will take into consideration:
  - i. The final installation cost: and
  - ii. the ongoing operational expenses required to manage and maintain the infrastructure.
- (e) That the fee will be approved by Council as part of the Fees and Charges included in the adoption of the annual budget.
- (f) That the detailed design for the project include a landscape plan that considers opportunities for further plant screening along Cambridge Street.
- (g) That signage be installed to advise the community that they will have access to the public toilets and the gym equipment while the gates are extended.

### Record of Voting

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

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

### NOTICES OF MOTION

#### NM019-24 Electrical Vehicle Charging Installations (Report by Councillor Liu)

Note: Councillor Landsberry returned to the Chambers at 08:32pm

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That during the development of Council's Electric Vehicle Strategy, Council investigates opportunities and the best locations for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations
- (b) That Council considers Intellihub's Council Site Nomination Guidance as part of the process to identify the best locations including in both industrial areas and local town centres
- (c) That Council investigate funding opportunities for future electric vehicle charging station installations.
- (d) Subject to successfully obtaining funding sources
  - i. Council investigates working with Intellihub and its partners to conduct a trial program of installing pole-mounted electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at locations across Georges River where EV owners will be required to pay to use the EV chargers via an app.
  - ii. The trial will seek to determine the demand for commercial EV charging facilities and assess the draw from the electricity grid, its cost, and whether other forms of EV infrastructure could be implemented over the coming years.

### 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.

**NM020-24 Autism Awareness Month**  
(Report by Councillor Symington)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Symington, Councillor Konjarski

That Council recognises the events and programs planned by the Autism Community Network (ACN) for Autism Awareness Month in April 2024.

That Council congratulates the Autism Community Network (ACN) for its work in the community.

**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.

**NM021-24 Investigate the Implementation of Additional Security Measures in Oatley Park**  
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Konjarski

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.

**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.

**NM022-24 Congratulations to Mercedes McIntyre, Aerobic Gymnastics Senior International Athlete of the Year 2023**  
(Report by Councillor Mort)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

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

**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.

**NM023-24 Supporting Businesses within the Centres of Georges River Council**  
(Report by Councillor Wang)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Wang, Councillor Jamieson

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, Kogarah and Beverly Hills 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.

**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.

**NM024-24 Ban on Disposable Plastic Drinks Cups and Lids**  
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Katris

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.

**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.

**NM025-24 Bridge Street, Penshurst Park to Open Space**  
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) 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.
- (b) That the title of this resolution, if carried, is amended in the minutes to be 'Bridge St Penshurst Park to Open Space', in order to greater reflect the intent of the Motion.

**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.

**NM026-24 Current Housing Crisis**  
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Borg

- (a) 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:
  - i. The number of unoccupied residential properties (if available) within the Georges River Local Government Area; and
  - ii. 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.
- (b) That the General Manager write to the relevant State and Federal Ministers requesting that

they investigate legislative changes to ensure that local and overseas interests are discouraged from land banking and are encouraged to place their unoccupied dwellings onto the long term rental market.

### 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.

### NM027-24 Review of Consultation Process for Traffic Matters (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council review the process for community consultation for traffic facility projects to determine if:
  - i. the community can be consulted at an earlier point in the investigation process, prior to funding and solution commitments being made.
  - ii. 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.
- (b) That a report is provided to Council with the findings of the review process.

### 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.

### NM028-24 Consent and Domestic Violence Training in Schools (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That 2025 consultation/surveys to the St George Youth Network (SGYN) regarding priority topics for young people includes an option to select 'Education/Awareness around 'Healthy Relationships' and 'Identifying Domestic Violence in youth relationships'.
- (b) That as part of the communications campaign to support Council's 2024 NO Domestic Violence Walk campaign, Council considers including messaging to create awareness of 'Healthy Relationships' and 'Identifying Domestic Violence in youth relationships'.

### 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.

**NM029-24 Chivers Hill Shopping Centre Lugarno - Amenities Block**  
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: Councillor Smerdely left the Chambers at 09:30pm and did not return to the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Konjarski

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.

**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 Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**QWN004-24 Asbestos Contaminated Mulch**  
(Report by Councillor Liu)

Answer published in the business paper.

**QWN005-24 Mortdale Streetscape Update**  
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

**QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE**

**QNN001-24 Cost Shifting for Beachwatch Program**  
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

Answer published in the business paper.

The Mayor Councillor Elmir wished everyone a Happy Easter.

## CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 9:33pm

Disclaimer- This meeting contained discussions of sensitive matters involving personal experience of domestic and family violence. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic and/or family violence, please report to the [Police](#) or call one of the confidential helplines which are available for advice and assistance:

- [Domestic Violence Line](#) - 1800 65 64 63.
- [1800 RESPECT](#) - 1800 737 732 - for 24 hour confidential information, counselling and support service.
- [MensLine](#) - 1800 78 99 78
- [DAISY](#) - An app that provides information about support services in your local area.
- [Domestic Violence NSW](#) - A list of organisations that assist with help and referrals.
- [Kids Helpline](#) - 1800 55 1800
- [13 Yarn](#) - 13 92 76

Georges River Council is committed to raising awareness and educating the community on domestic and family violence. Domestic and Family Violence is never acceptable.

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Chairperson