

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 27 May 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

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

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: CCL027-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 April 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

CCL027-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 April 2024, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

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MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 22 April 2024

7:00 PM

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

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, 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 Services Officer – Marisa Severino, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking Project Delivery – James Magee, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Acting Chief Information Officer – Sandra Maclean, Manager City Technical Services – Tom Heath, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Technology Services Officer Earl Santos.

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANZAC DAY

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

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

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

Lest We Forget.

PRAYER

Mr Bruce Cooke St Mark's Anglican Church South Hurstville offered a prayer to the meeting.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir called for a minute's silence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That an apology be accepted for Councillor Symington and leave of absence granted.

MOTION: Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra

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 Wang

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

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 Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL021-24 (ASS009-24) - Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024** for the reason that he is acquainted with one of the non-voting members who is a former work colleague. 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 **CCL026-24 - Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - March 2024** for the reason that he is a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society which is the beneficiary of two fund applications. 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 **NM037-24 - Glenlee** for the reason that he am a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society and Friends of Glenlee, which are advocating for the preservation and acquisition of the

property. In addition, Friends of Glenlee has been named in the Director's Comment. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Speaker	Report No.	Report Title
1	Mikall Chong (In person)	NM030-24	Appreciation to Kim Fenwick & Ray Kerridge of St. George Police Command and Opportunities for Safety Strategies
2	Adrian Prakash (In person)	NM030-24	Appreciation to Kim Fenwick & Ray Kerridge of St. George Police Command and Opportunities for Safety Strategies
3	Sonia Krcalovic (Remotely)	NM030-24	Appreciation to Kim Fenwick & Ray Kerridge of St. George Police Command and Opportunities for Safety Strategies
4	Susan Ghosn (In person)	QWN006-24	Update NM054-23 Establish Bushcare in Hurstville Ward
<u>Note:</u> It was noted that Councillor Ficarra left the Chambers at 07:29pm			
<u>Note:</u> It was noted that Councillor Ficarra returned to the Chambers at 07:30pm			
5	Adrian Polhill (In person)	QWN007-24	Synthetic Fields
6	Frank Wu (In person)	NM036-24	Establish Weekly Night Market in Hurstville
7	Sonia Rita Baxant (In person)	NM035-24	Plan to Increase Native Tree Cover
8	Matthew Allison (In person)	NM037-24	Glenlee
9	Dr Scott Wilson (Remotely)	QWN007-24	Synthetic Fields

10	Kim Wagstaff (In person)	NM041-24	Reducing Pollution in the Georges River
11	Megan Argent (Remotely)	NM037-24	Glenlee
12	Tony Baddour (Written Submission)	NM036-24	Establish Weekly Night Market in Hurstville
13	Kathryn Skelsey (Written Submission)	QWN012-24	Penshurst Park Community Request

CCL027-24 Attachment 1

Note: Speaker number 11, Megan Argent, was called twice during the Public Forum to speak and the call went to voicemail.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely left the Chambers at 07:53pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely returned to the Chambers at 07:59pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL020-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 March 2024
 (Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris, Councillor Smerdely

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 March 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 Wang

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

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM004-24 Thanking Meryl Bishop for her Outstanding Service and Contribution to Georges River Council
 (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 08:02pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 08:09pm

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council acknowledge and thank Meryl Bishop, outgoing Director Planning & Environment, for her dedication and service to Georges River Council and the local community. We wish her every success in her future endeavours.

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 Wang

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

MM005-24 Congratulate St George Business Chamber and Autism Community Network on an amazing Gala Dinner (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council congratulate the St George Business Chamber and the Autism Community Network on a successful Gala Dinner.

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 Wang

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

MM006-24 Update on Kempt Field (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council thank the NSW Government for committing \$11.8 million towards the remediation of Kempt Field.

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 Wang

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

MM008-24 Condolence Motion - Bondi Junction Attack 13 April 2024
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council acknowledge the horrific events that unfolded at Bondi Junction on Saturday 13 April and send out our deepest sympathies to families who have been affected by this tragedy.
- (b) That Council write a letter to the Mayor of Waverley, Paula Masselos, on behalf of the Georges River community expressing our sympathies and acknowledging the resilience of the Waverley community to band together in response to the traumatic events.
- (c) That Council hold a minute's silence to honour the victims.
- (d) That Council acknowledge the incident at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Wakeley on Monday 15 April and send our support to the church community who have been impacted.
- (e) That Council support the NSW Faith Affairs Council statement in response to the events at the Christ the Good Shepherd Church.

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 Wang

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

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir called for a minute's silence.

MM009-24 Congratulations to Kogarah Lions Club on their 70th Anniversary
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council acknowledge and congratulate the Lions Club on their dedicated service to the community of Georges River over the last 70 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 Wang

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

MM010-24 IPWEA Awards
(Report by Director, Assets and Infrastructure)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council congratulate the George River Council Assets and Infrastructure team for their achievements in attaining two highly commended awards in the 2024 IPWEA NSW & ACT Engineering Excellence Awards in Category 2: New or Improved Techniques and Category 5: Excellence in Road Safety.

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 Wang

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

MM011-24 Optimising Use of Premium Facilities for Community Use
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That the General Manager initiate a formal, comprehensive plan aimed at optimising community use and access to premium facilities. Updates on progress are to be reported to Council. Key elements of the plan should include:

- i. Review of current policies to ensure inclusion of all relevant sites and eligibility criteria for access.
- ii. Fees and charges that differentiate, commercial and community use.
- iii. Budget to transparently report any increase subsidies.
- iv. Budget for expansion of the bookable program / keyless entry.
- v. Structural changes to make the relevant sites accessible including financial implications of doing so.
- vi. Communications plan developed for promotion of hireable spaces.

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 Wang

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

CARRIED.

MM007-24 Vale John Flowers
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council notes the passing of Mr John Flowers and extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

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 Wang

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

CONDOLENCES

Councillor Konjarski expressed condolences for Peter Spanoudakis.

Mr Spanoudakis was born in the city of Thessaloniki, Greece, on 5 August 1944 and arrived in Australia in June 1962 and commenced work as a boilermaker and sheet metal worker, with particular expertise in industrial air conditioning.

Peter was passionate about football and was a very talented player in his own right. Peter married the love of his life, Susan, in 1966 and they went on to have two children, Manny and Patty.

Peter's love of football continued through his son Manny. Peter was the ideal mentor and role model to his children and grandchildren.

Peter's smile, sense of humour and empathy were admired by the many who knew him. He passed away surrounded by his family on 2 April 2024 after a short battle with cancer. Peter is survived by his wife, Susan, son Manny, daughter Patty and six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir called for a minute's silence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL021-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 08:31pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Mort

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS008-24 to

ASS009-24 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 Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS008-24 OLDS PARK FIELD THREE PERIMETER FENCE (Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

- (a) That Council receive and note the request for a perimeter fence around Olds Park Field Three.
- (b) That Council declines the request for the installation of a perimeter fence around Olds Park Field Three for the reasons outlined in this report.
- (c) That Council officers investigate and identify an engineering solution for the drain, if required, that is currently located around Olds Park Field Three to reduce any safety risk.

ASS009-24 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 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 2 April 2024 be adopted by Council.

CCL022-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024 (Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Mort

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM009-24 to COM012-24 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 Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

COM009-24 QUARTERLY COMMUNITY PROPERTY REPORT - 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2024
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.

COM010-24 OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP REQUEST GEORGES RIVER LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approve the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$10,000 to become a major sponsor of the 2024 Georges River Local Business Awards.

COM011-24 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL PUBLIC ART POLICY
(Report by Coordinator Cultural Services)

- (a) That Council approve the revised draft Georges River Council Public Art Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council on the feedback received during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes to the draft Georges River Council Public Art Policy prior to adoption.

COM012-24 ADOPTION OF THE GEORGES RIVER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ACQUISITION AREA STRATEGY
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That Council adopts the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy.

That Council note all actions recommended within this technical report are subject to further detailed investigation by Council officers, allocation of future budget and subsequent Council approval.

That Council note that 430 submissions were opposed to the Strategy's recommendations for Council to explore partial reclamation of golf courses as one of the avenues to contribute to the shortfall for active open space within the LGA.

That Council acknowledge that it has no short or long term plans to explore partial reclamation of golf courses to increase open space.

CCL023-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for item ENV016-24 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 Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ENV016-24 DRAFT PRINCIPAL CERTIFIER COMPLAINTS POLICY 2024
(Report by Business Improvement Officer)

- (a) That the Council endorses the Draft Principal Certifier Complaints Policy 2024 for community consultation for a period of 60 days.
- (b) That a further report will be provided to Council following the exhibition period.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers at 08:33pm

CCL024-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 8 April 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN011-24 to FIN014-24 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 Wang

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

FIN011-24 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 29 February 2024 be received and noted by Council.

FIN012-24 DRAFT FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL POLICY AND SYSTEM
(Report by Head of Corporate Governance and Risk)

- (a) That Council approve the Fraud and Corruption Control System (Attachment 1) and Policy (Attachment 2) to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days and for the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to be provided an opportunity to review and comment.
- (b) That Council endorse for the Fraud and Corruption Control System (Attachment 1) and Policy (Attachment 2) to become effective after public exhibition if no submissions have been received.
- (c) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes, if required.

FIN013-24 2023/24 HALF YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023
(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

- (a) That Council receive and note the half yearly progress report July 2023 - December 2023.
- (b) That Council endorse the delivery program and operational plan items recommended for cancellation, being placed on hold, or altered as detailed in Attachment 1.
- (c) That a copy of the half yearly progress report July 2023 – December 2023 be published on Council's website.
- (d) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes to the Half Yearly Progress Report prior to publishing on Council's website.

FIN014-24 ENHANCE THE REPORTING AND LOGGING OF COMMUNITY REQUESTS
(Report by Chief Information Officer)

- (a) That Council continue the use and promotion of 'Log It / Fix It' system as the primary method to lodge service requests with Council, incorporating customer feedback to:
 - i. Develop additional user guides to be added to the 'Log It / Fix It' portal to improve customer ease in lodgement of enquiries.
 - ii. Review placement of the 'Log It / Fix It' on Council websites to increase usage of this primary method by customers.
 - iii. Better manage customer expectations in reporting issues to Council, in reviewing the current terminology and branding of the 'Log It / Fix It' to 'Report It' or similar.
 - iv. Assess and improve the usability of the Logit/Fix It on the Council website.
 - v. Test the functionality of the user experience on a mobile device to ensure the interface is mobile friendly.
 - vi. Improve multi lingual accessibility.
- (b) That Council evaluate the benefits and efficiencies associated with a customer response

management system as part of the Enterprise System Review and includes the above improvements in the relevant scoping documents when it market tests.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL025-24 Draft 2024/25 Operational Plan, 2022 - 2026 Delivery Program and Updated Resourcing Strategy (Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council endorse for the purposes of public exhibition the attached Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, being the Draft 2024/25 Operational Plan including the Draft Budget, Fees and Charges, Delivery Program and Resourcing Strategy, noting the proposed changes to the Delivery Program.
- (b) That the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents be approved for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- (c) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.
- (d) That submissions received as part of the public exhibition of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including the 2024/25 Draft Budget and Fees and Charges be presented to Council via a briefing, prior to the final adoption of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents at the June 2024 Council meeting.
- (e) That submissions received as part of the public exhibition of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including the 2024/25 Draft Budget and Fees and Charges be reported to the June 2024 Council meeting for consideration as part of the adoption of these documents.
- (f) That Council receive and note the financial sustainability risks, particularly in regard to increasing revenues and managing expenditure, to secure Council's long-term sustainability.
- (g) That Council approve the attached Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- (h) That Council endorse the Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy to become effective after public exhibition, if no submissions have been received, and that the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments, if required.

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 Wang

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

CCL026-24 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - March 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

- (a) CWF 62/23-24 – Application Not Eligible
- (b) CWF 63/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Ficarra on behalf of IRT - Peakhurst Retirement Village Residents and Friends Association in the amount of \$1,500.
- (c) CWF 64/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Mahoney on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association in the amount of \$632.50.
- (d) CWF65/23-24 – Application Not Eligible
- (e) CWF66/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Jamieson on behalf of 3 Bridges Mindful Dementia Care in the amount of \$1,500.
- (f) CWF67/23-24 – Application Not Eligible
- (g) CWF68/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Liu on behalf of St George & Sutherland Shire Table Tennis Association in the amount of \$500.
- (h) CWF69/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Mahoney on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association Incorporated in the amount of \$1,000.
- (i) CWF70/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Ambhaipahar on behalf of Anglican Parish of Peakhurst/Mortdale in the amount of \$2,000.
- (j) CWF71/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society in the amount of \$1,000.
- (k) CWF72/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Carss Park Community Garden in the amount of \$600.
- (l) CWF73/23-24 – Application Not Eligible.
- (m) CWF74/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Ambhaipahar on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association in the amount of \$1,000.
- (n) CWF75/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Ambhaipahar on behalf of Oatley

Flora and Fauna Conservation Society in the amount of \$784.

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 Wang

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM030-24 Appreciation to Kim Fenwick & Ray Kerridge of St. George Police Command and Opportunities for Safety Strategies
(Report by Councillor Liu)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely left the Chambers at 08:38pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely returned to the Chambers at 08:41pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council thank St George Precinct Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Kim Fenwick and retired St George Police Senior Constable Ray Kerridge of St George Police Command for their work in the community.
- (b) That Council continue to enhance the current working relationship with the St George Police Command and the Multicultural Community Liaison Officer in particular.
- (c) That Council hold quarterly meetings with St. George Police Area Command to provide opportunities for Council staff on safety strategies, Police officers on crime prevention, community relations and the local culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community (both new and existing community members) to work together for addressing safety issues and acting on solutions. These meetings will aid in continuous interagency collaboration and strengthen the relationship between Georges River Council, St George Police Area Command and community members.

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 Wang

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

NM031-24 Congratulations to Amanda Reid
(Report by Councillor Mort)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry

That Council congratulates St George Cycling Club's, Amanda Reid, on her recent World Championship title.

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 Wang

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

NM032-24 Congratulations to Izzi Louison-Roe
(Report by Councillor Mort)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council congratulates St George Athletic Club athlete, 16 year old Izzi Louison – Roe, on her NSW title after participating in the 2024 NSW Athletics Championships.
- (b) That Council congratulates St George Athletic Club's many outstanding athletes who performed through the current athletics' season.

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 Wang

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

NM033-24 Sponsorship Agreement
(Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

MOTION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council notes the recent ABC investigation report on Netstrata's alleged business practices which has shed light on concerning practices within the strata management industry, including undisclosed fees, kickbacks, and conflicts of interest.
- (b) That the General Manager provides a report which outlines possible actions available and

implications which may include (but not limited to) termination of Netstrata's naming rights to Jubilee Stadium. This report should also take in consideration findings by the NSW Department of Fair Trading once their investigation is completed.

- (c) That Council writes to the New South Wales Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading and the NSW Strata and Property Services Commissioner, urging them to address the urgent need for reform within the strata management industry to protect the interests of residents and ensure transparency, accountability, and fair dealing among strata management companies.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Stratikopoulos

- (a) That Council await the findings of the independent audit by the NSW Department of Fair Trading into the strata industry and the General Manager provide a report to Council on the findings
- (b) That Council writes to the New South Wales Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading and the NSW Strata and Property Services Commissioner, urging them to address the urgent need for reform within the strata management industry to protect the interests of residents and ensure transparency, accountability, and fair dealing among strata management companies.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Amendment: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was eight (8) votes FOR and seven (7) votes AGAINST. The Mayor exercised his casting vote. The Amendment was carried.

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Stratikopoulos

- (a) That Council await the findings of the independent audit by the NSW Department of Fair Trading into the strata industry and the General Manager provide a report to Council on the findings.
- (b) That Council writes to the New South Wales Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading and the NSW Strata and Property Services Commissioner, urging them to address the urgent need for reform within the strata management industry to protect the interests of residents and ensure transparency, accountability, and fair dealing among strata management companies.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was eight (8) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Motion was carried.

NM034-24 Initiative to Improve Native Vegetation Cover
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That the General Manager promote the 'National Tree Day' through suitable channels to increase visibility and inform ratepayers about free native plant eligibility.
- (b) That the General Manager prepares a report on the costs and feasibility of holding a "Tree Forum" for the community, this event should ideally be scheduled around National Tree Day. The forum will cover topics such as:
 - i. The various advantages of planting trees
 - ii. The significance of preserving and increasing our tree cover
 - iii. Encouraging community involvement in tree planting activities
 - iv. The consequences for failing to follow tree management policies.

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 Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM035-24 Plan to Increase Native Tree Cover
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: Councillor Smerdely left the Chambers at 9:26pm

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 9:27pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

That the General Manager compiles a report into the development and implementation of a plan to increase native tree cover in streets, parks, reserves and other open spaces, and in potential green corridors.

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 Wang

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

CARRIED.

NM036-24 Establish Weekly Night Market in Hurstville
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 9:29pm

Note: Councillor Smerdely returned to the Chambers at 9:30pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Liu

- (a) That the General Manager prepare a report evaluating the feasibility of establishing a weekly night market in Hurstville. The feasibility study to include responses to the following elements:
- i. Commercial arrangements (Council led or private sector led).
 - ii. Planning controls
 - iii. Day of the week / timing
 - iv. Controls to maximise local business opportunities
 - v. Public programming / live music / performance
 - vi. Promotion
 - vii. Security
 - viii. Cost and any initiatives that could be implemented in order to recover/recoup such costs
 - ix. Implementation / timing of delivery
 - x. Learnings from equivalent night markets
 - xi. Learnings from night markets across the Sydney Metropolitan Region
- (b) That Council translates the newly adopted Event Charter and Event Toolkit into the top three non-English languages in the Georges River LGA. This will facilitate opportunities for our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse [CALD] communities to deliver events in the LGA.

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 Wang

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

NM037-24 Glenlee
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Liu left the Chambers at 09:41pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Liu returned to the Chambers at 09:43pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Katris

- (a) 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:
- i. to advise that 'Glenlee' has reportedly been sold, pending settlement.
 - ii. to request the urgent authorisation for access to the property by Council officers and/or its appointed consultants for the purposes of carrying out any inspections deemed necessary to assess the property for Aboriginal and natural heritage, and to confirm that Council has allocated \$50,000 for that purpose.
 - iii. to request the immediate protection of any Aboriginal objects and places located on the site in accordance with the provisions of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.
 - iv. to request the execution of the recommendations contained in the "Heritage Data Form" compiled by GML Heritage in their entirety, including:
 - a. a comprehensive conservation management plan for the site should be prepared to guide future uses and development of the site to ensure the retention and conservation of its heritage value.
 - b. further consultation be undertaken with the local Aboriginal community to better understand local social and intangible connections.
 - c. the Aboriginal objects held within the house be inspected (these were not sighted by GML or the MLALC), confirmed to be Aboriginal objects (or otherwise), and an attempt at understanding provenance be made.
- (b) That the General Manager writes to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Heritage requesting that an Interim Heritage Order be placed over the moveable objects, relics and artifacts located in the house, out buildings, boat shed and on the site.
- (c) That the General Manager writes to the new owners of "Glenlee" to request access to the property by Council officers and/or its appointed consultants for the purposes of carrying out any inspections deemed necessary to assess the property.

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 Wang

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

NM038-24 Beautifying Georges River Gateway - Todd Park
(Report by Councillor Mort)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry

That Council beautifies the Georges River Gateway location at Todd Park, at the intersection of Princes Highway and Kings Georges Road, to include:

- i. Updating the signage to include Georges River Council instead of Kogarah Municipal Council.
- ii. Reinstating the use of the flag poles behind the Todd Park signage.
- iii. Cleaning the sandstone Todd Park sign.
- iv. Updating signage on the Sandstone Wall at Carwar Avenue, Carss Park.

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 Wang

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

NM039-24 Notification of Parking Fines (Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council implements a policy that prioritises the provision of written on the spot notifications to drivers upon the issuance of parking fines, where it is safe and legal to do so. This will afford drivers procedural fairness to allow an opportunity for them to capture evidence, such as (but not limited to) photographs, dash cam video footage and recall versions of events.
- (b) That Council investigates incorporating capturing a 'reason code' where a Print and Post parking fine is issued identifying why a written on the spot notification was not issued. The investigation should include how Council can record evidence to substantiate the 'reason code' such as (but not limited to) photographs, video, file notes etc.
- (c) That Council implement the following actions to improve information provided to drivers issued with a parking fine:
- (d) That the GRC website be updated to include information on how to view footage that may have been captured relating to an offence.
- (e) That Council contact Revenue NSW to determine if it is possible to amend standard detail on the back of the fine to include information on how to contact Council on how to obtain further evidence, including video footage, of the offence.
- (f) That Council write to Revenue NSW to request that fines issued for parking are sent as Push Notifications to vehicle owners via the Services NSW application.

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 Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

Against the Motion: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was twelve (12) votes FOR and two (2) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM040-24 Heritage Building Grants Program

(Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Konjarski left the Chambers at 10:19pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council considers including the Heritage Building Grants Program in the Financial Year 2024/25 budget.

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 Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM041-24 Reducing Pollution in the Georges River

(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Konjarski returned to the Chambers at 10:21pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 10:21pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 10:26pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort

That, in order to reduce pollution of the Georges River in the vicinity of Lime Kiln Bay:

- i. the General Manager compiles a report to consider plans for:
 - a. the refurbishment of the Lime Kiln Bay Wetlands system which flows from Dairy Creek into the river; and
 - b. the construction of any necessary upgraded or additional gross pollutant traps in order to capture items from stormwater flowing under Hurstville Golf Course into the river.
- ii. the General Manager prepares cost estimates for the necessary works.
- iii. Council seeks grant funding from relevant state and federal ministers, in order for these works to be completed.

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 Wang

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

NM042-24 Dog Off-Leash Signage in Oatley Park
(Report by Councillor Ficarra)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council notes the concerns and reports of residents walking dogs off-leash within Oatley Park, a designated wild life protection area.
- (b) That a Regulatory Signage Plan is developed, and signage subsequently installed, to aid effective enforcement of prohibited activities within Oatley Park.
- (c) The all signage complies with the relevant standards and guidelines.

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 Wang

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN006-24 Update on NM054-23 - Establish Bushcare Group in Hurstville Ward
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

Note: Councillor Wang asked a Question with No Notice to the Director Assets and Infrastructure “*What is the budget position to start research to establish a bushcare group in Hurstville*”. The Director took the question on notice. The response will be reported to the May 2024 Council Meeting.

QWN007-24 Synthetic Fields
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN008-24 Status of Rona Street Peakhurst Footpath
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN009-24 Update on NM058-23: Mortdale Village Centre Parking
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN010-24 Update on Mortdale Streetscape
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Konjarski left the Chambers at 10:46pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 10:46pm

QWN011-24 Ellen Subway Pedestrian Crossing Notification
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN012-24 Penshurst Park Community Requests
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

Note: It was noted that the Director Assets and Infrastructure agreed to meet with Councillor Jamieson to respond to her additional questions.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers at 10:49pm

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 10:50pm

Chairperson

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: CCL028-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 May 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL028-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS011-24 to ASS015-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items ASS011-24 to ASS015-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 13 May 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ASS011-24 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2024
(Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2024 be adopted by Council.

ASS012-24 CROSS STREET, HURSTVILLE (WESTFIELD'S) ACCESS RAMP BALUSTRADE RECTIFICATION WORKS
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

- (a) That Council note the works required on the Cross Street, Hurstville (Westfield's) access ramp balustrade.
- (b) That the budgeted expenditure of \$120,000 is approved, as detailed in this report.
- (c) That Council approve the General Manager to progress negotiations with Scentre Group into the ongoing management and maintenance of the Cross Street access ramp.

ASS013-24 HURSTVILLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE SAFETY INVESTIGATION AND RECTIFICATION DESIGN
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

- (a) That Council note the importance of the Hurstville Entertainment Centre, as identified in the Georges River Council Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy 2019-2036, as a multi-purpose community venue for hire.
- (b) That Council approve additional non-budgeted capital expenditure of \$176,000 be allocated to complete the Safety Investigation and Rectification Design of Hurstville

Entertainment Centre Project.

- (c) That Council approve the transfer of \$176,000 from budgeted capital expenditure associated with the Major Building Renewal Program, as identified in the 2023/24 Capital Works Budget.

**ASS014-24 T24/001 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION - PARKSIDE DRIVE RESERVE
(CHARLES PIRIE FIELD) SPORTS LIGHTING UPGRADE**
(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender from Havencord Pty Ltd t/as Floodlighting Australia (ABN: 46 003 987 602) for T24/001 Design and Construction – Parkside Drive Reserve (Charles Pirie Field) Sports Lighting Upgrade, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

**ASS015-24 P24/001 OPERATION OF CANTEEN FACILITY AT PENSHURST SPORTS
HUB**
(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

- (a) That in accordance with the Instrument of Delegation of Functions to General Manager dated 1 October 2022, Schedule 2 Conditions & Limitations, leases, licences & management agreements (4)(a)(xii), Council accepts the proposal from St George City Football Association Australia (ABN: 41 153 219 512) for P24/001 Lease and Operation of Canteen Facility at Penshurst Sports Hub, 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

D24/126789

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 May 2024



MINUTES

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, 13 May 2024

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

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PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Manager City Technical Services – Tom Heath, Executive Manager City Futures – Simon Massey, EA to the Director Assets and infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath (minutes), Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, PA to Manager City Operational Services – Mitchel Spinola and Earl Santos - IMT Support Officer.

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.

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

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.

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Konjarski declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **ASS015-24** for the reason that his son plays football for St George City who is the Association that tendered for the use of the facility mentioned in the report. Councillor Konjarski will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ASS010-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024

(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Liu

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

ASS011-24 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2024

(Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Ficarra

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2024 be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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.

ASS012-24 Cross Street, Hurstville (Westfield's) Access Ramp Balustrade Rectification Works

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington, Councillor Liu

(a) That Council note the works required on the Cross Street, Hurstville (Westfield's) access ramp balustrade.

(b) That the budgeted expenditure of \$120,000 is approved, as detailed in this report.

(c) That Council approve the General Manager to progress negotiations with Scentre Group into the ongoing management and maintenance of the Cross Street access ramp.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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.

ASS013-24 Hurstville Entertainment Centre Safety Investigation and Rectification Design

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council note the importance of the Hurstville Entertainment Centre, as identified in the Georges River Council Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy 2019-2036, as a multi-purpose community venue for hire.
- (b) That Council approve additional non-budgeted capital expenditure of \$176,000 be allocated to complete the Safety Investigation and Rectification Design of Hurstville Entertainment Centre Project.
- (c) That Council approve the transfer of \$176,000 from budgeted capital expenditure associated with the Major Building Renewal Program, as identified in the 2023/24 Capital Works Budget.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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.

ASS014-24 T24/001 Design and Construction - Parkside Drive Reserve (Charles Pirie Field) Sports Lighting Upgrade

(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender from Havencord Pty Ltd t/as Floodlighting Australia (ABN: 46 003 987 602) for T24/001 Design and Construction – Parkside Drive Reserve (Charles Pirie Field) Sports Lighting Upgrade, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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.

ASS015-24 P24/001 Operation of Canteen Facility at Penshurst Sports Hub
(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington, Councillor Mort

- (a) That in accordance with the Instrument of Delegation of Functions to General Manager dated 1 October 2022, Schedule 2 Conditions & Limitations, leases, licences & management agreements (4)(a)(xii), Council accepts the proposal from St George City Football Association Australia (ABN: 41 153 219 512) for P24/001 Lease and Operation of Canteen Facility at Penshurst Sports Hub, 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: 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 7.07pm

Chairperson

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Item: CCL029-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 13 May 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL029-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM014-24 to COM015A-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items COM014-24 to COM015A-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 13 May 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**COM014-24 MINUTES OF THE SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 4 APRIL 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 4 April 2024 be submitted to the Community and Culture Committee for consideration and to be adopted by Council.

COM015-24 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS 2023-2024 ROUND 2
(Report by Grants Officer)

- (a) That the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2023-2024 Round 2, as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report, be adopted.
- (b) That Council note that funds of \$523.00 not allocated in Community Grants 2023-2024 Round 2 be returned to general revenue as savings.

COM015A-24 LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL AND OLDS PARK SPORTS CLUB LIMITED

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

- (a) That Council approve the General Manager to enter into a Lease agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited, as outlined within this report with the following amendments:
- (b) The subsidy of 50% is granted for years 1 and 2 of the lease.
- (c) The subsidy of 50% for years 3, 4 and 5 is not guaranteed and must be applied for to Council each year.
- (d) The subsidy for years 3, 4 and 5 will be conditional upon Olds Park Sports Club


presenting a business case to Council on how they will return to profit, and that all rents are up to date and paid.

- (e) That Council approve the Sub-Lease agreement between Olds Park Sports Club Limited to Meals on Wheels Australia for the term of the Lease as outlined within this report.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/126805

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 13 May 2024

MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 13 May 2024

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Manager Community and Early Learning Services – Jodi Tweed, Coordinator Programming and Operations - Andrew Williams, Coordinator Community Capacity Building - Alexis Drevikovsky, Grants Officer – Elloise Brady, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer - Marisa Severino, IT Service Desk Technician – Chris Stojanovski, General Counsel – James Fan, Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture - Franziska Mintus and Personal Assistant to Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services – Billie Johnson (Minutes).

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

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

Councillor Smerdely disclosed a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **COM015-24 Georges River Council Community Grants 2023-2024 Round 2** for the reason that his mother is a member of the board for Jubilee Community Services.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM013-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024

(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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

COM014-24 Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held 4 April 2024

(Report by Personal Assistant to Manager, City Life)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Smerdely

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 April 2024 be submitted to the Community and Culture Committee for consideration and to be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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.

COM015-24 Georges River Council Community Grants 2023-2024 Round 2

(Report by Grants Officer)

Note: Councillor Smerdely left the meeting at 6.07pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2023-2024 Round 2, as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report, be adopted.
- (b) That Council note that funds of \$523.00 not allocated in Community Grants 2023-2024 Round 2 be returned to general revenue as savings.

Record of Voting

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

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

Note: Councillor Smerdely joined the meeting at 6.09pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

At this stage of the meeting, time being 6.09pm, the Chair, Councillor Liu, advised that the meeting would move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the Closed Session and access to the correspondence relating to the item considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld.

This action was taken to allow discussion of the following item:

COM015A-24 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (d(ii)) it is considered the matter commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

THAT in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

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

The Chair, Councillor Liu asked the Director Community and Culture if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in Closed Session.

The Director replied that no representations had been received in relation to the item in Closed Session.

Councillor Liu asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons the Committee proposes to consider the item in Closed Session.

MOTION: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry

That in accordance with Section 10A Clause 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, the

Committee enter into Closed Session to discuss item **COM015A-24 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited.**

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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.

CLOSED SESSION (CONFIDENTIAL ITEM)

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

COM015A-24 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council approve the General Manager to enter into a Lease agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited, as outlined within this report with the following amendments:
- (b) The subsidy of 50% is granted for years 1 and 2 of the lease.
- (c) The subsidy of 50% for years 3, 4 and 5 is not guaranteed and must be applied for to Council each year.
- (d) The subsidy for years 3, 4 and 5 will be conditional upon Olds Park Sports Club presenting a business case to Council on how they will return to profit, and that all rents are up to date and paid.
- (e) That Council approve the Sub-Lease agreement between Olds Park Sports Club Limited to Meals on Wheels Australia for the term of the Lease as outlined within this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Konjarski

That the meeting revert to Open Session, the time being 6.16pm.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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.

OPEN SESSION

CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Mort

That the recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to item **COM015A-24 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Olds Park Sports Club Limited** be confirmed as recommendations of the Committee.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: 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 6.18pm

Chairperson

UNCONFIRMED

Item: CCL030-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 13 May 2024

Author: Manager Office of the General Manager

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV018-24 to ENV021-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items ENV018-24 to ENV021-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 13 May 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ENV018-24 OUTCOMES OF EXHIBITION - ADOPTION OF REVISED TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY AND AMENDMENT NO.6 TO THE GRDCP 2021
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Draft Revised Tree Management Policy, the amendment to the Georges River Council 2023/24 Schedule of Fees and Charges and draft Amendment No. 6 to the Georges River Development Control Plan 2021 (GRDCP).
- (b) That Council amend the exhibited Draft Revised Tree Management Policy as outlined in **Table 5 of Attachment 8**.
- (c) That Council adopt the Tree Management Policy as amended and contained in **Attachment 2**, which includes an offset fee which will be levied through the execution of a deed of agreement, in response to submissions.
- (d) That Council give public notice of the decision to adopt the revised Tree Management Policy on its website in accordance with Section 166 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (e) That Council adopt the proposed changes to the Fees and Charges relating to Street Tree Removal, Tree Management Inspections (private land) and Tree Removal, Replacement and Pruning as exhibited and include them in the FY24/25 Schedule of Fees and Charges.
- (f) That Council amend the exhibited Amendment No. 6 to the GRDCP as outlined in **Table 6 of Attachment 8**.
- (g) That Council adopt Amendment No. 6 of GRDCP as amended and contained in **Attachments 5-7** in response to submissions pursuant to Section 3.43 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (h) That Council endorse the Acting Director Environment and Planning to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, if required, in preparation for the commencement of Amendment No. 6 of the GRDCP.
- (i) That Council give public notice of the decision to adopt the amended GRDCP on its

website within 28 days in accordance with Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

- (j) That Council notes the existing savings provision within the GRDCP and accordingly all applications submitted before the effective date of Amendment No. 6 of the GRDCP will be determined as if Amendment No. 6 had not commenced.
- (k) That the effective date for the revised Tree Management Policy and the amended GRDCP to be the same.
- (l) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision.
- (m) That the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) be given a copy of the amended GRDCP in accordance with Clause 20 the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (n) That Council writes to the Hon. Chris Minns, Premier of NSW requesting that a guide for building amongst trees be incorporated into the pattern book which is currently being developed by the NSW Government Architect for low-rise and mid-rise (up to six storeys) buildings.
- (o) That Council writes to the Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Jihad Dib MP requesting the NSW Rural Fire Services to implement a notification system for nearby residents when private landowners carry out vegetation clearing under the *10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice* on bushfire prone land.

ENV019-24 PREPARATION OF ADDITIONAL AND DIVERSE HOUSING PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR THE GEORGES RIVER LGA
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

That Council endorses the preparation of the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021*, comprising of the following components:

- i. In the R2 zone, reduce the minimum lot size for dual occupancies from 650sqm to 600sqm with the exception of land located within the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area (FSPA), proposed FSPA and the proposed Unique Character Area (UCA),
- ii. In the R2 zone, increase the minimum subdivision lot size for dual occupancies from 300sqm to 325sqm for land located within the existing Heritage Conservation Areas (HCAs),
- iii. In the R2 zone, increase the minimum subdivision lot size for dual occupancies from 430sqm to 500sqm for land located within the existing FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA,
- iv. In the R2 zone, introduce multi dwelling housing and terraces as permissible land uses with the exception of land located within the existing HCA's, existing FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA,
- v. In the R2 zone, request continued prohibition of manor houses,
- vi. In the R2 zone, introduce minimum density control of 300sqm per dwelling for multi dwelling housing, terraces and manor houses (if prohibition of manor houses is not supported by the DPHI),
- vii. In the R2 zone, retain existing maximum FSR of 0.55:1 to 0.6:1 for multi dwelling housing and terraces,
- viii. In the R3 zone, reduce the minimum lot size for dual occupancies from 650sqm to

500sqm,

- ix. In the R3 zone, reduce the subdivision minimum lot size for dual occupancies from 300sqm to 250sqm,
- x. In the R3 zone, introduce residential flat buildings (RFBs) as a permissible land use to facilitate greater development take up,
- xi. In the R3 zone, introduce minimum lot size of 800sqm and minimum lot width of 24m for RFBs to ensure appropriate development outcomes,
- xii. In the R3 zone, increase the maximum building height from 9m to 10.5m to offer greater development yield and design flexibility,
- xiii. In the R3 zone, increase the maximum floor space ratio (FSR) from 0.7:1 to 0.8:1 to offer greater development yield and by extension greater development incentive,
- xiv. In the R3 zone, apply a bonus FSR of 0.2:1 (total 1:1 FSR) for multi dwelling housing to incentivise the provision of townhouses, and
- xv. Implement the recommendations of the *Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy 2018 (HCCUDS)* in relation to land within the Hurstville City Centre and residential zoned land located in the Additional Capacity Investigation Areas.

CCL030-24

ENV020-24 UPDATE ON MORTDALE AND BEVERLY HILLS LOCAL CENTRE MASTER PLANS

(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

That the update on the Beverly Hills and Mortdale Local Centre Master Plans be received.

ENV021-24 REVISED EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS FOR THE GEORGES RIVER LGA

(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council endorse the *Georges River Revised Employment Projections (June 2023)* as a strategic planning document that will inform the development of policies and planning directions.
- (b) That Council place the *Georges River Revised Employment Projections (June 2023)* on Council's website.
- (c) That Council discontinue any further work on the draft Activating Our Centres Policy and that any future planning proposals in the LGA's commercial centres be assessed in accordance with Council's adopted strategic planning documents.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/128101

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 13 May 2024



MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 13 May 2024

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre,

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor , Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg (Chairperson) Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting Director Environment and Planning – Andrew Spooner, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Principal Strategic Planner - Anne Qin, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Assistant to the Director, Environment and Planning - Leanne Allen (Minutes), Executive Services Officer –Marisa Severino, IT Representative - TBC

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That as the Environment and Planning Committee Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney is an apology for tonight's meeting, a vote be taken of the Councillors present, appointed to the Environment and Planning Committee, to elect a Chairperson for this meeting.

That Councillor Borg assume the position of Chairperson for the Environment and Planning Committee meeting of 13 May 2024.

Record of Voting

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

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

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 7.02pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, 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.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Landsberry, Jamieson

That an apology be accepted for Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Katris.

Record of Voting

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

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

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Borg submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV019-24 Preparation of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has an interest in R2 zone land area. Councillor Borg 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 Borg submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV019-24 Preparation of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has an associated person with an interest in R2 zone land area. Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Ambihaipahar declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV019-24 Preparation of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason she is employed as the Regional Director - Operations Metro at St Vincent de Paul Society NSW (Society) and she oversees Vinnies Support Centres (VSC) and Vans operations in the metropolitan area. The Hurstville VSC is currently operating at 183C Forest Rd, Hurstville, NSW, 2220 and the site is owned by the Society. Councillor Ambihaipahar will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and she will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Jamieson submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV019-24 Preparation of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has an interest in R2 zone land area. Councillor Jamieson will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Jamieson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV020-24 Mortdale and Beverly Hills Masterplan Update** for the reason that her owner occupied

property is within the Masterplan area. However, there is no pecuniary interest in the update. . Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Mayor, Councillor Elmir submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV019-24 Preparation of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that he has an interest in R2 zone land area. The Mayor, Councillor Elmir will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was one registered speaker.

Name	Report No.	Report Title
Graeme Cartwright (In person)	ENV019-24	Preparation of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA

Note: Documents were tabled for distribution to all Councillors and the Mayor, Councillor Elmir requested the speaker’s previous report “*Future Transport Strategy 2056 for St George and Sutherland Areas Summary*” also be distributed to Councillors.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ENV017-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024
(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV018-24 Outcomes of Exhibition - Adoption of Revised Tree Management Policy and Amendment No.6 to the GRDCP 2021
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Draft Revised Tree Management Policy, the amendment to the Georges River Council 2023/24 Schedule of Fees and Charges and draft Amendment No. 6 to the Georges River Development Control Plan 2021 (GRDCP).
- (b) That Council amend the exhibited Draft Revised Tree Management Policy as outlined in

Table 5 of Attachment 8.

- (c) That Council adopt the Tree Management Policy as amended and contained in **Attachment 2**, which includes an offset fee which will be levied through the execution of a deed of agreement, in response to submissions.
- (d) That Council give public notice of the decision to adopt the revised Tree Management Policy on its website in accordance with Section 166 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (e) That Council adopt the proposed changes to the Fees and Charges relating to Street Tree Removal, Tree Management Inspections (private land) and Tree Removal, Replacement and Pruning as exhibited and include them in the FY24/25 Schedule of Fees and Charges.
- (f) That Council amend the exhibited Amendment No. 6 to the GRDCP as outlined in **Table 6 of Attachment 8**.
- (g) That Council adopt Amendment No. 6 of GRDCP as amended and contained in **Attachments 5-7** in response to submissions pursuant to Section 3.43 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (h) That Council endorse the Acting Director Environment and Planning to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, if required, in preparation for the commencement of Amendment No. 6 of the GRDCP.
- (i) That Council give public notice of the decision to adopt the amended GRDCP on its website within 28 days in accordance with Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (j) That Council notes the existing savings provision within the GRDCP and accordingly all applications submitted before the effective date of Amendment No. 6 of the GRDCP will be determined as if Amendment No. 6 had not commenced.
- (k) That the effective date for the revised Tree Management Policy and the amended GRDCP to be the same.
- (l) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision.
- (m) That the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) be given a copy of the amended GRDCP in accordance with Clause 20 the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (n) That Council writes to the Hon. Chris Minns, Premier of NSW requesting that a guide for building amongst trees be incorporated into the pattern book which is currently being developed by the NSW Government Architect for low-rise and mid-rise (up to six storeys) buildings.
- (o) That Council writes to the Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Jihad Dib MP requesting the NSW Rural Fire Services to implement a notification system for nearby residents when private landowners carry out vegetation clearing under the *10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice* on bushfire prone land.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV019-24 Preparation of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ambihaipahar left the Chambers at 07:21pm

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council endorses the preparation of the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021*, comprising of the following components:

- i. In the R2 zone, reduce the minimum lot size for dual occupancies from 650sqm to 600sqm with the exception of land located within the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area (FSPA), proposed FSPA and the proposed Unique Character Area (UCA),
- ii. In the R2 zone, increase the minimum subdivision lot size for dual occupancies from 300sqm to 325sqm for land located within the existing Heritage Conservation Areas (HCAs),
- iii. In the R2 zone, increase the minimum subdivision lot size for dual occupancies from 430sqm to 500sqm for land located within the existing FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA,
- iv. In the R2 zone, introduce multi dwelling housing and terraces as permissible land uses with the exception of land located within the existing HCA's, existing FSPA, proposed FSPA and the proposed UCA,
- v. In the R2 zone, request continued prohibition of manor houses,
- vi. In the R2 zone, introduce minimum density control of 300sqm per dwelling for multi dwelling housing, terraces and manor houses (if prohibition of manor houses is not supported by the DPHI),
- vii. In the R2 zone, retain existing maximum FSR of 0.55:1 to 0.6:1 for multi dwelling housing and terraces,
- viii. In the R3 zone, reduce the minimum lot size for dual occupancies from 650sqm to 500sqm,
- ix. In the R3 zone, reduce the subdivision minimum lot size for dual occupancies from 300sqm to 250sqm,
- x. In the R3 zone, introduce residential flat buildings (RFBs) as a permissible land use to facilitate greater development take up,
- xi. In the R3 zone, introduce minimum lot size of 800sqm and minimum lot width of 24m for RFBs to ensure appropriate development outcomes,
- xii. In the R3 zone, increase the maximum building height from 9m to 10.5m to offer greater development yield and design flexibility,
- xiii. In the R3 zone, increase the maximum floor space ratio (FSR) from 0.7:1 to 0.8:1 to offer greater development yield and by extension greater development incentive,
- xiv. In the R3 zone, apply a bonus FSR of 0.2:1 (total 1:1 FSR) for multi dwelling housing to incentivise the provision of townhouses, and

- xv. Implement the recommendations of the *Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy 2018 (HCCUDS)* in relation to land within the Hurstville City Centre and residential zoned land located in the Additional Capacity Investigation Areas.

Record of Voting

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

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ambihaipahar returned to the Chambers at 07:40pm

ENV020-24 Update on Mortdale and Beverly Hills Local Centre Master Plans (Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

Note: It was noted that The Mayor, Councillor Elmir left the Chambers at 07:45pm

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Wang, Councillor Landsberry

That the update on the Beverly Hills and Mortdale Local Centre Master Plans be received.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV021-24 Revised Employment Projections for the Georges River LGA (Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council endorse the *Georges River Revised Employment Projections (June 2023)* as a strategic planning document that will inform the development of policies and planning directions.
- (b) That Council place the *Georges River Revised Employment Projections (June 2023)* on Council's website.
- (c) That Council discontinue any further work on the draft Activating Our Centres Policy and that any future planning proposals in the LGA's commercial centres be assessed in accordance with Council's adopted strategic planning documents.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, 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 7.55pm.

Chairperson

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Item: CCL031-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 13 May 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 FIN016-24 to FIN020-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items FIN016-24 to FIN020-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 13 May 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN016-24 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2024
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

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

FIN017-24 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2024
(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 March 2024.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2023/24 Budget as outlined in Attachment 1.

FIN018-24 QUARTERLY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2024
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

That Council receive and note the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio, for the period ending 31 March 2024.

FIN019-24 PROPERTY MATTER - RAMSGATE CAR PARK, RAMSGATE
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

- (a) That the report "Property Matter - Ramsgate Car Park, Ramsgate" be received and noted.
- (b) That the General Manager acknowledge the unsolicited offer and express that Council is declining the offer for the sale of the Ramsgate Car Park based on their being no strategic justification for disposal.

FIN020-24 PROPERTY MATTER - PURCHASE OF 23 COOK STREET, MORTDALE
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

- (a) That Council purchase the residential property at 23 Cook Street, Mortdale, being Lots 20 and 21 in Deposited Plan 4817 on the terms outlined generally in this report and in confidential Attachment 1 to this report.
- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to execute the Contract for Sale, Transfer Document, Lease Agreement and all other associated documentation to affect the purchase of Lots 20 and 21 in Deposited Plan 4817 located at 23 Cook Street, Mortdale.
- (c) That in accordance with Section 31 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the land be classified as Operational Land upon settlement.
- (d) That Council approve the budget for the acquisition as outlined in the associated attachments and the proposed funding source of the Strategic Centre Reserve.
- (e) That Council approve for the appropriate public notification to be undertaken for the property classification process and future community lease Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/126811

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#)  Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 13 May 2024

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 13 May 2024

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Veronica Ficarra and Councillor Colleen Symington.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Head of Strategic Property - Bernard Morabito, Kristen O’Grady – Senior Property Officer, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, A/Executive Assistant – Barb Presti, (Minutes) Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott, Technology Business Support Officer – Earl Santos.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

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

That a leave of absence be accepted for Councillor Katris and Councillor Mahoney.

MOTION: Councillor Symington, Councillor Ficarra

Record of Voting

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

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

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

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN015-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024

(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN016-24 Investment Report as at 31 March 2024

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

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

Record of Voting

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

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

FIN017-24 Quarterly Budget Review Report for Period Ending 31 March 2024

(Report by Senior Business Performance Accountant)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 31 March 2024.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2023/24 Budget as outlined in Attachment 1.

Record of Voting

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

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

Note: The following Questions With No Notice were asked by Councillor Symington with regard to FIN017-24 - Quarterly Budget Review Report - Item Q24/020 Mayoral Replacement Vehicle (State Contract SCM0653):

Q1. Is the Mayoral replacement vehicle leased, if so how long for and cost per month?

Q2. What budget is this cost coming from?

Q3. What type of vehicle is it and what is its ecofriendly credentials e.g. hybrid or electric?

Q4. Is this vehicle a similar standard to other Council vehicles?

Q5. Who made the decision to replace the Camry Hybrid that was previously used by the Mayor?

The questions were taken on notice by the Director Finance and Governance and responses will be reported to the May 2024 Council Meeting.

FIN018-24 Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio Report for Period Ending 31 March 2024
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

That Council receive and note the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio, for the period ending 31 March 2024.

Record of Voting

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

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

FIN019-24 Property Matter - Ramsgate Car Park, Ramsgate
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

(a) That the report "Property Matter - Ramsgate Car Park, Ramsgate" be received and noted.

(b) That the General Manager acknowledge the unsolicited offer and express that Council is declining the offer for the sale of the Ramsgate Car Park based on their being no strategic justification for disposal.

Record of Voting

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

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

FIN020-24 Property Matter - Purchase of 23 Cook Street, Mortdale
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Symington

(a) That Council purchase the residential property at 23 Cook Street, Mortdale, being Lots 20

and 21 in Deposited Plan 4817 on the terms outlined generally in this report and in confidential Attachment 1 to this report.

- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to execute the Contract for Sale, Transfer Document, Lease Agreement and all other associated documentation to affect the purchase of Lots 20 and 21 in Deposited Plan 4817 located at 23 Cook Street, Mortdale.
- (c) That in accordance with Section 31 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the land be classified as Operational Land upon settlement.
- (d) That Council approve the budget for the acquisition as outlined in the associated attachments and the proposed funding source of the Strategic Centre Reserve.
- (e) That Council approve for the appropriate public notification to be undertaken for the property classification process and future community lease Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

Record of Voting

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

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.10pm

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Item: CCL032-24 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - May 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL033-24

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- (a) CWF 76/23-24 – **Cancelled Application** submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Garden Feast in the amount of \$400.
- (b) CWF77/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Jamieson on behalf of the Salvation Army (NSW) Property Trust in the amount of \$1500.
- (c) CWF78/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Mahoney on behalf of Penshurst RSL Kookaburras Junior Rugby League Football Club in the amount of \$1167.50.
- (d) CWF79/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Garden Feast in the amount of \$200.
- (e) CWF80/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of World Dragon Fans Club Australia in the amount of \$200.
- (f) CWF81/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Liu on behalf of Ocean Dream Cultural Arts Centre of Australia in the amount of \$700.

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

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.

Non-Capital Funds (\$5,000/Councillor)	Funds Allocated to date including this report	Remaining Balance
Councillor Ambihaipahar	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Borg	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Elmir	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Ficarra	\$3,500	\$1,500
Councillor Jamieson	\$3,000	\$2,000
Councillor Katris	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Konjarski	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Landsberry	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Liu	\$4,700	\$300
Councillor Mahoney	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Mort	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Smerdely	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Stratikopoulos	\$1,260	\$3,740
Councillor Symington	\$4,800	\$200
Councillor Wang	\$5,000	\$0


RISK IMPLICATIONS


8. The Enterprise Risk Management Strategy contains two relevant actions regarding the provision of an open, accessible, and transparent decision making and meeting process.
9. 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

D24/101061

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1  Attachments - Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds - *published in separate document*

Attachment 2  Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds - ABN Numbers - *published in separate document*

Item: CCL033-24 Report on the Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 31 March 2024)

Author: Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL033-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides progress on outstanding resolutions up to and including 31 March 2024.

BACKGROUND

2. Attachment 1 contains Council resolutions that remain outstanding and are being actioned as of 31 March 2024.
3. Completed items have been marked accordingly and will be removed from future reports.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

5. No risks identified.


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

6. No community engagement is required for this report.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/109005

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1  Outstanding Resolutions Spreadsheet Attachment (upto and including 31 March 2024) - *published in separate document*

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Item: CCL034-24 Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Capital Works Project - Budget Update

Author: Manager City Technical Services

Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure

Matter Type: Assets and Infrastructure

CCL034-24

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note the increase in required budget to proceed with the identified Pedestrian and Traffic Safety projects.
- (b) That Council approve the additional budgeted expenditure, as outlined in the confidential attachment.
- (c) That the additional budgeted expenditure is funded, as outlined in the confidential attachment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council has obtained grant funding from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and the Federal Government for six (6) Capital Works projects associated with the design and/or construction of pedestrian and traffic safety infrastructure across the local government area.
2. Additional funding is required for three (3) of the work packages following the closure of the procurement process to execute the work.

BACKGROUND

3. The State and Federal Government allocates funding to Council’s under several grant programs to improve pedestrian and traffic safety including the design and construction of traffic facilities, active transport routes and road condition improvement.
4. Council has six (6) active Traffic Facility Capital Works projects within the 2023/24 Financial Year. These projects are shown in the table below:

Table 1. Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Grant Funded Projects in 2023/24 Budget		
Grant Program	Work Description	Site
Black Spot Program (Australian Government)	Upgrade signalised intersection	Lily Street / Railway Parade, Allawah
Black Spot Program (Australian Government)	Construction raised pedestrian crossing	Cook Street, Mortdale
Get NSW Active (NSW Government)	Construction raised pedestrian crossings	Ellen Subway, Mortdale Hillcrest Avenue, Penshurst
Get NSW Active (NSW Government)	Investigation and design of the shared pathway between Oatley and Como	Oatley to Como pathway, Oatley
Safe Speed Program	Design and Construction of High	Riverwood Town Centre

(NSW Government)	Pedestrian Activity Area	
Traffic Grant (NSW Government)	Construction refuge islands and pram ramps	Park Road, Kogarah Bay Gloucester Road, Hurstville

5. The Traffic Facility projects listed were identified as priorities to negate community safety concerns identified by the Traffic and Transport team within the Assets and Infrastructure, Strategic Placemaking business unit following investigation. Funding is highly competitive and is only granted when projects demonstrate a high contribution to community safety.
6. Cost estimates for these works are provided at the execution of grant funding agreements, however, the full cost of a project is unknown until the procurement of a suitably qualified contractor/consultant occurs utilising detailed design information.
7. Following the completion of quotation processes for all projects, utilising appropriate procurement methodologies, it has been identified that the budget for three (3) projects is insufficient to complete the works, and additional budget is required. These projects are listed in the following table.

Table 2. Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Grant Funded Projects requiring additional funding		
Grant Program	Work Description	Site
Black Spot Program (Australian Government)	Construction raised pedestrian crossing	Cook Street, Mortdale
Get NSW Active (NSW Government)	Construction raised pedestrian crossings	Ellen Subway, Mortdale Hillcrest Avenue, Penshurst
Get NSW Active (NSW Government)	Investigation and design of the shared pathway between Oatley and Como	Oatley to Como pathway, Oatley

8. Council Officers have been in communication with the grant funding bodies to understand the implications of current funding deficits and have lodged funding variations to enable the below financial implications to be executed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Non-budgeted funds are required for three (3) Traffic Facility projects to enable the engagement of suitably qualified contractors and consultants and execution of pedestrian and traffic safety works identified within the 2023/24 budget.
10. Table 3 within the confidential report identifies the proposed funding and budget revisions for these three (3) projects.
11. The construction of raised pedestrian crossings at Ellen Subway, Mortdale and Hillcrest Avenue, Penshurst (Get NSW Active), and Cook Street, Mortdale (Black Spot program) will be complete within the 2023/24 Financial Year, while the design of the future Oatley to Como shared pathway is expected to be completed in the 2024/25 Financial Year.
12. The funding source for the Cook Street Pedestrian Crossing Construction budget increase is a variation under the original funding agreement. This variation has been approved.
13. The funding source for the Oatley to Como Shared Pathway Design budget increase is an existing contingency within the grant funding agreement. Council is progressing this contingency approval and is expected to obtain written confirmation shortly.

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14. A similar grant contingency request has been triggered for the Ellen Subway and Hillcrest Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Construction project. The source of Council's funding contribution has been identified as a reallocation from existing capital works Road Re-sheeting budget. Reallocation of funding from this budget source has been identified due to an alignment of work which includes road resurfacing to complete the pedestrian safety infrastructure.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

15. If funding is not allocated, the three (3) pedestrian and traffic safety projects cannot proceed.
16. Known pedestrian safety concerns are to be minimised through the design and construction of identified infrastructure at the project locations. Without the progression of these projects, community safety concerns remain present at these sites.
17. If the grant funding bodies do not approve the allocated project contingency Council would need to source further funding to complete the projects.
18. Contingency funding for the 2023/24 capital works Road Re-sheeting budget will be reduced by this reallocation of funding. Based on current contingency, this risk is minimal.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

19. Community engagement will be conducted on the engagement of a contractor to notify of work progression.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/98189

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Capital Works - Budget Update
(Confidential).docx - *published in separate document (Confidential)*

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Item: CCL035-24 Public Exhibition of the draft Georges River Council Community Lease and Licence Policy

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CCL035-24

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That council approve the revised draft georges river council community lease and licence policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days; and
- (b) That a further report be submitted to council on the feedback from any public submissions made during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes to the georges river council community lease and licence policy prior to adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The current Georges River Council Community Lease Management Policy was adopted by Council in september 2017 (CCL203-17).
2. The revised Community Lease and Licence Policy (the Policy) provides a comprehensive update to the existing Community Lease Policy.
3. The purpose of the revised Policy is to provide an improved governance framework through which Council can determine the eligibility of community groups to occupy Council owned and managed land and buildings (such as community centres, scout and girl guides halls, baby health centres and parks/sports fields) in an equitable and transparent manner and in accordance with relevant legislative requirements.
4. The draft Policy is attached to this report (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND

5. On 4 september 2017, Council adopted the first Georges River Council Community Lease Policy after a public exhibition period of 28 days (CCL203-17).
6. The purpose of the revised Policy is to provide an improved governance framework through which Council can determine the eligibility of community groups to occupy Council owned and managed land and buildings in an equitable and transparent manner and in accordance with relevant legislative requirements.
7. The types of Council properties included in this policy include community centres, scout halls, parks/sports fields and sporting and recreational facilities, such as sporting amenities.
8. The Policy review period and subsequent change with directorate responsibility, combined with the new legislative requirements have required a comprehensive review of the existing adopted Policy.
9. The review of the current Policy was a key action following the community lease audit conducted in august 2023 that, once adopted, will enable council to develop a plan

including timeframes to ensure that Council's Community Property Portfolio has up to date lease or licence agreements.

10. Furthermore, the review of this Policy was conducted in alignment with the commitments enshrined in Council's customer experience charter to:
 - ensure information, resources and services are accessible to all; and
 - actively strive to continuously improve based on customer feedback.
11. Council's current Community Property Portfolio comprises of 75 properties that are leased to not-for-profit community organisations and sporting clubs/associations. Properties are managed under a lease or licence agreement, with part of the portfolio on historical agreements or expired agreements.
12. There are an additional 3 synthetic sporting fields that are on expired management agreements, operating on a business-as-usual agreement until determination has been made on the future of these facilities. The facilities do not fall under the not-for-profit status.
13. There are 55 properties within the portfolio without a current lease, licence, or management agreement in place. Of these, there are 6 properties that are currently vacant, as outlined below:

Property	Address
Former Peakhurst Park Scout Hall	7a Hedley Street, Riverwood
Office areas under South Hurstville Library	1a Allen Street, South Hurstville
Former Women's Refuge Centre	27 Railway Lands, Kogarah
Former Hurstville Early Learning Centre	Westfield, Corner of Croft Street and Cross Street, Hurstville
Former Netball Storeroom, Olds Park Football Amenities	630 Forest Road, Penshurst
Kempt Field Public Amenities Building Storeroom	75 Durham Street, Hurstville

14. The revised Policy supports the following improvements to the customer experience:
 - a. Easier-to-read format for Council's community organisations and groups;
 - b. Definitions of land classification types which result in different legislative and/or Policy processes for the issue of a lease/licence;
 - c. Standard lease and licence terms for improved governance and consistency;
 - d. Clearer duration and tendering including how leases/licences may be granted so that the community understand the governance process;
 - e. Outline of how applications are assessed by Council based on specific criteria; and
 - f. Improved criteria for rental subsidies for not-for-profit organisations, including consideration of subsidy based on charity revenue size (small/medium/large), noting that any subsidies for Registered Clubs will be determined by capacity to pay annual rent based on market valuation.

15. Feedback from existing customers (community organisations and sporting groups/associations) as well as internal stakeholders across Council's directorates have also been incorporated in the revised Policy. These include:
- a) improving transparency and consistency. Common instances that will be addressed by this draft Policy include Council community properties where there has been long standing tenancy, where the property was built and maintained by tenant, length of tenure, historical agreements not bounded by lease or licence, 'peppercorn' rental amounts, EOI process.
 - b) improving operational efficiencies that result in improved ease for the customer, whilst remaining compliant with legislative requirements. This will contribute to the timely issue of lease and licences, enable completion of Community Lease Audit action items and the implementation of the Community Property Strategy.
 - c) Improving compliance with legislative changes including:
 - *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*
 - *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)*
 - Georges River Council, 'Generic Plan of Management – General Community Use' (2022)
 - Crown Land Management Act 2016 (NSW)
 - d) consideration of revised Generic Plan of Management once adopted by Council. Not all provisions in this revised Policy can be implemented immediately due to Council's existing Generic Plan of Management requiring all vacant Council community properties to undergo an EOI process. Once the revised Generic Plan of Management has been adopted by Council which is anticipated for late-2024.
16. During the past 12 months, council has seen increased interest from not-for-profit organisations in relation to upcoming community properties to lease or licence. Each organisation has expressed a desire to address pressing issues that impact the community, including but not limited to youth services, support for first nation people and initiatives aimed at combating domestic violence against women and children.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. No budget impact for this report.
18. The Community Property Portfolio receives a total annual income of approximately \$120,522.
19. An annual rental subsidy of \$1,060,820 is applied across the portfolio, based on current market rental rates. Subsidies are determined in accordance with Council's current Community Lease Management Policy.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

20. There is potential for risk of misuse of Council owned/controlled lands should this draft Policy not be adopted.
21. Without this Policy, Council officers are unable to progress actions from the Community Lease Audit 2023 and bring all properties within the Community Property Portfolio onto a current lease/licence agreement.
22. There is potential for inconsistency across the Community Property Portfolio including poor customer service resulting in escalations from customer complaints without this draft Policy.

23. The draft Policy also articulates that Council will not support (in the granting of a lease, licence or other estate) any organisations, activities, entities, or individuals associated with entities, that are considered to:
- a. discriminate, or encourage discriminatory behaviour, including discrimination on the basis of age, disability, race, religion, sex and/or sexual orientation;
 - b. contribute to, or advocate for, the infringement of human rights;
 - c. demonstrate behaviour that does not align with Council's strategic direction;
 - d. pollute land, air or water, or otherwise damage the natural environment;
 - e. produce, promote or distribute products or services likely to be harmful to the community;
 - f. exploit people through the payment of below-award wages or poor working conditions including any forms of modern slavery; and
 - g. represent a reputational risk for Georges River Council to partner with or support or be seen to partner with or support.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

24. The draft Policy was reviewed in consultation with internal stakeholders across Council's directorates.
25. The draft Policy was presented at the Councillor Briefing on 2 April 2024.
26. Should Council approve the draft Policy to be placed on public exhibition, the revised Policy will seek community feedback for a period of no less than 28 days.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/22961

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 DRAFT Community Lease and Licence Policy 2024 - For Public Exhibition





Community Lease and Licence Policy

Community Facilities

Community Sporting Amenities

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NOTICES OF MOTION**Item: NM043-24 Donation of Artwork created by Dr Fan Dongwang****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council recognise the achievements of artist Dr Fan Dongwang.
- (b) That Council acknowledge the donation of artwork titled 'Dragon' by Dr Fan Dongwang's son, James Fan, to the Hurstville Museum & Gallery collection.

NM043-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

The Motion is consistent with the Georges River Councils Collection Management and Conservation Policy. In accordance with Section 2.3 of the Policy, the artwork was evaluated and identified as contributing to a well-balanced representation of the works of local and visiting artists to the region.

Dr Fan Dongwang is an Australian/Chinese artist known for his contemporary images of the dragon in Australia. Dr Fan has won several art prizes including the Liverpool Art Prize, Willoughby City Art Prize and Mosman Art Prize, and was selected as a finalist in the 2023 Georges River Art Prize.

Dr Fan Dongwang held an exhibition titled 'Empyrean Landscape: Year of the Dragon' at Hurstville Museum & Gallery between 27 January to 10 March 2024. His artworks innovatively combine traditional Chinese decorative arts with contemporary Chinese landscape painting, creating a new visual language of 'sculptural painting', in a fusion of Eastern and Western styles.

Following the exhibition, James Fan (Dr Fan's Dongwang's son) approached the Hurstville Museum and Gallery to donate an artwork by his father from his personal collection. The artwork titled 'Dragon' has been donated to the Hurstville Museum & Gallery collection in accordance with the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program. The Cultural Gifts Program offers tax incentives to encourage people to donate cultural items to public art galleries, museums, libraries, and archives in Australia. The estimated value of the 'Dragon' artwork is \$3,000.

For Georges River Council, the dragon logo represents our future and acknowledges our past. The Dragon references the legend of Saint George, representing Council's connection with the wider St George area and our aim to be a positive leader for change. The dragon is also a significant cultural symbol for many Asian communities representing prosperity, good luck, and harmony. In Chinese mythology and folklore, dragons symbolise power, strength, and dignity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with collection development processes the operational budget of Hurstville Museum & Gallery was used to pay for two independent market valuations. These valuations are required for dual purpose, for this donation to be received as part of the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program and ensure appropriate insurance coverage for the artwork.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/46378

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM044-24 Walking Dogs Off-leash within Parks**Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council notes the concerns and reports of residents walking dogs off-leash within parks at multiple locations in the Georges River Council LGA, including Woodville Park and Kempt Field.
- (b) That a review is undertaken to assess the existing regulatory dog signage at all parks and reserves throughout the LGA.
- (c) That, where required, signage is installed to aid effective enforcement of on-leash requirements. All signage should comply with the relevant standards and guidelines.

NM044-24

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* and Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.4 *Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities*.

Georges River Council currently manages and maintains eleven off-leash dog parks across the local government area. There is evidence to support that at some locations, residents are walking their dogs off-leash within Council parks and reserves that are not classified as designated off-leash dog parks. Off-leash dog parks are selected for various reasons including, but not limited to, the distance and separation to playgrounds, no conflicting sports use, and community demand.

This Notice of Motion requires an extensive review of all existing regulatory dog signage in parks and reserves within the local government area to determine whether existing signage is in place, appropriate for current allowable usage and conducive to compliance enforcement.

Signage installed in the Georges River local government area complies with relevant regulatory signage standards and guidelines and follows the Georges River Council Brand Guidelines to ensure clearly visible information to all members of the public utilising Council parks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The review of existing signage at all parks and reserves will be undertaken internally by Council officers.

The financial implications of any recommendations resulting from the review will be detailed in a future Capital Works Program budget bid.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/104767

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM045-24 Improving Traffic Movement and Safety**Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager investigates methods of improving traffic movement and safety, with a view to reducing the incidence of speeding and illegal parking in the vicinity of Oatley West Public School, focusing on Oatley Park Avenue, Short Street, Park Avenue, Dame Mary Gilmour Road and Bay Road, particularly during student drop-off and pick-up times.
- (b) That a report be submitted to the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee detailing the recommendations of the investigation, if required.

NM045-24

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*. It is also aligned with Council's existing Road Safety Program which collaborates with community groups and schools to improve pedestrian and road safety around school zones and other High Pedestrian Activity Areas.

Improving traffic movement and safety in the nominated area requires a full investigation and review of the streets surrounding Oatley West Public School to assess existing traffic conditions and determine any improvements or upgrades required.

The traffic investigation will involve quantifying the number of parents picking up their children via active transport methods, vehicle drop off and pick up methods, vehicle and pedestrian counts, as well as reviewing existing traffic calming devices, street signage and line marking.

Community consultation will be undertaken for any recommendations that result from the investigation, prior to a report being submitted to a future Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration.

Councils Road Safety Officer will also liaise with the School Principal to provide updated educational programs including walking to school safety brochures, and informative safety letters and flyers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs to undertake the traffic investigation in the vicinity of Oatley West Public School is approximately \$10,000. This amount is not currently included in Council's 2024/25 Draft Operational Budget but will be added to the Councillor budget submissions for consideration in the adoption of the budget.

The financial implications of any recommendations resulting from the investigation will be detailed in a future report to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/107267

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM046-24 Support for Gender-Based / Domestic and Family Violence Movements

Councillor: Councillor Liu

MOTION:

- (a) That based on the current national crisis of gender-based violence, the General Manager prepare a report including but not limited to:
- i. What Council is currently doing to support domestic violence organisations and gender-based violence organisations in our local government area.
 - ii. Further initiatives Council could implement for greater support and awareness including but not limited to, greater financial support, initiating an emergency allocation fund, further capacity building and awareness for the community, by holding regular Anti Domestic Violence Information Seminars with Police from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities.
- (b) That Council show our support of the announcement made after National Cabinet on 1 May 2024 of a Federal Government 'Leaving Violence Program' by writing to:
- i. MP Jodie Harrison, NSW Minister for Women NSW
 - ii. Dr Hannah Tonkin, NSW Women's Safety Commissioner
 - iii. Senator Katy Gallagher, Federal Minister for Women

NM046-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with:

- Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032: Pillar 1 – Our Community, Goal 1.3: *Our community is safe and healthy.*
- Social Justice Charter 2022-2026 - Principles of *Respect* and *Empowerment*.

On 11 December 2023, Council resolved (COM040-23) to note the development of the Community Safety Education Program, which provides education and statistics on key crime areas, primary prevention recommendations and awareness raising activities, and aims to ensure the Georges River community feels safe in addition to being safe.

One of the five target areas identified in the Community Safety Education Program is domestic and family violence. As such, Council is committed to working with community partners to address domestic and family violence in the Georges River community.

Domestic and Family Violence in Australia

According to national statistics, on average:

- 1 woman a week and 1 man a month is killed by a current or former partner;
- 1 in 4 women have experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner, while for men it is 1 in 14;
- Overall, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men have experienced sexual violence;
- 1 in 3 women has experienced physical violence perpetrated by someone they know;
- 27 percent of women have experienced violence or emotional/economic abuse by a cohabiting partner; and

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are up to 35 times more likely to experience domestic and family violence than non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Current Council support for domestic violence organisations and gender-based violence organisations

Council works closely with local domestic violence organisations and gender-based violence organisations in our local government area. Current initiatives include:

- Membership of the St George Domestic Violence Committee – Council is an active member and co-chair of this Committee which provides sector support and information about current or emerging issues, as well as collaboration and advocacy opportunities. The Committee is made up of local organisations who provide support to those experiencing domestic and family violence in the St George region.
- Events and campaigns run in collaboration with local organisations
 - St George Candlelight Vigil - In May, Council runs an annual Candlelight Vigil at Kogarah Town Square in partnership with the St George Domestic Violence Committee. Attendees come together to remember those who have died as a result of domestic and family violence.
 - NO Domestic Violence Walk – To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Council hosts an annual NO Domestic Violence Walk with schools, community organisations and their networks, in November.
 - **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence** - An annual international campaign starting 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and running until 10 December, Human Rights Day. Council partners with the St George Domestic Violence Committee to raise awareness of issues and provide the community with information and resources, through social media campaigns, webinars and workshops.
- Financial assistance and donations
 - Grants and donations – Organisations may apply for support from Council's financial assistance programs. This financial year to date, Council has provided \$22,405 in Community Grants, Venue Hire Grants and Quick Response Donations in support of initiatives addressing domestic and family violence.
 - Lease Agreement - Council currently has a Lease Agreement with a community organisation for the provision of crisis accommodation to support victims of domestic violence in the Georges River local government area. The property is funded by way of a subsidy of \$50,000 per annum (ex-GST).
 - Food donations – Council collects food donations year-round at the Civic Centre for a local shelter.
- Capacity building resources – Council works with local organisations to design and distribute capacity building resources to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and provide pathways for individuals.

Further initiatives

Council will investigate the feasibility of implementing further initiatives to enhance support and awareness. This could include:

- provision of greater financial support
- initiating an emergency allocation fund

- further capacity building and awareness raising for the community, including but not limited to holding regular anti-domestic violence information seminars with police for culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Federal Government Leaving Violence Program

On 1 May 2024, the Federal Government announced the permanent establishment of the Leaving Violence Program. An investment of \$925.2 million over five years will assist those escaping violence to receive financial support, safety assessments and referrals to support pathways.

Those eligible will be able to access up to \$5,000 in financial support along with referral services, risk assessments and safety planning.

Council will show support for the announcement by writing to key politicians including:

- MP Jodie Harrison, NSW Minister for Women NSW
- Dr Hannah Tonkin, NSW Women's Safety Commissioner
- Senator Katy Gallagher, Federal Minister for Women

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from various Council budgets including the Community Capacity Building Grants, Community Safety, Community Property, and the Events budget are currently used to fund support for local organisations.

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

FILE REFERENCE

D24/108067

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM047-24Waste Bin Collection Services**Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

That the General Manager compiles a report to investigate the recent instances of missing waste bin collection services and to take appropriate actions to ensure the service level is maintained. The report may encompass the following:

- i. Conduct an investigation into incidents of missing waste bin collections over the past two months, including an analysis of any trends or patterns observed, as well as an assessment of the potential causes contributing to these occurrences.
- ii. Evaluate the public hygiene risks associated with the missing waste collections to determine the impact on community health and sanitation.
- iii. Review the existing waste collection contract to ascertain whether the waste bin collection service level agreement has been adhered to by the current service provider and assess any penalties that may be applicable for non-compliance.
- iv. Explore additional measures that could be implemented to mitigate instances of missing waste bin collections, such as enhanced monitoring systems or improved communication channels between residents and waste collection services.
- v. Identify specific locations or areas that have been consistently neglected in terms of waste bin collection and prioritise these areas for heightened attention and remedial action.
- vi. Research the feasibility of extending the operation hours of the Waste hotline from five days to six days per week to provide residents with increased access to assistance and support regarding waste management issues.
- vii. Develop a transition plan to the new service provide in September 2024 to ensure a seamless transition and uninterrupted waste management services for the community.

NM047-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

Council staff have been working with the waste collection contractor to address a variety of service issues and non-compliances with the current waste collection contract which after 17 years expires on Sunday 29 September 2024. Council staff have made use of the available performance standard provisions in the current contract to incentivise improved customer service.

The limitations of the current waste collection contract, and the improvements that will be available under the new waste collection contract, commencing on Monday 30 September 2024, have been outlined via reports to the Environment and Planning Committee and Council meetings in September and October 2023, discussed with Councillors at briefings held in September and October 2023, and presented to and discussed with Councillors as part of the long term financial plan presentation at a briefing on 2 April 2024. A further, Councillor briefing is scheduled for June 2024, to further discuss the communications and transition plan for the implementation of the new waste collection contract.

The new waste collection contract has been crafted, using the lessons learnt from the current contract, to design-out the collection service issues currently being experienced. The provision of key performance clauses and the greater use of technology will address the improvements requested in this motion and will be included in the future report.

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 theme Two of the Georges River Council Waste Strategy 2021-2040 which envisions:

Optimise waste management costs and foster adaptive waste management contracts:

- To provide waste management services to the residents of Georges River Council at the lowest possible cost which is consistent with the reliability and environmental sustainability of those services.*
- Develop contracts for waste management services which will allow Georges River Council to adapt to any changes in waste management technology and regulations.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/108069

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM048-24 Traffic Study - Penshurst**Councillor:** Councillor Smerdely**MOTION:**

- a) That the General Manager conducts a traffic investigation to assess the existing traffic conditions at the intersection of Penshurst Street, Penshurst Lane and Bridge Street, Penshurst.
- b) That a report be submitted to the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee detailing the recommendations of the investigation, if required.

NM048-24

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*.

Improving traffic movement and safety in the nominated area requires a full investigation and review of the intersection of Penshurst Street and Bridge Street, Penshurst to assess the existing traffic conditions and determine any improvements or upgrades required.

The traffic investigation will involve vehicle and pedestrian counts and assessing vehicle movements, as well as reviewing existing traffic facilities, street signage and line marking. The key focus of the investigation will be to, where possible, provide safety enhancements for pedestrians, reduce the risk of accident and injury, optimise traffic flow and ease congestion, and to improve accessibility at the intersection.

Community consultation will be undertaken for any recommendations that result from the investigation, prior to a report being submitted to a future Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs to undertake the traffic investigation at the intersection of Penshurst Street, Penshurst Lane and Bridge Street, Penshurst is approximately \$5,000. This amount is not currently included in Council's 2024/25 Draft Operational Budget but will be added to the Councillor budget submissions for consideration in the adoption of the budget.

The financial implications of any recommendations resulting from the investigation will be detailed in a future report to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/108073

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM049-24 Replacement of Regulatory Sign in Parks**Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council officers develop a program for proactive regulatory signage replacement in parks and reserves to inform a future budget bid.
- (b) That Council officers promote the way in which our community can report a faded, damaged, or missing regulatory signs.

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* and Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.4 *Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities*.

The replacement of signs across the local government area (LGA) is an extensive and ongoing activity. The current focus for Council has been to replace damaged street signs or signs that may present a safety issue. The street sign replacement program commenced in 2023/23 and is well underway with full completion anticipated by the end of 2024/25.

Council currently relies on community and resident notification for the replacement of damaged, vandalised, or faded regulatory signs in parks and reserves, through 'log it/fix it' or maintenance service requests. Replacement of regulatory signage is therefore largely completed on a need's basis. Additionally, regulatory signs are reviewed and updated when capital works projects are undertaken within a particular park or location.

This Notice of Motion requires an extensive review of existing regulatory signage including an assessment of current use and regulations, current asset condition and prescribed permissible use for each park and reserve across the LGA.

The information obtained from this review will inform a proactive staged program of replacement of all regulatory signage, that will consider priorities based on the type and usage of the park, existing asset conditions, and compliance requirements.

Having clear, visible regulatory signage for the community, outlining what is allowable under Section 632 of the Local Government Act 1993, ensures Council regulatory officers and St George Police Local Area Command can enforce any offences. The signage at each location also serves to support and educate the community in abiding by relevant regulations and promotes voluntary compliance within Councils' parks and reserves.

Council will also promote via social media, the existing mechanisms in which community members can raise any concerns with Council assets that they identify in the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs to undertake the review and develop a replacement program for regulatory signs across the LGA, as outlined in this report, is approximately \$50,000. This amount is not currently included in Council's 2024/25 Draft Operational Budget but will be added to the Councillor budget submissions for consideration in the adoption of the budget.

The financial implications of any recommendations resulting from a review and development of a replacement program will be detailed in a future Capital Works Program budget bid.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/113714

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM049-24

Item: NM050-24Penshurst Town Centre Beautification**Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager prepares a Public Domain Plan for streetscape and public safety enhancements for the Penshurst Town Centre that includes, but is not limited to the following:
- i. Improvements to existing pedestrian infrastructure.
 - ii. Recognition of the suburb's heritage.
 - iii. New infrastructure to further promote public safety, such as pedestrian crossings, street fencing and lighting.
 - iv. Greenery as part of the streetscape.
 - v. New or improved passive and active open spaces.
 - vi. Improvements to the aesthetics of public buildings, gardens and spaces.
 - vii. Suitable street furniture improvements and additions
- (b) That the General Manager provides details of maintenance and capital works that will be completed as part of the 2023/24 Delivery Program.

NM050-24

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*, 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*.

The Georges River Council Commercial Centres Strategy classifies Penshurst Town Centre as a Local Centre. Local Centres are important areas for the community and provide essential access to day-to-day goods and services close to where people live and are typically close in proximity to public transport, with transport interchanges increasing access to the surrounding community. Local centres provide a mix of retail, commercial and community space.

The Penshurst Town Centre is comprised of two halves split by the rail line and provides a broad range of retail and commercial services. It is well served by public transport (Penshurst Railway Station) and benefits from good exposure resulting from passing commuter and vehicle traffic.

Further detailed investigations are required to determine the potential improvements and upgrades that are feasible for the Penshurst Town Centre along Penshurst and Bridge Streets. This will include consideration of all items mentioned in part (a) of this Notice of Motion. The overall focus will be to renew or upgrade degraded assets, improve public safety and enhance the aesthetic feel and greenery in the area.

The investigations will inform the development of a Public Domain Plan that outlines a program of work for the enhancement of the Penshurst Town Centre. The Penshurst Public Domain Plan will identify future capital budget and funding requirements for the key priorities identified.

Extensive community consultation will be undertaken as part of this process with all key stakeholders.

The 2023/24 Delivery Program includes various maintenance activities that will be undertaken prior to the end of the current financial. A full deep cleanse of the Penshurst Town Centre has been programmed for completion by mid-June 2024 and includes high pressure cleaning of all surfaces and a thorough clean of the entire Town Centre. Following the deep cleanse, consideration will also be given to the suitability of resealing the pavers along Penshurst Street and Bridge Street.

The public carpark at 11-17 Connelly Street, Penshurst has also been included in the 2023/24 Delivery Program for capital renewal including a full resheeting of the carpark surface and installation of new line marking. Opportunities for further greening in this area will also be considered as part of this work which is scheduled for completion in June 2024.

Council is also aware that Project Penshurst 2222 is currently seeking grant funding for the tiling of the Transport for New South Wales public toilet adjacent to the train station and is supportive of this work being undertaken.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the investigations and subsequent development of a Public Domain Plan for the Penshurst Town Centre will be undertaken internally by Council officers.

The Penshurst Public Domain Plan will identify costs associated with priority works and will inform future capital works budget bids and opportunities for suitable grant funding from the Federal and State Government.

The maintenance and capital works that will be delivered as part of the 2023/24 Delivery Program are within the allocated budget.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/115382

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM051-24 Review of E - waste and other Community Drop Off Recycling Events**Councillor:** Councillor Konjarski**MOTION:**

That the General Manager prepare a report reviewing the logistics and viability of operating various community drop off recycling events at Council's Mortdale and Carlton Depots following community concerns that there were unacceptable delays given the capacity of Carlton Depot to address service demand at the E-waste event on 5 May 2024.

NM051-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

Historically, all large community events such as E-Waste Drop Off and Household Chemical Collection events have been held at the larger of Council's two operational depots - Mortdale depot. At its meeting on 25 October 2021, Council resolved (ENV056A-21): That Council note the change of name of the tech-waste event to the E-Waste Drop Off event and endorse the change to a quarterly event with the service expansion to include the Carlton and Mortdale Depots on an alternating basis.

While positive feedback is consistently received by Council and Council staff (in the form of accolades post-event) for delivery of its regular recycling events for e-waste and household chemicals, there are limitations in the delivery of large-scale recycling events at Carlton Depot, due to it being small compared with Mortdale Depot.

Event results recently have noted increased demand for the recycling events coinciding with the expansion of the E-waste events to now include a range of items such as: Cardboard (flat packed), expanded polystyrene (EPS), hard plastics including old laundry baskets, buckets, plastic flowerpots, old plastic tupperware containers, plastic chairs and milk and bread crates (no commercial quantities). This expansion of the E-waste events may have contributed to the concerns raised at the most recent event at the smaller Carlton Depot.

Council staff will continue to monitor the success of the expanded recycling event offering, to capture non-e-waste materials.

The General Manager will prepare a report that considers event demand and site constraints with the intent of ensuring a sustainable, safe and successful range of recycling events are provide by Council for the community.

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 theme One of the Georges River Council Waste Strategy 2021-2040 which envisions:

To improve the community's experience of Council's waste services and foster pride in the local community through increased resource recovery rates and reduced occurrences of illegal dumping and littering.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/125226

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM051-24

Item: NM052-24 Increased Speed Enforcement Patrols**Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That the General Manager writes to the Commander, St George Police Area Command, to request:

- a) that increased speed enforcement patrols be implemented along Forest Rd, Lugarno.
- b) that data relating to speeding offences in this area is provided to the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee in General Business.

NM052-24

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*.

The key priorities for all traffic 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 by engaging with all stakeholders including residents, businesses, community groups and NSW Government agencies.

Georges River Council works closely with St George Police Area Command on a number of items pertaining to community safety.

St George Police Area Command are responsible for enforcing road rules relating to speed throughout the local government area.

On 11 December 2023, Council resolved to support the Community Safety Education Program (CSEP) in conjunction with St George Police Area Command targeting five key areas being Domestic and Family Violence, Fraud and online safety, Theft from retail stores, Malicious damage to property and Community Engagement. Council will now include other areas, such as speeding and pedestrian safety, into future CSEP's.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No budget implications for this Notice of Motion.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/127258

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Item: QWN013-24 Traffic Safety Improvements relating to the "B Streets" in Mortdale

Author: Councillor Jamieson

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

QWN013-24

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can the General Manager please provide an update on the following:

1. The status of funding from the Transport for NSW Blackspot Program relating to traffic safety improvements for the "B Streets" along Roberts Avenue, Mortdale.
2. The current progress of any traffic infrastructure concepts or designs associated with safety improvements for the "B Streets".
3. The proposed community consultation process that will be undertaken to ensure a holistic approach to safety improvements in this area is achieved.

OFFICER RESPONSE

1. The outcome of the approved nominations for the 2024/25 Federal Government Black Spot Funding Program has not been released. Final approval of the recommended nominations is required from the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development. An expected date for this approval has not yet been announced.
2. Council officers submitted a nomination for the 2024/25 Federal Government Black Spot Funding Program in September 2023 for proposed traffic facilities to improve the overall safety around the "B Streets" along Roberts Avenue in Mortdale.

This application was based on conceptual designs that included a roundabout at the intersection of Roberts Avenue and Beatty Street, as well as a raised pedestrian crossing on Roberts Avenue between Kendall Street and Barr Street, Mortdale. No further work on these concept designs will be undertaken until an outcome of the application is received.

Should the application for funding be successful, Council officers will commence community consultation and detailed design to finalise the proposed traffic facilities. During the detailed design stage, several factors will be considered to ensure the overall safety outcomes are achieved.

The finalised designs will be presented to a future Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration.

3. On 25 March 2024, Council resolved (NM027-24) to review the process for community consultation for traffic facility projects to promote community consultation at an earlier stage of the process and broader consultation for projects identified as highly sensitive. Should the application for the 2024/25 Federal Government Black Spot Funding Program be successful, this project will follow the updated community consultation process.

A Councillor Briefing on the updated process will occur before the end of the 2024 calendar year.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN014-24 Glenlee
Author: Councillor Mahoney
Directorate: Office of the General Manager
Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. Has the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Energy and Climate Change and Minister for Environment and Heritage responded to:
 - a. Council's letter to the Minister sent on 24 April 2024 as resolved in NM037-24 (letter published on Council's website)?
 - b. Council's letter to the Minister dated 13 September 2023, which requested NSW Government funding for the preparation of a business case for the purchase of Glenlee?
2. Are there any current NSW or Federal programs which could be utilised to allocate funding towards the purchase of Glenlee?

OFFICER RESPONSE

1. Council has not received a response from the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Energy and Climate Change and Minister for Environment and Heritage to Council's letter to the Minister sent on 24 April 2024 as resolved in NM037-24 or Council's letter dated 13 September 2023 relating to NM050-23.
2. There are no current NSW or Federal funding programs available for the purchase of Glenlee.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN015-24 **Mayoral Vehicle**

Author: Councillor Symington

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

- Q1. Could Council be provided with any documents as to when the order for the vehicle was put to the supplier and when was it delivered to the Council?
- Q2. Could Council be provided with a list of passenger vehicles, the type and make of vehicle, when each was purchased and what was the cost of each passenger vehicle?
- Q3. Could Council be provided with a list of the type of passenger vehicles that was provided to the previous two Mayors of Georges River Council. Please specify the date of purchase the type and make of vehicle, the cost of the purchase and when it was delivered to the Mayors and then when it was given back to the Council?
- Q4. Could Council provide information on whether the previous Mayors regularly paid for their private use of the any passenger vehicle that was provided to them. What was the total amount they paid for private use? If they used their own passenger vehicle, did they claim any expenses and if so, what was the total amount that was paid?
- Q5. What process would Council adopt if the incoming Mayor decides that they do not want to use this passenger vehicle? Would Council once again purchase a new vehicle for the incoming Mayor or would they be asked to select from the existing fleet?
- Q6. What is the total amount that was budgeted for passenger vehicles (in 2023/24) exclusive of the Plant and Vehicle Replacement Reserve? How much has been expended, so far, for the 2023/2024 year? What passenger vehicles were purchased? Please provide the type and make, the date it was purchased and the cost of purchase?
- Q7. I have carried out some research on the availability of Toyota Hybrid, passenger vehicles. I did find that there were a number of Toyota Hybrids in stock. For example: a 2024 Toyota - Hybrid Camry Accent is in stock at a drive away price of \$43,170.00. So was a 2024 Toyota Camry SL Hybrid in stock at a drive away price of \$56 813.00. There were also Hybrid 4wdrives in stock. Could the Director please provide information on why the decision was made to go to Volkswagen and who made the decision?
- Q8. Who are our registered and accredited Fleet suppliers that we regularly negotiate with? Is Volkswagen one of our registered and /or accredited Fleet Suppliers?
- Q9. Did the Council attempt any negotiations with other Fleet suppliers for a similar Vehicle, if so, who did they negotiate with and what were the results?
- Q10. What is the certified fuel consumption (of the purchased passenger vehicle) as specified by the supplier? How does this compare with one of the Toyota Hybrids that is listed as being in stock or any similar Hybrid?
- Q11. Please list the other passenger vehicles in the fleet that have been deemed to be similar. List the type and make, the cost of the vehicle and when it was purchased.
- Q12. With regards to the Camry identified in 2. Please advise when this passenger vehicle was purchased, what was the cost, when was it delivered to the Council and what are the kilometres that this vehicle has already travelled?
- Q13. What was the criteria that was used to declare that this vehicle as having reached its useful asset life?

Q14. What was the price of the standard Diesel, MY23 Volkswagen Tiguan R7 speed DSG? What were the extras that were chosen for this vehicle and what was the cost of such extras?

COUNCILLOR BACKGROUND

These questions are in relation to the responses that I received from the Director of Business and Corporate Services to questions that I previously asked at the 13 May Finance and Governance Committee Meeting in relation to the purchase of a \$77,000 Mayoral vehicle which was itemised in the Quarterly Budget Review. I thank the Director for her prompt response.

OFFICER RESPONSE

Q1 Response:

- Council officers placed an order for a Volkswagen Tiguan R 7 Speed DSG on 28 February 2024. The vehicle was delivered on 1 March 2024.

Q2 Response:

- Council's current "Passenger Vehicle Lists" is attached.

Q3 Response:

- Former Mayor, Nick Katris was provided with a Camry Ascent Sport. This vehicle was purchased for \$30,690 on 9 January 2019. The vehicle was delivered to the Mayor's office on 24 January 2022 and returned to Council at the end of September 2023, 74,000 KMs travelled. Former Mayor, Councillor Greene opted to not take up a Mayoral vehicle.

Q4 Response:

- The previous Mayor regularly paid for his private use of the Mayoral vehicle at the rate of \$0.78 (*Local Government State Award*). During the previous Mayoral term, a total of \$2,938.60 was deducted from the Mayor's allowance.

Q5 Response:

- Application of the 'Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy' occurs with any incoming Mayor. The Volkswagen Tiguan forms part of Council's passenger fleet and will be available for future mayoral use until the end of its useful life or other leaseback holder use if a future Mayor does not elect to use until the end of its useful life.

Q6 Response:

- The passenger vehicle budget for 2023/24 is \$1.3 million. Total expenditure to date is \$97,000, which includes:
 - Mayor's Car: Volkswagen Tiguan R, purchased March 2024 (\$69,118.44 ex GST and on-roads costs)
 - Pool Car: Corolla Ascent Hybrid, purchased November 2023 (\$32,873 ex GST and on-road costs).

Council is currently in the process of procuring a further twenty operational utility vehicles as end-of-life replacement with the make and model to be determined by availability.

Q7 Response:

- Availability of Toyota hybrid passenger vehicles purchased for fleet purposes under the State Government Pre-Registered Scheme is not consistent with vehicles that are available to individuals for purchase. This is largely due to the discounted pricing applicable under the pre-registered scheme and dealers giving priority to individuals due to higher margins achieved for vehicles as they become available. The current lead time

for Toyota hybrid vehicles for Georges River Council exceed 12 months across the range of vehicles available.

Q8 Response:

- Volkswagen are on a State Government Pre-Registered Scheme. Georges River Council has the option to utilise schemes or establish our own fleet of dealerships via the relevant procurement process. A variety of quote and accessing of schemes are currently applied for fleet purchases.

Q9 Response:

- Yes, quotations were sought for several vehicles of a similar type under the State Government Pre-registered including Tynan Motor Group and Volkswagen. These included:
 - Volkswagen Tiguan (In stock)
 - Hyundai Santa Fe Hybrid (In stock)
 - Toyota Rav 4 Hybrid (> 18-month lead time)
 - Kia Sorento Diesel (> 12-month lead time)

Q10 Response:

- Fuel Consumption (L/100km):
 - Volkswagen Tiguan– 7.1 - 8.1
 - Hyundai Santa Fe Hybrid – 5.9 – 6.2
 - Kia Sorento Diesel – 5.2 – 7.5

Q11 Response:

- See answer to question 9 and attachment 1.

Q12 Response:

- See answer to question 3.

Q13 Response:

- Council's standard policy is for replacement at 60,000 kms or 3 years.

Q14 Response:

- The standard price for the Volkswagen Tiguan is \$73,993.66 (including GST). Extras were included based on what was available and in stock. Council standard extras on all vehicles include window tint (\$450) and tow bar / roof bars (\$500). Specific extras to the vehicle purchased based on being in stock included panoramic roof (\$1,909) and metallic paint (\$1,000).

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Passenger Vehicle List as at 22 May 2024



QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

Item: QNN002-24 Questions asked at the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting - 13 May 2024

Author: Director Business and Corporate Services

Directorate: Business and Corporate Services

Matter Type: Questions with no Notice

QNN002-24

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Q1. Is the Mayoral replacement vehicle leased, if so how long for and cost per month?

Q2. What budget is this cost coming from?

Q3. What type of vehicle is it and what is its ecofriendly credentials e.g. hybrid or electric?

Q4. Is this vehicle a similar standard to other Council vehicles?

Q5. Who made the decision to replace the Camry Hybrid that was previously used by the Mayor?

COUNCILLOR BACKGROUND

FIN017-24 – Quarterly Budget Review for period ending 31 March 2024. Questions related to Table 10: Quarterly Contracts Awarded (greater than \$50,000) - Q24/020 Mayoral Replacement Vehicle

OFFICER RESPONSE

Q1 Response:

- The vehicle was purchased and is not under a lease. This is consistent with Council's passenger fleet asset funding.
- The vehicle purchase forms part of Council's passenger fleet and will be available for future mayoral use or other fleet use if a future Mayor does not elect to use.

Q2 Response:

- The passenger vehicle budget for 2023/24 is \$1.3 million. The expenditure was within this budget and is funded by the Plant and Vehicle Replacement Reserve.

Q3 Response:

- MY24 Volkswagon Tiguan R 7 speed DSG.
- Note – Equivalent hybrid vehicles at the time of purchase had an estimated delivery time exceeding 12 months. Council is currently seeking a range of alternative diesel vehicles to replace currently overdue passenger vehicles in the fleet. Make and model will vary and is dependent on availability.

Q 4 Response:

- The vehicle is similar to other Council passenger vehicle fleet.

Q 5 Response:

- The Mayor requested a passenger vehicle as per the 'Mayoral and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy', September 2022. Page 20 the Policy outlines the conditions surrounding the provision of the Mayoral Council Vehicle.

- The Camry Hybrid (PV00413) reached end of useful asset life and is being disposed of via auction which is standard practice for passenger vehicle asset management and disposal.
- The passenger vehicle was procured as per standard passenger light vehicle fleet processes, with the Team Leader – Fleet Operations making the requisition and the Manager City Operational Services approving the purchase order.

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.

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