

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 27 May 2024

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



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CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED SESSION)

CCL020A-24 Review of the Performance of the General Manager
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

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) (a) it is considered the matter deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

MAYORAL MINUTE

Item: MM012-24 Congratulations to Lugarno Lions Club on their 50th Anniversary

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

BACKGROUND

The Lions Club of Lugarno was formed in 1973 following a meeting attended by residents from the Lugarno area and Lions from the Lions Club of Hurstville. Following this meeting it was decided to sponsor a new Lions Club to be known as the Lions Club of Lugarno. The new Club was chartered on 15 May 1974 with 60 members, which, at the time, was an Australian record for a new Lions Club.

The Club still has two Charter members and one member who joined in the Charter Year. Hundreds of local citizens in the Lugarno, Peakhurst, Peakhurst Heights, Riverwood and Mortdale areas have passed through the Club as active members over the last 50 years.

The Club's most successful fundraiser was the St Vincent's Lion Heart Appeal in 1978/79 to support the late Dr Victor Chang and his world-famous heart transplant unit. The Club's efforts raised a net amount of \$504,000 which was donated to Dr Chang and his team.

Since 1974 and through the tireless work of Club members and the generosity of the local community, donations exceeding over two million dollars have been raised.

The Lugarno Lions Club are strong supporters of St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation and St George Hospital. They recently celebrated their 50th anniversary and presented St George Hospital with a cheque of \$30,000 at the Awards dinner.

MOTION:

That Council acknowledge and congratulate Lugarno Lions Club on their dedicated service to the community of Georges River of the last 50 years.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: MM013-24 Increasing Number of Yearly General Waste Pickups for Strata Apartments**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir**BACKGROUND**

Council provides up to two bulky waste collection services per calendar year to each rateable residential property within the Georges River Local Government Area. Each collection is for accepted items of 3 metres x 1 metre x 1 metre in size. Each property can make up to two bookings in a year or choose to utilise both entitlements in the one booking. This means, the service can be booked as 2 x 3 cubic metre collections to occur on two occasions throughout the year or 1 x 6 cubic metre collection to occur on one occasion throughout the year. These allocations are consistent across single unit dwellings (typically, homes and some villas/townhouses within individual bin services) and multi-unit dwellings (typically residential boarding houses, residential flat buildings and some villas/townhouses with shared bin services).

Multi-unit dwellings consisting of 6 or more units must contact their Strata or Body Corporate to organise a bulky waste collection service with Council, so as to:

- Ensure that only accepted items are presented by residents for collection.
- Have a dedicated onsite representative coordinate the presentation of waste in accordance with service requirements as notified to users of the service.
- Limit the risk that each unit books a clean-up in each week of the year, which could mean that bulky waste is presented at the multi-unit dwelling once a week for the duration of the year (at a development of more than 24 units).

There are some multi-unit dwellings that have been occupied for more than 10 years, and as a result, may not have adequate onsite storage space for 6 months' worth of bulky waste accumulated from residents, if option to use the equivalent of either one collection twice a year, or one collection once a year. Further, multi-unit dwellings may see high turnover of residents due to tenancy changes which may not coincide with the timing of the bulky waste collection service at a given property and/or limited understanding of the bulky waste collection service requirements from residents of culturally and linguistically diverse communities. This can result in increased prevalence of illegal dumping of waste outside multi-unit dwellings. When waste is illegally dumped on the kerbside of other public place near to multi-unit dwellings, or any public place within the Local Government Area, Council must at its cost investigate, collect and dispose of the illegally dumped waste.

Council's waste collection contract is commencing on Monday 30 September 2024, for a term of at least 12 years. In the event that Council requires changes to the current bulky waste collection service, any changes will be subject to a contract variation. Contract variations are subject to agreement between both Veolia and Council and legal review and may be delivered at additional cost to Council. Additional costs may be justified as any changes to the frequency of bulky waste collection services may require additional collection vehicles and staff in order to undertake additional collections at multi-unit dwellings. The costs of any potential change to the bulky waste collection service will be investigated and presented in a report prepared by the General Manager.

Council has an obligation to ensure that new developments within the Local Government Area are suitable to cater to the waste management needs of residents. Council can do this through clear and concise design obligations being specified in Council's Development Control Plans. A Development Control Plan (DCP) provides detailed guidelines for the design and assessment of proposed developments. A DCP supports the planning controls in the Local Environmental Plan. The Georges River Local Environmental Plan (GRLEP) 2021 was gazetted and came into

effect on 8 October 2021. The Georges River Development Control Plan (GRDCP) 2021 became effective concurrently in conjunction with the GRLEP 2021. The effective GRDCP 2021 includes in the GRDCP Appendices a chapter which outlines waste management controls within Appendix 4.

MOTION:

That the General Manager prepares a report focussing on the bulky waste collection service:

- Outlining provisions of the Development Control Plan that cater for future waste management needs and cater to the bulky waste collection service.
- Confirming mechanisms under the waste collection contract that cater to residents in multi-unit dwellings with bulky waste for collection.
- Investigating options to provide a new flexible bulky waste collection service in multi-unit developments with high turnover and/or significant volumes of bulky waste either via an amendment to the Waste Collection Contract or by providing the service internally.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: MM014-24 Congratulations to Council staff for the delivery of the Blackshaw Gould Community Pavilion**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir**BACKGROUND**

On May 2, Georges River Council officially opened the Blackshaw Gould Community Pavilion at Hurstville Oval, honouring local sports legends Les Blackshaw and Nell Gould. I and the Honorable Linda Burney has the pleasure of unveiling the plaque with Georges River Councillors and three generations of Blackshaw's family, including his daughter Sue Herron.

Nell Gould was a pioneering women's athlete and co-founded the St George District Women's Athletic Club. She coached at the 1954 Empire Games and 1956 Melbourne Olympics and received an Order of Australia Medal in 1987 for her contributions to sport and the community.

Les Blackshaw, known as 'the father of cricket', in St George, was Hurstville Mayor in 1911 and served as president of the St George District Cricket Club from 1930-46.

The \$4.33 million project is located on the south-eastern side of the oval, supported by \$1.175 million from the Australian Government under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, \$2.2 million from the NSW Government under the Stronger Communities Fund, and \$859,000 from Georges River Council.

The Blackshaw Gould Pavilion provides a new hireable facility for the community in the high-density area of Hurstville and is within walking distance to public transport options. The location of the facility meets one of the recommended actions of the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy - Community Centres, C1: Promote incorporation of community centres in mixed use buildings in high density areas.

Council would like to acknowledge the City Technical Services team for the project delivery, the Library Local Studies team for the place naming component and all Council officers involved with grant applications to seek funds for this project along with the acquittal process.

MOTION:

That Council congratulate and thank all staff involved in delivering the Blackshaw Gould community Pavilion for our Georges River Community to enjoy and use for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: MM015-24 Acknowledgement of the Great Service Provided to our Community by Superintendent Commander Rohan Cramsie

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

BACKGROUND

Superintendent Rohan Cramsie commenced his career with the NSW Police Force on 16 February 1995 as a Probationary Constable at Hurstville Local Area Command. He achieved the rank of Constable on 16 February 1996, advanced to Sergeant in 2004, and was promoted to Inspector on 2 November 2007. In 2018, he attained the rank of Superintendent.

Superintendent Cramsie has served in various locations, including Miranda, Griffith, Ashfield, Eastern Beaches, and Sydney City, before returning to St George Police Area Command in May 2022.

Superintendent Commander Cramsie has collaborated closely with Georges River Council to promote community safety and enhance cooperation during various local events. His dedication to fostering a sense of community is evident through his active participation and advocacy for community events and social engagement.

A loyal supporter of numerous causes, Mr Cramsie took a prominent role as a spokesperson at the NO to Domestic Violence Walk. His commitment to raising awareness about domestic violence and supporting victims has made a significant impact. Through his efforts, he has helped to bring attention to critical social issues and encouraged community members to come together in support of one another.

In addition to his advocacy work, Mr Cramsie has been instrumental in organising and promoting events that aim to strengthen community bonds and ensure the safety and well-being of all residents. His leadership and dedication to community service have earned him respect and recognition within the community.

Major achievements and service awards include:

2005 - NSW Police Medal

2010 - 1st Clasp to the NSW Police Medal

2011 – National Medal

2016 – 2nd Clasp to NSW Police Medal

2020 – National Police Service medal

2021 – 3rd Clasp to NSW Police Medal

2021 – 1st Clasp to National Medal

Superintendent Rohan Cramsie has served the community with unwavering dedication, working tirelessly to break down stigmas associated with the police force. Through his efforts, he has fostered trust and understanding between law enforcement and the public. His commitment to creating a safe environment for all residents in the LGA has been instrumental in enhancing community relations and ensuring a secure and supportive atmosphere for everyone.

MOTION:

That Council acknowledges and extends its gratitude to Superintendent Commander Rohan Cramsie for his outstanding service and contribution provided to the Georges River local government area over many years. We extend our best wishes for his continued success in all his future endeavours.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: MM016-24 St George Candlelight Vigil 2024**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir**BACKGROUND**

Despite the rain, a crowd of 110 gathered at Clive James Library and Service Centre on Wednesday 1 May 2024 to mark National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day.

The Vigil is an important event, allowing organisations and community members to come together to remember and honour victims of domestic and family violence, as well as raise awareness of the need to work together to end domestic and family violence.

Georges River Council delivers this annual event in partnership with the St George Domestic Violence Committee. The Committee provides sector support and information about current or emerging family and domestic violence 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.

At the Vigil, victim-survivor Aunty Barb Simms delivered the Welcome to Country, and I spoke alongside significant figures in the domestic and family violence space, including:

- Hon Jodie Harrison MP, Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Hon Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians
- Detective Inspector Mr Rodney Pistola, St George Crimes Manager and
- Dr Hannah Tonkin, Women's Safety Commissioner

Attendees had the opportunity to lay roses on pairs of shoes representing the women, children and men who have been killed so far this year, and victim-survivor Teresa Tomahu performed stirring renditions of You'll Never Walk Alone and Imagine as attendees reflected on the evening.

It is imperative that we firmly stand against all manifestations of domestic violence – against women, children and men. We must unite in our commitment to creating a community where violence against women, and violence in general, will not be tolerated.

MOTION:

That Council congratulates the St George Domestic Violence Committee and Council officers on the delivery of the St George Candlelight Vigil 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: MM017-24 Walking and Yarning on Country**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir**BACKGROUND**

On Saturday 25 May, Council along with Lugarno Lions, Aunty Barb Simms and Uncle Dean Kelly, held a Walking and Yarning on Country event along the Oatley Park foreshore.

It was a pleasure attending the event along with Councillors Peter Mahoney, Natalie Mort and Ashvini Ambhaipahar, learning firsthand about the knowledge passed down through family and elders for tens of thousands of years about the local landscape and native plants cared for by the Aboriginal community.

Walking on these ancient lands of the Bidjigal people and experiencing this yarn on the eve of National Sorry Day was timely for reflecting on how the community can play a part in the healing process for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Reconciliation Week is a time where we come together to reflect on our shared history, to acknowledge the injustices of the past, and to commit ourselves to a future of unity.

Aunty Barb is a survivor of the Stolen Generations and hearing about her experiences and the work that is currently being done to address the impact was a powerful reminder to us all that reconciliation is not merely a word, it is a journey towards understanding, respect and justice. I learnt a lot from Aunty Barb and Uncle Dean on Saturday and would encourage all community members to join any future Walk and Yarns on Council's events program.

I wanted to thank the Lugarno Lions for providing lunch and their ongoing work in the community, as well as Council staff who work to make these important events memorable.

This event is consistent with Council's Community Strategy Plan 2022-2032:

- 1.1 Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity.
- 1.1.1 Initiate, facilitate and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and connect people, communities and diverse groups.

MOTION:

(a) That Council thanks Aunty Barb Simms and Uncle Dean Kelly for sharing their knowledge and expertise of the Oatley Park foreshore, specifically the local landscape and native plants, with the community, to mark the eve of National Sorry Day and start National Reconciliation Week.

(b) That Council thank the Lugarno Lions for providing lunch and the Council staff who organised this educational and important walk and yarn on country.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: MM018-24 Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir**BACKGROUND**

On Friday, 9 May 2024 I attended a business breakfast together with fellow Councillors Lou Konjarski, Natalie Mort, Kathryn Landsberry, Christina Jamieson, Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Nancy Liu and Ben Wang at Club Central Hurstville to launch the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. The Premier, Chris Minns MP was guest speaker where he spoke of the hardship and difficulties our community are facing today and the tangible assistance the Red Shield Appeal provides.

2024 marks the 60th year of the Salvation Army's, annual Red Shield Appeal, which aims to raise money to deliver vital community programs and services. This significant milestone demonstrates their ongoing and longstanding commitment to the community.

The Salvation Army, an international Christian church and registered charity, is one of the largest providers of social welfare in the world. Programs include accommodation for homeless men, women, children, and families, drug rehabilitation centres, schools, hospitals and clinics, HIV/AIDS projects, anti-human trafficking advocacy, micro-credit schemes, training centres and day-care facilities. Support is also offered through nearly 15,000 local church and community centres.

Thanks to the generous support of Club Central for this event. The \$100 ticket price proceeds were donated to the Red Shield Appeal with funds raised supporting services to the disadvantaged and marginalised including victims of domestic violence, homelessness and drug dependency.

MOTION:

That Council thanks the Salvation Army for their tireless work in the community, specifically the 2024 Red Shield Appeal.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: MM019-24 Condolences to Chris Minns on the recent loss of his father**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir**BACKGROUND**

John Minns, the father of NSW Premier, Chris Minns passed away in St George Hospital on 1 May 2024, surrounded by his family.

John Minns was a former school teacher, principal and senior education administrator. Together with his wife Cara they were proud supporters of their son and his political career.

John was raised in Earlwood where he enjoyed playing on the banks of the Cooks River with his siblings. His parents encouraged the pursuit of knowledge and the sharing of ideas. The dinner table provided an opportunity for discussion and learning. John's school years were fruitful and he developed a passion for the dramatic arts. It was on joining a drama group that he met his future wife.

While he loved his acting John realised that he needed a more stable career and teaching fulfilled that need. John was a passionate teacher who often reflected on how fortunate he was to be paid for doing something he loved. He was also very successful in his career, moving through the ranks to Principal before finishing in administration where he provided mentorship and support.

John and Cara established their home in Penshurst in 1976 where they raised their three children, Sarah, Chris and James. A home filled with love of family and learning, as well as an acute understanding of those less fortunate. John gave practical example of this through his membership of and untiring volunteering for the local conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Very well read and always striving for knowledge, both John and Cara fostered the same in their children, at the same time encouraging them to be aware of the needs of others, particularly those doing it tough. The lessons were well learned and the community are the beneficiaries, with all three children being practical contributors to society.

Tonight, we recognise the valuable contribution John Minns made to our community and extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

MOTION:

That Council notes the passing of Mr John Minns and extends our deepest sympathies to his wife, Cara and family.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: MM020-24 Condolences on the passing of Tony Bleasdale, Mayor of Blacktown City Council**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir**BACKGROUND**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent passing of the Mayor of Blacktown City, Councillor Tony Bleasdale OAM. Cr Tony Bleasdale OAM served the Blacktown City community for over two decades, first as a Councillor from 1996 and later as Mayor, elected in 2019.

Cr Bleasdale was a passionate advocate for Blacktown City, a champion for Western Sydney, and a strong voice for its diverse population. He was instrumental in securing the \$2 billion Walker Corporation Blacktown Quarter project, a testament to his dedication to growth and investment in the region. Beyond his leadership, Councillor Bleasdale was known for his warm personality and commitment to serving the community.

Cr Bleasdale was awarded an Order of Australia in 2010 for his charity work and service to the Blacktown community.

Cr Bleasdale's dedication and passion will be deeply missed.

MOTION:

That Council write to Blacktown Council expressing our sympathies for the recent passing of Cr Tony Bleasdale, Mayor of Blacktown.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL (CLOSED SESSION)

Item: CCL020A-24 Review of the Performance of the General Manager

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

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) (a) it is considered the matter deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

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