

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 24 March 2025

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

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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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Nil

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: CCL015-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

CCL015-25

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2025, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2025



MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 24 February 2025

7:00 PM

**Dragon Room
Civic Centre
Hurstville**

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Oliver Dimoski, Councillor Thomas Gao, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Leon Pun, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Ben Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Team Leader Technology Business Support – Mark Tadros and Technology Services Officer – Brendan Thorpe.

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 7:06pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

PRAYER

Pastor Bijaya from St George Hurstville Anglican Church offered a prayer to the meeting.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Arthur

That Council accepts the request for Councillor Pun to attend the Meeting via audio visual link.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, 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 Borg advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Liu disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **NM005-25 Congratulations to the St George Swim Club and the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club**, for the reason that she is a current committee member of the St George Swim Club. Councillor Liu will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Councillor Mort disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL012-25 Application Pursuant of Councillor Discretionary Ward Fund Policy**, December 2024, for the reason that she is a former member of North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club. Councillor Mort will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Paul Dunstan (In person)	NM001-25	Collaborating with St George PAC for a safer and secure Hurstville
2	Vivienne Chan (In person)	NM001-25	Collaborating with St George PAC for a safer and secure Hurstville
3	Matthew Chu (In person)	NM001-25	Collaborating with St George PAC for a safer and secure Hurstville
4	David Ferrier (In person)	AS005-25	Oatley Park Baths Amenities Building Upgrades
5	Matthew Montgomery (In person)	CCL005-25/ ENV002-25	Adoption of Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan
6	David Caracoglia (Written	CCL005-25/ ENV002-25	Adoption of Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan

	Submission)		
7	Lachlan Vane-Tempest (Written Submission)	NM005-25	Congratulations to the St George Swim Club and the San Souci Sea Devils Swimming Club
8	Adrian Polhill (Withdrawn)	NM002-25 NM003-25 CCL005-25	Georges River Council's Waste Management Strategy 2021-2040 Community Support for Pocket Forest 22 Feb 8:12pm Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 10 February 2025 22 Feb 8:10pm
9	Jenny Huang (In person)	NM002-25	Georges River Council's Waste Management Strategy 2021-2040
10	Kim Wagstaff (In person)	NM002-25	Georges River Council's Waste Management Strategy 2021-2040
11	Charlotte Mullins (In person)	NM003-25	Community Support for Pocket Forests
12	Robyn Stahel (In person)	NM003-25	Community Support for Pocket Forests
13	Kerrie Bible (In person)	CCL005-25/ ENV002-25	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 10 February 2025 - Adoption of Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan
14	Tom Mort (In person)	CCL010-25	Reconstruction of aquatic facility at Carss Park
15	Ana Trajkovski (In person)	QWN002-25	Development Application Assessment Times
16	Alan Fung (In person)	NM004-25	Accelerated Streetlight Replacement Program
17	Deborah Rosner (In person)	NM007-25	Lack of street lighting along Railway Parade

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 07:47pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 07:52pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun joined the meeting online at 7.52pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Allison left the Chambers at 07:57pm.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Allison returned to the Chambers at 08:00pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL002-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 December 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 December 2024, be adopted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur returned to the Chambers at 08:04pm

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM001-25 Congratulations to Georges River Locals Hayden Matthews and Sam Konstas

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council:

- (a) Formally congratulates Sam Konstas and Hayden Matthews on their outstanding sporting achievements and their selection to represent Australia in international cricket and football respectively.
- (b) Acknowledges the significant contributions of local sporting clubs, coaches, and families in nurturing and developing these exceptional athletes.
- (c) Recognises that their success highlights the importance of Council's continued maintenance of high-quality sporting facilities across our region.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney,

Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

MM002-25 Congratulations to Council Officers for the Summer Events Program
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council:

- (a) Congratulates all Council staff involved in the delivery of the Summer Events Program over the period of December 2024 to February 2025
- (b) Thanks its partners and sponsors for their contribution and support of these events.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

MM003-25 Introducing the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy Stage 2
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council call for a report detailing the implications of the Stage 2 Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy when the detail is released this week, as a matter of priority.
- (b) That the report provide commentary in relation to the endeavours Council is currently pursuing to meets our State mandated dwelling targets.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

Note: The Mayor tabled two Legislative Assembly Hansard Commemorations received from the Premier, Chris Minns MP. The first commemorating Georges River Council's 2024 Lunar New Year Festival held in the Year of Dragon on Saturday, 3 February 2024 and the second to Hurstville Museum and Gallery for displaying the St George community's rich artistic heritage through the exhibition "Hidden Treasures".

CONDOLENCES

- The Mayor, Councillor Borg offered her condolences on the passing of long term Beverley Park resident, Rose Budge at the age of 95.

For those who frequent the lap around Beverley Park Golf Course, Rose was a familiar and friendly face, often seen sitting on her front balcony along Ferry Avenue, watching the world go by.

What many may not know is the significant role Rose played in preserving the open and accessible feel of the golf course. During a past campaign to install a security fence around the course, it was Rose who recalled that a previous attempt had been rejected because the existing log fence was located on the road reserve. Thanks to Rose sharing this crucial piece of local history, a surveyor's statement was secured to confirm this fact—making it much harder for the development application to proceed.

Rose's contribution ensured that the community could continue enjoying the open space as it always had.

Our condolences to Rose's family. May Rose rest in peace. Her memory and quiet impact on our community will not be forgotten.

- Councillor Mahoney extended his condolences on the passing of Douglas Frederick Wickens.

Doug (or Douglas Frederick) Wickens was a long-term Oatley resident who sadly passed away on 8 January 2025 aged 103 at Ferndale Gardens in Mortdale.

Doug devoted much of his life to Australia and to the local community.

He served in the Navy from 1938 until 1944 during World War 11, and was stationed in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans and in convoys to Russia. One of Doug's postings was to HMAS Nestor, which was put out of action by enemy fire in the Mediterranean in 1942.

Doug joined Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society (OFF) in 1995 and became a dedicated member of the Sutherland Shire Woodworking Club in 2003, where he made toys for charity and for children in hospital.

To quote from Mark Coure, MP in Parliament on the occasion of Doug's 100th birthday, Doug was "an inspiring man with a youthful heart who is full of humour, compassion and wisdom".

Councillor Mahoney attended Doug's funeral on 23 January along with several other Oatley Flora and Fauna members.

Council's condolences go to his wife of 79 years, Betty, children Colin and Rhonda, and their families.

- Councillor Liu extended her condolences on the passing of John Aitken at the age of 72 on Sunday, 16 February 2025. John and his wife's residence falls in Kingsgrove within the Georges River Council LGA, and I believe this is a fitting way to honour his memory.

John was a founding member of St. George Swim Club, where Councillor Liu currently serves on the committee. The club was formed through the merger of Hurstville Aquatic Swim Club, Breakers Swim Club (Roselands), and the historic Rockdale Swim Club, which dates back to 1895.

John's daughter and grandson were both club members. He had a lifelong association with Bexley Pool and remained a dedicated presence in our community. To recognise his legacy, the club is considering establishing an award for service, open to parents and swimmers who continue to support the club even after their competitive years.

John was incredibly special to St. George Swim Club he taught me so much and helped everyone in countless ways. Despite his long battle with illness, it was inspiring to see him continue showing up at the pool whenever he could.

Beyond our local St. George area, John contributed immensely to the broader South East region (MetSEA), serving as both a development officer and a referee. His impact on the sport of swimming in NSW cannot be overstated. Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

John's passing also brings to mind Judith Arnold, and I am sure Clr. Mort knew them both well.

John will be deeply missed by the NSW swimming community, and especially by everyone at St. George Swim Club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL003-25 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 10 February 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS003-25 to ASS005-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS003-25 WATER SPLASH/PLAY PAD IN THE GEORGES RIVER LGA
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

That the report identifying suitable locations for a future Water Splash/Play Pad in the Georges River local government area is received and noted.

ASS004-25 VERGE MAINTENANCE SEAFORTH AVENUE OFF GUNGAH BAY ROAD OATLEY
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

- (a) That Council note that on 22 January 2025, one-time maintenance was undertaken on the verge of Seaforth Avenue and Gungah Bay Road, Oatley.
- (b) That Council officers contact the resident of 12 Gungah Bay Road and support them to connect with any appropriate community services that provide assistance in maintaining verge/nature strips.

ASS005-25 OATLEY PARK BATHS AMENITIES BUILDING UPGRADES

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

- (a) That the report outlining the design options and costings for the Oatley Baths Amenities Building Upgrades is received and noted.
- (b) That a future budget bid for the detailed design of the Oatley Park Baths Promenade, Seawall, Wharf, Swimming Area and Amenities Building, known as the Oatley Park Baths Precinct, be included in the 2026-2027 Capital Works Program.

CCL004-25 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 10 February 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM002-25 to COM003-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

COM002-25 QUARTERLY COMMUNITY PROPERTY REPORT - 1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period of October 2024 to 31 December 2024.

COM003-25 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STRATEGY FOR ADOPTION

(Report by Community Capacity Building Officer - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Portfolio)

- (a) That Council adopt the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy (Attachment 1), noting changes made following exhibition of the Draft Strategy.
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the Strategy, if required.

CCL005-25 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 10 February 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV004-25 and ENV006-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ENV004-25 HERITAGE BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25

(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council endorse the Heritage Building Grants Program 2024/25 and offers be made to successful applicants as outlined in Attachment 2 of this report – 'Summary Table of Submissions and Recommendations for Heritage Grant Funding 2024/25'.
- (b) That the successful applicants be given until 1 December 2025 to complete the works and lodge their requests for reimbursements.

ENV006-25 OUTCOMES OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION - PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR 84D ROBERTS AVENUE, MORTDALE

(Report by Strategic Planner/Information Management)

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal PP2024/0003 for 84D Roberts Avenue, Mortdale.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendment to Clause 5 (2) under Schedule 1 of the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* as exhibited to introduce "medical centre" as an additional permitted use at 84D Roberts Avenue, Mortdale.
- (c) That Council forward the Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation in accordance with Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (d) That Council endorse the General Manager to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, if required, in the finalisation of the draft plans.
- (e) That all persons who made a submission during the public exhibition be advised of Council's decision.

ENV002-25 ADOPTION OF DONNELLY PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT AND MASTER PLAN

(Report by Strategic Planner/Information Management)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council adopts the Donnelly Park Plan of Management (Attachment 1) and Master Plan (Attachment 2) in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Act 1993 and section 3.23(6) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, subject to the following amendments:
 - i. Remove the path along the park's northern and western boundaries.
 - ii. That tree planting along the northern and western boundaries of the park (action item 21) be removed, due to the presence of large infrastructure pipes from Sydney Water and Council's stormwater pipes and the open stormwater culvert along the northern boundary.
 - iii. That tree planting in other parts of Donnelly Park be increased so that tree canopy cover is greater than that shown on the Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan.
- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the adopted Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) – NSW Crown Lands for information.
- (e) That the Donnelly Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ENV003-25 ENDORSEMENT OF UPDATED BEVERLY HILLS MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council endorse the finalisation of a draft Master Plan for the Beverly Hills Local Centre with the amendments in response to flooding and gas pipeline risks as detailed in **Table 1** of this Report.
- (b) That the amended Master Plan and accompanying Public Domain Plan, Transport

and Parking Study, Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline Hazard Analysis, and Flood Impact Risk Assessment be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 60 days in accordance with the community engagement plan outlined in the report.

- (c) That Council endorse the community engagement program outlined in this Report for Public Exhibition of the draft amended Master Plan.
- (d) That a further report be prepared and submitted to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period to allow consideration of any submissions received and any resulting amendments to the Master Plan.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ENV005-25 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING Q1/Q2 METRICS REPORT (Report by Manager Development and Building)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Development and Building Section Functions and Services Metrics Report for the period July to December 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL006-25 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 10 February 2025 (Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN002-25 to FIN005-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

FIN002-25 CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPENDITURE FOR NEW ASSETS BY WARD FOR THE PERIOD 2016-2024 FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS OVER \$500,000

(Report by Senior Business Performance Accountant)

That the report outlining the Capital Projects Expenditure for New Assets by Ward for the Period 2016-2024 for Capital Projects over \$500,000 is received and noted.

FIN003-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 30 November 2024 be received and noted by Council.

FIN004-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

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

FIN005-25 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 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 December 2024.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2024/25 Budget as outlined in the attachments.
- (c) That Council note in order to achieve the employee cost budget, a change in budget strategy will occur across Directorates, in lieu of a natural vacancy assumption.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

CCL008-25 Mandatory Reporting to Council - Fire and Rescue NSW Inspection/Defect Report - Multiple Premises

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the information be received and noted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL009-25 Council Related Development Application Policy
(Report by Business Improvement Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council adopt the Council Related Development Application Policy as attached to this report.
- (b) That the Notification Plan in Part C of the Community Engagement Strategy be updated to reflect Section 2.3 of the draft Council Related Development Application Policy.
- (c) That the Code of Conduct be updated to reflect the conflict-of-interest management framework within the draft Council Related Development Application Policy.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry

That item **CCL010-25 Reconstruction of new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park - Status on November 2024 Council Resolutions** be moved to the end of the agenda to be considered in the Confidential Session of the meeting.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was nine (9) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

CCL011-25 Report of Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 31 December 2024)
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That the report be received and noted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor

Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL012-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - December 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

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

- CWF 6/24-25 – Application submitted by Councillor Mort on behalf of **Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney** in the amount of \$2,000.
- CWF7/24-25 – **Unsuccessful Application** submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of **Australia Chinese New Society Arts** in the amount of \$1,000.
- CWF8/24-25 - Application submitted by Councillor Mort on behalf of **North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club** in the amount of \$1,000.
- CWF9/24-25 – Application submitted by Councillor Anzellotti on behalf of **Oatley Rugby Club** in the amount of \$2,000.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL013-25 Tabling of Disclosure of Interests Returns of Councillors and Designated Persons

(Report by Senior Access to Information Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That Council receives and notes the Tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL014-25 Council Submission - Revised Model Code of Meeting Practice
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Allison

That Council's draft submission on the revised Model Code of Meeting Practice be received and noted and submitted to the Minister for Local Government for consideration.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney left the Chambers at 08:56pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney returned to the Chambers at 08:58pm

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM001-25 Collaborating with St George PAC for a Safer and Secure Hurstville CBD
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Wang

- (a) That Council collaborate with the St George Police Area Command (PAC) to implement a series of measures aimed at addressing the current blessing scam targeting older Chinese women.
- (b) That Council develop a Community Awareness Campaign focused on neighbourhood respect and safe driving practices; this should include but not be limited to:
 - Promotion of how to report excessive noise from motor vehicles via Councils communication channels.
- (c) That the General Manager writes to the St George Police Area Command, to request support of increased police patrols and presence in relation to noise pollution, allegedly caused by reckless motorbike riders within the Georges River Council local government area and particularly in the following areas;
 - Queens Road crossing Forest Road between traffic crossing at Gloucester Road and Park Road; and
 - Carrington Avenue and Gloucester Road car park.
- (d) That Council invite the St George Police Area Command to a Councillor workshop to inform Councillors about crime trends and ongoing efforts to enhance community safety.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor

Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu left the Chambers at 09:02pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 09:03pm

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu returned to the Chambers at 09:04pm

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun left the Meeting at 09:05pm

NM002-25 Georges River Council's Waste Management Strategy 2021-2040
(Report by Councillor Wang)

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Mort

That Council:

- (a) Enhance the effectiveness of the Waste Management Strategy 2021-2040.
- (b) Actively promotes and facilitates the implementation of the NSW EPA Bin Trim Program among local businesses and collaborate with ECCNSW to promote Bin Trim Program within CALD communities.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, 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.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao left the Chambers at 09:05pm

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

NM003-25 Community Support for Pocket Forests
(Report by Councillor Wang)

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That Georges River Council:

- (a) Confirm the consideration of Black Forest Reserve, Beverly Hills as a new Bushcare site within the Hurstville Ward.
- (b) Acknowledge community support for the establishment of "pocket forests" and the environmental benefits they provide in enhancing biodiversity and green space within urban areas.
- (c) Consider integrating pocket parks, such as Timothy Reserve, into the Bushcare program through the development of a 'Parkcare' program.
- (d) Include an operational budget bid for the management of a 'Parkcare' program.

(e) Appropriately manage parkland within Timothy Reserve and Hurstville Oval.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, 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.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Anzellotti left the Chambers at 09:14pm

NM004-25 Accelerated Streetlight Replacement Program (Report by Councillor Wang)

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That the General Manager provides a comprehensive report on the LED Streetlight Replacement Program's effectiveness and identify opportunities for further improvement in energy efficiency across all Council-managed facilities. The report is to consider the following aspects:

- (a) Program Status: Provide an update on the current status of the LED streetlight replacement program, including:
 - i. The number of streetlights replaced to date;
 - ii. The percentage of the total replacement target achieved; and
 - iii. The projected timeline for completing the remaining replacements.
- (b) Financial Analysis: Provide an update on the financial implications of the LED streetlight replacement program, specifically detailing:
 - i. The initial capital expenditure for the program.
 - ii. The annual energy cost savings realized since implementation.
 - iii. The impact on maintenance costs following the installation of LED fixtures.
 - iv. The calculated return on investment and the payback period for the program.
- (c) Expansion to Non-Streetlight Fixtures: Provide an assessment of whether Council has considered extending LED replacements to other Council-managed lighting fixtures (e.g., in parks, public buildings, and recreational facilities). If so, include:
 - i. An inventory of non-streetlight fixtures currently in use.
 - ii. The current energy consumption and maintenance costs associated with these fixtures.
 - iii. The potential energy and cost savings achievable by transitioning these fixtures to LED alternatives.
- (d) Financial Sustainability: Outline the funding opportunities and financial models explored to support the expansion of LED lighting, addressing:
 - i. The availability of grants or subsidies from State or Federal government programs.
 - ii. Consideration of partnerships with private entities or energy providers.
 - iii. An evaluation of positive cash flow scenarios reported from the outset of LED

light replacements.

- (e) Community Engagement and Transparency: Detail how the Council plans to publicise and promote its achievements in improving energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, ensuring transparency and active community engagement.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, 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.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Anzellotti returned to the Chambers at 09:15pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ambihaipahar left the Chambers at 09:16pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ambihaipahar returned to the Chambers at 09:16pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski left the Chambers at 09:17pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur left the Chambers at 09:17pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski returned to the Chambers at 09:17pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang left the Chambers at 09:17pm

NM005-25 Congratulations to the St George Swim Club and the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club (Report by Councillor Mort)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Georges River Council extends its congratulations to the committee, coaches, and volunteers of the St George Swim Club and the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club for their commendable effort in organising the following highly successful swim events;
- i. St George Swim Club 2025 Australia Day Meet
 - ii. San Souci Sea Devils Summer Carnival on the 14 - 15 February
- (b) That the Mayor writes to express these congratulations formally through a letter to both swim clubs.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur returned to the Chambers at 09:18pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang returned to the Chambers at 09:19pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun returned to the Meeting at 09:22pm

NM006-25 Enforcement of Trailer Parking Regulations and Addressing Resident Concerns

(Report by Councillor Anzellotti)

RESOLVED: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Mahoney

That the General Manager provide a report on the enforcement process implemented by Council Rangers in regard to trailer parking. The report is to include as a minimum, information on the following:

- (a) Clarifies legislation: Provide a comprehensive explanation of the current legislation in place to ensure that trailers, including boat trailers, are not parked on public streets for longer than the 28-day legislated limit.
- (b) Outlines current procedures: Outline the methods and systems employed by Council to monitor and enforce compliance with the 28-day parking restriction for trailers, including boat trailers, on public streets. Particular reference is to be made to the impacts of this issue near school drop-off and pick-up zones, where trailers impede accessibility and pose hazards when entering and exiting residential streets.
- (c) Addresses resident concerns: Acknowledge and quantify by reference to request data the growing frustration among residents within the LGA regarding the lack of available street parking for vehicles, exacerbated by the presence of trailers, including boat trailers, parked in public spaces.
- (d) Makes plans for improvement: Provide information on Council's plans to address these concerns, improve parking availability, and ensure that public streets are accessible and safe for all members of the community.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM007-25 Lack of Street Lighting along Railway Parade

(Report by Councillor Gao)

RESOLVED: Councillor Gao, Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That Council note significant concern from residents on a lack of street lighting along Railway Parade, especially at the intersection with English Street and that further developments in the area will only increase the need for improved lighting.
- (b) That Council allocate funding in the 2025-26 financial year for a streetlight upgrade program along Railway Parade, especially at the intersection of Railway Parade & English Street.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney,

Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM008-25 Lack of Open Green Space in the Kogarah Town Centre
(Report by Councillor Gao)

RESOLVED: Councillor Gao, Councillor Arthur

That Council:

- (a) Note a lack of open green space in the Kogarah town centre.
- (b) Begin a feasibility study for use of Section 7.11 Developer Contributions to buy back land in the Kogarah town centre for open, green space.
- (c) Consider the outcome of this feasibility study in the formulation of the Kogarah town centre masterplan.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM009-25 Investigate the installation of a bus shelter on the corner of Gold and Castle Streets Blakehurst
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

Further to Council's audit of bus stops/shelters in September 2023, that Council investigates the installation of a bus shelter on the corner of Gold and Castle Streets Blakehurst.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM010-25 Playground Equipment and Facilities at Stuart Park Blakehurst
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council investigates an upgrade and/or renewal of the current playground

equipment and facilities at Stuart Park Blakehurst for inclusion in a future Capital Works Program.

- (b) Council reviews the current landscaping to provide improved site lines into the park to support community safety.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN001-25 Housing Delivery Authority
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN002-25 Development Application Assessment Times
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN003-25 Follow up on NM033-24 Sponsorship - Netstrata
(Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN004-25 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Registration of Interest for a Subdivision at 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry

At this stage of the meeting being 9:43pm the Mayor advised that the meeting would move into a Committee of the Whole to allow consideration of a matter in 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 and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session will be withheld.

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

CCL010-25 Reconstruction of new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park - Status on

November 2024 Council Resolutions

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) concerns commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the position of a person who supplied it.

The Mayor asked the General Manager if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in closed session.

The General Manager replied that no representations had been received to the item in closed session.

The Mayor asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons Council proposes to consider the items in Closed Session.

There were none.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was nine (9) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CCL010-25 Reconstruction of new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park - Status on November 2024 Council Resolutions (Report by Director Business and Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council receives and notes the progress made on the November 2024 resolutions.
- (b) That the General Manager (GM) provide the community feedback to the Office of Sport, specifically highlighting the strong sentiment for the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.
- (c) That the General Manager and General Counsel to collaborate with the Office of Sport to enhance and safeguard Council's position in the draft Project Agreement, focusing on the following key areas:
 - i. Financial Assurance
 - ii. Project Governance Structure
 - iii. Indemnity and Liability
 - iv. Project Scope
- (d) That General Manager write to the Office of Sport and encourage to pursue federal funding to support the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.

- (e) That the General Manager seek federal funding to assist in the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.
- (f) That the General Manager seek further guidance from OLG on managing compliance with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Gao

- (a) That Council receives and notes the progress made on the November 2024 resolutions.
- (b) That the General Manager provide the community feedback to the Office of Sport, specifically highlighting the strong sentiment for the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.
- (c) That Council adopt a staged approach to the project with Stage 1 to include, but not be limited to the outdoor 50m pool and Stage 2 to include, but not be limited to, an indoor heated learn to swim facility.
- (d) That Council direct the General Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and Project Agreement proposed by the Office of Sport to enable the State Government to proceed with the delivery of Stage 1 of the project.
- (e) That the General Manager seek Federal funding for Stage 2 of the project
- (f) That the General Manager seek further guidance from OLG on managing compliance with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: Councillor Ambinapahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

Against the Amendment: Mayor Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was six (6) votes FOR and nine (9) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council receives and notes the progress made on the November 2024 resolutions.
- (b) That the General Manager (GM) provide the community feedback to the Office of Sport, specifically highlighting the strong sentiment for the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.
- (c) That the General Manager and General Counsel to collaborate with the Office of Sport to enhance and safeguard Council's position in the draft Project Agreement, focusing on the following key areas:
 - i. Financial Assurance
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- (d) That General Manager write to the Office of Sport and encourage to pursue federal funding to support the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.
- (e) That the General Manager seek federal funding to assist in the inclusion of an indoor

heated learn to swim facility.

- (f) That the General Manager seek further guidance from OLG on managing compliance with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was nine (9) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry

That the meeting revert to Open Session time being 10:45pm.

OPEN SESSION CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

That the Committee of the Whole recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to CCL010-25 to **Reconstruction of new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park - Status on November 2024 Council Resolutions** be received and noted as a resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, 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 10:47pm.

Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: CCL016-25 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 10 March 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL016-25

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN007-25 to FIN008-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items FIN007-25 to FIN008-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 10 March 2025.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN007-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Pun

That the Investment Report as at 31 January 2025 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

FIN008-25 MOBILE PHONE BLACKSPOTS
(Report by Strategic Property Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mahoney

That the Council receive and note the contents of this report and acknowledges that Council may, where landowner's consent is required, withhold landowner's consent to the installation of any telecommunications facilities within the Local Government Area, such as Oatley Park and Lime Kiln Bay Wetlands.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

FILE REFERENCE

D25/72897

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 10
March 2025



CCL016-25

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 10 March 2025

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

**Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville**



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Leon Pun, Councillor Peter Mahoney, and Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Head of Strategic Property – Bernie Morabito, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Acting Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services - Ally Chand(Minutes), Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott, Team Leader Technology Business Support – Mark Tadros

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6.01pm.

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.

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 Jamieson advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN006-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Mahoney

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN007-25 Investment Report as at 31 January 2025

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Pun

That the Investment Report as at 31 January 2025 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

FIN008-25 Mobile Phone Blackspots

(Report by Strategic Property Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mahoney

That the Council receive and note the contents of this report and acknowledges that Council may, where landowner's consent is required, withhold landowner's consent to the installation of any telecommunications facilities within the Local Government Area, such as Oatley Park and Lime Kiln Bay Wetlands.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.11pm.

Chairperson

Item: CCL017-25 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 10 March 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL017-25

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS010-25 to ASS013-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items ASS010-25 to ASS013-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 10 March 2025.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ASS010-25 DRAFT GRAFFITI AND POSTERS POLICY 2025
(Report by Manager City Operational Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

- a) That Council endorses the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025.
- b) That Council places the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for community consultation.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS011-25 DOUGLAS CROSS GARDENS OATLEY - REPURPOSING OF FOUNTAIN AREA
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Gao

- (a) Council receive and note the options for repurposing the Douglas Cross Gardens Fountain, including cost and feasibility as outlined in this report.
- (b) Council considers an Operational Budget increase for the 25/26 financial year of \$4,900 to deliver option C, converting the upper fountain pond for additional planting and to install new planting and dry creek in lower pond, as well as an ongoing Operational Budget increase of \$1,000 to support the sites ongoing maintenance.
- (c) Council officers monitor the existing bicycle parking arrangements at Oatley Station to determine if additional parking infrastructure is required in the future.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS013-25 HURSTVILLE SCHOOL PRECINCT TRAFFIC STUDY OUTCOMES
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Wang, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council receive and note the outcomes of the Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study.
- (b) That as required, future reports be provided to the Local Traffic Advisory Committee to progress recommendations contained in this study.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

FILE REFERENCE

D25/72898

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#) 1 Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 10 March 2025



MINUTES

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, 10 March 2025

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

**Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville**



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar (Chairperson), Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos and Councillor Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Manager Strategic Placemaking – Hayley Barnes, EA to the Director, Assets and infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath (minutes) Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos and Mark Tadros – Technical Support.

OPENING

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Ambihaipahar 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

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CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ASS007-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS008-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2024

(Report by Executive Assistant to the Director Assets and Infrastructure)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Pun

That the Minutes of the Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS009-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2025

(Report by Executive Assistant to Mayor and Manager, Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Wang, Councillor Liu

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASS010-25 Draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025

(Report by Manager City Operational Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

- a) That Council endorses the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025.
- b) That Council places the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for community consultation.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS011-25 Douglas Cross Gardens Oatley - Repurposing of Fountain Area (Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Gao

- (a) Council receive and note the options for repurposing the Douglas Cross Gardens Fountain, including cost and feasibility as outlined in this report.
- (b) Council considers an Operational Budget increase for the 25/26 financial year of \$4,900 to deliver option C, converting the upper fountain pond for additional planting and to install new planting and dry creek in lower pond, as well as an ongoing Operational Budget increase of \$1,000 to support the sites ongoing maintenance.
- (c) Council officers monitor the existing bicycle parking arrangements at Oatley Station to determine if additional parking infrastructure is required in the future.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS013-25 Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study Outcomes (Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Wang, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council receive and note the outcomes of the Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study.
- (b) That as required, future reports be provided to the Local Traffic Advisory Committee to progress recommendations contained in this study.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, 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 7.20pm

Chairperson

UNCONFIRMED

Item: **CCL018-25 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 10 March 2025**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL018-25

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM005-25 to COM009-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items COM005-25 to COM009-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 10 March 2025.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

COM005-25 OPTIMISING COMMUNITY USE AND ACCESS TO COUNCIL'S PREMIUM FACILITIES
(Report by Manager City Life)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

- (a) That Council receive and note the plan for optimising community access to Council's Premium Facilities.
- (b) That Council note short-term actions underway including the review of Council's fees and charges and the centralisation of all sports fields and facilities into Council's new online booking system.
- (c) That the draft Georges River Council Grants and Donations Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (d) That the draft Georges River Council Sports Grounds Access Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (e) That a further report be submitted to Council on the feedback received during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes for both policies prior to adoption.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COM006-25 ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY 2024
(Report by Community and Engagement Lead)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

That Council adopt the updated Community Engagement Policy 2024 attached to this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COM007-25 HURSTVILLE WEEKLY NIGHT MARKET PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY

(Report by Executive Manager City Futures)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Wang, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council receives the outcome of the preliminary feasibility study on establishing weekly night markets in Hurstville.
- (b) That Council does not support weekly night markets in Hurstville Plaza.
- (c) That Council's Economic Development team will continue to assess the feasibility of night markets in Hurstville, and report back to Council in November 2025 with the findings.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COM008-25 MINUTES OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 13 FEBRUARY 2025

(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Community and Culture)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2025 be submitted to the Community and Culture Committee for consideration and to be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COM009-25 AUTISM COMMUNITY NETWORK GALA DINNER - OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP

(Report by Sponsorship Specialist)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$7,500 to become a Silver Sponsor of the Autism Community Network Gala Dinner, to be held on Friday 16 May 2025.

Record of Voting


For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FILE REFERENCE

D25/74642

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 10 March 2025

MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 10 March 2025

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

**Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville**



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Landsberry, (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang and the Mayor, Councillor Borg.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Acting General Counsel – Stephen Lasker, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Manager Premium Facilities – Luke Coleman, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Technology Business Support Officer – Brendan Thorpe, and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture – Billie Johnson (Minutes).

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry, opened the meeting at 6.01pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry 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.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM004-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM005-25 Optimising Community Use and Access to Council's Premium Facilities

(Report by Manager City Life)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

- (a) That Council receive and note the plan for optimising community access to Council's Premium Facilities.
- (b) That Council note short-term actions underway including the review of Council's fees and charges and the centralisation of all sports fields and facilities into Council's new online booking system.
- (c) That the draft Georges River Council Grants and Donations Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (d) That the draft Georges River Council Sports Grounds Access Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (e) That a further report be submitted to Council on the feedback received during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes for both policies prior to adoption.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COM006-25 Adoption of the Community Engagement Policy 2024

(Report by Community and Engagement Lead)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

That Council adopt the updated Community Engagement Policy 2024 attached to this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COM007-25 Hurstville Weekly Night Market Preliminary Feasibility

(Report by Executive Manager City Futures)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Wang, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council receives the outcome of the preliminary feasibility study on establishing weekly night markets in Hurstville.
- (b) That Council does not support weekly night markets in Hurstville Plaza.
- (c) That Council's Economic Development team will continue to assess the feasibility of night markets in Hurstville, and report back to Council in November 2025 with the findings.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COM008-25 Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held 13 February 2025

(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Community and Culture)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2025 be submitted to the Community and Culture Committee for consideration and to be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COM009-25 Autism Community Network Gala Dinner - Outgoing Sponsorship

(Report by Sponsorship Specialist)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$7,500 to become a Silver Sponsor of the Autism Community Network Gala Dinner, to be held on Friday 16 May 2025.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.40pm

Chairperson

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Item: CCL019-25 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 10 March 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV008-25 to ENV010-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items ENV008-25 to ENV010-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 10 March 2025.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ENV008-25 DRAFT JUBILEE STADIUM PRECINCT MASTER PLAN AND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR EXHIBITION
(Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Allison, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council endorse the draft Jubilee Stadium Precinct Master Plan and Plan of Management for public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days and allow submissions to be received up until 42 days in accordance with section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, subject to the following amendments prior to exhibition:

- (i) Removal of the long term actions to 'investigate, design and build a basement car park under Kogarah Park with access from English Street' and
 - (ii) Removal of 'additional basement parking' from the long term action 'Reconfigured "hill" above new indoor basketball courts with amenities and additional basement parking'
- (b) That Council notify the draft Jubilee Stadium Precinct Master Plan and Plan of Management to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as the representative landowner of part of the land under section 39 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to obtain owner's consent prior to public exhibition.
 - (c) That Council seek written consent from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to adopt the draft Plan of Management, in accordance with section 3.23(6) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.
 - (d) That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to make any further amendments to the draft Jubilee Stadium Precinct Master Plan and Plan of Management to address any points raised by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors if required.
 - (e) That Council endorse the proposed 'General Community Use' categorisation for the entire

precinct and hold a public hearing under section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mahoney, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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

ENV009-25 APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL PLANNING PANEL (Report by Manager Development and Building)

Recommendation: Councillor Allison, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council consider the appointment of the four preferred community representatives to the Georges River Local Planning Panel contained in Confidential Attachment 3.
- (b) That community representatives are appointed for all Georges River Council Wards so that they can operate on a rotational basis throughout the year to allow flexibility and efficiency for the operation of the Georges River Local Planning Panel.
- (c) In the event a vacancy occurs the General Manager is authorised to commence a recruitment process to be reported and considered by Council at a future meeting.
- (d) In the event that a preferred candidate does not accept the position, the General Manager is delegated to approve an alternate candidate from the confidential list contained in Confidential Attachment 3.
- (e) That Council endorse that each member is to be appointed in accordance with the terms and conditions identified by the Minister for Planning and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.
- (f) That Council endorse that the new member is to be appointed in accordance with the payment schedule for a Community Representative being \$1,000 plus GST and \$71 per hour for business undertaken outside of meetings.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mahoney, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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ENV010-25 MOOMBA TO SYDNEY ETHANE (MSE) PIPELINE HAZARD ANALYSIS (Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council notes the Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline Hazard Analysis Report.
- (b) That Council prepares a Planning Proposal to amend the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 to include properties within the LSIR-5E-07 and LSIR-1E-06 contours to the Activity Hazard Risk Map.
- (c) That Council references the MSE Pipeline Hazard Analysis report on all future Section 10.7(5) certificates for properties affected by the LSIR 5E-07 and LSIR 1E-06 contours.

Record of Voting


For the Motion: Councillor Mahoney, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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FILE REFERENCE

D25/75820

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 10 March 2025

MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 10 March 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

**Georges River Civic Centre,
Hurstville**



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Elise Borg (Mayor) Councillor Peter Mahoney (Chairperson), Councillor Matthew Allison Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Christina Jamieson, and Councillor Kathryn Landsberry.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Manager Development & Building – Carine Elias, Coordinator Strategic Planning – Luke Oste, Strategic Planner – Michelle Fawcett, Strategic Planner – Molly Porter, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Assistant to the Director, Environment and Planning - Leanne Allen (Minutes), Executive Services Officer –Marisa Severino

OPENING

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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 Mahoney 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 **Landsberry** declared a Non – Significant Non- Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV009-25 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Georges River Local Planning Panel** for the reason that one of the candidates is known to her through Local Government. Councillor Landsberry 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

ENV007-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mahoney, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV008-25 Draft Jubilee Stadium Precinct Master Plan and Plan of Management for Exhibition

(Report by Strategic Planner)

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RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison

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Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mahoney, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.32pm

Chairperson

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Item: CCL020-25 **Statement of Expectations - Endorsement for Written Response and Action Plan to DPHI**

Author: Manager Development and Building

Directorate: Environment and Planning

Matter Type: Environment and Planning

CCL020-25

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the attached Written Response and Action Plan for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to reduce Development Application assessment timeframes as requested in correspondence received from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces contacted Council on 6 March 2025 to discuss Councils performance against the criteria set out to reduce Development Application assessment timeframes and give Georges River Council 28 days to provide a written response and action plan endorsed by the elected Council.
2. This report addresses the request by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for Council to reduce its assessment timeframes. Council must endorse a response to the Minister with an action plan as part of a program to swiftly improve performance.
3. The Minister's request aligns effectively with the improvement work already initiated by the Council. This report details a program of work and actions that can be incorporated into the response to the Minister.
4. The actions are designed to improve average assessment timeframes, ensuring that development aligns with current planning controls and maintains a high standard of customer service in the long term.

BACKGROUND

5. New benchmarks for council performance on development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning began on 1 July 2024. The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces issued a formal letter on 3 July 2024 to all council Mayors outlining his expectations. The expectations established target assessment times for Councils as follows:
 - a) *Prepare assessment reports for a regionally significant development application and refer to the relevant Sydney district and regional planning panel as soon as practical and within an average of 250 days from lodgement.*
 - b) *Lodge development applications for which it is the consent authority as soon as practical and within an average of:*
 - *From 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025: 14 days from submission*
 - *From 1 July 2025 onwards: 7 days from submission.*
 - c) *Determine development applications for which it is the consent authority (including DAs determined by a local planning panel) as soon as practical and whichever is the lesser of council's previous financial year average, or an average of:*

- *From 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025: 115 days from lodgement*
 - *From 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026: 105 days from lodgement*
 - *From 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027: 95 days from lodgement*
 - *From 1 July 2027 onwards: 85 days from lodgement.*
6. These new requirements update the previous 2021 Statement of Expectations Order (issued by the Minister for Planning under the former government).
 7. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure sent a second letter dated 8 August 2024 titled 'League Table Publication' which announced the second iteration of council league tables to help in monitoring how councils are performing against the Minister's expectations.
 8. This second letter identified where each individual council finished the previous financial year. Georges River's average development application determination time was 215 days for the 2023/2024 financial year. The letter reiterates that Councils expectation for average determination for the 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 will be 115 days.
 9. A letter was issued to the Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces dated 6 March 2025. This letter outlined that the government has been monitoring performance and have identified criteria for assessing council performance. The criteria were first mentioned in this letter and include:
 - Council's current DA Assessment Performance, targeting a gross end to end timeframe of 145 days or greater;
 - Council's percentage of applications assessed, meeting the 115 day timeframe; and,
 - Housing target/implied dwelling demand, councils with a housing target of greater than 500 during the housing accord period.
 10. The letter summarised the position of Georges River Council under each of the performance criteria outlining that the current Development Application assessment performance is 214 days and only 20 percent of applications are being assessed within the timeframe.
 11. *As a result, the Minister has contacted Council to discuss performance against the criteria and has given council 28 days (from the date of the letter) to provide a written response endorsed by the elected Council. This response is to include an action plan, along with associated program to swiftly improve performance.*
 12. *Council has also been given 3 months to demonstrate improvement. If there is no improvement the government has a range of powers to compel compliance, including the issuing of a Performance Improvement Order.*
 13. The Development and Building Unit continues to implement best practice processes and actions that assist in improving application processing times and customer service, and operationally continues to reduce outstanding applications on hand despite labour sourcing issues and other challenges. The areas are the focus within this report and are contained within the action plan attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. The majority of items listed within the Action Plan are already being implemented within approved resource allocations of the Development and Building Unit.
15. There will be some nominal financial implications if pre-DA service fees are varied however these are not yet quantified nor expected to materially affect existing budget projections.
16. The exploration of recruiting staff over and above the existing establishment will require more detailed assessment of the implications. Where material increases are present, these

will be validated and reported to Council, mostly likely through the quarterly reporting process in the Action Plan or Council's Quarterly Budget Review process.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

17. Delegation risk – if there is no improvement, the Government has a range of powers to compel compliance, including the issuing of a Performance Improvement Order or assign an administrator to deal with the determination of DAs.






COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

18. Community engagement has not been undertaken for the preparation of this report.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/72032

ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment ↓1
 | Attachment 1 - Letter from the Hon Paul Scully Minister Minister for Planning and Public Spaces - Performance and Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order - 6 March 2025 |
| Attachment ↓2
 | Attachment 2 - Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order - 3 July 2024 |
| Attachment ↓3
 | Attachment 3- Georges River Council - Council League Table Publication - 8 August 2024 |
| Attachment ↓4
 | Attachment 4- Action Plan |
| Attachment ↓5
 | Attachment 5 Written response to Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully |

The Hon Paul Scully MP

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces



Ref: IRF25/144

Cr Elise Borg
Mayor
Georges River Council
24 Macmahon St
Hurstville NSW 2220
mayor@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

Dear Cr Borg *Elise*

The National Housing Accord, agreed across all levels of government, sets an ambitious target for NSW.

To achieve our target of 377,000 new homes by mid-2029 local councils must help facilitate the delivery of these homes. All levels of government have a shared responsibility to address the housing challenge in NSW and meet the goals of the National Housing Accord.

The land use planning and assessment functions of councils need to adjust to support the approval and development of more homes in well-located areas for young people, families, and key local workers.

I have previously requested that councils factor this into their decision making and prioritise the delivery of housing when assessing development applications and rezoning proposals – so that the whole planning system is geared towards addressing our housing challenge.

You would recall that I introduced a new Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order in July 2024, which set out the NSW Government's expectations for council performance in the areas of development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning.

As indicated in July 2024, the Government has been monitoring the performance of all councils in meeting this Statement of Expectations, and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has identified criteria for assessing council performances.

The criteria are as follows:

1. **Council's current DA Assessment Performance:** Councils with gross end-to-end timeframes of 145 days or greater.
2. **Council's percentage of applications assessed:** Councils with 50 per cent or less of their applications meeting the 115 day end to end expectation.
3. **Housing target/implied dwelling demand:** Councils with a housing target, or implied dwelling demand greater than 500 during the housing accord period.

I can advise that in the six months since monitoring began, Georges River Council has not met these performance standards. The current Development Application assessment

performance is 214 days and only 20 per cent of applications are being assessed within the expected timeframe.

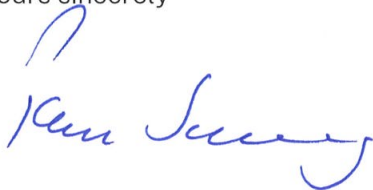
The Department will now contact your Council to discuss performance against these criteria. Council will have 28 days from the date of this letter to provide a written response, endorsed by the elected Council. Your response must identify an action plan, along with associated program to swiftly improve performance.

Your Council has three months to demonstrate improvement. If there is no improvement the Government has a range of powers to compel compliance, including the issuing of a Performance Improvement Order.

I look forward to seeing Council make improvements to assessment processes and decrease average assessment times in order to deliver more homes for your community.

If you have any questions, please contact your Local Planning and Council Support Director within the Department.

Yours sincerely



Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

6/3/25

The Hon Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces



Ref: IRF24/1443

Cr Sam Elmir
Mayor
Georges River Council
Georges River Civic Centre Cnr MacMahon and Dora Streets
Hurstville NSW 1481
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Dear Mayor

As you are aware, the NSW Government is taking immediate action to meet our commitment under the National Housing Accord to build 377,000 new well-located homes by June 2029 to help address the housing crisis.

Local government are a critical enabler of housing, assessing about 85 per cent of housing development applications (DA) in NSW. However, over the past two years, average council DA timeframes have increased by 37 per cent, from 83 in FY21/22 to 114 days in FY23/24, which is contributing to the delays in housing completions and costing the NSW economy at least \$89 million each year.

In line with the beginning of the National Housing Accord, and our shared commitment to addressing the housing crisis, I am providing an updated Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order planning.nsw.gov.au/statement-of-expectations-order.

This new Statement of Expectations sets out expectations for council performance in the areas of development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning. The performance of councils in meeting this Statement of Expectations will be monitored and reported publicly, as will the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's timeframes for approval of planning proposals and state significant development.

Addressing the housing crisis is a shared responsibility, and all levels of government must do more.

The Government is also developing a program to support councils achieve local housing targets, reduce average DA timeframes and deliver more homes. We have started this through initiatives funding cadetships for planners in councils and opening a new TAFE course for para-planning. We've completed substantial work on the NSW Planning Portal and are introducing artificial intelligence to support further efficiencies in the local DA process and timely decision-making.

The attached document outlines the key performance metrics within the Statement of Expectations and the associated infrastructure grant funding program. Additional initiatives to support councils achieve faster assessments will be announced in the coming months to help local and State government deliver approvals and particularly homes more effectively.

With these measures, I am confident that councils in NSW can achieve a significant reduction in average DA timeframes and meet our Housing Accord commitments.

I appreciate your leadership and support for this critical work in the spirit of shared responsibility that underpins the National Housing Accord and I look forward to working with you and all councils across New South Wales to deliver more housing for our communities.

Yours sincerely



Paul Scully MP

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

03/07/2024

Attachment A

This Attachment provides an overview of the initial programs the NSW Government is proposing to support councils in determining more housing-related planning matters during the period of the National Housing Accord. More details of these programs and initiatives will be released in the coming months.

Updated Statement of Ministerial Expectations

- The Ministerial Statement of Expectations establishes the planning-related expectations of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in terms of planning assessment performance. The updated Statement includes the expectation for councils to:
 - lodge DAs as soon as practical and within an average of:
 - 14 days from submission, from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025
 - 7 days from submission, from 1 July 2025 onwards
 - determine DAs as soon as practical and whichever is the lesser of council's previous financial year average, or an average of:
 - 115 days from lodgement, from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025
 - 105 days from lodgement, from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026
 - 95 days from lodgement, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027
 - 85 days from lodgement, from 1 July 2027 onwards
 - assess Regionally Significant DAs and refer them to the relevant planning panel for determination as soon as practical and within an average of 250 days from lodgement.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Performance

- To assist with delivering major housing projects, the Department will be required to determine State Significant DAs for infill affordable housing and housing in transport-oriented development precincts within an average of 275 days from lodgement.
- As per the LEP Making Guidelines (August 2023) the Department must collaborate with councils to finalise planning proposals in 140 business days for basic proposals, 225 business days for standard proposals, 300 business days for complex proposals, and 380 business days for principal proposals.

Resourcing and financial incentives

- The Department will establish a new \$200 million grant program that provides milestone payments to councils based on their performance in meeting the Statement of Expectations. These grants will be for use in improving critical local infrastructure.

- The Department has made \$5.6 million worth of funding for grants to councils to integrate AI and other digital solutions into the development assessment process.
- The Department is working with industry, local government and the private sector to support a skilled planning workforce through the Strong Start mentoring program as well as a new TAFE pathway into the planning profession.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Our ref: IRF24/1903

Mr David Tuxford
General Manager
Georges River Council

Via email: dtuxford@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

8 August 2024

Subject: League Table Publication

Dear Mr Tuxford

Further to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces letter of 3 July 2024 advising councils of an updated Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order 2024, the NSW Government is today releasing the second iteration of the council league tables. The league tables monitor council performance in the areas of development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning. This second release is to monitor how councils are performing against the Minister's expectations.

As per the Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order 2024, councils should determine DAs for which it is the consent authority (including DAs determined by a local planning panel), as soon as practical and whichever is the lesser of council's previous financial year average, or within an average of 115 days of lodgement between 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Data gained from the NSW Planning Portal as at the 2 July 2024 identifies your Council's previous financial year average development application determination time was **215** days. Consequently, your Council's expectation for average determination for the 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 period will be 115 days.

Council performance for lodging and determining DAs will be monitored each month and published on the department's website. Councils will be provided with a grace period of 5 working days at the beginning of every month to upload data from the previous month into the NSW Planning Portal.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Should you have any queries in relation to the Statement of Expectations Order or the council league tables please contact Rukshan De Silva at Rukshan.deSilva@planning.nsw.gov.au to discuss.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read "Monica Gibson".

Monica Gibson
Deputy Secretary
Planning, Land Use Strategy, Housing and Infrastructure
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

No.	Actions	Progress	Detail	Timeframe
1)	Referrals			
a)	Review the internal referrals process	Commenced		31 March
b)	Commencement of referral triage at lodgement	Commenced		31 March
2)	Templates			
a)	Review letter and correspondence templates.	In progress	Review of letter templates to take place after the report template review which is more critical to assist with the determination of applications Alts and add's/new dwelling template to be completed by 1 June. Harmonise LPP and SSPP templates (Infocouncil template). MODs, Dual occupancy and other templates to follow.	30 September
b)	Review report templates.	Commenced	Underway	31 July
c)	Review and finalise standard conditions and conditions template	In progress	Project lead established	30 April
3)	Internal procedure changes			
a)	Adjustment of allocation process	Substantially complete		31 March
b)	Review minimum submission requirements for small residential scale development.	Yet to start		31 March
c)	Determine the 60 DAs that are currently over 180 days old	Yet to start	Targeted schedule to be developed	30 June
4)	Detailed process mapping.	Commenced	This includes changes as a result of the action plan	30 September and ongoing
5)	Recruitment – – Senior Development Advisory Officer (1) – Development Assessment Officer (2) – Fast Track Officer (1) – Student Planning Officer (2) – Building Information Officer (1)	Commenced for all positions listed with some at interview stage.		30 June

No.	Actions	Progress	Detail	Timeframe
6)	Overtime and extra hours – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Overtime offered to existing staff to finalise assessments. – Extra hours offered to an admin role to assist with Court related matters. 	In progress		Ongoing
7)	Explore expansion of the team	Commenced	Council staff are playing a major role in court appeals, decreasing their availability to assess applications. Exploring recruitment options to increase their availability to focus on the assessment and determination of DAs as well as exploring the expansion of the assessment team are critical	30 June
8)	Explore urgent amendment to the DCP.	Yet to commence	Report DCP amendments to Council for exhibition by June Council meeting	30 June
9)	Department Assistance – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Seek Department funding. – Seek changes to the legislated Deemed refusal timeframes to 90 days due to impact on processing times. – Seek a Department appointed business expert to work with Council to improve processes. 		GRC held initial discussions with DHPI on 13 March 2025	Ongoing
10)	Reporting on progress to Council		Reporting scheduled for Environment and Planning Committee in July, October, January 2026 and April 2026	Ongoing
11)	Development and Building Service Review (Development Assessment focus).	In progress	Scoping phase completed.	31 May
12)	Front end, Pre-DA and concierge review.			
a)	Review outward facing information available to the public including a more comprehensive database of FAQs for small residential development	Yet to start		30 June
b)	Explore a reduced or no fee pre DA-Service for 2025 to encourage greater uptake	Yet to start		31 May
c)	Creation of a service to provide quick and free advice at Council relating to small scale single residential dwelling alterations and additions to complement the Pre-DA service.	Yet to start		30 June



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Executive Assistant: Sue Matthew
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File Reference: D25/71132, D25/83678
Your ref: IRF25/144

XX March 2025

The Hon Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Scully

Georges River Council response to DA Performance

I refer to your correspondence dated 6 March 2025 addressed to Cr Elise Borg regarding Council's DA Performance in relation to the Minister's Statement of Expectations Order in July 2024.

On Monday 24 March 2025, Council considered the above correspondence which asks that Council respond with an endorsed action plan detailing initiatives to improve processing performance. The endorsed action plan is attached for your consideration.

In full knowledge of the league table results and Council's own development application metrics, Council has already commenced with the implementation of a plan to improve efficiencies and address the backlog of legacy DAs.

Council continues to implement best practice processes and actions that assist in improving application processing times and customer service, and reduce outstanding applications despite significant labour sourcing issues and other challenges.

As offered in your correspondence, Council staff have taken up the opportunity to meet with the Local Planning and Council Support Director from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. I anticipate that this dialogue will continue over the next few important months as we seek to improve processing times both in the short, medium and long term.



Should you require any further information, please contact Joseph Hill, Director Environment and Planning on 9330 9450.

David Tuxford
General Manager



Item: CCL021-25 Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2

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Matter Type: Environment and Planning

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council receives and notes this report.
- (b) That Council receives a report containing further detailed analysis of the implications of the Stage 2 of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy on the Georges River LGA at an upcoming Environmental and Planning Committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. At the ordinary meeting of Council on 24 February 2025, in response to the recent announcement of Stage 2 of the Low and Mid Rise Housing (LMR) Policy, Council resolved:
 - (a) *That Council call for a report detailing the implications of the Stage 2 Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy when the detail is released this week, as a matter of priority.*
 - (b) *That the report provide commentary in relation to the endeavours Council is currently pursuing to meets our State mandated dwelling targets.*
2. The development standards and permissibility changes introduced by the LMR Policy are considered a modest 'scaling down' of the development capacity proposed originally. The LMR Policy requires all proposals to utilise a Development Application (DA) pathway, likely leading to an increase in DA lodgements.
3. The two main implications of the LMR Policy are that 'low-rise housing' of 1-2 storeys will be able to occur on much smaller lots of land and 'mid-rise housing' of 3-6 storeys will be of a greater scale than currently permitted.
4. This report provides high level commentary on the implications for the Planning Proposal for Additional and Diverse Housing, Beverly Hills Master Plan, Mortdale Master Plan, Kogarah Master Plan, and Riverwood Master Plan, all of which are Council endorsed initiatives to unlock further housing capacity within the LGA.
5. Georges River has a housing target of 6,300 new completed homes by 2029. Since this target was announced on 28 May 2024, there have been:
 - (a) **370** new homes completed; and
 - (b) **338** new homes approved through either a CDC or DA, resulting in a net increase in dwellings of **178** dwellings.
6. Given the scale of changes made under the LMR Policy and its impact on multiple active Council projects, further detailed analysis is being completed. A report will be tabled at the 14 April Environment and Planning Committee Meeting that includes specific recommendations for the projects mentioned in this report and any further work required to be done in response to the LMR Policy.

BACKGROUND

7. Stage 1 of the LMR Policy started on 1 July 2024 and permitted dual occupancies across all R2 zoned land in NSW. Stage 1 had no impact on the Georges River LGA as dual occupancies are already permitted in all residential zones within the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021*.
8. The NSW Government announced the commencement of Stage 2 of the LMR Policy on 28 February 2025 through an amendment to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*.
9. Stage 2 of the LMR Policy centres around changes to planning controls within 800m of well-served commercial centres and train stations. The following seven (7) precincts are affected within the Georges River LGA and all affected land are indicatively identified on the [LMR map](#) as “Indicative LMR Housing Areas”:
 - Beverly Hills Railway Station
 - Hurstville City Centre and Railway Station
 - Kogarah Town Centre and Railway Station
 - Mortdale Local Centre and Railway Station
 - Oatley Railway Station
 - Penshurst Railway Station
 - Riverwood Local Centre and Railway Station.

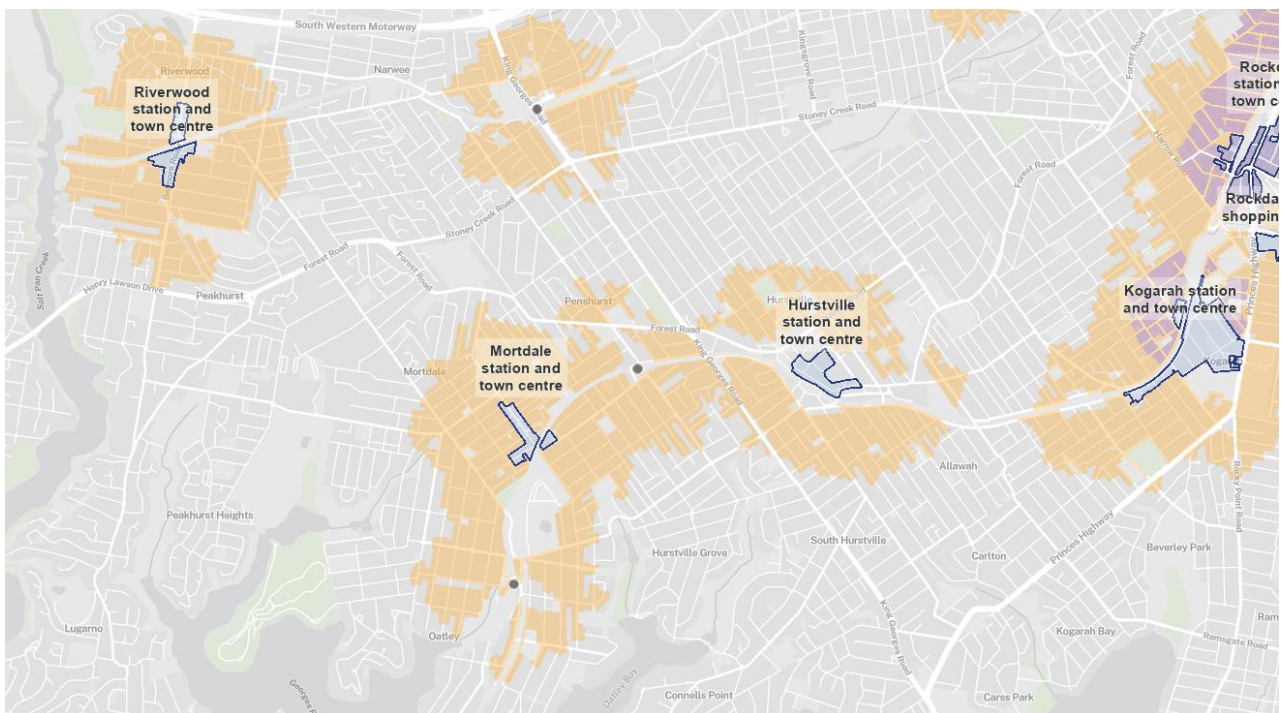


Figure 1 - LMR Indicative Map (DPHI)

10. The finalised Stage 2 of the LMR Policy is considered a modest ‘scaling down’ of the development capacity proposed by the original Reform in the *Explanation of Intended Effect* released for public consultation in December 2023. The original Reform is detailed in Item CCL001-24 which was reported at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2024.

11. The second stage of the Policy is introduced through a new chapter (Chapter 6) to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 (Housing SEPP). As an amendment to the Housing SEPP, the LMR Policy takes precedence over the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 (GRLEP) where the same control is applied.
12. It should be noted that the LMR Policy controls are not permitted to be used for Complying Development Certificates (CDCs), with all proposals being required to utilise a Development Application (DA) pathway. CDCs must comply with Council's existing LEP requirements. For example, any dual occupancy approved through a CDC pathway in the LMR Policy Housing Areas must comply with the minimum 650sqm lot size and 15m lot width requirements specified in the GRLEP.
13. Consequently, it is likely that the increase in permissibility and development standards enabled by the LMR Policy will be a catalyst for an increase in the lodgement of DA's.

MAYORAL MINUTE (MM003-25)

14. At the ordinary meeting of Council on 24 February 2025, a Mayoral Minute (MM003-25) was tabled in response to the recent announcement of Stage 2 of the LMR Policy. Council resolved the following:
 - (a) *That Council call for a report detailing the implications of the Stage 2 Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy when the detail is released this week, as a matter of priority.*
 - (b) *That the report provide commentary in relation to the endeavours Council is currently pursuing to meets our State mandated dwelling targets.*
15. This report provides an initial summary of the implications of the Stage 2 LMR Policy as well as a summary of Council's current approach to meeting State mandated dwelling targets.
16. A further report containing more detailed analysis will be tabled at the April Environment and Planning Committee. This report will include recommendations for current and future projects that have been impacted by the LMR Policy.

SUMMARY OF THE STAGE 2 LMR POLICY

17. The Stage 2 LMR Policy has introduced several planning control changes in relation to both permissibility and development standards.
18. Multi dwelling housing, terraces, and residential flat buildings (RFBs) have now been permitted in the R2 Low Density Residential zone where the Stage 2 LMR Policy applies. This applies to any R2 land within 800m of a nominated town centre and train station. A comparison of permissibility is shown in the Table below.

Table 1 - Comparison of Permissibility

Land Use	GRLEP Permissible Zones	LMR Stage 2 Permissible Zones	Permissibility Impact on Georges River LGA
Dual occupancy	R2, R3, R4	R1, R2, R3, R4	No impact
Multi dwelling housing	R3, R4	R1, R2, R3	Expands permissibility into the R2 zone

Land Use	GRLEP Permissible Zones	LMR Stage 2 Permissible Zones	Permissibility Impact on Georges River LGA
Terraces	R3, R4	R1, R2, R3	Expands permissibility into the R2 zone
RFBs	R4	R1, R2, R3, R4	Expands permissibility into the R2 and R3 zones
Shop top housing	R4, E1, MU1	No change to existing permissibility	No impact

Note: there are no R1 General Residential zoned land in the Georges River LGA

19. The Stage 2 LMR Policy has introduced new non-discretionary development standards (non-refusal standards) that will apply. A non-discretionary standard can overrule a GRLEP or Georges River Development Control Plan (GRDCP) standard. If the proposed development complies with the non-discretionary standard, a consent authority cannot refuse the application because it does not meet the GRLEP or GRDCP standard.
20. For example, if an RFB within 400m of a station complies with the LMR Policy height limit of 22m, it cannot be refused on the basis of height. At this stage, it is not clear how this will relate to more detailed controls in relation to overshadowing, privacy, and setbacks.
21. A comprehensive comparison table for development standards is provided at **Attachment 1**. A summary for each development type is provided below.
22. For **Dual Occupancy** developments, the non-discretionary standards introduced by the Policy in comparison to the existing GRLEP standards are summarised in the Table below.

Table 2 - Development Standards Comparison for Dual Occupancy Developments

Policy	Lot Size	Lot Width	Max. HOB	Max. FSR	Landscaped Area
GRLEP	650sqm, or 1,000sqm in the FSPA	15m	9m	0.6:1	25%
LMR	450sqm	12m	9.5m	0.65:1	20%, or 30% for sites >600sqm

23. For **Multi Dwelling Housing** developments, the non-discretionary standards introduced by the Policy in comparison to the existing GRLEP standards are summarised in the Table below.

Table 3 - Development Standards Comparison for Multi Dwelling Housing Developments

Policy	Lot Size	Lot Width	Max. HOB	Max. FSR	Landscape d Area
GRLEP	800sqm	18m	9m	0.7:1	20%
LMR	600sqm	12m	9.5m	0.7:1	20%

24. For **Terrace** developments, the non-discretionary standards introduced by the Policy in comparison to the existing GRLEP standards are summarised in the Table below.

Table 4 - Development Standards Comparison for Terrace Developments

Policy	Lot Size	Lot Width	Max. HOB	Max. FSR	Landscape d Area
GRLEP	800sqm	21m	9m	0.7:1	20%
LMR	500sqm	18m	9.5m	0.7:1	25%

25. For **RFB** developments, the non-discretionary standards introduced by the Policy in comparison to the existing GRLEP standards are summarised in the Table below.

Table 5 - Development Standards Comparison for RFB Developments

Policy	Lot Size	Lot Width	Max. HOB	Max. FSR	Landscape d Area
GRLEP (R2 Zone)	Not permissible	Not permissible	Not permissible	Not permissible	Not permissible
LMR (R2 Zone)	500sqm	12m	9.5m	0.8:1	7% deep soil as per ADG
GRLEP (R3 and R4 Zones)	1,000sqm (GRDCP)	24m (GRDCP)	Typically 12-15m (4-5 storeys)	1:1 to 1.5:1	7% deep soil as per ADG
LMR (Within 400m)	No requirement	No requirement	22m (6 Storeys max)	2.2:1	7% deep soil as per ADG
LMR (400m - 800m)	No requirement	No requirement	17.5m (4 Storeys max)	1.5:1	7% deep soil as per ADG

26. For **Shop Top Housing** developments, the non-discretionary standards introduced by the Policy in comparison to the existing GRLEP standards are summarised in the Table below.

Table 6 - Development Standards Comparison for Shop Top Housing Developments

Policy	Lot Size	Lot Width	Max. HOB	Max. FSR	Landscape Area
GRLEP (R3 and R4 Zones)	1,000sqm (GRDCP)	27m (GRDCP)	Typically 15-21m (4-6 storeys)	1.5:1 to 2.5:1	7% deep soil as per ADG
LMR (Within 400m)	No requirement	No requirement	24m (6 Storeys max)	2.2:1	10%, or 15% for sites >1,500sqm
LMR (400m - 800m)	No requirement	No requirement	17.5m (4 Storeys max)	1.5:1	10%, or 15% for sites >1,500sqm

27. Several exclusions have been introduced to limit where the LMR Policy will apply:
- Bushfire-prone land.
 - Land identified as a coastal wetland, littoral rainforests, or coastal vulnerability area under Chapter 2 of the Resilience & Hazards SEPP:
 - Littoral Rainforests and Proximity Area
 - Coastal Wetlands and Proximity Area
 - Land that contains a heritage item.
 - Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) affected land in the Georges River Catchment as identified by the Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP. This is illustrated in the map below.
 - Average Noise Exposure Frequency (ANEF) 20 or greater
 - Land located within 200m of the high-pressure gas pipeline
 - The Transport Orientated Development (TOD) Program Area (R4 zoned land in Kogarah North Precinct).

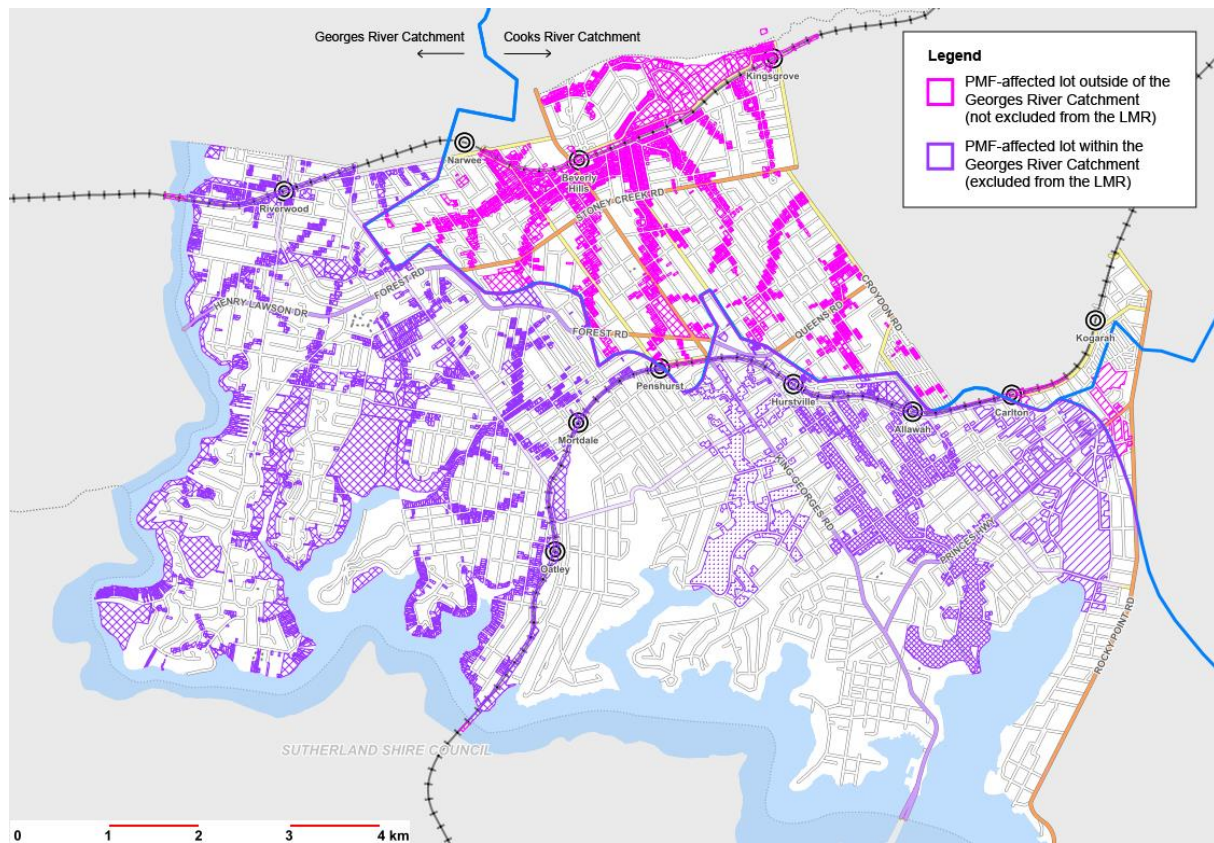


Figure 2 - PMF Affected lots in the Georges River Catchment

IMPLICATIONS OF THE STAGE 2 LMR POLICY

28. The two main implications of the LMR Policy are that 'low-rise housing' will be able to occur on much smaller lots of land and 'mid-rise housing' will be of a greater scale than currently permitted.
29. DPHI defines 'low-rise housing' as *"generally 1–2 storeys and includes dual occupancies (2 dwellings on the same lot), terraces, townhouses, and low rise apartment buildings"*.

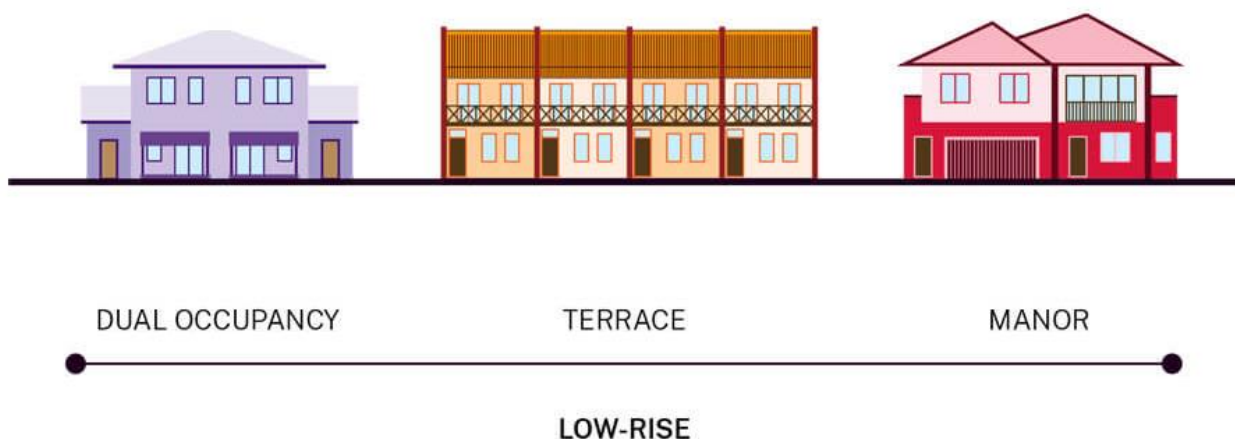


Figure 3 - Low-rise housing (DPHI)

30. For this form of housing, the major change that the LMR Policy has introduced is that the minimum lot size and width to enable these developments is much smaller than previously required under the GRLEP and GRDCP. Consequently, a larger quantity of lots within the LMR Policy areas will now be permitted to be developed as dual occupancy, multi dwelling housing, or terrace developments. Additionally, the inclusion of RFBs in the R2 Low Density Residential zone under the LMR Policy will create a new housing typology at a three-storey scale.

31. DPHI defines 'mid-rise housing' as *"generally 3-6 storey apartment buildings and mixed-use buildings with ground floor shops and apartments above"*.



Figure 4 - Mid-rise housing (DPHI)

32. For this form of housing, development standards have increased from a typical 3-4 storey form in the R3 Medium Density and R4 High Density zones to a 4-6 storey form under the LMR Policy. The implication being that density will increase to a slightly larger scale for RFBs and shop top housing developments around the nominated centres and station precincts under the LMR Policy.
33. The key implications of the LMR Policy have been broken down into each of Council's current strategic planning projects.


Planning Proposal for Additional and Diverse Housing



34. Council resolved on 27 May 2024 to prepare the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal. The Planning Proposal sought to create capacity for additional and diverse housing across the residential zones of the LGA and to implement the adopted Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy (2018). As part of this Planning Proposal, Council requested that DPHI exclude the application of the LMR Policy from the LGA.
35. At the meeting held on 22 July 2024, Council endorsed the Planning Proposal to be forwarded to DPHI for a Gateway Determination. DPHI are still assessing the Planning Proposal prior to issuing a Gateway Determination.
36. Given that the requested LMR Policy exclusion has not been applied, the original intent of the Planning Proposal has not been achieved.
37. Council staff are currently analysing the housing capacity being unlocked by both Council's Planning Proposal, and the new LMR Policy that has come into effect. Once this analysis is complete, a report will be brought to Council.

Master Plans

38. There are four active Master Plan projects that are being progressed by Council. All four are directly impacted by the LMR Policy. Initial high-level comments are provided in the table below.

Table 7 - Master Plans Impacted by the LMR Policy

GRC Project	Comments
Beverly Hills Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Updated Beverly Hills Master Plan was endorsed for public exhibition at the Council Meeting on 24 February 2025. • The Master Plan predominately applies to the Employment zones where the LMR Policy does not apply. • The R4 land within the Master Plan area is impacted by the Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline which limits the application of the LMR Policy further. • Flood exclusions apply only to the Georges River Catchment under the LMR Policy. Flooding in Beverly Hills is within the Cooks River Catchment and therefore the LMR Policy continues to apply to this area. This is a concern given the flooding risk present in this area. • There will be additional 'low-rise housing' capacity created around the Train Station. Limited 'mid-rise housing' capacity given the current lack of R3 and R4 zoned land.
<p>Figure 1 - Draft Updated Beverly Hills Master Plan and LMR Indicative Map (DPHI)</p> 	
Mortdale Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Master Plan for the Mortdale Local Centre was adopted by Council at its meeting on Monday 23 October 2023. • Council staff are currently preparing a draft Planning Proposal and DCP amendment to implement the endorsed Master Plan. • There will be additional 'low-rise housing' capacity created around the Train Station. • There will be limited 'mid-rise housing' capacity created initially given the current lack of R3 and R4 zoned land. However, as the Master Plan recommends rezoning

GRC Project	Comments
	<p>additional land to R3 and R4, there is the potential for additional 'mid-rise housing' if it were to progress in its current form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further analysis is being done to determine the appropriate way forward for the Master Plan given the introduction of the LMR Policy.
Figure 6 - Mortdale Master Plan and LMR Indicative Map (DPHI)	
	
Kogarah and Riverwood Master Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 25 March 2024 Council resolved to commence a Master Plan for both Kogarah Town Centre and Riverwood Local Centre. • After successfully securing grant funding through the Federal Housing Support Program (HSP), consultants are being engaged to undertake the preparation of each Master Plan. • As both Master Plans had not yet commenced prior to the gazettal of the LMR Policy, there is limited impact at this stage of the process. Further analysis will be provided as these two Master Plans progress with consideration of the LMR Policy.

Other Centres Identified Within the LMR Policy – Hurstville, Penshurst and Oatley

39. The LMR Policy also applies to Hurstville, Penshurst and Oatley Station.
40. For **Hurstville**, the LMR Policy will create limited additional 'mid-rise housing' capacity to the south-east and north where land is zoned R4. Some limited additional 'low-rise housing' capacity will be created primarily to the south-west of the station.
41. For **Oatley**, the LMR Policy will create additional 'mid-rise housing' capacity on the eastern side of the rail line and additional 'low-rise housing' capacity on the western side.

42. For **Penshurst**, the LMR Policy will create additional 'mid-rise housing' capacity on the northern side of the rail line and additional 'low-rise housing' capacity on the southern side.
43. Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) identify areas around Penshurst and Oatley for 'Future Housing Investigation LEP 2025 and Beyond'. Work is yet to be undertaken for these areas, with other Master Plan areas taking priority at this stage.
44. Analysis is currently being completed to understand the scale of the housing capacity being created by the LMR Policy around these stations and Hurstville Centre and any key implications arising from this change. This will be reported to the 14 April Environment and Planning Committee with the following:
 - (a) The theoretical dwelling capacity unlocked within each Station / Centre identified within the LMR Policy;
 - (b) Implications for current projects discussed within this report; and
 - (c) Recommendations for current and future projects impacted by the LMR Policy.

STATE MANDATED DWELLING TARGETS

45. In August 2023 National Cabinet endorsed a new national target to build 1.2 million new homes to help align supply with expected demand over the next 5 years. The National Cabinet agreed on a range of measures to create housing. The National Planning Reform Blueprint includes:
 - (a) Updating state, regional and local strategic plans to reflect their share of housing supply targets.
 - (b) Undertaking planning, zoning, land release and other reforms, such as increasing density, to meet their share of housing supply targets.
 - (c) Streamlining approval pathways, including strengthened 'call in powers', and prioritising planning amendments to support diverse housing across a range of areas e.g., by addressing barriers to subdivision for appropriate medium density housing.
 - (d) Promoting medium and high-density housing in well located areas close to existing public transport connections, amenities and employment.
 - (e) Reforms to support the rapid delivery of social and affordable housing.
 - (f) Reforms to address barriers to the timely issuing of development approvals.
 - (g) Consideration of the phased introduction of inclusionary zoning and planning to support permanent affordable, social and specialist housing in ways that do not add to construction costs.
 - (h) Rectifying gaps in housing design guidance and building certification to ensure the quality of new builds, particularly apartments.
 - (i) Improving community consultation processes.
 - (j) Adequately resourcing built environmental professionals, including planners, in local government.
46. The NSW Government announced in late 2023 several Housing Reforms to deliver on the measures in the National Planning Reform Blueprint. Through the Housing Reforms, the NSW Government is seeking to deliver at least 314,000 new homes by 2029, with a maximum goal of 377,000 homes.
47. On 28 May 2024, the NSW Government announced specific five-year housing targets for 43 LGA's in the 'Six Cities Region'. Georges River has a target of 6,300 new completed

homes by 2029. It is noted that this represents a gross increase, rather than a net increase in dwellings.

48. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure state that:
- (a) This target *“is based on the number of homes already in the pipeline for delivery which have existing approvals or where rezonings have already occurred”*.
 - (b) The target considers the *“expected delivery of homes which can occur in the next 5 years based on the NSW Government’s planning reforms”*.
 - (c) Finally, *“existing infrastructure, ongoing investments, and local constraints have all been considered in the development of the targets”*.
49. In relation to these completion targets, it is important to note that Council has limited control over the actual delivery of homes. Council plays a role in the following ways:
- (a) Strategic Planning – Setting the planning framework that determines where houses are permissible and in what form, as well as more detailed controls to ensure positive built form outcomes are achieved.
 - (b) Development Assessment – Council is responsible for the assessment and at times, the ultimate determination of new homes. For larger and more complex Development Applications, this can also be the responsibility of an independent planning panel.
- Council does not build houses and has limited ability to encourage the ultimate delivery of approved homes.
50. Since the housing targets were announced on 29 May 2024, the following housing completions and approvals have occurred within the LGA:
- (a) **370** new homes completed; and
 - (b) **338** new homes approved through either a CDC or DA, resulting in a net increase in dwellings of **178** dwellings.
51. If the above trend experienced since 29 May 2024 were to continue for the entirety of the five-year period, it would result in 2337 new homes being completed (gross).
52. The Table below shows approved homes since the five-year housing target was set on 28 May 2024 according to Council’s records.

Table 8 - CDC and DA Approvals Since 28 May 2024

Application Type	Development Type	Number of Dwellings
CDC (Gross - new homes)	Dual Occupancy or Single Dwelling with Secondary Dwelling	136
	Single Dwelling	75
	Single Dwelling and Secondary Dwelling	8
	Total	219
CDC (Net - new homes minus demolished homes)	Dual Occupancy or Single Dwelling and Secondary Dwelling	86
	Single Dwelling	0 (old dwelling replaced by new)
	Single Dwelling and Secondary Dwelling	4
	Total	90

Application Type	Development Type	Number of Dwellings
DA (Gross - new homes)	Dual Occupancy	12
	New Single Dwelling	14
	RFB Units	72
	Multi Dwelling Units	4
	Secondary Dwelling	9
	Single Dwelling and Secondary Dwelling	8
	Total	119
DA (Net - new homes minus demolished homes)	Dual Occupancy	6
	New Single Dwelling	1
	RFB Units	65
	Multi Dwelling Units	3
	Secondary Dwelling	9
	Single Dwelling and Secondary Dwelling	4
	Total	88
Total Gross	CDC and DA	338
Total Net	CDC and DA	178

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53. In terms of endeavours Council are currently pursuing to meet our State mandated dwelling targets, the following key projects aim to increase housing capacity within the LGA:

- (a) The Planning Proposal for additional and diverse housing creates a theoretical capacity of approximately 8,245 additional dwellings in the LGA as follows:
 - Capacity for an additional 1,340 dwellings in the R2 zone from increased dual occupancies;
 - Capacity for an additional 5,800 dwellings in the R2 zone from permitting multi dwelling housing and terraces;
 - Capacity for an additional 700 dwellings in the R3 zone from increasing the FSR and allowing bonus floor space for multi dwelling housing development; and
 - Capacity for an additional 406 dwellings from implementing the Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy 2018 (HCCUDS).
- (b) The Beverly Hills Master Plan as endorsed on 24 February 2025 will provide additional dwelling capacity. The dwelling increase proposed is being revised given the flood risk and Gas Pipeline constraints applying to the Master Plan.
- (c) The Mortdale Master Plan as endorsed on 23 October 2023 which will provide for a theoretical capacity of approximately 578 additional dwellings.

- (d) The Kogarah and Riverwood Master Plans will each facilitate an increase in housing capacity. This capacity is yet to be determined.

CONCLUSION

54. The LMR Policy has introduced several planning control changes in relation to both permissibility and development standards that will impact the areas around seven key Stations and Town Centre precincts within the LGA.
55. This report provides an overview of the implications for both 'low-rise housing' (1-2 storeys) and 'mid-rise housing' (3-6 storeys) within the Georges River LGA. An update is also provided in relation to the NSW Government's housing target for the LGA and current progress against this target.
56. A further report will be tabled at the 14 April Environment and Planning Committee once detailed analysis is completed. This will detail the theoretical dwelling capacity created by the LMR Policy, implications for current projects, and recommendations on how to proceed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

57. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

58. The LMR Policy are not facilitated by Council – they are an initiative of the NSW State Government.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

59. Community engagement for the LMR Policy have been conducted by DPHI.

FILE REFERENCE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Development Standards Comparison





Information Sheet

Development Standards Comparison between the Low and Mid Rise Housing (LMR) Policy and the Georges River Local Environmental Plan (GRLEP) and Georges River Development Control Plan (GRDCP)

Development Type	Policy	Lot Size	Lot Width	Max. HOB	Max. FSR	Landscaped Area
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Multi Dwelling Housing	GRLEP	800sqm	18m	9m	0.7:1	20%
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Terrace	GRLEP	800sqm	21m	9m	0.7:1	20%
	LMR	500sqm	18m	9.5m	0.7:1	25%



Development Standards Comparison - LMR Policy and GRLEP / GRDCP

Development Type	Policy	Lot Size	Lot Width	Max. HOB	Max. FSR	Landscaped Area
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	LMR (R2 Zone)	500sqm	12m	9.5m	0.8:1	7% deep soil as per ADG
	GRLEP (R3 and R4 Zones)	1,000sqm (GRDCP)	24m (GRDCP)	Typically 12-15m (4-5 storeys)	1:1 to 1.5:1	7% deep soil as per ADG
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FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Item: CCL022-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - March 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

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RECOMMENDATION:

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

- CWF10/24-25 – Application submitted by Councillor Dimoski on behalf of **The Gabriella Cup** in the amount of \$1,680.
- CWF11/24-25 – Application submitted by Councillor Mort on behalf of **St George District Athletics Club Inc** in the amount of \$2,000.
- CWF12/24-25 – **Not Eligible** - Application submitted by Councillor Dimoski on behalf of **Kogarah Historical Society Inc** in the amount of \$500.
- CWF13/24-25 – **Not Eligible** - Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of **Kogarah Historical Society Inc** in the amount of \$1,000.
- CWF14/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Dimoski on behalf of **Lions Club of Lugarno** in the amount of \$1,578.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council, at its meeting on 22 July 2024, 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.
4. The ineligible applicant has previously submitted an application for funding through an alternative Council source, being the Community Grants 2024-2025 program.

BACKGROUND

5. The Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy stipulates two categories for applications of funds, those by an individual or community group.
6. For the 2024/25 financial year, there is a \$75,000 allocation made available for Councillors elected at the September 2024 Local Government Elections.
7. 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.
8. 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

9. All application details can be found in the attachment to this report. Funds of \$75,000 have been allocated in the 2024/25 Operational Plan.

Non-Capital Funds (\$5,000/Councillor)	Funds Allocated to date including this report	Remaining Balance
Councillor Allison	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Ambihaipahar	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Anzellotti	\$2,000	\$3,000
Councillor Arthur	\$0	\$5,000
Mayor, Councillor Borg	\$1,000	\$4,000
Councillor Dimoski	\$3,258	\$1,742
Councillor Gao	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Jamieson	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Landsberry	\$0	\$5,000
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu	\$1,600	\$3,400
Councillor Mahoney	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Mort	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Pun	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Stratikopoulos	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Wang	\$1,300	\$3,700

RISK IMPLICATIONS

10. The Enterprise Risk Management Strategy contains two relevant actions regarding the provision of an open, accessible, and transparent decision making and meeting process.
11. 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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

12. Community engagement will be conducted including:

FILE REFERENCE

D25/58179

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Attachment - Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds



Attachment [2](#) ABN Numbers attachment - Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds



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Marisa Severino

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Sent: Thursday, 27 February 2025 9:38 AM
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Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Oliver Dimoski

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1. **Code:** CWF 10/24-25
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Oliver Dimoski
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
NA
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Jason and Noelia Frank
6. **Trading name:** The Gabriella Cup
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:** 70646717062
10. **Incorporated Entity:** 0
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Ambulance and First Aid bill for the event
12. **Event/project date:** 01-03-2025
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 1680
14. **Contact Name:** Jason Salvo
15. **Phone number:** 410529981
16. **Mobile:** 410529981
17. **Email:** jasonfrank@gmail.com
18. **Website:** gabriellasatthegrove.com.au
19. **Street:** 31 Seymour St
20. **Suburb:** Hurstville Grove

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2220

23. Please enter Postal address:

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

25. Community Group: The Gabriella Cup is being held by locals Jason and Noelia Salvo whose daughter , Gabriella died sleeping at age 20 weeks in 2020 . They have raised over \$ 35000in support of Red Nose Australia . The charity tournament brings all the local clubs in the GRC together . Following successful Football tournament last year where they have raised money for the Red Nose Australia they are organising another event this year starting March 02 , 2025 . I wanted to use my discretionary fund to help with the ambulance cost on the day . They have already paid for this bill but it takes a big chunk of the funds they would raise

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Current details for ABN 70 646 717 062 | ABN Lookup



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Current details for ABN 70 646 717 062

ABN details

Entity name: N AND J SALVO PTY LTD
ABN status: Active from 01 Apr 2021
Entity type: Australian Private Company
Goods & Services Tax (GST): Registered from 01 Apr 2021
Main business location: NSW 2220

Business name(s)

Business name	From
THE GABRIELLA CUP	28 Jan 2025
Gabriella's at the Grove	01 Apr 2021

ASIC registration - ACN or ARBN or ARSN or ARFN

646 717 062 [View record on the ASIC website](#)

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 28 Jan 2025

Record extracted: 04 Mar 2025

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Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Natalie Mort

Hi Office of General Manager,

Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund you submitted was successfully sent for review.

Details of the Fund is shown as below.

1. **Code:** CWF 11/24-25
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Natalie Mort
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Individual (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** St George District Athletics Club Inc
6. **Trading name:** St George District Athletics Club Inc
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** Yes
9. **ABN:**
10. **Incorporated Entity:** 1593804
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Coaching courses
12. **Event/project date:** 06-03-2025
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 2000
14. **Contact Name:** Colin Wilson
15. **Phone number:** 4142411040
16. **Mobile:** 414241040
17. **Email:** secretary@sgdac.org
18. **Website:** SGDAC.org
19. **Street:** PO Box 4187 Oatley 2223
20. **Suburb:** Oatlay

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2223

23. Please enter Postal address:

24. Declaration of conflict of interest: A non-significant non-pecuniary interest *

25. Community Group: They are recognised for great club spirit celebrating over 100 years, The club offers all seasons sports in all age groups.

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Current details for ABN 14 135 081 601

ABN details

Entity name:	ST GEORGE DISTRICT ATHLETIC CLUB INC
ABN status:	Active from 01 Jun 2019
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2210

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 28 Jun 2019

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NSW Incorporated Associations Register



Association Summary - New South Wales

ABN 81 913 830 179

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Association Name:	ST GEORGE DISTRICT ATHLETIC CLUB INC
Incorporation Number:	Y1593804
Status:	REGISTERED
Date of Incorporation:	14 October 1992
Registered State:	NEW SOUTH WALES
Regulator:	NSW FAIR TRADING
Official Address Suburb:	OATLEY

The Information made available in this Public Portal search facility is a subset of the data on the Register maintained by the Secretary, and is provided as a means of quickly locating key information on NSW Incorporated Associations. Should copies of specific documents lodged by an association or an official extract of the Register be required you may follow the link [accessing Associations public records](#) to obtain further information.

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Your search for **st george district athletics club inc** found 40 matches. Current names with active ABNs are listed below sorted by relevance. Use [All ABNs](#) tab to list cancelled ABNs/names. Click on an ABN or [refine your search](#)

Matching names

ABN	Name	Type	Location
14 135 081 601 Active	ST GEORGE DISTRICT ATHLETIC CLUB INC	Entity Name	2210 NSW
12 471 602 048 Active	ST GEORGE DISTRICT CAT CLUB INCORPORATED	Entity Name	2148 NSW
82 010 737 736 Active	ST GEORGE DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Entity Name	2220 NSW
59 527 228 307 Active	St Georges Basin Athletics Club	Entity Name	2540 NSW
99 080 180 512 Active	ST GEORGE & DISTRICT RUGBY UNION CLUB INC	Entity Name	4487 QLD
53 563 559 507 Active	ST GEORGE AND DISTRICT FISHING AND RESTOCKING CLUB INCORPORATED	Entity Name	4487 QLD
85 877 623 829 Active	ST GEORGE AND DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE INC	Entity Name	4487 QLD
83 002 350 272 Active	ST GEORGE DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED	Entity Name	2217 NSW
16 001 603 167 Active	ST GEORGE ALPINE CLUB LTD	Entity Name	2627 NSW
56 078 778 365 Active	ST GEORGE BASKETBALL CLUB INC	Entity Name	3038 VIC
33 903 607 094 Active	ST GEORGE BOWLS CLUB INC	Entity Name	4487 QLD
86 155 078 318 Active	ST GEORGE FUTSAL CLUB	Business Name	2208 NSW
18 610 228 623 Active	ST GEORGE GOLF CLUB INC	Entity Name	4487 QLD
45 256 618 708 Active	ST GEORGE JOCKEY CLUB INC	Entity Name	4487 QLD
36 237 675 284 Active	ST GEORGE MOTORCYCLE CLUB	Entity Name	4487 QLD
64 002 438 525 Active	ST GEORGE PISTOL CLUB INC	Entity Name	4487 QLD
12 925 661 626 Active	ST GEORGE POLOCROSSE CLUB INC	Entity Name	4487 QLD
15 318 390 356 Active	ST GEORGE ROWING CLUB	Entity Name	2205 NSW
43 001 066 253 Active	ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB	Business Name	2095 NSW
32 928 224 400 Active	ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC	Entity Name	2233 NSW
71 541 303 466 Active	ST GEORGE SQUASH CLUB INC	Entity Name	4487 QLD
92 017 246 952 Active	ST GEORGE TENNIS CLUB INC	Entity Name	4487 QLD
77 659 818 131 Active	ST GEORGE WORKERS CLUB INCORPORATED	Entity Name	3218 VIC
77 000 151 020 Active	ST. GEORGE LEAGUES CLUB LTD	Entity Name	2217 NSW
34 458 438 194 Active	St George Cycling Club Incorporated	Entity Name	2230 NSW
30 353 213 620 Active	St George Football Club Incorporated	Entity Name	2217 NSW

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68 156 049 875 Active	St George Football Club Ltd	Entity Name	2216 NSW
57 702 860 436 Active	St George Kayak Club Incorporated	Entity Name	2000 NSW
20 966 798 225 Active	St George Nepalese Club	Entity Name	2216 NSW
93 584 859 652 Active	St George Swimming Club Incorporated	Entity Name	2207 NSW
30 000 680 651 Active	THE ST. GEORGE MASONIC CLUB LTD	Entity Name	2223 NSW
97 869 230 976 Active	ST GEORGE DISTRICT NETBALLASSOCIATION INC	Entity Name	2216 NSW
21 917 324 239 Active	ST GEORGE DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES ASSN INCORPORATED	Entity Name	2207 NSW
32 000 997 008 Active	ST GEORGE DISTRICT TOWING	Business Name	2222 NSW
49 326 583 821 Active	ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE CLUB	Entity Name	6009 WA
78 715 742 565 Active	ST GEORGES LUTHERAN CLUB	Entity Name	5118 SA
35 650 662 102 Active	ROTARY CLUB OF ST GEORGE'S	Entity Name	6000 WA
42 514 537 787 Active	ST GEORGE DENTAL ASSOCIATION	Entity Name	2229 NSW
97 869 230 976 Active	ST GEORGE DISTRICT NETBALLASSOCIATION INC	Trading Name	2216 NSW
57 282 529 690 Active	ST HELENS ATHLETIC CLUB INC	Entity Name	7216 TAS

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Nickie Paraskevopoulos

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Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Oliver Dimoski

Hi Office of General Manager,

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Details of the Fund is shown as below.

1. **Code:** CWF 12/24-25
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Oliver Dimoski
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**

4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)

5. **Legal Name:** Kogarah Historical Society Inc - Not eligible

6. **Trading name:** Kogarah Historical Society Inc

7. **Registered for GST:** No

8. **ACNC Registered:** No

9. **ABN:** 28596235945

10. **Incorporated Entity:** 1215404

11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Sponsorship of a local history competition-Kogarah Historical Society runs History Awards every second year. 2025 will be the fourth competition. Contestants are invited to enter an essay on an aspect of life in the Georges River Council area. The essay can be about a person, an event, a building, an organisation or the environment provided it relates to our area. We have received wide ranging entries in the past from Ostrich Farming to The History of the Greek Church in Kogarah, Oatley Park, or growing up in WW2. All entries are lodged with Local Studies in Hurstville so that they are accessible for researchers and other interested people. We also feature some entries in our bi-monthly newsletter. The group appoint independent judges, mainly historians.

12. **Event/project date:** 02-06-2025

13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 500

14. **Contact Name:** Gill Whan -President of the Kogarah Historic Society

15. **Phone number:** 439667843

16. **Mobile:** 439667843

17. Email: gillwhan33@gmail.com

18. Website: www.kogarah.historicalsociety.com.au

19. Street: Carss Cottage Museum – 80 Carwar Ave.

20. Suburb: Carss Park

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2221

23. Please enter Postal address: PO Box 367, Kogarah NSW 1485

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

25. Community Group: The Kogarah Historical Society, now in its 56th year, was founded in 1970 to encourage the study of Australian History and promote awareness of the history of the Kogarah Municipality. Their motto is "Preserving the Past for the Future". The Society is run by volunteers all seniors. They are a part of the Seniors Reference group of GRC . The group takes care for Carss Cottage Museum for the community. website is www.kogarah.historicalsociety.com.au

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1. **Code:** CWF 13/24-25
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Kathryn Landsberry
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
Oliver Dimoski
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Kogarah Historical Society Inc — Not eligible.
6. **Trading name:** Kogarah Historical Society Inc
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** Yes
9. **ABN:** 28596235945
10. **Incorporated Entity:** 1215404
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Kogarah Historical Society History Awards
12. **Event/project date:** 02-06-2025
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 1000
14. **Contact Name:** Gill Whan, President Kogarah Historical Society
15. **Phone number:** 439667843
16. **Mobile:** 439667843
17. **Email:** gillwhan33@gmail.com
18. **Website:** <https://kogarah.historicalsociety.com.au/>

19. Street: Carss Cottage Museum 80 Carwar Avenue

20. Suburb: Carss Park

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2221

23. Please enter Postal address:

24. Declaration of conflict of interest: A non-significant non-pecuniary interest *

25. Community Group: Kogarah Historical Society, now in its 56th year, was founded in 1970 to encourage the study of Australian History and promote awareness of the history of the Kogarah Municipality. Their motto is "Preserving the Past for the Future". The Society is run by volunteers, all seniors. They are part of the Seniors Reference group of GRC., and care for Carss Cottage Museum for the community.

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Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Oliver Dimoski
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1. **Code:** CWF 14/24-25
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Oliver Dimoski
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Lions Club of Lugarno Inc
6. **Trading name:** Lions Club of Lugarno
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:** 86358860662
10. **Incorporated Entity:** 564721
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** The Gerni and Industrial Vacuum cleaner is to clean the gear (BBQ, cooking items, trailer, tables and chairs etc)The gear is used in charity and other fundraising events by the group.Gerni Water Washer - to keep all the gear clean, we used to use a member's gerni but he has moved away. Cost \$749 2. Karcher Industrial Vacuum Cleaner – To keep our containers in which we store all our gear clean and tidy. Cost \$389 8 insulated stainless steel pots – Lugarno Lions gets a lot of its funding from catering at BBQ's, all of the food, usually sausages and onions, are prepared at a member's house and taken to the venue where it is usually reheated. The pots we have are old and showing signs of wear and tear. Cost 8 @ \$54.92 each = \$439.36.
12. **Event/project date:** 30-04-2025
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 1578
14. **Contact Name:** Mike Warner
15. **Phone number:** 421380644

16. Mobile: 421380644

17. Email: mgwarner@bigpond.com

18. Website: www.lugarnolions.org.au

19. Street: 11 Jindabyne Cr,

20. Suburb: Peakhurst Heights

21. State: New South Wales

22. Postcode: 2210

23. Please enter Postal address: Lions Club of Lugarno Inc. PO Box 97, Riverwood NSW 2210

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

25. Community Group: Lugarno Lions are an organisation focused on providing humanitarian services. They do this by running enjoyable fundraising events and delivering service projects to our community. They have recently celebrated a milestone of 50 years operating in our community. According to the requestor the Lugarno Lions donated about \$100K jn FY 23/24 to various Community causes



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Current details for ABN 86 358 860 662

ABN details

Entity name: LIONS CLUB OF LUGARNO INCORPORATED
 ABN status: Active from 01 Nov 1999
 Entity type: Other Incorporated Entity
 Goods & Services Tax (GST): Not currently registered for GST
 Main business location: NSW 2210

Trading name(s)

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Trading name	From
LIONS CLUB OF LUGARNO	15 Jun 2000

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 17 May 2024

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Item: CCL023-25 Reconstruction of new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park - Status on February 2025 Council Resolutions

Author: Director Business and Corporate Services and General Counsel

Directorate: Business and Corporate Services

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL023-25

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council acknowledges the collaborative efforts of the NSW Office of Sport in working with Council officers to enhance the draft Project Agreement for the construction of the Carss Park Pool, with the revised agreement now offering stronger assurance and protection for the Council in the following key areas:
 - i. Financial Assurance
 - ii. Project Governance Structure
 - iii. Indemnity and Liability
 - iv. Project Scope
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor amendments to the draft Project Agreement, as contained in confidential Attachment 1, to ensure its timely finalisation.
- (c) That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to execute the Project Agreement, as contained in confidential Attachment 1, incorporating any permitted minor amendments.
- (d) That Council receives and notes the sections of the Strategic Business Case, prepared by the NSW Office of Sport, as provided in Attachment 2.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. At its 24 February 2025 Council meeting, Council resolved (CCL010-25) the following:
 - (a) That Council receives and notes the progress made on the November 2024 resolutions.
 - (b) *That the General Manager (GM) provide the community feedback to the Office of Sport, specifically highlighting the strong sentiment for the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.*
 - (c) *That the General Manager and General Counsel to collaborate with the Office of Sport to enhance and safeguard Council's position in the draft Project Agreement, focusing on the following key areas:*
 - i. *Financial Assurance*
 - ii. *Project Governance Structure*
 - iii. *Indemnity and Liability*
 - iv. *Project Scope*

- (d) *That General Manager write to the Office of Sport and encourage to pursue federal funding to support the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.*
- (e) *That the General Manager seek federal funding to assist in the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.*
- (f) *That the General Manager seek further guidance from OLG on managing compliance with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines*

2. Details of the relevant actions and status are outlined below.

BACKGROUND

3. The table below separates each of the actions resolved by Council on 24 February 2025 in relation to the *'Reconstruction of new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park – Status on November 2024 Council Resolutions'* and the corresponding status of each action.

Council Resolution (CCL010-25)	Status
(a) That Council receives and notes the progress made on the November 2024 resolutions.	Receive and note of Council, no action required by officers.
(b) That the General Manager (GM) provide the community feedback to the Office of Sport, specifically highlighting the strong sentiment for the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.	Submissions and resolution provided to NSW Office of Sport representatives.
(c) That the General Manager and General Counsel to collaborate with the Office of Sport to enhance and safeguard Council's position in the draft Project Agreement, focusing on the following key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Financial Assurance ii. Project Governance Structure iii. Indemnity and Liability iv. Project Scope 	The NSW Office of Sport representatives have worked closely with Council to refine and strengthen Council's position compared to the original draft of the Project Agreement provided in February 2025. This report presents the revised version of the agreement, which now provides enhanced assurance and protection for the Council in several key areas. It is recommended to seek authority for the Mayor and General Manager to sign the Draft Project Agreement (Attachment 1) after receiving final feedback from the NSW Office of Sport, which has been verbally confirmed with no anticipated major issues.
(d) That General Manager write to the Office of Sport and encourage to pursue federal funding to support the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.	In early March 2025 the Federal Labour candidates for Barton, Ashvini Ambihaipahar, and Banks, Zhi Soon, announced that a re-elected Federal Labor Government would contribute \$10 million towards the rebuilding of Carss Park Pool.
(e) That the General Manager seek federal funding to assist in the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.	The General Manager has formally reached out to the Federal Liberal candidates for Barton and Banks, requesting a financial

	contribution for the construction of an indoor heated learn-to-swim facility.
(f) That the General Manager seek further guidance from OLG on managing compliance with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines.	Council officers have received sections of the Strategic Business Case prepared by the NSW Office of Sport, which can be found in Attachment 2. The next step is to submit this document to the OLG for their guidance on ensuring compliance with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines. The financial information provided in prior communications from the NSW Office of Sport, along with other Council reports, will be used to inform the financial projections in the 2025/26 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). This will include projections related to owning and operating the asset and the capital contribution. The LTFP is scheduled for public exhibition in May 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Financial implications regarding the Carss Park Aquatic Facility are outlined as reported to Council CCL086-24 on Monday 25 November 2024.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

- Financial Sustainability is Council's number one strategic risk, which is Council's failure to implement appropriate financial strategies and controls to ensure financial sustainability. This requirement may be impacted by Council's failure to deliver the Long-Term Financial Plan and inability to meet emerging risks and delivery of Council's Community Strategic Plan as well as absorbing additional financial obligations without adequate resourcing.
- Assets and Infrastructure is Council's number three strategic risk, which is the risk that Council's infrastructure may not meet the evolving needs or expectations of the community, particularly in terms of quality, capacity, and resilience. This includes failure to develop and maintain infrastructure that can withstand the impacts of climate change and severe weather events, potentially compromising the ability to provide high-quality services.
- Ineffective Governance is Council's number 7 strategic risk, which is Failure of Council's Governance and Compliance Frameworks to ensure compliance with relevant legislative, statutory, regulatory and policies and procedures and which are not being monitored across the organisation.
- These strategic risks are considered when approaching the management of this project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Community engagement was undertaken and reported to Council in February 2025 report (CCL010-25). Further consultation on financial implications will occur with the public exhibition of the LTFP in May 2025.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/79590

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 Carss Park Pool Project Funding Agreement - No Mark Up - Final Draft - 19.03.25 - *published in separate document* (Confidential)
- Attachment 2 Extracts from the Carss Park Pool Strategic Business Case prepared by the NSW Office of Sport - *published in separate document* (Confidential)

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**Item:** CCL024-25 Off-Leash Dog Parks**Author:** Director, Assets and Infrastructure**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure**Matter Type:** Assets and Infrastructure

CCL024-25

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council receive and note contents of this report including the community consultation results.
- (b) That Council resolves the following:
 - (i) Hurstville Park, Hurstville proceed with final concept design as attached to this report.
 - (ii) Hogben Park, Kogarah proceed with Option B, as attached to the report.
 - (iii) Removal of off-leash dog park located at Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The 2024-2025 Capital Works Program identifies *Off-Leash Dog Park Embellishments*. As per Council Community Engagement Guidelines options for these embellishments were consulted with the community. This report provides the results of this consultation and a subsequent recommendation from Council Officers at the respective sites.
2. Council Officers recommend:
 - (a) Hurstville Park, Hurstville proceed with final concept.
 - (b) Hogben Park, Kogarah proceed with Option B, noting the surrounding parkland will become dog on-leash park with a 10m exclusion around the playground.
 - (c) Removal of off-leash dog park located at Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills, for the reasons outlined in this report.
3. These options and the recommended outcomes are attached to this report.

BACKGROUNDEstablishment of Hurstville Park and Merv Lynch Reserve as Off-leash Dog Parks

4. In March 2022 Council Resolved the following:

NM021-22 That the General Manager prepare a report into potential locations for an off-leash dog parks within the Mortdale and Hurstville wards as there are currently none located in these two wards.

The report, as per resolution, addresses

 - (a) *Trial locations for an off-leash dog parks for both Mortdale and Hurstville wards*
 - (b) *Identify amendments to Plans of Management required to facilitate new off-leash dog parks; and*
 - (c) *Estimated costs for establishment and ongoing maintenance of the parks.*
5. This resulted in Council Officers recommending trials at Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills and Hurstville Park, Hurstville.

6. In August 2022, Council Resolved the following:
7. *ASS022-22 Off-Leash Dog Park Investigation Hurstville and Mortdale Wards*
 - (a) *That Council support a trial for off-leash dog parks in the Hurstville Ward at Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills and Hurstville Park, Hurstville.*
 - (b) *That the existing playground at Hurstville Park, Hurstville be decommissioned to facilitate the trial at this location.*
 - (c) *That Council undertake community consultation prior to the commencement of the trial for off-leash dog parks at the specified locations, including the decommissioning of the playground.*
 - (d) *Following the trial, a further report be presented to Council to determine suitability of each site as a permanent off-leash location that will include community feedback received during the duration of the trial.*
8. These sites were selected due to their location within Hurstville Ward and on the boundary of Mortdale Ward, size and preserved minimal impact on existing residents and park users. That Plans of Management for the two sites allow for these uses to occur.
9. These trials ran from September 2022 – January 2023. Council Officers conducted resident notification one month prior to the trial as well as signs in the area directing the community to Councils YourSay page where feedback could be submitted.
10. There were 53 responses were received during the consultation period that ran from 1 October 2022 to 16 January 2023. From the responses, 50 received were supportive and/or contained suggestions on improvements at the sites for additional infrastructure. Those community members not supportive of the trial sighted etiquette and behaviours.
11. In February 2023, Council Resolved:

ASS004-23 Off-Leash Dog Park Merv Lynch Reserve and Hurstville Park

 - (a) *That Council receive and note the feedback on the trial of the two new off-leash dog park sites, Hurstville Park, Hurstville and Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills.*
 - (b) *That Council endorse Hurstville Park and Merv Lynch Reserve to formalise as off-leash dog parks.*
 - (c) *That Council, in accordance with the Companion Animals Act Section 13.6, declare Hurstville Park, Hurstville and the designated section of Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills, off-leash dog parks at all times.*

Merv Lynch reduced operating hours trial.

12. Trial operating hours of 7am -7pm for a period of three months (28 June to 27 September) were introduced to Merv Lynch Reserve. This was due to reports of privacy concerns and anti-social behaviour.
13. Consultation was run during this trial period with 8 responses for the trial and 35 against.
14. Key themes from the consultation included:
 - Concerns about the hours not being compatible with users' schedules including work commitments or during summer daylight saving changes.
 - Socialising opportunity the park provides.
 - Concerns and reports from both residents and dog park users regarding anti-social behaviour.

2024/25 Off-leash Dog Park Embellishments

15. The following three sites were included in Councils adopted Capital Works Program for delivery in the 2024/25 financial year:
 - (a) Hurstville Park, Hurstville
 - (b) Hogben Park, Kogarah
 - (c) Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills
16. Council Officers undertook investigations and developed concept designs for each of these locations to improve community safety, enhance the useability of open space for multiple user groups, and embellish the dog park facilities available at each site.
17. A key part of this work was ensuring that the community was consulted, as per Councils Community Engagement Guidelines, prior to progressing the projects through to delivery.

Embellishment Consultation - Round 1

18. The first round of consultation was undertaken between 4 September 2024 and 29 September 2024, to get feedback on the concept designs relating to each location. The concept designs provided as part of Round 1 consultation are provided in Attachment 1.
19. Consultation included resident notification letters, signage installed onsite and social media posts, all of which linked to Council's YourSay page for the project where the community could provide comments and feedback on the proposals.
20. A summary of the consultation results for each location is outlined in Table 1.

Location	Contributors	Submissions	Duplication
Hurstville Park	1	1	n/a
Hogben Park	13	14	Negligible
Merv Lynch Reserve	43	55	22%

Table 1: Engagement snapshot

21. It was noted that a number of contributors made multiple submissions. Codified data was utilised to eliminate these duplications, ensuring that the survey results were a true and accurate representation of the relevant stakeholders.
22. All feedback and consultation results from the YourSay portal can be reviewed in Attachment 2.

Hurstville Park

23. Hurstville Park had minimal engagement however, this was anticipated due to the dog park's location not impacting other park users or adjoining property owners. The nearby Timothy Reserve has a large playground, picnic tables and passive open space and is sufficiently separated from the dog park by Hurstville Oval.

Hogben Park

24. General feedback for Hogben Park was the desire to have the dog park adjacent to the basketball courts and playground. Council officers noted this during their investigation and determined this location would create conflict issues with different park users due to the proximity.
25. A site meeting was held on 27 November 2024 with the Director of Assets and Infrastructure, Manager of City Technical Services, Councillor Gao and park users. As a result of this site meeting, another option was developed to increase the area of the proposed dog park.

Merv Lynch Reserve

26. General feedback for Merv Lynch was users felt the space was too small and the existing size should be retained/expanded. The open feedback responses offered valuable insights into the tension and conflicts between neighbouring residents, dog park users, and those engaged in passive recreational activities.
27. A site meeting was held on 29 November 2024 with the Director of Assets and Infrastructure, Manager of City Technical Services, Councillor Liu and park users. As a result of this site meeting, another option was developed within the park which provided a larger area for the dog park whilst maintaining open space and safe access through the reserve for the broader community.

Embellishment Consultation - Round 2

28. A second round of consultation was undertaken between 3 December 2024 and 3 February 2025 to seek further feedback on all designs including the additional options for both Merv Lynch Reserve and Hogben Park. The concept designs provided as part of Round 2 consultation are provided in Attachment 3.
29. Due to the increased engagement from the community, the consultation period was extended by three weeks.
30. Consultation included resident notification letters, signage installed onsite and social media posts, all of which linked to Council's YourSay page for the project where the community could provide comments and feedback on the proposals.
31. A summary of the consultation results for each location is outlined in Table 2.

Location	Contributors	Submissions	Duplication
Hurstville Park	15	15	n/a
Hogben Park	41	40	n/a
Merv Lynch Reserve	106	176	41%

Table 2: Engagement snapshot

32. It was noted that a number of contributors made multiple submissions. Codified data was utilised to eliminate these duplications, ensuring that the survey results were a true and accurate representation of the relevant stakeholders.
33. All feedback and consultation results from the YourSay portal can be reviewed in Attachment 4.

Hurstville Park

34. General feedback for Hurstville Park was that majority of respondents were in favour of the proposed embellishments.

Hogben Park

35. General feedback for Hogben Park was that respondents preferred Option B, the larger of the proposed designs. This option provides a balance between dog park users and passive users of the open space. This option also proposes the surrounding park to become a dog on-leash park with a 10m exclusion around the playground.

Merv Lynch Reserve

36. General feedback for Merv Lynch Reserve was that respondents of the survey wanted the dog park to remain as is. The open feedback responses were consistent with those of the Round 1 survey results, indicating ongoing conflict between park users.
37. In addition to the above comments, Council was made aware of comments on social media using inappropriate language towards a Council Officer as well as publish private

contact details encouraging group members to harass the staff member outside of work. The matter in relation to the publishing of private contact details is currently with the NSW Police for investigation.

38. Two community members have been issued with warning letters from Council for displaying unreasonable customer conduct including persistence and offensive commentary.

Ongoing concerns regarding Merv Lynch off-leash dog park

39. Due to significant conflict between all stakeholders, it is recommended to remove the off-leash dog park currently located at Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills. Continuing with an off-leash dog park in this location will likely cause ongoing management issues for Council with complaints from all user groups and adjoining residents.
40. In addition to managing complaints, Council Officers have the following concerns regarding Merv Lynch off-leash dog park:
- Merv Lynch Reserve off-leash dog park has been a source of tension for the community.
 - Council staff while undertaking consultation efforts have been intimidated both in person and online.
 - The site has become an enforcement issue for Council Rangers and poses a WHS risk moving forward.
 - Council is aware of the anti-social behaviour between residents and dog owners and concerned that events may escalate into the future.
 - A vast majority of the concerns raised by residents centred around the noise created by attendees of the park, including yelling, dog barking, light pollution, kicking of objects against residents' fences and other illegal behaviour such as letting off illegal fireworks. Such behaviours require police intervention and could create an unacceptable safety risk for Rangers if requested to attend after hours.

Recommendations

41. As a result of the extensive consultation undertaken at the three locations, it is Council officers' recommendation to:
- (a) Proceed with embellishments at the existing off-leash dog park at Hurstville Park, Hurstville, as per the plan in Attachment 3.
 - (b) Proceed with embellishments at the existing off-leash dog park at Hogben Park, Kogarah, as per the plan 'Option B' in Attachment 3. The surrounding parkland will become a dog on-leash park with a 10m exclusion around the playground.
 - (c) Remove the existing off-leash dog park at Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills.
42. It should be noted that should Merv Lynch Reserve be removed, Council provides ten alternate off-leash dog park locations. As a comparison, Canterbury Bankstown Council and Sutherland Shire Council both provide eight, and Bayside Council provides 16 parks for their community and visitors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

43. A total of \$120,000 was included in Councils adopted 2024/25 Capital Works Program for delivery of the off-leash dog park embellishments at the three identified sites. Based on the recommendations within this report, no change to budget has been identified.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

- Strategic Risk 8 – Social Cohesion identified. As outlined in this report there has been ongoing anti-social behaviour at Merv Lynch Reserve Off-leash Dog Park. The continuation of this service will likely lead to increased risk.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

44. Specific community engagement results are contained in the body of this report.
45. Consultation included resident notification letters, signage installed onsite and social media posts, all of which linked to Council's YourSay page.
46. Community consultation during the establishment of the trials was also undertaken as outlined in this report.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/51775

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1  Off-leash Dog Park Embellishments - Concept Designs for Round 1 Consultation - *published in separate document*
- Attachment 2  Off-leash Dog Park Embellishments - Round 1 Consultation YourSay Export - *published in separate document*
- Attachment 3  Off-leash Dog Park Embellishments - Concept Designs for Round 2 Consultation - *published in separate document*
- Attachment 4  Off-leash Dog Park Embellishments - Round 2 Consultation YourSay Export - *published in separate document*

NOTICES OF MOTION**Item: NM011-25 Installation of Footpath on Gold Street, Blakehurst****Councillor:** Councillor Landsberry**MOTION:**

That Council investigate the installation of a footpath on Gold Street, between Castle Street and Stuart Street, Blakehurst.

NM011-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, *Goal 4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.*

As part of Council's Capital Works Program, new footpath construction is identified as a priority to occur once in every two financial years. The next scheduled round of new footpath construction is planned for 2025-2026, subject to Council approval.

Council has an established list of priority new footpaths, based on criteria including linkages to public transport, high use pedestrian routes around schools and shopping centres, improvements to accessibility, and increase to road safety.

Council engineers have assessed the feasibility of installing a footpath on Gold Street, between Castle Street and Stuart Street in Blakehurst, and have found that the route is likely viable from both a design and construction standpoint.

A detailed survey of the site between Castle Street and Stuart Street is required to inform the detailed design and enable construction of this section of footpath.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A footpath on Gold Street will be included as part of Capital Works Program in 2025-2026, subject to Council approval.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/42149

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM012-25 Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Hurstville Donor Centre**Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (i) Send a letter of Congratulations to Candy McMaster on the opening of the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Hurstville Donor Centre.
- (ii) Express Appreciation for the dedication and efforts of advocates who have supported blood donation initiatives.
- (iii) Enhance Collaboration between the Council, Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, and the local community by:
 - a. Promoting Blood Donation Awareness through campaigns, events, and community engagement.
 - b. Improving accessibility and Infrastructure by installing directional signs to donor centres in public spaces and including Lifeblood in Council directories.
 - c. Advocating for policy support by formally recognising blood donation as a vital community health initiative and integrating it into health and wellness programs.

NM012-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 3: Our economy, *Goal 3.1 Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow, Strategy 3.1.1 Support local businesses to help protect jobs and create employment opportunities.*

Council has been working with the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood team, since its opening in Hurstville on 7 February 2025.

Collaboration initiatives to help promote community awareness of Lifeblood Hurstville have included:

- Councillor Mort representing the Mayor at the opening of the Lifeblood donation centre.
- Mayoral column and editorial appearing within The Leader.
- Bilingual social media post to support the opening of the donation centre featuring the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
- Collaboration with Lifeblood on the media outreach to support the opening of the donation centre.
- Support within Community eNews.
- Listing of the donation centre opening via What's On.
- Promotion of the donation centre within staff newsletter.
- Social media support via GRC channels into the community supporting the donation centre.

- Advertising within Hurstville Plaza on the digital screen.

Additional promotions forthcoming include:

- The Autumn edition of Community magazine to feature story on the opening of the donation centre.
- Lifeblood has registered with Business Chamber South and has indicated they'll support future events organised via Business Chamber South.
- New section on our website to be developed to promote opportunities for community contributions including Lifeblood donations.

Council is working with Lifeblood Hurstville to improving accessibility and directional signage by:

- Providing Lifeblood with the relevant paperwork to advertise the donation centre along the pathway on Forest Road.
- Investigating locations around Hurstville for placement and wayfinding of Lifeblood brand messaging.

Council is currently reviewing our staff wellbeing program and considering participation in the National Local Government Blood Drive, along with exploring the possibility of allowing staff to donate blood during work hours.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within existing budget allocation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/58074

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM013-25 Upgrade/Renewal of Outdoor Fitness Equipment**Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council investigates the upgrade and/or renewal of the existing outdoor fitness equipment and facilities at Timothy Reserve Park and Woodville Park, Hurstville, for inclusion in a future Capital Works Program.
- (b) That these investigations consider, but are not limited to, the condition of the soft-fall ground at Timothy Reserve Park and the design and installation of new soft-fall ground at Woodville Park.

NM013-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

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

Both Woodville Park and Timothy Reserve Hurstville provide important recreational opportunities for the community with assets including playgrounds, fitness equipment and public amenities.

Timothy Reserve has a current Master Plan and Plan of Management that was adopted by Council in 2020. The Master Plan provides the broad management direction and layout intended for the future use and development, including the installation of a new hub on the corner of Patrick and Gordon Street. However, as this area has been established as a designated off-leash dog park and an alternate space requires further investigation. Council officers will investigate the condition and usage and program renewals and/or upgrades into a future Capital Works Program.

Council is currently focussed on the delivery of the playground upgrade project within Woodville Park, with completion planned for June 2025. Council is also currently investigating the future development of a Spatial Framework document for the site. A Spatial Framework supports the Generic plans of Management under which Woodville Park sits, and identifies a clear vision, alongside a series of actions, to help improve the quality of community amenity and create a more cohesive space for everyone to enjoy. Significant community consultation will be undertaken during the development of this framework, demonstrating Council's commitment to collaborating with the community to provide the best outcomes for all community members. The renewal and/or upgrade of this outdoor fitness equipment and facilities will be considered as part of this work.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/64699

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM014-25 Mandating the collection of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) from households by July 2030

Councillor: Councillor Wang

MOTION:

That the General Manager provide a report to Council on the feasibility of Council developing and implementing an accelerated FOGO Action Plan for Businesses and Institutions which includes as a minimum:

- i. Communication and Education: Provision of accessible information on the FOGO mandate and its local implications. The report is to consider the best options for dissemination of this information including via Council's website, social media channels, and direct outreach to local businesses and institutions.
- ii. Funding: Allocate appropriate funding within Council's operational waste budget to support local FOGO initiatives. This may include new sustainable waste initiatives and subsidising existing projects (e.g., local composting, worm farming, bokashi bins, Bin Trim).
- iii. Management: Consider the need for a committee or task force to oversee the implementation of the FOGO Action Plan. Where a committee is considered necessary the report is to include recommended representatives from Council, local businesses, and community organizations, including partners like Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW.
- iv. Timeline: Formulate a detailed timeline for meeting the FOGO mandate for businesses and institutions starting from July 2026. The report should outline milestones for infrastructure upgrades, community engagement initiatives, and performance monitoring mechanisms.
- v. Legislation: Liaison with the NSW EPA to obtain updates on the regulatory framework, enforcement measures, and infrastructure planning for FOGO. This will ensure that local efforts are aligned with state requirements and that the work done by the Council is recognized as a model for sustainable, local waste management solutions.
- vi. Development: Develop and execute a comprehensive plan to introduce FOGO collection services in all council-managed buildings, venues, facilities, and childcare centres ahead of the July 2026 deadline. This action is to inspire and encourage broader community participation in effective organic waste management practices.
- vii. Review: Provide a timeframe for regular updates to Council on the progress of the FOGO Action Plan, including key performance indicators and financial outcomes. These reports should be made publicly available to ensure transparency and accountability.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

The NSW Parliament recently passed legislation mandating the collection of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) from households by July 2030, and in stages for businesses and institutions starting from July 2026.

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

- Pillar 2: Our Green Environment, *Goal 2.1 Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment, Strategy 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:

The financial impacts associated with this project will be included in the subsequent report requested by the Motion.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/66431

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM015-25Glenlee

Councillor: Councillor Mahoney

MOTION:

- (a) That the General Manager writes to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP and to the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Peter Dutton MP to seek their positions on:
 - (i) funding towards the purchase, restoration, embellishment and future maintenance of Glenlee; and
 - (ii) whether they would support Australian National Heritage listing of the property.
- (b) That the General Manager writes to Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Minister for Finance, to ascertain the Federal Government's criteria applicable to:
 - (i) land acquisitions; and
 - (ii) the provision of grants to the NSW Government for land acquisitions.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 1 – Our Community, *Goal 1.4 – Georges River area heritage and history is protected.*

Funding

Council has previous sought funding from the NSW Government and the Federal Government:

- Council at its meeting held 27 March 2023 considered a Notice of Motion (NM018-23) on Glenlee, where it was resolved that Council seeks urgent funding commitments for the acquisition of "Glenlee" from the NSW Premier, the NSW Minister for Environment and Heritage, and the NSW Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, and The Prime Minister, the Minister for the Environment and Water, and the Minister for Indigenous Australians.

Letters to the Premier, Ministers and Prime Minister were sent on Thursday 13 April 2023. Responses were received from the Hon Linda Burney MP and the NSW Premier's Office. Representatives of the Hon Linda Burney MP, responded on 13 April 2022, with the original representation made by the Hon Linda Burney MP to the Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP in July 2022 re the future of Glenlee. The Premier's Office, responded on 12 May 2023, outlining the letter had been referred to the areas of primary responsibility being the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage.

- Council at its Meeting held 26 June 2023 considered a Notice of Motion (NM031-23) on Glenlee, where it resolved that Council write to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Energy, Heritage and the Environment, the Hon. Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians and the Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water, seeking the provision of funds towards the acquisition of the property. Letters were sent 4 July 2023.

A response from the World and National Heritage Branch on behalf of the Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP, was received on 14 July 2023 advising that the Australian Heritage Grants program supports places on the National Heritage List but does not provide for property

acquisition. As Glenlee is not included on the National Heritage List, it is not eligible for Australian Government heritage grant funding.

- Council at its meeting held 28 August 2023 considered a Notice of Motion (NM050-23) on Glenlee and resolved to support the preparation of a business case which details options for possible future uses for Glenlee, and that the General Manager approach the Hon. Penny Sharpe, MLC, Minister for Energy and Climate Change, Minister for Environment and Heritage to seek full funding for the preparation of the business case. A letter from the GM requesting funding for the preparation of the business case was sent on Monday 13 September 2023. No reply has been received to date.
- Council again resolved on 27 November 2023 (NM080-23) that the General Manager write to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage to seek a meeting to discuss 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. A letter from the GM was sent on the 13 December 2023 requesting a meeting.

Australian National Heritage

The Australian National Heritage List has been established to list places of outstanding heritage significance to Australia. It includes natural, historic and Indigenous places that are of outstanding national heritage value to the Australian nation.

The Australian Heritage Council assesses the values of nominated places against set criteria and makes recommendations to the Minister for the Environment (the Minister) about listing. The final decision on listing is made by the Minister.

The National Heritage Criteria for a place are any or all of the following:

- (a) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history;
- (b) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Australia's natural or cultural history;
- (c) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history;
- (d) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of:
 - (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places; or
 - (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments;
- (e) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;
- (f) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
- (g) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;
- (h) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural or cultural history.

- (i) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance as part of Indigenous tradition.

Note: the cultural aspect of a criterion means the Indigenous cultural aspect, the non-Indigenous cultural aspect, or both.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/71578

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM016-25 Beautification of Mortdale Streetscape**Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

That Council create a costing to beautify the Mortdale Streetscape and help activate the shopping area and create a community atmosphere by considering the following items:

- (i) Timber on the concrete seating so that it is as displayed in the architectural drawings.
- (ii) Tree lights to activate the centre.
- (iii) Christmas Decorations for next Christmas to help activate the shopping centre.
- (iv) Add greenery with planter boxes- similar to Narwee and Hurstville.
- (v) Removing or replacing the tree stump.
- (vi) Chemist Warehouse to have a tree planting section as this is now a hot spot in hot weather.
- (vii) Seating similar to outside the Westpac area which will also encourage using the crossing instead of crossing in the middle of the road.
- (viii) Replacing the silver bollards that reflect the sun into cars and pedestrians.
- (ix) Ensuring that loading zones are appropriate for shops.
- (x) Include a cleaning maintenance for the streetscape and the lanes and streets.

NM016-25

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.*
- 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 Mortdale Town Centre as a Local Centre. Local Centres are areas that provide essential access to day-to-day goods and services close to where people live.

The Mortdale Town Centre is comprised of two halves split by the railway line and provides a broad range of retail and commercial services for an affluent catchment. It is served well by public transport (Mortdale Railway Station) and both sides of the centre experience a high volume of commuter activity offering good exposure resulting from passing commuter and vehicle traffic.

Council recently completed Mortdale streetscape improvements including the undergrounding of electrical and telecommunication infrastructure, upgrade of streetlighting, paving, installation of stormwater infrastructure, planting of street trees, installation of street furniture and installation of traffic facilities along Morts Road, between the train station and Victoria Avenue.

Further investigations will be undertaken to determine further potential improvements and upgrades that are feasible for the Mortdale Town Centre. This will include, but not be limited to,

consideration of items (i) to (x) identified in this Motion and the development of a detailed cost plan to inform future capital works and operational expenditure budget bids.

In developing the detailed cost plan, Council officers will consider the results of the community consultation undertaken which informed the completed Mortdale streetscape upgrades, as well as the design and infrastructure standards used throughout the Mortdale Town Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FILE REFERENCE

D25/74316

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM017-25 Reduction in Tree Canopy Cover**Councillor:** Councillor Allison**MOTION:**

That Council writes to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Mr Paul Scully MP, requesting the recommencement of the Greening Our City Grants Program, which last provided funding in 2022. This program is vital for addressing canopy deficits by supporting tree planting initiatives in suburbs with low canopy cover and increased exposure to heat.

NM017-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 2: Our green environment, *Strategy 2.3.1 Increase and promote our tree canopy, shrubs and bushland coverage.*

This Motion is also consistent with the following action within Council's Environmental Resilience Action Plan 2022-2040:

- Increase tree canopy cover across the LGA to 40% by 2038.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/76306

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM018-25E-bikes and E-scooters**Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council conducts a publicity campaign via its website, print and social media channels in order to heighten awareness about the safety risks arising from, and the legal issues governing, the use of e-scooters and e-bikes, to incorporate:
 - (i) The current legal constraints around operating these devices in public spaces such as roads, footpaths, parks and carparks, to include speed limits and helmet-wearing; and
 - (ii) Information about the safety risks involved with the use of associated batteries and battery chargers, to cover safe methods of disposal of these items.
- (b) That the General Manager writes to the relevant NSW State Government Departments requesting an update on the e-scooter trials.
- (c) Once the General Manager receives a response, a further report be provided to Council highlighting the feedback and results of the e-scooter trial in order for Council to determine next steps for the local government area.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 1: Our community, *Goal 1.3: The community is safe and healthy, Strategy: Implement actions to maintain and promote the community safety of our area.*

Georges River Council was the first Sydney Metro Council to participate in an e-scooter trial in partnership with the State Government and Beam Scooters. The trial was conducted from January 2024 to January 2025.

The trial proved popular with over 10,000 trips and almost 9,000 kilometres travelled. Consultation was run across the trial to capture community sentiment. The Your Say consultation page received over 2,400 visits and the Georges River Beam Operating map received over 31,000 visits.

The State Government trial is continuing within other LGA's across NSW and the State have not released any formal feedback on the trials.

The NSW State Government determines the road rules for e-scooters and e-bikes including age limits, speed limits and wearing helmets.

Several other Local Governments do awareness campaigns informing the community about safe use practices of e-scooters and e-bikes. These campaigns provide links to information provided by the State Government.

Council could deliver an awareness campaign focusing on the safety risks of e-scooters and e-bike use, within the local government area.

The General Manager will write to the relevant NSW State Government Departments requesting an update on the e-scooter trials. It is anticipated that the feedback from the e-scooter trials conducted across the State will influence any new or amended legislation and provide a solid base for the future decisions of Council in relation to e-bikes and e-scooter within the local government area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A publicity campaign to heighten awareness of the community can be delivered within existing budget allocation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/77023

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM018-25

Item: NM019-25 Investigation of Parking on Bembridge and surrounding Streets in Carlton and Kogarah**Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (i) Investigates converting parallel parking to 90-degree parking on Bembridge Street and surrounding streets in Carlton and Kogarah to increase parking capacity.
- (ii) Undertakes any necessary assessments, including road width, traffic flow, pedestrian safety, and accessibility, to implement this change as soon as possible.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2023:

- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, *Goal 4.3 - There are a range of transport options and increased walkability and cycling to connect people, goods and businesses.*

The investigation of reconfiguring parking on Bembridge Street and surrounding streets in Carlton and Kogarah is a significant undertaking involving a comprehensive parking assessment across a broad area in accordance with relevant standards and guidelines, namely AS2890.5:2020 Parking Facilities – Part 5: On-street Parking, and the NSW Road Rules.

A comprehensive parking assessment would consider key factors and constraints such as the length of parking spaces, required safety buffer zones, minimum lane widths required to accommodate reconfiguration, necessary clearances from intersections and driveways, sightlines, and traffic volumes.

Due to the high number of requests for traffic and parking studies across the local government area, the current proposed program has been prioritised to address public safety risks and concerns.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The investigation of reconfiguring parking at this location is estimated to cost approximately \$10,000. A budget bid would be required for inclusion in the 2025-2026 Operating Budget, and due to resource constraints within the Traffic team, a traffic and parking study of similar complexity and cost would need be deferred.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/77032

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM020-25 Investigation of Garbage Collection after the Waste Bin Changes**Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (i) Acknowledges fault in the recent significant waste collection failures across the LGA, including but not limited to repeated missed collection services, failure to notify residents of changing collection days, roadblocks to residents accessing missed collection services, and breakdown in communications with residents and strata managers.
- (ii) Acknowledges fault that residents of units and strata complexes have been disproportionately affected, especially those in Kogarah, Carlton, Allawah and Hurstville.
- (iii) Provide a report to Council on the contractual penalties that can be enforced and timeline for their enforcement.
- (iv) Conduct an investigation into these failures and provide a report to Council detailing:
 - a. The cause of failures
 - b. Which entity (council, contractor, etc.) is responsible
 - c. What actions are being undertaken to rectify in the short term, and
 - d. What actions are being undertaken to prevent a recurrence in the long term.
- (vi) Conducts a full feasibility study into bringing waste services back in-house to reduce costs, improve service delivery, and provide secure local jobs.
- (vii) That these reports be presented to the Council prior to the April Council meeting.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

1. Comments to this notice of motion are brief due to the final form of the NOM being finalised less than 24 hours prior to the deadline for Council giving notice of the business to be discussed at the March meeting of Council.
2. Council carried out a significant change of waste collection schedules, the likes of which have not occurred for over 16 years from 2 March 2025.
3. Council anticipated service disruptions to collections during this transition period. To mitigate the impact, Council undertook extensive consultation and communication with the community over several months and sought additional assistance from the contractor, Veolia, to mitigate the impact.
4. Over 99% of all scheduled collection services have been provided in the first two weeks of the new collection schedules to households and businesses that rely upon Council's waste collection services.
5. Council is still in the process of transitioning its collection schedules and is about to embark on a new bin rollout for every serviced premises within the LGA. As such a full report on the transition as requested in proposed resolution (iv), including conclusions as to the causes, who was responsible, what actions were taken in response and what prevention measures can be taken in the future, is not able to be completed by the requested timeframe.

6. Without a report as to the matters referred to in paragraph 4 above, it is pre-emptive for Council to apportion blame or acknowledge fault for service disruptions. Council remains committed to improving our service to the community and is confident that once these transition issues have been resolved the community will see the improved service that were envisaged to be provided via new vehicles and new technology.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. A feasibility study is a significant report which is unfunded in Council's currently adopted operational plan nor is it proposed in the draft budget for FY2025-2026.
8. A feasibility study would need to be conducted by an external consultant as this study is not part of the Waste Teams current work program and is expected to cost Council in the order of \$20,000 to \$30,000.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/77062

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM021-25 Installation of a Safety fence on Railway Parade Allawah**Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (i) Allocate funding in the 2025-2026 financial year for the installation of a safety railing or barrier on Railway Parade at the intersection of Lily Street and Elizabeth Street, Allawah, to enhance pedestrian and resident safety outside local cafes and businesses.
- (ii) Prioritises this installation as a matter of urgency in the 2025-2026 financial year due to the significant safety risks posed to the community.
- (iii) Request the General Manager to report back to the elected Council with a clear timeline for the completion of these works in the 2025-2026 financial year.

NM021-25

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.*

Road pedestrian fencing is considered a traffic control device and requires appropriate investigation by qualified Council engineers to determine the feasibility and scope of construction and installation.

The robust nature of road pedestrian fencing prevents elements of the fence from becoming detached in the event of vehicle impact and therefore requires specific engineering detail and design of footings. Further, site traffic investigations are required to ensure no additional safety risks or hazards are created at or near the site.

Once an appropriate site investigation, scope and design has been completed a report must be provided to the Traffic Advisory Committee and Council for approval. The cost of construction and installation for a road pedestrian fence at this location is not known at this stage as site investigations, scope and design have not been undertaken by Council engineers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If investigations, scope and design determine that the construction and installation of a road pedestrian fence at this location is feasible, Council officers will provide projects costings to enable a budget bid for inclusion in the 2025-2026 Capital Works budget.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/77086

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM022-25 Development Application Processing Times**Councillor:** Councillor Anzellotti**MOTION:**

That Georges River Council:

- (a) Provide a detailed report at the next council meeting outlining:
 - Current strategies and resources dedicated to minimising DA approval times.
 - Specific barriers contributing to delays in meeting the NSW Government's 40-day target.
 - An action plan for further reducing the average processing time to align with community and state expectations.
- (b) Commit to transparency and accountability by publishing quarterly updates on DA processing times and steps taken to improve efficiency.
- (c) Investigate and implement best-practice strategies used by other councils, such as:
 - Fast-track assessment pathways for low-risk applications.
 - Pre-lodgement advisory services to reduce errors and resubmissions.
 - Increased use of technology to automate administrative processes and enhance assessment efficiency.
- (d) Engage with state government and relevant stakeholders to seek support, if necessary, in reducing DA backlogs.

NM022-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

1. A briefing was held with councillors on Monday, 17 March 2025 in relation to the letter issued by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces dated 6 March 2025 requiring a Council endorsed response on the actions Council will take to make improvements to DA processing times.
2. Parts a) to d) of this motion are largely addressed through a report to Council at this meeting, titled Statement of Expectations Endorsement for Written Response to Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure. This report responds to the letter referred to in Point 1
3. As part of that report, an action plan is presented seeking Council endorsement. The plan details a range of actions proposed to be implemented to make the necessary changes for improvements.
4. Where gaps exist in the requested information, this can be covered off in subsequent quarterly reporting as identified in the Action Plan. The next report is scheduled for the July 2025 Environment and Planning Committee. The report will combine Councils Quarterly Metrics report information, Action Plan progress and any other relevant developments in this space.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Some of the items listed within the Action Plan are already being implemented within existing budget allocation from the Development and Building Unit. There will be financial implications with recruiting additional staff outside of the existing staff establishment.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/77192

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM022-25

Item: NM023-25 Council Related Development Application Policy**Councillor:** Councillor Landsberry**MOTION:**

That further to the adoption of the Council Related Development Application Policy at the 24 February 2025 meeting of Georges River Council:

- (i) Council notes that the purpose of this Policy is to provide a framework to manage potential conflicts of interest for Council related development applications when Council is the landowner, lessee, licensee, or has a commercial interest in the land that is subject of the application.
- (ii) That when a potential conflict of interest has been identified under the Policy, the application will be assessed by an external independent consultant or planner.
- (iii) In these circumstances, Council resolves that when future development applications are assessed by an external independent consultant or planner who is then identified as the DA Officer for DA notification purposes, that Councillors will be included within the DA notification process, for their reference and information.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

1. Parts (i) and (ii) are correct in that Council resolved at its meeting on 24 February 2025 to adopt the Council Related Development Application Policy, giving effect to situations where an external independent consultant is appointed to assess a Council related application. The policy also sets out the situations where delegation is with a Panel. These details are dependent on whether the risk is considered to be low, medium or high.
2. Council staff now identify the list of applications which fall within the policy and publish this list on Council's website. As part of this process, Councillors will be provided access to this link list via a specific Councillor Information Bulletin item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. No financial/budget impact for this recommendation. The management of the requirements contained within the policy will be dealt with through the assessment process of Development Applications.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/77783

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM024-25 Parking issues in Kogarah and Carlton**Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (i) Notes the severe lack of parking in Kogarah and Carlton, which continues to impact residents and businesses.
- (ii) Recognises the widespread illegal parking issues, particularly on Bembridge Street and Browns Road, where double parallel parking is prevalent due to the raised level of designated parking spots.
- (iii) Develops and implements a plan to immediately increase ranger patrols in these high-risk areas to enforce parking regulations and improve safety.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

The allegations regarding illegal parking in Bembridge St and Browns Rd will be investigated with reference to the definition of double park as contained within Rule 197 of the *Road Rules 2014*. A schedule of foot patrols will be developed and implemented to promote an equitable turnover of the limited available on-street parking spaces within Kogarah and Carlton subject to available resources which are impacted by:

- Increase in Customer Requests - In 2022, Council received 2717 requests from the public to investigate illegal parking matters, in 2024 that number had risen to 4633 which equates to a 70% increase in requests in a two-year period. As of 17 March 2025, Council has already received over 1000 service requests this calendar year relating to parking. These statistics do not include the twice daily School Zone patrols or requests from Councillors or elected members that often require ongoing patrols over an extended period.
- Introduction of *Fines Amendment (Parking Fines) Act 2024* – The requirement in this legislation to issue fines on vehicles will require Parking Officers to patrol in pairs (for safety reasons) instantly reducing our efficiency and limit the geographical area that can be patrolled each day.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional financial implications for this recommendation are anticipated outside of existing budget allocations.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/78542

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Item: QWN005-25 **Community Involvement with Australia Day Honours**

Author: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Every year Georges River Council honours outstanding community members through its Australia Day Awards. These awards celebrate individuals who have made significant contributions to the local community across various categories.

OFFICER RESPONSE

The Australia Day Awards recognise and celebrate individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Georges River community. Nominations are welcomed from community members who wish to acknowledge a local hero in one of the following categories:

- **Young Citizen of the Year;**
- **Volunteer of the Year;**
- **Citizen of the Year; and**
- **Localability Citizen of the Year**

Community members can submit nominations by completing an online or paper nomination form from Council's website. Nominations typically open in September and close at the end of November. Georges River Council issues a media release when nominations open, which includes a link to the online and paper nomination form. This is further promoted via Council's social media platforms, e-newsletter, Councillor Information Bulletin and directly shared with Council's community networks.

The selection process involves a review of all nominations based on the nominee's contributions, impact, and alignment with the award criteria. Nominees must be Australian citizens residing in the Georges River local government area. All nominations are confidential, and nominees will receive formal notification of their nomination. Winners and nominators will be invited to the official award ceremony.

For the 2025 awards, nominations criteria included:

- **Details on how the nominee has significantly contributed to the community** within the category they are nominated for;
- **An outline of the nominee's achievements and/or awards** and the positive impact these have had on the community;
- **An explanation of why the nominee is a positive role model and inspiration** to the community; and
- **Any other relevant information** that highlights the nominee's outstanding community contributions.

Please note that the nomination criteria are subject to change in future years.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QWN005-25

Item: QWN006-25 Update of Bocce Court

Author: Councillor Pun

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can the General Manager provide an update on the Bocce Court project behind Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre including:

- (a) brief project scope
- (b) cost breakdown, including project budget and spend so far
- (c) remaining items

OFFICER RESPONSE

- (a) Council resolved (NM016-21) in March 2021 to investigate and report on the feasibility of installing a (1) bocce court at Smith Park, Kingsgrove.

A report (ASS012-21) was subsequently submitted to the April 2021 Assets and Infrastructure Committee that identified that construction of this type of facility is achievable within Smith Park. It also identified that while the proposal was supported by local community groups, Council's Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy did not identify Bocce or similar recreations as priority activities.

A Spatial Framework for Smith Park was developed in 2023 to guide the future management of the site and the progression of the construction of Bocce infrastructure as part of the 2023/24 Capital Works. The Framework included the provision of one Bocce court, in line with the March 2021 resolution.

Consultation during the progression of this project, including a site meeting with both the Bocce community groups and Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre in March 2024, identified demand for three (3) Bocce courts based on utilisation. Council officers noted that three Bocce courts would result in a reduction of the existing open space for the local community at Smith Park. It was also noted that the inclusion of two additional Bocce courts was significantly more expensive than the original proposal of one court.

A compromised scope was therefore developed, in consultation with the community representatives, which negated impact to useable open space while providing three functional, non-hireable Bocce courts within the allocated Capital Works budget.

The scope, which was agreed upon with the Bocce community groups and Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre, was executed within the 2023/24 Capital Works Program and included the construction of flush concrete court surrounds for three 27m x 4m Kikuyu grass Bocce courts. Park furniture, subsoil drainage within the courts, and removable raised ends were also included in the project to improve playability and amenity.

- (b) The adopted 2023/24 Capital Works Program allocated \$90,000 towards the delivery of a Bocce court in Smith Park. As identified in point (a), this scope changed and was reflected in the construction executed. The project was delivered within budget, for approximately \$85,000, which included additional grass surface improvement work.
- (c) The scope of works for the Smith Park Bocce Court Construction project, as per point (a), has now been completed. No further work has been identified at this time.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QWN006-25

Item: QWN007-25 Facilities to improve Traffic and Pedestrian Movement and Safety

Author: Councillor Mahoney

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. What is the process by which Council staff determine the need for new facilities to improve traffic and pedestrian movement and safety, such as the funding, design and construction of crossings and refuges, chicanes, speed humps and roundabouts?
2. What are the Transport for NSW requirements for the funding, design and construction of all new facilities to improve traffic and pedestrian movement and safety, including the statistics or “warrants” for vehicle and pedestrian movements?
3. What are the roles and responsibilities of Council’s Traffic Advisory Committee in the approval, design and construction of any new facilities to improve traffic and pedestrian movement and safety, such as crossings and refuges, chicanes, speed humps and roundabouts?
4. What is Council’s community consultation process for the design and construction of new facilities to improve traffic and pedestrian movement and safety?
5. What is the definition of a “Traffic Study”, how are they funded and on what occasions are they conducted?

OFFICER RESPONSE

1. The investigation for new facilities to improve traffic and pedestrian movement and safety is often initiated by requests from the community, councillors, or local MPs. The investigation process generally includes:

Planning Stage

- Data Collection: Council traffic engineers gather crash data, traffic speed, and volume data.
- Site Inspection: Council traffic engineers observe road user behaviours, site, and traffic conditions.
- Proposal Development: Council traffic engineers explore treatment options, referencing various guidelines and standards, and considering site-specific conditions.
- Public Consultation: Council traffic engineers consult with the community about the treatment options to gauge input.
- Referral to Traffic Advisory Committee: Council traffic engineers prepare a report to the traffic committee seeking endorsement of the proposal.
- Funding Source Identification: Council traffic engineers explore opportunities for external funding. If not available, the work is considered in future capital work programs, subject to Council approval.

Design Stage

- Design Inception: Handover between Council traffic engineers and design engineers to define scope, inclusions and exclusions.

- Design Progression: Council design engineers complete detailed designs and finalise plans for construction.

Construction Stage

- Council design engineers handover to project engineers.
 - Council project engineers oversee the procurement process, and project manage delivery.
2. Transport for NSW offers various grant programs, including the Black Spot Program and Get NSW Active. These programs prioritise funding applications based on specific criteria, rather than a meet-and-warrant system. The success of a funding application depends on the number of applications and their priority ranking.

Historically, the consideration of new devices has relied on warrants, or numerical requirements. This includes criteria such as pedestrian and traffic volumes to warrant pedestrian crossings, crash history to justify treatments, and recorded speeding to justify traffic calming measures. However, recent practices have shifted towards considering the local context and the compatibility of road functions with the movement and place framework. In this regard, Council Officers are developing a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Policy to guide the future planning of traffic facilities, with details to be presented to Council in due course.

3. Under the Road Act 1993 and the Road Transport Act 2013, TfNSW is responsible for regulating traffic across NSW. TfNSW has delegated certain aspects of traffic regulation on local roads to councils, such as specific prescribed traffic control devices. The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) has no decision-making powers. The TAC is primarily a technical review committee, which is required to advise the Council on matters referred to it by Council. These matters must be related to prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities for which Council has delegated authority. The TAC should consider the technical merits of the proposal and ensure that the proposal meets current technical guidelines.

The Council must refer all traffic related matters to the TAC prior to exercising its delegated functions. Matters related to State Roads or functions that have not been delegated to the elected Council must be referred directly to Transport for NSW or relevant organisation. Such matters must not be referred to the TAC. However, Transport for NSW will generally seek the views of the Council on State Road traffic issues via the informal items process. A Council is not bound by the advice of its TAC.

4. Consultation can occur at various stages of the project to achieve different goals:
- Planning Stage: To gauge views and concerns and confirm the treatment in principle.
 - Design Stage: To resolve issues raised by the community for the best possible outcomes.
 - Construction Stage: To inform the community of upcoming works and reduce impacts.

The table below provides the guidelines for engagement levels:

Type	Objective	Engagement level
Minor signage and line marking changes	Inform the community about changes to existing facilities and the reasons behind these changes.	Inform
New traffic devices	Provide details on proposed treatments, gauge community support, and identify significant concerns.	Consult

Parking changes	Explain the rationale for changes and gather feedback and concerns from the community.	Consult
Traffic studies	Offer opportunities for community participation to ensure the study addresses real needs.	Involve
Major projects	Engage the community throughout the project's progress and identify opportunities for more successful outcomes.	Involve

Typical methods for consultation are letterbox drops, on-site displays, yoursay and social media campaigns. Council's Traffic Team is currently reviewing the public consultation process, with details to be presented to Council in due course.

5. A Traffic Study often involves a comprehensive investigation of traffic matters that may include an area or precinct rather than isolated sites. It may involve analysis using advanced traffic modelling tools for evidence-based recommendations. Due to limited resources, such studies often require engaging external consultants who provide best practices in the industry, offer benchmarks, and add value through independent review. Funding allocation is necessary to enable their delivery. There is a specific Traffic Studies budget line that is used for priority items, in addition to this operational budget can be resolved to include specific sites. Examples include the Park Road and Jubilee Avenue intersection review, and the Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study.

It is important to note that staff resources are limited and there is capacity to deliver approximately two studies per year while continuing to investigate a range of other traffic and transport matters of which on average there are 30 per month.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN008-25 Use of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide

Author: Councillor Allison

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Owing to continuing reports of adverse side-effects having a serious impact on native fauna, what is the current status of the report into the use of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide (SGAR) as resolved at the September 2023 Council meeting (Ref NM055-23)?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Council officers are monitoring the ongoing chemical review of anticoagulant rodenticides by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). A Council Report on the progress of this review and Council's interim proposed management actions is being developed for presentation at the May 2025 Council Meeting.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QWN008-25

Item: QWN009-25 Patrols of Carss Bush Park

Author: Councillor Landsberry

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can the Director please advise the current arrangements for Council ranger patrols of Carss Bush Park?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Patrols of Carss Bush Park by Council's Rangers Team are generally based on service requests lodged by the community and the availability of staff based on the prioritisation of matters that are of immediate risk to the community. Council's Rangers Team currently schedule proactive patrols of the over 130 parks and reserves within the area to address community concerns, primarily those relating to off leash or unattended dogs.

To ensure that community expectations relating to other matters that the Rangers Team are responsible for are investigated in a timely manner, such as abandoned trailers/vehicles, footway obstructions and investigating dog attacks, Council relies on the community to lodge service requests either via the online Log-it Fix-it system on Council's website or with Council's Customer Experience Team. This helps to ensure that patrols can occur at times and in locations where the observed concerns are occurring, rather than at times with little or no activity.

Council's Parking Team are aware of the issues relating to illegal parking in and around the Carss Bush Park area and conduct regular patrols due to ongoing concerns from the community. In 2024 alone there were at least 54 documented patrols of roads in the Carss Bush Park area and many more patrols not captured by Council's service request management system. To help address the ongoing concerns of illegal parking in the area, patrols of this area by Parking Officers will continue.

Anti-social behaviour and traffic management is an issue across many metropolitan councils; however, Council does not have the appropriate legislative powers to deal with such behaviours. NSW Police are the appropriate regulatory authority for such matters and any concerns of this behaviour need to be reported by the community directly to local Police.

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.

CCL008A-25 Naming Rights Agreement with Netstrata (Report by General Counsel)

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) (c) (d(i)) (g) it is considered the matter information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND concerns commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the position of a person who supplied it; AND contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND concerns commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the position of a person who supplied it; AND contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

CCL009A-25 General Manager's Performance Review (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

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).

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 deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

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

OPEN COUNCIL

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS