

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 28 April 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, 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, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, Executive Assistant to the General Manager – Sue Matthew, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Head of Technology – Mark Tadros and Technology Services Officer Lee Fermor.

OPENING

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

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANZAC DAY

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

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

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

Lest We Forget.

Note: A minute's silence was observed by all present.

PRAYER

Pastor Peter Wallis from Revival Life Centre offered a prayer to the meeting.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence for this meeting was previously granted to Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar.

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.

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason that the address specified in the disclosure is subject to a change in zone / planning control by the proposed LEP (the subject land). Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Mayor, Councillor Borg submitted a Non-significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason that the Biodiversity Character and FSPA Planning Proposal proposes to include the park adjacent to her principal place of residence to the FSPA area. Mayor, Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Mayor, Councillor Borg submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason that her principal place of residence specified in the disclosure is subject to a change in zone/planning control by the proposed LEP (the subject land). Mayor, Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Mayor, Councillor Borg submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason that the principal place of residence of a close relative specified in the disclosure is subject to a change in zone/planning control by the proposed LEP (the subject land). Mayor, Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Mayor, Councillor Borg disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL026-25 (ASS015-25) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2025 for the reason she lives in the vicinity of the Beverley Park Golf Course. Mayor, Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item..

Non- Significant Non – Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Landsberry submitted a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason that the property that she leases is located within an Indicative LMR Housing Area under the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy, however as the property appears within an indicative map it does not factor in individual property constraints. Councillor Landsberry will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Allison submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason the Councillor has an interest in the land (e.g. is the owner or has another interest arising out of a mortgage, lease, trust, option or contract, or otherwise). Councillor Allison will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Jamieson submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason that the address specified in the disclosure is subject to a change in zone/planning control by the proposed LEP (the subject land). Councillor Jamieson will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Non - Significant Non – Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL030-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds for the reason he is a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non - Significant Non – Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Allison disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL030-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds for the reason he is a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society. Councillor Allison will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non - Significant Non – Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Mort disclosed a Non-significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason that she has an interest in a property located in an LMR area. Councillor Mort will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Non – Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Mort disclosed a Non-significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item NM026-25 Reopening of Service Tunnel at Waterfall for the reason she trains with two (2) of the speakers in the public forum of tonight's meeting. Councillor Mort will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Non – Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Jamieson disclosed a Non-significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) for the reason her friend Deb Mackie was on her ticket at the election. Councillor Jamieson will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Non – Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Wang disclosed a Non-significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item NM029-25 Congratulations to the Nepalese Community for the reason the speaker Kamal Sigdel was on his 2021 council election ticket. Councillor Wang will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Councillor Anzellotti submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason that the Councillor has an interest in the land (e.g. is the owner or has another interest arising out of a mortgage, lease, trust, option or contract, or otherwise). Councillor Anzellotti will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Councillor Wang submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item CCL028-25 (ENV012-25) Impact of the Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA for the reason the Councillor has an interest in the land (e.g. is the owner or has another interest arising out of a mortgage, lease, trust, option or contract, or otherwise). Councillor Wang will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Joey Albdullah (in person)	NM025-25	Advocating Free Parking for the General Public at the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park
2	Sasho Ognenovski (written submission)	NM025-25	Advocating Free Parking for the General Public at the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park
3	Tom Chen (written submission)	QWN013-25	Bus Zone-Forest Road Hurstville
4	Tony Baddour (written submission)	MM007-25	Congratulations to Business Chamber South
5	Kamal Sigdel (written submission)	NM029-25	Congratulations to Nepalese Community
6	Adrian Polhill (written submission)	NM008-25	Funding Support for Infrastructure Demands Arising from Housing Reforms
7	Susan Ghosn	NM008-25	Funding Support for Infrastructure

	(written submission)		Demands Arising from Housing Reforms
8	Bill Yuan (in person)	ASS013-25	Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study Outcomes
9	David Fletcher (in person)	CCL028-25 ENV012-25	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee held 14 April 2025. Impact of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA
10	Deborah Mackie (in person)	CCL028-25 ENV012-25	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee held 14 April 2025. Impact of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA
11	Kim Wagstaff (written submission)	CCL028-25 EVN012-25	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee held 14 April 2025. Impact of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA
12	Robyn Stahel (in person)	CCL028-25 ENV012-25	Report of the Environment and Planning Committee held 14 April 2025. Impact of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River LGA
13	Ruth Chou (written submission)	NM031-25	Off Leash Dog Park
14	Alicia Boyd (in person)	NM031-25	Off Leash Dog Park
15	Jason Xie (in person)	QWN012-25	Parking Restriction - Basset Street and Pearl Street
16	Marina Lao (in person)	QWN012-25	Parking Restriction - Basset Street and Pearl Street
17	Rammani Bhurtel (in person)	QWN012-25	Parking Restriction - Basset Street and Pearl Street
18	Craig Vernon (in person)	NM26-25	Reopening of Service Tunnel at Waterfall
19	Deborah Fransen (written submission)	NM026-25	Reopening of Service Tunnel at Waterfall
20	Deborah Davidson (written submission)	NM026-25	Reopening of Service Tunnel at Waterfall
21	Theresa Kot (in person)	CCL026-25 ASS017-25	Report of the Assets & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025. Draft Floodplain Risk Management Committee Terms of Reference April 2025
22	Glyn Pulling (in person) Withdrawn	CCL026-25 ASS017-25	Report of the Assets & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025. Draft Floodplain Risk Management Committee Terms of Reference April 2025
23	Lianyun Dong (in person)	NM028-25	Timothy Reserve - Safety and Amenity Issues

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang left the Chambers at 07:55pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang returned to the Chambers at 07:56pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur left the Chambers at 08:01pm

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL025-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 March 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM007-25 Congratulations to Business Chamber South
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: Mayor Councillor Borg

That Council congratulate Business Chamber South on the outstanding success of the recent Southern Sydney Jobs & Skills Fair and that the Mayor write to the President to share Council's congratulations.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

MM008-25 Funding Support for Infrastructure Demands Arising from Housing Reforms
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: Mayor Councillor Borg

That Council, in response to the significant infrastructure demands arising from the unplanned population growth generated by the NSW Government's Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy (LMR), write to the NSW Premier, NSW Minister for Planning, and the Federal Government to:

- (i) Request the creation of a targeted grant funding program to assist local governments in meeting the infrastructure pressures generated by the LMR Policy. This package should

include, but not be limited to:

- a. Targeted, upfront funding to deliver and upgrade essential local infrastructure in areas experiencing unplanned population growth;
 - b. Ongoing operational support to address the maintenance, renewal, and lifecycle costs of new infrastructure.
- (ii) Request the provision and public release of the research and evidence underpinning the LMR Policy, specifically outlining:
- a. The projected financial impact of the policy on local government services and infrastructure; and
 - b. The mechanisms required to support both:
 - o Local infrastructure based on the scale and pace of LMR-driven development;
 - o State-owned infrastructure needed to support population growth, including schools, hospitals, public transport, and major road upgrades.
- (iii) Advocate to the Australian Government for:
- a. An immediate increase in Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to at least 1% of total Commonwealth taxation revenue; and
 - b. A review of the Local Government funding model to ensure it reflects the demands of accelerated population growth.
- (iv) Acknowledge the extensive infrastructure portfolio managed by councils essential to liveable, sustainable communities such as:
- a. Built Infrastructure – Parking, Local roads and traffic upgrades, Footpaths and pedestrian safety, Stormwater and drainage systems, Active transport networks
 - b. Green Infrastructure - Enhanced urban tree canopy, Public open spaces and recreation areas
 - c. Community Infrastructure - Libraries and community buildings, Sporting and recreational facilities

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

CONDOLENCES

Councillor Mort offered her condolences on the passing of her brother-in-law, Tony Mort.

I rise tonight with a heavy heart to acknowledge the sudden and heartbreaking passing of my brother-in-law, Tony Mort.

Tony was diagnosed with melanoma just nine weeks ago, and his loss has come as a profound shock to our entire family. It is still hard to believe that he is no longer with us.

Tony was a kind, empathetic, and gentle human being, deeply loved by so many. His beloved wife Annette, his sons Cameron and Eric, his siblings Chris and Peta, and our whole extended family are feeling his absence deeply.

Tony's warmth, compassion, and steady presence left a lasting impact on all those fortunate enough to know him. His loss has left an irreplaceable void in our lives.

On behalf of my family and myself, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has offered their support during this difficult time.

I move that Council formally extend its deepest condolences to Tony's family and friends as we honour the life of a much-loved husband, father, brother, and friend.

Note: A minute's silence was observed by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL026-25 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025

(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao left the Chambers at 08:30pm

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mort

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS015-25 to ASS018-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

ASS015-25 REPORT OF THE BEVERLEY PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2025

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

That the Minutes of the Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2025, be adopted by Council.

ASS016-25 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2025

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 April 2025, be adopted by Council.

ASS017-25 DRAFT FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE APRIL 2025

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

- (a) The Draft Floodplain Risk Management Committee Terms of Reference be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days inviting the community to comment on the Draft Terms of Reference.
- (b) That Council receive a further report concerning the comments received from the

community during the public exhibition period for adoption of the Draft Terms of Reference by Council.

- (c) That an expression of interest (EOI) for community representatives to the Floodplain Risk Management Committee be advertised for a period of no less than 28 days.

ASS018-25 T24/007 CHILLER AND VAV UPGRADE & ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT HURSTVILLE HOUSE

(Report by Head of Procurement and Contracts)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender that is recommended for T24/007 Chiller and VAV Upgrade & Asbestos Removal at Hurstville House, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

CCL027-25 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM011-25 to COM012-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

COM011-25 QUARTERLY COMMUNITY PROPERTY REPORT - 1 JANUARY 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2025

(Report by Coordinator Community Property and Venues)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025.

COM012-25 OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP REQUEST GEORGES RIVER LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS

(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approve the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$10,000 to become a major sponsor of the 2025 Georges River Local Business Awards

CCL028-25 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao left the Chambers at 8:30pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao returned to the Chambers at 8.33pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for item ENV014A-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

ENV014A-25 EXPANSION OF DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING RESOURCING - ITEM 7 OF THE ACTION PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE (DPHI)

(Report by Director Environment and Planning)

- (a) That the Council notes this report in response to *'Item 7 of the Council Report CCL020-25 (Statement of Expectations – Endorsement for Written Response and Action Plan to DPHI)* in relation to exploring expansion of development assessment resourcing – recruiting staff over and above the existing establishment.
- (b) That the Council urgently approve a budget increase of \$150,000 for the 2024/25 financial year resulting in a reduction of the current budgeted operating surplus to \$4.4 million as at the Quarter 2 revision.
- (c) That the Council urgently approve a budget increase of \$640,000 for the 2025/26 financial year resulting in a reduction to the preliminary draft budgeted operating surplus to \$2.4 million.
- (d) That Council acknowledges this will negatively affect its financial projection over the 10-year forecast in the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) but remains a priority for both Georges River Council and the NSW Government to address and improve this issue, with Council working to resolve the financial impact within the LTFP.

ENV012-25 IMPACT OF THE LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING POLICY STAGE 2 ON THE GEORGES RIVER LGA

(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mort left the Chambers at 8:36pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mort returned to the Chambers at 08:39pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski left the Chambers at 08:39pm

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

MOTION: – Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

(a) That Council:

- (i) Note that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) does not support Council's Housing Planning Proposal as a replacement for the Low and Mid-

Rise (LMR) Housing Policy.

- (ii) Note that Council's Housing Planning Proposal would have delivered immediate capacity for over 8,245 new dwellings across the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA) through targeted amendments to planning controls. This Proposal formed just one component of Council's comprehensive and proactive response to the NSW Government's housing reforms, which also includes the implementation of the Mortdale Master Plan (578 dwellings), the Beverly Hills Master Plan (734 dwellings), and the ongoing preparation of the Riverwood and Kogarah Town Centre Master Plans. Which when combined may equal or exceed the capacity provided by the LMR.
 - (iii) Note that Council's Proposal was informed by careful and evidence-based planning work undertaken by Council's expert strategic planners, aimed at distributing new housing supply equitably across the LGA while safeguarding the character of local suburbs, Heritage Conservation Areas, and sensitive ecological zones.
 - (iv) Express concern that Council's planning experts have raised concerns that the non-discretionary development standards mandated under the LMR Policy may compromise the delivery of well-designed homes and result in development that does not reflect the character of our local suburbs.
 - (v) Express concern that Council's Housing Proposal would have delivered 2,169 more "missing middle" homes than the LMR Policy — including housing types like dual occupancies, villas and townhouses — offering greater housing choice for growing families and downsizing residents. In contrast, the LMR Policy provides less opportunity for families to "step up" into appropriately sized homes and limits options for empty-nesters to "step down" from larger properties, particularly for those who wish to remain in their local community but do not want to transition into high-density apartment living.
 - (vi) Express concern at the reduction in parking requirements under the LMR Policy to as low as 0.5 space per dwelling for some developments, regardless of bedroom count, which is likely to exacerbate existing parking pressures, particularly in areas close to public transport nodes.
 - (vii) Express concern that the LMR Policy poses significant challenges to achieving the State Government's 40% urban tree canopy cover target by 2038, due to larger building footprints on smaller lots and increased driveway crossovers that reduce opportunities for tree planting.
 - (viii) Express concern that the LMR Policy is not supported by any funding or forward planning to deliver the critical infrastructure required to accommodate increased density, including upgrades to roads, traffic management, stormwater and drainage systems, active transport networks, public open spaces, and essential community infrastructure.
 - (ix) Express concern that the Biodiversity Planning Proposal offers significant benefits for the environment, the Georges River, and local fauna, and that the failure to progress it in a timely manner risks undermining critical environmental protections and initiatives.
- (b) That Council write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to:
- (i) Seek an Alteration to the Gateway Determination to progress Part A: Biodiversity, Character and FSPA (PP2024/0002) of the Integrated Planning Proposal.
 - (ii) Resubmit PP2024/0004 – Additional and Diverse Housing (previous Part B of the Integrated Planning Proposal) as a separate Planning Proposal for a Gateway

Determination, and

- (iii) Request reconsideration of its decision and support PP2024/0004 - Additional and Diverse Housing as a viable and appropriate replacement for the LMR Policy.
- (c) That Council acknowledge that Stage 2 of the LMR Policy came into effect on 28 February 2025 and, in response, resolve to proceed with the officer recommendations to address its implications on existing strategic planning work, as follows:
 - (i) Endorse Scenario 3 of the Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan Implementation, as outlined in this report which proposes the following changes to the adopted Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan:
 - (ii) The deletion of the proposed R3 Medium Density Residential Zone fronting Newman Street, Cross Street, Victoria Avenue, and Cooks Lane, Mortdale; and
 - (iii) The alignment of the Floor Space Ratio (FSR) and Height of Building (HOB) to the LMR Policy controls for land zoned R4 High Density Residential.
 - (iv) Seek an exclusion from the LMR Policy for those parts of the Beverly Hills Station LMR Housing Area affected by the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF), as identified in the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for the Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards catchment (2023).
 - (v) That the preparation of the Riverwood Local Centre and Kogarah Strategic Centre Master Plans consider the potential application of the LMR Policy to land zoned R2, R3 and R4 within those study areas.
 - (vi) acknowledge the implications of the LMR Policy on the Hurstville, Penshurst and Oatley LMR Housing Areas and actively monitor development applications lodged under the LMR Policy development standards.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Wang, Councillor Pun

That this item be deferred for consideration at the Council Meeting scheduled for 26 May 2025.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Amendment: The 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 five (5) votes FOR and nine (9) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Wang, Councillor Pun

- (a) That Council:
 - (i) Note that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) does not support Council's Housing Planning Proposal as a replacement for the Low and Mid-Rise (LMR) Housing Policy.
 - (ii) Note that Council's Housing Planning Proposal would have delivered immediate capacity for over 8,245 new dwellings across the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA) through targeted amendments to planning controls. This Proposal formed just one component of Council's comprehensive and proactive response to the NSW Government's housing reforms, which also includes the implementation of the

Mortdale Master Plan (578 dwellings), the Beverly Hills Master Plan (734 dwellings), and the ongoing preparation of the Riverwood and Kogarah Town Centre Master Plans. Which when combined may equal or exceed the capacity provided by the LMR.

- (iii) Note that Council's Proposal was informed by careful and evidence-based planning work undertaken by Council's expert strategic planners, aimed at distributing new housing supply equitably across the LGA while safeguarding the character of local suburbs, Heritage Conservation Areas, and sensitive ecological zones.
 - (iv) Express concern that Council's planning experts have raised concerns that the non-discretionary development standards mandated under the LMR Policy may compromise the delivery of well-designed homes and result in development that does not reflect the character of our local suburbs.
 - (v) Express concern that Council's Housing Proposal would have delivered 2,169 more "missing middle" homes than the LMR Policy — including housing types like dual occupancies, villas and townhouses — offering greater housing choice for growing families and downsizing residents. In contrast, the LMR Policy provides less opportunity for families to "step up" into appropriately sized homes and limits options for empty-nesters to "step down" from larger properties, particularly for those who wish to remain in their local community but do not want to transition into high-density apartment living.
 - (vi) Express concern at the reduction in parking requirements under the LMR Policy to as low as 0.5 space per dwelling for some developments, regardless of bedroom count, which is likely to exacerbate existing parking pressures, particularly in areas close to public transport nodes.
 - (vii) Express concern that the LMR Policy poses significant challenges to achieving the State Government's 40% urban tree canopy cover target by 2038, due to larger building footprints on smaller lots and increased driveway crossovers that reduce opportunities for tree planting.
 - (viii) Express concern that the LMR Policy is not supported by any funding or forward planning to deliver the critical infrastructure required to accommodate increased density, including upgrades to roads, traffic management, stormwater and drainage systems, active transport networks, public open spaces, and essential community infrastructure.
 - (ix) Express concern that the Biodiversity Planning Proposal offers significant benefits for the environment, the Georges River, and local fauna, and that the failure to progress it in a timely manner risks undermining critical environmental protections and initiatives.
- (b) That Council write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to:
- (i) Seek an Alteration to the Gateway Determination to progress Part A: Biodiversity, Character and FSPA (PP2024/0002) of the Integrated Planning Proposal.
 - (ii) Resubmit PP2024/0004 – Additional and Diverse Housing (previous Part B of the Integrated Planning Proposal) as a separate Planning Proposal for a Gateway Determination, and
 - (iii) Request reconsideration of its decision and support PP2024/0004 - Additional and Diverse Housing as a viable and appropriate replacement for the LMR Policy.
- (c) That Council acknowledge that Stage 2 of the LMR Policy came into effect on 28 February 2025 and, in response, resolve to proceed with the officer recommendations to address its implications on existing strategic planning work, as follows:

- (i) Endorse Scenario 3 of the Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan Implementation, as outlined in this report which proposes the following changes to the adopted Mortdale Local Centre Master Plan:
 - a. The deletion of the proposed R3 Medium Density Residential Zone fronting Newman Street, Cross Street, Victoria Avenue, and Cooks Lane, Mortdale; and
 - b. The alignment of the Floor Space Ratio (FSR) and Height of Building (HOB) to the LMR Policy controls for land zoned R4 High Density Residential.
- (ii) That the preparation of the Riverwood Local Centre and Kogarah Strategic Centre Master Plans consider the potential application of the LMR Policy to land zoned R2, R3 and R4 within those study areas.
- (iii) Acknowledge the implications of the LMR Policy on the Hurstville, Penshurst and Oatley LMR Housing Areas and actively monitor development applications lodged under the LMR Policy development standards.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Amendment: The 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 five (5) votes FOR and nine (9) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

(a) That Council:

- (i) Note that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) does not support Council's Housing Planning Proposal as a replacement for the Low and Mid-Rise (LMR) Housing Policy.
- (ii) Note that Council's Housing Planning Proposal would have delivered immediate capacity for over 8,245 new dwellings across the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA) through targeted amendments to planning controls. This Proposal formed just one component of Council's comprehensive and proactive response to the NSW Government's housing reforms, which also includes the implementation of the Mortdale Master Plan (578 dwellings), the Beverly Hills Master Plan (734 dwellings), and the ongoing preparation of the Riverwood and Kogarah Town Centre Master Plans. Which when combined may equal or exceed the capacity provided by the LMR.
- (iii) Note that Council's Proposal was informed by careful and evidence-based planning work undertaken by Council's expert strategic planners, aimed at distributing new housing supply equitably across the LGA while safeguarding the character of local suburbs, Heritage Conservation Areas, and sensitive ecological zones.
- (iv) Express concern that Council's planning experts have raised concerns that the non-discretionary development standards mandated under the LMR Policy may compromise the delivery of well-designed homes and result in development that does not reflect the character of our local suburbs.
- (v) Express concern that Council's Housing Proposal would have delivered 2,169 more "missing middle" homes than the LMR Policy — including housing types like dual occupancies, villas and townhouses — offering greater housing choice for growing

families and downsizing residents. In contrast, the LMR Policy provides less opportunity for families to “step up” into appropriately sized homes and limits options for empty-nesters to “step down” from larger properties, particularly for those who wish to remain in their local community but do not want to transition into high-density apartment living.

- (vi) Express concern at the reduction in parking requirements under the LMR Policy to as low as 0.5 space per dwelling for some developments, regardless of bedroom count, which is likely to exacerbate existing parking pressures, particularly in areas close to public transport nodes.
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 - b. The alignment of the Floor Space Ratio (FSR) and Height of Building (HOB) to the LMR Policy controls for land zoned R4 High Density Residential.
 - (ii) Seek an exclusion from the LMR Policy for those parts of the Beverly Hills Station LMR Housing Area affected by the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF), as identified in the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for the Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards catchment (2023).
 - (iii) That the preparation of the Riverwood Local Centre and Kogarah Strategic Centre Master Plans consider the potential application of the LMR Policy to land zoned R2, R3 and R4 within those study areas.

- (iv) Acknowledge the implications of the LMR Policy on the Hurstville, Penshurst and Oatley LMR Housing Areas and actively monitor development applications lodged under the LMR Policy development standards.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

CCL029-25 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN010-25 to FIN013A-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

FIN010-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 28 February 2025 be received and noted by Council.

FIN011-25 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2024 (CONFIRMED) AND 13 MARCH 2025 (UNCONFIRMED)

(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

- (a) That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 14 November 2024 be received and noted by Council.
- (b) That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 13 March 2025 be received and noted by Council.

FIN012-25 QUARTERLY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

That Council receive and note the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial

Property Portfolio, for the period ending 31 December 2024.

FIN013-25 HALF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT: JULY 2024 - DECEMBER 2024

(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

- (a) That Council receive and note the Half Year Progress Report July 2024 – December 2025 (Attachment 1) of performance made towards Georges River Council's Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2024/25.
- (b) That a copy of the Half Year Progress Report July 2024 – December 2025 be published on Council's website and a link provided to the Office of Local Government.

FIN014-25 REAPPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

That Council reappoint Mr Cliff Haynes as an independent member and chairperson to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) in accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference, for a four (4) year period ending to 22 March 2029.

FIN013A-25 PROPERTY MATTER - OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION OF 15 KEITH STREET PEAKHURST

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

- (a) That Council purchase the property at 15 Keith Street, Peakhurst, being Lot 132 in Deposited Plan 532403 on the terms outlined in this report.
- (b) That Council authorises the General Manager to execute the Contract for Sale, Transfer Document and all other associated documentation to complete the purchase of Lot 132 in DP532403, located at 15 Keith Street, Peakhurst.
- (c) That in accordance with Section 31 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the land be classified as Community Land following settlement.
- (d) The Councillors receive a workshop on the current/pending status of acquired properties for open space and any future plans for Hurstville and Kogarah.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL030-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - April 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 9:23pm

Note: Councillor Pun left the Chambers at 9:23pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

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

- CWF15/24-25 – Ineligible Application submitted by **Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu** on behalf of **Hopewood Georges River Music Festival** in the amount of **\$1,000**.

- CWF16/24-25 – Application submitted by **Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu** on behalf of **Heallfun Arts Group** in the amount of **\$1,000**.
- CWF17/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Wang** on behalf of **Hurstville Community Gardens** in the amount of **\$1,000**.
- CWF18/24-25 – Application submitted by **Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu** on behalf of **Australian Chinese Heritage Paper Arts Club Inc** in the amount of **\$1,000**.
- CWF19/24-25 – Ineligible Application submitted by **Mayor, Councillor Borg** on behalf of **Kogarah Community Services** in the amount of **\$2,000**.
- CWF20/24-25 – Ineligible Application submitted by **Mayor, Councillor Borg** on behalf of **Morris Children's Fund Inc** in the amount of **\$2,000**.
- CWF21/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Mahoney** on behalf of **Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society Inc** in the amount of **\$750**.
- CWF22/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Allison** on behalf of **Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society Inc** in the amount of **\$750**.
- CWF23/24-25 – Application submitted by **Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu** on behalf of **Australian Dongbei Chinese Chamber of Commerce Inc** in the amount of **\$1,000**.

Record of Voting

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

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

CCL031-25 Report of Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 31 March 2025.

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the report be received and noted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

CCL032-25 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 Designated Persons.

Record of Voting

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

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

CCL033-25 Working Together for a Better Future - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy (Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council endorse for the purposes of public exhibition the attached Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents, being the:
- (i) 2025-2035 Community Strategic Plan
 - (ii) 2025/26-29 Delivery Program
 - (iii) 2025/26 Operational Plan comprised of:
 - a. Budget; and
 - b. Schedule of Fees and Charges.
 - (iv) 2025/26 Resourcing Strategy comprised of:
 - a. Our People Plan;
 - b. Digital Resource Management Plan;
 - c. Asset Management Plan; and
 - d. Long Term Financial Plan.
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the Draft IP&R documents.
- (c) That the Draft IP&R documents be approved for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days, and that all submissions received during the exhibition period be:
- (i) Presented to Councillors in a workshop for review and discussion prior to final adoption; and
 - (ii) Reported to the June 2025 Council meeting for consideration as part of the formal adoption of the IP&R documents.
- (d) That Council receive and note the financial sustainability risks, particularly in regard to increasing revenues and managing expenditure, to secure Council's long-term sustainability.

Record of Voting

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

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

NOTICES OF MOTION**NM025-25 Advocating Free Parking for the General Public at the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park**
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu)

Note: Councillor Pun returned to the Chambers at 9:43pm

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 9:44pm

MOTION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

- (a) That the General Manager write to the Minister for Transport, the Hon. John Graham MLC, the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP, Mr Mark Coure MP, and Transport for NSW to raise concerns regarding the underutilisation of the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park.
- (b) That Council urge the NSW Government to provide three-hour free parking for the general public to support small businesses, encourage patronage and increase the utilisation of public facilities.
- (c) That Council keep the local community informed of any feedback received from the NSW Government.
- (d) That Council continue advocating for this issue on behalf of the local community until the goal is achieved.

AMENDMENT – Councillor Pun, Councillor Arthur

- (a) That the General Manager write to the Minister for Transport, the Hon. John Graham MLC, the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP and Transport for NSW to raise concerns regarding the underutilisation of the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park.
- (b) That Council urge the NSW Government to provide three-hour free parking for the general public to support small businesses, encourage patronage and increase the utilisation of public facilities.
- (c) That Council keep the local community informed of any feedback received from the NSW Government.
- (d) That Council continue advocating for this issue on behalf of the local community until the goal is achieved.
- (e) Write to the Member for Oatley, to enquire whether appropriate consultation with nearby businesses was conducted when designing the car park and fee structure during the time of the former Liberal Government.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, 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 eight (8) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

- (a) That the General Manager write to the Minister for Transport, the Hon. John Graham MLC, the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP, Mr Mark Coure MP, and Transport for NSW to raise concerns regarding the underutilisation of the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park.

- (b) That Council urge the NSW Government to provide three-hour free parking for the general public to support small businesses, encourage patronage and increase the utilisation of public facilities.
- (c) That Council keep the local community informed of any feedback received from the NSW Government.
- (d) That Council continue advocating for this issue on behalf of the local community until the goal is achieved.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

NM026-25 Reopening of Service Tunnel at Waterfall (Report by Councillor Mort)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur left the Chambers at 09:38pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur returned to the Chambers at 09:40pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Mahoney

That Council:

- (i) Writes to the NSW Minister for Roads and Regional Transport, the Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, and the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon. Catherine King MP, advocating for the reopening of the service tunnel under the F6 at Waterfall to provide a safer route for cyclists.
- (ii) Notes that many residents from the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA) utilise the popular cycling route from the Oatley to Como Bridge, continuing south towards Waterfall and beyond.
- (iii) Highlights that the current design of the cycling route forces cyclists to dangerously cross two lanes of the Princes Motorway M1 (F6 Southern Expressway) at Waterfall, where traffic accelerates from 80 km/h to 110 km/h, creating a notorious black spot for cyclists.
- (iv) Recognises the tragic death of cyclist Gail Allan on 14 January 2025, who was killed while attempting to cross these lanes to reach the Princes Highway exit on the right-hand side.
- (v) Acknowledges that the service tunnel and existing service roads provide a viable alternative that would allow cyclists to safely connect to the old Princes Highway, avoiding high-speed traffic hazards.
- (vi) Requests that the Ministers provide funding for the works required to reopen this infrastructure, including the removal of concrete and earth barricades, a clean-up of the disused tunnel, and reopening access from the southbound lane.
- (vii) Highlights that this initiative will improve active transport routes and connections, aligning with broader government strategies to promote cycling infrastructure and road

safety.

- (viii) Forward a copy of this motion to the Mayor's of Sutherland Shire Council, Bayside Council, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Inner West Council, Waverly Council, Randwick Council, Woollahra Council, encouraging them to consider passing a similar motion.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

NM024-25 Parking Issues in Kogarah and Carlton - Deferred from March Council Meeting (NM024-25) - With part (iv) Added to the Motion (Report by Councillor Gao)

MOTION: Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun

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 Bowns 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.
- (iv) In the first instance, place only warning letters on the vehicles windscreen to deter further offending and give people a chance to rectify their actions.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

That Council:

- (i) Notes the lack of parking in Kogarah and Carlton, which impacts residents and businesses.
- (ii) Recognises the illegal parking issues on Bembridge Street and Bowns Road, where double parallel parking is prevalent.
- (iii) Increases ranger patrols in these areas to enforce parking regulations and improve safety.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Amendment: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was nine (9) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the Motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

That Council:

- (i) Notes the lack of parking in Kogarah and Carlton, which impacts residents and businesses.
- (ii) Recognises the illegal parking issues on Bembridge Street and Bowns Road, where double parallel parking is prevalent.
- (iii) Increases ranger patrols in these areas to enforce parking regulations and improve safety.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

NM027-25 Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney left the Chambers at 10:08pm

Note: was noted that Councillor Mahoney returned to the Chambers at 10:09pm

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

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Pun

That Council:

- (i) Expresses gratitude to the schools, parents, Council's traffic team, TfNSW, WSP consultants, community members, and particularly the Hurstville Public School Parents Group, for their unwavering advocacy and collaborative efforts in contributing to the "Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study."
- (ii) Calls on the NSW State Government and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to prioritise funding for the implementation of the recommendations outlined in the "Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study."
- (iii) Commence the investigation of identified Capital Works Projects during the 25/26 Financial Year in preparation for the 26/27 Capital Budget process.
- (iv) Ensures that the implementation process allows for flexibility and adaptability to address changing conditions, particularly those arising from new developments, with a specific focus on the imminent developments around Forest Road and Durham Street.
- (v) Encourages the school community to use of the "Log It / Fix It" system.
- (vi) Requests that regular progress reports on the implementation of the study's recommendations be provided to the Council and community via the webpage.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, 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.

NM028-25 Timothy Reserve - Safety and Amenity Issues
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Anzellotti left the Chambers at 10:12pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Anzellotti returned to the Chambers at 10:14pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 10:14pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 10:15pm

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

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Pun

That Council note 'Upgrade/Renewal of Outdoor Fitness Equipment' (NM013-25) was resolved in March 2025 relating to assets at Timothy Reserve and consider the following additional actions as part of the investigations for NM013-25:-

- (i) Investigate additional lighting at Timothy Reserve, demonstrating Council's commitment to public safety.
- (ii) Investigates opportunities for enhanced place making at Timothy Reserve, including but not limited to, Public Art, Place Naming, additional way finding, enhanced public amenity.
- (iii) Submit a budget bid for 2026/2027 financial year based on the investigation recommendations.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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

NM029-25 Congratulations to the Nepalese Community
(Report by Councillor Wang)

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That Council:

- (i) Congratulates the Nepalese community of Georges River local government area on celebrating their New Year, Bikram Sambat 2082 starts from 13 April 2025.
- (ii) Acknowledges the rich cultural heritage and contributions of the Nepalese community to the Georges River area.
- (iii) Notes the significance of Bikram Sambat 2082 as a time of renewal, celebration, and community spirit.

- (iv) Expresses its support for the continued cultural celebrations and community engagement of the Nepalese community within the Georges River LGA.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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.

NM030-25 National Road Safety Week - 11-18 May 2025 (Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison

That Council:

- (i) Acknowledges and supports National Road Safety Week, which runs from 11 to 18 May 2025, and recognises its critical role in raising awareness of road safety across our community.
- (ii) Notes that National Road Safety Week is an annual initiative that highlights the impact of road trauma and promotes safer road use by all.
- (iii) Commits to promoting the key messages of the campaign through Council's communication channels, including social media, Council's website, and community noticeboards.
- (iv) Encourages all residents, community groups, schools, and local businesses to take part in National Road Safety Week by reflecting on how we can all contribute to safer roads—whether as drivers, passengers, cyclists, or pedestrians.
- (v) Notes that Georges River Council will be teaming up with Kidsafe NSW, Transurban and Transport for NSW to offer free child restraint installations and checks for residents during National Road Safety Week, promoting safer travel for children and peace of mind for parents and carers.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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

NM031-25 Off Leash Dog Park (Report by Councillor Gao)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang left the Chambers at 10:31pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang returned to the Chambers at 10:33pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Gao, Councillor Arthur

That Council:

- (i) Initiates a review of the Hogben Park Masterplan 2010 to ensure it reflects current community needs, environmental conditions, and the long-term strategy and vision for the park.
- (ii) Commences renewed community consultation as part of this review, with particular focus on the proposed dog park, fencing location, and accessibility.
- (iii) Commences consultation on the dog park being relocated to the empty spaces on the alternate areas of the park with higher ground.
- (iv) Pauses implementation of the proposed dog park and related infrastructure until the review and renewed consultation is complete and adopted by Council.
- (v) Provides ongoing updates including timelines to the community to ensure transparency and meaningful engagement throughout the process.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, 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**QWN010-25 Management of Invasive Tree Species**
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN011-25 Waste Collection Information
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN012-25 Parking Restrictions - Basset Street and Pearl Street Hurstville
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN013-25 Bus Zone - Forest Road Hurstville
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 10:44pm

Chairperson