

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 26 May 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Ashvini Ambhaipahar, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Oliver Dimoski, Councillor Thomas Gao, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, 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, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Team Leader Technology Business Support – Mark Tadros, Technology Services Officer Chris Stojanovski or Lee Fermor.

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

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 Aywan Suleiman from Revival Life Centre 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

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest – Mayor Councillor Borg disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL035-25/TAC032-25 Edward Street, Carlton – Proposed 'Parking Restriction' for the reason that the speaker in the public forum ran on her ticket at the local government election. Mayor Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Landsberry disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL036-25/COM014-25 – Community Grants 2024-2025 for the reason that Councillor Landsberry was invited to become the Patron of Kogarah Historical Society in 2023, which is a proposed recipient of a Community Grant in 2024-2025 Round 2. Councillor Landsberry will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest – Mayor Councillor Borg disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL040-25 – Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an Independent Planning Proposal for the reason that the parkland opposite my house is proposed to be rezoned into the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area. Mayor Councillor Borg 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 CCL044-25 – Allocation of Councillor Discretionary Funds for the reason that he is a friend and colleague of Adrian Polhill who is a member of St George Men's Shed in Carwar Ave, Carss Park. Councillor Allison will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item CCL040-25 Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal for the reason that while my property is outside of the proposed zoning change, it lies within the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area where nearby properties are affected. 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.

Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest –Councillor Allison disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL040-25 – Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an Independent Planning Proposal for the reason that he owns and live in a house within the FSPA (74 Lloyd st Oatley). 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 CCL040-25 – Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal for the reason that is her principal place of residence is located in the current FSPA area. There is no proposed changes to the zoning of my property. Councillor Mort will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Liu disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL040-25 – Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal for the reason that is her principal place of residence is located in the current FSPA area. There is no proposed changes to the zoning of her property. Councillor Liu will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Liu disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item NM035-25 Congratulations to St George Swim Club and Sans Souci Sea Devils for the reason that she is one of the committee members of St George Swim Club for years. As a voluntary community organisation, there is no financial benefit. Councillor Liu will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL040-25 Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal for the reason that he resides in his parents' residence which is located in the FSPA. There are no proposed changes to the zoning of the property. Councillor Stratikopoulos will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item CCL040-25 Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal for the reason that he has an investment property which is located in the current FSPA. There are no proposed changes to the zoning of my property. Councillor Stratikopoulos 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 CCL036-25/COM014-25 – Community Grants 2024-2025 for the reason that he is a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna and they were successful in receiving funding from me. Councillor Allison will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Wang submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in CCL040-25 Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal for the reason that his principle place of living may or may not be affected by the council motion. 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 – Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in CCL040-25 Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal for the reason that her principal residency is within the area and there is no change in the new proposal. Councillor Liu will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Dale Widders (In person)	MM009-25	Congratulations re the 2025 NSW CHSSA Boys AFL Championships at Olds Park
2	Annie So (Written Submission)	NM032-25	Asia - Pacific International Intangible Cultural Heritage Certification
3	Frankie Xia (Written Submission)	NM032-25	Asia - Pacific International Intangible Cultural Heritage Certification
4	Heide Breeze (In person)	CCL035-25/TAC032-25	Edward Street Carlton - Proposed Parking Restriction
5	Adrian Polhill (Remotely)	CCL040-25 CCL041-25	Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre and Sans Souci Leisure
6	Kim Wagstaff (In person)	CCL-040-25	Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal
7	Raj Joshi (In person)	CCL044-25	Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund. Nepalese Community Hurstville Inc
8	William Carroll (Written Submission)	CCL045-25	Chivers Hill Amenities Block
9	Jordon Taylor (Written submission)	CCL045-25	Chivers Hill Amenities Block
10	Nicholas Christo (Written submission)	CCL045-25	Chivers Hill Amenities Block
11	Mai Cui (Written submission)	NM033-25	Lunar New Year Celebrations
12	Keith Tan (In person)	NM033-25	Lunar New Year Celebrations
13	Esmond Cho	NM033-25	Lunar New Year Celebrations

	(Written submission)		
14	Theo Law (Written Submission)	NM034-25	Hurstville Plaza Amenities Block
15	Lachlan Vane-Tempest (Written Submission)	NM035-25	Congratulations St George Swim Club and San Souci Swim Devils
16	Roger Xie (In person)	NM040-25	Support for Displaced Businesses and Not-for-Profits Resulting from Developments
17	Adrian Prakash (In person)	NM040-25	Support for Displaced Businesses and Not-for-Profits Resulting from Developments
18	Bill Yuan (Written submission)	NM040-25	Support for Displaced Businesses and Not-for-Profits Resulting from Developments
19	Roberto Camacho (In person)	NM041-25	Support for Hurstville Zagreb FC
20	David Fletcher (Written Submission)	QWN041-25	Flood Study-Beverly Hills
21	Ben Balzer (In person)	QWN014-25	Flood Study-Beverly Hills
22	Chadi Rabaa (Written submission)	QWN015-25	Bus Zone- 310 Forest Road Hurstville
23	Tom Chen (Written Submission)	QWN015-25	Bus Zone- 310 Forest Road Hurstville

Note: It was noted that Councillor Allison left the Chambers at 07:51pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Allison returned to the Chambers at 07:54pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL034-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 April 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Landsberry

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 April 2025, be adopted.

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.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM009-25 Congratulations to Sydney East School Sports Association and St George AFC on Hosting the 2025 NSWCHSSA Boys AFL Championships at Olds Park
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

MOTION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council:

- (a) Congratulates the Sydney East High School Sports Association and the St George Australian Football Club on the successful hosting of the 2025 NSWCHSSA Boys AFL Championships at Olds Park.
- (b) Acknowledges and thanks the volunteers, AFL Sydney, Endeavour Sports High School, and Council staff, particularly the Olds Park ground crew, for their contributions.
- (c) Notes the positive feedback received and the recognition of Olds Park as a premier community AFL facility.

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.

CONDOLENCES

Mayor Councillor Borg offered her condolences on the passing of Margaret Callister.

On behalf of Council and the staff, I offer my condolences at the passing of 103-year-old Margaret Callister who left us on 22 April 2025.

Margaret's fascinating life was featured in Council's recent Community Magazine Autumn edition. It spoke about how her Uncle Cyril invented Vegemite, how she loved living in Bexley and was heavily connected to her community, making her a proud community champion. The article also celebrated her 103rd birthday this February at her home, Georges Estate in Penshurst. She had a lovely lunch with family and friends ...and yes, there were even bright pink numbered balloons.

She was born in Ballarat before moving to Kogarah and then to Bexley in 1934- she even called herself Bexley Callister. She loved living in Bexley and worked in the Commonwealth Bank at Bexley for six years. It was a joy for her to be an active member of the wonderful Bexley community. She had many community ties, you name it, she was involved. She was a member of the Baptist church, the Liberal party, and a member of the St George Historical Society.

Her family connection to Vegemite was through her Uncle Cyril from her father's side of the family. He was a food technologist and was asked by a gentleman named Frank Walker to develop our Australian spread. England had marmite but Australia needed its own version, so Cyril developed it.

More than 22 million jars of Vegemite are sold each year, but when the salty black paste was first produced in 1923 the public wasn't interested. Margaret said Vegemite wasn't popular in Australia to begin with, but it wasn't until WWII when it was given to the soldiers to eat in their rations that it became popular. The soldiers loved it and after the war, its popularity soared. She said the family talked more about it these days than they ever did back then, although they always had a jar of Vegemite on the table.

Margaret enjoyed working immensely. After six years at Commonwealth Bank in Bexley, she transferred to Haymarket for three years. At 25 she travelled to Europe and worked as a secretary in London for a year. She travelled to Tasmania and worked as a secretary to The General Superintendent of Australian Newsprint Mills. She lived in New Norfolk for three years. Thinking back on those times, always made her smile.

She moved onto New Zealand, she did not enjoy being a house maid, cook and cleaner but liked the free board and lodgings it provided.

Travelling and exploring the world was her passion, she said she was a bit before her time. She loved to travel in an era where getting married and having children young was the expectation. Questions about when she was going to find someone and get married, she found to be very rude.

She had high expectations. She saw her father as such a wonderful man and never found anyone like him. Many fine young men were killed in the war or came back damaged. Margaret never married, had no children but was part of a big family as her father was one of ten. She had many cousins all over the world that she remained close to and plenty of nieces and nephews she kept in regular contact with.

She loved and valued her independence and said she did not have any regrets, and if she had her time over, she wouldn't change a thing.

Being a Christian motivated her. She was 49 when her father passed and she stopped travelling to take care of her mother and sister. She took her mother to Ryde Hospital every weekend and they would visit her sister Helen who lived at the hospital for 20 years and died at 58.

She never took good health for granted, and it was important for her to make the time to take care of others. She valued kindness and keeping a sense of humour, not to take life too seriously. She said not to spend too much time worrying about things. She believed everything has a way of working itself out and worrying was a waste of time and bad for your health.

The advice she had for younger generations was to live a decent life. Don't get into drugs and drinking. Be active in your community and look after one another, she thought that there is something to be grateful and thankful for every day.

When asked her about her greatest achievement, she said: "I think my greatest achievement is living to a ripe old age!"

I therefore recommend: THAT Council write to Margaret Callister's family to express sincere condolences on her passing and to recognise her contributions to our community.

Mayor Councillor Borg offered her condolences on the passing of Dr Francis Ian Ford.

It is with great sadness that I acknowledge the passing of Dr Francis Ian Ford, a long-standing resident, professional, and community champion within the Georges River area. Dr Ford passed away on 9 May 2025 at the age of 88.

Born on 20 September 1936, Dr Ford moved to our community in 1963 and made the Georges River area his home—living in Hurstville, Blakehurst, and later Sans Souci. For over six decades, he was a steadfast presence and made extraordinary contributions across multiple spheres of civic life, including health, sport, tourism, the environment, and heritage.

As a respected dentist, Dr Ford served generations of families from his practices in Butlers Road, Park Road, and later Dora Street in Hurstville. He was a proud and active member of the

Australian Dental Association from 1963 until his passing and served as a past President of the St George Dental Association. He was awarded Life Membership for his outstanding service to the profession.

Dr Ford's commitment extended far beyond dentistry. He was a tireless advocate for the protection and enjoyment of our natural assets. He served on the Georges River Catchment Committee from 1975 and was a long-time Board Member of the Lambeth Park Management Committee, helping shape what is now the Georges River National Park.

His love of the water was well known. In 1979, Dr Ford launched riverboat cruises from Sans Souci Wharf using a retired Sydney Harbour ferry named *Protector*. He later acquired the *Bass & Flinders*, marking the beginning of what became a beloved local business—Bass and Flinders Cruises. Under his stewardship, Sans Souci Wharf was developed into a vibrant tourist facility, including the introduction of whale-watching tours from 2002.

Dr Ford also played a pivotal role in providing public aquatic facilities for the community. He held the lease for Carss Park Pool from 1971 and later secured the lease for the Sans Souci Pool, offering countless local families safe and accessible places to learn to swim and enjoy the water.

It was at these pools that his children swam—and most notably, it was from Carss Park Pool that his daughter Michelle Ford rose to become an Olympic champion, bringing home a gold medal in swimming and making local history in the process.

Dr Ford was also deeply involved in community committees and initiatives—serving on the Bicentennial Committee and the Sydney Ports' First Port Club for over a decade, as well as being an enduring member of Transport NSW's Botany Bay and Port Hacking Advisory Committee. He served as Vice Chairman of the Australia Day Botany Bay Regatta Committee for 18 years and helped establish the NSW Charter Vessel Association.

Dr Francis Ian Ford exemplified a life of purpose, public service, and community spirit. His legacy is felt not just through the infrastructure and initiatives he helped establish, but through the lives he touched and the pride he fostered in our local heritage.

On behalf of Georges River Council and the entire community, I offer our deepest condolences to his family, especially to his wife Jan, Michelle and his children, and acknowledge with gratitude his lifetime of service to our area.

May he rest in peace.

Councillor Allison offered his condolences on the passing of Peter de Meur and John Chate

I would like to pay tribute to 2 gentle gentlemen from Oatley who were long term members of Oatley Lions Club and lived their lives focused on the noble cause of servitude to others less fortunate than themselves.

Peter de Meur and John Chate were both dedicated members of their local club for many years. Peter for 25 years and John nearly 35. Let me start with Peter.

Vice President of Oatley Lions, Peter lived in my street until his untimely death 2 months ago but I'm almost ashamed to say that I never knew him. It's only posthumously that I have become aware of what a wonderful citizen Peter was and I'd like to take the time to acknowledge him and share with you all some of his countless deeds as told to me by another tireless Oatley Lion, John Morgan.

Peter was generous, warm and beyond kind. His unwavering devotion to our community extended well beyond his 2^{1/2} decades with Oatley Lions – dedicating his time to supporting various charities like Gabbies Sewing Angels Group (from St Gabriels Church at Bexley who repair and make babies and girl's clothing and sustainable sanitary products and send them off to such needy places as Malawi in Africa, Syria and closer to home, Timor Leste). Here at home

in Oatley he supported the Crateful Group who provide affordable groceries sourced from supermarket rejects to families finding it difficult with the burdens of the cost of living. Another of Peter's charities was One Meal – Canterbury - Bankstown based at Riverwood who do similar to Crateful but prepare and cook donated vegetables and meats for neighbours doing it tough. The Timor Learning Centre helping vulnerable youth and families also gained valuable patronage from Peter. The Men's Walk and Talk - a group who help quiet men express themselves in an informal setting without the need for a beer or 3, was yet another of Peter's passions.

In 2023, Peter was made a Lions Australia Barry J Palmer Fellow for outstanding support for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation and a year later received the St George Community Award for Individual Volunteer achievement in recognition of his services to our community.

Whether Peter was running the BBQ, selling raffle tickets at Oatley pub, collecting food for those in need outside IGA Oatley, or helping manage the Christmas Market Day, he was always there to offer a helping hand and a kind word to those who needed it. He has left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him and who spent time in his company.

Our thoughts are with Peter's wife Bev (whom I did manage to meet) their family and friends at this time.

Vale Peter, your priceless work here is done.

Now sadly onto our other great loss:

John Chate I did know but, until I attended his funeral at Narwee Baptist Church a week ago, I didn't know a lot about him. Years ago, I would sit outside Dolce café in Oatley with my workmates after a long hard day and John would occasionally walk past us on his way home from the post office where he worked for many years. We engaged in friendly banter and then he'd head for home. One day he walked inside and we assumed that he was going in to order a coffee. Then he reappeared, waved and headed home. We learned later that he had gone inside to pay for our 4 coffees. Sure they weren't as expensive as they are now but this unexpected generosity was an indication that this guy was someone special.

I would also bump John when the end of year presentations were on at Oatley Public School where my daughters attended. John was there to present the Lions Peace Prize an art prize open to all students who cared to draw or paint a pertinent scene of peace. John turned up every year without fail. Now just quietly John was probably the last person who you would think likely to announce the winner and delivered a little speech. John stammered at times. I learned at his funeral that as a boy he suffered from a particularly debilitating stammer and being the 1940-50s he was bullied unmercifully by his peers. This caused John to lash out at the cruel boys and – of course - he was the one called out and sent up to the principal's office, not the perpetrators. One day the principal, tired of seeing John and the revolving door, warned him that "unless he controlled his temper he would amount to nothing". A short time later John was on a holiday bush camp and the old cook learned of John's affliction. The cook too had to overcome a terrible stammer, so took him under his wing and gave John some practical advice on how to beat the dreaded curse.

Now let's get back to Oatley Public School, it was time to give out the peace prize. John rises to the occasion like every year dressed in his Lions jacket festooned with Lions medals.

He was giving his speech when the dreaded stammer returned. Here he was back in school and the stammer had returned as well. Some little kids sitting on the floor in front of us started to giggle. You could feel the tension in the air, this train was jumping the rails and there was nothing anybody could do about it. Nobody except John. And he did. He stopped, took a big breath, gave out a little whistle and continued like nothing had ever happened. At that moment, John Chate became my personal hero.

John was a tireless advocate for those in need and contributed immensely to Oatley Lions and several other charitable endeavours. Over the years John has helped provide life-changing assistance to those living with hearing loss, as the immediate past Australian Lions Hearing-Dogs State director for NSW.

Within Oatley Lions, John was well known for his role leading our Feed the Hungry Project, collecting non-perishable food for the hungry and homeless. He coordinated the bbqs and organised the Lions Xmas cake each year. In his spare few moments John loved a good game of golf. Every member of Oatley lions would receive a phone call from John first thing on their birthday to hear him sing the entire happy birthday stanza whether you wanted to hear it or not.

In 2022, John received a St George Community Award for individual Volunteer Achievement and, in 2024 received the Australian Lions Childhood cancer Research Foundation Gold Award. John was also a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the Helen Keller Fellowship, the Ken Lentfor OAM Award and was made a life member of Oatley Lions Club

We extend our deepest sympathies to John's family during this difficult time.

John, like Peter before him, leaves behind a legacy of service and compassion and fulfillment of a life well lived.

Vale Johnny Chate.

Councillor Stratikopoulos offered his condolences on the passing of Alekso Konjarski

Born in Dolno Srpsi Macedonia on 5 October 1939 and passed away 12 May 2025.

Alekso grew up in his little village finishing school then embarking on the skilled craft of shoe making. Alekso served two years in the national army before marrying his life partner Trena. They had three children together, Liljana, Slav and Suzana.

In 1970 Alekso set sail for Australia to build a better life for his family. In 1971 his family flew to Australia and they were reunited on this new continent.

Alekso embraced his new life in Australia working as a labourer in Newcastle's BHP and later Tube Makers. In 1986 Alekso and his family moved to Penshurst and lived out his years in Hannons Avenue.

Alekso's greatest joy was his family. He was a proud loving grandfather to his eight grandchildren Christopher, Elena, Katerina, Emily, Jasmin, Natasha, Anthony and David.

The memory of Alekso will live on in the hearts of all who knew him as he was the true meaning of the word gentleman.

May he rest in peace.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL035-25 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12 May 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang left the Chambers at 08:22pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Pun

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS022-25 to ASS021-25, excluding TAC032-25 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

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

ASS022-25 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2025
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

That the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee recommendations for items TAC033-25 to TAC038-25 and CON016A-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

TAC033-25 WEST STREET, CARLTON - PROPOSED 'CHANGE IN SIGNAGE AND LINEMARKING'
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That existing double dividing line marking be extended by 10m north of 453 Princes Highway driveway along West Street, Carlton as per the Plan in the report.
- (b) That 'No U Turn (R2-5n)' sign be installed on the existing pedestrian refuge island in West Street, Carlton as per the Plan in the report.

TAC034-25 13 KINGSWAY, KINGSGROVE - PROPOSED "WORKS ZONE"
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That a 13m "Works Zone, 7am – 5pm Mon – Sat" fronting No. 13 Kingsway, Kingsgrove, be installed for a duration of 12 weeks commencing Mid-April 2025, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That the original parking restrictions be reinstated at the completion of the 'Works Zone' period.

TAC035-25 75 BRISTOL ROAD, HURSTVILLE - REMOVE "MOBILITY PARKING" SPACE
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That the existing "Mobility Parking" space located outside No.75 Bristol Road, Hurstville be removed.

TAC036-25 ANDERSON ROAD, MORTDALE - PROPOSED 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTIONS
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed at the split road location of Anderson Road, Mortdale as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That a 10m & 18m 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on Anderson Road, Mortdale, as per the plan in the report.

TAC037-25 Targo Road, Beverley Park - Proposed existing 'No Parking' restriction

change.

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That existing 'No Parking' restrictions '5am – 3pm Wednesday' times be changed to '6am – 6pm Monday and Thursday and be installed on the northern side of Targo Road, Beverley Park.

TAC038-25 13A MONTGOMERY STREET, KOGARAH - PROPOSED "WORKS ZONE"

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That a 15m "Works Zone, 7am – 5pm Mon – Sat" fronting No. 13A Montgomery Street, Kogarah, be installed for a duration of 8 weeks commencing Mid-May 2025, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That the original parking restrictions of 1P 8:30AM-6PM Monday to Friday, 8AM to 12:30PM Saturday, be reinstated at the completion of the 'Works Zone' period.

CON016A-25 BELGRAVE STREET KOGARAH - UN[CONTAINED] ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2025

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That the request to temporarily close Belgrave Street, Kogarah between Post Office Lane and Kensington Street from 4pm Thursday 26 June 2025 to 6am Monday 30 June 2025, be approved.
- (b) That Council consults with the impacted stakeholders to notify them accordingly of the proposed closure.
- (c) That the event is categorised as a 'Class 3' Event.

ASS021-25 UTILISATION OF SECOND-GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDE

(Report by Manager City Operational Services)

- (a) That the report outlining Council's current and future utilisation of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide within Council properties be received and noted.
- (b) That Council monitor the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority's reconsideration of anticoagulant rodenticide approvals and registrations, and action management changes as required.

TAC032-25 EDWARD STREET, CARLTON - PROPOSED 'PARKING RESTRICTION'

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang returned to the Chambers at 08:24pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Gao

- (a) That a 26m 'No Parking' restriction be installed on the northern side of Edward Street, Carlton, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That a 10m 'No Stopping' restriction be installed on the southern side of Edward Street, Carlton, as per the plan in the report. That Council officers will further investigate a possible extension of 'No Parking' restrictions once the development is fully occupied.
- (c) That Council note, based on current traffic and crash data, there is no evidence to support the installation of traffic calming devices along the full length of Edward Street, Carlton—

from Tanner Avenue to Princes Highway—including, but not limited to, devices such as speed humps, chicanes, or a roundabout at the intersection of Edward Street and Colvin Avenue.

- (d) That Council officers organise the reinstatement of 50km/hr patch at Edward Street and further investigate appropriate signage and line marking along Edward Street and Colvin Street.
- (e) That despite the technical recommendation in item (c) above, Council assesses the feasibility of installing a roundabout at the intersection of Colvin Avenue and Edward Street, Carlton, taking into account the most recent crash data from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and the traffic impacts once the development opposite Aldi is fully occupied. A future report outlining the feasibility, design considerations, and associated costs of a roundabout be submitted to a future Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

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.

CCL036-25 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 12 May 2025 (Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM014-25 to COM015-25 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.

COM014-25 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2024-2025 ROUND 2 (Report by Grants and Project Officer)

That the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2024-2025 Round 2, as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report, be adopted.

COM015-25 CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE STRATEGY PROGRESS UPDATE AND DRAFT CUSTOMER FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW (Report by Head of Customer Experience)

- (a) That Council receive and note this update on the implementation of the Customer Experience Strategy 2022-2027 (CX Strategy).
- (b) That the draft Georges River Council Customer Feedback and Complaints Management Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (c) That a further report be submitted to Council on the feedback received during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes for the draft policy prior to adoption.

CCL037-25 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12 May 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV014-25 to ENV016-25 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.

ENV014-25 HURSTVILLE GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE PLANNING PROPOSAL
(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

That Council endorses the preparation of the Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse Planning Proposal to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021*, by inserting into *Schedule 1 additional permitted uses*, "function centre" as an additional permitted use on the site of the Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse (part of Lot 1 DP176469, Hurstville Golf Club, No.57 Lorraine Street, Peakhurst).

ENV015-25 CARSS BUSH PARK AND TODD PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT AND MASTER PLAN - RESOLUTION TO EXHIBIT
(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

- (a) That Council endorse the Draft Carss Bush Park and Todd Park Plan of Management and Master Plan for public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days in accordance with section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- (b) That Council notify the draft Plan of Management and Master Plan to the Minister (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 endorse the proposed changes to the land categorisation and hold a public hearing under section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993.

- (e) That Council note the progress of the concurrent exercise to formalise the reservation of several areas of Crown land within Carss Bush Park as Crown Reserve for ongoing management by Council and the non-claimant application that must be finalised prior to the final adoption of the Plan of Management by the Minister for Lands and Property and Council.

ENV016-25 DONNELLY PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT AND MASTER PLAN UPDATE
(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

- (a) That Council adopt the amended Donnelly Park Plan of Management (**Attachment 1**) and amended 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*.
- (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.

CCL038-25 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 12 May 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN016-25 to FIN018-25 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.

FIN016-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2025
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

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

FIN017-25 QUARTERLY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2025
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

That Council receive and note the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio, for the period ending 31 March 2025.

FIN018-25 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

(Report by Senior Business Performance Accountant)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 31 March 2025.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2024/25 Budget as outlined in the attachment.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**CCL039-25 Accelerated Streetlight Replacement Program**

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur left the Chambers at 08:29pm

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur returned to the Chambers at 08:30pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 08:31pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That Council note the information contained in the Accelerated Streetlight Replacement Program report.

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.

CCL040-25 Endorsement to submit Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal as an independent Planning Proposal

(Report by Coordinator Strategic Planning)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council endorse the submission of Planning Proposal No. 2024/0002 (Biodiversity, Character and FSPA PP) as a new Planning Proposal on the NSW Planning Portal seeking a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (b) That Council endorse the withdrawal of Planning Proposal No.2024/0005 (Integrated PP) and the Alteration to Gateway Determination prior to the submission of the Biodiversity, Character and FSPA PP as a new Planning Proposal.
- (c) That the Director Environment and Planning be authorised to make minor editorial amendments to the Planning Proposal as required throughout the reporting process.
- (d) That Council endorse to public exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and in accordance with the *Georges River Council Engagement Strategy*.

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.

CCL041-25 Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre and Sans Souci Leisure Centre - Community Energy Upgrades Fund Grant Application
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That Council approve the General Manager to submit a grant application to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water under the Community Energy Upgrades Fund grant program, seeking between \$1.25 million and \$1.75 million in grant funding for the upgrade of the gas boilers at Sans Souci Aquatic Centre and Hurstville Aquatic and Leisure Centre as outlined within this Report.

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

CCL042-25 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination - Mayor and Councillors Fees for 2025/26
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That Council resolve to maintain the current level of remuneration for the Mayor and Councillors for the 2025/26 financial year, with no change to the existing fees.

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.

CCL043-25 General Manager's Instrument of Delegation
(Report by Senior Access to Information Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council in accordance with section 377(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, delegate to the General Manager the functions as set out in the Instrument of Delegation of Functions to General Manager, Attachment 1 to this report.
- (b) That Council revoke all previous delegations granted to the General Manager by the Council on 22 October 2022.
- (c) That Council, in accordance with clause 131(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, fix the amount of rates and charges at \$13,500, above which any individual rate or charge may be written off only by resolution of the Council, and that any amount equal to and below that amount can be written off by order in writing by the General Manager.
- (d) That Council, in accordance with clause 213(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, fix the amount of debts at \$13,500, above which any individual debt to Council may be written off only by resolution of the Council, and that any amount equal to and below that amount can be written off by order in writing by the General Manager.

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.

CCL044-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - April 2025

(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:

- CWF24/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Allison** on behalf of **St George Men's Shed** in the amount of **\$1,500**.
- CWF25/24-25 – Application submitted by **Mayor, Councillor Borg** on behalf of **Carlton South Public School P&C** in the amount of **\$2,000**.
- CWF26/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Mahoney** on behalf of **Penshurst RSL Kookaburras** in the amount of **\$1,235.84**.
- CWF27/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Allison** on behalf of **Penshurst RSL Kookaburras** in the amount of **\$1,235.16**.
- CWF28/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Jamieson** on behalf of **Mortdale Public School P&C** in the amount of **\$2,000**.
- CWF29/24-25 – Duplicate - Application submitted by **Councillor Allison** on behalf of **St George Men's Shed** in the amount of **\$1,500**.
- CWF30/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Mahoney** on behalf of **Lugarno Anglican Church** in the amount of **\$2,000**.
- CWF31/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Allison** on behalf of **2nd Mortdale**

Scout Group in the amount of **\$515**.

- CWF32/24-25 – **Ineligible** - Application submitted by **Councillor Jamieson** on behalf of **Scout Association of Australia, NSW Branch** in the amount of **\$1,000**.
- CWF33/24-25 – **Ineligible** - Application submitted by **Councillor Allison** on behalf of **The Lions Club of Oatley Inc** in the amount of **\$1,000**.
- CWF34/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Wang** on behalf of **South Sydney Nepalese Community Incorporated** in the amount of **\$2,000**.
- CWF35/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Jamieson** on behalf of **Moving Forward DFV Case Management Services Inc** in the amount of **\$2,000**.
- CWF36/24-25 – Application submitted by **Mayor, Councillor Borg** on behalf of **Moving Forward DFV Case Management Services Inc** in the amount of **\$2,000**.
- CWF37/24-25 – **Cancelled** Application by **Councillor Mahoney** on behalf of **Oatley 101 Society of Arts** in the amount of **\$1,014.16**.
- CWF38/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Mahoney** on behalf of **Riverwood Community Centre** in the amount of **\$1,014**.
- CWF39/24-25 – Application submitted by **Councillor Dimoski** on behalf of **Connells Point Rovers Soccer Club** in the amount of **\$1,345**.
- CWF40/24-25 – **Ineligible** Application submitted by **Councillor Allison** on behalf of **The Crateful Group Australia Ltd** in the amount of **\$1,000**.

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.

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CCL045-25 Chivers Hill Shopping Centre Lugarno - Public Amenities Feasibility Report

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the findings of the feasibility report for the proposed public amenities facility at Chivers Hill Shopping Centre, Lugarno.
- (b) Acknowledges the continued advocacy of Chivers Hill shopkeepers and business owners for the installation of a public amenities facility to support the Lugarno community.
- (c) Notes the challenges associated with the two potential locations identified in the report and excludes them from further consideration.
- (d) Accordingly, requests that Council officers further investigate the feasibility of locating the facility further towards Chivers Avenue, near the exit of the carpark.
- (e) Conduct further community consultation on this proposed location.

- (f) Requests that, if this location is deemed feasible, consideration be given to the installation of Option C, as outlined in the report.

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: Councillor Anzellotti was granted an extension of time to speak.

CCL046-25 Detailed Design for Embankment Reconstruction - Bridge Street, Penshurst - Budget Update

(Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun left the Chambers at 09:00pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mort left the Chambers at 09:00

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mort returned to the Chambers at 09:04pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Arthur

- (a) That Council note the increase in required budget to proceed with the Detailed Design for Embankment Reconstruction - Bridge Street, Penshurst project.
- (b) That Council approve the additional budgeted expenditure, as outlined in the confidential attachment.
- (c) That the additional budgeted expenditure is funded, as outlined in the confidential attachment.

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 Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM032-25 Congratulations to Annie So - Asia-Pacific International Intangible Cultural Heritage Certification

(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao left the Chambers at 09:04pm

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That Council acknowledges and congratulates Annie So from the Canton Noodle House in Riverwood who has been awarded the Asia-Pacific International Intangible Heritage Cultural Certification.

Record of Voting

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

Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, 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.

NM033-25 Lunar New Year Celebrations

(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Anzellotti left the Chambers at 09:06pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun returned to the Chambers at 09:07pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Anzellotti returned to the Chambers at 09:07pm

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge and recognise ongoing collaboration with SBS to promote Lunar New Year Celebrations.
- (b) Explore opportunities for media reach within the wider range of multicultural media outlets, particularly those serving the Chinese community to further broaden the reach of Lunar New Year promotions.
- (c) Include opportunities for multicultural media outlets in the Communications Plan for the 2026 LNY event, the Year of the Horse, to further enhance its multicultural media outreach and engagement.

Record of Voting

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

NM034-25 Hurstville Plaza Amenities Block

(Report by Councillor Wang)

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

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Pun

- (a) That Council:
 - (i) Notes the concerns raised by business owners due to the temporary closure of the toilets.
 - (ii) Notes the current investigation into the long-term viability of the three public toilet amenities under the ramp at Hurstville Plaza and endeavours to complete the investigation by the end of June 2025.
- (b) That Council officers include in this investigation:
 - (i) Consideration of community impacts
 - (ii) Consideration of impacts to local businesses
 - (iii) Consideration of impact to event organisers

- (c) That while the public amenities remain closed, Council officers install signage at the amenities advising community members of the nearest facilities.
- (d) That Council officers undertake routine maintenance services to keep the amenities area clean and tidy.
- (e) That the General Manager write to St George LAC to notify them of increased vandalism and antisocial behaviour at several of the Council's public amenities, including the amenities at Hurstville Plaza, and request additional patrols.

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.

NM035-25 Congratulations St George Swim Club and Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club (Report by Councillor Mort)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That Council writes to formally congratulate the St George Swim Club and the San Souci Sea Devils Swim Club on their outstanding performance at the recent Australian Age Swimming Championships held in Brisbane.

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.

NM036-25 Bembridge Street Carlton - Parking Issues (Report by Councillor Gao)

MOTION: Councillor Gao, Councillor Arthur

That Council immediately conduct a letterbox drop to all residents on Bembridge Street, Carlton, warning against illegal double parking and outlining the associated penalties.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

Against the Motion: 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 Motion was seven (7) votes FOR and eight (8) votes AGAINST. The Motion was LOST.

NM037-25 Impacts of Complying Development Certificates

(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

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

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That Council:

- (a) Notes community concerns regarding the impacts of Complying Development Certificates (CDCs) issued under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP), particularly in relation to:
 - (i) Lack of community consultation or notification prior to construction, even when the development significantly and directly impacts neighbouring residents;
 - (ii) Negative impacts on neighbourhood amenity, character, and privacy;
 - (iii) Perceived inadequacies in private certification processes, raising concerns about impartiality, accountability, and inadequate enforcement;
 - (iv) Loss of trees and vegetation, reduced biodiversity and tree canopy, adverse impact on streetscape; and
 - (v) Limited oversight by councils and reduced opportunities for appeal or review.
- (b) Writes to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, requesting a comprehensive review of the Codes SEPP and CDC framework, with particular attention to:
 - (i) Increasing transparency and community awareness of CDC proposals;
 - (ii) Strengthening council oversight and enforcement capacity;
 - (iii) Addressing risks of overdevelopment in low-density and environmentally sensitive areas; and
 - (iv) Ensuring private certification processes are independent, consistent, and accountable.
- (c) Requests that the review include consultation with local councils, planning experts, and affected communities to ensure the system balances efficiency with fairness, quality design, and local character.
- (d) Forwards this resolution to Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and neighbouring councils, inviting their support and advocacy for reform of the complying development system.
- (e) That Council initiate an education and awareness campaign using its existing communication channels to inform the community about:
 - (i) Council's Principal Certifier and Council Responsibilities Policy 2024; and
 - (ii) Council's Private Certification webpage, which includes a link to the above policy along with detailed information and FAQs explaining the roles and responsibilities of Principal Certifiers, Georges River Council, the NSW Building Commission, property owners, and builders, as well as the complaint-handling process when a private certifier is engaged.
- (f) That Council investigate options to make the identity of the Principal Certifier for a development readily accessible to the public.

Record of Voting

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

NM038-25 Waste Collection Service
(Report by Councillor Gao)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski returned to the Chambers at 09:50pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Gao, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That Council:

- (a) Commits to enforcing the terms of the waste contract with respect to contractual penalties for substantiated service failures.
- (b) Prepares a report to Council, confidential if required for contractual reasons, outlining:
 - (i) The total number of substantiated missed or delayed bin collections since the start of the new contract and the associated methodology;
 - (ii) The number and value of any penalties or deductions applied to the waste contractor to date;
 - (iii) The feasibility, if at all possible, of providing affected residents with compensation or rate relief using those recovered funds.
- (c) That Council consult with Bayside Council—its joint partner in the waste contract—to understand how the ramifications of the waste changes compare between Bayside Council and Georges River 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.

NM039-25 Derby Street Car Park, Kogarah
(Report by Councillor Gao)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Allison left the Chambers at 09:59pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun

That Council commence work to explore the implementation of a subsidised parking scheme at the Derby Street Carpark, Kogarah, to allow health workers to park at no cost between non busy periods of 6:00am and 9:00am on weekdays.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, 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.

NM040-25 Support for Displaced Businesses and Not-for-Profits Resulting from Developments

(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Allison returned to the Chambers at 10:02pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Pun

That Council:

- (a) Provide assistance to Not-For-Profit (NFP) organisations displaced by the demolition and redevelopment of 1-3 Wright Street and 108-124 Forest Road, Hurstville (DA2021/0024) by assessing access to suitable alternative venues from Council-managed community facilities.
- (b) Co-ordinate an inception meeting between the Council and the three relevant developers to discuss and implement measures to mitigate impacts on local residents and businesses.
- (c) Request the developer of the site to give at least 30 days' notice (instead of the statutory 5 working days) to all neighbouring residents and businesses, to allow adequate time for preparation, relocation, or raising concerns.
- (d) Collaborate with the Hurstville Public School Community to manage the increased traffic risks of overlapping construction impacts under the framework of Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study.
- (e) Ensure that updated project information is published on Council's public notices page on the website.

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.

NM041-25 Error! No document variable supplied.
(Report by Councillor Dimoski)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort

That Council, as part of the 2025/26 Budget process, consider the following actions to support Hurstville Zagreb Football Club at Carss Park:

- (i) A short-term solution to address immediate storage needs.
- (ii) A commitment to maintaining the fields commencing from the next off-season, with feasibility investigations to begin immediately.
- (iii) An immediate plan to replace the current facilities with modern, up-to-date infrastructure consistent with the standards of surrounding parks.

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

QWN014-25 Flood Study - Beverly Hills (Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

Note: Councillor Wang asked further Questions with No Notice with the answers being published in the Business Papers at the next Council Meeting in June 2025.

- Q1. How many proposed dwellings have been lost as a result of applying the latest flood study and its associated recommendations?
- Q2. Should we now consider substantially increasing planning densities in areas outside the newly defined flood planning zones to offset the loss?
- Q3. The 2023 flood report contains a disclaimer stating that it cannot be used to definitively determine whether a property is flood-affected without a registered surveyor's assessment. Given this, how much weight should Council place on this study when making planning decisions?
- Q4. What are the likely impacts on property values and insurance premiums for Beverly Hills residents if this flood report is formally adopted and applied to the Master Plan, Low-Medium Residential (LMR) zoning, and associated Planning Proposals?

QWN015-25 Bus Zone - 310 Forest Road Hurstville (Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney left the Chambers at 10:23pm

Answer published in the business paper.

Note: Councillor Wang asked further Question with No Notice with the answer being published in the Business Papers at the next Council Meeting in June 2025..

- Q1: As this bus stop site is no longer active for passenger use and used as a rest stop for bus drivers - What criteria does TFNSW use to justify in maintaining a bus stop on a high demand commercial frontage for rest stops particularly one that has an interchange area that exists around the corner?

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

QNN001-25 Response to QWN012-25 and QWN013-25 raised in TAC - Wednesday 7 May 2025 (Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

Answer published in the business paper.

It was noted that Councillor Mahoney returned to the Chambers at 10:24pm

PROCEDURAL MOTION
MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED:

At this stage of the meeting the time being 10:24pm the Mayor advised that the meeting would move into a Confidential Closed Session to allow consideration of a matter(s) in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of The Local Government Act 1993.

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

CCL022A-25 Tree Matter - Mortdale

(Report by Director Business and Corporate Services)

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) (b) it is considered the matter contains information concerning the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

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 contains information concerning the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

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.

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.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson

That in accordance with Section 10A Clause 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter into a Confidential Closed Session.

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.

CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CCL022A-25 Tree Matter - Mortdale

(Report by Director Business and Corporate Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council receive and note the advice received from Council's insurer regarding the subject tree, requesting removal based on the tree posing an unacceptable public safety risk.
- (b) That pursuant to Council's insurer's advice of unacceptable risk to public safety, Council proceeds to seek the property owners' written consent for the removal of the subject tree as detailed within this report.
- (c) That Council commences the necessary works required to undertake the full removal of the tree as a matter of priority, as detailed within this report.
- (d) That an appropriate public notice is prepared to accompany the removal, that also highlights Council's proactive approach to street tree replacement, ensuring the future canopy and leafy character of the Georges River area is protected and enhanced.

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.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the meeting revert to Open Session the time being 10:28pm.

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.

OPEN SESSION

CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to **CCL022A-25 Tree Matter -**

Mortdale 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 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.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 10:30pm.

Chairperson

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