

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 23 June 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



OATH OF OFFICE OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office made at the time of their swearing into the role of Councillor.

All Councillors are to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Georges River Council area and are to act faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgement.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflict of interest (perceived or otherwise) in a matter being considered by Council or at any meeting of Council.

COUNCIL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPENING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: CCL047-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 May 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 May 2025, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 May 2025



MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 26 May 2025

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UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Ashvini Ambihapahar, 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

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

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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 (Written submission)	NM033-25	Lunar New Year Celebrations
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	NM040-25	Support for Displaced Businesses and Not-for-Profits Resulting from Developments

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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 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.

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:

- Receives and notes the findings of the feasibility report for the proposed public amenities facility at Chivers Hill Shopping Centre, Lugarno.
- Acknowledges the continued advocacy of Chivers Hill shopkeepers and business owners for the installation of a public amenities facility to support the Lugarno community.
- Notes the challenges associated with the two potential locations identified in the report and excludes them from further consideration.
- Accordingly, requests that Council officers further investigate the feasibility of locating the facility further towards Chivers Avenue, near the exit of the carpark.
- Conduct further community consultation on this proposed location.
- 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 Support for Hurstville Zagreb FC: Facility and Field Improvements at Carss Park (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 Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 10:30pm.

Chairperson

MAYORAL MINUTE

Item: MM010-25 Congratulations to Georges River Residents - 2025 King's Birthday Honours

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

BACKGROUND

Each year, the King's Birthday Honours recognise and celebrate the contributions of remarkable Australians who have served their communities with distinction. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge two Georges River residents whose outstanding service has been recognised in this year's honours.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division Mrs Gillian Whan, Carss Park

Mrs Gillian Whan has received the Medal of the Order of Australia for her longstanding and dedicated service to the St George community.

A passionate and committed volunteer, Mrs Whan has served the Kogarah Historical Society in numerous roles including President, Secretary, Public Officer, and Newsletter Editor. She is a Co-Caretaker of Carss Cottage Museum and co-founded the Annual Local History Essay Competition in 2017 to encourage the next generation's interest in local heritage.

Her broader community contributions include volunteering with the Carss Park Community Garden, Neighbourhood Watch, and Bushcare programs, as well as her past involvement in Toastmistress. Her significant efforts have been recognised through a Cook Community Award in 2021 and a St George Community Award in 2016.

Australian Police Medal (APM) Superintendent Paul Raymond Dunstan

Superintendent Paul Dunstan has been awarded the Australian Police Medal for distinguished service with the New South Wales Police Force. With a career spanning over 30 years, Superintendent Dunstan has led critical policing operations across metropolitan Sydney, including the Sydney City Command, where he has overseen major public safety operations and high-profile incidents.

He played a pivotal role in the 2019 response to the Sydney CBD stabbing incident, and he established and continues to lead the Public Order and Events Team managing over 1,000 major events each year — from New Year's Eve to Mardi Gras and ANZAC Day. His leadership has contributed to enhanced public safety and a measurable reduction in violent behaviour across the city.

Superintendent Dunstan is the current Commander of the St George Police Area Command, and it is in this role — serving the very heart of our local community — that he proudly accepts this national honour. His commitment to public service, safety, and leadership is a source of pride for our entire community.

These honours are a testament to the strength, compassion, and professionalism found within the Georges River community. On behalf of Council and our residents, I extend heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Mrs Whan and Superintendent Dunstan for their exemplary service and well-deserved recognition.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Congratulates and recognises the outstanding achievements of two distinguished Georges River residents who have been acknowledged in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours for their exceptional service to our community and beyond.
- (b) Sends letters of congratulations to the recipients on behalf of the Council and our community.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

MM010-25

Item: MM011-25 Recognition of Georges River Council Staff**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Borg**BACKGROUND**

At the recent Local Government Professionals NSW Awards, Georges River Council was honoured in the People, Workplace, Wellbeing category for our Mental Fitness (M-FIT) program—a four-year initiative aimed at building a mentally fit and resilient workforce.

This award acknowledges the significant work undertaken by Council to foster a psychosocially safe workplace, with initiatives including peer support programs, education around mental health risks, and expanded access to staff wellbeing services.

The M-FIT program has helped embed a culture of psychological safety within Council, reducing stigma and improving mental health literacy across the organisation. It has also built capability in our leadership and staff to promote long-term engagement and a safe, supportive work environment.

Council's commitment to employee wellbeing does not end with this milestone. The next phase of our journey is the introduction of the WELL-FIT strategy, which shifts the focus towards whole-person wellbeing by encouraging movement, connection, balance, and purpose.

This award is not just a recognition of an outstanding program—it is a reflection of the people behind it. I want to formally recognise the efforts of all staff who contributed to the success of the M-FIT program and thank them for their continued commitment to making Georges River Council a leading organisation in the local government sector.

Additionally, for the fifth consecutive year, Georges River Council were awarded a Gold Award for our 2023/24 annual report at the recent Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA).

The ARA Awards are open to all organisations in Australia, New Zealand, and countries in the Asia-Pacific Region that prepare an annual report.

To receive a Gold Award a report must:

- achieve overall excellence in annual reporting;
- provide high quality coverage of all aspects of the ARA Criteria;
- provide full disclosures of key aspects of the core business;
- address current legislative and regulatory requirements; and
- be a model for other reports to follow.

This Gold Award recognises the significant effort by staff in producing an annual report of high quality in both content and design.

MOTION:

That Council:

- (a) Formally acknowledges and congratulates Georges River Council staff for receiving the People, Workplace, Wellbeing Award at the 2025 Local Government Professionals NSW Awards for the M-FIT program;
- (b) Notes the transition from the M-FIT program to the new WELL-FIT strategy, which

continues Council's commitment to staff wellbeing through a focus on whole-person health and engagement.

- (c) Formally acknowledges and congratulates Georges River Council staff for their achievements in receiving the Gold Award for Council's 2023/24 Annual Report at the Annual Australasian Reporting Awards.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: CCL048-25 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL048-25

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS024-25 to ASS025-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items ASS024-25 to ASS025-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ASS024-25 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2025
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

That the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee recommendations for items TAC040-25 to TAC045-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

TAC040-25 STUART STREET, BLAKEHURST - PROPOSED CHANGES TO NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

That 36m 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the western side of Stuart Street, Blakehurst, as per the Plan A in the report.

TAC041-25 PEARL STREET, HURSTVILLE - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

(a) That a 13m '1P Parking' restrictions be installed in Pearl Street during Mon-Fri 8:30am – 2pm and Sat 8:30am – 12:30pm, adjacent to the bin rooms at 458 Forest Road, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.

(b) That a 12m '1P Parking' restrictions be installed in Pearl Street during Mon-Fri 8:30am – 6pm and Sat 8:30am – 12:30pm, adjacent to 458 Forest Road, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.

TAC042-25 CONNELLS POINT ROAD, SOUTH HURSTVILLE - PROPOSED 'NO

STOPPING' RESTRICTIONS

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

That a 10m 'No Stopping' restriction be installed on the eastern side of Connells Point Road north of Mimosa Street, South Hurstville as per the plan in the report.

TAC043-25 KENSINGTON STREET, KOGARAH - PROPOSED EXTENSION OF CURRENT 'WORKS ZONE'

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That a 38m 'Works Zone, 7am – 5pm Mon – Sat' extension at 16 Kensington Street, Kogarah, be installed on the frontage of the property for a duration of 16 weeks commencing in mid-June 2025, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That an existing 'Taxi Zone' be temporarily located fronting 26-28 Kensington Street, Kogarah, as per the plan in the report.
- (c) That the original parking restrictions be returned to its current status at the completion of the 'Works Zone' period.

TAC044-25 BONDS ROAD, PEAKHURST - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTION.

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That the current 'No Stopping' restriction fronting 58 Bonds Road, Peakhurst be extended by 9.5m, as per the plan in the report.

TAC045-25 PENSHURST STREET, PENSHURST - PROPOSED AUTHORISED AUSTRALIA POST VEHICLES EXCEPTED

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

REPORT DEFERRED

ASS025-25 GRAFFITI AND POSTERS POLICY 2025 ADOPTION

(Report by Manager City Operational Services)

That Council endorse the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 following a period of public exhibition.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/190166

ATTACHMENTS

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



MINUTES

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, 10 June 2025

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Manager, EA to the Director, Assets and infrastructure – Rachele McGrath (minutes) and Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos and Lee Fermor – Technical Support.

OPENING

The Director Assets and Infrastructure, Andrew Latta opened the meeting at 7.01pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That Councillor Mort be nominated as Chairperson for tonight's Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

MOTION: Councillor Stratikopoulos

Record of Voting

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Mort 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

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ASS023-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Liu

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASS024-25 Report of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 June 2025
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Liu, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee recommendations for items TAC040-25 to TAC045-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

TAC040-25 STUART STREET, BLAKEHURST - PROPOSED CHANGES TO NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

That 36m 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the western side of Stuart Street, Blakehurst, as per the Plan A in the report.

TAC041-25 PEARL STREET, HURSTVILLE - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That a 13m '1P Parking' restrictions be installed in Pearl Street during Mon-Fri 8:30am – 2pm and Sat 8:30am – 12:30pm, adjacent to the bin rooms at 458 Forest Road, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That a 12m '1P Parking' restrictions be installed in Pearl Street during Mon-Fri 8:30am – 6pm and Sat 8:30am – 12:30pm, adjacent to 458 Forest Road, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.

TAC042-25 CONNELLS POINT ROAD, SOUTH HURSTVILLE - PROPOSED 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTIONS

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

That a 10m 'No Stopping' restriction be installed on the eastern side of Connells Point Road north of Mimosa Street, South Hurstville as per the plan in the report.

TAC043-25 KENSINGTON STREET, KOGARAH - PROPOSED EXTENSION OF CURRENT 'WORKS ZONE'

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That a 38m 'Works Zone, 7am – 5pm Mon – Sat' extension at 16 Kensington Street, Kogarah, be installed on the frontage of the property for a duration of 16 weeks commencing in mid-June 2025, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That an existing 'Taxi Zone' be temporarily located fronting 26-28 Kensington Street, Kogarah, as per the plan in the report.
- (c) That the original parking restrictions be returned to its current status at the completion of the 'Works Zone' period.

TAC044-25 BONDS ROAD, PEAKHURST - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTION.

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That the current 'No Stopping' restriction fronting 58 Bonds Road, Peakhurst be extended by 9.5m, as per the plan in the report.

TAC045-25 PENSHURST STREET, PENSHURST - PROPOSED AUTHORISED AUSTRALIA POST VEHICLES EXCEPTED

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

This item was deferred to the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for 9 July 2025.

ASS025-25 Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 Adoption
(Report by Manager City Operational Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Liu, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That Council endorse the draft Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025 following a period of public exhibition.

Record of Voting

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

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.07pm

Chairperson

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Item: CCL049-25 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM017-25 to COM023-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items COM017-25 to COM023-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

COM017-25 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2025
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee recommendations for items SAC008-25 to SAC011-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM018-25 REPORT OF THE BEVERLEY PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2025
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Allison, Councillor Mort

That the Beverley Park Steering Committee recommendations for items BPSCC006-25 to BPSCC008-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM019-25 WASTE MANAGEMENT SUBSIDIES FOR COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council, as the owner of the properties, assumes responsibility for the waste management costs incurred by not-for-profit and NSW Health tenants within its Community Property Portfolio, up to the renewal date of the applicable Lease or Licence.
- (b) That Council includes clear provisions in all future Lease and Licence agreements, as well as future Expressions of Interest (EOIs), outlining tenants' responsibilities for waste management services. Council will ensure that waste management services form part of the overall tenant subsidy framework, with fees fully or partially subsidised based on the tenants' assessed eligibility.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM020-25 OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - 2025 BEACHSIDE DASH ST GEORGE AND SUTHERLAND MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

(Report by Sponsorship Specialist)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$8,500 for the purpose of becoming a sponsor of the St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation, Beachside Dash on Sunday 14 September 2025.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM021-25 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY AND THE DRAFT SPORTS GROUNDS ACCESS POLICY

(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Allison, Councillor Mort

- (a) (a) That Council adopt:
 - (b) (i) The Draft Grants and Donations Policy.
 - (c) (ii) The Draft Sports Grounds Access Policy.
- (d) (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to:

- (e) (i) Update Appendix A of the Draft Sports Ground Access Policy, Tiering of Council's Sports Grounds, pending contractual changes to the grounds listed.
- (f) (ii) Make minor changes to the Policy, if required.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM022-25 HOMELESSNESS IN GEORGES RIVER (Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison

- (a) Receive and note the 'Homelessness in Georges River Study'.
- (b) Endorse the action plan to address homelessness and housing security as outlined in this report.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM023-25 PLACE NAMING PROPOSAL FOR CALEDONIA CRESCENT RESERVE (Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council endorse the proposed name 'Caledonia Crescent Reserve' for the reserve located on Caledonia Crescent, Peakhurst in Lot 32 DP202901 and Lot 9 section 2 DP23646.
- (b) That the proposed name 'Caledonia Crescent Reserve' be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days to allow the community to provide feedback.
- (c) That Council receive a further report to present the results of the community feedback.

Record of Voting

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

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

FILE REFERENCE

D25/190171

ATTACHMENTS

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



CCL049-25

MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Tuesday, 10 June 2025

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Landsberry, (Chairperson), The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg (ex-officio member), Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Mort and Councillor Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, General Counsel – James Fan, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services – Justin Yeomans, Coordinator Community Capacity Building - Alexis Drevikovsky, Coordinator Events and Sponsorship – Candace Hutchison, Acting Sponsorship Specialist – Sylvie Tarres Research and Policy Officer – Madeline Bull, Manager Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Technology Service Technician - Arun Job and Acting Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture – Billie Johnson (Minutes).

OPENING

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM016-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025

(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Community and Culture)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Allison, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM017-25 Report of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on 22 May 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee recommendations for items SAC008-25 to SAC011-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

SAC008-25 SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

(Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Acting Manager City Technical Services providing an update on Sporting Infrastructure Projects within Council's 2024/25 Capital Works Program.

SAC009-25 CARSS PARK AQUATIC FACILITY UPDATE

(Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Nick Smerdely, Mark Smith

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the update within this report from Acting Manager City Technical Services on the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.

SAC010-25 LUX LIGHTING AT SPORTING FACILITIES
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Nick Smerdely, Councillor Mort

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the update provided on the LUX lighting assessment.

SAC011-25 SPORT, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND EVENTS UPDATE
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Dale Widders, Councillor Mort

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events and Acting Manager City Operational Services, outlining an overview of Sport and Recreation facilities across the local government area.

COM018-25 Report of the Beverley Park Steering Committee meeting held on 4 June 2025
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Allison, Councillor Mort

That the Beverley Park Steering Committee recommendations for items BPSCC006-25 to BPSCC008-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

BPSCC006-25 PUBLIC ROUNDS REPORT
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receive and note the public rounds report from May 2024 to April 2025.

BPSCC007-25 BEVERLEY PARK GOLF CLUB FINANCE REPORT
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receive and note the finance report to April 2025 for Beverley Park Golf Club.

BPSCC008-25 BEVERLEY PARK GOLF COURSE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT UPDATE
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receive and note the update on the progress and timeline for the Plan of Management for Beverley Park Golf Course.

COM019-25 Waste Management Subsidies for Council's Community Property portfolio
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council, as the owner of the properties, assumes responsibility for the waste management costs incurred by not-for-profit and NSW Health tenants within its Community Property Portfolio, up to the renewal date of the applicable Lease or Licence.
- (b) That Council includes clear provisions in all future Lease and Licence agreements, as well as future Expressions of Interest (EOIs), outlining tenants' responsibilities for waste management services. Council will ensure that waste management services form part of the overall tenant subsidy framework, with fees fully or partially subsidised based on the tenants' assessed eligibility.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM020-25 Outgoing Sponsorship Request - 2025 Beachside Dash St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation
(Report by Sponsorship Specialist)

It was noted that The Mayor, Councillor Borg entered the meeting at 6.13pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$8,500 for the purpose of becoming a sponsor of the St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation, Beachside Dash on Sunday 14 September 2025.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM021-25 Adoption of the Draft Grants and Donations Policy and the Draft Sports Grounds Access Policy
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Allison, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council adopt:
 - (i) The Draft Grants and Donations Policy.
 - (ii) The Draft Sports Grounds Access Policy.
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to:
 - (i) Update Appendix A of the Draft Sports Ground Access Policy, Tiering of Council's Sports Grounds, pending contractual changes to the grounds listed.

- (ii) Make minor changes to the Policy, if required.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM022-25 Homelessness in Georges River
(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison

- (a) Receive and note the 'Homelessness in Georges River Study'.
- (b) Endorse the action plan to address homelessness and housing security as outlined in this report.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM023-25 Place Naming Proposal for Caledonia Crescent Reserve
(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council endorse the proposed name 'Caledonia Crescent Reserve' for the reserve located on Caledonia Crescent, Peakhurst in Lot 32 DP202901 and Lot 9 section 2 DP23646.
- (b) That the proposed name 'Caledonia Crescent Reserve' be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days to allow the community to provide feedback.
- (c) That Council receive a further report to present the results of the community feedback.

Record of Voting

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

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.32pm

Chairperson

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Item: CCL050-25 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV018-25 to ENV021-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items ENV018-25 to ENV021-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ENV018-25 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT BUSH FIRE PRONE LAND MAP 2025
(Report by Strategic Planner/Information Management)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Arthur

- (a) That Council note the draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025 prepared by the NSW Rural Fire Service as the replacement for the certified Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2020 for Georges River Council.
- (b) That Council request the NSW Rural Fire Service to:
 - (i) remove Carss Bush Park and the lower part of Oatley Memorial Gardens (being a road reserve) from the draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025.
 - (ii) finalise and provide the amended Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025 with the inclusion of the vegetation buffer areas surrounding the new Vegetation Categories 1 and 2.
- (c) That Council formally request certification from the NSW Rural Fire Service for the amended Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV019-25 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR GATEWAY DETERMINATION – 193-199 ROCKY POINT ROAD, 66-68 RAMSGATE ROAD AND 2-4 TARGO ROAD, RAMSGATE
(Report by Consultant Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry

That Georges River Council (Council) does not support the proposed amendments to *Georges*

River Local Environmental Plan 2021 (GRLEP), contained in PP2024/0001 as described at **Attachment 1** of the Environmental Planning Committee report as it does not satisfy the site-specific merit tests that are outlined in the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (dated August 2023) for the following key reasons:

- (i) the planning proposal (PP) has not demonstrated that future intensification of development on the site can be accommodated without adverse impacts within the capacity of the current and/or future infrastructure, specifically the surrounding state and local road network.
- (ii) the PP has not adequately addressed the recommendations made by Georges River Local Planning Panel (LPP) (LPP052-24) at its meeting on 5 December 2024 in relation to potential traffic and transport impacts.
- (iii) the PP has not adequately addressed the traffic advice from Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) and Council's traffic engineers issued to the Proponent on 19 March 2025 and subsequent advice provided by TfNSW on 10 April 2025.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Arthur

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was five (5) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

ENV020-25 ADOPTION - MERRIMAN RESERVE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT AND MASTER PLAN

(Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Council adopt the Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan provided in **Attachments 1 and 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 Director Planning and Environment to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the adopted Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – NSW Crown Lands for information.
- (e) That the Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV021-25 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING Q3 METRICS REPORT
(Report by Manager Development and Building)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Allison

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Development and Building Team Functions and Services Metrics Report for the period January to March 2025.

Record of Voting

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

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

FILE REFERENCE

D25/190173

ATTACHMENTS

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

MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Tuesday, 10 June 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre,
Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, General Manager – David Tuxford, Acting Manager Development & Building – Linley Love, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Coordinator Strategic Planning – Luke Oste, Strategic Planner – Michelle Fawcett, Strategic Planning / Information Management – Andy Zhou, Personal Assistant to the Manager Environment, Health & Regulatory Services – Lynne Denham (Minutes), Personal Assistant to the Manager Development & Building – Catherine Mercer and Technology Service Desk Technician – Arun Job.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Cr Peter Mahoney, opened the meeting at 7.01pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV018-25 Review of the Draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025** for the reason that the Councillor has an interest in the 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.

Non-Significant Non Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Matthew Allison – submitted a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV018-25 Review of the Draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025** for the reason that the Councillor’s place of residence is situated in Bushfire Zone on the eastern edge of Oatley Park, Oatley.

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.

PUBLIC FORUM

Name	Report No.	Report Title
Brett Cornell (Written submission)	ENV020-25	Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan
Lisa Bella Esposito (In person)	ENV019-25	Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination – 193-199 Rocky Point Road, 66-68 Ramsgate Road and 2-4 Targo Road, Ramsgate
Matt Hyne (Written submission)	ENV019-25	Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination – 193-199 Rocky Point Road, 66-68 Ramsgate Road and 2-4 Targo Road, Ramsgate
Peter Stubbs (Written submission)	ENV019-25	Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination – 193-199 Rocky Point Road, 66-68 Ramsgate Road and 2-4 Targo Road, Ramsgate
Nicholas Steele (In person)	ENV019-25	Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination – 193-199 Rocky Point Road, 66-68 Ramsgate Road and 2-4 Targo Road, Ramsgate
Tim Rogers (In person)	ENV019-25	Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination – 193-199 Rocky Point Road, 66-68 Ramsgate Road and 2-4 Targo Road, Ramsgate

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ENV017-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV018-25 Review of the Draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025

(Report by Strategic Planner/Information Management)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Arthur

- (a) That Council note the draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025 prepared by the NSW Rural Fire Service as the replacement for the certified Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2020 for Georges River Council.
- (b) That Council request the NSW Rural Fire Service to:
 - (i) remove Carss Bush Park and the lower part of Oatley Memorial Gardens (being a road reserve) from the draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025.
 - (ii) finalise and provide the amended Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025 with the inclusion of the vegetation buffer areas surrounding the new Vegetation Categories 1 and 2.
- (c) That Council formally request certification from the NSW Rural Fire Service for the amended Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV019-25 Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination – 193-199 Rocky Point Road, 66-68 Ramsgate Road and 2-4 Targo Road, Ramsgate

(Report by Consultant Planner)

Note: Yvonne Kanti of Gyde Consultants introduced the report.

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry

That Georges River Council (Council) does not support the proposed amendments to *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* (GRLEP), contained in PP2024/0001 as described at **Attachment 1** of the Environmental Planning Committee report as it does not satisfy the site-specific merit tests that are outlined in the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (dated August 2023) for the following key reasons:

- (i) the planning proposal (PP) has not demonstrated that future intensification of development on the site can be accommodated without adverse impacts within the capacity of the current and/or future infrastructure, specifically the surrounding state and local road network.
- (ii) the PP has not adequately addressed the recommendations made by Georges River Local Planning Panel (LPP) (LPP052-24) at its meeting on 5 December 2024 in relation to potential traffic and transport impacts.
- (iii) the PP has not adequately addressed the traffic advice from Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) and Council's traffic engineers issued to the Proponent on 19 March 2025 and subsequent advice provided by TfNSW on 10 April 2025.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Arthur

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was five (5) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

ENV020-25 Adoption - Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan
(Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Council adopt the Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan provided in **Attachments 1 and 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 Director Planning and Environment to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the adopted Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – NSW Crown Lands for information.
- (e) That the Merriman Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV021-25 Development and Building Q3 Metrics Report
(Report by Manager Development and Building)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Allison

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Development and Building Team Functions and Services Metrics Report for the period January to March 2025.

Record of Voting

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

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.57pm

Chairperson

Item: CCL051-25 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN020-25 to FIN023-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items FIN020-25 to FIN023-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN020-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2025
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney

That the Investment Report as at 30 April 2025 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN021-25 REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Report by Chief Governance and Risk Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

(a) That Council adopt the draft Code of Conduct in Attachment 1, in accordance with section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993, incorporating:

- i. minor administrative updates, and
- ii. a new clause in Part 6.2 to exempt gifts valued at \$10 or less (subject to regulatory and approval conditions), aligning more closely with the Model Code of Conduct.

(b) That Council note community consultation is not required, for the reasons outlined in this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

CARRIED.

FIN022-25 REVIEW OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice attached to this report in accordance with Section 360 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (b) That Council note that a further review of the Code of Meeting Practice will be conducted when the revised Model Code of Meeting Practice has been prescribed.
- (c) That Council note community consultation is not required, for the reasons outlined in this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN023-25 T25/007 MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender that is recommended for T25/007 Media and Social Media Monitoring and Management, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FILE REFERENCE

D25/190175

ATTACHMENTS

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

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Tuesday, 10 June 2025

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Leon Pun, Councillor Peter Mahoney, and Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Chief Corporate Governance and Risk Officer – Renata Sala, Coordinator Communications and Engagement – Catherine James, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services – Ally Chand (Minutes), Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott and Technology Business Support Officer – Lee Fermor.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6.03pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN019-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN020-25 Investment Report as at 30 April 2025

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney

That the Investment Report as at 30 April 2025 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN021-25 Review of the Code of Conduct

(Report by Chief Governance and Risk Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

(a) That Council adopt the draft Code of Conduct in Attachment 1, in accordance with section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993, incorporating:

- i. minor administrative updates, and
- ii. a new clause in Part 6.2 to exempt gifts valued at \$10 or less (subject to regulatory and approval conditions), aligning more closely with the Model Code of Conduct.

(b) That Council note community consultation is not required, for the reasons outlined in this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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FIN022-25 Review of the Code of Meeting Practice

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mahoney

(a) That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice attached to this report in accordance with

Section 360 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

(b) That Council note that a further review of the Code of Meeting Practice will be conducted when the revised Model Code of Meeting Practice has been prescribed.

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Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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FIN023-25 T25/007 Media and Social Media Monitoring and Management
(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

(a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender that is recommended for T25/007 Media and Social Media Monitoring and Management, as outlined in the confidential attachments.

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Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.11pm.

Chairperson

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Item: CCL052-25 Draft Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (2025) - for public exhibition

Author: Manager Office of the General Manager

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL052-25

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse for the purposes of public exhibition the proposed 'Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy' as attached, for a period of at least 28 days as required by the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.
- (b) That the draft Policy be sent to the Office of Local Government (OLG) for feedback prior to the close of the public exhibition period.
- (c) That the draft Policy be referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) for feedback prior to the close of the public exhibition period.
- (d) That following conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Policy together with any public submissions received, be reported back to Council in August 2024 for consideration and adoption of the final Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy was last reviewed in September 2022.
2. It is noted that Council is required to review this Policy within 12 months of the newly elected Council, in accordance with Section 252 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.
3. The draft Policy is consistent with the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* and uses the suggested template of the Office of Local Government.

BACKGROUND

4. The Mayor and Councillors will incur some reasonable expenses and require reasonable use of some facilities, in order to be effective in the conduct of their civic roles.
5. Council is required under Section 252 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to adopt a policy for the payment of any expenses and provisions of any facilities for the Mayor and Councillors.
6. A Council must not pay any expenses for, or provide any facilities to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor or a Councillor, unless in accordance with a Policy under Section 252 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.
7. The attached draft Policy is proposed to provide for the reasonable expenses and facilities required by our elected Mayor and Councillors, in order to effectively exercise their functions on behalf of the community.
8. Detail has been provided in the draft Policy for expenses paid to Councillors appointed to the Sydney South Planning Panel to alleviate confusion around the payment of this expense.

9. Professional development expenses have been reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,500 per councillor per financial year and attendance at conference and seminars has been increased from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per councillor per financial year. This change has been made as attendance at conferences and seminars is considered to be professional development and the cost of attending conferences related to professional development has risen in the past few years.
10. It is proposed to publicly exhibit the draft Policy for a minimum of 28 days, to allow any person to express a view about the Policy.
11. It is recommended to refer the draft Policy to the Office of Local Government (OLG) and to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) for feedback during the public exhibition period.
12. Following the public exhibition of the draft Policy, it is anticipated that this report be presented to the August 2025 Council meeting seeking Council adoption of the Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The draft Policy will not result in any significant change in budget requirements. A budget allocation for Councillor and Mayoral expenses has been provided for in the 2025/26 financial year.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

14. Strategic Risk 1 – Financial Sustainability identified and managed through the allocation of funding for the Councillor and Mayoral expenses in the 2025/26 budget.
15. Strategic Risk 7 – Ineffective Governance identified and managed by meeting the relevant legislative requirements by reviewing this Policy within 12 months of the newly elected Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

16. This report is seeking Council endorsement to place the draft Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/151454

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 DRAFT 2025 Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy





Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy

2025

Policy Administration

Dates	Policy approved 26/08/2024 This policy is effective upon its approval. Policy is due for review 09/2025.
Approved by	Council Meeting 26/08/2024 Council Resolution CCL059-24
Policy Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Policy
Exhibition Period	TBA – 28 days
Policy Owner	Manager, Office of the General Manager
Related Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georges River Council's Code of Conduct • Georges River Council's Code of Meeting Practice • Georges River Council's Alcohol and other Drugs Policy • Georges River Council's Records and Information Management Policy • Georges River Council's City Partnerships Policy
References & Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> • <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i> • Office of Local Government Model Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy • Office of Local Government Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW • Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW • Local Government Guidelines for the Payment of Expenses and the Provisions of Facilities to Mayors and Councillors in NSW, 2009 • Office of Local Government Circular 09-36 Release of Revised Councillor Expenses and Facilities Guidelines • Office of Local Government Circular 11-27 Findings from Review of Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policies • <i>Local Government (State) Award 2023</i> • <i>Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007</i> • <i>NSW State Records Act 1998</i> • <i>NSW Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Reviewed Award 2009</i>
Document Identifier	Policy #: Pol-026.07 Doc #: D24/212838
Breaches of Policy	Breaches of any policy will be dealt with and responded to in accordance with adopted codes and/or relevant legislation.



Record Keeping	All documents and information obtained in relation to the implementation of this policy will be kept in accordance with the NSW State Records Act 1998, Georges River Council's Corporate Records Policy and adopted internal procedures.
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Policy Summary

This Policy enables the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to councillors to help them undertake their civic duties.

It ensures accountability and transparency and seeks to align councillor expenses and facilities with community expectations. Councillors must not obtain private or political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this Policy.

The Policy has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) and complies with the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to Mayors and Councillors in NSW.

The Policy sets out the maximum amounts Council will pay for specific expenses and facilities. Expenses not explicitly addressed in this Policy will not be paid or reimbursed.

Part A - Introduction

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The provision of expenses and facilities enables councillors to fulfil their civic duties as the elected representatives of Georges River Council.
- 1.2. The community is entitled to know the extent of expenses paid to councillors, as well as the facilities provided.
- 1.3. The purpose of this Policy is to clearly state the facilities and support that are available to councillors to assist them in fulfilling their civic duties.
- 1.4. Council staff are empowered to question or refuse a request for payment from a councillor when it does not accord with this Policy.
- 1.5. Expenses and facilities provided by this Policy are in addition to fees paid to councillors. The minimum and maximum fees a council may pay each councillor are set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal as per Section 241 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and reviewed annually. Council must adopt its annual fees within this set range.

2. Policy Objectives

- 2.1. The objectives of this Policy are to:
 - enable the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses incurred by councillors while undertaking their civic duties;
 - enable facilities of a reasonable and appropriate standard to be provided to councillors to support them in undertaking their civic duties;

- ensure accountability and transparency in reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to councillors;
- ensure facilities and expenses provided to councillors meet community expectations;
- support a diversity of representation; and
- fulfil the council's statutory responsibilities.

3. Principles

3.1. Council commits to the following principles:

- **Proper conduct:** councillors and staff acting lawfully and honestly, exercising care and diligence in carrying out their functions;
- **Reasonable expenses:** providing for councillors to be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred as part of their role as councillor;
- **Participation and access:** enabling people from diverse backgrounds, underrepresented groups, those in carer roles and those with special needs to serve as a councillor
- **Equity:** there must be equitable access to expenses and facilities for all councillors;
- **Appropriate use of resources:** providing clear direction on the appropriate use of council resources in accordance with legal requirements and community expectations; and
- **Accountability and transparency:** clearly stating and reporting on the expenses and facilities provided to councillors.

4. Private or Political Benefit

- 4.1. Councillors must not obtain private or political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this Policy.
- 4.2. Private use of council equipment and facilities by councillors may occur from time to time. For example, telephoning home to advise that a council meeting will run later than expected.
- 4.3. Such incidental private use does not require a compensatory payment back to council.
- 4.4. Councillors should avoid obtaining any greater private benefit from council than an incidental benefit. Where there are unavoidable circumstances and more

substantial private use of council facilities does occur, councillors must reimburse the council.

4.5. Campaigns for re-election are considered to be a political benefit. The following are examples of what is considered to be a political interest during a re-election campaign:

- production of election material;
- use of council resources and equipment for campaigning;
- use of official council letterhead, publications, websites or services for political benefit; and
- fundraising activities of political parties or individuals, including political fundraising events.

Table of Expenses and Facilities

The main expenses and facilities are summarised in the table below. All monetary amounts are exclusive of GST.

Expense or facility	Maximum amount	Frequency
Sydney South Planning Panel	\$1,000 (max per day) per Councillor for attendance at Determination meetings, in person or online plus \$150 per hour (min. 1 hour and max. 4 hours) for attendance at panel briefings and site inspections.	Per Meeting/Briefing/Site visit. Appointed representatives only
General travel expenses	\$1,000 per councillor \$2,000 for the Mayor	Per financial year
Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses	\$1,000 per councillor	Per financial year
Accommodation and meals	As per the NSW <i>Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Reviewed Award</i>	Per meal/night
Professional development, conferences and seminars	\$1,500 per councillor	Per financial year
Conferences and seminars	\$3,000 per councillor	Per financial year
ICT expenses	\$4,000 per councillor	Per term
Carer expenses	\$2,000 per councillor	Per financial year
Communication expenses	\$500 per councillor	Per month
		Per financial year

Business cards	500 business cards per councillor an additional 250 business	
Christmas or festive cards	e-Card: 1 design per councillor	Per financial year
Councillor letterhead	1 design per councillor	Per term
Access to facilities in a councillor room	Provided to all councillors	Not relevant
Council vehicle and fuel card	Provided to the mayor	Not relevant
Reserved parking space at Council	Provided to the mayor	Not relevant
Furnished office	Provided to the mayor	Not relevant

Additional costs incurred by a councillor in excess of these limits are considered a personal expense that is the responsibility of the councillor.

Councillors must provide claims for reimbursement within three (3) months of an expense being incurred. Claims made after this time will not be approved.

Reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to councillors will be publicly tabled at a council meeting every six months and published in full on council's website. These reports will include expenditure summarised by individual councillor and as a total for all councillors.

Part B – Expenses

5. General Expenses

- 5.1. All expenses provided under this Policy will be for a purpose specific to the functions of holding civic office.
- 5.2. Expenses not explicitly addressed in this Policy will not be paid or reimbursed.
- 5.3. For the purposes of this Policy, annual expenses are calculated over a financial year (1 July to 30 June).
- 5.4. Any expense or facility that are paid on a per financial year basis under this Policy, are paid on a pro-rata basis for any periods not equivalent to a full financial year.

6. Specific Expenses

Sydney South Planning Panel

- 6.1. Councillors appointed as representatives to the Sydney South Planning Panel will be paid a fee of \$1,000 (max per day) for attendance at Determination meetings, inclusive of incidental and travel/transport costs. The fee is also inclusive of

correspondence and receiving and reading of information relating to any matters considered by the panel.

- 6.2. Appointed Councillors will receive an additional allowance for attendance at site inspections and briefings of the panel. The fee will be at a rate of \$150 per hour, minimum of one (1) hour up to a maximum of four (4) hours. The allowance is inclusive of any incidental and travel/transport costs for briefings and/or site visits on multiple applications.

General travel arrangements and expenses

- 6.3. All travel by councillors should be undertaken using the most direct route and the most practicable and economical mode of transport.
- 6.4. Each councillor may be reimbursed up to a total of \$1,000 per year, and the mayor may be reimbursed up to a total of \$2,000 per year, for travel expenses incurred while undertaking official business or professional development or attending approved conferences and seminars within NSW. This includes reimbursement:
- for public transport fares;
 - for the use of a private vehicle or hire car;
 - for parking costs for council and other meetings;
 - for tolls;
 - by Cabcharge card or equivalent; and
 - for documented ride-share programs, such as Uber, where tax invoices can be issued.
- 6.5. Allowances for the use of a private vehicle will be reimbursed by kilometre at the rate contained in the Local Government (State) Award 2023.
- 6.6. Councillors seeking to be reimbursed for use of a private vehicle must keep a logbook recording the date, distance and purpose of travel being claimed. Copies of the relevant logbook contents must be provided with the claim.

Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses

- 6.7. In accordance with Section 4 of this Policy, council will scrutinise the value and need for councillors to undertake overseas travel. Councils should avoid interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate trips unless direct and tangible benefits can be established for the council and the local community.

- 6.8. Travel in relation to Sister City visits must be consistent with the relevant clauses in the Georges River Council Sister City Policy and will be reimbursed in association with that Policy and will not be reimbursed in association with this Policy.
- 6.9. Total interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses for each councillor will be capped at a maximum of \$1,000 per year for travel expenses incurred while undertaking official business or professional development or attending approved conferences and seminars. This includes reimbursement:
- for public transport fares;
 - for airfares;
 - for the use of a private vehicle or hire car;
 - for parking costs for Council and other meetings;
 - for tolls;
 - by Cabcharge card or equivalent; and
 - for documented ride-share programs, such as Uber, where tax invoices can be issued.
- 6.10. Councillors seeking approval for any interstate, long-distance intrastate or overseas travel must submit a case to, and obtain the approval of, a full council meeting prior to travel.
- 6.11. The case should include:
- objectives to be achieved in travel, including an explanation of how the travel aligns with current council priorities and business, the community benefits which will accrue as a result, and its relevance to the exercise of the councillor's civic duties;
 - who is to take part in the travel;
 - duration and itinerary of travel; and
 - a detailed budget including a statement of any amounts expected to be reimbursed by the participant/s.
- 6.12. Any council approved interstate, long-distance intrastate or overseas journeys by air, the class of air travel is to be economy class.
- 6.13. Bookings for approved air travel are to be made through the General Manager's office.

- 6.14. For air travel that is reimbursed as council business, councillors will not accrue points from the airline's frequent flyer program. This is considered a private benefit.

Travel expenses not paid by council

- 6.15. Council will not pay any traffic fines, parking fines or administrative charges for road toll accounts.

Accommodation and meals

- 6.16. Council will reimburse costs for accommodation and meals while councillors are undertaking prior approved travel or professional development outside of Metropolitan Sydney.
- 6.17. The costs associated with accommodation and meals while councillors are travelling for the purpose of attending prior approved professional development or conference/seminar will be allocated from the annual Policy allowances for professional development or conferences/seminars.
- 6.18. The daily limits for accommodation and meal expenses within Australia are to be consistent with those set out in Part B Monetary Rates of the *NSW Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Reviewed Award 2009*, as adjusted annually.
- 6.19. The daily limits for accommodation and meal expenses outside Australia are to be determined in advance by the General Manager, being mindful of Clause 6.16.
- 6.20. Councillors may be reimbursed for alcoholic beverages, in accordance with Council's Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Refreshments for meetings of council

- 6.21. A hot meal will be provided to councillors prior to a council meeting for councillors attending in-person.
- 6.22. Light refreshments (hot or cold) will be provided to councillors prior to committee meetings and councillor briefings for councillors attending in-person.
- 6.23. Cold drinks and tea and coffee will be provided to councillors for their consumption prior to, during and after meetings of council.
- 6.24. Alcohol will not be provided.

Professional development

6.25. Each councillor may be reimbursed up to a total of **\$1,500** per councillor per year for professional development programs, training and education courses. This includes reimbursement:

- for enrolment fees;
- for registration fees;
- related accommodation and meal expenses;
- membership of professional bodies; and
- subscriptions.

6.26. In the first year of a new council term, Council will provide a comprehensive induction program for all councillors which considers any guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government (OLG). The cost of the induction program will be in addition to the ongoing professional development funding.

6.27. Annual membership of professional bodies will only be covered where the membership is relevant to the exercise of the councillor's civic duties, the councillor actively participates in the body and the cost of membership is likely to be fully offset by savings from attending events as a member.

6.28. Subscriptions will only be covered where the subscribed material/service/publication is relevant to the exercise of the councillor's civic duties.

6.29. Approval for professional development activities is subject to a prior written request to the General Manager outlining the:

- details of the proposed professional development;
- relevance to council priorities and business; and
- relevance to the exercise of the councillor's civic duties.

6.30. In assessing a councillor's request for a professional development activity, the General Manager must consider the cost of the professional development in relation to the councillor's remaining budget.

Conferences and seminars

6.31. Council is committed to ensuring its councillors are up to date with contemporary issues facing council and the community, and local government in NSW.

6.32. Each councillor may be reimbursed up to a total of **\$3,000** per councillor per year to facilitate councillor attendance at conferences and seminars. This includes reimbursement:

- for registration fees;
- related accommodation and meal expenses.

6.33. Approval to attend a conference or seminar is subject to a written request to the General Manager. In assessing a councillor's request, the General Manager must consider factors including the:

- relevance of the topics and presenters to current council priorities and business and the exercise of the councillor's civic duties;
- cost of the conference or seminar in relation to the total remaining budget.

ICT expenses (devices - electronic equipment)

6.34. Councillors will be required to provide their own device for Council related business ('BYO device').

6.35. Council will reimburse councillors for expenses associated with the outright purchase of an appropriate device, up to a limit of \$4,000 per term for each councillor. This includes reimbursement;

- for a laptop;
- for a personal computer (IPC);
- for an iPad or tablet device;
- for a smart phone;
- for a printer;
- for accessories (keyboard, mouse, headset, screen protector, protective case etc)
- for any of the above listed devices;

6.36. Reimbursement of ICT devices under this Policy will only be made for devices purchased outright and used by councillors to undertake their civic duties. In order for councillors to purchase any devices in the final year of the Council term, councillors must provide evidence that the item has been lost, damaged or stolen. Devices purchased through a mobile phone plan will not be reimbursed through this Policy.

- 6.37. Any device purchased by a councillor should be cognisant of the recommended minimum hardware and software specifications set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 6.38. Councillors using a device to access Council systems must abide by the relevant Council Policies.
- 6.39. All information created, sent and received in an official capacity as a councillor (or mayor) is a Council record and must be managed in accordance with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998* and Council's approved records management policies and practices (Georges River Council Code of Conduct, Clause 8.24).
- 6.40. All information stored in either soft or hard copy on Council supplied resources (including email accounts) is deemed to be related to the business of Council and will be treated as Council records, regardless of whether the original intention was to create the information for personal purposes. Personal email should not be used for official Council communication (Georges River Council Code of Conduct, Clause 8.25).
- 6.41. You must not destroy, alter or dispose of Council information or records, unless authorised to do so. If you need to alter or dispose of Council information or records, you must do so in consultation with Council's Head of Information Management and comply with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998* (Georges River Council Code of Conduct, Clause 8.26).

Communications expenses (data, internet, telephone, postage)

- 6.42. Council will reimburse councillors for monthly communications expenses, up to a limit of \$500 per month for each councillor. This includes reimbursement of:
- mobile phone expenses (for one mobile phone service) (including monthly plan and call costs);
 - home internet expenses;
 - printer consumables;
 - printing paper;
 - postage expenses;
 - miscellaneous stationery;
 - software expenses (including anti-virus/malware subscriptions, Office365 subscriptions, or similar).

6.43. Reimbursements will be made only for communications and services used for councillors to undertake their civic duties, such as:

- receiving and reading council business papers;
- relevant phone calls and correspondence;
- diary and appointment management.

Special requirements and carer expenses

6.44. Council encourages wide participation and interest in civic office. It will seek to ensure council premises and associated facilities are accessible, including provision for sight or hearing-impaired councillors and those with other disabilities.

6.45. Transportation provisions outlined in this Policy will also assist councillors who may be unable to drive a vehicle.

6.46. In addition to the provisions above, the General Manager may authorise the provision of reasonable additional facilities and expenses in order to allow a councillor with a disability to perform their civic duties.

6.47. Councillors who are the principal carer of a child or other elderly, disabled and/or sick immediate family member will be entitled to reimbursement of carer's expenses up to a maximum of \$2,000 per annum per councillor for attendance at official business, plus reasonable travel from the principal place of residence. Councillors must provide copies of paid tax invoices with each claim.

6.48. Childcare expenses may be claimed for children up to and including the age of 16 years where the carer is not a relative.

6.49. In the event of caring for an adult person, councillors will need to provide suitable evidence to the General Manager that reimbursement is applicable. This may take the form of advice from a medical practitioner.

Security to prevent against harm

6.50. Council shall meet the reasonable expenses of a councillor, in proceedings intended to prevent physical or mental harm to a councillor, arising from the conduct of a third party against the councillor, in relation to the councillor performing their functions under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 in good faith.

6.51. Such expenses may extend to the costs of providing services and equipment, to protect the security of councillors.

Superannuation

- 6.52. As of 1 July 2024, the superannuation guarantee rate will be 11.5%. The rate will increase by half a percent each year until 1 July 2025 when it reaches 12%.
- 6.53. The superannuation contribution payment is to be paid at the same intervals as the annual fee is paid to councillors.
- 6.54. To receive a superannuation contribution payment, each councillor must first nominate a superannuation account for the payment before the end of the month to which the payment relates. The superannuation account nominated by councillors must be an account for superannuation or retirement benefits from a scheme or fund to which the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act applies.
- 6.55. Councils must not make a superannuation contribution payment for a councillor if the councillor fails to nominate an eligible superannuation account for the payment before the end of the month to which the payment relates.

7. Insurances

- 7.1. In accordance with Section 382 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council is insured against public liability and professional indemnity claims. Councillors are included as a named insured on this Policy.
- 7.2. Insurance protection is only provided if a claim arises out of or in connection with the councillor's performance of his or her civic duties, or exercise of his or her functions as a councillor. All insurances are subject to any limitations or conditions set out in the policies of insurance.
- 7.3. Council shall pay the insurance policy excess in respect of any claim accepted by Council's insurers, whether defended or not.
- 7.4. Appropriate travel insurances will be provided for any councillors travelling on approved interstate and overseas travel on Council business.

8. Legal Assistance

- 8.1. Council may, if requested, indemnify or reimburse the reasonable legal expenses of:
- a councillor defending an action arising from the performance in good faith of a function under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 provided that the outcome of the legal proceedings is favourable to the councillor;
 - a councillor defending an action in defamation, provided the statements complained of were made in good faith in the course of exercising a function under the NSW *Local Government Act 1993* and the outcome of the legal proceedings is favourable to the councillor;

- a councillor for proceedings before an appropriate investigative or review body, provided the subject of the proceedings arises from the performance in good faith of a function under the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*;

and the matter has proceeded past any initial assessment phase to a formal investigation or review and the investigative or review body makes a finding substantially favourable to the councillor.

Appropriate investigative or review bodies include, but are not limited to:

- NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)
- Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)
- Office of the NSW Ombudsman
- Office of Local Government (OLG)
- Department of Premier and Cabinet NSW (DPC)
- NSW Police Force
- The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP)
- Council's Conduct Review Committee

8.2. In the case of a code of conduct complaint made against a councillor, legal costs will only be made available where the matter has been referred by the General Manager to a conduct reviewer and the conduct reviewer has commenced a formal investigation of the matter and makes a finding substantially favourable to the councillor.

8.3. Legal expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising out of the performance by a councillor of his or her functions under the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* are distinguished from expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising merely from something that a councillor has done during his or her term in office. For example, expenses arising from an investigation as to whether a councillor acted corruptly would not be covered by this section.

8.4. Council will not meet the legal costs:

- of legal proceedings initiated by a councillor under any circumstances, other than where a councillor seeks orders under the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007*, arising from the performance in good faith of a councillor's functions under the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*;
- of a councillor seeking advice in respect of possible defamation, or in seeking a non-litigious remedy for possible defamation;

- for legal proceedings that do not involve a councillor performing their role as a councillor.

8.5. Reimbursement of expenses for reasonable legal expenses must have council approval by way of a resolution at a council meeting prior to costs being incurred.

Part C – Facilities

9. General Facilities for All Councillors

- 9.1. Council will provide the following facilities to councillors to assist them to effectively discharge their civic duties:
- a councillor common room appropriately furnished to include photocopier, printer, desks, computer terminals, lockers and appropriate snacks and non-alcoholic refreshments;
 - access to shared car parking spaces while attending council offices on official business;
 - personal protective equipment for use during site visits;
 - a name badge which may be worn at official functions, indicating that the wearer holds the office of a councillor and/or mayor or deputy mayor.
- 9.2. Councillors may book meeting rooms for official business in a specified council building at no cost. Rooms may be booked through a specified officer in the mayor's office or other specified staff member.
- 9.3. The provision of facilities will be of a standard deemed by the General Manager as appropriate for the purpose.

Councillor Hub

- 9.4. Council will provide all councillors access to the 'Councillor Hub', a mobile platform designed to manage and distribute important and relevant content such as business papers, policies and procedures, presentations, meetings schedules, updates and notifications.
- 9.5. The 'Councillor Hub' is a secure, simple easy to use website (or app) than can be accessed from any device.

Professional Photo

- 9.6. Council will arrange a professional photo session at the commencement of each new council term for the purpose of an individual headshot of each councillor and a group photo with all councillors.
- 9.7. Copyright and exclusive use of the professional photos remains with council for duration of the council term, although the use of photographs by Councillors may be approved by the General Manager in consultation with the Mayor.

Stationery

- 9.8. Council will provide the following stationery to councillors each year:
- Councillor letterhead
 - 1 design per councillor per year, to be used only for correspondence associated with civic duties
 - Business cards
 - 500 business cards per councillor per year
 - an additional 250 business cards for the mayor each year
 - Christmas or festive cards
 - e-Cards: 1 design per councillor per year
 - printed cards: 200 card maximum per councillor per year for councillors.

Administrative support

- 9.9. Council may provide administrative support to councillors to assist them with their civic duties only. Administrative support may be provided by staff in the mayor's office or by a member of council's administrative staff as arranged by the General Manager or their delegate.
- 9.10. As per Section 4, council staff are expected to assist councillors with civic duties only, and not assist with matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.
- 9.11. With consideration to environmental factors, printed business papers will not be provided to councillors.

IMT support

9.12. Council will provide technology support for all councillors to assist them with their civic duties only.

9.13. Any request for technology assistance must be made as a Councillor HelpDesk Request.

Access to information

9.14. Councillors can obtain copies of council information, free of charge, if the information is required to enable a councillor to undertake their role as defined under Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

10. Additional Facilities for the Mayor

10.1. The mayor shall be provided with additional facilities to recognise the special role, responsibilities and duties of the position, both in the council and in the community.

10.2. Facilities, equipment and services provided under this clause remain the property of the council.

Mayoral Council Vehicle

10.3. Council will provide to the mayor a maintained vehicle to a similar standard of other council vehicles, with a fuel card. The vehicle will be supplied for use on business, professional development and attendance at the mayor's office. Use of the Mayoral Council Vehicle for other purposes does not constitute a breach of the NSW *Local Government Act 1993*.

10.4. The mayor must keep a logbook setting out the date, distance and purpose of all travel. This must include any travel for private benefit. The logbook must be submitted to Council on a monthly basis.

10.5. The mayoral allowance will be reduced to cover the cost of any private travel recorded in the logbook, calculated on a per kilometre basis by the rate set by the *Local Government (State) Award 2023*.

10.6. A parking space at Council's Civic Centre will be reserved for the Mayoral Vehicle for use on official business, professional development and attendance at the mayor's office.

10.7. For reasons of practicality, security and ease of accessibility, the mayor may keep the Mayoral Council Vehicle under his/her custody.

10.8. The following restrictions will apply to the use of the Mayoral Council Vehicle:

- The Mayoral Council Vehicle may not be used by the mayor for recreation or vacation use; and
- Only in exceptional or emergency circumstances may the mayor authorise a person other than a Council employee to drive the Mayoral Council Vehicle.

10.9. If the Mayor elects not to take up the provision of a Mayoral Council Vehicle and wishes to use their own vehicle for official council business, the mayor is entitled to be reimbursed in the same manner as other councillors (refer Clause 6.3 and 6.4).

Mayoral office

10.10. Council will provide the mayor with a furnished office incorporating a computer configured to Council's standard operating environment, telephone, meeting space, private bathroom, kitchen facilities, appropriate refreshments (excluding alcohol).

10.11. In performing his/her civic duties, the mayor will be assisted by council staff providing administrative and secretarial support, as determined by the General Manager or their delegate.

10.12. As per Section 4 of this Policy, staff in the mayor's office are expected to work on official business only, and not for matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.

Other mayoral facilities

10.13. Mayoral Chains of Office will be provided to the mayor to wear (at their discretion) at official, civic and ceremonial services

Part D - Processes

11. Approval, Payment and Reimbursement Arrangements

- 11.1. Expenses should only be incurred by councillors in accordance with the provisions of this Policy.
- 11.2. Approval for incurring expenses, or for the reimbursement of such expenses, should be obtained before the expense is incurred, where practicable or as required under this Policy.
- 11.3. Up to the maximum limits specified in this Policy, approval for the following may be sought after the expense is incurred:
 - local travel relating to the conduct of official business;
 - carer costs;
 - ICT expenditure;
 - communications expenses.
- 11.4. Final approval for payments made under this Policy will be granted by the General Manager or their delegate.

Reimbursement

- 11.5. All claims for reimbursement of expenses incurred must be made on the prescribed form, supported by appropriate receipts and/or tax invoices and be submitted to the Office of the General Manager via the Councillor – Claim for Reimbursement Form.

Notification

- 11.6. If a claim is approved, council will make payment directly or reimburse the councillor through accounts payable.
- 11.7. If a claim is refused, council will inform the councillor in writing that the claim has been refused and the reason for the refusal.

Reimbursement to council

11.8. If council has incurred an expense on behalf of a councillor that exceeds a maximum limit, exceeds reasonable incidental private use or is not provided for in this Policy:

- Council will invoice the councillor for the expense
- the councillor will reimburse Council for that expense within 14 days of the invoice date.

11.9. If the councillor cannot reimburse Council within 14 days of the invoice date, they are to submit a written explanation to the General Manager. The General Manager may elect to deduct the amount from the councillor's allowance.

Timeframe for reimbursement

11.10. Unless otherwise specified in this Policy, councillors must provide all claims for reimbursement within three months of an expense being incurred. Claimed made after this time will not be approved.

11.11. Former councillors are required to submit their expense claims within three months of ceasing to hold office (whether by resigning, retiring, suspension, etc).

12. Pro-Rata Reimbursements

12.1. For the purposes of this Policy, annual expenses are calculated over a financial year (1 July to 30 June).

12.2. Any expense or facility that are paid on a per financial year basis under this Policy, are paid on a pro-rata basis for any periods not equivalent to a full financial year.

13. Disputes

13.1. If a councillor disputes a determination under this Policy, the councillor should discuss the matter with the General Manager.

13.2. If the councillor and the General Manager cannot resolve the dispute, the General Manager is to refer the matter to Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) for determination.

14. Publication

14.1. This Policy will be published on Council's website.

15. Reporting

- 15.1. Council will report on the provision of expenses and facilities to councillors as required in the NSW *Local Government Act 1993* and Regulations.
- 15.2. Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to councillors will be publicly tabled at a council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website. These reports will include expenditure summarised by individual councillor and as a total for all councillors.

16. Auditing (Oversight by Aric)

- 16.1. The operation of this Policy, including claims made under the Policy, will be renewed for compliance by Councils Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

17. Breaches

- 17.1. Suspected breaches of this Policy are to be reported to the General Manager.
- 17.2. Alleged breaches of this Policy shall be dealt with by following the processes outlined for breaches of the Code of Conduct, as detailed in the Code and in the Procedures for the Administration of the Code.

18. Return or Retention of Facilities

- 18.1. All unexpended facilities and all equipment supplied under this Policy are to be relinquished immediately upon a councillor or mayor ceasing to hold office or at the cessation of their civic duties.
- 18.2. Should a councillor wish to keep any equipment allocated by Council, then the councillor shall make application to the General Manager to purchase any such equipment. The General Manager will determine the written down value for the item or equipment.
- 18.3. The prices for all equipment purchased by councillors under Clause will be recorded in Council's annual report.

Part E - Definitions

The following definitions apply throughout this policy.

Term	Meaning
Appropriate refreshments	Means food and beverages (excluding alcohol) provided by council to support councillors undertaking official business
Act	Means the NSW <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
clause	Unless stated otherwise, a reference to a clause is a reference to a clause of this Policy
Code of Conduct	Means the Code of Conduct adopted by Council
Councillor	Means a person elected or appointed to civic office as a member of the governing body of council who is not suspended, including the mayor
Financial year	Means the 12 month period commencing on 1 July to 30 June each year to coincide with Council's budget cycles
General Manager	Means the General Manager of Council and includes their delegate or authorised representative
incidental personal use	Means use that is infrequent and brief and use that does not breach this Policy or the Code of Conduct
long distance intrastate travel	Means travel to other parts of NSW of more than three hours duration by private vehicle
maximum limit	Means the maximum limit for an expense or facility provided in the text of this Policy and summarised in table within the 'Policy Summary' section
NSW	New South Wales

official business	<p>Means functions that the mayor or councillors are required or invited to attend to fulfil their legislated role and responsibilities for Council or result in a direct benefit for Council and/or for the local government area, and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meetings of council and committees of the whole • meetings of committees facilitated by council • civic receptions hosted or sponsored by council • meetings, functions, workshops and other events to which attendance by a councillor has been requested or approved by council
Professional development	Means a seminar, conference, training course or other development opportunity relevant to the role of a councillor or the mayor
Regulation	Means the NSW <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i>
Term	Term of office as defined and set by the Office of Local Government

Responsibilities

Position	Responsibility
General Manager's Office	Review the Policy as required, including within the first year of a new term of Council (in accordance with Section 252(1) of the NSW <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)
Chief Audit Executive	Review Policy for reforms to the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
Manager, Office of the General Manager	Overall responsibility for Policy delivery and oversight of policy approval
Executive Services Officer	Administration of the Policy

Version Control and Change History

Version	Amendment Details	Policy Owner	Period Active
1.0	Adopted 19 May 2016	Governance Manager	19/05/2016 - 1/05/2017
2.0	Updated for current expectations, improved facilities management and reforms to the Local Government Act 1993, in particular the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 16-30	Internal Auditor	1/05/2017 - 6/08/2017
3.0	New Mayor and Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy as adopted by Council. Council Resolution CCL157-17	Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager	7/08/2017 - 28/05/2018
4.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council. Council Resolution CCL025-18	Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager	28/05/2018 – 22/11/2021
5.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council. Council Resolution CCL098-21	Manager, Office of the General Manager	22/11/2021 – 28/11/2022
6.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council. Council Resolution CCL112-22	Manager, Office of the General Manager	28/11/2022 – 26/08/2024
7.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council Council Resolution CCL059-24	Manager, Office of the General Manager	26/08/2024 – ongoing

8.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council Council Resolution CCL	Manager, Office of the General Manager
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APPENDIX 1 – HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS

Recommended Minimum Hardware Specifications:

Device Type	Microsoft (Windows Based) PC	Apple (Mac OS) PC	Tablets/Mobile Devices
Operating System	Windows 10/11 or higher	MacOS Sonoma (MacOS 14.1.2) or higher	iPad/iPhone (iOS 17) or higher Android Phone/Tablet, Android ver: 15.0 or higher
WiFi (Wireless Connectivity)	5GHz radio supporting 802.11n standard.		
Screen Size	Min 13", Recommended: 15"	Min 13", Recommended: 14"	Tablet: 10" or higher
Storage Capacity	512GB or higher	512GB or higher	128GB or higher
RAM/Memory	16 GB or higher	16 GB or higher	N/A
Minimum Battery Life	8 Hrs or Higher	8 Hrs or Higher	8 Hrs or Higher

The selected device must also meet all the following requirements:

Wireless Compatibility	Device must have 5GHz 802.11n support This may be advertised as "Dual Band Wireless", "802.11abgn", "802.11agn", "802.11ac" or "Gigabit Wireless".
Battery Life	Tested battery life of at least 6 Hrs and an Advertised battery life of 8 Hours

Recommended Software Specifications:

Operating System	(Windows, MacOS, iOS, Android)
<p>Web browser: Edge Version (ver: 129.0.2792.52 Sep 24) or newer, Google Chrome (ver: 129.0.6668.74 Sep 24), Mozilla Firefox, Safari 17 or newer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word Processor, Spreadsheet & Presentation Package: Examples include Microsoft Office 365, Apple iWork (Pages, Numbers, Keynote), OpenOffice, or Google Apps. • PDF Reader: Adobe Acrobat Reader/Nitro PDF reader or compatible. 	
Backup	Cloud Office 365 backups only (Provided by IMT) One drive 1TB space available
Security	Microsoft Defender or commercial Anti-Virus software packages, that includes anti malware/spyware and is updated to include the latest definition for maximum protection. Also Keep the Operating Systems up to date with the latest security patches.

Item: CCL053-25 Working Together for a Better Future - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy

Author: Corporate Planning and Performance Specialist and Chief Financial Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL053-25

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note the public exhibition period undertaken and submissions received on the following:
- (i) Draft Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035
 - (ii) Draft Delivery Program 2025 - 2029; and
 - (iii) Draft 2025/26 Operational Plan including the Budget, Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges; and
 - (iv) Draft Resourcing Strategy encompassing Our People Plan (i.e. the Workforce Management Plan), Digital Resource Management Plan, Asset Management Plan and the Long-Term Financial Plan.
- (b) That in accordance with Sections 403, 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following documents be adopted:
- (i) Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035
 - (ii) Delivery Program 2025 - 2029
 - (iii) 2025/26 Operational Plan including the Budget, Revenue Policy, and Schedule of Fees and Charges subject to the following amendments:
 - a) Sports Field Lighting: \$50K allocated for planned and reactive maintenance (operational) and \$150K for capital upgrades.
 - b) Todd Park Sporting Amenities: Council remains committed to the project and will consider its inclusion in the budget once community consultation is complete and the project scope is clearly defined.
 - (iv) Resourcing Strategy encompassing Our People Plan, Digital Resource Management Plan, Asset Management Plan and the Long-Term Financial Plan.
- (c) That Council maintain financial discipline to achieve the \$2.4 million operating surplus target, by applying the 2025/26 Budget Strategy to support responsible decision-making and implement the Resourcing Strategy to ensure sustainability and continued service delivery.
- (d) That subject to the approval of (b)(iii) above, the 2025/26 Schedule of Fees and Charges, become effective as at 1 July 2025.
- (e) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes, enhancements and resolved budgetary amendments prior to publishing these documents on Council's website and providing a copy of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan to the Office of Local Government.
- (f) That the 2025/26 Operational Plan is updated with the applicable commentary/status to reflect any budget deferrals, which will impact the delivery of actions in 2025/26.
- (g) That Council as per Sections 332 and 333 of the Local Government Act 1993 re-determine the Organisational Structure as outlined within Draft Resourcing Strategy.

- (h) That a revised Long Term Financial Plan and other relevant supporting documents are updated based on the final 2025/26 Adopted Budget.
- (i) That, in accordance with Sections 496, 496A, 534 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes rates and charges for every parcel of rateable land within the Georges River Council Local Government Area for the year commencing 1 July 2025 as detailed in the 2025/26 Operational Plan, Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges.
- (j) As per the Instrument of Approval under section 508A and section 548(3)(a), Council applies the Special Variation for Georges River Council for 2025/26 of 5.8% to its general income.
- (k) That in accordance with Sections 493, 494 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2025/26 Residential Rate based on the latest valuations (Base Date 1 July 2022) and any supplementary valuations applicable as at July 2025. As such, the Georges River Council Residential Rate will be 0.0013177 and apply to all properties categorised as Residential, subject to the minimum rate.
- (l) That in accordance with Section 493, 494 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2025/26 Business General Rate based on the latest valuations (Base Date 1 July 2022) and any supplementary valuations applicable as at 1 July 2025. As such, the Georges River Council Business General Rate will be 0.0029958 and apply to all properties categorised as Business, except for the following subcategories and subject to the minimum rates:
- (i) Business Industrial Rate will be 0.003679;
 - (ii) Business Local Rate will be 0.0040391;
 - (iii) Business Major Shopping Complex Rate will be 0.012676;
 - (iv) Business Strategic Centres (Hurstville and Kogarah CBDs) rate will be 0.0041911;
- (m) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2025/26 annual ordinary residential minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,104.00.
- (n) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2025/26 annual ordinary Business – other than Strategic Centres and Major Shopping Complex minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,257.00.
- (o) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2025/26 annual ordinary Business Strategic Centres (Hurstville and Kogarah CBD) and Major Shopping Complex minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,714.00.
- (p) That interest charged on overdue rates and charges for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 be the maximum rate set by the Minister for Local Government, calculated on a daily basis.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Following the ordinary elections of councillors, Council must review the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework documents, which include the:
 - Community Strategic Plan (CSP)
 - Delivery Program
 - Operational Plan

- Resourcing Strategy
- 2. The IP&R Framework allows councils to bring plans and strategies together in a way that supports a clear vision for the future and provides an agreed roadmap for delivering community priorities and aspirations.
- 3. The CSP, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan (within the Resourcing Strategy) must be publicly exhibited for at least 28 days prior to adoption in June 2025.

BACKGROUND

4. Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council develop and endorse a Community Strategic Plan (CSP). Following an ordinary election of Councillors, Council must review the CSP before 30 June in the year following the election. Council may endorse the existing plan, or develop and endorse a new CSP as appropriate, to ensure that the area has a plan covering at least the next 10 years.
5. Following each ordinary local government election, Council is required to develop a new Delivery Program that sets out its key activities over the next four years. This program must align with the strategies outlined in the CSP and be delivered within the resource parameters defined in the Resourcing Strategy, which looks ahead at least 10 years.
6. The Council's Operational Plan, which must be adopted before the start of each financial year, outlines the activities the Council will undertake throughout the year as part of the Delivery Program.
7. All IP&R documents are contained in the following attachments, published under separate documents:
 - Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 – The Plan – Attachment 1
 - Delivery Program 2025 - 2029 and Operational Plan 2025/26 – Attachment 2
 - Detailed Capital Program 2025 - 2029 (Public)– Attachment 3
 - Detailed Capital Program 2025 - 2029 (Confidential) – Attachment 4
 - Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26 – Attachment 5
 - Resourcing Strategy 2025/26 – Attachment 6 - comprised of:
 - Workforce Management Plan – Our People Plan
 - Digital Resource Management Plan
 - Asset Management Plan
 - Long Term Financial Plan

PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND SUBMISSIONS

8. Public exhibition of the IP&R Documents, including the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2025 – 2035, Draft Delivery Program 2025 - 2029, Operational Plan 2025/26, Draft Resourcing Strategy 2025/26 and Draft Capital Program 2025 - 2029 ran from 1 May 2025 to 2 June 2025 (33 days). Information and copies of the documents were placed on Council's website under the "Have Your Say" page, and in Council's Customer Experiences Centres and Libraries for this period.

Notification of the public exhibition and invitations to provide comment occurred as follows:

- Media Release published 6 May promoting the consultation and outlining the documents' purpose and structure
 - Facebook and Instagram social post 7 May, achieving a 870 reach and combined 10+ positive reaction
 - Promoted in the 7 May and 21 May edition of the Leader
 - Promoted in the 5 May, 23 May and 30 May Your Say Newsletter, with an estimated 3,800 recipients
 - Promoted in the 2 May, 16 May and 30 May Community eNews, with 20,000+ subscribers
 - On-site signage at 20+ locations throughout LGA
 - Digital signage on all of Council's digital screens
 - Featured in website carousel
 - Posters and information made available in Council's Customer Experiences Centres and Libraries
 - Email and representation at Council's Advisory Committees
 - Distributed through Community Capacity Building's networks and directories.
9. Council received 143 submissions on the exhibited documents, with 371 individual items raised and responded to.
10. Attachment 7 provides a summary of submissions with officer responses.
11. Summary of top topics and officer response outlined below:

Topic	#	Notes	Officer Response
Penshurst Town Centre	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscape improvements • Traffic study • Bridge St greenspace access • Public amenities renovation • Guard rail for public amenities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation has occurred for a public domain plan. It will be developed, with costs, in 25/26. Works will be proposed in future budgets. • Traffic study is included in current budget. • Public amenities refurbishment is still underway. • Bridge Street greenspace is TAHE land, access is included in current budget.
Mortdale Town Centre	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embellishments: tree lights, wood on benches, planting • Street cleaning • Submissions did not cover stage 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A budget bid of \$50k to plan these embellishments is currently deferred. The budget would produce a report outlining feasibility, cost estimate and timeline for implementation. Works would be phased into the capital program. • Street sweepers attend town centres daily to improve amenity of these areas.
Tree Canopy	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing tree canopy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A budget bid of \$150k for Tree Planting to Achieve Council's Tree Canopy Coverage Target [NM106-24] is included. • A budget bid of \$50k for Open Space Tree Planting Strategy, to support planting program, is

Topic	#	Notes	Officer Response
			deferred.
Emissions Reduction	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of carbon offsets not supported, preference to invest in emissions reduction (15) Electric vehicle transition of council's fleet supported (6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has committed funds to reduce carbon emissions through energy reduction initiatives. A budget bid of \$100k for Carbon Offset Purchasing [ENV046-24] is included in the budget. In line with discussion at the May councillor briefing, the deferral of the target may allow funds to be prioritised for reducing emissions, rather than purchasing offsets. It is recommended to keep in the budget until recommendation is made late in 2025, at which point details of spend may be updated. Electric vehicle transition of council's fleet has been delayed due to internal fleet resourcing constraints. Addressing this will be a focus over the coming 18 months. Plans will incorporate asset replacement cycle and infrastructure needs.
Environmental Levy	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net zero emissions, tree canopy and electric vehicle infrastructure initiatives may be eligible for funding under this levy.
Todd Park Sports Amenities and Field	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for improved amenities 8 referenced sports field renewal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed later in this presentation.
Beverly Hills	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General lack of attention and investment Master Plan (2) Safety was raised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master Plan due for completion in 25/26. Master Plan will influence asset renewal plans. Bridgeview Playground renewal is scheduled.
Lime Kiln Bay	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water sensitive urban design implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included in 26/27 capital works program.
Traffic Studies and Infrastructure	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests for traffic studies Queries about capital program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed later in this presentation.
Other Sports Facilities	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball/multi-sport stadium Carss Park Flats Gifford Park Green Kyle Bay Norm O'Neill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-sport stadium strategic and business case - \$120k with \$60k contribution from Basketball NSW is currently deferred. Carss Park Flats – planned for 2029/30, not currently in the budget as 2028/29 is the last year published. Gifford Park – included in budget Green Kyle Bay – included in budget Norm O'Neill – Resolution to go to market, unknown capital requirement, aiming for

Topic	#	Notes	Officer Response
			investment via the EOI process
Synthetic Turf	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microplastic pollution concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief scientist report refers to building new facilities, no retrofit solutions identified. Recommended to consider at time of renewal. Costing of barrier trial as suggested by Oatley Flora and Fauna is being collated.
Carparking	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MacMahon Street, Treacy Street and Gloucester Road Removal of first hour free parking and replace with \$1.00 fee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking rates are set to ensure equity and turnover. Ensures those entering get a ticket for pay and display.

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12. Minor administration changes have been made to the draft IP&R documents as identified during the exhibition period.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The annual budget adopted by Council forms our Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) which is an essential tool for securing sustainability. The LTFP is guided by the principles of sound financial management set out in Section 8B of the *Local Government Act (1993)*. These include:
- a. Ensuring Council spending is responsible and sustainable, with alignment between general revenue and expenditure
 - b. Investing in infrastructure that delivers long-term community benefit and is financially viable
 - c. Implementing effective financial and asset management practices, including:
 - performance reporting
 - proactive asset maintenance
 - sound funding decisions
 - comprehensive risk management
 - d. Considering inter-generational equity by:
 - evaluating the long-term financial impacts of policy decisions
 - ensuring the current generation funds the services it consumes.
14. The 2025/26 Budget reflects Council's commitment to long-term financial sustainability, forecasting an operating surplus of \$2.4 million (excluding capital grants). This will mark the fourth consecutive year Council is projected to achieve a surplus. Rates and Annual Charges remain the primary source of income, with the Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 5.8% concluding in 2025/26. The SRV has been crucial in maintaining Council's operating surpluses and ensuring sustainable cash levels for asset renewal and funding new assets.
15. While Council's financial position remains stable, projections show operating deficits over the next few years, mainly due to the conclusion of the SRV and rising cost pressures. Current results are influenced by interest income from cash investments, with 60% coming from restricted funds that cannot support general operations. The

acquisition of the Carss Park Aquatic Facility introduces ongoing annual costs of approximately \$2 million including depreciation. Prioritising valued services, projects, and programs will be essential to achieve financial sustainability and compliance with Council’s legislative obligations. A detailed list of actions to address the forecast financial sustainability challenges is contained within Council’s LTFP.

16. In order to achieve the \$2.4 million surplus target, the budget has been prepared based on the following strategy:

Topic	Budget Strategy Details
Financial Strategy and Budget Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget aims to achieve an operating surplus of between \$2-3 million to generate sufficient cash for Council's contribution to the Carss Park Aquatic Facility (CCL086-24). Service levels have been capped to align with constrained resources and achieve the operating surplus. Budget bids of \$1.2 million have been included, with over \$4.8 million either reduced or deferred. A 4-year Capital Program has now been proposed, which has expanded from the 3-year Capital Budget adopted as part of the 2024/25 Budget Strategy. The program has increased from the recently revised budget of \$120.7 million covering 2024/25 to 2026/27, to a \$150.9 million budget from 2025/26 to 2028/29. Any capital works budgeted to occur in 2024/25, that are not completed, will be added to the \$150.9 million program as part of the carryover process in 2025/26.
Economic Conditions and Financial Pressures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been a material shift in economic conditions, especially rising costs, which, combined with capped income and no changes to the service portfolio, result in greater financial pressures. A standard CPI increase of 3.0% has been applied across income, materials, services, and expenses, though some areas are experiencing higher increases than the CPI index. Material income changes include a 5.8% Special Rate Variation, decreased waste-related income due to lower expenses, and a slight increase in investment returns due to healthy cash balances. Investment interest income has been projected to be lower than current levels as projected cash rates within the economy are expected to be less favourable. Depreciation is forecast to increase due to construction of new assets, immaterial disposal of assets, asset condition deterioration, and the rising cost of replacement. Insurance premiums have been set to increase based on natural disaster, cost of replacement, new assets, and a heightened risk environment.
Employee Costs and Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award increase is 3.0% (\$1.6 million), plus superannuation increase from 0.5% to 12.0% (\$300,000 annually) and Award Bonus Scheme of \$1,000 (\$500,000). The employee cost reduction strategy has been adjusted to reflect the current financial circumstances. The previous approach of assuming a natural vacancy rate of 6.5% will now be replaced with a more structured approach, which may include managing vacancy rates (5%), holding off on some recruitment, and adjusting department budgets accordingly. This approach aims to help balance our financial goals while ensuring we continue to meet service expectations. Two-week Christmas shutdown that includes the provision of three grant days.
Income and Subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of the final year of the approved Special Rate Variation of 5.8%. Eligible Fees and Charges have been set at a 3% increase to ensure cost recovery of the material cost increases. Domestic waste charges have decreased slightly, in line with a reduction in collection and disposal costs that have become evident with the provisioning of the new contract. The mandatory (legislated) pensioner rebate has been maintained at \$1 million. Subsidies are proposed to be applied to Council's premium facilities and community facilities. Community and sporting group rental subsidies remain unchanged (approximately \$1.5 million). Subsidies around the Venue hire program remain unchanged (approximately \$470,000).

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Topic	Budget Strategy Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childcare fees have been set to comply with the Childcare Policy of cost-neutral operating budget.
Other Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council remains debt-free, with no proposed or current loans. Income projections are based on business as usual. Council's rates default level has been assumed to stay within benchmark parameters of less than 5%. Strategic land acquisitions for open space have not been included in the budget due to uncertainty around when these will occur. If there is an opportunity for acquisitions, relevant budget approval will be sought in separate report/s to Council.

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RISK IMPLICATIONS

- Strategic Risk 1 – Financial Sustainability - Council's failure to implement appropriate financial strategies and controls to ensure financial sustainability. This requirement may be impacted by Council's failure to deliver the Long-Term Financial Plan (i.e., Maintain the financial health of Council) and inability to meet emerging risks and delivery of Council's CSP as well as absorbing additional financial obligations without adequate resourcing.
- Councillors have been briefed on Council's 10-year financial outlook in the LTFP. While the 2025/26 Budget improves the position, a long-term operating deficit remains and will require monitoring and action. Recommended strategies and a list of planned actions are outlined in the LTFP.
- This deviation to a deficit in the 10-year forecast is materially attributed to the conclusion of the SRV of 5.8% in 2025/26, returning to an assumed rate peg of 2% in 2026/27. Employee costs are also a contributing factor, which are assumed to increase at a higher rate compared to other revenues, per trend in previous years.
- Failure to address the unsustainable financial position places Council in contravention of section 8B of the *Local Government Act (1993)* and will compel Council to cut and/or reduce services to ease the unfavourable gap between income and expenditure.
- All other strategic risks are outlined within the Delivery Program 2025 - 2029 and Operational Plan 2025/26.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Public exhibition process on the draft IP&R documents is outlined earlier in the report.
- Following adoption of these IP&R documents, they will be made available to the public electronically through Council's website and in hard copy format at Council's Civic Centre and libraries.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/179688

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1  The Plan 2025 - 2035 - *published in separate document*
- Attachment 2  Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26 - *published in separate document*
- Attachment 3  Detailed Capital Program 2025 - 2029 (Public) - *published in separate document*
- Attachment 4 Detailed Capital Program 2025 - 2029 (Confidential) - *published in separate*

document (Confidential)

Attachment 5  Fees and Charges 2025-2026 - *published in separate document*

Attachment 6  Resourcing Strategy 2025-2026 - *published in separate document*

Attachment 7  Summary Submissions and Officer Responses - *published in separate document*

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Item: CCL054-25 Appointment of Councillor Chairperson to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Author: Manager Office of the General Manager

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Assets and Infrastructure

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council elect the Chairperson of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee for the period until September 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report seeks Council's determination of the appointment of a Chairperson from the current councillor members of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee for the period until September 2025 as a result of the resignation of the current Chairperson.

BACKGROUND

2. At the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 14 October 2024, Councillor Ambihaipahar was elected as Chairperson of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee until September 2025.
3. Council recently accepted the resignation of Mortdale Ward Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar.
4. Terms of Reference for Council's Standing Committees are currently in place which sets out the roles, responsibilities, and structure of each Standing Committee. This includes the provision for membership of a minimum of four, maximum of 10 Councillors (voting members) with a quorum being the majority of voting members.
5. Membership of each Standing Committee and appointment of Chairpersons is reviewed annually and resolved by Council. The appointment of a Chairperson for the Assets and Infrastructure Committee will be for the term to September 2025 when a further report will come to Council for the membership of each Standing Committee and appointment of Chairpersons.
6. The current councillor members of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee are:
 - (a) Councillor Anzelloti
 - (b) Councillor Dimoski
 - (c) Councillor Gao
 - (d) Councillor Liu
 - (e) Councillor Mort
 - (f) Councillor Pun
 - (g) Councillor Stratikopoulos
 - (h) Councillor Wang

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. Within budget allocation.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

8. Strategic Risk 7 – Reputation; Strategic Risk 8 – Statutory and Regulatory requirement/Ineffective governance. There are two identified strategic risks from Council's 2023/24 Risk Statement, that are relevant to this report in regard to Council's ability to engage in sound and transparent decision making, and effective governance across the organisation.
9. The appointment of Councillor representation to committees through the meeting process and subsequent inclusion of this information on Council's website is one of many strategies that have been implemented to ensure that these actions are achieved.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

10. Members of the community are able to attend and address Standing Committee meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/181711

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION**Item: NM042-25 Carlton South Public School -Safety and Traffic Improvements on Ecole Street and Surrounding Areas****Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council commits to undertaking a comprehensive investigation into traffic flow, safety, and visibility concerns along Ecole Street and Ecole Lane, Carlton, particularly during school pick up and drop off periods.
- (b) That, as part of this investigation, Council:
- (i) Restore the convex mirrors at the bend of Ecole Street and Ecole Lane intersection and at the intersection of Ecole Street and Wheeler Street, where they were previously installed;
 - (ii) Commits to reviewing and amending the existing signage for the Double Bus Zone on Jubilee Avenue to better reflect actual bus usage patterns, such as school excursions. This may include retaining the "Bus Zone" sign while adding supplementary signage e.g. "*Kiss & Ride Excepted, School Days 8.00–9.30am, 2.30–4.00pm*" to allow for short, supervised drop offs of up to 10 seconds and help alleviate traffic congestion on Ecole Street;
 - (iii) Investigates the feasibility of making Ecole Street and Ecole Lane one-way during school pick up and drop off periods to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety;
 - (iv) Commits to installing consistent and clear "Kiss & Ride" signage in both Ecole Street and Jubilee Avenue, paired with adjacent "No Parking" signs, to ensure that these zones are used exclusively for brief, active drop-offs and not for parking or leaving vehicles unattended; and
 - (v) Commits to completing this work and reporting the outcomes back to Council within the next 12 months.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 1 – Our Community, *Goal 1.3 The community is safe and healthy.*

Council Traffic Engineers have received concerns relating to traffic safety in this area by residents and Carlton South Primary School P&C. In accordance with the *GRC Traffic and Transport Prioritisation Matrix* (see Table 1 below), Council Traffic Engineers have determined that this is an internal traffic investigation of 'Moderate' priority. This determination is based on proximity to the school, the information provided by the P&C on 10 April 2025 and the most recent Transport for NSW crash data.

To enable a wholistic traffic investigation of Ecole Street and Ecole Lane, the installation of traffic counters is required to appropriately inform any proposed future improvements, as Council has no recorded speed information in this area.

In relation to point (i), Council Traffic Engineers do not usually recommend or support the installation of convex mirrors on public roads due to traffic and pedestrian safety concerns

including distortion of distance and size, false sense of security and ongoing maintenance issues associated with cleaning, graffiti and vandalism.

Should this motion be resolved, Council Traffic Engineers will investigate alternate methods of improving visibility at this location including the feasibility of reinstating the convex mirror as per point (i) and commence investigations relating to points (ii) – (iv).

Recommendations by Council Traffic Engineers resulting from a traffic investigation at Ecole Street and Ecole Lane, Carlton will be provided in a further report to the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee for endorsement. Recommendations will also subsequently be reported at the next meeting of Council for resolution, in line with Council's standard practice for all improvements and recommendations that result from traffic and transport related studies and investigations.

It is noted that due to the high volume of ongoing traffic and transport related studies, investigations and requests that Council receives, the timeframe of 12 months associated with point (v) may not be achievable if higher priority issues are raised and require immediate attention of Council Traffic Engineers.

Core issue	Initial Review Considerations	Priority
Road Safety (School/High Ped Area)	Evidence of crash data, priority location, community requests, engineering judgement	High
Road safety (Regional / local road)	Evidence crash data, community requests, engineering judgement	High
Road safety (General)	Evidence of trends, increasing volumes and speeds, community requests, engineering judgement	Moderate
General perceptions of safety (no evidence)	Review problem and data	Low
Accessibility Requests (e.g.) request for mobility parking space, residential, town centre or community asset	Evidence of need (e.g., disability permit), Proximity to options	High
Damaged or Missing Signage	Signage to enforce, type of sign, responsibility, visibility	High
Permit Issues – Investigation into new APPA	Eligibility under Council's permit policy, number of requests	Moderate
Road line-marking	Faded/new/driveway	Moderate
Heavy Vehicles / buses	Impact on local roads, safety, residents	Moderate
General Lack of Parking Availability	Land use and zoning context, Existing Supply vs. demand, strategy alignment, Nearby transport alternatives, community expectations	Low

Table 1 – GRC Traffic and Transport Prioritisation Matrix

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FILE REFERENCE

D25/152991

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

**Item: NM043-25 Roundabout at Intersection of Edward Street and Colvin Avenue
Carlton**

Councillor: Councillor Gao

MOTION:

That Council commence planning and design work for the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Edward Street and Colvin Avenue, Carlton within the next financial year.

NM043-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

Council has two current resolutions in relation to the intersection of Edward Street and Colvin Avenue Carlton, namely:

NM096-24 Roundabout - Colvin Avenue and Edward Street, Carlton

- (a) *That Council undertake a holistic traffic assessment of Edward Street to assess;*
- (i). *vehicle speeds from Tanner Avenue to Princes Hwy*
 - (ii). *traffic volumes (comparing them to volumes recorded before and after the completion of the Aldi building)*
 - (iii). *parking restrictions outside Aldi to ensure safety*
 - (iv). *Transport for NSW crash data*
- (b) *That the outcome of the traffic assessment, identifying the best solutions to improve safety and address residents speeding concerns, be reported to the Georges River Local Traffic Committee for consideration.*
- (c) *That as per previous Council officer recommendation, this study commences 6-months after the occupation of the residential flat building on the southern corner of Edward Street and Princes Hwy in order to provide an accurate reflection of the 'new' traffic volumes and conditions in the area.*
- (d) *That as part of the traffic study, Council seeks community feedback via Your Say on concerns with traffic in the area.*

TAC032-25 Edward Street, Carlton – Proposed 'Parking Restrictions'

- (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.*

An onsite meeting with residents of Edward Street and Colvin Street was held on 19 June 2025 involving the Mayor, Elise Borg, Councillors Kathryn Landsberry and Thomas Gao, the General Manager, the Director Assets and Infrastructure, the Manager Strategic Placemaking and the Senior Traffic Engineer to discuss resident concerns relating to speeding and recent crashes at the intersection.

In accordance with the *GRC Traffic and Transport Prioritisation Matrix* (See Table below), Council Traffic Engineers have determined this is an internal traffic investigation of 'High' priority. This determination is based on road safety relating to a high level of community evidence and requests, engineering judgement and the most recent Transport for NSW crash data associated with this location.

Points (a) and (b) associated with TAC032-25 are currently being implemented by Council Traffic Engineers. Once the development opposite the Aldi is fully occupied, point (e) of TAC032-25, that a future report outlining the feasibility, design considerations, and associated costs of a roundabout will be submitted to a future Traffic Advisory Committee meeting for further consideration of Council.

Core issue	Initial Review Considerations	Priority
Road Safety (School/High Ped Area)	Evidence of crash data, priority location, community requests, engineering judgement	High
Road safety (Regional / local road)	Evidence crash data, community requests, engineering judgement	High
Road safety (General)	Evidence of trends, increasing volumes and speeds, community requests, engineering judgement	Moderate
General perceptions of safety (no evidence)	Review problem and data	Low
Accessibility Requests (e.g.) request for mobility parking space, residential, town centre or community asset	Evidence of need (e.g. disability permit), Proximity to options	High
Damaged or Missing Signage	Signage to enforce, type of sign, responsibility, visibility	High
Permit Issues – Investigation into new APPA	Eligibility under Council's permit policy, number of requests	Moderate
Road line-marking	Faded/new/driveway	Moderate
Heavy Vehicles / buses	Impact on local roads, safety, residents	Moderate
General Lack of Parking Availability	Land use and zoning context, Existing Supply vs. demand, strategy alignment, Nearby transport alternatives, community expectations	Low

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The feasibility and preliminary design of traffic improvements at Edward Street and Colvin Street, Carlton are within the 2025/26 Operational Budget. Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications of the detailed design and construction of a roundabout, or other technical recommendations and remedies, will be provided in a future report to Council.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/169530

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM044-25 Hogben Park Master Plan - Dog Park**Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:****That Council:**

- (a) Notes that based on Council's record, the holistic review of the Hogben Park Master Plan endorsed in April 2025 is expected to take up to 18 months to complete.
- (b) Recognises that the community has waited long enough for a fenced dog park in a suitable location and that further delay is unnecessary and unacceptable.
- (c) Resolves to proceed with construction of the fenced dog park prior to the completion of the Master Plan by relocating it to the higher ground area of Hogben Park to ensure the facility is dry, accessible, and functional all year round.
- (d) Immediately engage with the NSW Government to seek funding for the fence and to amend previously drafted plans to reflect this new location.
- (e) Ensures the revised location is subject to appropriate assessment for drainage, accessibility, and usability before construction begins.
- (f) Commits to providing timely updates to the community on the revised location, construction timeline, and implementation process through Council's website, social media, and on-site signage.

NM044-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities.
- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.5 - Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.

Council at its meeting held 28 April 2025 resolved (NM031-25) as follows:

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.*

Following this Council resolution, the proposed off leash dog park improvements for Hogben Park included in the 2024/25 capital works program were put on hold, pending the completion of a review of the Hogben Park Master Plan.

Hogben Park Masterplan Review

A report will be provided by the General Manager in relation to the scheduling, capacity and funding required to undertake a review of the Hogben Park Master Plan as per the April 2025 resolution.

Hogben Park is listed in the Council's Generic Plan of Management (PoM) for Parks, updated in 2024, with Hogben Park identified (page 81) as being available for off leash facilities. The current Landscape Master Plan that was prepared in 2010 by the former Kogarah Council and this would be the subject of review.

It is anticipated that a review of the Master Plan would take approximately 12 months to complete. The community consultation process commences at this point and contains a dedicated *A Your Say webpage* which is maintained with updates from Council officers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no funding for a new master plan and an amendment to the Generic PoM (if required) in the draft exhibited Budget for FY25/26.

Following the resolution of Council (NM031-25), the grant funding received from the State Government for the proposed off leash dog park improvements was returned as the grant milestones could no longer be met. There is currently no budget identified in the draft four-year capital works program for off leash dog park improvements at Hogben Park.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/169547

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM045-25 Carss Park Pool**Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (a) Notes that the NSW Government, under Kogarah MP & Premier Chris Minns, has committed to rebuild the 50m pool at Carss Park, contributing upwards of \$50 million despite public aquatic facilities being the responsibility of local government, not the State.
- (b) Acknowledges that any proposal to expand the project to include a 25-metre indoor learn to swim pool is a Council initiative, and that any additional infrastructure beyond what the State has committed to must be funded by Council.
- (c) Recognises that public calls for the State Government to fund millions in additional infrastructure misrepresent the established roles of government and shift responsibility away from Council, where it properly belongs.
- (d) Resolves to immediately allocate funds for the planning and design of a 25m indoor learn to swim pool, including feasibility assessment and site planning.
- (e) Clearly communicate to the community that any indoor pool is a Council led and Council funded initiative and that if Council wants it, Council must pay for it.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

Since signing the Project Agreement in April 2025, Council has been working in partnership with the NSW Government through the Office of Sport, to deliver an aquatic facility at Carss Park.

The Project Agreement between the Office of Sport (OOS) and Council has a governance framework with two layers, a Project Control Group (PCG) which has officers from Council, the OOS and Public Works, with 4 voting members, two each from Council and the OOS. The PCG is responsible for the delivery of the project including due diligence and scope.

The PCG reports to a Steering Committee (SteerCo). The SteerCo has two voting members, Adam Berry, CEO OOS and David Tuxford, General Manager Georges River Council. The SteerCo endorses PCG decisions and recommendations.

The project is currently in the due diligence phase, which will determine the project scope, site constraints, concept designs and build methodology.

Georges River Council has undertaken feasibility studies and community engagement to identify the demand and best location for a new aquatic facility. After considering Otium's Regional Aquatic Feasibility Study and Site Assessment Review, Council determined Carss Park as the preferred site. At that time, Council also confirmed its intention to include a 25-metre learn-to-swim/program pool and toddler pool. A document prepared by the NSW Office of Sport, further highlighted that local schools and the community face challenges accessing learn-to-swim programs due to a lack of suitable public aquatic facilities nearby.

Council has committed \$17.5 million towards the Carss Park Aquatic Facility, including \$10 million for construction, funded primarily through targeted operating surpluses from 2025/26 to 2027/28. If surpluses fall short, capital program redirection or minor asset disposals will provide contingency funding.

Council established a dedicated reserve for surplus cash and is aligning funding with long-term financial sustainability. The Project Agreement with the NSW Office of Sport is robust and offers

strong financial assurance, governance, and liability protections. Execution of the agreement is underway, alongside efforts to secure the \$10 million federal funding for expanded facilities.

Council officers have communicated with the OOS at the PCG and SteerCo that Councillors have approved a project scope for the Carss Park Pool that includes a Learn to Swim (LTS) pool. This has been well received by the OOS and the SteerCo has approved the allocation of project funds to cover the design costs of including a LTS pool in the project scope.

Officers from the OOS, Public Works and Council as well as the project architect, agree that the inclusion of a LTS pool increases the offering, enhances public amenity and operational feasibility of the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.

The budget for the project currently has 3 funding sources being Federal and State Government and Georges River Council. The project budget will be finalised once the scope has been determined and cost estimates received.

Including a LTS pool as part of the project scope may require an additional financial contribution from Council over and above the current committed funding. The amount of additional funding will not be known until cost estimates are completed on the project scope that includes a LTS pool. The cost of including a LTS pool in the project scope can only be determined if the LTS pool is included in the project design.

The project governance includes decision gateways that will allow Council to commit additional funds to deliver a LTS pool as part of the project scope if the addition of a LTS pool is above the total project budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has committed \$10 million to contribute to the construction of Carss Park pool.

If the project requires additional funding to deliver a Learn to Swim pool as part of the project scope, a report will be presented to Council.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/187339

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM046-25 Promoting Safety and Respect in Local Sporting Matches**Councillor:** Councillor Anzellotti**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council:
- (i) Acknowledges the recent violent incident that occurred on Saturday, 18 May 2025, at a grassroots soccer match at Gannon's Park, Peakhurst Park, involving a brawl between spectators and players. This incident received widespread media attention and raised significant concerns about the safety and wellbeing of players, referees, volunteers, and spectators within the Georges River local government area.
 - (ii) Recognises the important role that local government plays in promoting safe, inclusive, and respectful environments in community sport, particularly when matches are held on Council-managed facilities.
 - (iii) Commits to working proactively with local sporting clubs, schools, community groups and associations such as but not limited to Football St George, to develop strategies aimed at:
 - Promoting respectful conduct on and off the field;
 - Preventing violence, abuse, and antisocial behaviour during matches; and
 - Supporting referees, coaches, and volunteers with conflict resolution tools and mental health support.
 - (iv) Writes to Football St George requesting that they:
 - Work with Council to co-design local initiatives aimed at fostering sportsmanship, community values, and respectful conduct at all matches; and
 - Identify any additional support required from Council or State Government to enhance safety and referee protection at grassroots sporting events.
 - (v) Writes to all sporting clubs across all codes that use Council-owned grounds, reminding them of the standards and behavioural expectations required when using these facilities and the shared responsibility to provide safe and inclusive environments. A copy of the letter is to be provided to all Councillors for their information.
- (b) That the General Manager prepares a report, outlining an action plan to address part (a) of this motion.

NM046-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 1 – Our community, *Goal 1.3 The community is safe and healthy.*
- Pillar 4 – Our built environment, *Goal 4.4 Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities.*

On 18 May 2025, a serious incident occurred during a grassroots soccer match at Gannon's Park, Peakhurst, involving a physical altercation between spectators and players from both teams. This incident attracted widespread coverage and raised significant concerns about safety at community sports events.

Council acknowledges the gravity of this event and the broader concerns regarding the safety and well-being of players, referees, volunteers, and spectators. Council recognises its vital role in fostering safe, inclusive, and respectful environments for community sport throughout the LGA.

The Draft Sports Ground Access Policy is scheduled for adoption at 23 June 2025 Council meeting. Once adopted, all current and future hirers of Council sports grounds will be required to comply with the Policy. Non-compliance may result in a review of the hirer's eligibility and potential exclusion from future seasonal allocations.

Upon adoption of the Draft Policy, Council will notify all hirers and reinforce the shared responsibility to uphold its principles. This collective effort aims to ensure that community sport in the Georges River LGA remains safe, inclusive, and respectful for all participants. A future report will be prepared outlining an action plan.

While Council is not responsible for enforcing sanctions against criminal behaviour, it is committed to working collaboratively with local sporting organisations to promote respectful conduct and sportsmanship both on and off the field by fostering inclusive, safe, and welcoming environments at local sporting matches.

The General Manager and Council officers have met with the new CEO of Football St George to gain insight into their code of conduct and existing measures to address antisocial behaviour. Football St George are pleased to work on the above points with Council in the coming months.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/179064

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM047-25 Council's Website Functionality**Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (a) Notes that the current search experience on Council's website has limitations with functionality.
- (b) Explore options to make information like planning documents, more accessible for residents and stakeholders who are not familiar with Council processes or document locations.
- (c) Investigates the feasibility of updating the Search Engine or equivalent tool on Council's website, to improve the discoverability of Council documents and webpages.
- (d) Report how many complaints have been submitted about the functionality of its website searches and any feedback from residents and stakeholders on their experiences, over the last 12 months.

NM047-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032 Pillar 6: Our Governance and with Council's Community Engagement Strategy and Council's Customer Experience Strategy Focus Area 1 – improving processes with technology.

It is acknowledged that the current search engine on Council's website has limited functionality.

Council will begin updating the current User website so that documents and attachments are included in search results, not just page content. This enhancement will be implemented by internal teams and the website vendor and reported back at the October Council meeting.

There is a budget submission in the 25/26 draft budget to update Council's website platform which will include improved search functionality. Council's existing website platform was established as part of the amalgamation process in 2016 the planned update will improve user experience.

If the budget submission is approved in the 25/26 budget, City Futures and IMT will lead a procurement process for the website update which will include community consultation on the digital user experience with Council.

Users of Council's website have the ability to provide feedback on every page of the website while in the platform.

Between 1 May 2024 and 31 May 2025, a total of 428 submissions of website feedback were received. During the same period, Google Analytics recorded 2,112,724 page views and 512,095 users. Given the high volume of traffic and user engagement, receiving 428 feedback submissions is quite **positive**. A significant portion of this feedback pertained to service-related issues or enquiries, which were appropriately escalated to relevant staff members through the records management system.

The Google Analytics report shows that the Search page ranks among the top 10 most visited pages; recording 89,177 hits and 36,005 active users.

In the last twelve months, there has been no formal complaints lodged with Council through the complaints management framework, in relation to Council's website. There have been five pieces of feedback received and responded to.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A budget submission has been included in the 25/26 draft budget to update Council's website platform.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/183802

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM048-25 Accessible, safe, and well-maintained public toilets**Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council Develop a Georges River Public Toilet Strategy, including:
- (i) Strategic Location Planning: Map and assess the current network of public toilets; Identify service gaps near high-traffic areas (e.g. shopping precincts, transport hubs, sporting facilities, and major parks).
 - (ii) Facility Upgrades and Expansion: Establish a staged upgrade program for existing toilets to meet safety, accessibility, and hygiene standards; Identify sites for new facilities based on community need and population growth projections.
 - (iii) Maintenance and Safety
 - (iv) Community Engagement and Equity
 - (v) Submit a budget bid for 2026/27 for the Strategy to be developed.
- (b) That the General Manager prepare an interim update for Councillors via the Councillor Information Bulletin on the prioritised list for public amenities due for upgrade or renewal.

NM048-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 1 – Our community, *Goal 1.3 The community is safe and healthy.*
- Pillar 3 – Our economy, *Goal 3.2 Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities*
- Pillar 4 – Our built environment, *Goal 4.5 Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.*

There are currently 46 public toilet amenity buildings within the Georges River Council local government area. Council officers clean and maintain all the public toilet amenity buildings on a daily basis, with additional deep cleansing services provided based on known community demand and utilisation. Deep cleansing activities are undertaken in Hurstville and Kogarah CBD every 2 days, in major town centres fortnightly and in all other shopping precincts and sporting fields on a 3-weekly cycle.

A strategy regarding public amenities across the local government area requires input from various stakeholders, including Councillors, community groups, residents and staff. Asset condition information is available to determine recommended renewal, utilisation, availability and community sentiment which are the key drivers in ensuring assets are well maintained and fit for the future.

In relation to point B), an interim update for Councillors via the Councillor Information Bulletin will be provided, noting that at this stage the prioritised list will be based on available asset condition information for upgrade or renewal only, and will not include community utilisation and expectations until the broader strategy is developed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, an Operational Budget Bid will be submitted for the 26/27 financial year.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/186489

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM048-25

Item: NM049-25 Risk Assessment and Prioritisation of Traffic Studies**Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager provide a table of all requested traffic studies from staff, residents, councillors and Members of Parliament that lists an initial risk to be assessed in order to determine the priorities.
- (b) That this table be made publicly available so that it is transparent to the residents as to how many requests have been provided and where they stand in regards priorities across the entire LGA.
- (c) That this table is provided within one month.

NM049-25

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

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

- Pillar 4 – Our Built Environment, *Goal 4.5 Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.*
- Pillar 6 – Our Governance, *Goal 6.3 Our community knows why and how decisions are made.*

A table of all requested traffic studies from staff, residents, councillors and members of parliament was provided to Councillors during the final budget workshop held on 16 June 2025. Council officers are currently in the process of developing a communications plan to determine an appropriate process and platform for providing and updating publicly available information relating to traffic and transport related requests.

Traffic studies are prioritised by Traffic Engineers as 'High', 'Moderate' or 'Low', in accordance with the *GRC Traffic and Transport Prioritisation Matrix* (see Table 1 below) and are scheduled for delivery based on this priority rating, complexity and required resourcing (internal or external).

In addition to traffic studies, Council's Traffic Engineers also action a high volume of traffic investigations and operational service requests. Traffic and transport requests are categorised as follows:

- Traffic study – classified as a comprehensive, data-driven analysis of a traffic and/or transport issue across a broad transportation network and involves detailed data collection, measurement, technical modelling, detailed design, community consultation and multiple stakeholders. Traffic studies usually result in multiple recommendations that require further investigation and multiple engineering solutions.
- Traffic investigation - classified as a basic or preliminary examination of a traffic and/or transport issue in a localised transportation area and involves data collection, technical modelling, design and community notification. Traffic investigations usually result in localised engineering solutions or highlight the need for a traffic study.
- Operational service requests - simple requests to address maintenance or renewal of existing traffic and transport infrastructure (e.g., refresh line marking or damaged signage).

Council's Traffic Engineers deal with a significantly high volume of traffic and transport requests that result in traffic studies, traffic investigations and operational service request with a growing expectation for a timely response and engineering solution.

The total number of Traffic and Transport related requests has increased from 173 requests in 2022 to 420 requests in 2025. In addition to this, Council's Traffic Engineers also respond to approximately 30 Member of Parliament representations and/or Councillor requests per month.

Core issue	Initial Review Considerations	Priority
Road Safety (School/High Ped Area)	Evidence of crash data, priority location, community requests, engineering judgement	High
Road safety (Regional / local road)	Evidence crash data, community requests, engineering judgement	High
Road safety (General)	Evidence of trends, increasing volumes and speeds, community requests, engineering judgement	Moderate
General perceptions of safety (no evidence)	Review problem and data	Low
Accessibility Requests (e.g.) request for mobility parking space, residential, town centre or community asset	Evidence of need (e.g., disability permit), Proximity to options	High
Damaged or Missing Signage	Signage to enforce, type of sign, responsibility, visibility	High
Permit Issues – Investigation into new APPA	Eligibility under Council's permit policy, number of requests	Moderate
Road line-marking	Faded/new/driveway	Moderate
Heavy Vehicles / buses	Impact on local roads, safety, residents	Moderate
General Lack of Parking Availability	Land use and zoning context, Existing Supply vs. demand, strategy alignment, Nearby transport alternatives, community expectations	Low

Table 1 – GRC Traffic and Transport Prioritisation Matrix

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/186763

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Item: QWN016-25 Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline Risk Profile and Planning Implications

Author: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. Is Council aware of any recent change to the use of the Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline?
2. If there has been a change of use:
 - a. *What are the implications of this change for the pipeline's risk profile?*
 - b. *How might the change affect permissible land uses in proximity to the pipeline?*
 - c. *What impact, if any, would this change have on the progress of the Beverly Hills Master Plan or any other relevant planning documents?*
3. Who owns and operates the MSE Pipeline?
4. What is the regulatory approval process for a change in the use of the Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline, and which government agency or authority is responsible for assessing and granting this approval?
5. What are the notification requirements to Council, surrounding residents and businesses, and other relevant stakeholders when a change in the use of the Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline occurs?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Response to Question 1

On 19 May 2025, Council was advised by the Hazards Team at the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI) that the Moomba to Sydney Ethane Pipeline, operated by APA, has recently been repurposed and approved to carry Natural Gas (NG). The details and the modification report can be found in <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/modification-1-pipeline-repurposing>

Affected Councils were notified in January, none of which expressed concerns with the application, including ourselves.

Response to Question 2

This change from transporting ethane to natural gas may change the pipeline's risk profile but Council does not have the internal expertise to advise on any potential implications for land use planning. Council has reengaged the risk consultant who prepared the 2024 Risk Report to reassess the risk and to advise on the appropriate land use controls based on the new risk profile. The updated Risk Report for the entire pipeline is expected by the end of August 2025.

In the interim, Council has requested its consultant finalising the Beverly Hills Local Centre Master Plan and supporting documents to pause further work until the updated Risk Assessment is received and considered. Following the finalisation of the Risk Report, a further report will be prepared for the consideration by the Environment and Planning Committee/Council, outlining the proposed next steps for the Beverly Hills Local Centre Master Plan.

Response to Question 3

The pipeline is owned and operated by Australian Pipeline Limited (APA Group).

Response to Question 4

The MSE Pipeline was declared State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) in August 2023. The APA Group lodged a Modification 1- Pipeline Repurposing to modify the Pipeline Licence No. 15 under Section 5.25 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act). The Minister for Planning is the Approving Authority for this application under the Act.

Response to Question 5

The modification application and report were publicly exhibited by the DPHI on the NSW Planning Portal from 12 December 2024 to 16 January 2025. Relevant agencies and affected councils, including Georges River Council, were notified. No objections were received, and the feedback provided was generally administrative. Council was advised on 19 May 2025 that the pipeline has now been repurposed for natural gas.

As it is a State Significant Development the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is the authority to assess, notify and determine matters relating to the pipeline.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN017-25 Glenlee
Author: Councillor Mahoney
Directorate: Office of the General Manager
Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

With reference to NM015-25, which was resolved at the Council meeting held on 25 March 2025, can the General Manager advise whether the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP has provided a response to Council's communication which sought his position on:

- (i) Funding towards the purchase, restoration, embellishment and future maintenance of Glenlee; and
- (ii) Support for Australian National Heritage listing of the property?

If so, what was the Prime Minister's response?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Council at its Meeting held 24 March 2025 resolved (NMO15-25) as follows:

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

Letters dated 14 April 2025 were sent to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, the then Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Peter Dutton MP and Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Minister for Finance.

A reply dated 30 April 2025 was received from the Department of Finance. A copy of this reply is on Council's website at:

<https://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/StGeorge/media/Documents/Development/Strategic%20Planning/30-April-2025-Departmental-response-80-Boronia-Parade-Lugarno.pdf>

No reply has been received from the Prime Minister's office.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN018-25 Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline Assessment
Author: Councillor Wang
Directorate: Office of the General Manager
Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. It seems APA (MSEP operator), Bayside Council, and Georges River Council use very different risk assessment standard. How do they reconcile?
 - 1.1 According to APA document application: The results of the Preliminary Hazard Assessment (PHA) modelling undertaken shows that the repurposed pipeline meets all the NSW Department of Planning (2011) risk criteria for individual fatality ($< 5 \times 10^{-7}$ per year, or less than a 1 in 2 million probability per year), injury and property damage with risks remaining in the acceptable levels for all sections and facilities. In other words, there is no need apply any planning control outside the pipeline. Please note this document is assessed against nature gas, which is riskier than Ethane.
 - 1.2 According to Bayside Council: Bayside Council shares the same pipeline through the Wollie Creek high rise Developments with just a few metres easement: Figure B.7: Population density map - FN4: Wollie Creek (pipeline segment 8)
 - 1.3 According to GRC (Agenda of Georges River Council - Environment and Planning Committee Meeting - Monday, 10 February 2025): It applied about 400m and 800m buffer zones from the pipeline for planning control: In accordance with the recommendations of the draft MSE Pipeline Hazard Analysis, residential intensification cannot occur within the $1E-06$ p.a. (or 1 in 1 million per year) Location Specific Individual Risk (LSIR) fatality contours – this is the land within the two red contours in Figure 10 below. The $5E-07$ p.a. LSIR fatality contours (land between the red and blue contours in Figure 10 below) does not restrict residential intensification. Therefore, shop top housing can occur on E1 zoned land within the $5E-07$ p.a. LSIR fatality contours. However, the draft report recommends the prohibition of sensitive land uses within the area affected by this LSIR fatality contour. Sensitive land uses refer to developments such as centre-based childcare facilities, early education and care facilities, educational establishments, health services facilities and seniors housing.
- 2 Regarding Moomba to Sydney Ethane Pipeline Hazard Analysis (Georges River Council - Environment and Planning Committee Meeting - Monday, 10 March 2025)
 - 2.1 Location Specific Individual Fatality Risk Map In “Figure 2 - Societal Risk Area Map of Georges River LGA for the Current Population (Figure 13 in Attachment 1)” and “Figure 3 - Societal Risk Area Map for the Georges River LGA after Population Intensification (Figure 15 in Attachment” It says: “Negligible Risk Zone (below) $3.16E-05$ ” However, on the same page, it has the table uses much smaller LSIR to determine the land use: $5E-07$ / $1E-06$ / $5E-06$ / $1E-05$ / $5E-05$ (this one is close) The question is: is there a map to show these much smaller LSIR’s? As these LSIR’s are used to determine land use type
 - 2.2 What does this mean exactly? What’s the societal risk criteria here? A population intensification of 500% was tested and found feasible without exceeding societal risk criteria (Figure 3). This intensification was applied to mesh blocks within 400m and

800m buffer zones around Riverwood, Narwee, Beverly Hills, and Kingsgrove railway stations.

- 2.3 From Figure 2 & 3, The risk distribution is not proportional with the distance from pipeline. What are the base to draw two contours line (red and blue) in parallel to the pipeline?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Responses to Questions 1 and 2

The *Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline Hazard Analysis* report that was prepared for the Georges River LGA in October 2024 was reviewed by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. The Department endorsed the Report, deeming its findings and approach suitable for strategic planning purposes.

The change from transporting ethane to natural gas may change the pipeline's risk profile but Council does not have the internal risk expertise to advise on any potential implications for land use planning. Council has re-engaged the risk consultant who prepared the 2024 Risk Report to reassess the risk and to advise on the appropriate land use controls based on the new risk profile. The updated Risk Report for the entire pipeline is expected by the end of August 2025.

It is recommended that these questions be raised when the amended draft risk assessment is prepared and workshopped with Council later in 2025.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

Item: QNN002-25 Further Questions asked at the 26 May 2025 Council Meeting with regard to QWN014-25 Flood Study - Beverly Hills

Author: Manager Office of the General Manager

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with no Notice

QNN002-25

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. How many proposed dwellings have been lost as a result of applying the latest flood study and its associated recommendations?
2. Should we now consider substantially increasing planning densities in areas outside the newly defined flood planning zones to offset the loss?
3. 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?
4. 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?

OFFICER RESPONSE – ENVIRONMENT & PLANNINGResponse to Question 1

A total loss of 227 dwellings has been noted due to both the Gas Pipeline and the Flooding risks in the Beverly Hills Master Plan subject area. Around 67 dwellings have been lost due to consideration of flooding risk.

Response to Question 2

As outlined in the 10 February 2025 Environment and Planning Committee Report (ENV003-25), planning controls for Areas B, C, I, D and H (See **Figure 1** below) were proposed to remain unchanged from GRLEP 2021 due to their location within flood planning zones or proximity to the Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline. The repurposing of the MSE Pipeline to carry natural gas may decrease the risk profile however that investigation is currently underway.

The remainder of the study area—Areas E, F, and G—was proposed to retain the densities endorsed in the 'Way Forward' Master Plan adopted by Council in April 2023.

Council is also to note that the Beverly Hills Railway Station is one of the precincts identified in the Stage 2 of the Low and Medium Rise (LMR) Housing Policy that came into effect on 28 February 2025. The Policy centres around changes to planning controls within 800m of well-serviced train stations or commercial centres. The Report to the Council's Environment and Planning Committee on 14 April 2025 explains that increased densities are possible outside the areas excluded under the LMR Policy. There is a potential for substantial residential uplift between 367-913 new dwellings under this Policy in Beverly Hills as compared with 116 under the GRLEP 2021.

As such, further density in this area is not being actively contemplated.

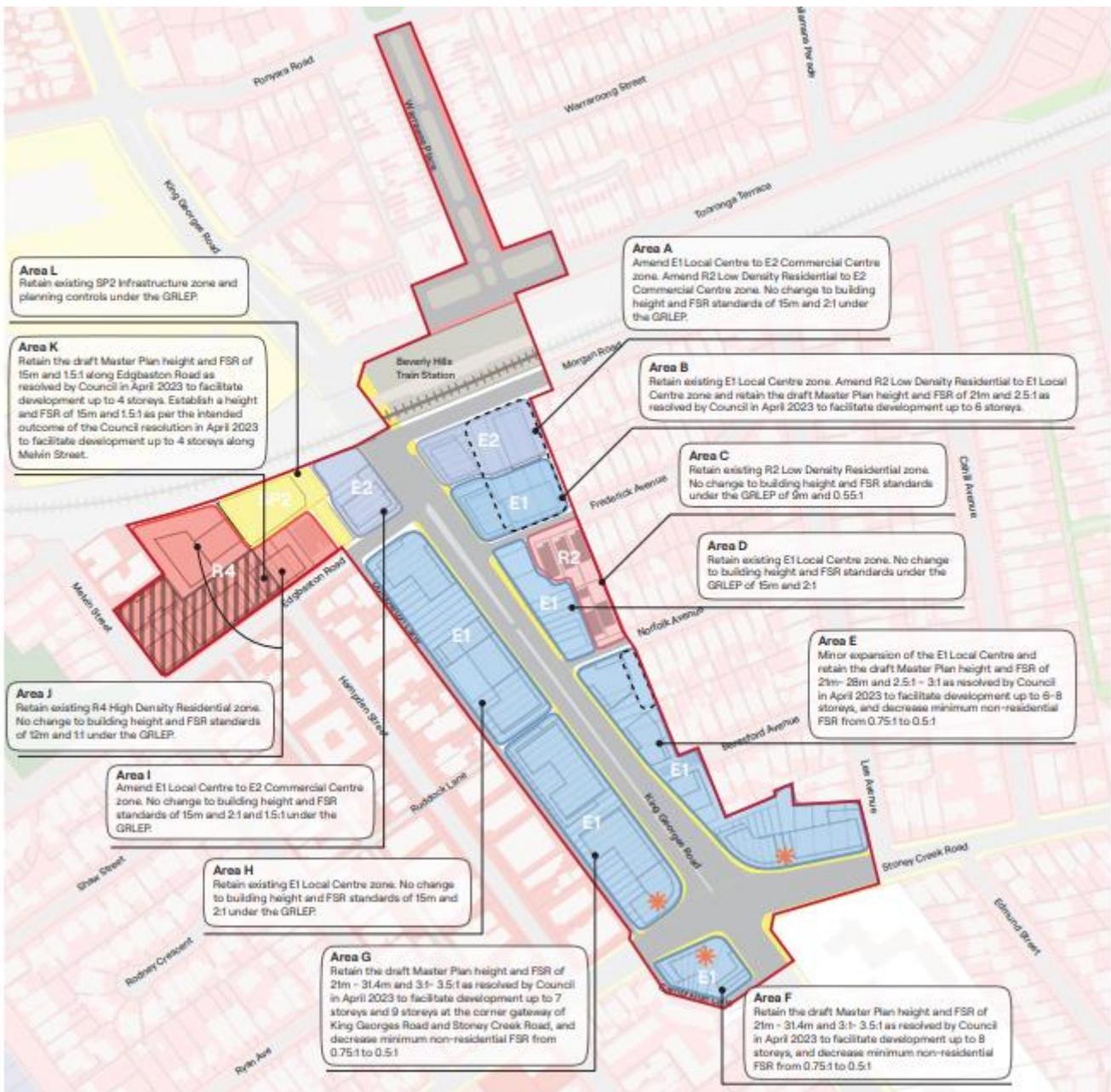


Figure 1 – February 2025 Council Resolution Master Plan

OFFICER RESPONSE – ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Response to Question 3

The statement in the E1 question does not fully reflect the complete disclaimer provided by WMAwater. WMAwater’s disclaimer states:

“The flood extents shown on this map have been prepared at a study-area-wide scale and are therefore approximate and intended to be indicative. The map must not be used in isolation to determine whether a property is affected by flooding. This can be confirmed by comparing estimated design flood level(s) for the property with detailed ground survey undertaken by a registered surveyor.”

Flood studies are typically developed at a catchment-wide scale using ground level information derived from LiDAR survey data. While LiDAR provides a cost-effective method for capturing topographic data over large areas, its accuracy is generally lower than that of detailed physical surveys conducted by a registered surveyor. Due to the financial and logistical constraints of

surveying all properties individually, relying on LiDAR-based modelling is a practical and widely accepted approach.

The disclaimer is therefore appropriate—it advises that for site-specific development design or property-scale assessments, a registered surveyor's input is necessary. However, this does not diminish the value or reliability of the flood study for broader planning purposes.

Council relies on the adopted flood study as it represents the best available information at the time and is used in good faith to inform land use planning, development assessment, and risk management.

Importantly, section 733(1) of the Local Government Act 1994 (LG Act) exempts councils from liability in respect of advice furnished, or anything done or omitted to be done in good faith relating to the likelihood of any land being flooded or the nature or extent of any such flooding. The exemption applies, amongst other circumstances:

- in the preparation or making of an environmental planning instrument, or a development control plan, or the granting or refusal of consent to a development application (s733(3)(a)); and
- to advice furnished in a planning certificate (s733(3)(d)).

Response to Question 4

In October 2023, Council endorsed the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for the Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards catchment. At that time advice was included in planning certificates for properties affected by the Study.

Council doesn't put together flood studies or floodplain risk management plans for, or on behalf of insurance companies. Flood Studies are a legal requirement for Council to complete and part of our responsibilities to help manage flood risk in the community.

Individual insurance companies possess data on flood risk obtained through their own means and is reflected in the cost of premiums, irrespective of whether Council has undertaken a flood study. Insurers assess how often a property is expected to flood, how severe the flooding may be, and how deep the flood can get.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QNN003-25 Further Question asked at the 26 May 2025 Council Meeting with regard to QWN015-25 Bus Zone - 310 Forest Road Hurstville

Author: Manager Office of the General Manager

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with no Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

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?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Council officers have responded to previous questions regarding the use of Bus Zone -31- Forest Road Hurstville:

QWN013-25 raised in TAC Wednesday 7 May 2025

Council officers were advised by Transport for NSW the site is no longer used as a Bus Zone; however, the Bus Zone is still required for operations including rest stops and driver changes.

QWN 012-25 26 May: What's the outcome for the engagement with U-Go Mobility regarding the bus zone at 310 Forest Road, Hurstville?

Council officers were advised by Transport for NSW the site is no longer used as a Bus Zone; however, the Bus Zone is still required for operations including rest stops and driver changes.

Latest information provided by U-Go Mobility is as follows:

“The bus stop as indicated is used as an overflow for multiple services for when the following bus stop is being occupied by another bus. When the bus occupying Hurstville Forest Road, Stand C is delayed in dropping off customers, the delay could be because of many factors such as the driver having to aid a person using a wheelchair. Other bus services behind then should be using the overflow bus stop to finish their trip and allow customers to depart.

As for the stop being used as a layover, advice by U-Go Mobility has been distributed to drivers that this is an active bus stop and not to be used as a layover. Many other bus companies also use this stop”.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QNN004-25 Question asked at the 10 June 2025 Environment and Planning Committee meeting with regard to ENV 018-25 Review of the Draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025

Author: Coordinator Strategic Planning

Directorate: Environment and Planning

Matter Type: Questions with no Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

What are the implications to Council of Carss Park being included versus excluded as Bushfire Prone?

OFFICER RESPONSE

The implication is that there may be additional regulatory complexity, including the likely need to consult with the NSW RFS to receive their concurrence, when building or upgrading facilities within Carss Park. This would be limited to the extent of land mapped as Vegetation Category 1 in the Draft Georges River Council Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025 prepared by the NSW RFS (Attachment 2 of report ENV018-25). While this would not forbid the development of additional facilities, however, it may limit the type and scale of development proposed by Council.

Additionally, there may be implications for adjoining landowners who seek to redevelop their land. This too would be in the form of additional regulatory complexity and the likely need to consult with the NSW RFS and seek their concurrence.

The justification for the bush fire prone designation for Carss Park to be reconsidered is described in Paragraph 16 of ENV018-25 Review of the Draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2025.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (CLOSED MEETING)

Council's Code of Meeting Practice allows members of the public present to indicate whether they wish to make representations to the meeting, before it is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting dealing with any or all of the matters listed should or should not be considered in closed session.

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matters be considered in closed Meeting at which the press and public are excluded.

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

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