

# AGENDA

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## Council Meeting

Monday, 22 July 2024

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:** CCL044-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 June 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 June 2024, be adopted.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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## MINUTES

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### Council Meeting

Monday, 24 June 2024

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, Councillor Colleen Symington and Councillor Benjamin 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, Chief Audit Executive- Steven Baker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Manager City Technical Services - Tom Heath, Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking - James Magee, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Team Leader – Mark Tadros, IT Service Desk – Louie Gu, and Technology Services Officer Earl Santos.

## **OPENING**

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir 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**

His Grace Bishop Christodoulos of Magnesia offered a prayer to the meeting.

## **REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

That an apology be accepted for Councillor Mahoney.

**RESOLVED:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Smerdely

## **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang



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

### NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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

### CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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

### DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

**Councillor Symington** declared a **Pecuniary Interest** in item **CCL037-24 (ASS018-24 Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee) (TAC036-24 – Report of the Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting)** held on 11 June 2024 for the reason her residence is close to the proposed changes. Councillor Symington will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and she will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ficarra** declared a **Pecuniary Interest** in item **NM055-44 Exemption from Low and Medium Rise Housing Reforms** as she has a close relative who owns a property where income is gathered from it within the Georges River LGA and the value of the property may be affected by the impact of this item. Councillor Ficarra will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and she will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Wang** declared a **Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest** in **NM057-24 Congratulations to the Australia Chinese New Arts Society** as his story was published in one of the books published by the Australia Chinese New Arts Society. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Konjarski** declared a **Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest** in **NM058-24 Actions to be taken by Council in connection with previous and current allocations and usage of playing fields to Football St George** as his son is a coach at a club under Football St George. Councillor Konjarski will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Katris** declared a **Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** in **NM055-24 Exemption from Low and Medium Rise Housing Reforms** as he has an interest in the land (e.g. is the owner or has another interest arising out of a mortgage, lease, trust, option or contract, or otherwise). Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ficarra** declared a **Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest** in **CCL040-24 (FIN21A-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting - Property Matter 6 Dora Street Hurstville)** held on 11 June 2024 as the speaker on this item is a personal friend. Councillor Ficarra will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

1	Irene Hatzipetros (In person)	NM058-24	Actions to be Taken by Council in Connection with Previous and Current Allocations and Usage of Playing Fields to Football Street St George
2	Cathleen Wang (Written Submission)	NM053-24	Traffic Congestion in Hurstville CBD
3	Brendan Gibbs (In person)	NM058-24	Actions to be Taken by Council in Connection with Previous and Current Allocations and Usage of Playing Fields to Football Street St George
4	Peter Mallios (In person)	NM058-24	Actions to be Taken by Council in Connection with Previous and Current Allocations and Usage of Playing Fields to Football Street St George
5	Craig Epton (In person)	CCL027A-24	Property Matter - Proposed Reclassification and Sale of Part Moore Park, Beverley Park
6	Rosie Zhao (In person)	NM057-24	Congratulations to the Australia Chinese New Arts Society
7	Yuhai He (In person)	NM057-24	Congratulations to the Australia Chinese New Arts Society
8	Eric Cu (Written Submission)	QWN017-24	Parking Issues – McMahon Street Hurstville Plaza
9	Tim Yu (In person)	NM054-24	Partnership with Service NSW Business Bureau
10	Jenny Gu (Written Submission)	NM057-24	Congratulations to the Australia Chinese New Arts Society
11	Joe Bianco (In person)	CCL043-24	Working together for a better future 2022-2026 Delivery program 2024/25 operational plan and updated resourcing strategy
12	Costa Dantos (Written Submission)	MM021-24	Boundary Adjustment
13	Vince Carrabs (In Person)	MM021-24	Boundary Adjustment
14	Steve Miller (Written Submission)	MM021-24	Boundary Adjustment

15	Simon Byrnes (In person)	CCL040-24/ FIN21A-24	Property Matter 6 Dora Street Hurstville
16	Brenda Lee (Written Submission)	NM053-24	Traffic Congestion in Hurstville CBD
17	Julian Finch (Written Submission)	MM023-24	Condolences on the passing of Shirley Connolly, OAM

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 07:48pm

#### **CCL036-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 May 2024** (Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Smerdely, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 May 2024, be adopted.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

### MAYORAL MINUTE

#### **MM021-24 Boundary Adjustment** (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers at 07:51pm

**MOTION:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

- That the General Manager submit to the Minister for Local Government a proposed boundary adjustment pursuant to Section 218E of the *Local Government Act 1993* together with the reasons set out in Attachment 2.
- That the General Manager write to the General Managers of Bayside and Canterbury Bankstown Councils advising of Council's proposals to the Minister for boundary adjustment.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

**MM022-24 Council recognised for outstanding excellence at the Australasian Reporting Awards and the NSW Local Government Excellence Awards**  
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council congratulate Council officers for their efforts in achieving awards at the Australasian Reporting Awards and the NSW Local Government Excellence Awards.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

**MM023-24 Condolences on the passing of Shirley Connolly, OAM**  
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council extend sympathies to Shirley's family, especially her five daughters and nine grandchildren.
- (b) That Council provides support for the naming of the netball complex at Coronation Park, Minto in honour of Shirley Connolly OAM.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

**CONDOLENCES**

**Councillor Mahoney** - I am saddened to inform you of the passing of Mrs Mary Pellegrino, a much loved and admired member of our Hurstville/Georges River LGA business community for over 40 years.

Mary passed away on May 26 at the age of 64 after bravely battling illness with grace and courage.

For more than four decades, Mary and her devoted husband Sam were the heart and soul of Pellegrino Hairdressing, a thriving establishment on Forest Rd, Hurstville, just metres away from the bus interchange.

Mary and Sam treated every customer as if they were family, creating a sense of warmth and community within their salon. Their commitment to their business and the well-being of their clients was unwavering.

Mary and Sam's advocacy for extended Saturday trading hours in the Hurstville business district in the early 1990s led to historical changes in the laws governing when hairdressers and barbers were permitted to open.

Their persistence and resilience in advocating successfully for this change is just one example of their values, work ethic and dedication to providing exceptional service and care to all who frequented their salon.

On behalf of the Georges River Council, I extend my deepest sympathies to Sam, Michael, Olivia and all other family members and friends of Mary Pellegrino as they navigate this time of loss and remembrance.

May Mary's legacy of kindness, generosity and community spirit continue to motivate us all.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir called for a minute's silence.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **CCL037-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 June 2024**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Liu

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS016-24 and ASS018-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

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

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

#### **ASS016-24 T23/016 MINOR BUILDING TRADES AND ANCILLARY SERVICES**

(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tenders that are recommended for T23/016 Minor Building Trades and Ancillary Services, as outlined in the confidential Attachment 1.
- (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.

#### **ASS018-24 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2024**

(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2024 be adopted by Council.

**CCL038-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 11 June 2024**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Landsberry

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM017-24 and COM019-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

**COM017-24 DRAFT LOCAL APPRANDALS POLICY - USE OF PUBLIC LAND FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

(Report by Research and Social Policy Officer)

That the Draft Local Approvals Policy - Use of Public Land (the Policy) be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.

That submissions received during the public exhibition period be reported back to Council, together with recommended amendments for Council's endorsement.

**COM019-24 EVENT GRANT TO SUPPORT 3BRIDGES NAIDOC 2024 EVENT**

(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approve the Event Grant of \$8,455 (\$6,790 financial and \$1,665 in-kind value) to support the '3Bridges NAIDOC 2024' event to be held on 10 July 2024 at Carss Bush Park.

**COM018-24 REVIEW OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

(Report by Research and Social Policy Officer)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely left the Chambers at 08:34pm

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council complete the trial of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee.
- (b) That Council endorse the establishment of a Sports Advisory Committee as an official Committee of Council, commencing November 2024.
- (c) That Council note the reviewed and updated Terms of Reference for the Sports Advisory Committee, to be endorsed by the Sports Advisory Committee at its first meeting.
- (d) That Council elect three Councillors to the Sports Advisory Committee in line with



nominations of all other Committees of Council and be re-elected annually.

(e) That Council note operational improvements to the Sports Advisory Committee.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

### CCL039-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 June 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for item ENV023-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

### ENV023-24 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING Q3 METRICS REPORT

(Report by Manager Development and Building)

That Council receive and note the Development and Building Section Functions and Services Metrics Report for the reporting period being January to March 2024.

### CCL040-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 11 June 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN022-24 to FIN021A-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

**FIN022-24 PROPERTY MATTER - PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION AND SALE OF PART MOORE PARK, BEVERLEY PARK**  
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

That this report be deferred to the next Council meeting scheduled for 24 June 2024, as a separate report.

**FIN023-24 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024-2028**  
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee endorsed Internal Audit Plan 2024-2028 be received, noted and endorsed by the Council.

**FIN024-24 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONFIRMED) AND 23 MAY 2024 (UNCONFIRMED)**  
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

- (a) That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024 be received and noted by Council.
- (b) That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 23 May 2024 be received and noted by Council.

**FIN025-24 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2024**  
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

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

**FIN021A-24 PROPERTY MATTER - 6 DORA STREET, HURSTVILLE**  
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

That the General Manager be authorised to enter, negotiate and/or amend lease terms for the property at 6 Dora Street, Hurstville as detailed in this report.

**ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

**CCL041-24 Georges River Local Planning Panel Third Term - Appointment of Panel Members**  
(Report by Manager Development and Building)

**RESOLVED:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council endorse and approve the appointment of the Minister approved independent chairperson and alternates as notified to Council as Mr Stuart McDonald, Chairperson, Ms Donna Rygate, Alternate Chairperson, and Mr Anthony Hudson, Alternate Chairperson.
- (b) That Council endorse the appointment of the following seventeen independent expert panel members from the pool of experts approved by the Minister:



Stephen Alchin  
Ian Armstrong  
Greg Britton  
Graham Brown  
Wayne Carter  
Judith Clark  
Stephen Davies  
Helen Deegan  
David Epstein  
Naomi Fiegel  
Linda Gosling  
Brian Kirk  
Deborah Laidlaw  
Larissa Ozog  
Awais Piracha  
Nicholas Skelton  
Julie Walsh

- (c) That Council endorse the appointment of two community representatives Georgia Kissa and Trent Daniels.
- (d) That Council confirm the appointment of two existing Community Representatives Fiona Prodromou and Jenny Simpson.
- (e) That the Manager Development and Building undertake a recruitment process for a suitable community representative to fill the current vacancy, the outcome of which is to be reported to Council at a future meeting.
- (f) That Council endorse that each member is to be appointed in accordance with the terms and conditions identified by the Minister for Planning and the NSW Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).
- (g) That Council endorse that each member is entitled to the payment schedule outlined as follows:
- Chairperson: \$3,500 per meeting plus GST and \$285 per hour for business undertaken outside of meetings
  - Expert: \$2,500 plus GST per meeting and \$214 per hour for business undertaken outside of meetings
  - Community Representative: \$1,000 plus GST and \$71 per hour for business undertaken outside of meetings

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

## FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

### **CCL042-24 Tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns** (Report by Governance and Risk Specialist)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council receives and notes the report regarding the tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns for Councillors and designated persons.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

### **CCL043-24 Working Together for a Better Future - 2022 - 2026 Delivery Program 2024/25 Operational Plan and Updated Resourcing Strategy** (Report by Chief Financial Officer)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ficarra left the Chambers at 08:41pm

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 08:40pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 8:43pm

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson and Deputy Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council note that following the public exhibition period for the:
- (i) Delivery Program 2022 - 2026; and
  - (ii) Draft 2024/25 Operational Plan including the budget, revenue policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges; and
  - (iii) Draft Resourcing Strategy encompassing Workforce Management Plan, Digital Resource Management Plan, Asset Management Plan and the Long-Term Financial Plan; and
  - (iv) Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy
- (b) That in accordance with Sections 403, 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following documents be adopted:
- (i) Delivery Program 2022 - 2026
  - (ii) 2024/25 Operational Plan including the budget, revenue policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges subject to the capital rephasing referenced in this report and the following amendments:
    - Sport Field Renovation Program: Increase to expenditure of \$200,000, allocated from the city operations maintenance budget
    - Heritage Building Grants: Increase to expenditure of \$25,000, funded by a

reduction to the Community Grants Budget

- Beverley Park Golf Plan of Management: Increase to expenditure of \$50,000
  - Jubilee Avenue / Park Road Traffic Study: Increase to expenditure of \$40,000
  - Oatley West Public School Traffic Study: Increase to expenditure of \$10,00
  - Companion Animal Identification and Desexing program: Increase to expenditure of \$50,000
  - Park Regulatory Signage: Increase to expenditure of \$20,000
  - Feral Animal Control (Foxes): Increase to expenditure of \$20,000
  - Commemorative Tree Replacement: Increase to expenditure \$10,000
  - Lunar New Year Grant: Increase to income of \$120,000
  - Connolly Street Feasibility Study: Deferral of project resulting in reduced expenditure of \$50,000
  - 1A Allen Street, Hurstville: Capital Building upgrade of \$110,000, prioritised within the existing Branch libraries Annual Renewal program
  - The Green, Kyle Bay Sporting Amenities: Capital Investigation, Design and Consultation of \$150,000, rephased forward into 2024/25 from the Building Design for Critical Renewal Budget
- (iii) Resourcing Strategy encompassing the Workforce Management Plan, Digital Resource Management Plan, Asset Management Plan and the Long-Term Financial Plan.
- (c) That the 2024/25 Budget Operating Surplus is unfavourably reduced from \$2.06 Million to \$2.03 Million.
- (d) That subject to the approval of (b) above, the 2024/25 Schedule of Fees and Charges, become effective as at 1 July 2024.
- (e) That subject to approval of (b) above, the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund, only be made available to incoming Councillors elected after the September 2024 elections.
- (f) That the Draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy be adopted.
- (g) 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.
- (h) That a revised Long Term Financial Plan and other relevant supporting documents are updated based on the final 2024/25 Adopted Budget.
- (i) That Council acknowledge the variation from Council's approved Long Term Financial Plan and commits to exploring the following productivity and efficiency initiatives over the current and future budget periods:
- (i) Explore additional revenue streams through user fees.
  - (ii) Assess and adjust the acceptable condition levels for assets.
  - (iii) Explore the decommission or retiring of assets, properties, or services that are underutilised or serving a limited cohort of the community.
  - (iv) Consider redevelopment of suitable assets to generate additional revenue sources.
  - (v) Seek efficiencies via service reviews.

- (vi) Annually review and define the levels of subsidies for relevant operations.
  - (vii) Advocate for adjustments in statutory charges to align with the actual costs of services.
  - (viii) Advocate for more transparency in revenue collection methods related to cost shifting.
  - (ix) Evaluate employee costs and staffing levels via service reviews.
  - (x) Explore alternate levies to support the development of activities such as environmental initiatives.
- (j) That Council note the Long-Term Financial Plan as an essential decision-making tool that is to be updated in line with decisions that may impact and affect the sustainability and ongoing service provisions of Council.
- (k) That the 2024/25 Operational Plan is updated with the applicable commentary/status to reflect any budget deferrals, that will therefore then impact the delivery of the action in 2024/25.
- (l) Council endorse 2024/25 Budget Strategy as per the Independent Pricing and regulatory Tribunal Special Rate Variation approval and the Long-Term Financial Plan.
- (m) 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 2024 as detailed in the 2024/25 Operational Plan, Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges.
- (n) As per the Instrument of Approval under section 508A and section 548(3)(a), Council applies the Special Variation for Georges River Council for 2024/25 of 5.8% to its general income.
- (o) That in accordance with Sections 493, 494 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2024/25 Residential Rate based on the latest valuations (Base Date 1 July 2022) and any supplementary valuations applicable as at 1 July 2024. As such, the Georges River Council Residential Rate will be 0.0012376 and apply to all properties categorised as Residential, subject to the minimum rate.
- (p) That in accordance with Section 493, 494 and 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2024/25 Business General Rate based on the latest valuations (Base Date 1 July 2022) and any supplementary valuations applicable as at 1 July 2024. As such, the Georges River Council Business General Rate will be 0.0028006 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 0.003444;
  - (ii) Business Local Rate will be 0.0037579;
  - (iii) Business Major Shopping Complex Rate will be 0.0118410;
  - (iv) Business Strategic Centres (Hurstville and Kogarah CBDs) rate will be 0.0038908;
- (q) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2024/25 annual ordinary residential minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,057.00.
- (r) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2024/25 annual ordinary Business – other than Strategic Centres and Major Shopping Complex minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,203.80.
- (s) That in accordance with Section 548 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the 2024/25 annual ordinary Business Strategic Centres (Hurstville and Kogarah

CBD) and Major Shopping Complex minimum rate on each separate assessment to be \$1,641.60.

- (t) That interest charged on overdue rates and charges for the year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 be the maximum rate set by the Minister for Local Government, calculated on a daily basis.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

### NOTICES OF MOTION

#### NM053-24 Traffic Congestion in Hurstville CBD

(Report by Councillor Liu)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ficarra returned to the Chambers at 08:47pm

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council notes the concerns and issue of heavy traffic congestion throughout the Hurstville CBD on weekends, particularly around Westfield Hurstville.
- (b) That the General Manager write to Westfield Hurstville to communicate the congestion issues and confirm that appropriate traffic management plans and systems are in place for vehicles accessing the Westfield Hurstville Shopping Centre.
- (c) That a communication plan is developed and implemented to inform the local community of the appropriate areas for drop-off and pick-up along Ormonde Parade in the Hurstville CBD.
- (d) That Council officers submit an operational budget bid for consideration in the 2025/26 draft budget to undertake a traffic study in Hurstville CBD.
- (e) That Council officers write to Transport for New South Wales to review the existing traffic signal movements at the intersection of Park Road and Queens Road, Hurstville.
- (f) That Council officers undertake an investigation to review the existing parking conditions along Forest Road, Hurstville between Park Road and The Avenue

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Katris, Councillor Smerdely

That, in accordance with Clause 8.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council alter the Order of Business of this meeting to allow for the following item to be considered prior to all other items on the agenda:

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

#### **NM058-24 Actions to be Taken by Council in Connection with Previous and Current Allocations and Usage of Playing Fields to Football St George** (Report by Councillor Katris)

**MOTION:** Councillor Katris, Councillor Smerdely

That, in view of the many recent issues that have been raised by the various Presidents of individual Football Clubs, along with the Chair and the Board of Football St George, Council resolves the following:

- (i) That Council acknowledge the long-standing history and contribution (including financial contributions) of Football St George clubs to the local community through their previous and current use of Council's sports grounds for amateur football.
- (ii) That Council enter into discussions with Football St George and its member clubs in order to review sports ground usage and to implement a situation that may expediate and effectively establish the sharing of grounds and facilities with other codes based on no displacement and restrictions to access are to occur to the current sports field usage by any of the Football St George clubs unless agreed upon with the relevant club presidents and the board of Football St George.
- (iii) That when the infrastructure works at Todd Park are completed, Council reinstates the previous level of access to Harold Fraser Oval of Football St George and its member clubs that previously existed prior to being asked to share the oval with another code. This is in view of the fact that Football St George were asked to share the oval on the basis that it was a temporary measure until the infrastructure was completed in Todd Park in 2024.
- (iv) That Council is to facilitate review, in consultation with Football St George, into any increase in participation in community football and is to assist Football St George and its Member Clubs in obtaining access to additional sporting grounds and facilities as required where possible.
- (v) Where Football St George and its member Clubs are requested to share a Sports Ground which may result in a Football Club being partly or wholly displaced, Council will provide the same level of access to a similar suitable sporting grounds to the extent that they are displaced. This is to assist clubs such as Hurstville Glory that has been displaced on a few occasions.



- (vi) As part of showing good faith in issue of sharing Sports Ground Facilities, Football St George must work with Council in identifying potential sharing of grounds.
- (vii) Council is to establish a communications protocol to ensure that all existing Clubs are informed and directly consulted, through Football St George before any decisions are made regarding the sharing of grounds.
- (viii) Council is to actively engage with all stakeholders, in order to discuss and resolve any conflicts related to ground usage.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

### EXTENSION OF TIME

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Symington

That, Councillor Katris be granted additional time to talk to his motion NM058-24 - **Actions to be Taken by Council in Connection with Previous and Current Allocations and Usage of Playing Fields to Football St George.**

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

**AMENDMENT:** Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council acknowledges that Football St George (FSG) plays a vital role in the Georges River community as the governing body for football within the St George area and delivers valuable services including, but not limited to, competition management, development programs, coach and referee education, community engagement, facilities management, and advocacy and support for member clubs.
- (b) That Council recognises the increased demand for access to Council's playing fields of each sporting code and the subsequent need to foster shared use of assets amongst sports associations and clubs, aligning with recommendations in the Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment Area Acquisition Strategy (CINAAAS),
- (c) Council staff continue to work closely with Football St George and all sports associations and clubs to streamline systems and processes for transparent information sharing, ultimately supporting local grassroots sports through the implementation of Council strategies and the Sports Advisory Committee.

### Record of Voting

For the Amendment: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

Against the Amendment: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was eight (8) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the Motion.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council acknowledges that Football St George (FSG) plays a vital role in the Georges River community as the governing body for football within the St George area and delivers valuable services including, but not limited to, competition management, development programs, coach and referee education, community engagement, facilities management, and advocacy and support for member clubs.
- (b) That Council recognises the increased demand for access to Council's playing fields of each sporting code and the subsequent need to foster shared use of assets amongst sports associations and clubs, aligning with recommendations in the Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment Area Acquisition Strategy (CINAAAS),
- (c) That Council staff continue to work closely with Football St George and all sports associations and clubs to streamline systems and processes for transparent information sharing, ultimately supporting local grassroots sports through the implementation of Council strategies and the Sports Advisory Committee.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

Against the Motion: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was eight (8) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

**NM054-24 Partnership with Service NSW Business Bureau**

(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: it was noted that Councillor Smerdely left the Chambers at 09:25pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Symington left the Chambers at 09:25pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ficarra left the Chambers at 09:25pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 09:25pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 09:25pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers at 09:27pm

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Wang, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council note the strong and productive working relationship that has been established with the Service NSW Business Bureau.
- (b) That Council congratulate the Service NSW Business Bureau Concierge and Georges River Council City Futures team for a successful business walk around Hurstville CBD. The business walk established new connections and showcased the breadth of Service NSW business resources available to local businesses. Several follow-up activities have been provided to local businesses by Service NSW.
- (c) That Council continue to promote the Service NSW Business Concierge services to local business people on all appropriate channels, including the Business Unite newsletter.
- (d) That Council, in partnership with Service NSW Business Bureau, the St George Business



Chamber and Realise Business, deliver a business event during Small Business Month (October) to promote the breadth of business support options available to local businesses.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

### NM055-24 Exemption from Low and Medium Rise Housing Reforms (Report by Councillor Katris)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Symington left the Chambers at 09:33pm and did not return.

Note: Councillor Ficarra declared Pecuniary Interest she will leave the meeting and not vote on this item.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski

Further to Council's Resolution, dated 25 March 2024 (CCL017-24) and the correspondence dated 23 April 2024 from the Mayor to The Hon. Paul Scully MP requesting that Council be exempted from the Low and Medium Rise Housing Reforms due to our stated commitments to providing additional and Diverse Housing and subject to not having any response from the Minister:

That the General Manager write to the Minister requesting information on the following:

- (i) Has there been any further progress on the review been carried out on our requests for the abovementioned exemption?
- (ii) If so, could we please be informed of the outcome as to whether we will be offered an exemption?
- (iii) If we are going to be offered an exemption, then what conditions will be imposed on us in order to move forward with the requirements for the exemption to be fully legally ratified?
- (iv) If we are not granted an exemption from the Low and Medium Rise Housing Reforms, then could we be informed as to whether we will be required to function under the statutory requirements of Low and Medium Rise Housing State Environmental Planning Policy or any other Similar Statutory Environmental Instrument?
- (v) Should the Minister intend on legislating for the implementation of a Low and Medium Rise Housing State Environmental Planning Policy or any other Similar Statutory Environmental Instrument could we be informed of when it would it is intended to be adopted and when will it become active?

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski

Against the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was two (2) votes FOR and eight (8) votes AGAINST. The Motion was LOST.

**NM056-24 Review of Attacking Dog Penalties and Owner Identification Processes**  
(Report by Councillor Katris)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 09:38pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ficarra returned to the Chambers at 09:38pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely returned to the Chambers at 09:38pm

This item was deferred to the ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 22 July 2024.

**NM057-24 Congratulations to the Australia Chinese New Arts Society**  
(Report by Councillor Wang)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Wang, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council congratulate the Australia Chinese New Arts Society on the release of the fourth volume of their "Too Blue to be True" book series which was launched by the NSW Premier Chris Minns MP and the NSW Minister for Small Business, Lands and Property, Multiculturalism and Sport Steve Kamper MP on 6 June 2024 at NSW Parliament House.
- (b) That Council acknowledge that the publication of the book was part-funded by a Georges River Council Community Grant in 2021-22.
- (c) That Council acknowledge the ongoing promotion of cross-cultural understanding done by the Australia Chinese New Arts Society through the publication of their series of bi-lingual books about the experiences of Chinese-Australian migrants.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

**NM059-24 Complying Development Certificates**  
(Report by Councillor Katris)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Katris, Councillor Smerdely

That in view of the numerous complaints being received by Council officers and Councillors regarding the issue of Complying Development Certificates (CDC), the General Manager write to the Minister for Planning, The Hon Paul Scully and the Minister for Better Regulations and Fair Trading, the Hon Anoulack Chanthivong requesting a review of legislation regarding CDCs for the following purposes:

- (i) to amend section 134 (3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021*, to allow a 21 day notification period to neighbours and councils, as opposed to the 14 days currently stated.
- (ii) to amend section 134 (3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021* to require each CDC application to also be notified on the NSW Planning Portal.
- (iii) to amend section 134 (4) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021* to include the submission of a sufficiently detailed site plan and sufficiently detailed

elevation plans in the notice to neighbours and councils.

- (iv) to include provisions for an independent technical review of a CDC application by the Building Commission NSW where alleged departures from the prescriptive and/ or numerical requirements of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* have been identified and documented by an appropriately accredited professional within the 21 day notification period.
- (v) to allow the relevant Officer, employed by Building Commission NSW, to issue notices to the Private Certifier, involved with the CDC, to rectify the departures from prescriptive and/ or numerical requirements of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

### QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

**QWN016-24 Hurstville Precinct Playspace Development Project**  
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

**QWN017-24 Parking Issues - MacMahon Street and Hurstville Plaza**  
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

Note: Councillor Wang asked a Question with No Notice to the Director Environment and Planning "What are the statistics in fines for our area". The Director took the question on notice. The response will be reported to the July 2024 Council Meeting.

**QWN018-24 Development Application Progress**  
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

**RESOLVED:** Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Smerdely

At this stage of the meeting being 9:55pm the Mayor advised that the meeting would move into a Committee of the Whole to allow consideration of a matter in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of The Local Government Act 1993. Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session will be withheld.

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

**CCL027A-24 Property Matter - Proposed Reclassification and Sale of Part Moore Park,**

**Beverley Park**

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

*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) (g) it is considered the matter contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and 10A(2)(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

*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 advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and 10A(2)(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

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

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

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

There were none.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, 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****CCL027A-24 Property Matter - Proposed Reclassification and Sale of Part Moore Park, Beverley Park**

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council note the legal advice from Council's General Counsel in relation to this matter (Attachment 3).
- (b) That the General Manager, in accordance with Section 377(h) of the Local Government Act 1993, be authorised to execute the Contract for Sale, Transfer Document and all other documentation in this matter, to effect the disposal of part Lot 160 in DP19098, pursuant to the advice and terms provided within Attachment 4 of the report.
- (c) That prior to disposal, the subject part of Lot 160 in DP19098 (being approximately 330 square metres as shown in Attachment 1) be reclassified from Community to Operational land and any costs associated with the reclassification process are reimbursed by the

purchaser.

- (d) That any monies derived from the proposed land sale be held in restricted reserve for the future embellishment or acquisition of public open space within any suburbs of the current Kogarah Bay Ward.
- (e) That any monies derived from the proposed land sale be made public within the relevant public document, after settlement takes place.
- (f) That owner's consent for any development application or planning proposal for Part Lot 160 in DP19098, does not form part of the Contract for Sale, noting that the sale will not fetter Council's discretionary powers as the local Consent Authority.
- (g) That if the counter offer is not accepted, other options outlined in this report from the legal advice received is communicated to the St George Leagues Club.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, 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 Smerdely

That the meeting revert to Open Session time being 10:02pm.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, 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 Katris and Councillor Konjarski

That the Committee of the Whole recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to 10:02pm be received and noted as a resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, 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 10:02pm

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Chairperson

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Item:** CCL045-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

CCL045-24

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS020-24 to ASS023-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items ASS020-24 to ASS023-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 8 July 2024.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ASS020-24 TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE - DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
(Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

- (a) That Council approve the Draft Terms of Reference for the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee.
- (b) That Council appoint the Chairperson, and their alternate annually, in line with all other elections to Committees of Council.
- (c) That the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee is no longer webcast.

**ASS021-24 T24/003 TREE MANAGEMENT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS**  
(Report by Procurement and Contracts)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178 (1) (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council decline to accept any of the Tender submissions for T24/003 Tree Management and Associated Works.
- (b) That in accordance with 178 (3) (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council invites fresh tender submissions based on different details within a period of no more than 6 months from this resolution.
- (c) That Council inform all Tenderers of the resolution.

**ASS022-24 T24/005 OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT - NORM O'NEILL CRICKET TRAINING CENTRE**  
(Report by Team Leader Procurement and Contracts Governance)

- (a) That in accordance with 178 (1) (b) & 178 (3) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Council declines to accept any of the tenders for T24/005 Operational

Management Agreement – Norm O'Neill Cricket Training Centre and resolve to enter into negotiations with one or more parties with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.

- (b) That in accordance with 178 (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the reason for Council to decline all tenders is that none of the tenders achieved a satisfactory standard. By resolving to enter into negotiations with one or more parties it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved on demonstrated capacity and ability to provide services under an operational management agreement with a competitive commercial income paid to Council.
- (c) That Council authorise the General Manager to undertake negotiations.
- (d) That a further report be provided to Council at its meeting in November 2024 detailing the outcome of the negotiation process and a recommendation to award or future options.
- (e) That Council notify all Tenderers that Council declined to accept any of the Tenders.


**ASS023-24      REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL TRAFFIC ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2024**  
(Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 July 2024 be adopted by Council.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/187326

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024



## MINUTES

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### Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, 08 July 2024

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Lou Konjarski (Chairperson), Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos and Councillor Colleen Symington.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Manager City Technical Services – Tom Heath, Team Leader Procurement and Contracts Governance - Todd Payne (online), EA to the Director Assets and Infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath, PA to Manager City Operational Services - Mitchel Spinola (minutes), Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos and Technology Business Support Officer - Earl Santos.

## **OPENING**

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

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

## **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **ASS019-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024** (Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Liu

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024, be confirmed.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Chairperson Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ASS020-24 Traffic Advisory Committee - Draft Terms of Reference** (Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos

- (a) That Council approve the Draft Terms of Reference for the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee.
- (b) That Council appoint the Chairperson, and their alternate annually, in line with all other elections to Committees of Council.
- (c) That the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee is no longer webcast.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Chairperson Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

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

### **ASS021-24 T24/003 Tree Management and Associated Works** (Report by Procurement and Contracts)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178 (1) (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council decline to accept any of the Tender submissions for T24/003 Tree Management and Associated Works.
- (b) That in accordance with 178 (3) (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council invites fresh tender submissions based on different details within a period of no more than 6 months from this resolution.
- (c) That Council inform all Tenderers of the resolution.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Chairperson Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

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

**ASS022-24 T24/005 Operational Management Agreement - Norm O'Neill Cricket Training Centre**

(Report by Team Leader Procurement and Contracts Governance)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Symington, Councillor Mort

- (a) That in accordance with 178 (1) (b) & 178 (3) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Council declines to accept any of the tenders for T24/005 Operational Management Agreement – Norm O'Neill Cricket Training Centre and resolve to enter into negotiations with one or more parties with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
- (b) That in accordance with 178 (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the reason for Council to decline all tenders is that none of the tenders achieved a satisfactory standard. By resolving to enter into negotiations with one or more parties it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved on demonstrated capacity and ability to provide services under an operational management agreement with a competitive commercial income paid to Council.
- (c) That Council authorise the General Manager to undertake negotiations.
- (d) That a further report be provided to Council at its meeting in November 2024 detailing the outcome of the negotiation process and a recommendation to award or future options.
- (e) That Council notify all Tenderers that Council declined to accept any of the Tenders.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Chairperson Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

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

**ASS023-24 Report of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 July 2024**

(Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Ficarra

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 July 2024 be adopted by Council.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Chairperson Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

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

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 7.06pm.

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Chairperson

**Item:** CCL046-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM021-24 to COM030A-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items COM021-24 to COM030A-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 8 July 2024.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS****COM021-24 QUARTERLY COMMUNITY PROPERTY REPORT - 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2024**

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024.

**COM022-24 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL PUBLIC ART POLICY FOR ADOPTION**

(Report by Coordinator Cultural Services)

That Council adopts the revised draft Georges River Council Public Art Policy after a period of public exhibition.

**COM023-24 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL COMMUNITY LEASE AND LICENCE POLICY**

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

- (a) That Council adopt the draft Georges River Council Community Lease and Licence Policy following the public exhibition period.
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the Policy, if required.

**COM024-24 OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS REPORT**

(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$8,500 to become a sponsor of the St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation, Beachside Dash on Sunday 8 September 2024.

**COM030A-24 PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION WORKS FOR 38 HUMPHREYS LANE HURSTVILLE**


(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

- (a) That Council approve the proposed preliminary investigation works outlined in this report to determine the feasibility of providing a library service at 38 Humphreys Lane Hurstville.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council about the findings of the preliminary investigation works.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/187328

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024

# MINUTES

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## Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 08 July 2024

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services – Justin Yeomans, Coordinator Programming and Operations - Andrew Williams, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Team Leader Technology Business Support - Mark Tadros, Executive Assistant to General Manager – Sue Matthews, Executive Services Officer - Marisa Severino and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture – Billie Johnson (Minutes).

## **OPENING**

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

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu 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.

## **REQUESTS TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

## **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

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## **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.



## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **COM020-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024, be confirmed.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COM021-24 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 April to 30 June 2024**

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

### **COM022-24 Georges River Council Public Art Policy for Adoption**

(Report by Coordinator Cultural Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Konjarski

That Council adopts the revised draft Georges River Council Public Art Policy after a period of public exhibition.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

### **COM023-24 Adoption of the draft Georges River Council Community Lease and Licence Policy**

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Smerdely

- (a) That Council adopt the draft Georges River Council Community Lease and Licence Policy following the public exhibition period.
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the Policy, if required.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

**COM024-24 Outgoing Sponsorship and Donations Report**  
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$8,500 to become a sponsor of the St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation, Beachside Dash on Sunday 8 September 2024.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**  
**MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

At this stage of the meeting, time being 6.17pm, the Chair, Councillor Liu, advised that the meeting would move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the Closed Session and access to the correspondence relating to the item considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld.

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

**COM030A-24 Preliminary Investigation Works for 38 Humphreys Lane Hurstville**  
(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library 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) (d(ii)) it is considered the matter commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.*

*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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.*

*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.*

The Chair, Councillor Liu asked the Director Community and Culture if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in Closed Session.

The Director replied that no representations had been received in relation to the item in Closed Session.

Councillor Liu asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons the Committee proposes to consider the item in Closed Session.

**MOTION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely

That in accordance with Section 10A Clause 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Committee enter into Closed Session to discuss item **COM030A-24 Preliminary Investigation Works for 38 Humphreys Lane Hurstville.**

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

**CLOSED SESSION (CONFIDENTIAL ITEM)**

**CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**COM030A-24 Preliminary Investigation Works for 38 Humphreys Lane Hurstville**  
(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council approve the proposed preliminary investigation works outlined in this report to determine the feasibility of providing a library service at 38 Humphreys Lane Hurstville.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council about the findings of the preliminary investigation works.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

That the meeting revert to Open Session, the time being 6.23pm.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, 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**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Mort

That the recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to item **COM030A-24 Preliminary Investigation Works for 38 Humphreys Lane Hurstville** be confirmed as recommendations of the Committee.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambhaipahar, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, 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 6.24pm

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Chairperson

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**Item:** CCL047-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN027-24 to FIN028-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items FIN027-24 to FIN028-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 8 July 2024.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FIN027-24 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2024**  
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

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

**FIN028-24 T24/002 CARSS PARK CAFÉ LEASE**  
(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

- (a) That in accordance with 178(1)(b) & 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Council declines to accept any of the tenders for T24/002 Carss Park Café Lease and resolve to enter into negotiations with one or more parties with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
- (b) That in accordance with 178(4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the reason for Council to decline all tenders is that none of the tenders achieved a satisfactory standard. By resolving to enter into negotiations with one or more parties it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved on demonstrated capacity and ability to provide services under a commercial lease arrangement with a competitive lease income paid to Council.
- (c) That Council authorise the General Manager to undertake negotiations and any other documentation required to give effect to the resolution.
- (d) That a further report be provided to Council at its November 2024 meeting detailing the outcome of the negotiation process and a recommendation to award.
- (e) That Council notify all Tenderers that Council declined to accept any of the Tenders.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/187332

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024



## MINUTES

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### Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 08 July 2024

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Peter Mahoney and Councillor Colleen Symington.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Head of Strategic Property - Bernard Morabito, Executive Manager City Futures – Simon Massey, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, EA to Director Business and Corporate Services – Ally Chand (Minutes), Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott, Team Leader Procurement and Contracts Governance – Todd Payne (online) and Technology Business Support Officer – Earl Santos.

### **OPENING**

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

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

### **REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

### **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

### **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

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

### **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.



## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**FIN026-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024, be confirmed.

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FIN027-24 Investment Report as at 31 May 2024**  
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

**FIN028-24 T24/002 Carss Park Café Lease**  
(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That in accordance with 178(1)(b) & 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Council declines to accept any of the tenders for T24/002 Carss Park Café Lease and resolve to enter into negotiations with one or more parties with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
- (b) That in accordance with 178(4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the reason for Council to decline all tenders is that none of the tenders achieved a satisfactory standard. By resolving to enter into negotiations with one or more parties it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved on demonstrated capacity and ability to provide services under a commercial lease arrangement with a competitive lease income paid to Council.
- (c) That Council authorise the General Manager to undertake negotiations and any other documentation required to give effect to the resolution.
- (d) That a further report be provided to Council at its November 2024 meeting detailing the outcome of the negotiation process and a recommendation to award.
- (e) That Council notify all Tenderers that Council declined to accept any of the Tenders.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

### CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.11pm

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Chairperson

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**Item:** CCL048-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV025-24 to ENV030-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items ENV025-24 to ENV030-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 8 July 2024.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ENV025-24 ENDORSEMENT OF BIODIVERSITY, CHARACTER AND FSPA PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR GATEWAY DETERMINATION**  
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council forward Planning Proposal No. 2024/0002 (Biodiversity, Character and FSPA) enclosed in Attachment 1 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (b) That the Director Environment and Planning be authorised to make minor editorial amendments to the Planning Proposal as required throughout the reporting process.
- (c) That Council endorse to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in accordance with the *Georges River Council Engagement Strategy*.

**ENV026-24 OATLEY PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT AND MASTER PLAN - ADOPTION**  
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council adopt the Oatley Park 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 General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the adopted Oatley Park 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 Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.

**ENV027-24 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL SMOKE FREE POLICY FOR OUTDOOR AREAS (2024) - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That Council adopt the Georges River Council Smoke Free Policy for Outdoor Areas (2024) as attached to this report.

**ENV028-24 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT POLICY (2024) - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That Council adopt the Georges River Council Enforcement Policy 2024 as attached to this report.

**ENV029-24 GEORGES RIVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION**  
(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

That Council adopt the Georges River Affordable Housing Policy 2024 as attached to this report.

**ENV030-24 ENDORSEMENT OF ADDITIONAL AND DIVERSE HOUSING PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR GATEWAY DETERMINATION**  
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)


- (a) That Council endorse Planning Proposal No. 2024/0004 (Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal), to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan (GRLEP) 2021*, be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, with Council seeking a deferral to the DPHI's *Low and Mid-Rise Housing* proposal.
- (b) That Council endorse the content of the Planning Proposal as listed in the **Table of Amendments** within the body of this Report.
- (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 note this Planning Proposal incorporates the amendments proposed by the Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal (PP2024/0002) to implement the *Georges River Biodiversity Study* and *Foreshore Scenic Character Study*.
- (e) That Council endorse to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the DPHI in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Strategy*.
- (f) That Council identify additional R3 Medium Density Residential and R4 High Density Residential Zones in its review of the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement in

accordance with the recommendation of the Georges River Local Planning Panel.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/193748

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024

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## MINUTES

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### Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 08 July 2024

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre,  
Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg (Chairperson) Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Manager Environment Health and Regulatory Services – Mr Andrew Spooner, Strategic Planner/Urban Designer - Anne Qin, Strategic Planning - Michelle Fawcett, Executive Assistant to the Director, Environment and Planning - Leanne Allen, Acting Manager, Office of the General Manager – Sue Matthew, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino and Team Leader Technical Services Mark Tadros.

## **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**MOTION:** Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Wang

That as the Environment and Planning Committee Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney is unable to chair tonight's meeting, a vote be taken of the Councillors present, appointed to the Environment and Planning Committee, to elect a Chairperson for this meeting.

That Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg assume the position of Chairperson for the Environment and Planning Committee meeting of 8 July 2024.

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 7.03pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, 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.

## **REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

## **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

The Chairperson, 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

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Borg** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that an associated person of the councillor has an interest in the land. Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Borg** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that she has an interest in the land. The item proposes to reduce the minimum lot size for dual occupancies from 650sqm to 600sqm in the R2 zone. My principal place of residence is 613sqm in an R2 zone. Councillor Borg will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Borg** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV025-24 Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that the public park across the road from my principal place of Residence is proposed to be added to the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area in the Planning Proposal. Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV025-24 Endorsement Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that it is his principal place of residence is located within the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV026-24 Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan - Adoption** for the reason that he has made a personal submission to Council concerning this item. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV025-24 Endorsement Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that he is a part owner of his principal place of Residence which is located in Blakehurst. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV029-24 Georges River Housing Policy** for the reason that he is a part owner of his principal place of Residence which is located in Blakehurst. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Katris** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that he is a part owner of his principal



place of residence which is located in Blakehurst. Councillor Katris will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Jamieson** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that her principal place of residence is in the LGA and this planning proposal discusses the LGA. Councillor Jamieson will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Jamieson** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Planning Proposal for Gateway Consideration** for the reason that she has an investment property in the LGA. However, this property is already developed and would not be affected by this proposal. Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Wang** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV025-24 Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that it is his principal place of residence is in the R2 zone in the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area (FSPA). Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Wang** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Planning Proposal for Gateway Consideration** for the reason that his principal place of residence is in the R2 zone. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ambihaipahar** declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Planning Proposal for Gateway Consideration** for the reason that a parkland is near her property and is proposed to be added to the FSPA area and additionally, her parent in law's primary place of residence is located within the FSPA. Councillor Ambihaipahar will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ambihaipahar** declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV30-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason she is employed as the Regional Director - Operations Metro at St Vincent de Paul Society NSW (Society) and she oversees Vinnies Support Centres (VSC) and Vans operations in the metropolitan area. The Hurstville VSC is currently operating at 183C Forest Rd, Hurstville, NSW, 2220 and the site is owned by the Society. Councillor Ambihaipahar will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and she will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Mahoney** submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that his principal place of residence is located within the affected area. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Adrian Polhill (Remotely)	ENV025-24	Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**ENV024-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Katris

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2024, be confirmed.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ENV025-24 Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination**  
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council forward Planning Proposal No. 2024/0002 (Biodiversity, Character and FSPA) enclosed in Attachment 1 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (b) That the Director Environment and Planning be authorised to make minor editorial amendments to the Planning Proposal as required throughout the reporting process.
- (c) That Council endorse to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in accordance with the *Georges River Council Engagement Strategy*.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

**ENV026-24 Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan - Adoption**  
(Report by Strategic Planner)

CCL048-24 Attachment 1

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council adopt the Oatley Park 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 General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the adopted Oatley Park 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 Oatley Park Plan of Management and Master Plan be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

**ENV027-24 Georges River Council Smoke Free Policy for Outdoor Areas (2024) - Outcome of Public Exhibition**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That Council adopt the Georges River Council Smoke Free Policy for Outdoor Areas (2024) as attached to this report.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

**ENV028-24 Georges River Council Enforcement Policy (2024) - Outcome of Public Exhibition**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That Council adopt the Georges River Council Enforcement Policy 2024 as attached to this report.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

CARRIED.

**ENV029-24 Georges River Affordable Housing Policy - Outcome of Public Exhibition**  
(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

*It was noted that Councillor Ambihaipahar left the Chambers at 07:42pm and returned to the Chambers at 7.44pm.*

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris

That Council adopt the Georges River Affordable Housing Policy 2024 as attached to this report.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

**ENV030-24 Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination**  
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

*It was noted that Councillor Ambihaipahar left the Chambers at 07:51pm*

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council endorse Planning Proposal No. 2024/0004 (Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal), to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan (GRLEP) 2021*, be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, with Council seeking a deferral to the DPHI's *Low and Mid-Rise Housing* proposal.
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- (d) That Council note this Planning Proposal incorporates the amendments proposed by the Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal (PP2024/0002) to implement the *Georges River Biodiversity Study* and *Foreshore Scenic Character Study*.
- (e) That Council endorse to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the DPHI in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Strategy*.
- (f) That Council identify additional R3 Medium Density Residential and R4 High Density Residential Zones in its review of the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement in accordance with the recommendation of the Georges River Local Planning Panel.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson,

Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 8.04pm

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Chairperson

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**FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE****Item:** CCL049-24 Proposed Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2024/25**Author:** Manager Office of the General Manager**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL049-24

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorse the proposed meeting schedule for 2024/25 as attached to this report.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report is seeking Council endorsement of a revised Council and Committee Meeting schedule for 2024/25 as attached to this report.

**BACKGROUND**

2. The proposed meeting schedule has followed the adopted procedure for the majority of the period, however, due to the NSW Local Government Election scheduled for 14 September 2024, slight amendments are recommended as follows:

Caretaker Period

The caretaker period prior to the September 2024 Local Government Elections, commences on Friday, 16 August and ends on Saturday, 14 September 2024.

Civic Office for Mayors and Councillors expires at 12.01am on Saturday, 14 September 2024.

The General Manager exercises functions of the Council until such time as new councillors are sworn in and a Mayor is elected.

Schedule of Meetings for the remainder of 2024

Having regard to the Local Government elections scheduled to be held on Saturday, 14 September 2024, the General Manager is required to hold an Extraordinary Council Meeting within 21 days following the declaration of the polls.

For the purposes of this report, the General Manager has tentatively scheduled an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 14 October 2024.

No other meetings are proposed for the month of October 2024, with the usual schedule of Committee and Council Meetings proposed to recommence in November 2024.

Councillor Induction Program

The Councillor Induction Program will commence with Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice training on Saturday, 12 October 2024 and continuing over a number of days prior to the first Committee Meetings of Council in November 2024.

3. In accordance with Chapter 12, Part 2, Section 365 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Council is required to meet at least 10 times per year (financial year), each time in a different month. The proposed Meeting Schedule achieves this minimum requirement.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Adoption of the recommendations outlined in this report will have no financial impact, as there is provision for the conduct of meetings allocated in the adopted 2023/24 Operational Plan and Budget.

## RISK IMPLICATIONS

5. Strategic Risk 7 – Reputation identified reducing Council’s ability to engage in sound decision-making and being able to take strategic action whilst maintaining essential services and support for the community.
6. Strategic Risk 8 – Statutory and Regulatory requirement/ineffective governance identified should Council fail to meet its statutory obligations.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

7. Community engagement was not undertaken in the preparation of this report.

## FILE REFERENCE

D24/186339

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1  Proposed Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2024-25 ~ Attachment to July Council Meeting Report





## Council and Standing Committee Meeting Schedule 2024/25

2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR				
	Date	Meeting	Commencing	Ordinary Council Mtg No.
Meetings already held	<b>JULY 2024</b>			
	Mon, 01 July 2024	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 08 July 2024	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 08 July 2024	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 08 July 2024	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 08 July 2024	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 15 July 2024	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 22 July 2024	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	1
	Mon, 29 July 2024	No Meetings		
	<b>AUGUST 2024</b>			
	Mon, 05 Aug 2024	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Aug 2024	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Aug 2024	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Aug 2024	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 12 Aug 2024	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Fri, 16 Aug 2024	<b>Commencement of Caretaker Period</b>		
	Mon, 19 Aug 2024	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	Mon, 26 Aug 2024	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	2
	<b>SEPTEMBER 2024</b>			
	Mon, 9 Sept 2024	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	3
Sat, 14 Sept 2024	<b>Local Government Election - End of Caretaker Period</b>			
<b>OCTOBER 2024</b>				
Tue, 08 Oct 2024	Onboarding Meetings	To be scheduled		
Wed, 9 Oct 2024	Onboarding Meetings	To be scheduled		
Fri, 10 Oct 2024	Onboarding Meetings	To be scheduled		
Sat, 12 Oct 2024	Councillor Induction Program	9.00am–4.00pm		
Mon, 14 Oct 2024	<b>Extraordinary Council Meeting</b> (date dependant on polls being declared)	6.00pm		
Wed, 16 Oct 2024	Councillor Induction Program	6.00pm		
Mon, 21 Oct 2024	Councillor Induction Program	6.00pm		
Wed, 23 Oct 2024	Councillor Induction Program	6.00pm		
Mon, 28 Oct 2024	Councillor Induction Program	6.00pm		
Wed, 30 Oct 2024	Councillor Induction Program	6.00pm		
<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>				
Mon, 04 Nov 2024	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm		
Wed, 06 Nov 2024	Councillor Induction Program	6.00pm		
Mon, 11 Nov 2024	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm		
Mon, 11 Nov 2024	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm		
Mon, 11 Nov 2024	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm		
Mon, 11 Nov 2024	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm		
Mon, 18 Nov 2024	LGNSW Annual Conference – No Meetings			
Mon, 25 Nov 2024	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	4	

  'Caretaker Period' in accordance with Clause 393B of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Meeting dates during this period may be subject to change.

CCL049-24 Attachment 1



## Council and Standing Committee Meeting Schedule 2024/25

2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR				
	Date	Meeting	Commencing	Ordinary Council Mtg No.
<b>DECEMBER 2024</b>				
	2 Dec 2024	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	9 Dec 2024	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	9 Dec 2024	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	9 Dec 2024	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	9 Dec 2024	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	16 Dec 2024	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	5
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>				
	No Meetings			
<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>				
	Mon, 03 Feb 2024	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 Feb 2024	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 Feb 2024	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 Feb 2024	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 10 Feb 2024	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 17 Feb 2024	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 24 Feb 2024	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	6
<b>MARCH 2025</b>				
	Mon, 03 March 2022	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 March 2022	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 March 2022	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 10 March 2022	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 10 March 2022	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 17 March 2022	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 24 March 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	7
	Mon, 31 March 2025	No Meetings		
<b>APRIL 2025</b>				
	Mon, 07 April 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 April 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 April 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 April 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 14 April 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Tue, 22 April 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 28 April 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	8
<b>MAY 2025</b>				
	Mon, 05 May 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 12 May 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 09 May 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 09 May 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 09 May 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 19 May 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 26 May 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	9
<b>JUNE 2025</b>				
	Mon, 02 June 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Tue, 10 June 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Tue, 10 June 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Tue, 10 June 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Tue, 10 June 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Wed, 15 June 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 16 June 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	

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## Council and Standing Committee Meeting Schedule 2024/25

2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR				
	Date	Meeting	Commencing	Ordinary Council Mtg No.
	Mon, 23 June 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	10
	Mon, 30 June 2025	No Meetings		
2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR				
	Date	Meeting	Commencing	Ordinary Council Mtg No.
	<b>JULY 2025</b>			
	Mon, 07 July 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 July 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 July 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 14 July 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 14 July 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 21 July 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 28 July 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	1
	<b>AUGUST 2025</b>			
	Mon, 04 Aug 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 11 Aug 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 11 Aug 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 11 Aug 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 11 Aug 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 18 Aug 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 25 Aug 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	2
	<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>			
	Mon, 01 Sept 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 08 Sept 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 08 Sept 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	Mon, 08 Sept 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 08 Sept 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	Mon, 19 Sept 2025	Councillor Briefings	6.00pm	
	Mon, 22 Sept 2025	<b>Extraordinary Council Meeting</b>	6.00pm	
	Mon, 22 Sept 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	3

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**Item:** CCL050-24 Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - 2023/24 Program Results

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report on the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - 2023/24 Program Results be received and noted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report provides a detailed summary of the 2023/24 outcomes of the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund program and the funding allocations made in accordance with the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy (Policy).
2. At its meeting held on 26 March 2018, Council endorsed the implementation of the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund program for the 2018/19 financial year. The program was included in the following years budgets and for the 2023/24 financial year \$75,000 was allocated for the program in Council's Operational Budget (\$5,000 per Councillor).

**BACKGROUND**

3. Council resolved that the General Manager prepare a Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund administrative guideline (Policy), to support the implementation of the Fund, having regard to similar successful community funding opportunities operating in New South Wales and Victorian councils. Independent advice and review of the 'Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy' was sought from both the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and Office of Local Government (OLG) prior to Council's consideration and adoption of the Policy.
4. The purpose of the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund is to provide a structure which enables Councillors to provide immediate minor financial support to individuals and community groups.
5. The approved 2023/2024 Operational Budget included appropriate funding for this Policy, being a total of \$75,000.

**2023/24 Program Results**

6. Councillors submitted 82 requests, totalling \$73,560.00:
  - Twelve (12) applications were cancelled/unsuccessful as the applicant has been the successful recipient of funds through a grant or donation program in the current financial year.
  - All Councillors, apart from Councillor's Ficarra, Jamieson, Katris, Konjarski, Liu, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos and Symington spent their entire \$5,000 budgeted fund.
    - Councillor Ficarra has a balance of \$1,500.00 unallocated.
    - Councillor Jamieson has a balance of \$2,000 unallocated.
    - Councillor Katris has a balance of \$1,000 unallocated.
    - Councillor Konjarski has a balance of \$1,000 unallocated.

- Councillor Liu has a balance of \$300.00 unallocated.
- Councillor Smerdely has a balance of \$1,000.00 unallocated.
- Councillor Stratikopoulos has a balance of \$3,740.00 unallocated.
- Councillor Symington has a balance of \$200.00 unallocated.

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<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Approved Funding</u>	<u>Balance (unallocated)</u>	<u>Number of Recipients</u>
Ashvini Ambihaipahar	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00	5
Elise Borg	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00	5
Sam Elmir	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00	4
Veronica Ficarra	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	2
Christina Jamieson	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	2
Nick Katris	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	3
Lou Konjarski	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	2
Kathryn Landsberry	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00	6
Nancy Liu	\$5,000	\$4,700	\$300	6
Peter Mahoney	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00	6
Natalie Mort	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00	3
Nick Smerdely	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	2
Sam Stratikopoulos	\$5,000	\$1,260	\$3,740	1
Colleen Symington	\$5,000	\$4,800	\$200	6
Ben Wang	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$64,260</b>	<b>10,740</b>	<b>66</b>

7. Councillors have been able to provide financial assistance to a wide number of community groups, sporting groups and individuals as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total Recipients</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Community Service	57	63%
Cultural/Arts	2	9%
Individuals	2	9%
Sporting	3	10%
Environment	2	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 8. Examples of funding purpose:

- Purchase of performing costumes
- Purchasing of musical instruments
- Memorial Service to mark 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Bruce Lee's death
- Refurbishment of Club's change rooms – Evatt Park
- Printing of Photos and posters for photo exhibition
- Salvation Army cost Community Centres
- Plants for National Tree Day for schools
- Gardening Equipment
- Bootcamp and wellness program for parents and carers
- Painting classes for residents
- Graduation of Year 6 ceremonies
- Equipment upgrade for festival
- Support individuals at representation level in their sports
- Contributions towards sporting season costs
- Support of local charities
- Support to special needs programs
- Contribution towards players coaching clinics
- Church events
- Contribution towards the hire of Georges River Council venues to host events

9 The purpose of the fund was to provide Councillors with an agile and responsive program to address an unmet demand in the community for minor funding support that did not qualify for other established and traditional funding programs of Council, such as the annual Community Grants Program, Venue Hire Grants Program, etc.

10 Feedback from funding recipients has been excellent and has resulted in extensive and positive promotion of Council on social and other media platforms, including the websites of many funding recipients.

**Disclosures of Interest**

11. Councillor's declared a total of 12 conflicts of interest for the total of 40 requests for funding.

<u>Council Meeting</u>	<u>Council Report</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
26 August 2023	CCL071-23	Sam Elmir	Kogarah Cougars JRLFC
26 August 2023	CCL071-23	Nick Katris	Greek Orthodox Parish and Community
28 August 2023	CCL071-23	Sam Elmir	Kogarah Cougars JRLFC
14 September 2023	CCL085-23	Sam Elmir	Kogarah Cougars JRLFC

25 September 2023	CCL085-23	Sam Elmir	Kogarah Cougars JRLFC
25 September 2023	CCL085-23	Sam Stratikopoulos	Greek Orthodox Church Kogarah
25 September 2023	CCL085-23	Nick Katris	Greek Orthodox Parish and Community
23 October 2023	CCL097-23	Natalie Mort	North Ramsgate Amateur Swim Club
28 November 2023	CCL104-23	Nick Smerdely	Autism Community Network
18 December 2024	CCL117-23	Ben Wang	Georges River Association
26 February 2024	CCL010-24	Nancy Liu	St George Community Alliance
22 April 2024	CCL026-24	Peter Mahoney	Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society

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12. Councillor disclosure of interest declarations are included in the Minutes of each Ordinary Council Meeting.

### **Administration of the Funding Program**

13. Although the overall response has been enormously positive, administration of the program has on occasion proved cumbersome for some of the recipients and has resulted in staff having to follow up the return of the required acquittal documentation.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

14. \$75,000 was allocated for the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund program in Council's 2023/24 Operational Budget (\$5,000 per Councillor).

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

15. Strategic Risk 1: Financial Sustainability – Council has existing robust Policies and Procedures, including but not limited to:
- Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy
  - Grants and Donations Policy
  - Code of Conduct
  - Public Interest Disclosure Reporting Policy
  - Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy

To ensure transparency of the funding provided under the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy, a register of all approved fund allocations is made available on Council's website.

16. Strategic Risk 8: Statutory and Regulatory requirement/Ineffective governance should Council fail to ensure compliance with relevant legislative, statutory, regulatory and policies and procedures should they not be monitored across the organisation.

To ensure transparency of the funding provided under the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy, a register of all approved fund allocations is made available on Council's website.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

17. Community Consultation is not required for this report.



**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/186395

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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**Item: CCL051-24 Tabling of Disclosure of Interest Return****Author:** Governance and Risk Specialist**Directorate:** Business and Corporate Services**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives and notes the report regarding the tabling of Disclosure of Interest Return for Councillors and designated persons.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to table one Disclosure of Interest Return for Councillors and designated persons.

**BACKGROUND**

2. A Councillor or designated person must make and lodge a Return with the General Manager, in accordance with section 4.21 of Council's Code of Conduct (the Code), within 3 months after:
  - (a) Becoming a Councillor or designated person, and
  - (b) 30 June of each year, and
  - (c) the Councillor or designated person becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose under Schedule 1 of the adopted Code of Conduct that has not been previously disclosed in a return lodged under paragraphs (a) or (b).
3. The completed first Return of the following ARIC member has been submitted, and is hereby tabled, in accordance with section 4.21(a) of Code of Conduct
  - o Mr Hamish McNulty.
4. Under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (the GIPA Act) and *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018* (the GIPA Regulation), Returns are considered 'open access' information and must be made publicly available on the Council website.
5. To ensure compliance with the GIPA Act and GIPA Regulation, Council has undertaken the public interest test and will publish the completed Return on its website. The Return will be published with redaction of the person's residential street address.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. No budget impact for this report.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS**

7. It is a legislative requirement that Disclosure of Interest in written Returns be lodged with the General Manager and the Returns must then be tabled at a meeting of Council, pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Georges River Council Code of Conduct.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

8. Community engagement is not required as a result of this report.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/188273

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**NOTICES OF RESCISSION**

**Item: NR001-24 Notice of Rescission - NM058-24 Actions to be Taken by Council in Connection with Previous and Current Allocations and Usage of Playing Fields to Football St George**

**Councillor:** Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington and Councillor Ficarra

**MOTION:**

That the decision in respect of Item No. NM058-24 Actions to be Taken by Council in Connection with Previous and Current Allocations and Usage of Playing Fields to Football St George from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 June 2024 be rescinded.

The resolution proposed to be rescinded reads as follows:

- (a) That Council acknowledges that Football St George (FSG) plays a vital role in the Georges River community as the governing body for football within the St George area and delivers valuable services including, but not limited to, competition management, development programs, coach and referee education, community engagement, facilities management, and advocacy and support for member clubs.
- (b) That Council recognises the increased demand for access to Council's playing fields of each sporting code and the subsequent need to foster shared use of assets amongst sports associations and clubs, aligning with recommendations in the Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment Area Acquisition Strategy (CINAAAS),
- (c) That Council staff continue to work closely with Football St George and all sports associations and clubs to streamline systems and processes for transparent information sharing, ultimately supporting local grassroots sports through the implementation of Council strategies and the Sports Advisory Committee.

If the Rescission Motion is carried, it is intended to move the following:

That, in view of the many recent issues that have been raised by the various Presidents of individual Football Clubs, along with the Chair and the Board of Football St George, Council resolves the following:

- (i) That Council acknowledge the long-standing history and contribution (including financial contributions) of Football St George clubs to the local community through their previous and current use of Council's sports grounds for amateur football.
- (ii) That Council enter into discussions with Football St George and its member clubs in order to review sports ground usage and to implement a situation that may expediate and effectively establish the sharing of grounds and facilities with other codes based on no displacement and restrictions to access are to occur to the current sports field usage by any of the Football St George clubs unless agreed upon with the relevant club presidents and the board of Football St George.
- (iii) That when the infrastructure works at Todd Park are completed, Council reinstates the previous level of access to Harold Fraser Oval of Football St George and its member clubs that previously existed prior to being asked to share the oval with another code. This is in view of the fact that Football St George were asked to share the oval on the basis that it was a temporary measure until the infrastructure was completed in Todd Park in 2024.

- (iv) That Council is to facilitate review, in consultation with Football St George, into any increase in participation in community football and is to assist Football St George and its Member Clubs in obtaining access to additional sporting grounds and facilities as required where possible.
- (v) Where Football St George and its member Clubs are requested to share a Sports Ground which may result in a Football Club being partly or wholly displaced, Council will provide the same level of access to a similar suitable sporting grounds to the extent that they are displaced. This is to assist clubs such as Hurstville Glory that has been displaced on a few occasions.
- (vi) As part of showing good faith in issue of sharing Sports Ground Facilities, Football St George must work with Council in identifying potential sharing of grounds.
- (vii) Council is to establish a communications protocol to ensure that all existing Clubs are informed and directly consulted, through Football St George before any decisions are made regarding the sharing of grounds.
- (viii) Council is to actively engage with all stakeholders, in order to discuss and resolve any conflicts related to ground usage.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/172079

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**NOTICES OF MOTION****Item: NM060-24 Enhancing Staff Safety through Legislative Reform in Local Government****Councillor:** Councillor Ficarra

NM060-24

**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager writes to the General Secretary of the United Services Union, Development and Environmental Professionals' Association, and Local Government Engineers' Association, to seek support from its member councils to urge the NSW State Government to introduce legislative protections to support the safety of frontline council employees across NSW by:
- (i) Introducing provisions under the Crimes Act 1900 for Council frontline workers including, customer service staff, council law enforcement & compliance officers, and other customer facing roles, under the Crimes Act 1900, replicating the provisions legislated under Divisions 8C of the Act in July 2023 for assaults on Retail Workers.
  - (ii) Introducing provisions under the Surveillance Devices Act 2007 for Council frontline workers for the use of body-worn video, similar to the provisions afforded to members of the NSW Police Force for the use of body-worn video.
- (b) That the General Manager writes to the Hon. Sophie Cotsis MP, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Work Health and Safety, the Hon. Michael Daley MP, Attorney General, and the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government, seeking support to introduce legislative protections to support the safety of frontline council employees across NSW in accordance with points above.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

As per Council's adopted Workforce Management Plan and Work Health and Safety Policy, it supports mechanisms that support a safe, healthy, happy, and more productive and engaged workforce. Further, Georges River Council is committed to creating a safe working environment for the health, safety and welfare of our Workers and Other Persons at the Workplace.

In July 2023, amendments were made to the Crimes Act 1900, specifically under Divisions 8C, to enhance protections for retail workers. This amendment made it an offense to assault retail workers, recognising their vulnerability due to direct public interactions.

Presently, the definitions of 'retail worker' and 'shop' lack clarity within the Crimes Act 1900, creating ambiguity regarding whether customer service centres for Local Government fall under existing laws aimed at affording additional protection to workers in retail work capacities.

Extending similar protections to council frontline workers would create a consistent approach to protecting all workers who face similar risks in their interactions with the public.

The Surveillance Devices Act 2007 currently allows NSW Police Force members to use body-worn video devices, which have proven effective in both deterring potential offenders and providing evidence in legal proceedings. Extending this provision to council frontline workers would enhance their safety and support transparency and accountability in their interactions with the public.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact to Council as a result of this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/124404

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM061-24 Open Space Objectives for Hurstville****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council writes to the NSW Government's Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) enquiring as to the availability to unlock any rail land within the Hurstville Ward to convert to open space.
- (b) That should TAHE confirm availability of suitable land to accommodate the expansion of open space within the Hurstville Ward, Council will investigate funding opportunities, for the purpose of transforming the land into open space for the community.
- (c) That Council keep the community informed of any progress and updates from TAHE.

NM061-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

1. At the Council Meeting on 19 December 2022 (COM049-22; CCL120-22) a report in response to NM076-22 Public Open Space for Hurstville by Councillor Nancy Liu was presented. From this report to Council regarding Open Space Opportunities in Hurstville, it was resolved:

*That Council writes to the local members of Parliament, the Minister for Cities, the Minister for Transport, and relevant shadow ministers to seek their support for:*

- (a) A joint Council and NSW Government review of state owned and controlled land in Hurstville to identify land that should be reimaged as green open space to support the growing community of Hurstville; and*
  - (b) Upon completion of this study a strategy be developed to deliver this land to the community as green open space in line with the continued growth of Hurstville.*
2. The General Manager has written to the above Ministers and relevant shadow ministers seeking their support, addressing part (a) of the above resolution. However, there has not been any response and as such, it is recommended that Council continues its advocacy by writing to the NSW Government's Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) to ascertain whether any rail land in the Hurstville Ward within the Georges River local government area (LGA) could be made available to convert to open space.
  3. At the Council Meeting on 22 April 2024 (CCL022-24), the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Strategy was adopted and incorporates part (b) of the above resolution.
  4. This Motion is consistent with the demand assessment for open space across the Georges River LGA from the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Strategy (page 86 of the Strategy):
    - (a) Benchmarks suggest there is an existing surplus of open space of roughly 540,413 square metres. However, with population growth there is an identified supply gap of 38,175 square metres by 2036.
    - (b) As Georges River continues to embrace density and infill, finding opportunities to deliver large open space assets is constrained. Open space should be focused on local/walkable spaces within residential zones to support active lifestyles and provide outdoor recreation opportunities for communities in apartment typologies; and
    - (c) Priorities for new open space should focus on ensuring the whole community has access within a walkable catchment and that existing open space is of a high quality.



5. This Motion is also consistent with the focus areas recommended within the Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Strategy (page 97 of the Strategy), pertaining to the Georges River LGA recommendations for open space:
- (a) Open space is relatively evenly distributed across the LGA with the large majority of people within a 400-metre walking catchment of existing open space. The focus area analysis has prioritised areas of poor access, defined as areas outside a 400-metre catchment to any open space.
  - (b) Due to limited land availability, the majority of new open space is likely to be of a Local or Neighbourhood scale (0-5 hectares). As housing is increasingly delivered through infill and densification of typologies, identifying parcels large enough to provide active open space amenity will become increasingly constrained.
6. Specific to the Hurstville Ward, recommendations from the Strategy (page 97) note that:
- (a) Highest ranked focus areas for open space in the east of the LGA around Hurstville, South Hurstville and Kogarah are driven by the population demand pressures in these areas. These focus areas are driven by pockets of low accessibility in these regions, as people need to walk greater than 400 metres to access open space.
  - (b) Local open space should be focused around growth areas such as Hurstville and Kogarah, as well as transport-oriented development corridors along the Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra train lines to ensure improved open space access for higher density communities.
7. This Motion relates to providing and expanding access to open space for the community and is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan:
- *Pillar 2: Our green environment – Goal 2.3 Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.*
  - *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 4.4 Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities.*
  - *Pillar 5: Our place in Sydney – Goal 5.2 The three spheres of government work together to improve services and facilities in our area.*

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications as a result of this report. However, if this motion is adopted by Council, further reports that will be provided to Council will need to contain potential funding opportunities for this matter to progress.

## **FILE REFERENCE**

D24/127936

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM056-24 Review of Attacking Dog Penalties and Owner Identification Processes**

**Councillor:** Councillor Katris

**MOTION:**

In view of ongoing reports of serious dog attacks across NSW and the difficulties faced by regulatory authorities to identify offenders:

That the General Manager write to The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP Minister for Local Government requesting the NSW Government to:

- (i) Review the *Companion Animals Act 1998* - Section 16 Offences – to increase penalties in situations where a dog is allowed to attack people and other animals.
- (ii) Introduce a mandatory 'permit to acquire' scheme linked to a valid MyService NSW Account, for the acquisition and disposal of any companion animal, to minimise the number of unidentified animals abandoned in council pounds.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022 -2032 - Pillar 1: Our community, in particular:

- a. *The community is safe and healthy.*

While significant Court imposed penalties of up \$77,000 and/or up to five years' imprisonment currently exist where a dog is allowed to attack, the 'on the spot' fine of \$1,320 is not having the desired deterrent effect given that serious attacks are continuing to occur. Increasing the 'on the spot' fine, as has recently occurred for environmental offences under the *Protection of the Environment Operation Act 1997*, may assist in providing the necessary deterrent.

Currently a person is not required to provide any form of identification when purchasing a companion animal and instead the identification process relies on that person submitting the information to councils or online via the Companion Animals Register (CAR). This process provides opportunities for information errors to occur due to the number of manual processes needed to identify an animal including recording microchip numbers, addresses, other key identification criteria or the information not being submitted in full.

The introduction of a 'permit to acquire scheme', that emulates the scheme operating under the *Firearms Act 1996*, would require a person to obtain an online permit to acquire through a valid MyServices NSW Account before being able to acquire an animal. Animals could not be bought or sold without a person being in possession of a valid permit with penalties applicable for animals sold without a permit.

It is acknowledged that any permit scheme would not be completely fool proof, however, it would increase the accuracy of identification linked to an animal with each permit directly corresponding to a person's MyServices NSW Account, and the ownership history in CAR, for that animal. This additional process would ensure that the purchaser details were recorded accurately and would assist regulatory authorities in identifying the owner of a dog in cases of a serious dog attack or reuniting the animal with their owner should an animal be impounded.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/152156

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

NM056-24

**Item: NM062-24 Council Congratulate and Acknowledge Riverwood Hornets Cadet Corp****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council congratulate and acknowledge the Riverwood Hornets Marching Band for representing Australia at the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in June 2024. The Hornets were the only Australian band present at the historic event, representing the 3,300 Australians who played a crucial role in the invasion.

NM062-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Pillar 1 Our Community of the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Goal 1.1. Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity.
  - Strategy 1.1.3. Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background.
- Goal 1.4. Georges River area heritage and history is protected.
  - Encourage and promote heritage and history through collections, programs, heritage trails and protection policies.

If the motion is supported by Council, the City Futures team will explore appropriate options to acknowledge and celebrate the Riverwood Hornets contributions for representing Australia at the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in future communication material such as our next Community Magazine.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/175871

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM063-24 Co-Working Business Hub Feasibility Study****Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg**MOTION:**

That Council delivers a feasibility study outlining options that could support the delivery of a co-working business hub within the centres of Georges River LGA. The study could include:

- (i) An analysis of different operational models that considers the cost benefit, governance, program delivery and ownership options.
- (ii) An analysis of potential sites that could best facilitate a co-working business hub, including the previous Kogarah Council Civic Centre.
- (iii) An exploration on how a co-working hub can support local businesses, talent attraction, the development of industry networks and the facilitation of a local innovation ecosystem.
- (iv) An exploration of program delivery options including business mentorship, networking opportunities, skills-development workshops.
- (v) Consultation with local business networks and groups to understand the demand and opportunities to deliver a co-working space within the region. Networks to engage include the St Georges Business Chamber, the Economic Leadership Group and Spark Leaders Innovation Ecosystem.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is:

- Consistent with Pillar 3: Our Economy in Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan
- Delivers on Goal 3.1 - Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.

Georges River Council is due to renew its Economic Development Strategy [EDS]. This will be developed in 2025 under the direction of the newly elected Council and supported by our Economic Leadership Group, which includes key business and industry leaders from across the LGA. The feasibility of delivering a co-working business hub will be considered as part of the EDS development. In the meantime, co-working space will be added as an agenda item in the next Economic Leadership Group meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/180553

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM064-24NSW Multicultural Principles****Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

That the General Manager prepare a report to summarise Council's achievements in implementing the NSW Multicultural Principles and further align the Social Justice Charter with the Multicultural NSW Act 2000. The report could include the following:

- (i) Acknowledge Ministerial response: Recognise the letter from the Hon. Stephen Kamper MP, Minister of Multiculturalism, in response to the motion raised by Georges River Council at LGNSW 2023. The letter highlights that Georges River Council has developed the Social Justice Charter informed by the Multicultural NSW Act 2000 and the NSW Multicultural Principles, embedding this Charter into its service delivery.
- (ii) Review and amend the Social Justice Charter 2022-2026: Conduct a review of the Social Justice Charter 2022-2026 with potential amendments to explicitly incorporate narratives from the Multicultural NSW Act 2000 and NSW Multicultural Principles.
- (iii) Compile achievements: Document Council's achievements in promoting cultural diversity through successful events and policies.
- (iv) Promote small businesses: Highlight Council's special efforts in promoting small businesses within the culturally and linguistically diverse community.
- (v) Community language support: Specify Council's governance in providing robust community language support within the Social Justice Charter Plan 2024-2026, the Customer Experience Strategy 2022-2027, and initiatives in the 2024/2025 budget.
- (vi) Publish interpretation and translation services: Make public Council's interpretation and translation services, especially for frontline services.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

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

- Pillar 1 – Our community, Goal 1.1 – *Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity.*

**Multicultural NSW Act 2000**

The Multicultural NSW Act 2000 outlines the role of Multicultural NSW and includes the NSW Multicultural Principles.

Multicultural NSW is a government agency which promotes community harmony and social cohesion in one of the most culturally diverse states in the world, with a vision for a stronger NSW, using cultural diversity as a vehicle to achieve cultural and economic prosperity. This agency delivers the NSW Multicultural Principles.

NSW Multicultural Principles apply to individuals and institutions. Specific Principles which apply to Council include:

- All institutions of NSW should recognise the linguistic and cultural assets in the population of NSW as a valuable resource and promote this resource to maximise the development of the state.

- All individuals and institutions should respect and make provision for the culture, language and religion of others within an Australian legal and institutional framework where English is the common language.

**Social Justice Charter 2022-2026 and Social Justice Charter Plan 2024-2026**

The Social Justice Charter 2022-2026 (the Charter) and Social Justice Charter Plan 2024-2026 (the Plan) align with the Multicultural NSW Act 2000 and support the implementation of the NSW Multicultural Principles.

On 22 August 2022, Council resolved (CCL073-22) to adopt the Charter following a period of public exhibition. The Charter aims to create a stronger sense of community and improve the liveability of the Georges River Council local government area, particularly for vulnerable and marginalised members of the community, guided by four Principles – participation, equity, respect and empowerment.

The accompanying Plan commits to actions that support outcomes related to the Principles of the Charter, and outlines measurables to reflect progress, impact and success. The Plan was endorsed by the Executive Team on 12 December 2023 (EXE279-23) and launched to community stakeholders on World Social Justice Day 2024.

The Plan is a culmination of extensive consultation with key internal and community stakeholders to ensure actions address the identified needs of Council’s vulnerable and marginalised communities, including but not limited to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, LGBTQIA+ communities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, people with disability, seniors, and children and young people.

The Plan includes actions which support the NSW Multicultural Principles, the promotion of Georges River’s cultural diversity through events and policies, the promotion of small businesses in the CALD community, the provision of robust community language support and the promotion of Council’s interpreting and translation services. Actions supporting the NSW Multicultural Principles include:

<p><b>1. Connected Communities</b></p>	<p>1.1.1 Deliver campaigns to foster social cohesion, respect, and inclusivity in our community.</p> <p>1.2 Advocacy and opportunities are provided for social, economic, and cultural participation to foster social cohesion and belonging.</p> <p>1.2.5 Promote programs that contribute to better economic, health and education outcomes.</p> <p>1.2.6 Recognise dates of significance and organise and promote initiatives that represent the diversity of the local community, to foster vibrancy and a sense of belonging.</p>
<p><b>2. Safe Places and Spaces</b></p>	<p>2.4 Create wayfinding that is accessible to all members of the community.</p>
<p><b>3. Economic Empowerment</b></p>	<p>3.1 Opportunities exist for diverse, equitable and inclusive employment, volunteering and skill development in Georges River.</p>
<p><b>4. Civic Participation</b></p>	<p>4.1 The community is empowered to have a say on issues that affect them to strengthen civic awareness and participation.</p>

<p><b>5. Good Governance</b></p>	<p>5.1 Council governance is transparent and accountable.</p> <p>5.1.2 Ensure Council's procurement planning and practices maximise opportunities to generate social and economic benefits for vulnerable and marginalised communities.</p> <p>5.1.5 Ensure Council information and services are accessible to all communities</p>
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The Charter and its accompanying Plan will be reviewed in 2026. Currently, we are focused on implementing the Charter and Plan and embedding social justice principles throughout the Council and within the community through our services. Altering these documents at this stage would negatively impact Council's efforts. The scheduled review process will ensure the Charter and Plan reflect community experience and are responsive to changing and emerging issues or governmental strategic documents.

Other Council Policies, Strategies and Initiatives

Other Council policies, strategies and initiatives which align with the Multicultural NSW Act 2000 and support the implementation of the NSW Multicultural Principles include:

- Customer Experience Strategy 2022-2027;
- Initiatives in the 2024/2025 budget including the addition of translation services of key Council documents into easy English, which has been budgeted for \$50,000;
- Initiatives focused on local business within the Economic Development and Events and Sponsorship teams; and
- A procedural review of internal language assistance.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Delivery of the existing Plan is within budget allocation across targeted Council business units.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/183171

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



**Item: NM065-24 Creating Canopies Community Planting Events****Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

That:

- (a) Council acknowledges Greater Sydney Landcare's partnership with Georges River Council in hosting two Creating Canopies community planting events this year.
- (b) Council recognises the support of all partners involved: Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society, Georges River Trees, Georges River Association, Shah Satnam Ji Green S Welfare Force Wing, Sutherland Shire Environment Centre.
- (c) Council commends the long-time hard work of the Council's Bushcare team in these events and provide an update on its coverage throughout the entire Georges River Council LGA, including Hurstville.
- (d) Council provides an update on the progress towards the strategic target of achieving 40% canopy cover by 2038, contributing to a more sustainable future for Georges River.

NM065-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 2, Our Green Environment: Goals 2.1 *Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment and Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.*

Council and Greater Sydney Landcare are collaborating as part of the 20 million Trees Program to improve tree canopy cover at eight (8) Council reserves. These canopy improvement works have included two (2) community planting days, at Beale Park and Gannons Park, in which over 3,500 trees have been planted by individuals and community groups.

Council has over 188ha of bushland across the Local Government Area managed by internal Bushcare Officers, Bush Regeneration Contractors and sixteen (16) Bushcare Volunteer Groups. These Bushcare teams conduct bush regeneration and weed management work focused on sustaining the resilience of remnant vegetation and improving urban bushland areas.

Consistent with Council's Resolution on 25 September 2023 (NM054-23), Council officers are preparing a report identifying the feasibility of establishing a Bushcare volunteer group in the Hurstville Ward. This report is predicated on the completion of the Georges River Council Bushcare Charter, which is under development and will guide Council's bushland and volunteer management.

Council resolved on 11 December 2023 (ENV048-23) to provide reports on its progress towards the tree canopy target of 40% by 2023 every two years. The subject report provided information on progress towards the tree canopy target at the time and the next report will be provided to Council in December 2025.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

A future report consistent with NM054-23 will identify any financial implications associated with a Bushcare volunteer group within the Hurstville Ward.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/183191

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**NM065-24**

**Item: NM066-24 Review of Lighting and Increased Lux Levels at Turf Sports Fields****Councillor:** Councillor Konjarski**MOTION:**

- (a) That a review of sports lighting be undertaken to determine the Lux levels at all sports fields across the LGA that have lighting provisions.
- (b) That a report be provided to the Sports Advisory Committee, and subsequently Council, identifying the feasibility and cost implications associated with upgrading or installing lighting at a number of fields to enable night (wet weather catch up) matches to be played.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022- 2032 Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 *Our community is safe and healthy*, Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.4 *Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities*, and Goal 4.5 *Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone*.

This Motion is also aligned with existing actions in the Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment Area Acquisition Strategy (CINAAAS). The CINAAAS provides high-level direction for the provision of open space, sport and recreation facilities in the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA).

The actions specific to the CINAAAS that relate to this Motion are:

- Action G4 – Design flexible spaces
- Action S2 – Upgrade lighting at competition grade sporting fields

The closure of Council's natural turf fields, as a result of persistent wet weather, has been noted to impact the capacity for sporting associations and clubs. An opportunity to complete catch up games mid-week would reduce some of the current disruptions and support Action G4 and Action S2 of the CINAAAS. These mid-week game options would be played at night and would subsequently require appropriate Lux lighting levels.

Council officers will undertake a review to investigate the Lux levels that are currently provided at all natural turf sports fields. An assessment will be made to determine which fields would be best suited for an upgrade to accommodate night games, and to ensure that lighting levels comply with the relevant standards for games. The feasibility of upgrading existing lighting or installing new infrastructure at the fields that do not have existing lighting provisions will also be explored.

Council officers will prepare a report that details the findings of the review, including the recommended locations and the associated cost implications to be presented to the Sports Advisory Committee and subsequently Council.

Consultation with all sporting groups utilising Council's fields will be undertaken through the Sports Advisory Committee, to highlight feasible locations for wet weather catch up games, with key consideration to minimising the impact on individual clubs.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs to undertake the review of the existing Lux levels at all natural turf sports fields with lighting provisions is approximately \$40,000. A report will be presented to Council identifying the source of funding for this review.

The final lighting review will be presented to Council identifying costs associated with upgrading or installing lighting at relevant fields. This will be used to inform budget bids for capital works programs in future financial years.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/183770

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM067-24 Public Spaces Decorative Lighting****Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg**MOTION:**

That the General Manager prepares a report for Council that outlines lighting options to enhance streetscapes and village centres within the Georges River LGA. The report will include:

- (i) An exploration of ambient lighting solutions that consider WHS requirements, environmental impacts, maintenance and cost effectiveness.
- (ii) An analysis of potential village precincts that could benefit from ambient lighting.
- (iii) That Council officers submit a budget bid for consideration in the 2025/26 draft budget to implement the findings of the report and enhance lighting at select locations within the LGA.
- (iv) An exploration of how ambient lighting can support feelings and perceptions of community safety and community connection along high streets and the facilitation of increased night-time economy activities within village centres.
- (v) That Council promotes funding opportunities with Council and the State Government for local businesses to enhance their shopfronts and enhance their precinct with ambient lighting.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022- 2032 Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 *Our community is safe and healthy*, Pillar 3: Our Economy, Goal 3.2 *Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities*; and Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.5 *Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone*.

The installation of ambient lighting within town centres not only enhances aesthetic appeal but also contributes to community safety and wellbeing. Appropriate lighting solutions, when strategically implemented, can create inviting and secure environments that foster a sense of community pride and encourages nighttime activity in designated precincts. This initiative aligns with Council's ongoing commitment to improve the quality of public spaces while ensuring that sustainability and safety are prioritised.

Council officers will prepare a report that provides a comprehensive overview of viable lighting options, associated benefits, costings, and an analysis of specific precincts within the LGA that stand to benefit the most from the proposed lighting. The identified solutions will consider safety, environmental impact, maintenance, and cost-effectiveness.

Community consultation will be undertaken as part of this process providing the local community with the opportunity to provide feedback and input on the proposed ambient lighting solutions.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the investigation and preparation of a report will be undertaken internally by Council officers.

The report will identify costs associated with enhancing lighting at select locations within the LGA, which will inform the submission of a budget bid for consideration in the 2025/26 draft

budget to implement the identified works. It will also identify funding opportunities for local businesses to enhance shopfronts with ambient lighting.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/185253

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

NM067-24

**Item: NM068-24 State Owned Walkway - Hurstville Station****Councillor:** Councillor Mort**MOTION:**

That Council write to Transport for NSW requesting replacement of the metal mesh feature wall barriers along the state-owned walkway leading into Hurstville Station towards Hurstville Central and general cleansing of this area.

NM068-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022- 2032 Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 *Our community is safe and healthy*, Pillar 3: Our Economy, and Goal 3.2 *Our town centres are green, clean, vibrant and activated and have good amenities*.

The Motion is also consistent with Council's adopted Hurstville Place Strategy. The Hurstville Place Strategy aims to make Hurstville a more welcoming and vibrant centre. The key priorities include the creation of more vibrant public spaces and encouraging public transport use. The short-term actions include a focus on city presentation standards relating to street furniture, cleansing and waste.

The Strategy also promotes the creation of a bustling night-time economy. This is to include vibrant after work experiences especially for those using the train station. Up to 65,000 people travel to and from Hurstville train station on an average weekday.

Council officers will collaborate with Hurstville Central, Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW), and Sydney Trains to discuss the enhancement of the ramp and surrounding area, including the potential replacement of the mesh barriers and a general cleansing of this space.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications are associated with the collaboration with various stakeholders and state authorities. Any identified solutions from this collaboration may however have financial implications that will be detailed in a future report.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/186037

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM069-24 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys****Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council's General Manager write to The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP Minister for Local Government requesting that the NSW Government amends the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021* to mandate that owners must adopt measures to prevent shopping trolleys from being taken from shopping centre premises. The letter should:
- (i) specify the number of complaints relating to shopping trolleys received by the council since the inception of the Act,
  - (ii) outline the significant safety risk posed to the community caused by dumped shopping trolleys, and
  - (iii) outline the negative impact on the council caused by the time-consuming process required to manage abandoned trolleys.
- (b) That Council seek the support of Local Government NSW to advocate for the proposed legislative amendment.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2032 in particular:

- Pillar 1: Our Community - 1.3.1 *Implement actions to maintain and promote the community safety of our area.*

During the development of the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act (the Act) in 2020, a key recommendation put forward by NSW councils was that any new legislation must require retailers to prevent shopping trolleys from being taken from their stores.

When the Act commenced in November 2022, several key recommendations made by councils were not adopted including failing to include any provision requiring retailers to prevent their trolleys from leaving their premises.

While the Act provides additional powers for councils to take these items into possession and fines of up to \$1320, the process requires numerous administrative steps before the trolley can be lawfully removed by the council. Administering dumped trolleys is therefore a significant burden to the council that creates WHS risks for staff due to their size and weight. Appropriate vehicles are needed to impound trolleys and sufficient space available for them to be securely stored.

The onus for the responsible management of shopping trolleys must be placed on the retailer who provides these items rather than the cost and administrative burden borne by councils and ultimately the community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/188907

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



**Item: NM070-24 Carss Bush Park Playground****Councillor:** Councillor Landsberry**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council notes:
- (i) Stage 1 of the Carss Bush Park Playspace Upgrade is currently underway, with an expected completion date in the 2024/25 Financial Year.
  - (ii) Stage 1 of the upgrade will include the installation of new inclusive play equipment.
- (b) That Council undertakes a review of inclusive play equipment included within the Carss Bush Park Playground Upgrade Project Stage 1, and incorporate, if required, further inclusive play equipment into the Stage 2 design.

NM070-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022- 2032 Pillar 1 – Our community, Goal 1.1 – *Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity*, Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.4 - Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities.

This Motion is also consistent with Georges River Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026. Action 2.8.3 -*Ensure universal design principals are integrated into future parks and playground designs, linking to NSW Government's 'Everyone can play'.*

The Carss Bush Park Playground design integrates inclusive play features within the regional playground to ensure accessible play offerings for a broad spectrum of the community. Stage 1 of the playground construction is expected to be completed in October 2024, weather and extenuating circumstances permitting.

Whilst the concept design for Stage 2 has been developed, the detailed design will include a review of Stage 1 to ensure the integration of inclusive design is incorporated throughout the whole playground. This review has the capacity to incorporate further inclusive play principals if required.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications will be included as part of the Carss Bush Park Playground Stage 2 detailed design 2025/26 Budget Bid.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/188935

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM071-24 Congratulations World Dragon Fan Club Australia****Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council congratulates the World Dragon Fan Club Australia on their successful Bruce Lee 51st Memorial Ceremony held in Kogarah and Hurstville on 13-15 July 2024.
- (b) That Council notes the special significance of this event which also pays tribute to NAIDOC week.
- (c) That Council investigates the feasibility of endorsing the twice-yearly Bruce Lee Festival (birthday and death day) in Council's cultural calendar given the popularity of these events in the Georges River local government area and the presence of Bruce Lee Statue at Kogarah Town Square.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

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

- Pillar 1 – Our Community, Goal 1.1 – Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity.

On Saturday 13 July 2024, Taste of Shunde/Wing Chun Kung Fu Club in association with World Dragon Fan Club Australia hosted an event to commemorate the 51st Memorial Ceremony of Bruce Lee at his statue in Kogarah Town Square.

The ceremony, attended by 100 guests, included speeches, photos taken in front of Bruce Lee's iconic statue, flower tributes, martial arts demonstrations, and a traditional lion dance with firecrackers.

Taste of Shunde was the first to bring authentic Shunde cuisine to Australia. Shunde is home to Bruce Lee, dragon boat racing, traditional Chinese opera, and the mud silk industry. The largest influence on Bruce Lee's martial arts development was his study of traditional Wing Chun Kung Fu. Wing Chun Kung Fu Club was formed in Hurstville to ensure this martial art is continued to be taught to generations to come.

On 26 February 2024 Council adopted the Georges River Council Events and Festivals Charter, Event Guide and Event Toolkit (CCL006-24). This suite of customer-focused documents outlines the objectives and commitments for both Council and community run events. Council recognises the critical role community organisations play in partnering with Council to deliver events, programs, activations and services to the broad cross section of the community. These resources by Council aim to improve the community's capacity to plan and deliver successful and compliant events in the Georges River local government area.

Council has finalised the calendar of events for this financial year, including dates of significance. Therefore, no additional events can be included in the current schedule for Council-led events.

However, community groups are encouraged to apply to host community-led events and apply for Event Grants through the Council's Grants and Donation Policy. Each group can request up to \$20,000 annually to support community non-profit events. While the Council is not able to organise these events, community groups are more than welcome to apply for funding to bring their initiatives to life.

This event is not part of Georges River Council's NAIDOC program of events. Council run or funded programs regarding NAIDOC are developed in consultation with the Georges River Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As per Council's Grants and Donations Policy (section 3.4.2), the request for in-kind sponsorship for the Bruce Lee 51st Memorial Ceremony held in Kogarah of \$2,000.00 was approved and funded from the sponsorship budget line for community run events. Budgeted funds from cost centre number 402002.6000.64808 were utilised for the following:

- \$520.00 – Waive of site fees
- \$175.00 – Electricity and water fee
- \$1,305.00 – Financial contribution.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D24/188950

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM072-24 Battery Charging and Safety Campaign****Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That Council conducts a publicity campaign via its website, print and social media channels in order to heighten awareness about the severe safety risks involved with the use of batteries and battery chargers, and with the information provided to include safe methods of disposal of these items.

NM072-24

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2032 in particular: Pillar 1: Our Community - *1.3.1 Implement actions to maintain and promote the community safety of our area* and Pillar 2: Our Green Environment - *2.2.2 Ensure waste managed as a resource with minimal impacts from its disposal.*

Whilst Fire and Rescue NSW have a key role in educating the community about fire prevention measures when recharging lithium-ion batteries used in portable electronic devices including e-bikes and e-scooters, Council can assist at a local level.

The impacts of fire within multiple occupancy buildings including residential flat buildings within the LGA is an area where Council can assist with targeted education using existing communication networks to deliver fire safety messaging. In addition, this education will extend to the most appropriate ways to dispose of batteries which are known to have caused a number of fires within waste collection vehicles.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/190427

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**Item:** QWN019-24 The Big Wash - Street Cleansing Program

**Author:** Councillor Liu

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

**COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

Following on from Council's Resolution in February 2022 (NM002-22 Collaboration Opportunity – Hurstville's Big Wash 2022) are deep cleanses of the Hurstville & Kogarah CBDs currently carried out? What are the frequencies of these cleanses?

**OFFICER RESPONSE**

Council undertakes deep cleansing in the Hurstville and Kogarah Central Business Districts (CBDs) twice per year as part of the "Big Wash" program.

Deep cleansing activities are executed by an external contractor and include high-pressure washing of all hard surfaces from kerb to shopfronts in all the public domain areas managed by Council. These works are typically carried out in June/July and November/December of each year in addition to Council's regular daily cleansing activities performed by City Operational Services.

Answer published in the business paper.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item:** QWN020-24 Mosque Update

**Author:** Councillor Wang

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

### **COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

Could you provide an update on the status of the investigation into the alleged unauthorised work of the removal of the outer walls and roof at 88-92 Botany Street Carlton, related to DA2019/0644? Has the council issued a Development Control Order?

### **OFFICER RESPONSE**

Council's investigation of the matter is ongoing. Given that the allegations raise a breach of *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and further regulatory action may be taken, details of the investigation ought not to be provided.

No development control orders have been issued.

Answer published in the business paper.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item:** QWN021-24 Traffic and Parking Matters

**Author:** Councillor Wang

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

### COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can you please provide ETA for the following items?

1. NM061-23 Pedestrian Safety Measures - Rose Street Hurstville
2. NM084-23 Parking Issues - Tooronga Terrace Beverly Hills

### OFFICER RESPONSE

1. The investigation undertaken by Council officers as detailed in NM061-23 found that the intersection of Rose Street and Forest Road, Hurstville met the required warrants for the installation of a pedestrian crossing.

Council officers commenced the initial stages of detailed design of this pedestrian crossing in the 2023/24 financial year. It was identified during this process that the installation of a pedestrian crossing at this location has the potential to significantly impact traffic flow and congestion in this area, particularly due to the number of pedestrians that would be utilising it and the two signalised intersections in the immediate vicinity of the site.

Council officers will be engaging a suitably qualified consultant in the 2024/25 financial year to assess the impact that the installation of a pedestrian crossing may have on traffic congestion in the area. The consultant will be engaged to also provide recommendations on potential solutions to mitigate these impacts, which will then be incorporated into the design.

It is anticipated that this assessment, as well as the finalised design of appropriate pedestrian management infrastructure, will occur in the 2024/25 financial year prior to construction within the 2025/26 financial year.

2. A report (TAC020-24) was submitted to the April 2024 Traffic Advisory Committee meeting for consideration and was subsequently endorsed by Council on 22 April 2024. This report recommended the extension of the timed parking restrictions on the northern and southern side of Tooronga Terrace, Beverly Hills to improve the short-term parking allocation for visitors to the local businesses.

This recommendation did not result in any loss of on-street parking spaces and realigned the parking restrictions with the nearby businesses operating hours. A work order has been raised to complete the associated signage changes along Tooronga Terrace, as per TAC020-24, and is expected to be completed by August 2024.

Council officers continue to investigate other measures to improve parking and safety along Tooronga Terrace, Beverly Hills. Any further recommendations resulting from the investigations will be submitted to a future Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration.

Answer published in the business paper.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

**Item:** QWN022-24 Female Facilities and Water Safety

**Author:** Councillor Landsberry

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

### COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. It's my understanding that Council has not received any or part of the \$5M promised by the former PM in 2019 for the upgrade of the Kogarah War Memorial Pool (KWMP) under the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) program, is that correct?
2. It's also my understanding that the \$2.5m grant funding announced for the new Todd Park facility in 2022 was not additional grant funding, but would be reallocated from the \$5m originally announced for the upgrade of KWMP, as it is located within the same precinct, and falls within the eligibility criteria for FFWSS, is that correct?
3. Has Council received any further updates or advice from the relevant federal government department or Minister's office regarding the current status of the \$5m grant funding as announced in 2019?

### COUNCILLOR BACKGROUND

In May 2019, four days prior to the Federal Election, former Prime Minister and Member for Cook, Scott Morrison, announced that \$5m in grant funding would be allocated from the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) program towards the upgrade of the Kogarah War Memorial Pool (KWMP). In May 2022, less than 2 weeks prior to that Federal Election, the former PM announced that a re-elected Morrison government would commit \$2.5m towards an upgrade of the Todd Park sporting amenities building, which would include designated female changerooms, which the current facility does not offer.

Noting that the Morrison government lost the May 2022 election, I am also pleased to note that this project is still proceeding as a new amenities building at Todd Park had already been identified by Council in its five-year capital works program, and that detailed design work for the new facility at Todd Park is currently underway.

### OFFICER RESPONSE

1. Correct, Council has not received \$5M under the Department of Health and Aged Care's Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) Program for an upgrade of the Kogarah War Memorial Pool.
2. Correct, In April 2023 Council confirmed with the Department of Health and Aged Care a desire to reallocate the \$5M from the FFWSS program towards the construction of inclusive sporting amenities as Todd Park.
3. Whilst the Department of Health and Aged Care indicated acceptance of this funding reallocation to Todd Park, Council has not obtained a Funding Agreement or indication of when funding may be provided. Simon Kennedy MP (Federal Member for Cook) has requested information regarding this matter to assist in seeking the funding.

Answer published in the business paper.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil



**QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE****Item:** QNN003-24 Parking Fines - Forest Road Hurstville**Author:** Councillor Wang**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager**Matter Type:** Questions with no Notice**COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

Further to my previous Question with Notice at Council's meeting on 24 June 2024 (QWN017-24 Parking Issues - MacMahon Street and Hurstville Plaza) can the Director Environment and Planning provide statistics for fines incurred for illegal parking in Forest Rd Hurstville?

**OFFICER RESPONSE**

The below table shows a comparison of the number of fines issued by fine category for a 292-metre length of Forest Rd from the Hurstville Ritz Hotel to the Commonwealth Bank over the past three financial years.

Parking Offence	Financial Year		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Disobey no parking sign	15	18	45
Disobey no stopping sign	109	181	187
Stop in bus zone (not clearway or transit/bus lane)	772	1045	567
Stop in loading zone	267	254	201
Stop in loading zone longer than 30 minutes	13	93	90
Stop in taxi zone	90	239	247
<b>Total</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>1337</b>

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.

**CCL033A-24 Early Learning Services Feasibility Study**  
(Report by Manager Community and Early Learning 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) (f) it is considered the matter affects the security of council, councillors, council staff or council property.*

*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 affects the security of council, councillors, council staff or council property.*

**CCL034A-24 Peakhurst Park Community Centre, 7A Hedley Street, Riverwood**  
(Report by Manager City Life)

*THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) it is considered the matter information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

*THAT in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

**CCL035A-24 Code of Conduct Investigation Report - Councillor Nancy Liu**  
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

*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) (i) it is considered the matter alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

*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 alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements*

*applicable under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

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

**OPEN COUNCIL**

**CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS**