

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 22 July 2024

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, 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, A/Director Assets and Infrastructure – Tom Heath, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, A/Director Business and Corporate Services – Simon Massey, Chief Auditor - Steven Baker Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Chief Information Officer Brendan Scott.

OPENING

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

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

Reverend Ross Ryan from St Marks Anglican Church South Hurstville 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 Ambihaipahar and that a leave of absence be granted.

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Mort

Record of Voting

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

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Borg submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (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 **CCL048-24, (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 **CCL048-24, (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 **CCL048-24, (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 **CCL048-24, (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 **CCL048-24, (ENV025-24 and ENV30-24) Endorsement Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination and Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that he is a part owner of his Principle Place of Residence which is located in Blakehurst and the changes do not really affect his place of residence because there is generally no increase or decrease in what he is allowed to do with his residence The changes are very marginal where it concerns his property because there is no appreciable financial gain or loss.

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 **CCL048-24, (ENV030-24) Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that it is 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 **CCL048-24, (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. There is no Pecuniary Interest. 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 **CCL048-24, (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) and has investment properties that may be impacted. 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 **CCL048-24, (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.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV030-24) Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason the address of the affected principal place of residence of the councillor. 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.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV030-24) Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that the nature of the land is subject to a change in zone/ planning control by the proposed LEP. 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 **CCL048-24, (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.

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL045-24, (ASS023-24) Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee** for the reason that he is acquainted with one of the no-voting members as he was a former work colleague of his. Councillor Mahoney 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 **CCL048-24, (ENV025-24) Endorsement Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that nature of the land that is subject to a change in zone/ planning control by the proposed LEP and property 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 Wang declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **NM071-24 Congratulations World Dragon Fan Club Australia** for the reason that he is the honourable chairman of the World Dragon Fan Club. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Ficarra declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV025-24) Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that she resides within the former study area and near the border of the FSPA. Councillor Ficarra will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Ficarra declared a **Pecuniary Interest** in item **CCL048-24 (ENV030-24) – Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason 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 he will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Konjarski declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **NR001-24, NM058-24 Notice of rescission – Actions to be Taken by Council in Connection with Previous and Current Allocation and Usage of Playing Fields to Football St George** for the reason that his son coaches for a club under the guise of Football St George. Councillor Konjarski will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Mort declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV025-24) Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason she lives in FSPA planning proposal for gateway determinations. As I live in the FSPA but there are no changes to controls proposed for my property. Councillor Mort will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Smerdely submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV025-24) Endorsement Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that his principal place of residence owned by his parents falls within the area. Councillor Smerdely will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Smerdely declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV025-24) Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that an associated person owns an investment property within the area. Councillor Smerdely will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and he will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Councillor Smerdely submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV030-24) Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that his principal place of residence owned by his parents falls within the area. Councillor Smerdely will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Smerdely declared a a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV030-24) Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Planning Proposal for Gateway Consideration** for the reason that an associated person owns an investment property in the area. Councillor

Smerdely will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and he will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Stratikopoulos declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV025-24) Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason his parents own an investment property within the area. Councillor Stratikopoulos will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and he will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Stratikopoulos submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV025-24) Endorsement Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason that the property owned by his parents is his principal place of residence. Councillor Stratikopoulos will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Stratikopoulos declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV025-24) Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason he owns an investment property within the area. Councillor Stratikopoulos will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and he will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Stratikopoulos declared a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV030-24) Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Planning Proposal for Gateway Consideration** for the reason that he owns an investment property in the area. Councillor Stratikopoulos will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and he will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Stratikopoulos submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV030-24) Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason that it is his principal place of residence owned by his parents and falls within the area. Councillor Stratikopoulos 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 – Mayor, Councillor Elmir submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV030-24) Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason this is his primary place of residence is in an R2 zone which is affected by change of use in R2 zone. The Mayor, Councillor Elmir will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Liu declared a **Pecuniary Interest** in item **CCL048-24 (ENV025-24) – Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination** for the reason she has an investment property. Councillor Liu will not partake in any deliberations on this matter and he will leave the meeting and not participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Councillor Liu submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL048-24, (ENV030-24) Endorsement of Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal for the Georges River LGA** for the reason the changes to SPA R2. The Councillor Liu will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

| | Name | Report No. | Report Title |
|----|--|-------------------------|---|
| 1 | Steve Ferrington (In person) | CCL045-24/ ASS020-24 | Traffic Advisory Committee – Draft Terms of Reference |
| 2 | Adrian Polhill (In person) | NM065-24 NM072-24 | Creating Canopies Community Planting Events Battery Charging and Safety Campaign |
| 3 | Sean Wood (In person) | NM069-24 | Abandoned Shopping Trolleys |
| 4 | Rev. K a Fai Alfred Yau (In person) | NM071-24 | Congratulations World Dragon Fans Club Australia |
| 5 | Wayne Devine (In person) | NM070-24 | Carss Bush Park Playground |
| 6 | Bev Derincat (In person) | NM065-24 | Creating Canopies Community Planting Events |
| 7 | Tony Baddour (In person) | NM063-24 | Co-working Business Hub Feasibility Study |
| 8 | Natalie Zhou (In person) | QWN020-24 | Mosque Update |
| 9 | Chris Bailey (In person) | NM062-24 | Council congratulates and acknowledge Riverwood Hornets Cadets |
| 10 | Liane Madden (Written Submission) | NM067-24 | Public Decorative Lighting |
| 11 | Susan Ghosn (In person) | NM065-24 | Financial Implication of Bushcare in Hurstville Ward |
| 12 | Nicky Paras (In person) | NM067-24 | Public Decorative Lighting |
| 13 | Craig Cunningham (In person) | QWN020-24 | Mosque Update |
| 14 | Suzanne Galluzzo (In person) | NM067-24 | Public Decorative Lighting |
| 15 | Stephen Carlisle (In person) | QWN021-24 | Tooronga Terrace Beverly Hills |
| 16 | Alan Hage (Written Submission) | CCL045- 24/ASS020-24 | Traffic Advisory Committee – Draft Terms of Reference |
| 17 | Roy Wu (In person) | QWN021-24 NM061-23 | Pedestrian Safety Measures |
| 18 | Anu Iyer (In person) | QWN020-24 | Mosque Update |
| 19 | Simon Chan (In person) | NM064-24 | NSW Multicultural Principles |

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| 20 | Kim Wagstaff (in person) | CCL048-24/ ENV025- 24/ENV030-24 | Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting – Endorsement of Biodiversity, Character and FSPA Planning Property for Gateway Determination |
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Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Wang left the Chambers at 7:54pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Wang returned to the Chambers at 7:57pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL044-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 June 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Konjarski

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

Record of Voting

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

MM024-24 Thank you and congratulations to staff for organising such a successful event - Uncontained Arts Festival
(Report by Director Community and Culture)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 08:14pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers at 08:16pm

RESOLVED: The Mayor Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council congratulates Georges River Council staff for the delivery of the 2024 Uncontained Arts Festival held on 19, 20 & 21 July 2024 at Kogarah.
- (b) That Council also recognises the invaluable contributions of the festival sponsors, VJB Group and Sydney Water, along with the local volunteers, including St John's Ambulance. Additionally, the talented artists, entertainers, and vibrant stall holders all played essential roles in the success of this event.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

MM025-24 Condolences on the recent tragedy at Carlton Railway Station
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That tonight we recognise the immense tragedy of the loss of a family from our community and extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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 Konjarski extended his condolences on the passing of Angela Novevski.

Angela was, born on 11 February 1974 in Australia and was of Greek heritage. She spent her formative years in the Shire and attended Caringbah High School. Angela dedicated her professional life to education, working at Kogarah Public School.

In 2001, Angela met Tony, and they married the following year in 2002. Together, they had three children: Melissa, born in 2002, Jack, born in 2004 and Daniel, born in 2009.

Angela had a passion for shopping and loved watching her kids play sports such as soccer and oztag. She enjoyed going to the beach, taking holidays, and relishing moments of recalling memories and drinking wine with her friends. Angela's life was a blend of cultural richness, dedication to education, and deep family bonds. She passed away at the tender age of 50, leaving behind a legacy of love and joy.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL045-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Smerdely

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS021-24 to ASS022-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

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 ASsLocal 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)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Smerdely

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 with the exception of TAC044-24 which is to be deferred to a future Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting for consideration.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

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

MOTION: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Smerdely

That this item be deferred to a future Council Meeting after Councillors receive a briefing from staff.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

CCL046-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Konjarski

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

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.

CCL047-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 8 July 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

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.

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

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Borg, Councillor Katris

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Symington declared Pecuniary Interest in item ENV025-24/CCL048-24 and left the Chambers at 08:36pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos declared Pecuniary Interest in item ENV025-24/CCL048-24 and left the Chambers at 08:36pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Liu declared Pecuniary Interest in items ENV030-24, ENV025-24/CCL048-24 and left the Chambers at 08:36pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ficarra declared Pecuniary Interest in item ENV025-24/CCL048-24 and left the Chambers at 08:36pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely declared Pecuniary Interest in item ENV025-24/CCL048-24 and left the Chambers at 08:36pm

Record of Voting

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

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

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.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Symington returned to the Chambers at 08:49pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ficarra returned to the Chambers at 08:49pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 08:49pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely returned to the Chambers at 08:49pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Liu returned to the Chambers at 08:49pm

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL049-24 Proposed Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2024/25

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

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

Record of Voting

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

CCL050-24 Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - 2023/24 Program Results

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

All returned

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Councillor Borg

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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..

CCL051-24 Tabling of Disclosure of Interest Return
(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 Return for Councillors and designated persons.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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 RESCISSION

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
(Report by Councillor Katris)

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris and Councillor Smerdely

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 (CINAAS),
- (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: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

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

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM060-24 Enhancing Staff Safety through Legislative Reform in Local Government (Report by Councillor Ficarra)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ficarra and Councillor Smerdely

- (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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM061-24 Open Space Objectives for Hurstville (Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely

- (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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

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

MOTION: Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra

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.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Amendment: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was ten (10) votes FOR and four (4) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the Motion.

MOTION: Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor Borg

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM062-24 Council Congratulate and Acknowledge Riverwood Hornets Cadet Corp
(Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely

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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM063-24 Co-Working Business Hub Feasibility Study
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely left the Chambers at 09:23pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 09:23pm

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson

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:

- (a) An analysis of different operational models that considers the cost benefit, governance, program delivery and ownership options.
- (b) An analysis of potential sites that could best facilitate a co-working business hub, including the previous Kogarah Council Civic Centre.
- (c) 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.
- (d) An exploration of program delivery options including business mentorship, networking opportunities, skills-development workshops.
- (e) 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.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Ficarra

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was eleven (11) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM064-24 NSW Multicultural Principles
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 09:34pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Smerdely returned to the Chambers at 09:34pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Katris

That Council develop a campaign amplifying Council's achievements within the social justice charter plan that align with the NSW Multicultural Principles. The campaign could include the following:-

Compile achievements: Document Council's achievements in promoting cultural diversity through successful events and policies.

Promote small businesses: Highlight Council's special efforts in promoting small businesses within the culturally and linguistically diverse community.

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.

Publish interpretation and translation services: Make public Council's interpretation and translation services, especially for frontline services.

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.

That at the next review of the Social Justice Charter in 2026, the charter acknowledges the Multicultural NSW Act 2000.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM065-24 Creating Canopies Community Planting Events
(Report by Councillor Wang)

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Mahoney

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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM066-24 Review of Lighting and Increased Lux Levels at Turf Sports Fields (Report by Councillor Konjarski)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM067-24 Public Spaces Decorative Lighting (Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Liu

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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM068-24 State Owned Walkway - Hurstville Station (Report by Councillor Mort)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM069-24 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys (Report by Councillor Wang) Note: Councillor Symington left the chambers at 9:57pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Katris

- (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.

Record of Voting

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

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

NM070-24 Carss Bush Park Playground

(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

Note: Councillor Symington returned to the chambers at 10:05pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

(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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM071-24 Congratulations World Dragon Fan Club Australia

(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ficarra left the Chambers at 10:07pm

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Ficarra returned to the Chambers at 10:13pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Konjarski returned to the Chambers at 10:13pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

(a) That Council congratulates the World Dragon Fan Club Australia on their successful Bruce Lee 51st Memorial Ceremony held in Kogarah and Hurstville on 12-14 July 2024.

(b) That Council acknowledges the attendance of Honourable Linda Burney, Minister for Indigenous Australians and Member for Barton, Member for Cabramatta, Mr Tri Vo, Rev. Alfred Yau, Bruce Lee's nephew, Superintendent Paul Dunstan, St George Police Area Commander, and Councillors Ambihaipahar, Liu, and Wang, and Simon Chan Multicultural NSW Advisory Board member.

(c) That Council continues to assess on merit Council's Grants and Donations Policy applications, including for community-led events such as the Bruce Lee Festival events.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

NM072-24 Battery Charging and Safety Campaign

(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, 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.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN019-24 The Big Wash - Street Cleansing Program

(Report by Councillor Liu)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney left the Chambers at 10:17pm

Answer published in the business paper.

Note: Councillor Wang asked a Question with No Notice to the Director Asset and Infrastructure "*The Big Wash*" "does it include the ramp at Hurstville". The Director took the question on notice. The response will be reported to the August 2024 Council Meeting.

QWN020-24 Mosque Update

(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN021-24 Traffic and Parking Matters

(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN022-24 Female Facilities and Water Safety

(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

Answer published in the business paper.

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE**QNN003-24 Parking Fines - Forest Road Hurstville**
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION**MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION****RESOLVED:** Councillor Smerdely

That at this stage of the meeting, being 10:19pm, the meeting 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):

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.

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 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.

CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CCL033A-24 Early Learning Services Feasibility Study

(Report by Manager Community and Early Learning Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry

That Council:

- (a) Endorse the feasibility study 'Inclusive Early Learning Services' (Attachment 1) conducted by Council officers on inclusive services for children with additional needs and vulnerabilities.
- (b) Endorse the short, medium, and long-term recommendations as outlined in the body of the report based on findings of both projects.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, 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.

CCL034A-24 Peakhurst Park Community Centre, 7A Hedley Street, Riverwood

(Report by Manager City Life)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Smerdely

- (a) That Council note the project change for the future Peakhurst Park Community Centre located at 7A Hedley Street Riverwood, to negate financial, time and future site use risks:

- (i) to halt the facility refurbishment project; and
 - (ii) to engage a modular building company to execute a design, Development Application approval and construction project to develop a new community facility on the footprint of the existing community facility at 7A Hedley Street Riverwood.
- (b) That Council approve the budget allocation and funding sources as outlined in the financial implications section of this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, 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.

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Liu left the Chambers at 10:29pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Ficarra

- (a) Council adopts the Conduct Reviewer's recommendation that Councillor Liu be formally censured under section 440G of the Local Government Act 1993 for breaches of the Code of Conduct.
- (b) That on or about 18 March 2024, Councillor Nancy Liu, engaged in misconduct by writing a letter in her capacity as a councillor to Revenue NSW endeavouring to have overturned a parking infringement issued by Council. Such conduct is in breach of clauses 3.1., 6.12, 8.13 and 8.18 of the Georges River Council Code of Conduct.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, 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

OPEN SESSION

Note: It was noted that Councillor Liu returned to the Chambers at 10:30pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Smerdely

That the meeting revert to Open Session, time being 10:31pm.

Record of Voting

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

OPEN SESSION**CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION****RESOLVED:** Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Ficarra

That the Committee of the Whole recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to **CCL033A-24 Early Learning Services Feasibility Study, CCL034A-24 Peakhurst Park Community Centre, 7A Hedley Street, Riverwood and CCL035A-24 Code of Conduct Investigation Report - Councillor Nancy Liu** be received and noted as resolutions of Council without any alterations or amendments thereto.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, 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.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 10:33pm

Chairperson