

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 09 September 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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

PRAYER

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Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

Nil

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: CCL064-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

CCL064-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2024, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2024



MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 26 August 2024

7:00 PM

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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

A/General Manager – Kristie Dodd, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, A/Director Community and Culture – Margaret Le, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Chief Information Officer – Brendan Scott, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Executive Services Officer – Jennifer Anderson, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Team Leader - Mark Tadros.

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

Pastor Aywan Suleiman from Revival Life Centre offered a prayer to the meeting.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Mayor, Councillor 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 Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL053-24 (ASS025-24), Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee** for the reason that he is acquainted with one of the non-voting committee members, as he was a former work colleague. 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 **NM074-24 Congratulations to Oatley Rugby Union for hosting the NSW Junior Rugby Union Under 10’s Development Carnival** for the reason that he is acquainted with one of the non-voting committee members, as he is a member of Oatley RSL. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Stratikopoulos disclosed a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **COM027-24 Greek Orthodox Patriarchal Visit to Kogarah – Event Grant** for the reason that he serves on the Committee of the Greek Orthodox Parish of Kogarah. Councillor Stratikopoulos will leave the meeting and not participate in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Katris disclosed a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **COM027-24 Greek Orthodox Patriarchal Visit to Kogarah – Event Grant** for the reason that is involved in the Greek Orthodox Church and, from time to time, provides architectural advice. Councillor Katris will leave the meeting and not participate in consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Maria Niahos (In person)	NM075-24	Enhancing Parking Management in Hillcrest Avenue, Hurstville
2	Adrian Polhill (In person)	CCL055-24(ENV034-24)	Zero Litter to Georges River – Progress Updated 2024, Environment & Planning Committee – 12 August 2024

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL052-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 July 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 July 2024, be adopted.

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 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 Mort offered her condolences on the passing of a lifelong local resident, Mr Kevin Skelsey, who passed away on 27 July 2024.

Kevin was a teacher, educator, archaeology enthusiast and stage performer and was known to hundreds in the area and beyond for the valued lessons he passed on to so many. Kevin

started his career at Broken Hill before becoming an industrial arts teacher at James Cook High in the early 60s and for the next two decades taught at Tempe High, Hurstville Boys High and Endeavour High School.

Throughout the 1970s he worked at Sydney Teachers' College where he trained future teachers in workshop skills and management and technology.

He married Wendy in 1964 after meeting her at the Illawarra Theatre Guild at Rockdale where they both performed in a number of productions. They have lived in Blakehurst since 1967.

Kevin always had a strong interest in Australian heritage and archaeology and served as Honorary Secretary of the Australiana Society. He also ran an old wares shop in Beverly Hills for 16 years and was a familiar face to many people.

Note: A minute's silence was observed by those present at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL053-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12 August 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Jamieson

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS020-24 to ASS026-24 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 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)

- (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.

ASS025-24 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 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 6 August 2024 are submitted to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee for consideration and to Council for adoption.

ASS026-24 REPORT OF THE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2024
(Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 1 August 2024 are submitted to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee for consideration and to Council for adoption.

CCL054-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 12 August 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Konjarski

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM026-24 to COM031-24, with the exception of COM027-24, 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 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.

COM026-24 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL LIBRARY USE AND MEMBERSHIP POLICY
(Report by Coordinator Library Customer Experience)

- (a) That Council approve the revised draft Georges River Council Library Use and Membership Policy (the Policy) to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council on the feedback received during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes to the revised draft Policy prior to adoption.

COM028-24 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT LOCAL APPROVALS POLICY - USE OF PUBLIC LAND
(Report by Manager City Life)

- (a) That Council adopts the draft Local Approvals Policy - Use of Public Land (the Policy) following the public exhibition period.
- (b) That a further General Manager be delegated authority to update Appendix G of the Policy, *Designated Areas for Activities on Public Land*, pending the assessment of

proposed locations by Council's Traffic Management team.

- (c) That the Council repeal the Street Performance Policy, as its contents are now incorporated into the draft Local Approvals Policy - Use of Public Land.
- (d) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the Policy, if required.

COM029-24 LUGARNO PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - EVENT GRANT
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approves the event grant request of \$10,960 (\$9,750 financial and \$1,210 in-kind value) to support the Music in the Park Event hosted by the Lugarno Progress Association on Sunday 10 November 2024.

COM030-24 LUGARNO LIONS COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - EVENT GRANT
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approves the event grant request of \$19,260.00 (\$16,215.00 financial and \$3,045.00 in-kind value) to support the 'Lugarno Lions Community Festival' on Sunday 15 September 2024.

COM031-24 KINGSWAY CARE FUNDRAISING DINNER - OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$5,000 to become a sponsor of the Kingsway Care Fundraising Dinner, Thursday 24 October 2024.

COM027-24 GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCHAL VISIT TO KOGARAH – EVENT GRANT
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 07:20pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 07:20pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Konjarski

That Council approves the event grant of \$17,000, to support the 'Greek Orthodox Patriarchal visit to Kogarah' on Wednesday 9 October 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficara, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, 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 Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers 7:21pm

CCL055-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12 August 2024

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV032-24 to ENV037-24 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 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.

ENV032-24 INVESTIGATION OF MISSED WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO RESOLVE

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That Council receive and note this report on missed waste bin collection services in the local government area.

ENV033-24 REVIEW OF E - WASTE EVENTS AND FUTURE COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENTS

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

- (a) That Council acknowledge the increasing demand for community recycling events and the pressure that it is placing on the Carlton Depot.
- (b) That Council rescind the decision to alternate community recycling events between Carlton and Mortdale Depots.
- (c) That Council delegate to the General Manager to determine the most suitable location to host community recycling events based on their expected demand.

ENV034-24 ZERO LITTER TO GEORGES RIVER - PROGRESS UPDATE REPORT 2024

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

- (a) That Council note the progress made towards Councils target of zero litter to Georges River originating from terrestrial locations above the high-water mark within the Georges River Local Government Area by 2030.
- (b) That Council note a litter target update report will continue to be provided every two years in line with Council's resolution dated 22 June 2020.

ENV035-24 DRAFT PRINCIPAL CERTIFIER COMPLAINTS POLICY 2024 - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

(Report by Business Improvement Officer)

That this item be deferred to the ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 26 August 2024 to seek clarification on item 2.3.4 of the Draft Policy.

ENV036-24 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING Q4 METRICS REPORT
(Report by Manager Development and Building)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Development and Building Section Functions and Services Metrics Report for the period April to June 2024.

ENV037-24 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR GATEWAY DETERMINATION - 84D ROBERTS AVENUE MORTDALE
(Report by Strategic Planner/Information Management)

- (a) Support the proposed amendment to Schedule 1 of the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021*;
- (b) Endorse the forwarding of the Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to request a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for an amendment to the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* by introducing medical centre as an additional permitted use on the land at 84D Roberts Avenue, Mortdale (Lot 21, DP 542051).

CCL056-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 12 August 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN030-24 to FIN031-24 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 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.

FIN030-24 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2024
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

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

FIN031-24 2023-24 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM CARRYOVERS
(Report by Senior Business Performance Accountant)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the proposed carryover of budgets from the 2023/24 Capital Works Program to be added to the 2024/25 Capital Works Program budget.
- (b) That Council adopt the revised 2024/25 Capital Works Program budget, including the carryovers from 2023/24, as outlined in Attachment 1.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers 7:22pm

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: Mayor Councillor Elmir

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:

- **CCL063-24: Audit, Risk an Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Annual Report to Council 2023-2024**

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 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.

CCL063-24 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Annual Report to Council 2023-2024
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Annual Report for the period 2023-2024 be received and noted.

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 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.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

CCL057-24 DEFERRED REPORT ENV035-24 Draft Principal Certifier Complaints Policy 2024 - Outcome of Public Exhibition
(Report by Business Improvement Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Council adopt the Draft Principal Certifier and Council Responsibilities Policy 2024 as attached to this report.
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to amend the Policy to incorporate Paragraph 26 of the report after Clause 2.3.4 of the Policy.

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 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.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL058-24 Report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 30 June 2024).

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (period up to and including 30 June 2024) be received and noted.

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 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.

CCL059-24 Review of Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy 2024 - Minor Amendments

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council note the minor amendments to the Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy 2022.
- (b) That Council adopt the draft Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (2024) with the minor amendments highlighted in the Attachment.

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 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.

CCL060-24 Code of Meeting Practice 2024 - Minor Amendments

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg,

- (a) That Council note the recommended minor amendments made to the Code of Meeting Practice 2022.
- (b) That Council adopt the draft Code of Meeting Practice 2024 with the below minor

amendments:

- (i) Remove reference to Advisory Committees on pages 2, 6 and 23 of the Code of Meeting Practice 2022; and
- (ii) Remove Schedule 4 of the Code of Meeting Practice 2022 as it references Advisory Committees.
- (c) That the Terms of Reference for the Floodplain Risk Management Committee and Sports Advisory Committee be updated to remove reference to the Code of Meeting Practice as their membership contains members other than Councillors.

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 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.

CCL061-24 Revised Georges River Council Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy (Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council endorse the Draft Georges River Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy 2024 as attached to this report.

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 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.

CCL062-24 Unaudited General Purpose Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

(Report by Chief Financial Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council note the ongoing improvement in Council's financial results while recognising that continued efforts are needed to achieve a positive operating performance ratio in future years.
- (b) That in accordance with clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act (NSW) 1993 (Act)*, it is the opinion of Council that:
 - (i) The Draft General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 have been drawn up in accordance with:
 - a. the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations;
 - b. the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Asset Accounting

Manual; and

- c. the Australian Accounting Standards.
 - (ii) The reports present fairly the Council's financial position and operating result for the year.
 - (iii) The Statements are in accordance with the Council's accounting and other records.
 - (iv) The Council is unaware of anything that would make the financial reports false or misleading in any way.
- (c) That in accordance with clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Section 413(2)(c) of the Act, Council authorises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign Council's General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.
- (d) That in accordance with Section 418(1)(a) of the Act, Council will present Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 at a scheduled Council meeting immediately after receipt of the Auditors Report and public notice in accordance with Section 418(1)(b), 418(2) and (3) of the Act.
- (e) That Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024, together with the Auditor's Reports are placed on public exhibition as per Section 418(4) of the Act and the necessary notice in the required form be published on Council's website and in the local newspapers and any submissions shall be dealt with as per Section 420 of the Act.
- (f) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to authorise the year end accounts for issue immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Report, a copy of the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 to the Office of Local Government, subject to there being no material audit changes or audit issues, in accordance with AASB 110.
- (g) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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 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 MOTION

NM073-24 Upgrade to Streetscapes of Narwee Shops
(Report by Councillor Smerdely)

RESOLVED: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Konjarski

That Council collaborate with Canterbury Bankstown Council to upgrade the streetscapes of Narwee shops.

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 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.

NM074-24 Congratulations to Oatley Rugby Union for hosting the NSW Junior Rugby Union Under 10's Development Carnival
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council congratulate Oatley Rugby Union on the successful NSW Junior Rugby Union's under 10's Development Carnival, their valuable contribution to the Georges River community and to the sport of Rugby Union in general.
- (b) That Council congratulates the Oatley RSL sub-branch on its 80-year milestone anniversary which was founded on 23 August 1944.

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 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.

NM075-24 Enhancing Parking Management in Hillcrest Avenue, Hurstville
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council investigates the current parking conditions along Hillcrest Avenue, Hurstville, between Woniora Road and Alma Street. This investigation will assess proposed improvements to lessen the impact of illegal parking on residents, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) Implementing morning Clearways on both sides of Hillcrest Avenue.
 - (ii) Expanding the Residential Parking Permit Area, which currently covers all neighbouring streets, to include Hillcrest Avenue.
 - (iii) Installing line markings on both sides of Hillcrest Avenue to clearly delineate parking zones and prevent vehicles from obstructing residential driveway access.
- (b) That any recommendations arising from the investigation will be reported to a future Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Konjarski

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM076-24 Traffic Matters - Peakhurst
(Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Smerdely

- (a) That Council investigates the following issues raised by residents in Hearne Street, Barry Street, Anderson Road, Blackshaw Avenue, Oates Road, Zela St, and Kendall St in Peakhurst/Mortdale:
 - (i) Car speeding and burnouts
 - (ii) Truck activities occurring very early in the morning and late at night
 - (iii) Noise disturbances from a gym playing loud music
 - (iv) Lack of street lighting
 - (v) Lack of footpaths
- (b) That any recommendations arising from this investigation are reported to Council, through the Traffic Advisory Committee as required, for future action. These actions may include:
 - (i) Installing speed calming measures such as speed humps and increased signage to deter speeding and burnouts.
 - (ii) Implementing and monitoring restrictions on truck activities during early morning and late-night hours to reduce noise and disturbance.
 - (iii) Engaging with the gym management and other relevant businesses to ensure compliance with noise regulations and consider soundproofing measures.
 - (iv) Work closely with enforcement such as the Local Police to help ensure local businesses are complying.
 - (v) Increasing the number of streetlights in the affected areas to improve safety and visibility.
 - (vi) Planning and constructing footpaths where needed to ensure pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Konjarski

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM077-24 Peakhurst Park Adventure Play Space
(Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Smerdely

That Council write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Minister Paul Scully, thanking him for the funding of \$110,000 for Peakhurst Park Adventure Play Space.

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 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.

NM078-24 Narwee Shopping Centre Economic Activation
(Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson

That Council develops a plan that includes opportunities to collaborate with Narwee Public School, local businesses and Canterbury-Bankstown Council to explore joint initiatives for economic activation.

The plan could include but not limited to:

- (i) Strategies to attract and support local businesses, including façade improvements and economic incentives.
- (ii) Community engagement activities and events to increase foot traffic and foster a sense of community.
- (iii) Trialling markets and other pop-up events to bring more visitors to the area and provide a platform for local producers, small businesses and artisans.

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 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.

NM079-24 St George Police Area Command - Speed Enforcement in Peakhurst
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That the General Manager writes to the Commander, St George Police Area Command, to request that increased speed enforcement patrols be implemented along:
 - (i) Forest Rd, Penshurst and Peakhurst;

- (ii) Belmore Rd and Isaac St, Peakhurst; and
- (iii) Henry Lawson Drive, Peakhurst. and

(b) That the data relating to speeding offences in these locations be provided to the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee in General Business.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Konjarski

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was fourteen (14) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM080-24 Congratulations Bridget Clark and Bienne Terita
(Report by Councillor Konjarski)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Smerdely

That Council congratulate local athletes Bridget Clark and Bienne Terita for representing Australia in the Rugby Sevens at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

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 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.

NM081-24 Reconstruction of new Facility at Carss Park - Options for Funding
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

MOTION: Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That, at the first Ordinary Meeting of the new term of Council, the General Manager provide a report to Councillors with options for delivering \$10 million in funding over the next three (3) financial years towards the reconstruction of the new aquatic facility at Carss Park, in support of the NSW Government's commitment to rebuild the pool at its existing site.

These options should include but are not limited to:

- (i) the re-prioritisation of existing capital works funding; and
- (ii) allocation of additional capital works funding towards this project.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra

That, on receipt of the detailed Business Case, costings, and commitment to co-fund from the NSW State Government and/or Federal Government, the General Manager provide a report to Councillors with options for delivering \$10 million in funding over the next three (3) financial years towards the construction of the new aquatic facility at Carss Park.

The report should include but not limited to:

- (i) Options for the re-prioritisation of existing capital works funding
- (ii) Options for the allocation of additional capital works funding towards this project.
- (iii) Impact on the Long-Term Financial Plan (LFTP) and any associated service delivery funding implications
- (iv) Financial Governance requirements for a contribution above the capital expenditure guidelines threshold.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington

Against the Amendment: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was eight (8) votes FOR and seven (7) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and become the MOTION.

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra

That, on receipt of the detailed Business Case, costings, and commitment to co-fund from the NSW State Government and/or Federal Government, the General Manager provide a report to Councillors with options for delivering \$10 million in funding over the next three (3) financial years towards the construction of the new aquatic facility at Carss Park.

The report should include but not limited to:

- (i) Options for the re-prioritisation of existing capital works funding
- (ii) Options for the allocation of additional capital works funding towards this project.
- (iii) Impact on the Long-Term Financial Plan (LFTP) and any associated service delivery funding implications
- (iv) Financial Governance requirements for a contribution above the capital expenditure guidelines threshold.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was twelve (12) votes FOR and three (3) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN023-24 Status of Transport Safety Review for Hurstville Education Precinct
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN024-24 Enforcement Procedures - Hillcrest Avenue Hurstville
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN025-24 Status of Beverly Hills Master Plan and Planning Proposal for 407-511 King Georges Road Beverly Hills
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN026-24 Unauthorised Selling of Goods on Council's Footpath
(Report by Councillor Liu)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN027-24 Roles and Responsibilities for Bus Stops within the LGA
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

QNN004-24 Questions asked at the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 August 2024

(Report by Councillor Symington)

Answer published in the business paper.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8:32pm

Chairperson

Item: CCL065-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024

Author: Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking

Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024, be adopted by Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee



CCL065-24

MINUTES

Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee

Tuesday, 03 September 2024

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS

Clr N Smerdely (Chairperson, Representing Georges River Council)
Mr M Coure (MP State Member for Oatley)
Mr L Crompton (Representing Mr C Minns, MP State Member for Kogarah)
Mr S Kshitij (Representing Transport for NSW) - Online
Senior Constable K Pinkerton (Representing St George Police Area Command)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Mr G Wong (St George Cabs) – Online
Acting Sergeant S Janjetovic (St George Police Area Command)

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL STAFF

Mr J Magee (Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)
Mr H Huynh (Coordinator Traffic and Transport)
Mr M Mahmud (Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)
Mr F Rios (Traffic Engineer)
Ms N Paraskevopoulos (Executive Services Officer)
Ms J Anderson (Executive Services Officer)
Ms S Liu (Personal Assistant, Manager Strategic Placemaking – Minutes)
Ms J Cassidy (Administration Officer)
Mr C Stojanovski (IMT Services – Technical)

ABSENT

Mr H Bongers (Coordinator Parking and Rangers)
Mr G Perivolarellis (Representing Mr S Kamper, MP State Member for Rockdale)
Mr A Pritchard (Transit Systems)
Mr R Primerano (U-GO Mobility Bus Company)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VOTING MEMBERS

Clr N Smerdely (Chairperson, Georges River Council)
Mr M Coure (MP State Member for Oatley), or their nominee
Mr C Minns (MP State Member for Kogarah), or their nominee
Mr S Kamper (MP State Member for Rockdale), or their nominee
Mr S Kshitij (Transport for NSW), or other representative
Senior Constable M Chaplin (St George Police Area Command (PAC)), or other representative

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

- Mr A Pritchard (Transit Systems)
- Mr R Primerano (U-GO Mobility Bus Company)
- Mr G Wong (St George Cabs)

OPENING

The Chair, Councillor Smerdely, opened the meeting at 10:03am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair, Councillor Smerdely 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 formal apologies for today's meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

TAC067-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2024
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – St George PAC	n/a	n/a
Representative for the Member for Kogarah	✓	
The Member for Oatley	n/a	n/a

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

The NSW Police St Georges PAC Representatives were not present at the previous meeting and therefore did not vote on this recommendation.

The Member for Oatley was not present at the previous meeting and therefore did not vote on this recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TAC068-24 Carroll Street, Beverley Park - Proposed 'No Stopping' Restrictions
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION:

That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the western side of Carrol Street, Beverley Park, as per the plan in the report.

Record of Voting

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – St George PAC	✓	

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

Note that the Representative for the Member for Rockdale provided support for this proposal via email outside of the Committee Meeting.

TAC069-24 Lugarno Parade, Lugarno - Proposed 'Mobility Parking' Space
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION:

That a 7m 'Mobility Parking' space be installed on the northern side of Lugarno Parade, Lugarno adjacent to Lugarno Public School, as per the plan in the report.

Record of Voting

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – St George PAC	✓	
The Member for Oatley	✓	

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

TAC070-24 Forest Road, Hurstville - Proposed 'Loading Zone' removal
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the existing 10m 'Loading Zone' between 6.00am to 8.00am, Monday to Sunday restriction be removed on the southern side of Forest Road, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.
- b) That the 10m 'Taxi Zone, All Other Times' restriction be converted to 'Taxi Zone' on the southern side of Forest Road, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.

Record of Voting

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – St George PAC	✓	
Representative for the Member for Kogarah	✓	

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

TAC071-24 Durham Street, Hurstville - Changes to parking restrictions
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That "1P, 9.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday" parking restrictions be installed on the northern side of Durham Street, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That "No Parking – Funeral Vehicles Excepted, Monday to Saturday" parking restrictions be installed fronting No. 118 Durham Street, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.
- (c) That "No Parking – 4pm to 11pm, 1st Hurstville Scout Group Excepted' parking restrictions be installed fronting No. 116 Durham Street, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.
- (d) That "Loading Zone – 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, 30-minute limit" parking restrictions be installed fronting No. 112 Durham Street, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.
- (e) That a 30m median island is constructed in the centre of Durham Street, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.
- (f) That a "Left Turn Only" sign is installed on Durham Street, Hurstville at the egress of the Woolworths driveway, and corresponding arrow line marking is installed within the driveway, as per the plan in the report.
- (g) That the raised threshold is reinstated along Durham Street, Hurstville on the eastbound lane, as per the plan in the report.

Record of Voting

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – St George PAC	✓	

Representative for the Member for Kogarah		✓
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The Committee supported the recommendation by majority vote.

Mr L Crompton discussed his concerns of the impact this report would make on small businesses, particularly for a local business owner who is having difficulty getting in and out of driveway for longer vehicles, time restrictions should also commence earlier in the morning to cater for the operation of small businesses.

CON048A-24 Belgrave Street, Kogarah - Kogarah Greek Orthodox Parish and Community Annual Fete & Greek Orthodox Church Patriarch Visit
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the request to close Belgrave Street, Kogarah between Post Office Lane and Kensington Street from 5am to 11pm, Sunday 29 September 2024, for the Annual Fete, be approved.
- (b) That the request to close Belgrave Street, Kogarah between Post Office Lane and Kensington Street from 5pm to 10pm, Wednesday 9 October 2024, for the Patriarch Visit, be approved.
- (c) That the event organiser consults with the impacted stakeholders to notify them accordingly of the proposed closures.
- (d) That the events are categorised as 'Class 3' Events.

Record of Voting

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – St George PAC	✓	
Representative for the Member for Kogarah	✓	

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 10:41am.

Chairperson

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Item: CCL066-24 Property Matter - Assignment of Lease - Parkside Drive Tennis Courts

Author: Strategic Property Officer

Directorate: Business and Corporate Services

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL066-24

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council consent to the assignment of the lease for Parkside Tennis Courts (Lot 1 in DP1217385) from Graeme Wardrop to Oleksandr Reipolskyi.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to sign all lease documentation associated with the proposed assignment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Parkside Tennis courts located at Parkside Drive, Carss Park (location plan provided in Attachment 1), is currently leased to Graeme Wardrop for a period of five (5) years (with no further option period) that terminates in June 2026. The existing tenant is seeking Council's consent to the assignment of the current lease for the remainder of the (approximately 21 month) term to Oleksandr Reipolskyi.
2. In accordance with Clause 4 of the General Manager's Instrument of Delegation (1 October 2022), approval of the Council is required before the lease for the Parkside Drive Tennis complex can be assigned.

BACKGROUND

3. On 6 June 2021 Council entered into a 5-year lease agreement with Graeme Wardrop for the Parkside Drive tennis complex on land described as Lot 1 in DP1217385. The lease has 21 months remaining (from September 2024) before it expires on 5 June 2026. There is no further option to renew.
4. Council has received advice from the existing tenant to assign the balance of the lease to Oleksandr Reipolskyi. In order to formalise this arrangement, Graeme Wardrop is seeking landlord consent for the assignment of the lease.
5. Under Clause 11 of the existing lease agreement, the tenant must obtain the landlord's (Council) written consent before the tenant assigns, sublets or deals with its interest in the Premises.
6. The application from Oleksandr Reipolskyi has been reviewed and in accordance with the lease agreement, Council can not unreasonably withhold consent to the assignment of lease.
7. As the lease expiration date approaches in June 2026, Council will offer the lease to the market via a competitive Expression of Interest process, in accordance with the community provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. Within budget allocation. Financial details associated with the lease are included in confidential attachment 2.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

9. Due to the assignee's limited financial history. Council will negotiate an increased security deposit to mitigate any potential financial risks.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

10. No Community engagement is required for this report.

FILE REFERENCE

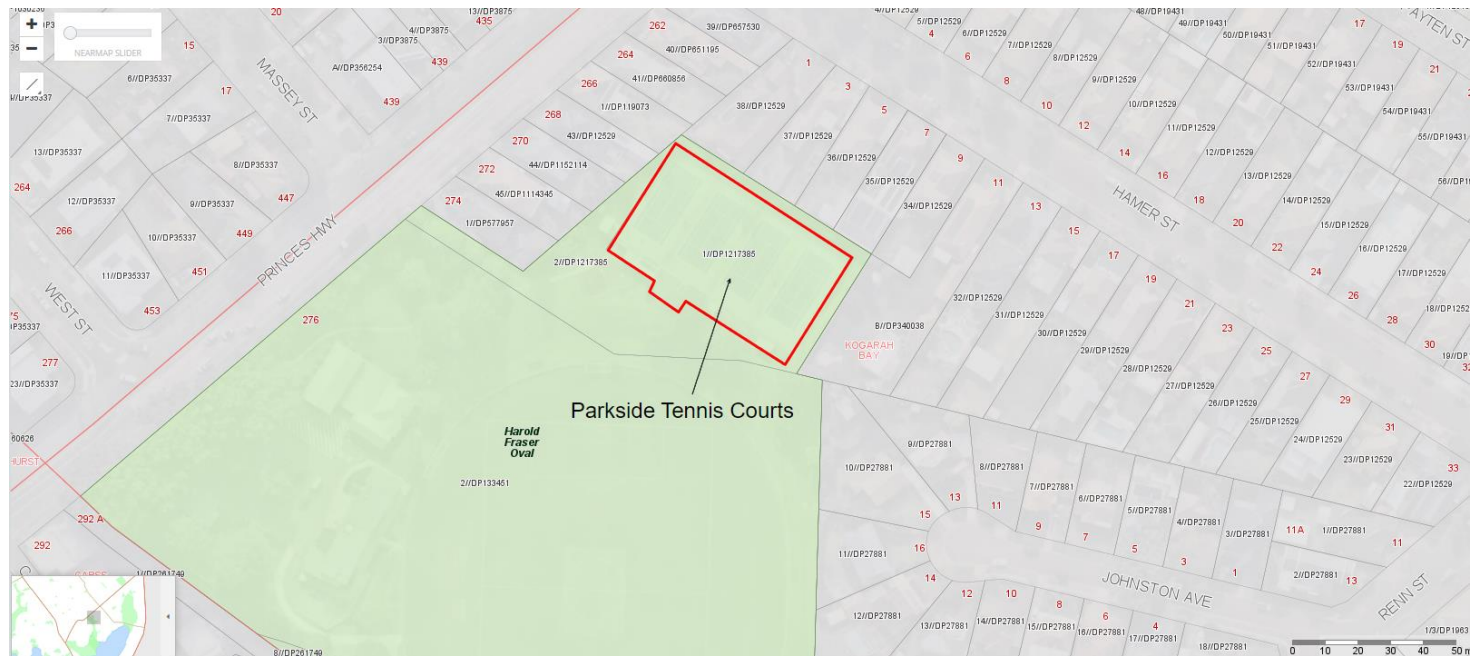
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Location Plan - Parkside Tennis Lease



Attachment 2 Registered lease AS253253 - Graeme Wardrop - Parkside Tennis Centre Carss Park - *published in separate document* (Confidential)



Attachment 1 to Council Report – Parkside Drive Tennis Courts – 9 September 2024

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Item: CCL067-24 Lease Option Renewal - Kogarah Historical Society Incorporated, Carss Cottage Museum, 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park

Author: Coordinator, Programming and Operations

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Community and Culture

CCL067-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the General Manager to enter a renewal option lease with Kogarah Historical Society Incorporated as per the Lease Terms and as further detailed within this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Kogarah Historical Society Incorporated (Inc) is a not-for-profit organisation currently occupying Council owned land identified as Part Folio 376 in Deposited Plan (DP) 1118749 known as Carss Cottage Museum, located at 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park. The land is classified as "Community Land". The Carss Cottage is heritage listed in the Georges River Council Local Environmental Plan 2021.
2. On 24 December 2021, the General Manager under delegated authority (CCL049-18) approved a three (3) year lease for the property to Kogarah Historical Society Inc between 13 December 2021 to 12 December 2024, with a further two (2) year option period between 13 December 2024 to 12 December 2026.
3. On 26 July 2024, the Kogarah Historical Society Inc requested to exercise their two (2) year option period between 13 December 2024 to 12 December 2026.
4. As the property is identified on the list of properties specified within Clause 4 of the Georges River Council Instrument of Delegation of Functions to General Manager, approval is sought from Council to delegate authority to the General Manager to enter a renewal Option Lease with Kogarah Historical Society Inc as per the terms further detailed within this report.

BACKGROUND

5. Kogarah Historical Society Incorporated (Inc) is a not-for-profit organisation currently occupying Council owned land identified as Part Folio 376 in Deposited Plan (DP) 1118749 known as Carss Cottage Museum, located at 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park. The land is classified as "Operational Land".
6. Kogarah Historical Society Inc held a ten (10) year Lease for the property known as Carss Cottage Museum, located at 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park, with the former Kogarah City Council. The lease commenced on 1 November 2010 and expired on 31 October 2020.
7. On 23 June 2021, an Expressions of Interest (EOI) process commenced seeking submissions from suitable not-for-profit organisations for the Lease of Carss Cottage Museum.
8. On 24 December 2021, the General Manager under delegated authority (CCL049-18) approved a three (3) year lease for the property to Kogarah Historical Society Inc between 13 December 2021 to 12 December 2024, with a further two (2) year option period between 13 December 2024 to 12 December 2026.

9. On 26 July 2024, the Kogarah Historical Society Inc requested to exercise their two (2) year option period between 13 December 2024 to 12 December 2026.
10. The property known as Carss Cottage Museum is a mid-Victorian single storey stone cottage, now reputed to be the oldest building in the municipality and rare in this part of Sydney. The occupation of the Kogarah Historical Society Inc at this location supports the uniqueness of the organisation's service by providing this historic Carss Park collection to the community.
11. Through extensive community consultation in the development of Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, it was identified that our community wants to celebrate, protect, and honour local heritage and history, as it fosters a sense of local belonging. Furthermore, this organisation's service is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan:
- Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.4 *Georges River area heritage and history is protected*, Strategy 1.4.1 which aims to encourage and promote heritage and history through collections, programs, heritage trails and protection policies.
12. As the property is identified on the list of properties specified within Clause 4 of the Georges River Council Instrument of Delegation of Functions to General Manager, approval is sought from Council to delegate authority to the General Manager to enter a renewal Option Lease with Kogarah Historical Society Inc as per the terms further detailed below:

Lessor	Georges River Council
Lessee	Kogarah Historical Society Incorporated (ABN 28 596 235 945)
Address	80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park NSW 2221 PO Box 367, Kogarah NSW 1485
Area	Building – 127 sqm
Rental	\$530.95 + GST
Increase	3.5% per annum + GST
Usage	Museum
Lease Term	Two (2) years
Lease Commencement	13 December 2024
Rent Commencement	13 December 2024
Lease Expiry	12 December 2026
Option to Renew	N/A
Guarantee/Bond	N/A
Legal Costs	Lessee to pay Council's reasonable legal costs
Special conditions	Subject to Council approval. Insurance – Lessee to keep a current policy covering public liability (\$20 million) noting the Lessor and interested party.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. Income of \$530.95 per annum + GST.
14. Increase of 3.5% per annum + GST.
15. A rental subsidy of \$22,869 per annum + GST will be applied to the lease.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

16. *Strategic Risk 3: Assets and Infrastructure identified.* Should Council resolve to decline to enter an Option Lease with Kogarah Historical Society Inc for the property known as Carss Cottage Museum, located at 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park as per the Lease terms, it will result in the reduction of community access to historic information and collections.
17. *Strategic Risk 7: Reputation identified.* Should Council resolve to decline to enter an Option Lease with Kogarah Historical Society Inc for the property known as Carss Cottage Museum, located at 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park as per the Lease terms, this may result in risk of Council's identity, brand and standing being negatively impacted.
18. *Strategic Risk 8: Statutory and Regulatory requirement/Ineffective governance identified.* This risk is considered and addressed by using the Community Lease and Licence Policy to mitigate compliance risk in assessing and awarding leases/licences for council owned/council operated land and properties.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

19. Community engagement was undertaken in the development of the Georges River Council Community Lease and Licence Policy (2024) which was adopted by Council on 22 July 2024 (CCL046-24).
20. As per section 4, items 4.1 and 4.2 of the Georges River Council Community Lease and Licence Policy (2024), notification of intent to grant Option Lease will be advertised on the Public Notices section of the Georges River Council website for a period of no less than 28 days, along with advertisement in the St George & Sutherland Shire Leader, and notice on the property.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/213336

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Item: NR002-24 Notice of Rescission - NM081-24 Reconstruction of new Facility at Carss Park - Options for funding

Councillor: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Ambihaipahar and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

MOTION:

That the decision in respect of Item No. NM081-24 Reconstruction of new Facility at Carss Park – Options for funding from Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 August 2024 be rescinded.

The resolution proposed to be rescinded reads as follows:

That, on receipt of the detailed Business Case, costings, and commitment to co-fund from the NSW State Government and/or Federal Government, the General Manager provide a report to Councillors with options for delivering \$10 million in funding over the next three (3) financial years towards the construction of the new aquatic facility at Carss Park.

The report should include but not limited to:

- (i) Options for the re-prioritisation of existing capital works funding
- (ii) Options for the allocation of additional capital works funding towards this project.
- (iii) Impact on the Long-Term Financial Plan (LFTP) and any associated service delivery funding implications
- (iv) Financial Governance requirements for a contribution above the capital expenditure guidelines threshold.

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

That, at the first Ordinary Meeting of the new term of Council, the General Manager provide a report to Councillors with options for delivering \$10 million in funding over the next three (3) financial years towards the reconstruction of the new aquatic facility at Carss Park, in support of the NSW Government's commitment to rebuild the pool at its existing site.

These options should include but are not limited to:

- (i) the re-prioritisation of existing capital works funding; and
- (ii) allocation of additional capital works funding towards this project

FILE REFERENCE

D24/238294

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION**Item: NM082-24 Tree Management Policy - Ibis Infestation****Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg**MOTION:**

That the Council update the Tree Management Policy to incorporate a new provision addressing Ibis infestations. This provision should allow for appropriate actions to help mitigate and discourage Ibis nesting in affected areas.

NM082-24

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 2: Our green environment, Goal 2.1 *Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment*, and Goal 2.3 *Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised*.

Council, at its meeting dated 13 May 2024, resolved to adopt the Revised Tree Management Policy. This included a renewed focus on the enhancement and management of trees to facilitate the delivery of the adopted canopy target. The Tree Management Policy involves an approach of practical tree retention with tree removal as the last resort and encouraging a diverse mix of appropriate tree species to maximise the sustainability and resilience of the urban forest across the local government area.

The Australian White Ibis (Ibis) is a wetland bird that is endemic to Australia that primarily live in inland parts of the East Australian Coast, inhabiting freshwater wetlands and breeding during periods of inland flooding. They are migratory birds and will travel great distances to find suitable habitat and places to breed.

There has been a gradual increase in the number of Ibis visiting the Sydney Basin, including the Georges River Council local government area over the past few decades. This has largely been due to drought, bushfires, and changes to land use. The Ibis has proven highly adaptable and resilient, feeding on human food sources from bins and food scraps, and nesting in trees and waterbodies across the local government area.

There are a range of issues associated with Ibis birds in the Georges River Council area including complaints associated with noise, smell, accumulation of excrement, aggressive behaviour, scattering of rubbish through public spaces, risks to public health and the displacement of other native fauna.

The Australian White Ibis is protected under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services Act 1974, making it a prosecutable offence under section 70 and 71 of the Act to harm or remove their nests. Under section 2 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, licences can be issued for actions in relation to harming or obtaining protected fauna to control native animals. Further, if protected native animals are shown to be a threat to human safety, damaging property and/or causing economic hardship, the National Parks and Wildlife Service may grant a licence to the owner or occupier of a property, to harm (e.g. cull or catch and release) the animals.

Council officers will investigate the suitability of additional provisions within the Tree Management Policy to address issues associated with Ibis throughout the Georges River

Council local government area, including the management of localised issues associated with Ibis birds for members of the community, reducing the impact of Ibis on the natural environment and infrastructure and options available to Council under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services Act 1974 and the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Recommendations resulting from the investigations will be provided to Council for consideration at a future Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/237780

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM083-24 National Tree Day Event - Pearce Avenue Reserve, Peakhurst

Councillor: Councillor Mahoney

MOTION:

- (a) That Council thank Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society, Council staff and volunteers for their contribution in making the 2024 National Tree Day event at Pearce Avenue Reserve, Peakhurst a success.
- (b) That Council note the invaluable contribution of Oatley Lions Club, who generously provided food and refreshments to those present.

NM083-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan Pillar 2 – Our Green Environment, Goal 2.3 - Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.

Planet Ark's National Tree Day started in 1996 and has subsequently grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event. Each year around 300,000 people volunteer their time to engage in environmental activities that enrich their communities for people and wildlife.

Members of the Georges River community were invited to participate in Council's National Tree Day event on Sunday, 28 July 2024 which included tree planting at Pearce Avenue Reserve, and a native plant giveaway from the Mortdale depot.

Council's biggest bush care event of the year enabled attendees to get hands-on and participate in the creation of a native plant corridor within the Georges River local government area, led by Council's Bushcare team.

The Georges River community turned out in force, making the planting day at Pearce Avenue Reserve, Peakhurst, a memorable and impactful event. Families, friends, and passionate locals got their hands dirty, planting hundreds of native trees, shrubs, and grasses to help rejuvenate our local environment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within 2024/25 budget allocation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/241195

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.

CCL050A-24 Lease Renewal - Crisis Accommodation - Kingsway Community Care Incorporated (Location Undisclosed)

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

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.

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