

# MINUTES

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## Council Meeting

Monday, 09 September 2024

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, Councillor Colleen Symington and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, General Counsel - James Fan, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Technology Services Officer.

### **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 ELVIN HONG FROM ST GEORGE'S HURSTVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH, 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**

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

That Councillor Mort join the meeting via Audio Visual Link.

### **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

## 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

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## DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

**Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg** declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL066-24 Property Matter - Assignment of Lease - Parkside Drive Tennis Courts** for the reason that her son has previously had tennis lessons at Parkside Drive Tennis Courts and she is known to the existing tenant.

**Councillor Mahoney** declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL065-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024** for the reason that he is acquainted with one of the non-voting members, as he was a former work colleague.

**Councillor Landsberry** declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL065-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024** for the reason that she lives near to the location identified in this report and I am a neighbour of the owner operators of 2 of the businesses impacted by the recommendation.

## PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Emily Han (In person)	CCL065-24 (TAC071-24)	Confirmation of the Minutes of GRC Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 03 September 2024  TAC071-24: Durham Street, Hurstville - Changes to parking restrictions
2	Bryant Greenberg (In person)	CCL065-24 (TAC071-24)	Confirmation of the Minutes of GRC Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 03 September 2024  TAC071-24: Durham Street, Hurstville - Changes to parking restrictions
3	Anthony El-Hazouri (Remotely)	CCL065-24 (TAC071-24)	Confirmation of the Minutes of GRC Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 03 September 2024  TAC071-24: Durham Street, Hurstville - Changes to parking restrictions
4	Garry McCarthy (In person)	NM082-24	Tree Management Policy – Ibis Infestation (Clr Borg)

5	Adrian Polhill (Remotely) – unable to contact speaker	NM083-24	National Tree Day Event – Pearce Avenue Reserve, Peakhurst (Clr Mahoney)
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### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### **CCL064-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2024**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Ficarra

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

#### **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.

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

(Report by Acting Manager Strategic Placemaking)

Note: It was noted Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL065-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024**

Note: It was noted Councillor Landsberry declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL065-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024**

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That the report for 'TAC071-24 Durham Street, Hurstville - Changes to parking restrictions' be deferred to allow for further investigation by Council officers prior to being submitted to a Councillor Briefing and future Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting for consideration.
- (b) That all other recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024, 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.

## MAYORAL MINUTE

**MM026-24 Acknowledgement to all Councillors and Georges River Council staff for their contributions in the 2021-2024 Council Term**  
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

**RESOLVED:** Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge and thank all Georges River Council staff for their work throughout the 2021-2024 Council term.
- (b) Acknowledge all Councillors who have served during the 2021-2024 Council term, for their collaborative approach to making decisions for the Georges River Community.

### 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.

## PROCEDURAL MOTION SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

**MOTION:** Councillor Katris

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow outgoing Councillors to address the Meeting.

### 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

There were no condolences for tonight's meeting.

## FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

**CCL066-24 Property Matter - Assignment of Lease - Parkside Drive Tennis Courts**  
(Report by Strategic Property Officer)

Note: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL066-24 Property Matter - Assignment of Lease - Parkside Drive Tennis Courts**

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski

- (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.

### 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.

## COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

**CCL067-24 Lease Option Renewal - Kogarah Historical Society Incorporated, Carss Cottage Museum, 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park**  
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Landsberry

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.

### 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.

## NOTICES OF RESCISSION

**NR002-24 Notice of Rescission - NM081-24 Reconstruction of new Facility at Carss Park - Options for funding**  
(Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Ambihaipahar and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg)

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

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.

### 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 Rescission Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Rescission Motion was CARRIED.

### NM081-24 Reconstruction of new Facility at Carss Park - Options for funding

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

That, at the first Ordinary Meeting of the new term of Council, the General Manager and the Director Business and Corporate Services 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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Liu left the Chambers at 08:50pm

### 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 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

#### NM082-24 Tree Management Policy - Ibis Infestation (Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Liu returned to the Chambers at 08:55pm

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

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.

### 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.

**NM083-24 National Tree Day Event - Pearce Avenue Reserve, Peakhurst**  
(Councillor Mahoney)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson

- (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.

**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.

**CCL050A-24 Lease Renewal - Crisis Accommodation - Kingsway Community Care Incorporated (Location Undisclosed)**  
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Smerdely

That Council approve the General Manager to enter a lease renewal with Kingsway Community Care Incorporated, Crisis Accommodation (location undisclosed) as per the Lease Terms identified within the confidential 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.

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 9:00pm

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Chairperson