

## **AGENDA**

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### **Assets and Infrastructure Committee**

**Monday, 10 February 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Waratah Room**

**Georges River 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.

## **ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 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.

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

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Item:** ASS001-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024

**Author:** Manager Office of the General Manager

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

ASS001-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024, be confirmed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024



# MINUTES

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## Assets and Infrastructure Committee

**Monday, 09 December 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Waratah Room**

**Georges River Civic Centre**

**Hurstville**





## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

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

### **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor, Ambihaipahar opened the meeting at 7.02pm.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, Councillor Ambihaipahar 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**

That an apology be accepted for Councillor Anzellotti.

**MOTION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

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

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

### **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

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

### **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.

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

**ASS030-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 November 2024**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Wang, Councillor Mort

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

### **Record of Voting**

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

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

**ASS031-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2024**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2024, be confirmed.

### **Record of Voting**

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

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

Note: The following Question with No Notice was asked by Councillor Pun with regard to TAC096-24 : 73 Ponyara Road Beverly Hills.

Q1. Could Council officers provide further details on whether this is a work zone or what the proposed work zone is in relation to?

## **CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 7.06pm



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Chairperson, Ashvini  
Ambihaipahar

(in accordance with Clause 18.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, these Minutes have been signed by the Chairperson of the 10 December 2024 meeting)

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Item:** **ASS002-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2024**

**Author:** Manager Strategic Placemaking

**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2024, are submitted to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee for consideration and to Council for adoption.


**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2024 are submitted to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee for consideration and to Council for adoption.
2. At the meeting of Council on 24 September 2018, the establishment of the Georges River Council Floodplain Risk Management Committee (The Committee) was approved by Council. The Committee provides important links to state agencies, key stakeholders, and the community. The purpose of the Committee is to assist Council in reducing the risk to life and property from riverine and overland flooding across the Georges River Council Area.
3. The Georges River Council Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting was held on 10 December 2024 allowing members to attend in-person and/or via Teams. Minutes of this meeting are now submitted to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee for consideration and for adoption by Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. Council has allocated the required budget to complete the studies outlined within this report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1  Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2024

## MINUTES

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### Floodplain Risk Management Committee

Tuesday, 10 December 2024

2:00 PM

Dragon Room  
Georges River Council Civic Centre  
Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## Present

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson)  
Mr David Grasby (Sydney Water, Senior Planner) - Online  
Ms Angela Halcrow (DCCEEW), Senior Natural Resource Officer)  
Mr Sadeq Zaman (DCCEEW), Floodplain Engineer) - Online  
Ms Shelly Stingmore (SES, Coordinator Planning Strategic Risk Metro Zone) - Online  
Mr Nicholas Sharpe (SES, Planning and Research Officer) - Online  
Ms Feiya He (Canterbury Bankstown Council, Catchment Management Planner) - Online  
Mr Aaron Biffin (Stormwater and Floodplain Engineer, Bayside Council) - Online  
Mr Andrew Latta (GRC, Director Assets and Infrastructure)  
Ms Hayley Barnes (GRC, Manager Strategic Placemaking)  
Ms Catherine McMahon (GRC, Manager Strategic Planning) - Online  
Mr Pulak Saha (GRC, Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)  
Mr Rabi Pokharel (GRC, Stormwater Assets Officer)  
Mr Firoz Ahmed (GRC, Senior Development Engineer) - Online

## Not Present

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP –

Mr Erin Sellers (Community Representative)  
Mr Peter Cinque (SES, Senior Manager Emergency Risk Management)  
Ms Priyani Jayaweera (GRC, Principal Development Engineer)  
Mr Hooman Khakzad (Canterbury Bankstown Council, Team Leader Asset Planning-Stormwater)

### NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Seenithamby Paramanandarajah (GRC, Asset Coordinator) - Online  
Mr Hans Kluadass (Manager City Operational Services)  
Ms Carine Elias (Manager Development and Building) - Online  
Mr Isac Kim Consultant KBR  
Mr Josh Edgerton Consultant KBR

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

Ms Nickie Paras (Executive Services Officer)  
Ms Rachelle McGrath (Executive Assistant to Director Assets and Infrastructure – Minutes)  
Ms Katerina Popovska (PA to Manager Strategic Placemaking)  
Mr Chris Stojanovski (IMT Services – Technical)

## CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Quorum for this meeting requires three voting members to be present.

## OPENING

The Chair, Councillor Jamieson, opened the meeting at 2.05pm.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

## VOTING MEMBERS

Voting members of the Committee will comprise of the following:

- One nominated Councillor to act as Chairperson, or their alternative
- One nominated NSW State Emergency Services Representative – Shelly Stingmore, Nicholas Sharpe (only 1 can vote)
- One nominated Community Representative – Erin Sellers
- One nominated Representative Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) – Angela Halcrow, Sadeq Zaman (only 1 can vote)
- One nominated member per neighbouring Council (voting is only applicable in relation to matters impacting their Council) – will be advised on the day

## APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

I have an apology from Mr Erin Sellers (Community Representative).

**MOTION:** Member Angela Halcrow - DCCEEW, Senior Natural Resource Officer, Member Shelly Stingmore - SES, Coordinator Planning Strategic Risk Metro Zone

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Representative SES, Representative DCCEEW, Representative Canterbury Bankstown, Representative Bayside

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

## NOTICE OF RECORDING OF COMMITTEE MEETING

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## CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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## DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

**Councillor Jamieson** disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in all items **FRMCC007-24 to FRMCC009-24**, for the reason that she lives in the Mortdale area. Councillor Jamieson will remain in the meeting and take part in the considerations on these items.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**FRMCC007-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 1 August 2024**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Member Sharp - SES Planning and Research Officer, Member Zaman - DCCEEW Floodplain Engineer

That the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 1 August 2024, be confirmed.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Representative SES, Representative DCCEEW, Representative Canterbury Bankstown, Representative Bayside

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FRMCC008-24 Update on Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study**  
(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Member Zaman - DCCEEW Floodplain Engineer, Member Sharp - SES Planning and Research Officer

(a) That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd on the progress of the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Flood Study.

(b) That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the attached revised Stage 2 Report for the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Flood Study.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Representative SES, Representative DCCEEW

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

**FRMCC009-24 Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards - Grant Update**  
(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Member Sharp - SES Planning and Research Officer, Member Halcrow - DCCEEW Senior Natural Resource Officer

That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the update on recent flood risk management grants awarded to the Georges River Council.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Representative SES, Representative DCCEEW

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

NIL

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 2.45pm

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Chairperson

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**Item:**            **ASS006-25   Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2025**

**Author:**        Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:**   Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:**   Previous Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2025, be confirmed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1   Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2025



**ASS006-25**

## MINUTES

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### Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee

Wednesday, 05 February 2025

10:00 AM

Dragon Room  
Civic Centre  
Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

## **PRESENT**

### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Deputy Mayor Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson)  
Mr M Coure (MP State Member for Oatley)  
Mr L Crompton (Representing Member for Kogarah)  
Mr S Kshitij (Representing Transport for NSW)

### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Mr G Wong - St George Cabs – Attended Online  
Jessica Ung (Representing M Coure, MP for Oatley)

### **GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL STAFF**

Mr A Latta (Director, Assets & Infrastructure)  
Ms H Barnes (Manager Strategic Placemaking)  
Ms Q Liu (Coordinator Traffic and Transport)  
Ms N Paraskevopoulos (Executive Services Officer)  
Mrs K Popovska (Personal Assistant, Manager Strategic Placemaking – minutes)  
Mr M Tadros (IMT Services – Technical)  
Mr C Stojanovski (IMT Services – Technical)  
Ms Vesta (Traffic Engineer, Temporary)  
Mr Rios (Traffic Engineer)  
Mr Mahmud (Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)  
Ms E Ballesty (Coordinator Environmental Sustainability & Waste)

## **ABSENT**

St George Local Area Command  
Mr H Bongers (Coordinator Parking and Rangers)  
Ms S Ortado (Representing Member for Rockdale)

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson)  
Mr M Coure (MP State Member for Oatley)  
Ms S Ortado (Representing Member for Rockdale)  
Mr L Crompton (Representing Member for Kogarah)  
Mr S Kshitij (Transport for NSW)

Senior Constable Z Xu (St George Local Area Command)

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

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

**OPENING**

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 10:08 AM

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. 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**

St George Local Area Command

**NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**TAC001-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2024**  
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2024, be confirmed.

**Record of Voting**

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council (Chair)	X	
Transport for NSW	X	
NSW Police – St George PAC	ABSENT	

Member for Kogarah	<b>X</b>	
Member for Oatley	<b>X</b>	
Member for Rockdale	<b>ABSENT</b>	

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TAC002-25 Amendments to "No Parking" Restrictions - Various Locations**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the existing 'No Parking' restriction signage be amended at the following locations:

- a) Romani Avenue, Hurstville
- b) Edna Avenue, Penshurst
- c) Myerla Crescent, Connells Point
- d) Marie Dodd Crescent, Blakehurst
- e) Othello Street, Blakehurst
- f) Terry Street, Connells Point
- g) Levett Avenue, Beverly Hills
- h) Larkhill Avenue, Riverwood

to reflect the waste collection days and times associated with the new waste collection contract as outlined within this Report.

**Record of Voting**

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council (Chair)	<b>X</b>	
Transport for NSW	<b>X</b>	
NSW Police – St George PAC	<b>ABSENT</b>	
Member for Kogarah	<b>X</b>	
Member for Oatley	<b>x</b>	
Member for Rockdale		

**TAC003-25 Patrick Street, Hurstville - Remove "Mobility Parking" Space**  
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the existing "Mobility Parking" space located outside No.190 Patrick Street, Hurstville be removed.

**Record of Voting**

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council (Chair)	<b>X</b>	

Transport for NSW	<b>X</b>	
NSW Police – St George PAC	<b>ABSENT</b>	
Member for Kogarah	<b>x</b>	
Member for Oatley		
Member for Rockdale		

**TAC004-25 Proposed 'No Parking - Electric Vehicles Excepted Only While Charging (limit 1 hour)' restrictions - Various locations**  
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the installation of 'No Parking – Electric Vehicles Excepted only while charging (limit 1 hour)' restrictions by JOLT be supported, at Morotai Avenue Riverwood, adjacent to property No. 293.

**Record of Voting**

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council (Chair)	<b>X</b>	
Transport for NSW	<b>X</b>	
NSW Police – St George PAC	<b>ABSENT</b>	
Member for Kogarah	<b>x</b>	
Member for Oatley		
Member for Rockdale		

**TAC005-25 Oatley Avenue, Oatley - Proposed upgrade to a Raised Pedestrian Crossing**  
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That an existing at-grade pedestrian crossing be converted into a raised pedestrian crossing on Oatley Avenue, Oatley, adjacent to Neville Street, as per the attached plan.

**Record of Voting**

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council (Chair)	<b>X</b>	
Transport for NSW	<b>X</b>	
NSW Police – St George PAC	<b>ABSENT</b>	
Member for Kogarah		
Member for Oatley	<b>X</b>	
Member for Rockdale		

**TAC006-25 Stuart Street and Joseph Street Roundabout, Blakehurst - Proposed upgrade to Refuge Islands and Speed Cushions**  
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That an existing roundabout be upgraded with refuge islands and speed cushions at the Stuart Street and Joseph Street, Blakehurst as per the attached plan.

**Record of Voting**

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council (Chair)	x	
Transport for NSW	X	
NSW Police – St George PAC	ABSENT	
Member for Kogarah	X	
Member for Oatley		
Member for Rockdale		

**TAC007-25 Palmerston Street and Victor Street, Kogarah - Upgrade existing at-grade crossings to raised pedestrian crossings**  
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the existing two at-grade pedestrian crossings be converted into raised pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Palmerston Street and Victor Street, Kogarah, adjacent to St George Girls High School, Kogarah, as per the attached plan.

**Record of Voting**

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council (Chair)	X	
Transport for NSW	X	
NSW Police – St George PAC	ABSENT	
Member for Kogarah	x	
Member for Oatley		
Member for Rockdale		

**TAC008-25 Chemical Clean Out & E-Waste Event - Mortdale Depot**  
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

- a) That the Traffic Guidance Scheme TCP 2536 prepared for the Chemical Clean Out and E-Waste weekends at the Mortdale Depot be approved to be implemented on various weekends.
- b) That “No Right Turn” signs be installed on Depot Road, Mortdale during the Chemical Clean Out and E-Waste weekends in Mortdale Depot.
- c) That the “No Stopping” restriction along the northern side of Roberts Avenue be extended to allow unhindered flow of traffic between Isaac Street and Depot Road, Mortdale during Chemical Clean Out and E-Waste weekends at Mortdale Depot.



- d) That Council’s Waste Services section notify all affected residents of the road closures prior to the scheduled Chemical Clean Out and E-Waste weekends at either of Council’s Depots.

**Record of Voting**

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council (Chair)	X	
Transport for NSW	X	
NSW Police – St George PAC	ABSENT	
Member for Kogarah		
Member for Oatley	x	
Member for Rockdale		

**TAC009-25 Modification to 'Mail Zones' - Various Locations**  
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the existing ‘Mail Zone’ signs at the following locations be removed and be converted to the original restrictions:

- a) 496 Forest Road, Penshurst (State Road)
- b) 70 Bonds Road, Peakhurst
- c) 36 Old Forest Road, Lugarno
- d) 81 Hillcrest Avenue, Hurstville Grove
- e) 79 Edgbaston Road, Beverly Hills
- f) 39 Ponyara Road, Beverly Hills.

**Record of Voting**

Voting Member	Support	Object
Georges River Council (Chair)	X	
Transport for NSW	X	
NSW Police – St George PAC	ABSENT	
Member for Kogarah	X	
Member for Oatley	X	
Member for Rockdale		

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 10:27 AM

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Chairperson

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Item:** ASS003-25 Water Splash/Play Pad in the Georges River LGA**Author:** Manager Strategic Placemaking**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure**Matter Type:** Committee Reports**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report identifying suitable locations for a future Water Splash/Play Pad in the Georges River local government area is received and noted.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. At the February 2024 meeting, Council resolved the following:
  - (a) *That the General Manager provide a report to Council identifying locations which may be suitable for a future splash play. This report should be high level, utilising existing strategies, plans and community consultation.*
  - (b) *That the General Manager write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces seeking funding to undertake a detailed feasibility study and concept design for a splash play area within the Georges River LGA focusing on options highlighted in the General Managers report.*
2. This report has been written to align with the Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, particularly Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Strategy 4.5.1: *Provide new and upgraded community assets and services to the LGA*, and other key Council documents including the **Open Space, Recreation, and Community Facilities Strategy 2019 -2036**, Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Strategy 2023, as well as Master Plans and Spatial Frameworks.
 

It also provides a high-level feasibility assessment of locations which may be suitable for the creation of a community water splash/ play pad area.
3. A future Water Splash/Play Pad area aims to meet a growing demand for safe, fun, and inclusive water play spaces in the community. Water Splash/Play Pads have become increasingly popular, offering the community engaging and refreshing recreational options, especially during warmer months.
4. The locations highlighted in this report are strategically positioned to enhance the recreational offerings and assets which exist in proximity. Locations are based on a high-level assessment undertaken by Council officers using current strategies, best practice for water play assets and an understanding of the local area. The highlighting of these locations does not exclude others which may be identified by industry experts and or other stakeholders as suitable. A detailed feasibility study of these locations as well as other potential locations is required.
5. Locations identified for further investigations include:
  - (a) Future Carss Park Aquatic facility
  - (b) Hurstville Aquatic and Leisure Centre/ Penshurst Park
  - (c) San Souci Park

## (d) Peakhurst Park

6. The General Manager will write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces seeking funding to undertake a detailed feasibility study and concept design for a splash play area at the locations identified in this report following the February Council meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

7. A future Water Splash/Play Pad area aims to meet a growing demand for safe, fun, and inclusive water play spaces in the community. Water and splash play areas have become increasingly popular in NSW, offering the community engaging and refreshing recreational options, especially during warmer months.
8. The NSW Department of Planning has developed guidelines to ensure these types of spaces are safe, accessible, and enjoyable for all. Their "Everyone Can Play – Water Play" document provides comprehensive information on designing inclusive water play environments.
9. Based on Georges River Councils current asset portfolio and funding requirements to maintain and renew existing assets, Council officers consider water play assets a non-essential community asset, however given the rising temperatures and increased demand for new and exciting recreation spaces, their popularity is rising and planning for these types of assets is increasing in importance.
10. Council records show that a total of 6 requests from 2018, including NM002-24 have been formally lodged requesting water splash park/ play area.
11. Key considerations for the implementation of Water Play based on the "Everyone Can Play – Water Play" document:

**Water Depth and Safety**

- **Drowning Risks:** Any water depth poses a drowning risk, with increased risk for depths up to 300 mm. Fencing is legally required for water over 300 mm deep. Designs should ensure water drains freely to prevent pooling.
- **Water Quality:** Splash parks with water features intended for recreational bathing are classified as swimming pools under the NSW Public Health Act, necessitating regular water quality testing and safety measures. Using potable water can reduce testing requirements.

**Design and Accessibility**

- **Inclusive Design:** Water play spaces should be accessible to all, including individuals with disabilities. This involves considering surface materials, accessible pathways, and diverse play elements catering to various age groups and abilities.
- **Amenities:** Supporting amenities such as accessible toilets, seating, picnic areas, shade, and ample parking enhance the user experience and accommodate high visitation rates

**Water Management Systems**

- **Potable Water:** Supplied through mains, similar to residential water. Requires proper drainage into garden beds, stormwater, or sewer systems.
- **Reticulated Water:** Involves collecting, treating (via UV or chemicals), and reusing water. Common in splash parks, with systems topped up by potable water as needed. Requires stormwater diverters to prevent contamination during non-use periods.

12. Based on the points outlined above, Council officers recommend the following sites be explored through a detailed, State funded, feasibility assessment:
- (a) Future Carss Park Aquatic facility
  - (b) Hurstville Aquatic and Leisure Centre/ Penshurst Park
  - (c) San Souci Park
  - (d) Peakhurst Park

13. Assessment information:

Site:	Opportunities:
Future Carss Park Aquatic facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New facility opportunity</li> <li>• Supporting amenities will be available</li> <li>• Aquatic facility designed to support inclusivity and accessibility</li> <li>• Opportunity to share infrastructure, including water treatment systems, drainage and pumping systems</li> <li>• Many case studies in Sydney including Sutherland Leisure Centre and Randwick's Des Renford Leisure Centre.</li> </ul>
Hurstville Aquatic and Leisure Centre/ Penshurst Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting amenities available</li> <li>• High visitation rates</li> <li>• Opportunity to share infrastructure, including water treatment systems, drainage and pumping systems</li> <li>• Many case studies in Sydney including Sutherland Leisure Centre and Randwick's Des Renford Leisure Centre.</li> </ul>
San Souci Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting amenities available</li> <li>• Opportunity to share infrastructure, including water treatment systems, drainage and pumping systems</li> <li>• Large open space which co-location potential, minimal impact of existing uses of the site.</li> </ul>
Peakhurst Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some supporting amenities available</li> <li>• Large open space with co-location potential, may be some impact of existing uses of the site.</li> <li>• Western portion of the LGA lacks comparable access to an aquatic facility. This is an</li> </ul>

	opportunity to address access issues.
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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

14. No budget impact for this report.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D24/358186

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

ASS003-25

**Item:** **ASS004-25 Verge Maintenance Seaforth Avenue off Gungah Bay Road Oatley**

**Author:** Manager Strategic Placemaking

**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

ASS004-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council note that on 22 January 2025, one-time maintenance was undertaken on the verge of Seaforth Avenue and Gungah Bay Road, Oatley.
- (b) That Council officers contact the resident of 12 Gungah Bay Road and support them to connect with any appropriate community services that provide assistance in maintaining verge/nature strips.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. At the December 2024 meeting, Council resolved that the General Manager provide a future report to the February 2025 Council Meeting to identify whether Council can maintain the large verge on Seaforth Avenue off Gungah Bay Road, Oatley.
2. This report acknowledges the one-time maintenance of the site, carried out on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. This work involved removal of sticks and debris/ general tidy, mowing of the grass, brush cutting around the nature strip and trees and blowing out the gutter. This work was carried out by the City Operational Services team, taking two hours at an approximate cost of \$500.
3. Should the same work be required monthly, this service would cost approximately \$6,000 per year.
4. In the absence of a Verge Maintenance Policy, Councils position is that it is the responsibility of the property owner/resident to maintain the nature strips directly outside their house. This includes front, side and rear grassed nature strips.
5. Should Council resolve this report, the next step is Councils Community Capacity Team will support the resident's referral to appropriate community services that are better placed to support the resident ongoing.

**BACKGROUND**

6. The verge referred to in this report is approximately 850m<sup>2</sup> and contains five, large, mature Eucalyptus Tallow wood trees. The verge is directly outside three properties.
7. Whilst there is no legislation that governs the responsibility of the maintenance of nature strips, it is neither feasible nor operationally viable for Council to maintain all nature strips adjacent to properties across the entire local government area. For this reason, Council relies on and appreciates the goodwill of its residents to maintain their own nature strips in order to contribute to the aesthetic of the local neighbourhood and the overall beautification of the local government area.
8. There is approximately 1000 km of verge within the Georges River Local Government Area. The cost to Council associated with the maintenance of verges as a service exceeds \$2 million per annum, excluding associated equipment and fleet capital purchases.
9. Currently, if a resident contacts Council requesting the maintenance of a verge the following response is provided; *Nature strips are the Council-owned land located between*

*the constructed road and private property. It is the responsibility of the property owner/resident to maintain the nature strips directly outside their house. This includes front, side and rear grassed nature strips. Where there is an instance of an overgrown nature strip, Council will contact the property owners and direct them to tend to the nature strip as soon as possible and maintain it on a regular basis.*

*Contact details for a number of organisations that provide options for senior residents to assist with basic garden and lawn mowing assistance are provided below. Assistance is subject to eligibility criteria and further information can be found on Georges River Council's website at: <https://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Community/Our-Community/Older-People/Services-for-Seniors>*

- *My Aged Care 1800 200 422 or [www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)*
- *Better Connected Community Services Inc. 1800 864 846*
- *Uniting Home Maintenance and Modifications 1800 486 484*
- *Baptist Care 1300 275 227*
- *Life Without Barriers 1800 935 483*
- *Southern Cross Care 1800 632 314*

10. NM102-24 also resolved to develop a Verge Management Policy:

- i. To include a comprehensive approach that outlines responsibilities in managing and maintaining street verges across the local government area (LGA).
- ii. To address factors such as, but not limited to:
  - The size and location of verges.
  - Difficulty factors such as exposed tree roots, steep inclines, and high traffic areas.
  - Environmental considerations, including the suitability of native plantings and water conservation practices.
  - Other relevant policies and programs, such as the Verge Garden Program.
- iii. To ensure feedback from residents, stakeholders, and experts in environmental sustainability, such as Oatley Flora and Fauna, are considered and incorporated.

11. The development of this Policy will occur in the 25/26 financial year.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. Within budget allocation. Works cost approximately \$500 and were carried out by the City Operational Services Business Unit

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

13. Council's Community Capacity team will contact the resident of 12 Gungah Bay Road and support them to connect with any appropriate community services that provide assistance in maintaining verge/nature strips.

## **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/11256

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil





**Item:** ASS005-25 Oatley Park Baths Amenities Building Upgrades  
**Author:** Manager City Technical Services  
**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure  
**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the report outlining the design options and costings for the Oatley Baths Amenities Building Upgrades is received and noted.
- (b) That a future budget bid for the detailed design of the Oatley Park Baths Promenade, Seawall, Wharf, Swimming Area and Amenities Building, known as the Oatley Park Baths Precinct, be included in the 2026-2027 Capital Works Program.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. Council resolved in May 2023 (NM020-23 Oatley Park Baths Amenities Building – Interior Refurbishment and Accessibility Upgrades) to undertake an investigation into the internal upgrades of the Oatley Park Baths Amenities.
2. City Technical Services has undertaken this investigation, including community consultation with user groups, to determine capacity and cost to upgrade the existing buildings to meet current standards and expectations of use.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Constructed in 1957, the amenities block at the Oatley Park Baths are used as clubrooms by the Oatley Amateur Swimming Club with separate wings containing men's and women's changing rooms, showers, and toilets.
4. The current condition of the Oatley Baths Amenities is considered 'good'. This is based on the useful life of the building components. It is important to note that components of buildings such as structure and sub structure of long useful lives (60 years minimum). Although the building is overall rated good, other factors such as accessibility and industry norms do not currently feature in this assessment.
5. Investigations identified that while the amenity block appears structurally consistent with the condition rating, the internals are tired and do not meet current standards and site expectations.
6. Community consultation was undertaken as part of this investigation to understand the uses and infrastructure demands of user groups including Oatley Amateur Swimming Club (OASC).
7. Concept designs were developed for two internal refurbishment options of the Oatley Park Baths Amenities Building. These options were focused on upgrading internal features including tiles, fixtures, fittings and minor joinery to improve amenity of use. The second option included additional drainage and minor ramp construction to improve access, however, there remains no capacity to make the existing building Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant, meeting current standards for accessibility and inclusivity.
8. An independent Cost Estimate was developed on each of the concept designs by a suitably qualified Quantity Surveyor to provide insight into the Capital cost to upgrade the amenity building as identified above. Table 1 presents the costs of the design options.

Table 1. Oatley Park Baths Amenity Building Upgrade Concepts and Costings		
Design Option	Inclusions	Cost (ex GST)
Option 1	<u>Amenities Changerooms Only.</u> Upgrade to all internal features including tiles, bench seating, hand basin, urinal and WC, installation of shower partitions.	\$483,785.00
Option 2	<u>Amenities Changerooms, Clubroom and Minor External Upgrades.</u> Option 1 inclusions, plus joinery in OASC clubroom, access ramping to clubroom, building drainage improvements associated with roof and surrounds.	\$719,279.00

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9. The June 2024 Oatley Park Plan of Management and Masterplan identifies actions for the Oatley Park Baths and associated infrastructure including:
  - (a) Point 21: Oatley Baths Promenade and Sea Wall - Undertake structural coastal engineering investigation to outline recommendations and prioritisations to guide sea wall and promenade surface repairs as required. Investigate feasibility of installation of electric BBQ near amenities block.
  - (b) Point 22: Oatley Baths Amenities Block - Undertake Architectural Concept Design to investigate potential upgrades including improvements to toilets (provide disabled toilet facility), showers, change room and meeting room (to ensure facilities meet current Australian Standards and relevant accessibility standards). Investigate feasibility of installation of telecommunications, motion-sensor LED lighting, shade awning to front of amenities block facade, and additional lockable storage facility.
  - (c) Point 23: Oatley Baths Swimming Area - Undertake structural coastal engineering investigation to outline recommendations for improvements to access stairs to improve accessibility (with non-slip surface treatment), turning board (lower portion for kick-offs). Regular inspections and repairs of swimming nets, piles and pontoons as required.
  - (d) Point 25: Oatley Baths Concrete Wharf (north side) - Undertake coastal engineering investigation to explore feasibility of new pedestrian access stairs/handrails into Baths area for swimming. Undertake geotechnical and structural engineering for elevated stairs providing pedestrian connection from lower foreshore to Jew fish Bay Walking Track, as per 'Georges River Foreshore Access and Improvement Plan' recommendations (2021).
  - (e) Point 26: Oatley Baths Concrete Wharf (south side) - Undertake coastal engineering investigation to outline recommendations and methodology to remove risk from sharp submerged ledge.
10. The Plan of Management and Masterplan demonstrate future focus on the redevelopment of the Oatley Park Baths foreshore and associated infrastructure which would enable a greater investigation into the design and construction of DDA compliant amenities and community facilities.
11. The approach to wholistically redevelop Oatley Park Baths would ensure greater community accessibility, amenity and safety for visitors and regular groups/association, while enabling the same foreshore eco-engineering practices utilised at other Georges River Council foreshore parks to be integrated into the design.
12. This is a more cost-effective approach compared to the allocation of significant funds to undertake minor/non-compliant improvements to the existing building.

13. It is therefore proposed that the design of the Oatley Park Baths Promenade, Seawall, Wharf, Swimming Area and Amenities Building, known as the Oatley Park Baths Precinct, be integrated into one project and identified within a future Capital Works Program.
14. The construction of these designs would be staged in future Capital Works Programs as funding and resources become available.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

15. No budget impact for this report. The allocation of funding to this project would be identified within a future Capital Works Program.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

16. Strategic Risk 1 – Financial Sustainability: It would be financially unsustainable to undertake minor upgrades to internal features, for significant capital expenditure (approximately \$480,000 - \$719,000), when future large-scale upgrades to the Oatley Park Baths Precinct have been identified.
17. Strategic Risk 3: Assets and Infrastructure: A need to undertake future works associated with the upgrade of the Oatley Park Baths Precinct has been identified to meet the evolving needs and expectations of the community, particularly in terms of quality, capacity, and resilience.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

18. Community consultation was undertaken as part of this investigation to understand the uses and infrastructure demands of user groups. Oatley Amateur Swimming Club (OASC) provided information which was utilised in the development of the investigation concepts.
19. Broader community consultation will be undertaken as part of any future Oatley Park Baths Precinct design project.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/15163

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil