

MINUTES

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 22 May 2025

6:00 PM

**Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville**



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos (Chairperson),
Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Alternate Chairperson),
Councillor Natalie Mort,

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Ray Barbi – St George Basketball Association,
Jeffrey Barrett – St George Cycling Club,
Ross Bernays – Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club,
Sean Brohier – Football de Brazil,
Julian Finch – Connells Point Netball,
Kevin Greene – Cricket NSW,
Nicholas Smerdely – Football St George,
Scott Henderson – St George Touch Association,
Scot Holmes - St George OZTAG
Jeff Killick – Southern Sydney Rugby League,
Darryl Lane – St George Little Athletics Club,
Warren Driscoll – St George Rugby League Football Club,
Mark Smith – Swimming Metro South East,
Tanya Smith – Golf NSW,
Dale Widders – St George Australian Football Club.

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL STAFF

David Tuxford - General Manager,
Kristie Dodd - Director Community and Culture,
Andrew Latta Director Assets and Infrastructure,
Tom Heath – Acting Manager City Operational Services,
Hayley Barnes - Manager Strategic Placemaking,
Margaret Le - Manager Sports, Community Facilities and Events
Naomi Bryant – Head of Operations City Life
Luke Galle – Coordinator Sports and Recreation
Marisa Severino - Executive Services Officer,
Mark Tadros – Team Leader Technology Business Support,
Billie Johnson - Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture,
Aarti Cooper – Personal Assistant to Manager Sports, Community Facilities and Events

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos (Chairperson)
Councillor Natalie Mort
Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Stratikopoulos, opened the meeting at 6.03pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Stratikopoulos acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. He paid his 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.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

THE CHAIR, COUNCILLOR STRATIKOPOULOS ADVISED THE MEETING THAT TWO COMMITTEE MEMBER RESIGNATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED:

1. GARY LOCKWOOD - ST GEORGE DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL
2. IRENE HATZIPETROS – FOOTBALL ST GEORGE

THE CHAIR, COUNCILLOR STRATIKOPOULOS ADVISED THE MEETING THAT TWO NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE:

1. NICHOLAS SMERDELY – FOOTBALL ST GEORGE
2. WARREN DRISCOLL – ST GEORGE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Ross Bernays, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That apologies on behalf of Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Alternate Chairperson), Jeff Killick, Julian Finch, Sean Brohier, Scott Henderson, Scot Holmes and Tanya Smith be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

ABSENCES

Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Alternate Chairperson), Jeff Killick, Julian Finch, Sean Brohier, Scott Henderson, Scot Holmes and Tanya Smith.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Stratikopoulos 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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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SAC007-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2025
(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Community and Culture)

RECOMMENDATION: Dale Widders, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAC008-25 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update (Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Acting Manager City Technical Services providing an update on Sporting Infrastructure Projects within Council's 2024/25 Capital Works Program.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

SAC009-25 Carss Park Aquatic Facility Update (Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Nick Smerdely, Mark Smith

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the update within this report from Acting Manager City Technical Services on the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

SAC010-25 LUX Lighting at Sporting Facilities (Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Nick Smerdely, Councillor Mort

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the update provided on the LUX lighting assessment.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

SAC011-25 Sport, Community Facilities and Events Update (Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Dale Widders, Councillor Mort

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events and Acting Manager City Operational Services, outlining an overview of Sport and Recreation facilities across the local government area.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.59pm

Chairperson