

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 28 July 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Oliver Dimoski, Councillor Thomas Gao, Councillor Gerard Hayes, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Leon Pun, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Ben 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, Manager, A/Office of the General Manager – Sue Matthew, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Chief Audit Executive - Steven Baker, Senior Solicitor - Stephen Lasker, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Technology Services Officer - Arun Job.

OPENING

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor, Councillor Borg 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 Peter Wallis 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

Councillor Arthur and Councillor Pun requested to join via Audio Visual Link.

Can I have a motion to accept requests to attend tonight's meeting remotely via audio visual link.

MOTION: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Anzellotti

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor

Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang.

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

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Mayor, Councillor Borg 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

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

1	Kim Wagstaff (In person)	NM050-25	Beach watch Program
2	Nadene Hamlin (In person)	NM053-25 NM055-25	Additional Lighting at Hogben Park Condition of Footpath - Railway Parade Kogarah
3	Celina Wu (In person)	NM054-25	Footpath - East St Blakehurst
4	Jack Zhao (In person)	NM054-25	Footpath - East Street Blakehurst
5	Peter Au (In person)	NM054-25	Footpath - East Street Blakehurst
6	Michelle Magnus (In person)	NM056-25	Parking on Blakesley Road
7	Dr Glen Powell (In person)	NM058-25	Poker Machine gambling effects
8	Sonia Baxant (In person)	NM060-25	Innovative and cost effective approaches to street tree planting
9	Jenny Huang (In person)	NM061-25	Waste Management Strategy 2021-2040
10	Dr Ben Balzer (In person)	QWN021-25 ENV010-25	Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline Hazard Analysis
11	Graham Lalchere (In person)	QNN007-25	Question with No Notice asked at the June Council Meeting with regard to CCL053-25 - Working Together for a Better Future - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy

12	Eddie ren (In person)	QWN005-25	Further Questions asked at the 23 June 2025 council meeting with regard to QNN002-25 - Flood Study - Beverly Hills
13	Marilyn Chand (In person)	QWN019-25	Merv Lynch Dog Park Compliance Issues
14	Katrina Malyn (In person)	QWN019-25	Merv Lynch Reserve on-leash dog park
15	Kate Jankowska (In person)	QWN019-25	Merv Lynch Reserve on-leash dog park
16	Kel Warner (In person) No show	QWN019-25	Merv Lynch Reserve on-leash dog park
17	Susan Moore (In person)	QWN019-25	Merv Lynch Reserve on-leash dog park
18	Mei Sukandar (Written submission)	QWN019-25	Merv Lynch Reserve on-leash dog park
19	Xueli Xu (In person)	QWN020-25	NSW Government Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy
20	Nen He (In person)	QWN020-25	NSW Government Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy
21	Jinhong Guan (In person)	QWN020-25	NSW Government Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy
22	Spiro Veldekis (In person)	QWN021-25 ENV010-25 QNN005-25	Moomba to Sydney Ethan Pipeline Hazard Analysis Further Questions asked at the 23 June 2025 Council Meeting
23	Melina Amerasinghe (In person)	QWN025-25	Sewerage overflows in Dairy Creek, Lime Kiln Bay wetlands and George's River

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mort left the Chambers at 07:41pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mort returned to the Chambers at 07:43pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney left the Chambers at 07:43pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney returned to the Chambers at 07:45pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Allison left the Chambers at 08:12pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Allison returned to the Chambers at 08:15pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL055-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2025, be adopted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang.

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

CCL060-25 Oath of Office by Councillor Hayes (Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

- (a) An Oath of Office was taken by Councillor Hayes.
- (b) That the Oath be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM013-25 Supporting a Sustainable Local Government Sector (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council receive and note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2023/24 financial year.
- (b) That the General Manager write to the Premier, the NSW Treasurer, the NSW Minister for Local Government, and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) expressing Council's support for ongoing reforms that enhance the financial sustainability and funding transparency of local government and advocating for continued action to address cost shifting through targeted regulatory improvements.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang.

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

MM014-25 Recognition of Connells Point Rovers Football Club's 60th Anniversary (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang left the Chambers at 08:26pm

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council writes to Connells Point Rovers Football Club to formally congratulate the Club on their 60th Anniversary and thank them for their long-standing contribution to the Georges River community.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CONDOLENCES**The Mayor, Councillor Borg offered her condolences on the passing of John Harris.**

That Council notes with deep sadness the passing of Mr John Harris and extends its sincere condolences to his family, friends, and the Sans Souci Football Club community.

Mr Harris was a much-loved and highly respected figure in the local football community, whose extraordinary dedication to the Sans Souci Football Club spanned more than four decades.

Joining the club in 1958, Mr Harris was awarded his 40-year service badge in 1997. For many years, he proudly held the record for the longest period of service to the club of 44 years in total. His enduring commitment and contribution to the game left a legacy that continues to inspire all who knew him.

A talented footballer, Mr Harris played across all levels of representative football and was a key member of the legendary Sans Souci team that achieved 12 Champions of Champions titles, an exceptional feat that reflected his skill, determination, and unwavering team spirit.

A familiar presence at the old green clubhouse, Mr Harris was honoured with the naming of the "John Harris Canteen", where the sign once hung. That sign remains at the club today as a permanent tribute to his legacy and his status as a proud Life Member of the club.

Mr Harris passed away on 9 July 2025 at the age of 77. In his honour, a minute's silence was observed before the Premier League Men's match at Claydon Reserve on the following weekend, a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much to the sport and to his community.

On behalf of the Georges River Council, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to Mr Harris's loved ones, and to all who had the privilege of knowing and playing alongside him. We honour and remember Mr Harris for his remarkable life and for the profound impact he made on local football in the Georges River area.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Wang returned to the Chambers at 08:30pm

Councillor Mort offered her condolences on the passing of Nicholas Francis Brien ("Nick").

Nick Brien, who recently passed away, has been farewelled at Mater Dei Catholic Church, Blakehurst by a large congregation.

Nick was the second born of five sons and grew up in the eastern suburbs of Sydney.

He attended high school at Marcellin College Randwick and subsequently attended teacher's College to train as a high school teacher.

Nick had a long and successful career in high school education, as a hands-on teacher as well as an assistant and acting principal at many schools. He completed his career as a planning and advisory consultant for the development of Catholic high schools.

Nick and his wife Christine moved to Blakehurst early in their married life and resided in the same home in Grenfell Street, Blakehurst for 47 years.

Nick's association with Mater Dei Blakehurst Catholic Church commenced soon after. Nick's intellect, experience and "can do" attitude was welcomed and greatly appreciated over this long association. The parish priests, the members of the parish pastoral council, working committees and parishioners alike were beneficiaries of Nick's input.

Nick's friendly demeanour, humility and sense of humour was readily apparent and never wavered over this long-standing association, demonstrating his love for the Mater Dei Blakehurst parish community.

Nick's guiding life principles predominantly involved family, faith, friendships and professionalism. The packed congregation was testament to Nick's high regard within the community.

Nick was a good husband, father, brother and true friend. Simply a fine example of Australian manhood. His presence and sage advice will be sorely missed. Vale Nick, Rest in Peace.

Note: A minute's silence was observed by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL056-25 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 14 July 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS027-25 to ASS028-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS027-25 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2025
(Report by PA to Manager Strategic Placemaking)

That the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee recommendations for items TAC047-25 to TAC052-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

TAC047-25 Waitara Parade, Hurstville Grove - Proposed 'No Parking' Restrictions
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

That a 15m 'No Parking' restriction be installed on the western side of Waitara Parade north of Seymour Street, Hurstville Grove, as per the plan in the report.

TAC048-25 Gardinia Street and Central Road, Beverly Hills - Proposed 'No Stopping' Restrictions
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

That a 10m 'No Stopping' restriction be installed at the intersection of Gardinia Street and Central Road, Beverly Hills as per the plan in the report.

TAC049-25 Penshurst Street, Penshurst - Proposed 'No Parking' Authorised Australia Post Vehicles Excepted
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That a 7m 'No Parking - Authorised Australia Post Vehicles Excepted' restriction be installed on the eastern side of Penshurst Street, Penshurst, as per the plan in the report.

TAC050-25 Cook Lane, Mortdale - 'Loading Zone' extension'.
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That a 17m 'Loading Zone' be installed fronting IGA loading dock driveway in Cook Lane as per the plan in the report.

TAC051-25 206-214 Railway Parade, Kogarah - revised times for an existing 'Works Zone'
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That an existing and approved 30m 'Works Zone, 7am – 5pm Monday – Friday, 8am – 1pm Saturday' restriction adjacent to No. 206-214 Railway Parade, Kogarah be revised with the following new dates and times of '7am – 5pm Monday – Saturday'.
- (b) That the original parking restrictions be reinstated at the completion of the 'Works Zone' period.

TAC052-25 Forest Road, Lugarno - Proposed parking change.
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That an approved 'Loading Zone' restrictions be reduced on Forest Road, Lugarno at the former Lugarno Ferry Ramp.
- (b) That pavement line marking, be introduced to deter parking at the location.

ASS028-25 KOGARAH E-SCOOTER TRIAL FINDINGS REPORT
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

- (a) That Council receive and note this report on the E-Scooter Trial undertaken in the Kogarah

CBD from 10 January 2024 – 10 January 2025.

- (b) That the trial be used as an evidence base for future decision making regarding micro-mobility options and shared schemes.

CCL057-25 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 14 July 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN025-25 to FIN029A-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

FIN025-25 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 13 MARCH 2025 (CONFIRMED) AND 5 JUNE 2025 (UNCONFIRMED)

(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

- (a) That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 13 March 2025 be received and noted by Council.
- (b) That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 5 June 2025 be received and noted by Council.

FIN026-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2025

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 May 2025 be received and noted by Council.

FIN027-25 REVISED COUNCILLOR WARD DISCRETIONARY FUND POLICY

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

That Council adopt the revised Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy as attached to this report with the following amendments:

- (a) Clause 3.9: Conditions of Funding – dot point 2: Community groups or individuals who have applied for or are the successful recipient of funds for the same program or project through another Council program such as through the Grants and Donations Policy in the same financial year will not be eligible for consideration.
- (b) Minor amendments to clarify the requirements of the acquittal process.

FIN028-25 REAPPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT, RISK AND

IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

That Council reappoint Mr Barry Husking as an independent member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) in accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference, for a four (4) year period ending to 30 June 2029.

FIN029-25 REVISED GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE POLICY
(Report by Governance and Risk Specialist)

That Council adopt the revised Georges River Council Legislative Compliance Policy as attached to this report (Attachment 1).

FIN028A-25 PROPERTY MATTER - 6 DORA STREET, HURSTVILLE
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

That the General Manager be authorised to enter, negotiate and/or amend lease terms for the property at 6 Dora Street, Hurstville legally described as Lot 14 in DP6510 with Farewell Sydney South Pty Ltd as generally detailed within this report.

FIN029A-25 PROPERTY MATTER - 197R ROCKY POINT ROAD, RAMSGATE
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

- (a) That the sale of property located at 197R Rocky Point Road, Ramsgate and described as Lot 301 in DP 1142822 does not proceed at this time, in line with Council's resolution on 25 June 2025 (ENV019-25) regarding planning proposal (PP2024/0001).
- (b) That the General Manager writes to Woolworths Group formally declining the offer to purchase Council's land.

CCL058-25 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 14 July 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM025-25 to COM030A-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

COM025-25 QUARTERLY COMMUNITY PROPERTY REPORT - 1 APRIL 2025 TO 30

JUNE 2025

(Report by Coordinator Community Property and Venues)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025.

COM026-25 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COUNCIL

(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

That Council receive and note the Dementia-Friendly Action Plan, endorsed by Dementia Australia, as part of Council's commitment to becoming a Dementia-Friendly Organisation.

COM027-25 T24/017 JUBILEE STADIUM: SECURITY MANAGEMENT AND STAFF SERVICES

(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender that is recommended for T24/017 Jubilee Stadium: Security Management and Staff Services, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

COM028-25 T24/019 JUBILEE STADIUM: CLEANING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender that is recommended for T24/019 Jubilee Stadium: Cleaning and Waste Management, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

COM029-25 T25/020 JUBILEE STADIUM: EVENT STAFF SERVICES

(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tender that is recommended for T25/020 Jubilee Stadium: Event Staff Services, as outlined in the confidential attachments.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

COM030A-25 HURSTVILLE GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

- (a) That in accordance with Section 55 (3) (i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council enter into a twenty-four (24) month contract extension of the current management agreement for the Hurstville Golf Course with BlueFit Pty Ltd, extending the agreement until 31 August 2027, as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders because of extenuating circumstances being:
- (i) Submission of a Planning Proposal (PP) to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan (GRLEP 2021)* and subsequent development consent for use of the Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse as a function centre are required to support future capital investment, financial sustainability and greater community access
 - (ii) Undertaking a public tender process to appoint a long-term operator without the required approvals would not achieve a satisfactory result as per the *Optimising Community Access and Facility Use Plan (The Plan)*; and
 - (iii) A public tender process cannot be completed to align with the expiring management agreement on 31 August 2025.
- (b) That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.
- (c) That, following receipt of the approved amendment of the GRLEP 2021 and subsequent development consent, an open tender process be undertaken for the appointment of a long-term operator of the Hurstville Golf Course.

CCL059-25 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 14 July 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV023-25 to ENV024-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ENV023-25 DRAFT ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT POLICY

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Asbestos Management Policy, as attached to this report, for the purpose of public exhibition for a minimum period of 60 days, in accordance with Section 160 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council on the outcomes of the public exhibition.

**ENV024-25 ENDORSEMENT OF HURSTVILLE GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE
PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR GATEWAY DETERMINATION**
(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council forward Planning Proposal No.2025/0003 (Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse) enclosed in Attachment 1 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (b) That Council publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and in accordance with the *Georges River Council Engagement Strategy*.
- (c) That the Director Environment and Planning be authorised to make minor editorial amendments to the Planning Proposal as required throughout the reporting process.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL061-25 Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - 2024/25 Program Results
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That the report on the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - 2024/25 Program Results be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL062-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - July 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That the following applications for funding, pursuant to the Councillors Ward Discretionary Fund Policy, be approved:

- CWF01/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Jamieson on behalf of Scout Association Australia, NSW Branch in the amount of \$1,000.
- CWF02/25-26 – Application submitted by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu on behalf of Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre Inc. in the amount of \$2,000.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti,

Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL063-25 Report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 30 June 2025).

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That the report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (period up to and including 30 June 2025) be received and noted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CCL064-25 Risk Assessment and Prioritisation of Traffic Studies

(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Council receive and note the table of requested traffic studies from staff, residents, Councillors and Members of Parliament contained within this report.
- (b) That the table be published to Council's Website.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM050-25 Beachwatch Program

(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao left the Chambers at 08:37pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison

That the General Manager writes to the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP, Member for Kogarah and to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage to:

- (a) Express Council's sincere appreciation for the NSW Government's commitment to extend the funding model for the Beachwatch Program until 30 June 2027; and
- (b) Request that they consider the merits of maintaining the current Beachwatch funding arrangements which safeguard 94 swimming sites across Sydney at no cost to councils (including three locations within the Georges River LGA) on a permanent basis.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM051-25 Traffic Study - Hurstville CBD (Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao returned to the Chambers at 08:41pm

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That Council:

- (a) Note the ongoing congestion in the Hurstville CBD extending to the area of Easter Quarter, Wright Street, Hudson Street and Treacy Street connecting to Forest Road in the Hurstville CBD.
- (b) Note previous motions highlighting congestion concerns and calling for a 25/26 operational budget bid to undertake a Traffic Study in the area.
- (c) Officers develop and implement a communication plan to inform the local community of the appropriate areas for drop off and pick up along Ormonde Parade in the Hurstville CBD.
- (d) Submit an operational budget bid for consideration in the 26/27 draft budget to conduct a comprehensive traffic study in the area of Easter Quarter, Wright Street, Hudson Street and Treacy Street connecting to Forest Road in the Hurstville CBD as well as the broader CBD as outlined in NM053-24 with the aim of addressing the existing and growing traffic issues in the area and looking for improvement opportunities.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM052-25 Enhancing Community Partnerships through Standardised Lease and Licence Terms for Community Facilities
(Report by Councillor Pun)

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu left the Chambers at 08:43pm

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu returned to the Chambers at 08:46pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Pun, Councillor Gao

- (a) That Council endorse a standard lease or licence term of up to ten years for Council-owned or Council-managed community centres within the Georges River Council Community Property portfolio, subject to compliance with the Georges River Council Community Lease and Licence Policy (2024) and all relevant legislative requirements.
- (b) That Council note that such Lease or Licence agreements must be:
 - (i) Compliant with the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), including but not limited to Sections 46 and 47, relating to the Leasing and Licensing of Community land;
 - (ii) Subject to public notification and consideration of submissions where required; and
 - (iii) That Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Leases and Licences of Council-owned or managed community centres within the Community Property portfolio notes that successful applicants may be offered a Lease or Licence term of up to ten-years.
- (c) That Council notes these existing Council-owned and Council-managed community centres for which the standard lease or licence term of up to ten years will apply from the commencement date of any new Lease or Licence agreement:
 - (i) 49 English Street, Kogarah;
 - (ii) 65/23-27 MacMahon Street, Hurstville;
 - (iii) 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park
 - (iv) Shop 9, 3 Cross Street, Hurstville;
 - (v) Kingsgrove Community Centre, located at 30 Morgan Street, Kingsgrove;
 - (vi) Mortdale Community Centre, located at 2B-2C Boundary Road, Mortdale;
 - (vii) Norm and Beryl Butters Senior Citizens Centre, located at 161 Hurstville Road, Oatley;
 - (viii) Pole Depot, located at Part 23 and 25, St Georges Road, Penshurst; and
 - (ix) Riverwood Community Centre, located at 31 Thurlow Street, Riverwood.
- (d) That the General Manager updates relevant documentation for future lease and licence agreements of Council-owned or managed community centres to reflect a standard term of up to 10 years for Council-owned or Council-managed community centres.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu,

Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM053-25 Additional Lighting at Hogben Park
(Report by Councillor Gao)

MOTION: Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes

- (a) That Council install additional lighting at the Hogben Park basketball courts, programmed to automatically switch on at dark and off by 9:00pm, to support safe and extended community use.
- (b) That these works be completed within 12 months.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney

That Council;

- (a) Note that Council regularly receives requests to install lighting at the Hogben Park basketball court to enable its use after dusk.
- (b) Note the Lux Level Testing report undertaken by Sportz Lighting in January 2023 (as per NM052-22) confirmed that the Hogben Park basketball court has insufficient lux provision for ball and physical training purpose in accordance with AS2560 after dusk.
- (c) Note that the Hogben Park Master Plan (2010) identifies extended use of the park's facilities beyond dusk, including improved lighting for the basketball court, as key recommendations arising from the community consultation process.
- (d) Note that community engagement on the 'Proposed Installation of Lighting – Hogben Park Basketball Court' was conducted in April 2023 with surrounding residents. Seventeen submissions were received opposing the proposal, primarily due to concerns about increased noise after dark. No letters of support were received.
- (e) Undertake a new round of community consultation regarding the proposed installation of lighting at the Hogben Park basketball court, with a view to assessing the current views and concerns of surrounding residents.
- (f) Receive a further report within six (6) months outlining:
 - (i) the results of the community consultation; and
 - (ii) the financial implications of installing lighting at the basketball court
- (g) Subject to the outcomes of (f), include a budget bid for the installation of lighting at the Hogben Park basketball court in the 2026/2027 Capital Budget.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Amendment: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was nine (9) votes FOR and six (6)

votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney

That Council;

- (a) Note that Council regularly receives requests to install lighting at the Hogben Park basketball court to enable its use after dusk.
- (b) Note the Lux Level Testing report undertaken by Sportz Lighting in January 2023 (as per NM052-22) confirmed that the Hogben Park basketball court has insufficient lux provision for ball and physical training purpose in accordance with AS2560 after dusk.
- (c) Note that the Hogben Park Master Plan (2010) identifies extended use of the park's facilities beyond dusk, including improved lighting for the basketball court, as key recommendations arising from the community consultation process.
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- (f) Receive a further report within six (6) months outlining:
 - a. the results of the community consultation; and
 - b. the financial implications of installing lighting at the basketball court
- (g) Subject to the outcomes of (f), include a budget bid for the installation of lighting at the Hogben Park basketball court in the 2026/2027 Capital Budget.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM054-25 Footpath - East Street Blakehurst (Report by Councillor Gao)

MOTION: Councillor Gao, Councillor Anzellotti

That Council:

- (a) Recognises the absence of a footpath along East Street, Blakehurst, between Oberon Street and Orana Crescent, which can significantly impact pedestrian safety and accessibility in the area.
- (b) Commits to funding the construction of a footpath extension along this section of East Street, potentially through Church St Reserve adjacent as part of the current financial year's Footpath Capital Works Program.
- (c) Commits to completing these works within the next 12 months.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

That Council:

- (a) Requests Council officers to investigate the feasibility of installing a footpath on East Street, Blakehurst, between Oberon Street and Orana Crescent, taking into account both design and construction viability.
- (b) Notes the narrow verge width, existing street trees and the steep gradient of some existing driveways on the western side of East Street, and therefore requests that the investigation prioritise the section of the street that passes through Church Street Reserve, on the eastern side.
- (c) Subject to the investigation confirming the feasibility of installing a footpath in this location, undertakes community consultation with nearby residents to assess support for the proposed footpath.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Amendment: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was nine (9) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

That Council:

- (a) Requests Council officers to investigate the feasibility of installing a footpath on East Street, Blakehurst, between Oberon Street and Orana Crescent, taking into account both design and construction viability.
- (b) Notes the narrow verge width, existing street trees and the steep gradient of some existing driveways on the western side of East Street, and therefore requests that the investigation prioritise the section of the street that passes through Church Street Reserve, on the eastern side.
- (c) Subject to the investigation confirming the feasibility of installing a footpath in this location, undertakes community consultation with nearby residents to assess support for the proposed footpath.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM055-25 Condition of Footpath - Railway Parade, Kogarah
(Report by Councillor Gao)

RESOLVED: Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes

That Council:

- (a) Recognises the importance of pedestrian safety and access in Kogarah North, including the need for continuous and well-maintained footpaths for residents accessing Hogben Park from Kogarah Station.
- (b) Notes that the existing footpath on the eastern side of Railway Parade provides a continuous and safer pedestrian connection between Kogarah Town Centre and Hogben Park, including via a pedestrian crossing and refuge island for safely crossing Railway Parade.
- (c) Acknowledges the limitations of the western side of Railway Parade due to narrow verge widths, which would not meet current pedestrian safety and accessibility standards.
- (d) Supports improvements to the existing eastern footpath in line with Council's 4-yearly condition assessments and capital works planning, and prioritises necessary upgrades to ensure the path meets safety, width, and accessibility standards.
- (e) Requests that any future upgrades to footpaths in this area consider increased pedestrian demand, accessibility requirements, and connections to local parks and amenities.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM056-25 Parking Congestion - Blakesley Road, South Hurstville
(Report by Councillor Gao)

MOTION: Councillor Gao, Councillor Anzellotti

- (a) Notes community concerns regarding parking congestion and misuse of the area adjacent to the post box on Blakesley Road at the intersection of St Georges Parade, Allawah.
- (b) Resolves to promptly install appropriate signage, either an "AusPost Use Only" or "15-Minute Parking" sign directly outside the post box to ensure safe and efficient access for post box users.
- (c) Ensures the signage installation is completed within 3 months.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

That Council;

- (a) Notes that under NSW Road Rules, a vehicle must not park within three (3) metres of an

Australia Post letterbox, except when stopping briefly to post mail or to pick up or drop off passengers.

- (b) Notes community concerns regarding inappropriate and potentially unsafe parking near the Australia Post letterbox located on Blakesley Road, at the intersection with St Georges Parade, South Hurstville.
- (c) Requests that Council's Traffic and Transport Team investigate the feasibility of installing appropriate signage at this location to improve safety and support parking compliance.
- (d) Further requests that the findings of this investigation be reported to a future meeting of the Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration, and that the report also include:
 - (i) information on the signage standards applicable to Australia Post letterboxes across the Local Government Area; and
 - (ii) the number of Australia Post letterboxes located on local roads in Georges River, if this information is readily available.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Amendment: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was nine (9) votes FOR and six (6) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

That Council;

- (a) Notes that under NSW Road Rules, a vehicle must not park within three (3) metres of an Australia Post letterbox, except when stopping briefly to post mail or to pick up or drop off passengers.
- (b) Notes community concerns regarding inappropriate and potentially unsafe parking near the Australia Post letterbox located on Blakesley Road, at the intersection with St Georges Parade, South Hurstville.
- (c) Requests that Council's Traffic and Transport Team investigate the feasibility of installing appropriate signage at this location to improve safety and support parking compliance.
- (d) Further requests that the findings of this investigation be reported to a future meeting of the Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration, and that the report also include:
 - (i) information on the signage standards applicable to Australia Post letterboxes across the Local Government Area; and
 - (ii) the number of Australia Post letterboxes located on local roads in Georges River, if this information is readily available.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti,

Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM057-25 Mortdale Village Parking
(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council engages with the Mortdale Village community by notifying shoppers, businesses, and residents that:
 - (i) Council remains committed to improving the parking situation for shoppers in Mortdale Village and acknowledges the feedback received regarding parking during consultation on the Mortdale Masterplan.
 - (ii) Council acknowledges that there is currently insufficient parking available during peak periods.
 - (iii) Council confirms the net increase (or decrease) in public parking spaces in Mortdale Village since community feedback was received in September 2023 for the Mortdale Masterplan.
- (b) That the General Manager confirms whether any studies have been undertaken to identify short-term parking solutions, and whether those potential solutions have been exhausted or implemented.
- (c) That the General Manager reviews and re-prioritises parking enforcement, with a focus on the effectiveness of the 1-hour and 3-hour timed parking zones in supporting business turnover and shopper access.
- (d) That the General Manager provides a report on the enforcement and effectiveness of the current timed parking controls in Mortdale Village, including:
 - (i) An assessment of whether enforcement has contributed to reducing peak-hour parking pressures; and
 - (ii) Any further recommendations to improve parking turnover and support local businesses.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM058-25 Poker Machine Gambling Effects
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Anzellotti left the Chambers at 09:45pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Anzellotti returned to the Chambers at 09:46pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur left the Audio Visual Link at 9:46pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur returned to the Audio Visual Link at 9:50pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun left the Audio Visual Link at 9:50pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun returned to the Audio Visual Link at 9:53pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney

That Council:

- (a) Notes with concern that poker machine players in the Georges River local government area lost a total of \$73,057,000 in the final quarter of 2024, highlighting the significant impact of poker machine gambling on individuals, families, and the broader community.
- (b) Acknowledges the leadership of Wesley Mission and a broad-based coalition of community, faith, and health organisations in advocating for meaningful gambling reform through the “Put Pokies in Their Place” campaign.
- (c) Joins the “Put Pokies in Their Place” campaign as a supporting Council, while noting that participation in any specific campaign activities or advocacy actions will remain entirely at the discretion of Georges River Council.
- (d) Supports the campaign’s five key reform priorities aimed at reducing gambling harm:
 - (i) Introduce universal cashless gambling with harm reduction features such as pre-commitment limits and real-time behavioural alerts;
 - (ii) Power down poker machines after midnight to reduce access during high-risk hours;
 - (iii) Establish and fund an independent, State-wide Self-Exclusion Register accessible across venues;
 - (iv) Empower local residents by giving communities a genuine say in the placement and density of poker machines in their area; and
 - (v) Require greater transparency in NSW by publishing venue-level data on machine numbers, losses, and locations.
- (e) Writes to the Premier of NSW, Chris Minns, and the Minister for Gaming and Racing, David Harris, advising of Council’s support for the campaign and urging the NSW Labor Government to adopt these reforms to help protect vulnerable community members.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM059-25 **Lighting at Carss Bush Park**
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao left the Chambers at 09:56pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mortt

That Council:

- (a) Notes that residents have raised concerns about inadequate lighting at Carss Bush Park, including the carpark near Todd Park, which they consider a public safety issue, particularly during the darker winter months.
- (b) Acknowledges that improved lighting in and around Carss Bush Park would support community safety, active recreation, and accessibility, particularly in the early morning and evening hours.
- (c) Requests the General Manager to:
 - (i) Investigate upcoming or potential grant funding opportunities—State or Federal—that could support lighting upgrades at Carss Bush Park and the adjacent carpark near Todd Park;
 - (ii) Prioritise the preparation of a grant application or expression of interest should a relevant opportunity arise; and
 - (iii) Report back to Council on any identified funding opportunities and the feasibility of progressing lighting improvements as part of future capital works or community safety initiatives.
- (d) Considers including lighting upgrades at Carss Bush Park in the development of future capital works programs, should external funding not be available in the short term

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM060-25 Innovative and Cost-effective Approaches to Street Tree Planting (Report by Councillor Allison)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao returned to the Chambers at 10.01pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Allison, Councillor Mahoney

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge the opportunity to explore innovative and cost-effective approaches to street tree planting in support of the 40% tree canopy target by 2036, noting that \$150,000 has been allocated for this purpose in the current financial year.
- (b) Notes that conventional street tree planting using 45L potted trees can cost as high as \$1,000 per tree, mainly in cost to purchase and labour to plant, and that these trees are often pot-bound, potentially stunting their growth.
- (c) Recognises the benefits of planting locally native tubestock, including:

- (i) Rapid development due to healthy root system (300mm to 3metres in first year);
 - (ii) Significantly lower costs for plants and labour (major usual cost);
 - (iii) Greater adaptability and long-term resilience in suitable soil due to local conditions; and
 - (iv) Potential for broader community involvement and education.
- (d) Requests the General Manager to investigate and implement a trial street tree planting program in the 2025-26 financial year using locally native tubestock with the following features:
- (i) Appropriate tree protection measures such as temporary wire cages attached to star pickets
 - (ii) Community engagement measures including hand-delivered letters of intention to adjacent residents; and
 - (iii) Encouragement of resident stewardship of trees where appropriate, particularly through child-friendly and engaging communications.
- (e) Requests a report back to Council evaluating the outcomes of the trial, including:
- (i) Cost comparisons with conventional street tree planting;
 - (ii) Tree survival and growth rates; and
 - (iii) Community feedback and participation levels.
- (f) Notes the success of existing local examples such as Beale Reserve, Peakhurst as a model for low-cost, high yield tree planting.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM061-25 Waste Management Strategy 2021-2040 (Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur left the Audio Visual Link at 10:08pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Pun

That Council:

- (a) Notes that this Motion is a follow-up and the successful implementation of NM002-25 – Georges River Council's Waste Management Strategy 2021–2040, which supported promoting the NSW EPA's Bin Trim Program in partnership with ECCNSW and CALD communities.
- (b) Congratulates the partnership between Council, ECCNSW and five local Early Learning Centres for successfully delivering the Bin Trim Program, helping young children learn about recycling and waste reduction.

- (c) Recognises that teaching these habits early can influence family behaviour and help prepare the community for the future rollout of the FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) system.
- (d) Promote and share the success of this pilot through Council's website, social media, and newsletters.
- (e) Develop a short case study to share with other councils and education providers.
- (f) Explore opportunities to expand the program to other Council sites, local businesses, and community groups, especially in CALD communities.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM062-25 Phasing out Gas Connections in New Developments (Report by Councillor Wang)

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 10:12pm

Note: It was note that Councillor Arthur returned to the Audio Visual Link at 10:16pm

MOTION: Councillor Wang, Councillor Anzellotti

That Council:

- (a) Encourage all new residential and commercial developments within the Georges River Local Government Area to be all-electric, phasing out gas connections in new buildings.
- (b) Acknowledges the environmental, health, and safety benefits of transitioning to electric appliances, including:
 - (i) Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions;
 - (ii) Improved indoor air quality and associated health benefits; and
 - (iii) Enhanced safety by minimising risks associated with gas leaks and combustion.
- (c) Recognises the cultural and culinary significance of gas cooking, particularly within the Chinese community, and commits to:
 - (i) Engaging with local restaurateurs and residents to understand their needs and concerns;
 - (ii) Exploring technological solutions that replicate the cooking performance of gas appliances; and
 - (iii) Considering exemptions or phased approaches for establishments where electric alternatives are currently insufficient.
- (d) Asks the General Manager to prepare a report within FY26 that includes:

- (i) Findings from stakeholder consultations;
- (ii) Assessment of available electric cooking technologies suitable for diverse culinary practices;
- (iii) Recommendations for potential policy changes, incentives, or support programs to facilitate the transition; and
- (iv) Ensures that any proposed changes are accompanied by public education campaigns to inform the community about the benefits and practicalities of all-electric buildings. - lost

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was seven (7) votes FOR and eight (8) votes AGAINST. The Motion was LOST.

NM063-25 Georges River Council's Economic Development Strategy 2018–2022 (Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Landsberry left the Chambers at 10:20pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Landsberry returned to the Chambers at 10:23pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun left the Audio Visual Link at 10:29pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Gao

That Council:

- (a) Notes that the *Harmony District and Dragon Lanes* concept was developed by Business Chambers South in collaboration with local businesses and Council as part of an application to the NSW Uptown Grant Program, which was ultimately unsuccessful.
- (b) Considers the *Harmony District and Dragon Lanes* concept as part of the forthcoming *Feasibility of Night Markets in Hurstville* report, scheduled to be presented to Council in November 2025.
- (c) Continues to collaborate with Business Chamber South on local activations that deliver positive economic, community, and cultural outcomes for the Hurstville area.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM064-25 Congratulations on International Badminton Competition Achievements
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao left the Chambers at 10:30pm

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu left the Chambers at 10:32pm

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu returned to the Chambers at 10:34pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun returned to the Audio Visual Link at 10:35pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Hayes

That Council:

- (a) Congratulates Millett Street residents Tony and Kathy Fong for their outstanding achievements in international badminton competitions:
 - (i) Winning gold in the Family (Husband & Wife) category at the 53rd World Morning Cup Badminton Championship in Taiwan; and
 - (ii) Mr. Tony Fong, aged 84, securing gold in the Men's Doubles 80+ category at the 2025 World Masters Games in Taipei, representing Australia.
- (b) Acknowledges that their accomplishments exemplify the values of healthy ageing, lifelong participation in sport, and community pride.
- (c) Requests the Mayor to send a letter of congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fong on behalf of Council and the community.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN019-25 Merv Lynch Reserve On Leash Dog Park - Compliance Issues
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN020-25 NSW Government's Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN021-25 ENV010-25 Moomba to Sydney Ethane (MSE) Pipeline Hazard Analysis

(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN022-25 Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for the Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards Catchment
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN023-25 Project at Intersection Carrington Avenue and Warwick Street
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu)

Answer published in the business paper.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao returned to the Chambers at 10:35pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski left the Chambers at 10:35pm

Note: Councillor Pun asked further Questions with No Notice with the answers being published in the Business Papers at the next Council Meeting in August 2025.

Q1. Site not feasible of roundabout? Could Council provide reports of investigations and plans.

Q2. Project was budgeted this year and what happens to the allocated money.

QWN024-25 Developer Contributions
(Report by Councillor Gao)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN025-25 Sewerage Overflows into Dairy Creek, Lime Kiln Bay Wetlands and the Georges River
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN026-25 Program to Upgrade Bus Stops across the LGA
(Report by Councillor Gao)

Answer published in the business paper.

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

QNN005-25 Further Questions asked at the 23 June 2025 Council Meeting with regard to QNN002-25 - Flood Study - Beverly Hills
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski returned to the Chambers at 10:37pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao left the Chambers at 10:37pm

Answer published in the business paper.

QNN006-25 Question with No Notice asked at the June Council Meeting with regard to NM042-25 Carlton South Public School - Safety and Traffic Improvements on Ecole Street and Surrounding Areas
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

Answer published in the business paper.

QNN007-25 Question with No Notice asked at the June Council Meeting with regard to CCL053-25 - Working Together for a Better Future - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

Answer published in the business paper.

The Mayor Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Landsberry thanked Catherine McMahon for her services throughout her years with Council.

Note: It was noted that Councillor Gao returned to the Chambers at 10:39pm

PROCEDURAL MOTION
MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

At this stage of the meeting the time being 10:39pm the Mayor advised that the meeting would move into a Confidential Closed Session to allow consideration of a matter(s) in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of The Local Government Act 1993.

This action was taken to allow discussion of the following item(s):

CCL034A-25 Review of the Performance of the General Manager
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

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) (a) it is considered the matter deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

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 deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session will be withheld.

The Mayor asked the General Manager if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in closed session.

The General Manager replied that no representations had been received to the item in closed session.

The Mayor asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons Council proposes to consider the items in Closed Session.

There were none.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

MOTION: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That in accordance with Section 10A Clause 2 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter into a Confidential Closed Session.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CCL034A-25 Review of the Performance of the General Manager
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

THAT Council:

- (a) Receive and note the 2024/2025 General Manager Performance Review as approved by the Council's Performance Review Panel, noting the outcome of the review is that the General Managers performance "Exceeds Expectations";
- (b) Note that the Statutory and Other Officers' Remuneration Tribunal (SOORT) determined a nil percent increase in senior executive remuneration for last year;
- (c) Endorse the General Manager's Performance Review Panel's recommendation of a performance-based increase of 3 percent based on the General Manager's performance being assessed as "Exceeds Expectations", as provided for under Clause 8.4 (a) of the General Manager's contract of employment which states in part that:

Each year, the Council may approve an increase in the remuneration for the employee where the performance of the employee following the annual performance review is better than satisfactory. Such an increase will apply for a twelve-month period only unless the council otherwise determines that such a pay rise is to apply for the duration of the contract.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION**OPEN SESSION**

RESOLVED: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry

That the meeting revert to Open Session the time being 10:49.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

OPEN SESSION**CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That the recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to 10:51 be received and noted as a resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 10:51

Chairperson