

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 14 July 2025

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Peter Mahoney, and Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos.

COUNCIL STAFF

Acting Director Business and Corporate Services – Brendan Scott, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Head of Strategic Property - Bernard Morabito, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Legal Counsel – James Fan, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Executive Assistant to Director Business and Corporate Services – Ally Chand (Minutes) and Technology Business Support Officer – Chris Stojanovski.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6:02 pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, 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.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That an apology be accepted for Councillor Pun.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos, 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 Jamieson 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

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN024-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mahoney

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN026-25 Investment Report as at 31 May 2025
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN027-25 Revised Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN028-25 Reappointment of Independent Member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (Report by Chief Audit Executive)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN029-25 Revised Georges River Council Legislative Compliance Policy (Report by Governance and Risk Specialist)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN OPEN SESSION

FIN028A-25 Property Matter - 6 Dora Street, Hurstville (Report by Senior Property Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

FIN029A-25 Property Matter - 197R Rocky Point Road, Ramsgate
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney

- (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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.10 pm.

Chairperson