

# **AGENDA**

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## **Council Meeting**

**Monday, 25 August 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Dragon Room**

**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.

## **COUNCIL 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.

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Item:** CCL065-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 July 2025

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

CCL065-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 July 2025, be adopted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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## MINUTES

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### Council Meeting

Monday, 28 July 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room  
Civic Centre  
Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **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
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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
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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.
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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:

- 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";
- Note that the Statutory and Other Officers' Remuneration Tribunal (SOORT) determined a nil percent increase in senior executive remuneration for last year;
- 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

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Chairperson



**MAYORAL MINUTE****Item: MM015-25 Asia-Pacific Intangible Cultural Heritage Honorary Medal****Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Borg**BACKGROUND**

It is with immense pride that I bring to your attention a significant honour being bestowed upon our esteemed Deputy Mayor, Councillor Nancy Liu.

The Asia-Pacific Council for International Intangible Cultural Heritage (APCIICH), a globally respected institution headquartered here in Australia and operating across the region, has formally recommended that Councillor Liu be awarded the Asia-Pacific Intangible Cultural Heritage Honorary Medal. This prestigious recognition celebrates her outstanding and sustained contributions to promoting multiculturalism and safeguarding intangible cultural heritage within the Georges River community.

As many of you know, APCIICH is a partner organisation to UNESCO programs and a member of the United Nations Global Compact. Its certification system for intangible cultural heritage, officially registered with IP Australia in 2025, is internationally recognised for its impact and authority.

Cultural heritage is more than monuments and artefacts; it includes the living traditions, practices, and knowledge passed down through generations. These intangible elements, such as storytelling, rituals, performing arts, and traditional crafts, are vital to our identity and social cohesion.

In a rapidly globalising world, intangible cultural heritage helps preserve cultural diversity and encourages mutual respect among communities. It is inclusive, evolving, and community-driven—reflecting both inherited traditions and contemporary practices.

Importantly, it is not the cultural expression itself, but the transmission of knowledge and skills that gives intangible heritage its true value. This heritage belongs to the people who live it, share it, and keep it alive.

As a Council, we recognise and celebrate the richness of our community's intangible cultural heritage, and we remain committed to supporting its preservation and growth.

Councillor Liu's leadership in fostering intercultural dialogue, supporting heritage preservation, and empowering culturally diverse communities has been exemplary. Her tireless advocacy for inclusive policies, her support of cultural festivals, and her recognition of local heritage achievements have enriched our community and strengthened the social fabric of Georges River.

This medal is not only a personal honour for Councillor Liu, but a reflection of the values we hold dear as a Council—diversity, unity, and cultural pride. It is a moment for all of us to celebrate the power of heritage in shaping vibrant, harmonious communities.

On behalf of Council, I extend our congratulations to Deputy Mayor Liu. We are proud to stand beside her as she receives this distinguished award, and we thank her for her enduring commitment to the people and cultures of Georges River.

**MOTION:**

That Council congratulate Deputy Mayor Councillor Nancy Liu on receiving the Asia-Pacific Intangible Cultural Heritage Honorary Medal.

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

MM015-25

**Item: MM016-25 Honouring 70 Years of Local Environmental Leadership by the Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society****Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Borg**BACKGROUND**

The Georges River community is fortunate to be home to one of the most enduring and effective environmental organisations in our nation—the Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society (OFF). This year marks 70 years since OFF was founded in response to local concerns about bushland destruction in Oatley. What began as a small group of passionate residents has grown into a powerful voice for conservation and community action.

OFF's work has been instrumental in protecting the natural assets of our local government area, including the integrity of the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area. Their efforts to preserve, protect and increase our local tree canopy reflect their deep commitment to maintaining the unique character of our suburbs. They have also gone beyond Georges River and have achieved considerable success in protecting nature across Australia.

On Wednesday 13 August, OFF celebrated its 70th anniversary with a special dinner at Olds Park Sports Club. The event brought together over 70 guests, including representatives from Georges Riverkeeper, Greater Sydney Landcare, and the Kogarah Bay and Lugarno progress associations. Guest speaker Nic Clyde from Lock the Gate shared stories of grassroots campaigns in which OFF participated, and long-serving members were honoured for their dedication. Among them were Alan Fairley, a respected nature author with 52 years of membership, and our own Councillor Allison, recognised for 25 years of service.

OFF's partnership with Georges River Council has been a model of community collaboration. Together, we have delivered tree planting programs, waterway clean-ups, and annual Clean Up Australia Day events. OFF's local knowledge and volunteer base have been invaluable in shaping Council's environmental initiatives and engaging residents in meaningful action.

Beyond advocacy, OFF is a highly active and educational organisation. Their monthly meetings feature expert guest speakers, and their field days offer hands-on experiences in bushcare and conservation. They publish informative brochures, fund research projects across Australia, and maintain a monthly newsletter, a Facebook page and a comprehensive website that serves as a resource for residents and environmental enthusiasts alike.

As Mayor, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society for their extraordinary contribution to our community. Their legacy is a testament to the power of local action and civic pride. Georges River Council looks forward to continuing our partnership with OFF as we work together to protect and enhance our natural environment for future generations.

**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (a) Congratulate the Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society (OFF) on its 70th anniversary and acknowledge its outstanding contribution to environmental protection and advocacy.
- (b) Write to OFF expressing Council's appreciation for its decades of collaboration and service to the Georges River community.
- (c) Promote OFF's anniversary and achievements through Council's communication

channels to help encourage new membership and community involvement.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**MM016-25**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Item:** **CCL066-25 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025**

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

CCL066-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM031-25 to COM035-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items COM031-25 to COM035-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 11 August 2025.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**COM031-25 ADOPTED CUSTOMER FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT POLICY**  
(Report by Head of Customer Experience)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council adopt the Draft Georges River Council's Customer Feedback and Complaints Management Policy following the public exhibition period.
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the Policy, if required.

**COM032-25 ACTION PLAN FOR LIBRARY SPACES**  
(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council endorse the following sites identified as potential locations for a new 2,500 square metre district library to serve the western half of the Georges River Local Government Area:
  - (i) the Council-owned land at 23-29 Cook Street, Mortdale; and
  - (ii) the land in the southeast corner of Olds Park adjoining Forest Road, Penshurst.
- (b) That the zoning, development feasibility and valuation of the Council owned land at 23-29 Cook Street Mortdale be reviewed as part of Council's Property Strategy refresh and the results reported back to Council.
- (c) That Council endorse the actions outlined within this report, including the proposed actions identified to revitalise, reimagine and transform Council's branch libraries.

**COM033-25 EVENT GRANTS - SEPTEMBER 2025 TO OCTOBER 2025**

(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

That Council approves the Event Grant requests of:

- (a) \$20,000 (\$18,745 financial and \$1,255 in kind value) to support the 'Macedonian Festival 2025' on Sunday 7 September 2025;
- (b) \$20,000 (\$17,980 financial and \$2020 in-kind value) to support the 'Lugarno Lions Community Fair' on Sunday 21 September 2025; and
- (c) \$16,610 (\$16,610 financial and \$0 in kind value) to support 'The Healthy Minds & Wellbeing Expo' on Thursday 9 October 2025.

**COM034-25 OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP - KINGSWAY COMMUNITY CARE FUNDRAISING DINNER 2025**

(Report by Sponsorship Specialist)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$5,000 to become a sponsor of the Kingsway Community Care Fundraising Dinner being held on 23 October 2025.

**COM035-25 LICENCE RENEWAL - ST GEORGE DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB PTY LTD, HAROLD FRASER OVAL, 276 PRINCES HIGHWAY, KOGARAH BAY**

(Report by Coordinator Community Property and Venues)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to enter a renewal Option Licence with St George District Rugby League Football Club Pty Ltd, Harold Fraser Oval, 276 Princes Highway, Kogarah Bay, as per the Licence Terms and as further detailed within this report.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/266005

**ATTACHMENTS**Attachment [1](#) Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025

## MINUTES

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### Community and Culture Committee

**Monday, 11 August 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Dragon Room**

**Georges River Civic Centre  
Hurstville**



**GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL**



## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Landsberry, (Chairperson), The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg (ex-officio member), Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao (joined the meeting online), Councillor Mort and Councillor Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Manager Sport Community Facilities and Events - Margaret Le, Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services – Justin Yeomans, Head of Customer Experience – Michelle Cowie, Coordinator Community Property and Venues – Andrew Williams, Coordinator Communications and Engagement – Catherine James, Acting Manager Office of the General Manager – Sue Matthews, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Team Leader Technology Business Support – Mark Tadros and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture – Billie Johnson (Minutes).

## **OPENING**

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

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. She paid her 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 THERE WERE NO APOLOGIES OR REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

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

Councillor Gao request to join the meeting via audio visual link.

### **MOTION:** Councillor Arthur, Councillor Anzellotti

That Councillor Gao be granted permission to attend the meeting via audio visual link.

### **Record of Voting**

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

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

### **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

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### **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

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### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dimoski disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item COM033-25 Event Grants - September 2025 to October 2025 for the reason that Councillor Dimoski is acquainted with some of the members of the committee (Australian Macedonian Council of NSW). They have reached out for guidance on how to communicate with the Council officers and I have assisted them with that.

Councillor Gao disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item COM033-25 Event Grants - September 2025 to October 2025 for the reason that Councillor Gao was a member of the Lugarno Lions Club between May 2024 and June 2025.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### COM030-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Allison, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2025, be confirmed.

#### Record of Voting

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

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COM031-25 Adopted Customer Feedback and Complaints Management Policy

(Report by Head of Customer Experience)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council adopt the Draft Georges River Council's Customer Feedback and Complaints Management Policy following the public exhibition period.
- (b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the Policy, if required.

#### Record of Voting

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

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

### COM032-25 Action Plan for Library Spaces

(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council endorse the following sites identified as potential locations for a new 2,500 square metre district library to serve the western half of the Georges River Local Government Area:
  - (i) the Council-owned land at 23-29 Cook Street, Mortdale; and
  - (ii) the land in the southeast corner of Olds Park adjoining Forest Road, Penshurst.
- (b) That the zoning, development feasibility and valuation of the Council owned land at 23-29 Cook Street Mortdale be reviewed as part of Council's Property Strategy refresh and the results reported back to Council.
- (c) That Council endorse the actions outlined within this report, including the proposed actions identified to revitalise, reimagine and transform Council's branch libraries.

### Record of Voting

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

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

### COM033-25 Event Grants - September 2025 to October 2025 (Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski left the Chambers at 06:22pm

**RECOMMENDATION:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

That Council approves the Event Grant requests of:

- (a) \$20,000 (\$18,745 financial and \$1,255 in kind value) to support the 'Macedonian Festival 2025' on Sunday 7 September 2025;
- (b) \$20,000 (\$17,980 financial and \$2020 in-kind value) to support the 'Lugarno Lions Community Fair' on Sunday 21 September 2025; and
- (c) \$16,610 (\$16,610 financial and \$0 in kind value) to support 'The Healthy Minds & Wellbeing Expo' on Thursday 9 October 2025.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski returned to the Chambers at 06:28pm

### COM034-25 Outgoing Sponsorship - Kingsway Community Care Fundraising Dinner 2025 (Report by Sponsorship Specialist)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$5,000 to become a sponsor of the Kingsway Community Care Fundraising Dinner being held on 23 October 2025.

### Record of Voting

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

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

### COM035-25 Licence Renewal - St George District Rugby League Football Club Pty Ltd, Harold Fraser Oval, 276 Princes Highway, Kogarah Bay (Report by Coordinator Community Property and Venues)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to enter a renewal Option Licence with St George District Rugby League Football Club Pty Ltd, Harold Fraser Oval, 276 Princes Highway, Kogarah Bay, as per the Licence Terms and as further detailed within this report.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang, 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 6.36pm

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Chairperson

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**Item:** **CCL067-25 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025**

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

CCL067-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN031-25 to FIN034-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items FIN031-25 to FIN034-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 11 August 2025.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FIN031-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**  
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Hayes, Councillor Mahoney

That the Investment Report as at 30 June 2025 be received and noted by Council.

**FIN032-25 2024-25 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM CARRYOVERS**  
(Report by Head of Financial Planning and Analysis)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Hayes, Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the proposed carryover of budgets from the 2024/25 Capital Works Program to be added to the 2025/26 Capital Works Program budget.
- (b) That Council adopt the revised 2025/26 Capital Works Program budget to include the carryovers from 2024/25, as outlined in Attachment 1.

**FIN033-25 QUARTERLY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2025**  
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

That Council receive and note the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio, for the period ending 30 June 2025.

**FIN034-25 PROPERTY MATTER - KOGARAH TOWN SQUARE STRATA MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

That the General Manager be authorised to amend, approve, sign and register all documentation related to the proposed changes to the Strata Management Statement for Council's interest within the Kogarah Town Square, being Lots 1,3 and 12 in DP103591, as generally detailed within this report.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/266006

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025



CCL067-25



## MINUTES

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### Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 11 August 2025

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre  
Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Gerard Hayes, Councillor Leon Pun, 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, General Counsel – James Fan, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Acting Manager City Technical Services – James Magee, Acting Chief Information Officer – Arthur Yen, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Executive Assistant Director Business and Corporate Services – Ally Chand (Minutes) and Technology Business Support Officer – Brendan Thorpe.

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6.01 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**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

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

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 Stratikopoulos

### **Record of Voting**

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

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

## **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

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## 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

**FIN030-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2025**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mahoney

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2025, be confirmed.

### Record of Voting

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

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FIN031-25 Investment Report as at 30 June 2025**  
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Hayes, Councillor Mahoney

That the Investment Report as at 30 June 2025 be received and noted by Council.

### Record of Voting

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

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

**FIN032-25 2024-25 Capital Works Program Carryovers**  
(Report by Head of Financial Planning and Analysis)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Hayes, Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the proposed carryover of budgets from the 2024/25 Capital Works Program to be added to the 2025/26 Capital Works Program budget.
- (b) That Council adopt the revised 2025/26 Capital Works Program budget to include the carryovers from 2024/25, as outlined in Attachment 1.

### Record of Voting

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

Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

**FIN033-25 Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio Report for Period Ending 30 June 2025**

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

That Council receive and note the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio, for the period ending 30 June 2025.

**Record of Voting**

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

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

**FIN034-25 Property Matter - Kogarah Town Square Strata Management Statement**  
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

That the General Manager be authorised to amend, approve, sign and register all documentation related to the proposed changes to the Strata Management Statement for Council's interest within the Kogarah Town Square, being Lots 1,3 and 12 in DP103591, as generally detailed within this report.

**Record of Voting**

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

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

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 6.14 pm.

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Chairperson

**Item:** **CCL068-25 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025**

**Author:** Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS030-25 to ASS031-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items ASS030-25 to ASS031-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 11 August 2025.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ASS030-25 REPORT OF THE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 JULY 2025**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Recommendations for item FRMCC002-25 to FRMCC003-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**FRMCC002-25 Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study - Draft Flood Study Report**

(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

That this report be deferred to the full council meeting in August for consideration, following a workshop with Councillors on the draft Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study.

**FRMCC003-25 Grant update for Floodplain Risk Management for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards**

(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

That this report be deferred to the full council meeting in August for consideration, following the update on the grants being uploaded to the Councillor Hub before the August Council meeting.

**ASS031-25 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2025**

(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

That the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee recommendations for items TAC054-25 to CON037A-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**TAC054-25 Tooronga Terrace, Beverly Hills - Proposed changes to parking restrictions**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

Proposed changes to parking restrictions was deferred back to the Traffic Advisory Committee to investigate the feasibility of extending 1P parking to 7 days.

**TAC055-25 EDWARD STREET, CARLTON - PROPOSED TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) Edward Street Mid-block (between Colvin and Tanner Avenue)
  - i. That a 240m 'Dividing Separation Line marking (S1)' be installed along Edward Street between Colvin Avenue and Tanner Avenue, Carlton, as per the Plan A in the report.
- (b) Edward Street and Colvin Avenue Intersection
  - i. That the existing 'No Stopping' restriction be extended from 10m to 16m on the southern side of Edward Street as per the Plan B in the report.
  - ii. That the existing 'No Stopping' restriction be extended from 10m to 13m on the northern side of Edward Street as per the Plan B in the report.
  - iii. That 'Yellow Line Marking' be installed on all approaches to the intersection, as per the Plan B in the report.
  - iv. That a 16m 'Double Dividing Line marking' be installed on the southern side of Edward Street as per the Plan B in the report.
  - v. That a 13m 'Double Dividing Line marking' be installed on the northern side of Edward Street as per the Plan B in the report.
  - vi. That "Reflective Tape" be installed on the Stop signs on the Colvin Avenue approaches to improve visibility.
- (c) Edward Street and Tanner Avenue Intersection
  - i. That a 10m 'Double Dividing Line marking' be installed on all approaches to the intersection as per the Plan C in the report.
  - ii. That a 10m 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on all approaches to the intersection as per the Plan C in the report.
  - iii. That 'Give Way' signs and line markings be installed on Edward Street as per the Plan C in the report.
- (d) Council will commence an investigation into long-term safety improvements at the intersection of Edward Street and Colvin Avenue, to assess the most effective solution, with consideration given to installation of roundabout, speed humps, chicanes or traffic calming devices.

**TAC056-25 PROPOSED 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTION - AUSTRAL STREET, PENSHURST**

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That a regulatory 10m 'No Stopping' restriction be installed on the departure side of Austral

Street, at the intersection with Ocean Street, as per the plan in the report.

**TAC057-25 KENSINGTON STREET, KOGARAH - PROPOSED TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF TAXI ZONE AND LOADING ZONE**  
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That the temporary taxi zone to be swapped with the time-restricted loading zone Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 6pm and Sat from 8:30am to 12:30pm at the frontage of 26-28 Kensington Street, Kogarah, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That the parking restrictions be returned to its original arrangements, following the completion of the 'Works Zone' period for the works associated with property 16 Kensington Street.

**TAC058-25 DEPOT ROAD, MORTDALE - PROPOSED TEMPORARY CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTION**  
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That a temporary 'No Parking' restriction be installed on Depot Road, Mortdale, as per the plan in the report, during the following periods to facilitate waste drop-off events:
  - Friday 9 August 2025 to Monday 12 August 2025
  - Friday 24 October 2025 to Monday 27 October 2025
  - Friday 28 November 2025 to Monday 01 December 2025
- (b) That the 'No Parking' restriction and associated signage be removed between each waste drop-off event.

**TAC059-25 BOUNDARY ROAD, MORTDALE - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTION**  
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That the current 'No Stopping' restriction fronting 80 Boundary Road, Mortdale be extended by 7m to the north, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That yellow line marking be installed at the intersection of Boundary Road and Sunlea Avenue, as per the plan in the report.

**CON039A-25 BELGRAVE STREET, KOGARAH - KOGARAH GREEK ORTHODOX PARISH AND COMMUNITY ANNUAL FETE & GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH PATRIARCH VISIT**  
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That the request to close Belgrave Street, Kogarah between Post Office Lane and Kensington Street from 5am to 11pm, Sunday 28 September 2025, for the Annual Fete, be approved.
- (b) That the request to close Belgrave Street, Kogarah between Post Office Lane and Kensington Street from 5pm to 10pm, Wednesday 8 October 2025, for the Patriarch Visit, be approved.
- (c) That the event organiser consults with the impacted stakeholders to notify them accordingly of the proposed closures.



- (d) That the events are categorised as 'Class 3' Events.

**CON035A-25 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - NO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK - KOGARAH 2025**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That the Temporary Road Closure commences from Kogarah Park to Kogarah Town Square on Friday 21 November 2025 between 10.30am to 1.00pm.
- (b) That Council liaises with NSW Police to assist with the management of the Temporary Road Closure.
- (c) That Council consults with the impacted stakeholders to notify them accordingly of the proposed Road Closure.
- (d) That this event is categorised as a 'Class 4' Event.

**CON036A-25 CARWAR AVENUE, CARSS PARK - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES - MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS EVENT**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That the request to temporarily close Carss Bush Park, Carss Park on Saturday 6 December 2025 between 4.00pm to 9.00pm to allow off-street parking for the "Magic of Christmas" event.
- (b) That approval be granted for the road closure of Carwar Avenue, south of Allawah Avenue, Carss Park, between 4.00pm to 9.00pm on Saturday 6 December 2025 for Council's "Magic of Christmas" event.
- (c) That approval be granted to place a VMS board on Princes Highway and Carwar Avenue for a period of 1 week prior to the event.
- (d) That the event is categorised as a 'Class 3' Event.

**CON037A-25 RIVERWOOD PARK, RIVERWOOD - LUGARNO LIONS COMMUNITY FAIR**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) prepared by Guardian Venue Management International for the Lugarno Lions Club Community Fair, be approved.
- (b) That the event is held within Riverwood Park on Sunday 21 September 2025 between 10.00am to 4.00pm.
- (c) That the event is categorised as a 'Class 3' Event.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/266673

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [1](#) Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025





## MINUTES

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### Assets and Infrastructure Committee

**Monday, 11 August 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Waratah Room**

**Georges River Civic Centre  
Hurstville**



**GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL**

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Councillor Borg, Councillor Mort (Chairperson), Councillor Anzellotti, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos and Councillor Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud  
Acting Manager City Operational Services – Tom Heath, EA to the Director, Assets and Infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath (minutes) and Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Chief Audit Executive - Steven Baker (online), Senior Assets Engineer – Pulak Saha, Brendan Thorpe – Technical Support.

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Mort, opened the meeting at 7.01pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, Councillor Mort 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**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

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

That a request from Councillor Gao and Councillor Pun to attend the meeting remotely via audio visual link be accepted.

**MOTION:** Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Liu

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Mort, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Liu, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

## **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

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## DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

**Non- Significant Non – Pecuniary Interest** – Mayor, Councillor Borg disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **FRMCC002-25 Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Study – Draft Flood Study Report** for the reason it is her principal place of residence is currently tagged as included in the 1% AEP and there is no proposed change to my property. Mayor, Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

## PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**ASS029-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2025**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

NOTE: Councillor Gao joined the meeting at 7.05pm.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Liu

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2025, be confirmed.

## Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mort, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Liu, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ASS030-25 Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held on 1 July 2025**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee recommendations for items FRMCC002-25 to FRMCC003-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**FRMCC002-25 BLAKEHURST AND KOGARAH BAY WARDS OVERLAND FLOW FLOOD STUDY - DRAFT FLOOD STUDY REPORT**  
(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

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

- (b) That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee (The Committee) receive and note the attached Draft Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Overland Flow Flood Study.
- (c) That this report be deferred to the full council meeting in August for consideration, following a workshop with councillors on the draft Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mort, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Liu, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

#### **FRMCC003-25 GRANT UPDATE FOR FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT FOR HURSTVILLE, MORTDALE AND PEAKHURST WARDS**

(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That this report be deferred to the full council meeting in August for consideration, following the update on the grants being uploaded to the Councillor Hub before the August Council meeting.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mort, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Liu, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

#### **ASS031-25 Report of the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 August 2025**

(Report by Integrated Planning and Reporting Officer)

NOTE: Councillor Pun joined the meeting at 7.09pm

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That the Georges River Council Traffic Advisory Committee recommendations for items TAC054-25 to CON037A-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mort, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Liu, 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.

#### **TAC054-25 TOORONGA TERRACE, BEVERLY HILLS - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

This item to be deferred back to the Traffic Advisory Committee to investigate the feasibility of

extending 1P parking to 7 days.

# **TAC055-25 EDWARD STREET, CARLTON - PROPOSED TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) Edward Street Mid-block (between Colvin and Tanner Avenue)
  - i. That a 240m 'Dividing Separation Line marking (S1)' be installed along Edward Street between Colvin Avenue and Tanner Avenue, Carlton, as per the Plan A in the report.
- (b) Edward Street and Colvin Avenue Intersection
  - ii. That the existing 'No Stopping' restriction be extended from 10m to 16m on the southern side of Edward Street as per the Plan B in the report.
  - iii. That the existing 'No Stopping' restriction be extended from 10m to 13m on the northern side of Edward Street as per the Plan B in the report.
  - iv. That 'Yellow Line Marking' be installed on all approaches to the intersection, as per the Plan B in the report.
  - v. That a 16m 'Double Dividing Line marking' be installed on the southern side of Edward Street as per the Plan B in the report.
  - vi. That a 13m 'Double Dividing Line marking' be installed on the northern side of Edward Street as per the Plan B in the report.
  - vii. That 'Reflective Tape' be installed on the Stop signs on the Colvin Avenue approaches to improve visibility.
- (c) Edward Street and Tanner Avenue Intersection
  - i. That a 10m 'Double Dividing Line marking' be installed on all approaches to the intersection as per the Plan C in the report.
  - ii. That a 10m 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on all approaches to the intersection as per the Plan C in the report.
  - iii. That 'Give Way' signs and line markings be installed on Edward Street as per the Plan C in the report.
- (d) Council will commence an investigation into long-term safety improvements at the intersection of Edward Street and Colvin Avenue, to assess the most effective solution, with consideration given to installation of roundabout, speed humps, chicanes or traffic calming devices.

# **TAC056-25 PROPOSED 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTION - AUSTRAL STREET, PENSHURST**

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That a regulatory 10m 'No Stopping' restriction be installed on the departure side of Austral Street, at the intersection with Ocean Street, as per the plan in the report.

# **TAC057-25 KENSINGTON STREET, KOGARAH - PROPOSED TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF TAXI ZONE AND LOADING ZONE**



(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That the temporary taxi zone to be swapped with the time-restricted loading zone Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 6pm and Sat from 8:30am to 12:30pm at the frontage of 26-28 Kensington Street, Kogarah, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That the parking restrictions be returned to its original arrangements, following the completion of the 'Works Zone' period for the works associated with property 16 Kensington Street.

**TAC058-25 DEPOT ROAD, MORTDALE - PROPOSED TEMPORARY CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTION**

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That a temporary 'No Parking' restriction be installed on Depot Road, Mortdale, as per the plan in the report, during the following periods to facilitate waste drop-off events:
  - Friday 9 August 2025 to Monday 12 August 2025
  - Friday 24 October 2025 to Monday 27 October 2025
  - Friday 28 November 2025 to Monday 01 December 2025
- (b) That the 'No Parking' restriction and associated signage be removed between each waste drop-off event.

**TAC059-25 BOUNDARY ROAD, MORTDALE - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTION**

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That the current 'No Stopping' restriction fronting 80 Boundary Road, Mortdale be extended by 7m to the north, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That yellow line marking be installed at the intersection of Boundary Road and Sunlea Avenue, as per the plan in the report.

**CON039A-25 BELGRAVE STREET, KOGARAH - KOGARAH GREEK ORTHODOX PARISH AND COMMUNITY ANNUAL FETE & GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH PATRIARCH VISIT**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That the request to close Belgrave Street, Kogarah between Post Office Lane and Kensington Street from 5am to 11pm, Sunday 28 September 2025, for the Annual Fete, be approved.
- (b) That the request to close Belgrave Street, Kogarah between Post Office Lane and Kensington Street from 5pm to 10pm, Wednesday 8 October 2025, for the Patriarch Visit, be approved.
- (c) That the event organiser consults with the impacted stakeholders to notify them accordingly of the proposed closures.
- (d) That the events are categorised as 'Class 3' Events.

**CON035A-25 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - NO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK - KOGARAH 2025**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That the Temporary Road Closure commences from Kogarah Park to Kogarah Town Square on Friday 21 November 2025 between 10.30am to 1.00pm.
- (b) That Council liaises with NSW Police to assist with the management of the Temporary Road Closure.
- (c) That Council consults with the impacted stakeholders to notify them accordingly of the proposed Road Closure.
- (d) That this event is categorised as a 'Class 4' Event.

**CON036A-25 CARWAR AVENUE, CARSS PARK - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES - MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS EVENT**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That the request to temporarily close Carss Bush Park, Carss Park on Saturday 6 December 2025 between 4.00pm to 9.00pm to allow off-street parking for the "Magic of Christmas" event.
- (b) That approval be granted for the road closure of Carwar Avenue, south of Allawah Avenue, Carss Park, between 4.00pm to 9.00pm on Saturday 6 December 2025 for Council's "Magic of Christmas" event.
- (c) That approval be granted to place a VMS board on Princes Highway and Carwar Avenue for a period of 1 week prior to the event.
- (d) That the event is categorised as a 'Class 3' Event.

**CON037A-25 RIVERWOOD PARK, RIVERWOOD - LUGARNO LIONS COMMUNITY FAIR**

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

- (a) That the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) prepared by Guardian Venue Management International for the Lugarno Lions Club Community Fair, be approved.
- (b) That the event is held within Riverwood Park on Sunday 21 September 2025 between 10.00am to 4.00pm.
- (c) That the event is categorised as a 'Class 3' Event.

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 7.26pm

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Chairperson

**Item:** CCL069-25 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025

**Author:** Executive Services Officer

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

CCL069-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV026-25 to ENV028-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following Committee recommendations for items ENV026-25 to ENV028-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 11 August 2025.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ENV026-25 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING Q4 METRICS REPORT**  
(Report by Manager Development and Building)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That Council note the Quarterly Development and Building Team Functions and Services Metrics Report for the period April to June 2025.

**ENV027-25 PROVISION OF ON-CALL BULKY WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur

That the information contained within this report be noted.

**ENV028-25 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL AND SYDNEY DOGS AND CATS HOME (SD&CH) - ANIMAL IMPOUNDING AGREEMENT**  
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison

- (a) That in accordance with Section 55 (3) (i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council enter into the five-year contract with Sydney Dogs and Cats Home, as contained in Confidential Attachment 1, until 30 June 2030, as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders because of extenuating circumstances and the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, being:
- (i) There are no alternative conveniently available facilities that offer animal impounding facilities for Local Government.
  - (ii) Council has previously attempted to utilise Sutherland Shire Council's Animal Pound and enter a 5-year contract with Blacktown City Council, however both facilities do

not have capacity to assist Council.

- (iii) Council has used Sydney Dogs and Cats Home under agreement as its Animal Pound for over 10 years on a recurring short-term basis.
- (b) That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

## FILE REFERENCE

D25/266979

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025



CCL069-25

## MINUTES

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### Environment and Planning Committee

**Monday, 11 August 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Dragon Room**

**Georges River Civic Centre,  
Hurstville**



**GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL**

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Peter Mahoney (Chairperson), Councillor Matthew Allison Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Christina Jamieson, and Councillor Kathryn Landsberry.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Manager Development & Building – Kristy Griffiths, Manager Environment, Health & Regulatory Services – Andrew Spooner, Acting Manager Office of the General Manager – Sue Matthew, General Counsel – James Fan, Coordinator Communications & Engagement – Catherine James, Personal Assistant to the Manager, Environment, Health & Regulatory Services – Lynne Denham (Minutes), Personal Assistant to Development & Building, Catherine Mercer, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott and Team Leader Technical Services Mark Tadros.

## **OPENING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Peter Mahoney, opened the meeting at 7.01 pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Chairperson, Councillor Peter Mahoney 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**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

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

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

## **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

The Chairperson, Councillor Peter Mahoney 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**

### **ENV025-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2025**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2025, be confirmed.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ENV026-25 Development and Building Q4 Metrics Report**

(Report by Manager Development and Building)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That Council note the Quarterly Development and Building Team Functions and Services Metrics Report for the period April to June 2025.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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

### **ENV027-25 Provision of On-Call Bulky Waste Collection Services for Multi-Unit Dwellings**

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur

That the information contained within this report be noted.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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

### **ENV028-25 Georges River Council and Sydney Dogs and Cats Home (SD&CH) - Animal Impounding Agreement**

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison

- (a) That in accordance with Section 55 (3) (i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council enter into the five-year contract with Sydney Dogs and Cats Home, as contained in Confidential Attachment 1, until 30 June 2030, as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting



tenders because of extenuating circumstances and the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, being:

- (i) There are no alternative conveniently available facilities that offer animal impounding facilities for Local Government.
  - (ii) Council has previously attempted to utilise Sutherland Shire Council's Animal Pound and enter a 5-year contract with Blacktown City Council, however both facilities do not have capacity to assist Council.
  - (iii) Council has used Sydney Dogs and Cats Home under agreement as its Animal Pound for over 10 years on a recurring short-term basis.
- (b) That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

#### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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

#### CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.25 pm

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Chairperson

## **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

**FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE****Item:** CCL070-25 **Alteration to Georges River Council Ward Boundaries****Author:** Manager Office of the General Manager**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL070-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council note under Section 211 of the *Local Government Act (1993)* in regard to ward boundaries within a local government area, the council of an area divided into wards must keep the ward boundaries under review.
- (b) That Council review the ward boundaries within the Georges River LGA prior to the next Local Government Election, being September 2028 in a manner that will result in each ward containing a number of electors that does not differ by more than 10 per cent from the number of electors in each other wards in the area.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise Council of an identified ward variance of more than 10 per cent between the number of electors in Kogarah Bay Ward and the number of electors in Mortdale Ward.
2. Councils divided into wards must ensure that the number of electors in each ward is approximately the same. Council should conduct a review once every term in the year after an election.
3. In the Georges River Council area, growth and movement of population has resulted in a variance between certain wards.

**BACKGROUND**

4. Section 211 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the LG Act) prescribes as follows, regarding ward boundaries within a local government area:

***“211 Ward boundaries***

- (1) *The council of an area divided into wards must keep the ward boundaries under review.*
- (2) *If:*
  - a. *during a council’s term of office, the council becomes aware that the number of electors in one ward differs by more than 10 per cent from the number of electors in any other ward in its area, and*
  - b. *that difference remains at the end of the first year of the following term of office of the council,*

*the council must, as soon as practicable, alter the ward boundaries in a manner that will result in each ward containing a number of electors that does not differ by more than 10 per cent from the number of electors in each other ward in the area.*

5. Following the local government elections in September 2024, Council has identified a variance of 15.767% in the number of electors between Kogarah Bay Ward (most number of electors) and Mortdale Ward (fewest electors).

6. As the variance is greater than 10% in the number of electors between the wards, Council needs to adjust its ward boundaries. In accordance with section 210A of the *Local Government Act 1993 No.30*, Council must consult the Electoral Commissioner and the Australian Statistician before altering its ward boundaries. The NSW Electoral Commission has advised that the process of reviewing our ward boundaries should commence in early 2027 to ensure Council is working with the most up-to-date enrolment data to reduce the risk of boundaries moving out of quota again prior to the 2028 Local Government Elections.
7. A detailed plan of the proposed alteration to ward boundaries will be prepared for public exhibition. The plan will be exhibited for at least 28 days and Council will consider any submissions made during the consultation period.
8. The proposed ward boundary plan will be drafted to ensure that the number of electors in each ward is approximately the same, and a variance in the number of voters between the wards will not exceed 10 per cent, in accordance with section 211 of the LG Act (1993).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. No budget impact for this report.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

10. Strategic Risk 6 Reputation: Inaction on these recommendations pose reputational risk to Council, as it would be in breach of Section 211 of the *Local Government Act (1993)* which could erode community trust in the organisation. By developing a plan for the boundary ward adjustment, keeping community members informed and providing the opportunity for a public exhibition period ensures transparency and enhanced public confidence.
11. Strategic Risk 7 Ineffective Governance: Failure to endorse the recommendations, places Council at a risk of breaching Section 211 of the *Local Government Act (1993)*. Enacting the recommendations will help ensure legislative compliance and uphold strong governance practices. Specifically, residents right to a fair and equitable election process.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

12. Community engagement will be conducted including a 28-day consultation period.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D24/248269

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item:** CCL071-25 Proposed Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2025/26

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

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorse the proposed meeting schedule for 2025/26 as attached to this report.

CCL071-25

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report is seeking Council endorsement of a Council and Committee Meeting schedule for 2025/26 as attached to this report (commencing 6 October 2025 through to 28 September 2026).

**BACKGROUND**

2. In accordance with Chapter 12, Part 2, Section 365 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Council is required to meet at least 10 times per year (financial year), each time in a different month. The proposed Meeting Schedule achieves this minimum requirement.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3. Adoption of the recommendations outlined in this report will have no financial impact, as there is provision for the conduct of meetings allocated in the adopted 2025/26 Operational Plan and Budget.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS**

4. Strategic Risk 7 – Reputation identified reducing Council's ability to engage in sound decision-making and being able to take strategic action whilst maintaining essential services and support for the community.
5. Strategic Risk 8 – Statutory and Regulatory requirement/ineffective governance identified should Council fail to meet its statutory obligations

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

6. Community engagement was not undertaken in the preparation of this report.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/190721

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [1](#) Council and Standing Committee Schedule 2025 26





## Council and Standing Committee Meeting Schedule

2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR				
Meetings Held	Date	Meeting	Commencing	Ordinary Council Mtg No.
	<b>JULY 2025</b>			
	07 July 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	14 July 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	14 July 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	14 July 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	14 July 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	21 July 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	28 July 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	1
	<b>AUGUST 2025</b>			
	04 Aug 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	11 Aug 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	11 Aug 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	11 Aug 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	11 Aug 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	18 Aug 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	25 Aug 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	2
	<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>			
	01 Sept 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	08 Sept 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	08 Sept 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	08 Sept 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	08 Sept 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	15 Sept 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	22 Sept 2025	<b>Extraordinary Council Meeting</b>	6.00pm	
	22 Sept 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	3
	<b>OCTOBER 2025</b>			
	07 Oct 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	13 Oct 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	13 Oct 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	13 Oct 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	13 Oct 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	20 Oct 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	27 Oct 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	4
	<b>NOVEMBER 2025</b>			
	3 Nov 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	10 Nov 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	10 Nov 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	10 Nov 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	10 Nov 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	17 Nov 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	5
	24-25 Nov 2025	<b>LG NSW Conference</b>		



2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR				
Meetings Held	Date	Meeting	Commencing	Ordinary Council Mtg No.
	<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>			
	1 Dec 2025	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	8 Dec 2025	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	8 Dec 2025	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	8 Dec 2025	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	8 Dec 2025	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	15 Dec 2025	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	6
	<b>FEBRUARY 2026</b>			
	2 Feb 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	9 Feb 2026	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	9 Feb 2026	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	9 Feb 2026	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	9 Feb 2026	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	16 Feb 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	23 Feb 2026	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	7
	<b>MARCH 2026</b>			
	2 Mar 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	9 Mar 2026	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	9 Mar 2026	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	9 Mar 2026	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	9 Mar 2026	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	16 Mar 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	23 Mar 2026	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	8
	<b>APRIL 2026</b>			
	7 Apr 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	13 Apr 2026	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	13 Apr 2026	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	13 Apr 2026	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	13 Apr 2026	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	20 Apr 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	27 Apr 2026	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	9
	<b>MAY 2026</b>			
	4 May 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	11 May 2026	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	11 May 2026	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	11 May 2026	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	11 May 2026	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	18 May 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	25 May 2026	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	
	<b>JUNE 2026</b>			
	1 Jun 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	9 June 2026	Finance and Governance Committee	6.00pm	
	9 June 2026	Community and Culture Committee	6.00pm	
	9 June 2026	Environment and Planning Committee	7.00pm	
	9 June 2026	Assets and Infrastructure Committee	7.00pm	
	15 Jun 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops	6.00pm	
	22 Jun 2026	<b>Council Meeting</b>	7.00pm	10



2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR				
Meetings Held	Date	Meeting	Commencing	Ordinary Council Mtg No.
	<b>July 2026</b>			
	6 Jul 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops		
	13 Jul 2026	Finance and Governance Committee		
	13 Jul 2026	Community and Culture Committee		
	13 Jul 2026	Environment and Planning Committee		
	13 Jul 2026	Assets and Infrastructure Committee		
	20 Jul 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops		
	27 Jul 2026	<b>Council Meeting</b>		
	<b>August 2026</b>			
	3 Aug 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops		
	10 Aug 2026	Finance and Governance Committee		
	10 Aug 2026	Community and Culture Committee		
	10 Aug 2026	Environment and Planning Committee		
	10 Aug 2026	Assets and Infrastructure Committee		
	17 Aug 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops		
	24 Aug 2026	<b>Council Meeting</b>		
	<b>Sept 2026</b>			
	7 Sept 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops		
	14 Sept 2026	Finance and Governance Committee		
	14 Sept 2026	Community and Culture Committee		
	14 Sept 2026	Environment and Planning Committee		
	14 Sept 2026	Assets and Infrastructure Committee		
	21 Sept 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops		
	28 Sept 2026	<b>Extraordinary Council Meeting</b>		
	28 Sept 2026	<b>Council Meeting</b>		
	<b>October 2026</b>			
	6 Oct 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops		
	12 Oct 2026	Finance and Governance Committee		
	12 Oct 2026	Community and Culture Committee		
	12 Oct 2026	Environment and Planning Committee		
	12 Oct 2026	Assets and Infrastructure Committee		
	19 Oct 2026	Councillor Briefings and Workshops		
	26 Oct 2026	<b>Council Meeting</b>		





**Item:** CCL072-25 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) 2025 Annual Conference - Voting Delegates and Submission of Motions

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

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council nominate nine (9) Councillors to attend the 2025 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference as voting delegates.
- (b) That Council consider any motions it wishes to submit to the 2025 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference.
- (c) That Council review and confirm motions, to be submitted for the LGNSW Conference, at the Council Meeting of 22 September 2025.
- (d) That Council note that the General Manager will nominate staff to attend the Conference.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report is presented to Council for its consideration of Councillor attendance and Councillor voting delegates at the 2025 LGNSW Annual Conference (the Conference), hosted by Penrith City Council. The Conference is being held at Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Conference Centre from Sunday 23 November to Tuesday 25 November 2025.
2. The report also calls for Councillors to consider any motions they may wish to submit to the Conference. Under the LGNSW Rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the 2025 Conference business paper is Sunday, 26 October 2025. Therefore, any motions for consideration will need to be presented for endorsement at the Council meeting scheduled for 22 September 2025, in order to make the final submission deadline.

**BACKGROUND**

3. In addition to conference registration, member councils must register the names of their delegates for voting on motions during formal business sessions.
4. In accordance with the Local Government NSW rules, only members that were financial on 1 March 2025 (the 'calculation date') have been allocated voting entitlements. The formula for calculating members' voting entitlements is prescribed at Rule 3 of the [LGNSW rules](#).
5. In 2025, Georges River Council's member voting entitlement is nine (9) voting members (**Attachment 1**).
6. Council must advise LGNSW of the names of their nominated voting delegates for voting on motions by 5pm on Friday 7 November 2025. Nominations of voting delegates received after the closing date/time cannot be accepted.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. Registration to attend the Conference opened on 1 July 2025. Members will be able to take advantage of special 'early bird' rates if bookings are made on or before Tuesday, 30 September 2025.
8. Estimated costs per councillor: \$2,500

- a) Registration: \$1,250 per person (Early Bird)
  - b) Conference Dinner: \$245 per person
  - c) Accommodation: \$700 (total = 2 nights)
9. Each Councillor has an annual expense allowance of \$4,500 per annum for attendance at training, development, conferences and seminars.
10. All costs associated with councillor attendance at the LGNSW Annual Conference are allocated in accordance with the *Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy*.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

11. No Risks identified.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

12. Community engagement is not required.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/194557

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item:** CCL073-25 Adoption of Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facility Policy (2025)

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

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL073-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (2025) as attached to this report.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. Council, at its meeting held on 23 June 2025, considered a report (CCL052-25) regarding the draft Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (2025) and resolved that the draft Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

This report is seeking Council endorsement of the attached Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (2025).

**BACKGROUND**

2. At its meeting held on 23 June 2025, Council resolved to exhibit the draft Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (2025) (CCL052-25) for a period of 28 days.
3. The public exhibition period commenced on 24 June 2025 and ended on 22 July 2025.
4. In accordance with Council's resolution of 23 June 2025 (CCL052-25), the draft Policy was referred to the Office of Local Government (OLG), the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).
5. No other submissions were received as part of the public exhibition.
6. Council is required under Section 252 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to adopt a policy for the payment of any expenses and provision of any facilities for the Mayor and Councillors.
7. A Council must not pay any expenses for, or provide any facilities to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor or a Councillor, unless in accordance with a Policy under Section 252 of the NSW *Local Government Act (1993)*.
8. The Policy attached to this report has used the template of the Office of Local Government.
9. The Policy is consistent with the NSW *Local Government Act (1993)* and the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

**RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

10. Public Submissions  
During the public exhibition period, no submissions were received from the public.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. Adoption of the Policy will not result in any significant change in budget allocation requirements. A budget allocation for Councillor and Mayoral expenses has been provided for in the 2025/26 financial year.

12. An amount of \$220,500 is allowed for in the 2025/26 financial year budget.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

13. Operational risk/s identified, and management process applied, including referral of the draft Policy to Office of Local Government, Independent Commission Against Corruption and Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

14. The public exhibition of the draft Mayor and Councillor's Expenses and Facilities Policy commenced on 24 June 2025 and ended on 22 July 2025.
15. Following Council's adoption of the Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (2025), the Policy will be published on Council's website.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/197388

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment [↓](#)1  DRAFT 2025 Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy - June 2025 Council Meeting for public exhibition



# Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy

2025

## Policy Administration

<b>Dates</b>	Policy approved 26/08/2024 This policy is effective upon its approval. Policy is due for review 09/2025.
<b>Approved by</b>	Council Meeting 26/08/2024 Council Resolution CCL059-24
<b>Policy Type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Policy
<b>Exhibition Period</b>	TBA – 28 days
<b>Policy Owner</b>	Manager, Office of the General Manager
<b>Related Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georges River Council's Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Georges River Council's Code of Meeting Practice</li> <li>• Georges River Council's <b>Alcohol and other Drugs Policy</b></li> <li>• Georges River Council's Records and Information Management Policy</li> <li>• Georges River Council's <b>City Partnerships Policy</b></li> </ul>
<b>References &amp; Legislation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Government Act 1993</i></li> <li>• <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i></li> <li>• Office of Local Government Model Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy</li> <li>• Office of Local Government Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW</li> <li>• Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW</li> <li>• Local Government Guidelines for the Payment of Expenses and the Provisions of Facilities to Mayors and Councillors in NSW, 2009</li> <li>• Office of Local Government Circular 09-36 Release of Revised Councillor Expenses and Facilities Guidelines</li> <li>• Office of Local Government Circular 11-27 Findings from Review of Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policies</li> <li>• <i>Local Government (State) Award 2023</i></li> <li>• <i>Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007</i></li> <li>• <i>NSW State Records Act 1998</i></li> <li>• <i>NSW Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Reviewed Award 2009</i></li> </ul>
<b>Document Identifier</b>	Policy #: Pol-026.07 Doc #: D24/212838
<b>Breaches of Policy</b>	Breaches of any policy will be dealt with and responded to in accordance with adopted codes and/or relevant legislation.

<b>Record Keeping</b>	All documents and information obtained in relation to the implementation of this policy will be kept in accordance with the NSW State Records Act 1998, Georges River Council's Corporate Records Policy and adopted internal procedures.
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## Policy Summary

This Policy enables the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to councillors to help them undertake their civic duties.

It ensures accountability and transparency and seeks to align councillor expenses and facilities with community expectations. Councillors must not obtain private or political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this Policy.

The Policy has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) and complies with the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to Mayors and Councillors in NSW.

The Policy sets out the maximum amounts Council will pay for specific expenses and facilities. Expenses not explicitly addressed in this Policy will not be paid or reimbursed.

## Part A - Introduction

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The provision of expenses and facilities enables councillors to fulfil their civic duties as the elected representatives of Georges River Council.
- 1.2. The community is entitled to know the extent of expenses paid to councillors, as well as the facilities provided.
- 1.3. The purpose of this Policy is to clearly state the facilities and support that are available to councillors to assist them in fulfilling their civic duties.
- 1.4. Council staff are empowered to question or refuse a request for payment from a councillor when it does not accord with this Policy.
- 1.5. Expenses and facilities provided by this Policy are in addition to fees paid to councillors. The minimum and maximum fees a council may pay each councillor are set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal as per Section 241 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and reviewed annually. Council must adopt its annual fees within this set range.

### 2. Policy Objectives

- 2.1. The objectives of this Policy are to:
  - enable the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses incurred by councillors while undertaking their civic duties;
  - enable facilities of a reasonable and appropriate standard to be provided to councillors to support them in undertaking their civic duties;

- ensure accountability and transparency in reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to councillors;
- ensure facilities and expenses provided to councillors meet community expectations;
- support a diversity of representation; and
- fulfil the council's statutory responsibilities.

### 3. Principles

#### 3.1. Council commits to the following principles:

- **Proper conduct:** councillors and staff acting lawfully and honestly, exercising care and diligence in carrying out their functions;
- **Reasonable expenses:** providing for councillors to be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred as part of their role as councillor;
- **Participation and access:** enabling people from diverse backgrounds, underrepresented groups, those in carer roles and those with special needs to serve as a councillor
- **Equity:** there must be equitable access to expenses and facilities for all councillors;
- **Appropriate use of resources:** providing clear direction on the appropriate use of council resources in accordance with legal requirements and community expectations; and
- **Accountability and transparency:** clearly stating and reporting on the expenses and facilities provided to councillors.

### 4. Private or Political Benefit

- 4.1. Councillors must not obtain private or political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this Policy.
- 4.2. Private use of council equipment and facilities by councillors may occur from time to time. For example, telephoning home to advise that a council meeting will run later than expected.
- 4.3. Such incidental private use does not require a compensatory payment back to council.
- 4.4. Councillors should avoid obtaining any greater private benefit from council than an incidental benefit. Where there are unavoidable circumstances and more

substantial private use of council facilities does occur, councillors must reimburse the council.

4.5. Campaigns for re-election are considered to be a political benefit. The following are examples of what is considered to be a political interest during a re-election campaign:

- production of election material;
- use of council resources and equipment for campaigning;
- use of official council letterhead, publications, websites or services for political benefit; and
- fundraising activities of political parties or individuals, including political fundraising events.

### Table of Expenses and Facilities

The main expenses and facilities are summarised in the table below. All monetary amounts are exclusive of GST.

Expense or facility	Maximum amount	Frequency
Sydney South Planning Panel	\$1,000 (max per day) per Councillor for attendance at Determination meetings, in person or online plus \$150 per hour (min. 1 hour and max. 4 hours) for attendance at panel briefings and site inspections.	Per Meeting/Briefing/Site visit. Appointed representatives only
General travel expenses	\$1,000 per councillor \$2,000 for the Mayor	Per financial year
Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses	\$1,000 per councillor	Per financial year
Accommodation and meals	As per the NSW <i>Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Reviewed Award</i>	Per meal/night
Professional development, conferences and seminars	\$1,500 per councillor	Per financial year
Conferences and seminars	\$3,000 per councillor	Per financial year
ICT expenses	\$4,000 per councillor	Per term
Carer expenses	\$2,000 per councillor	Per financial year
Communication expenses	\$500 per councillor	Per month
		Per financial year

Business cards	500 business cards per councillor an additional 250 business	
Christmas or festive cards	e-Card: 1 design per councillor	Per financial year
Councillor letterhead	1 design per councillor	Per term
Access to facilities in a councillor room	Provided to all councillors	Not relevant
Council vehicle and fuel card	Provided to the mayor	Not relevant
Reserved parking space at Council	Provided to the mayor	Not relevant
Furnished office	Provided to the mayor	Not relevant

Additional costs incurred by a councillor in excess of these limits are considered a personal expense that is the responsibility of the councillor.

Councillors must provide claims for reimbursement within three (3) months of an expense being incurred. Claims made after this time will not be approved.

Reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to councillors will be publicly tabled at a council meeting every six months and published in full on council's website. These reports will include expenditure summarised by individual councillor and as a total for all councillors.

## Part B – Expenses

### 5. General Expenses

- 5.1. All expenses provided under this Policy will be for a purpose specific to the functions of holding civic office.
- 5.2. Expenses not explicitly addressed in this Policy will not be paid or reimbursed.
- 5.3. For the purposes of this Policy, annual expenses are calculated over a financial year (1 July to 30 June).
- 5.4. Any expense or facility that are paid on a per financial year basis under this Policy, are paid on a pro-rata basis for any periods not equivalent to a full financial year.

### 6. Specific Expenses

#### Sydney South Planning Panel

- 6.1. Councillors appointed as representatives to the Sydney South Planning Panel will be paid a fee of \$1,000 (max per day) for attendance at Determination meetings, inclusive of incidental and travel/transport costs. The fee is also inclusive of

correspondence and receiving and reading of information relating to any matters considered by the panel.

- 6.2. Appointed Councillors will receive an additional allowance for attendance at site inspections and briefings of the panel. The fee will be at a rate of \$150 per hour, minimum of one (1) hour up to a maximum of four (4) hours. The allowance is inclusive of any incidental and travel/transport costs for briefings and/or site visits on multiple applications.

#### General travel arrangements and expenses

- 6.3. All travel by councillors should be undertaken using the most direct route and the most practicable and economical mode of transport.
- 6.4. Each councillor may be reimbursed up to a total of \$1,000 per year, and the mayor may be reimbursed up to a total of \$2,000 per year, for travel expenses incurred while undertaking official business or professional development or attending approved conferences and seminars within NSW. This includes reimbursement:
- for public transport fares;
  - for the use of a private vehicle or hire car;
  - for parking costs for council and other meetings;
  - for tolls;
  - by Cabcharge card or equivalent; and
  - for documented ride-share programs, such as Uber, where tax invoices can be issued.
- 6.5. Allowances for the use of a private vehicle will be reimbursed by kilometre at the rate contained in the Local Government (State) Award 2023.
- 6.6. Councillors seeking to be reimbursed for use of a private vehicle must keep a logbook recording the date, distance and purpose of travel being claimed. Copies of the relevant logbook contents must be provided with the claim.

#### Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses

- 6.7. In accordance with Section 4 of this Policy, council will scrutinise the value and need for councillors to undertake overseas travel. Councils should avoid interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate trips unless direct and tangible benefits can be established for the council and the local community.

- 6.8. Travel in relation to Sister City visits must be consistent with the relevant clauses in the Georges River Council Sister City Policy and will be reimbursed in association with that Policy and will not be reimbursed in association with this Policy.
- 6.9. Total interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses for each councillor will be capped at a maximum of \$1,000 per year for travel expenses incurred while undertaking official business or professional development or attending approved conferences and seminars. This includes reimbursement:
- for public transport fares;
  - for airfares;
  - for the use of a private vehicle or hire car;
  - for parking costs for Council and other meetings;
  - for tolls;
  - by Cabcharge card or equivalent; and
  - for documented ride-share programs, such as Uber, where tax invoices can be issued.
- 6.10. Councillors seeking approval for any interstate, long-distance intrastate or overseas travel must submit a case to, and obtain the approval of, a full council meeting prior to travel.
- 6.11. The case should include:
- objectives to be achieved in travel, including an explanation of how the travel aligns with current council priorities and business, the community benefits which will accrue as a result, and its relevance to the exercise of the councillor's civic duties;
  - who is to take part in the travel;
  - duration and itinerary of travel; and
  - a detailed budget including a statement of any amounts expected to be reimbursed by the participant/s.
- 6.12. Any council approved interstate, long-distance intrastate or overseas journeys by air, the class of air travel is to be economy class.
- 6.13. Bookings for approved air travel are to be made through the General Manager's office.

- 6.14. For air travel that is reimbursed as council business, councillors will not accrue points from the airline's frequent flyer program. This is considered a private benefit.

Travel expenses not paid by council

- 6.15. Council will not pay any traffic fines, parking fines or administrative charges for road toll accounts.

Accommodation and meals

- 6.16. Council will reimburse costs for accommodation and meals while councillors are undertaking prior approved travel or professional development outside of Metropolitan Sydney.
- 6.17. The costs associated with accommodation and meals while councillors are travelling for the purpose of attending prior approved professional development or conference/seminar will be allocated from the annual Policy allowances for professional development or conferences/seminars.
- 6.18. The daily limits for accommodation and meal expenses within Australia are to be consistent with those set out in Part B Monetary Rates of the *NSW Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Reviewed Award 2009*, as adjusted annually.
- 6.19. The daily limits for accommodation and meal expenses outside Australia are to be determined in advance by the General Manager, being mindful of Clause 6.16.
- 6.20. Councillors may be reimbursed for alcoholic beverages, in accordance with Council's Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Refreshments for meetings of council

- 6.21. A hot meal will be provided to councillors prior to a council meeting for councillors attending in-person.
- 6.22. Light refreshments (hot or cold) will be provided to councillors prior to committee meetings and councillor briefings for councillors attending in-person.
- 6.23. Cold drinks and tea and coffee will be provided to councillors for their consumption prior to, during and after meetings of council.
- 6.24. Alcohol will not be provided.

Professional development

6.25. Each councillor may be reimbursed up to a total of **\$1,500** per councillor per year for professional development programs, training and education courses. This includes reimbursement:

- for enrolment fees;
- for registration fees;
- related accommodation and meal expenses;
- membership of professional bodies; and
- subscriptions.

6.26. In the first year of a new council term, Council will provide a comprehensive induction program for all councillors which considers any guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government (OLG). The cost of the induction program will be in addition to the ongoing professional development funding.

6.27. Annual membership of professional bodies will only be covered where the membership is relevant to the exercise of the councillor's civic duties, the councillor actively participates in the body and the cost of membership is likely to be fully offset by savings from attending events as a member.

6.28. Subscriptions will only be covered where the subscribed material/service/publication is relevant to the exercise of the councillor's civic duties.

6.29. Approval for professional development activities is subject to a prior written request to the General Manager outlining the:

- details of the proposed professional development;
- relevance to council priorities and business; and
- relevance to the exercise of the councillor's civic duties.

6.30. In assessing a councillor's request for a professional development activity, the General Manager must consider the cost of the professional development in relation to the councillor's remaining budget.

#### Conferences and seminars

6.31. Council is committed to ensuring its councillors are up to date with contemporary issues facing council and the community, and local government in NSW.



6.32. Each councillor may be reimbursed up to a total of **\$3,000** per councillor per year to facilitate councillor attendance at conferences and seminars. This includes reimbursement:

- for registration fees;
- related accommodation and meal expenses.

6.33. Approval to attend a conference or seminar is subject to a written request to the General Manager. In assessing a councillor's request, the General Manager must consider factors including the:

- relevance of the topics and presenters to current council priorities and business and the exercise of the councillor's civic duties;
- cost of the conference or seminar in relation to the total remaining budget.

ICT expenses (devices - electronic equipment)

6.34. Councillors will be required to provide their own device for Council related business ('BYO device').

6.35. Council will reimburse councillors for expenses associated with the outright purchase of an appropriate device, up to a limit of \$4,000 per term for each councillor. This includes reimbursement;

- for a laptop;
- for a personal computer (IPC);
- for an iPad or tablet device;
- for a smart phone;
- for a printer;
- for accessories (keyboard, mouse, headset, screen protector, protective case etc)
- for any of the above listed devices;

6.36. Reimbursement of ICT devices under this Policy will only be made for devices purchased outright and used by councillors to undertake their civic duties. In order for councillors to purchase any devices in the final year of the Council term, councillors must provide evidence that the item has been lost, damaged or stolen. Devices purchased through a mobile phone plan will not be reimbursed through this Policy.

- 6.37. Any device purchased by a councillor should be cognisant of the recommended minimum hardware and software specifications set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 6.38. Councillors using a device to access Council systems must abide by the relevant Council Policies.
- 6.39. All information created, sent and received in an official capacity as a councillor (or mayor) is a Council record and must be managed in accordance with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998* and Council's approved records management policies and practices (Georges River Council Code of Conduct, Clause 8.24).
- 6.40. All information stored in either soft or hard copy on Council supplied resources (including email accounts) is deemed to be related to the business of Council and will be treated as Council records, regardless of whether the original intention was to create the information for personal purposes. Personal email should not be used for official Council communication (Georges River Council Code of Conduct, Clause 8.25).
- 6.41. You must not destroy, alter or dispose of Council information or records, unless authorised to do so. If you need to alter or dispose of Council information or records, you must do so in consultation with Council's Head of Information Management and comply with the requirements of the *State Records Act 1998* (Georges River Council Code of Conduct, Clause 8.26).

Communications expenses (data, internet, telephone, postage)

- 6.42. Council will reimburse councillors for monthly communications expenses, up to a limit of \$500 per month for each councillor. This includes reimbursement of:
- mobile phone expenses (for one mobile phone service) (including monthly plan and call costs);
  - home internet expenses;
  - printer consumables;
  - printing paper;
  - postage expenses;
  - miscellaneous stationery;
  - software expenses (including anti-virus/malware subscriptions, Office365 subscriptions, or similar).

6.43. Reimbursements will be made only for communications and services used for councillors to undertake their civic duties, such as:

- receiving and reading council business papers;
- relevant phone calls and correspondence;
- diary and appointment management.

**Special requirements and carer expenses**

6.44. Council encourages wide participation and interest in civic office. It will seek to ensure council premises and associated facilities are accessible, including provision for sight or hearing-impaired councillors and those with other disabilities.

6.45. Transportation provisions outlined in this Policy will also assist councillors who may be unable to drive a vehicle.

6.46. In addition to the provisions above, the General Manager may authorise the provision of reasonable additional facilities and expenses in order to allow a councillor with a disability to perform their civic duties.

6.47. Councillors who are the principal carer of a child or other elderly, disabled and/or sick immediate family member will be entitled to reimbursement of carer's expenses up to a maximum of \$2,000 per annum per councillor for attendance at official business, plus reasonable travel from the principal place of residence. Councillors must provide copies of paid tax invoices with each claim.

6.48. Childcare expenses may be claimed for children up to and including the age of 16 years where the carer is not a relative.

6.49. In the event of caring for an adult person, councillors will need to provide suitable evidence to the General Manager that reimbursement is applicable. This may take the form of advice from a medical practitioner.

**Security to prevent against harm**

6.50. Council shall meet the reasonable expenses of a councillor, in proceedings intended to prevent physical or mental harm to a councillor, arising from the conduct of a third party against the councillor, in relation to the councillor performing their functions under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 in good faith.

6.51. Such expenses may extend to the costs of providing services and equipment, to protect the security of councillors.

**Superannuation**

6.52. As of 1 July 2024, the superannuation guarantee rate will be 11.5%. The rate will increase by half a percent each year until 1 July 2025 when it reaches 12%.

6.53. The superannuation contribution payment is to be paid at the same intervals as the annual fee is paid to councillors.

6.54. To receive a superannuation contribution payment, each councillor must first nominate a superannuation account for the payment before the end of the month to which the payment relates. The superannuation account nominated by councillors must be an account for superannuation or retirement benefits from a scheme or fund to which the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act applies.

6.55. Councils must not make a superannuation contribution payment for a councillor if the councillor fails to nominate an eligible superannuation account for the payment before the end of the month to which the payment relates.

## 7. Insurances

7.1. In accordance with Section 382 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council is insured against public liability and professional indemnity claims. Councillors are included as a named insured on this Policy.

7.2. Insurance protection is only provided if a claim arises out of or in connection with the councillor's performance of his or her civic duties, or exercise of his or her functions as a councillor. All insurances are subject to any limitations or conditions set out in the policies of insurance.

7.3. Council shall pay the insurance policy excess in respect of any claim accepted by Council's insurers, whether defended or not.

7.4. Appropriate travel insurances will be provided for any councillors travelling on approved interstate and overseas travel on Council business.

## 8. Legal Assistance

8.1. Council may, if requested, indemnify or reimburse the reasonable legal expenses of:

- a councillor defending an action arising from the performance in good faith of a function under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 provided that the outcome of the legal proceedings is favourable to the councillor;
- a councillor defending an action in defamation, provided the statements complained of were made in good faith in the course of exercising a function under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 and the outcome of the legal proceedings is favourable to the councillor;

- a councillor for proceedings before an appropriate investigative or review body, provided the subject of the proceedings arises from the performance in good faith of a function under the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*;

and the matter has proceeded past any initial assessment phase to a formal investigation or review and the investigative or review body makes a finding substantially favourable to the councillor.

Appropriate investigative or review bodies include, but are not limited to:

- NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)
- Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)
- Office of the NSW Ombudsman
- Office of Local Government (OLG)
- Department of Premier and Cabinet NSW (DPC)
- NSW Police Force
- The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP)
- Council's Conduct Review Committee

8.2. In the case of a code of conduct complaint made against a councillor, legal costs will only be made available where the matter has been referred by the General Manager to a conduct reviewer and the conduct reviewer has commenced a formal investigation of the matter and makes a finding substantially favourable to the councillor.

8.3. Legal expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising out of the performance by a councillor of his or her functions under the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* are distinguished from expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising merely from something that a councillor has done during his or her term in office. For example, expenses arising from an investigation as to whether a councillor acted corruptly would not be covered by this section.

8.4. Council will not meet the legal costs:

- of legal proceedings initiated by a councillor under any circumstances, other than where a councillor seeks orders under the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007*, arising from the performance in good faith of a councillor's functions under the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*;
- of a councillor seeking advice in respect of possible defamation, or in seeking a non-litigious remedy for possible defamation;

- for legal proceedings that do not involve a councillor performing their role as a councillor.

8.5. Reimbursement of expenses for reasonable legal expenses must have council approval by way of a resolution at a council meeting prior to costs being incurred.

## Part C – Facilities

### 9. General Facilities for All Councillors

- 9.1. Council will provide the following facilities to councillors to assist them to effectively discharge their civic duties:
- a councillor common room appropriately furnished to include photocopier, printer, desks, computer terminals, lockers and appropriate snacks and non-alcoholic refreshments;
  - access to shared car parking spaces while attending council offices on official business;
  - personal protective equipment for use during site visits;
  - a name badge which may be worn at official functions, indicating that the wearer holds the office of a councillor and/or mayor or deputy mayor.
- 9.2. Councillors may book meeting rooms for official business in a specified council building at no cost. Rooms may be booked through a specified officer in the mayor's office or other specified staff member.
- 9.3. The provision of facilities will be of a standard deemed by the General Manager as appropriate for the purpose.

#### Councillor Hub

- 9.4. Council will provide all councillors access to the 'Councillor Hub', a mobile platform designed to manage and distribute important and relevant content such as business papers, policies and procedures, presentations, meetings schedules, updates and notifications.
- 9.5. The 'Councillor Hub' is a secure, simple easy to use website (or app) than can be accessed from any device.

#### Professional Photo

- 9.6. Council will arrange a professional photo session at the commencement of each new council term for the purpose of an individual headshot of each councillor and a group photo with all councillors.
- 9.7. Copyright and exclusive use of the professional photos remains with council for duration of the council term, although the use of photographs by Councillors may be approved by the General Manager in consultation with the Mayor.

#### Stationery

9.8. Council will provide the following stationery to councillors each year:

- Councillor letterhead
  - 1 design per councillor per year, to be used only for correspondence associated with civic duties
- Business cards
  - 500 business cards per councillor per year
  - an additional 250 business cards for the mayor each year
- Christmas or festive cards
  - e-Cards: 1 design per councillor per year
  - printed cards: 200 card maximum per councillor per year for councillors.

#### Administrative support

- 9.9. Council may provide administrative support to councillors to assist them with their civic duties only. Administrative support may be provided by staff in the mayor's office or by a member of council's administrative staff as arranged by the General Manager or their delegate.
- 9.10. As per Section 4, council staff are expected to assist councillors with civic duties only, and not assist with matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.
- 9.11. With consideration to environmental factors, printed business papers will not be provided to councillors.

#### IMT support

9.12. Council will provide technology support for all councillors to assist them with their civic duties only.

9.13. Any request for technology assistance must be made as a Councillor HelpDesk Request.

#### Access to information

9.14. Councillors can obtain copies of council information, free of charge, if the information is required to enable a councillor to undertake their role as defined under Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

### **10. Additional Facilities for the Mayor**

10.1. The mayor shall be provided with additional facilities to recognise the special role, responsibilities and duties of the position, both in the council and in the community.

10.2. Facilities, equipment and services provided under this clause remain the property of the council.

#### Mayoral Council Vehicle

10.3. Council will provide to the mayor a maintained vehicle to a similar standard of other council vehicles, with a fuel card. The vehicle will be supplied for use on business, professional development and attendance at the mayor's office. Use of the Mayoral Council Vehicle for other purposes does not constitute a breach of the NSW *Local Government Act 1993*.

10.4. The mayor must keep a logbook setting out the date, distance and purpose of all travel. This must include any travel for private benefit. The logbook must be submitted to Council on a monthly basis.

10.5. The mayoral allowance will be reduced to cover the cost of any private travel recorded in the logbook, calculated on a per kilometre basis by the rate set by the *Local Government (State) Award 2023*.

10.6. A parking space at Council's Civic Centre will be reserved for the Mayoral Vehicle for use on official business, professional development and attendance at the mayor's office.

10.7. For reasons of practicality, security and ease of accessibility, the mayor may keep the Mayoral Council Vehicle under his/her custody.

10.8. The following restrictions will apply to the use of the Mayoral Council Vehicle:



- The Mayoral Council Vehicle may not be used by the mayor for recreation or vacation use; and
- Only in exceptional or emergency circumstances may the mayor authorise a person other than a Council employee to drive the Mayoral Council Vehicle.

10.9. If the Mayor elects not to take up the provision of a Mayoral Council Vehicle and wishes to use their own vehicle for official council business, the mayor is entitled to be reimbursed in the same manner as other councillors (refer Clause 6.3 and 6.4).

#### Mayoral office

10.10. Council will provide the mayor with a furnished office incorporating a computer configured to Council's standard operating environment, telephone, meeting space, private bathroom, kitchen facilities, appropriate refreshments (excluding alcohol).

10.11. In performing his/her civic duties, the mayor will be assisted by council staff providing administrative and secretarial support, as determined by the General Manager or their delegate.

10.12. As per Section 4 of this Policy, staff in the mayor's office are expected to work on official business only, and not for matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.

#### Other mayoral facilities

10.13. Mayoral Chains of Office will be provided to the mayor to wear (at their discretion) at official, civic and ceremonial services

## Part D - Processes

### 11. Approval, Payment and Reimbursement Arrangements

- 11.1. Expenses should only be incurred by councillors in accordance with the provisions of this Policy.
- 11.2. Approval for incurring expenses, or for the reimbursement of such expenses, should be obtained before the expense is incurred, where practicable or as required under this Policy.
- 11.3. Up to the maximum limits specified in this Policy, approval for the following may be sought after the expense is incurred:
  - local travel relating to the conduct of official business;
  - carer costs;
  - ICT expenditure;
  - communications expenses.
- 11.4. Final approval for payments made under this Policy will be granted by the General Manager or their delegate.

#### Reimbursement

- 11.5. All claims for reimbursement of expenses incurred must be made on the prescribed form, supported by appropriate receipts and/or tax invoices and be submitted to the Office of the General Manager via the Councillor – Claim for Reimbursement Form.

#### Notification

- 11.6. If a claim is approved, council will make payment directly or reimburse the councillor through accounts payable.
- 11.7. If a claim is refused, council will inform the councillor in writing that the claim has been refused and the reason for the refusal.

### Reimbursement to council

11.8. If council has incurred an expense on behalf of a councillor that exceeds a maximum limit, exceeds reasonable incidental private use or is not provided for in this Policy:

- Council will invoice the councillor for the expense
- the councillor will reimburse Council for that expense within 14 days of the invoice date.

11.9. If the councillor cannot reimburse Council within 14 days of the invoice date, they are to submit a written explanation to the General Manager. The General Manager may elect to deduct the amount from the councillor's allowance.

### Timeframe for reimbursement

11.10. Unless otherwise specified in this Policy, councillors must provide all claims for reimbursement within three months of an expense being incurred. Claimed made after this time will not be approved.

11.11. Former councillors are required to submit their expense claims within three months of ceasing to hold office (whether by resigning, retiring, suspension, etc).

## **12. Pro-Rata Reimbursements**

12.1. For the purposes of this Policy, annual expenses are calculated over a financial year (1 July to 30 June).

12.2. Any expense or facility that are paid on a per financial year basis under this Policy, are paid on a pro-rata basis for any periods not equivalent to a full financial year.

## **13. Disputes**

13.1. If a councillor disputes a determination under this Policy, the councillor should discuss the matter with the General Manager.

13.2. If the councillor and the General Manager cannot resolve the dispute, the General Manager is to refer the matter to Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) for determination.

## **14. Publication**

14.1. This Policy will be published on Council's website.

## **15. Reporting**

- 15.1. Council will report on the provision of expenses and facilities to councillors as required in the NSW *Local Government Act 1993* and Regulations.
- 15.2. Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to councillors will be publicly tabled at a council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website. These reports will include expenditure summarised by individual councillor and as a total for all councillors.

## **16. Auditing (Oversight by Aric)**

- 16.1. The operation of this Policy, including claims made under the Policy, will be renewed for compliance by Councils Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

## **17. Breaches**

- 17.1. Suspected breaches of this Policy are to be reported to the General Manager.
- 17.2. Alleged breaches of this Policy shall be dealt with by following the processes outlined for breaches of the Code of Conduct, as detailed in the Code and in the Procedures for the Administration of the Code.

## **18. Return or Retention of Facilities**

- 18.1. All unexpended facilities and all equipment supplied under this Policy are to be relinquished immediately upon a councillor or mayor ceasing to hold office or at the cessation of their civic duties.
- 18.2. Should a councillor wish to keep any equipment allocated by Council, then the councillor shall make application to the General Manager to purchase any such equipment. The General Manager will determine the written down value for the item or equipment.
- 18.3. The prices for all equipment purchased by councillors under Clause will be recorded in Council's annual report.

## Part E - Definitions

The following definitions apply throughout this policy.

Term	Meaning
Appropriate refreshments	Means food and beverages (excluding alcohol) provided by council to support councillors undertaking official business
Act	Means the NSW <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
clause	Unless stated otherwise, a reference to a clause is a reference to a clause of this Policy
Code of Conduct	Means the Code of Conduct adopted by Council
Councillor	Means a person elected or appointed to civic office as a member of the governing body of council who is not suspended, including the mayor
Financial year	Means the 12 month period commencing on 1 July to 30 June each year to coincide with Council's budget cycles
General Manager	Means the General Manager of Council and includes their delegate or authorised representative
incidental personal use	Means use that is infrequent and brief and use that does not breach this Policy or the Code of Conduct
long distance intrastate travel	Means travel to other parts of NSW of more than three hours duration by private vehicle
maximum limit	Means the maximum limit for an expense or facility provided in the text of this Policy and summarised in table within the 'Policy Summary' section
NSW	New South Wales

official business	Means functions that the mayor or councillors are required or invited to attend to fulfil their legislated role and responsibilities for Council or result in a direct benefit for Council and/or for the local government area, and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>meetings of council and committees of the whole</li> <li>meetings of committees facilitated by council</li> <li>civic receptions hosted or sponsored by council</li> <li>meetings, functions, workshops and other events to which attendance by a councillor has been requested or approved by council</li> </ul>
Professional development	Means a seminar, conference, training course or other development opportunity relevant to the role of a councillor or the mayor
Regulation	Means the NSW <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i>
Term	Term of office as defined and set by the Office of Local Government

## Responsibilities

Position	Responsibility
General Manager's Office	Review the Policy as required, including within the first year of a new term of Council (in accordance with Section 252(1) of the NSW <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> )
Chief Audit Executive	Review Policy for reforms to the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
Manager, Office of the General Manager	Overall responsibility for Policy delivery and oversight of policy approval
Executive Services Officer	Administration of the Policy

## Version Control and Change History

Version	Amendment Details	Policy Owner	Period Active
1.0	Adopted 19 May 2016	Governance Manager	19/05/2016 - 1/05/2017
2.0	Updated for current expectations, improved facilities management and reforms to the Local Government Act 1993, in particular the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 16-30	Internal Auditor	1/05/2017 - 6/08/2017
3.0	New Mayor and Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy as adopted by Council.  Council Resolution CCL157-17	Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager	7/08/2017 - 28/05/2018
4.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council.  Council Resolution CCL025-18	Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager	28/05/2018 – 22/11/2021
5.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council.  Council Resolution CCL098-21	Manager, Office of the General Manager	22/11/2021 – 28/11/2022
6.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council.  Council Resolution CCL112-22	Manager, Office of the General Manager	28/11/2022 – 26/08/2024
7.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council  Council Resolution CCL059-24	Manager, Office of the General Manager	26/08/2024 – ongoing



8.0	Updated policy as adopted by Council	Manager, Office of the General Manager
	Council Resolution CCL	

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## APPENDIX 1 – HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS

### Recommended Minimum Hardware Specifications:

Device Type	Microsoft (Windows Based) PC	Apple (Mac OS) PC	Tablets/Mobile Devices
<b>Operating System</b>	Windows 10/11 or higher	MacOS Sonoma (MacOS 14.1.2) or higher	iPad/iPhone (iOS 17) or higher Android Phone/Tablet, Android ver: 15.0 or higher
<b>WiFi (Wireless Connectivity)</b>	5GHz radio supporting 802.11n standard.		
<b>Screen Size</b>	Min 13", Recommended: 15"	Min 13", Recommended: 14"	Tablet: 10" or higher
<b>Storage Capacity</b>	512GB or higher	512GB or higher	128GB or higher
<b>RAM/Memory</b>	16 GB or higher	16 GB or higher	N/A
<b>Minimum Battery Life</b>	8 Hrs or Higher	8 Hrs or Higher	8 Hrs or Higher

The selected device must also meet all the following requirements:

<b>Wireless Compatibility</b>	Device must have 5GHz 802.11n support This may be advertised as "Dual Band Wireless", "802.11abgn", "802.11agn", "802.11ac" or "Gigabit Wireless".
<b>Battery Life</b>	Tested battery life of at least 6 Hrs and an Advertised battery life of 8 Hours

### Recommended Software Specifications:

Operating System	(Windows, MacOS, iOS, Android)
<b>Web browser:</b> Edge Version (ver: 129.0.2792.52 Sep 24) or newer, Google Chrome (ver: 129.0.6668.74 Sep 24), Mozilla Firefox, Safari 17 or newer.  • Word Processor, Spreadsheet & Presentation Package: Examples include Microsoft Office 365, Apple iWork (Pages, Numbers, Keynote), OpenOffice, or Google Apps.  • PDF Reader: Adobe Acrobat Reader/Nitro PDF reader or compatible.	
<b>Backup</b>	Cloud Office 365 backups only (Provided by IMT) One drive 1TB space available
<b>Security</b>	Microsoft Defender or commercial Anti-Virus software packages, that includes anti malware/spyware and is updated to include the latest definition for maximum protection. Also Keep the Operating Systems up to date with the latest security patches.

**Item:** CCL074-25 Unaudited General Purpose Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

**Author:** Chief Financial Officer

**Directorate:** Business and Corporate Services

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL074-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council note the ongoing improvement in Council's financial results while recognising that continued efforts are needed to achieve a positive operating performance ratio in future years.
- (b) That in accordance with clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act (NSW) 1993* (Act), it is the opinion of Council that:
  - i. The Draft General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 have been drawn up in accordance with:
    - a. the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations;
    - b. the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Asset Accounting Manual; and
    - c. the Australian Accounting Standards.
  - ii. The reports present fairly the Council's financial position and operating result for the year.
  - iii. The Statements are in accordance with the Council's accounting and other records.
  - iv. The Council is unaware of anything that would make the financial reports false or misleading in any way.
- (c) That in accordance with clause 215 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Section 413(2)(c) of the Act, Council authorises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign Council's General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.
- (d) That in accordance with Section 418(1)(a) of the Act, Council will present Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 at a scheduled Council meeting immediately after receipt of the Auditors Report and public notice in accordance with Section 418(1)(b), 418(2) and (3) of the Act.
- (e) That Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025, together with the Auditor's Reports are placed on public exhibition as per Section 418(4) of the Act and the necessary notice in the required form be published on Council's website and in the local newspapers and any submissions shall be dealt with as per Section 420 of the Act.
- (f) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to authorise the year end accounts for issue immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Report, a copy of the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 to the Office of Local Government, subject to there being no material audit changes or audit issues, in accordance with AASB 110.
- (g) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial

adjustments to the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. For Council's General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 to be deemed acceptable for the Auditor's sign off and submission to the Office of Local Government, the Act requires a statement by resolution of Council that the Financial Statements are to be signed by the signatories of the Council.
2. The report to Council that includes the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 will be presented to Council and the public upon receipt of the Auditor's report. This is anticipated to be at the October 2025 meeting.

## BACKGROUND

### Legislative obligations for the preparation of the General-Purpose Financial Statements

3. The Act and the regulations outline the process for the preparation of a council's General Purpose Financial Statements. Requirements include:
  - Council must prepare financial statements for each year and must refer them for audit as soon as practicable after the end of that year (Section 413).
  - That by resolution of Council, a statement is provided on Council's opinion on the financial statements and signed by the Mayor; at least one other member of Council; General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer. (Section 413 (2)(c) and Clause 215 of the regulations).
  - Council's financial reports for a year must be prepared and audited within four months after the end of that year (Section 416).
  - Within four months after the end of that year, Council submits the Auditors Reports and Audited General Purpose Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government (Section 417).
  - As soon as practicable after Council receives a copy of the Auditor's Report, the reports must be placed on public exhibition and notice given of a meeting at which Council proposes to present its Audited General Purpose Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Report (Section 418).
4. To facilitate the public notice, meeting, and submission process, it is appropriate that Council delegate to the General Manager authority, upon receipt of the Auditor's Report, to:
  - Arrange for the public notice of this meeting, in the required format, to be placed on Council's website and in the local newspapers advising of the meeting at which the Auditor's Report and the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 will be presented.
  - Arrange for copies of the Council's Auditor's Report and the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 to be made available for public inspection on Council's website and at the Council's Customer Service Centre.

- List the Auditor's Report and the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 on the Council Meeting agenda for presentation to the public, which allows for public notice of at least 7 days and submissions.
- 5. Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 will be presented to Council's Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee (ARIC) prior to the presentation to the public, this is anticipated to be 23 October 2025.
- 6. Attached to this report are the unaudited draft General Purpose Financial Statements of Council for the year ended 30 June 2025.

#### 2024/25 Adopted Budget Strategy

- 7. To achieve the \$2 million surplus target, the budget has been prepared on the following strategy:
  - Objective of achieving an operating surplus with future years projection as per the adopted LTFP.
  - Application of the approved Special Rate Variation of 5.8%.
  - Cost reduction strategy applied to both employee costs and materials and services, with an aim of \$4 million.
  - Service levels have been capped to align with constrained resources and achieve the operating surplus adopted in the LTFP.
  - Award increase is 3.5% (\$1.8 million), plus Superannuation increase 0.5% to 11.5% (\$300,000 annually) and Award Bonus Scheme of \$1,000 (\$500,000).
  - The employee costs reduction strategy has been amended to be based on a natural vacancy rate of 6.5% and a 16-week recruitment trend, rather than enforced holds.
  - Two-week Christmas shutdown that includes the provision of three grant days.
  - A CPI increase of 3.0% has been applied across a broad range of materials, services, and expenses in line with published ABS forecast assumptions.
  - Income projections are based on business as usual.
  - Subsidies are proposed to be applied to Council's premium and community facilities.
  - Investment interest income has been projected to be maintained at current levels for the next 12 months based on the current rate of return and cash levels.
  - Domestic waste charges have increased, with a cost recovery strategy being applied.
  - The mandatory (legislated) pensioner rebate has been maintained at \$1 million.
  - Depreciation is forecast to increase by \$2.9 million due to construction of new assets, immaterial disposal of assets, asset condition deterioration and the rising cost of replacement.
  - Eligible Fees and Charges have been set at a 5% increase to ensure cost recovery of the material cost increases.
  - Council's rates default level has been assumed to stay within benchmark parameters of less than 5%.

- The Councillor Discretionary Ward fund of \$75,000 has been included as part of the budget strategy.
- Insurance premiums have been set to increase based on natural disaster, cost of replacement, new assets, heightened risk environment, etc.
- Community and sporting group rental subsidies remain unchanged (\$1.5 million in forgone income).
- Subsidies around the Venue hire program remains unchanged (\$430,000 in forgone income).
- Childcare fees have been set to comply with the Childcare Policy of cost neutral operating budget.
- Strategic land acquisitions for open space have not been included in the budget due to uncertainty around when these will occur. If there is an opportunity for acquisitions, the relevant budget approval will be requested in a separate report to Council.
- Budget bids have been selected and prioritised based on legislative, strategic and safety drivers with \$4.5 million in additional operational projects, bids or other costs deferred/removed/reduced in 2024/25.
- The multi-year Capital Program Budget was increased from the revised budget of \$96.9 million, which covers 2022/23 to 2024/25, to a \$104.5 million budget to occur from 2024/25 to 2026/27.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

### Overview

8. 2024/25 had several significant events that had positive and negative impacts on the results. These events throughout the year were:
  - Cash rate changes and increased cash balances led to a higher than anticipated return on Council's investment portfolio which led to higher levels of operating income for the year.
  - Several one-off events have contributed to positive, unbudgeted income during the year. These include an insurance reimbursement related to prior year expenses and a make-good payment received at the conclusion of a commercial lease.
  - An Award increase of 3.5% leading to higher employee costs, in particular on the leave balances of current employees.
  - Increased construction costs, including higher material costs, has led to a higher depreciation expense compared to the prior year.
  - The draft asset valuations resulted in an increase to Councils infrastructure asset portfolio of \$68 million, with the footpath and roads asset categories contributing significantly to this.

### Income Statement

9. The 2024/25 draft operating result excluding capital grants and contributions is a surplus of \$5.5 million. This is \$3.5 million more than the adopted budgeted result of \$2.0 million surplus.
10. While the overall result for the year is positive, it's important to highlight that approximately 50% or \$6.3 million of Council's investment income is generated from externally restricted funds, primarily developer contributions. If we were to exclude this restricted income, the underlying result reflects a deficit of \$800,000 for the 2024/25 financial year.
11. There are several items that have contributed to the variance which are listed below:
  - (a) User charges and fees \$4.0 million positive, mainly due to the reclassification of the childcare subsidy of \$4.0 million from operating grants.
  - (b) Other Revenues \$4.6 million positive, largely due to the insurance claim recovery and make good payment at the conclusion of a commercial lease.
  - (c) Interest income on Council's investment portfolio (\$3.5 million positive)
  - (d) Asset write-offs of \$2.1 million, due to the renewal of infrastructure assets, have negatively impacted the result.
  - (e) Employee costs exceeded the adopted budget by \$1.6 million. Although this represents an improvement compared to last year's variance, the continued reliance on casual staff to fill vacant positions and sustain service delivery has made it challenging to meet the budgeted vacancy savings target.

#### Statement of Financial Position

12. Councils' equity increased in 2024/25 by \$87 million. The increase is materially attributed to increases to Infrastructure, property, plant, and equipment (IPPE). Councils' liabilities remain steady and immaterial compared with assets. Council remains debt free, a positive financial position.
13. Council's total assets continue to increase, up \$88 million in 2024/25. This is largely due to the cost of construction increasing the value of Councils asset portfolio.
14. Total cash and cash equivalents, and investments increased by \$20 million, which was a positive result, though materially attributed to delays in expenditure on capital works.
15. Receivables have increased by \$2 million, largely due to income accruals for interest income on investments.

#### Statement of Performance Measures

16. The operating performance ratio continues to be favourable against the benchmark. A 4.19% result in 2024/25, well above the benchmark of a breakeven and an improvement on the prior year's result. Further financial decisions and strict financial management will still be required in future years to continue to achieve a positive surplus operating ratio. The operating performance ratio is a key indicator of financially sustainable operations.
17. All other ratios, including unrestricted current ratio and rates & annual charges outstanding, improved, or stayed above the benchmark indicators in 2024/25.

#### Strategic Asset Management

18. Asset Management is a critical function of Council and the overall sector. The Local Government Sector manages over \$150 billion in infrastructure and community assets in New South Wales (NSW). With Georges River Council managing \$1.7 billion.
19. Asset categories are large and complex, broadly covering roads, community land, buildings, open space, recreational facilities, footpaths, bridges, stormwater, plant, office equipment, IT software, etc. These assets are critical in providing services to the community and are required to be maintained to a functional standard.

## RISK IMPLICATIONS

20. Strategic Risk 1 – Financial Sustainability - Council's failure to implement appropriate financial strategies and controls to ensure financial sustainability. This requirement may be impacted by Council's failure to deliver the Long-Term Financial Plan (i.e., Maintain the financial health of Council) and inability to meet emerging risks and delivery of Council's CSP as well as absorbing additional financial obligations without adequate resourcing.
21. Councillors have been briefed on Council's 10-year financial outlook in the LTFP. While the 2025/26 Budget remains positive, a long-term operating deficit remains and will require monitoring and action. Recommended strategies and a list of planned actions are outlined in the LTFP.
22. This deviation to a deficit in the 10-year forecast is materially attributed to the conclusion of the SRV of 5.8% in 2025/26, returning to an assumed rate peg of 3% in 2026/27. Employee costs are also a contributing factor, which are assumed to increase at a higher rate compared to other revenues, per trend in previous years.
23. Failure to address the unsustainable financial position places Council in contravention of section 8B of the Local Government Act (1993) and will compel Council to cut and/or reduce services to ease the unfavourable gap between income and expenditure.
24. All other strategic risks are outlined within the Delivery Program 2025 - 2029 and Operational Plan 2025/26.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

25. Community engagement will be conducted as per Section 418 and 420 of the Act.

## FILE REFERENCE

D25/238216

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1  Draft\_Annual\_Financial\_Statements-2025 - *published in separate document*

**Item:** CCL075-25 Inclusion of Learn to Swim at Carss Park Aquatic Facility: Funding Options

**Author:** Acting Director Business & Corporate Services

**Directorate:** Business and Corporate Services

**Matter Type:** Finance and Governance

CCL075-25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council note it previously capped the total contribution to the Carss Park Aquatic Facility at \$17.5 million, comprising \$500,000 for plans and studies undertaken, \$7 million for demolition and remediation undertaken, and a proposed construction contribution of \$10 million (ref. CCL010-25).
- (b) That Council note its understanding of the current project funding sources as outlined in Confidential Attachment 1, and further note that this funding is allocated solely for the delivery of a 50m outdoor pool and associated ancillary structures, excluding both a Learn-to-Swim (LTS) pool and a gym facility.
- (c) That Council note the correspondence from the NSW Office of Sport, dated 5 August 2025, advising that should Council wish to include a Learn-to-Swim (LTS) pool within the project scope, it would be required to fund its delivery, noting that the proposed LTS pool would be located outdoors and covered by shade cloth.
- (d) That the General Manager seek confirmation from the Federal Government regarding their election commitment of \$10 million towards the Carss Park Aquatic Facility, specifically clarifying whether this funding is intended to offset the State Government's contribution for the delivery of a 50m pool, or whether it is intended as an additional allocation to expand the project scope to deliver a higher-quality facility, including the provision of a Learn-to-Swim (LTS) pool.
- (e) That, should the Federal Government confirm that its \$10 million election commitment is intended to subsidise the State Government's contribution towards the delivery of a 50m pool and that, as a result, the Learn-to-Swim (LTS) pool would need to be solely funded by Council, Council note that it is not recommended to adopt the same funding strategy as that used for the \$10 million capital contribution endorsed in November 2024, and that any additional funding instead be raised through the options outlined in Item 25.
- (f) That the General Manager prepare a report for Council's next meeting providing a list of options, to raise sufficient capital to increase Council's contribution and enable the delivery of a Learn to Swim (LTS) facility during construction.
- (g) That Council note the projected ongoing operating cost, depreciation, and maintenance costs for the proposed Carss Park Aquatic Facility and the requirement to resolve, as outlined in the adopted Long Term Financial Plan.
- (h) That the General Manager advise the Office of Local Government of Council's decision and seek confirmation that no further action is required under the Capital Expenditure Guidelines.
- (i) That Council notes its obligation under Section 8b of the Local Government Act, that Council spending should be responsible, sustainable, and focus on effective management, intergenerational equity, and balancing current costs with future impacts.



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on decisions made to date and to outline Council's position and options for advocating and contributing to the inclusion of a Learn to Swim (LTS) facility as part of the construction and tender process for the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.
2. On 18 August 2025, representatives from the NSW Office of Sport (OOS) presented at a Councillor Workshop. During this session, it was confirmed that the current proposal does not include a Learn to Swim (LTS) facility within the scope of the contribution-assisted budget. However, Council has the option to fund the inclusion of an LTS facility separately, as part of the overall Georges River Aquatic Facility project. The decision to incorporate an LTS facility will require formal consideration by Council, particularly in light of the existing commitment of a capped \$17.5 million towards the project.

## BACKGROUND

3. The table below separates each of the actions resolved by Council between November 2024 and March 2025 and the corresponding status of each action.

25 November 2024 Council Resolution (CCL086-24)	Status
<p>(a) That Council approve the following funding strategies, in order of preference, to contribute \$10 million toward the construction of the Carss Park Aquatic Facility, acknowledging the need for contingency measures if operating surpluses are not achieved:</p> <p>i. Commit to achieving operating surpluses of between \$2-3 million in the financial years 2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28 as the preferred method to fund the capital contribution without affecting other programs or services.</p> <p>ii. If operating surpluses are insufficient:</p> <p>a. Redirect \$3.3 million annually from the capital program to ensure funding flexibility while safeguarding high-priority projects.</p> <p>b. If high-priority capital projects cannot be deferred, utilise minor asset disposal as a contingency to secure the necessary funds, minimising the impact on Council's broader financial position.</p> <p>iii. Note that the 2025 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan Review, upon completion, may result in a portion of funding being eligible for the aquatic facility or reimbursement to alternate funding sources in the second and third years of the contribution</p>	<p>(a) i. incorporated into the 2025/26 Budget Strategy and Capital Program Budget.</p> <p>ii. Adoption of the 2025/26 budget strategy</p> <p>iii. Project underway</p>

period.	
(b) That Council approve capping the total proposed contribution to the Carss Park Aquatic Facility at \$17.5 million, comprising \$500,000 for plans and studies undertaken, \$7 million for demolition and remediation undertaken, and a proposed construction contribution of \$10 million.	Cap has been applied and communicated in the community consultation and correspondence to the relevant NSW Government Departments, being Office of Local Government and the Office of Sport.
(c) That Council establish a 'Carss Park Aquatic Facility Construction Contribution Reserve' to isolate any above-budget surplus unrestricted cash.	Reserve established in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for period ending 31 December 2024.
<p>(d) That the General Manager undertake the following actions to ensure compliance with the Office of Local Government (OLG) Capital Expenditure Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Write to the NSW Government Office of Sport requesting a copy of the finalised business case.</li> <li>ii. Notify the OLG of the capped contribution of \$17.5 million towards the Carss Park Aquatic Facility</li> <li>iii. Undertake community consultation on the contents of this report for a period of not less than 42-days (due to the Christmas closedown), with the outcomes reported back to Council at the February 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.</li> </ul>	<p>(d) i. General Manager correspondence sent on 28 November 2024. RESPONSE: Office of Sport have advised on 14 February the business case is "cabinet in confidence" though may be able to provide sections of information.</p> <p>(d) ii. General Manager correspondence sent 3 December 2024. RESPONSE: Received 10 January 2025, acknowledging receipt of correspondence and outlined the following information required to be submitted to the OLG as per the capital Expenditure Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>'For projects estimated to cost less than \$10m the minimum requirements to be included in the review submitted to OLG are:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>A business case</i></li> <li>○ <i>An outline of the proposed project</i></li> <li>○ <i>Justify the need for the proposed project</i></li> <li>○ <i>Capacity of Council to manage the project to completion</i></li> <li>○ <i>Priority of proposed project in relation to other current and future capital commitments</i></li> <li>○ <i>Consideration of project alternatives</i></li> <li>○ <i>Financial implications – to include funding source, cost benefit analysis over ten years</i></li> <li>○ <i>Public consultation process</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>For projects estimated to cost in excess of \$10m the additional requirements are:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Business / Management Project Plan</i></li> <li>○ <i>Risk Management Plan</i></li> <li>○ <i>Probity Plan</i></li> <li>○ <i>Tender Evaluation'</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Given the NSW Government's role in project design and construction, some items may not apply. Council, as custodian/operator, will require further OLG guidance on this specific project.</p> <p>(d) iii. Undertaken and details contained within this report.</p>
<p>(e) That the General Manager communicate the outcomes of this report presented to the February 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council to the NSW Government, Office of Sport and seek a commitment that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is finalised and agreed to by both parties prior to Council providing funding to the construction of the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.</p>	<p>General Manager correspondence sent on 28 November 2024. RESPONSE: Draft MoU and Project Agreement provided to the GM on 11 February following meeting held with Office of Sport on 10 February 2025. Confidential attachments 1 and 2 to this report.</p> <p>The Council have received a workshop on the Draft MoU and Project Agreement on 17 February 2025 and it is recommended for the General Manager and General Counsel ensure the timely collaboration with the Office of Sport to enhance and safeguard Council's position in the Project Agreement, focusing on the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Financial Assurance</li> <li>ii. Project Governance Structure</li> <li>iii. Indemnity and Liability</li> <li>iv. Project Scope</li> </ul>
<p>(f) That Council note the projected ongoing operating, depreciation, and maintenance costs for the proposed Carss Park Aquatic Facility and the requirement to resolve this in the Long-Term Financial Plan in 2025/26.</p>	<p>Underway and will be incorporated into the Draft 2025/26 Long Term Financial Plan which will be presented to Council in April 2025 for public consultation and final adoption in June 2025. Based on the available information being the September 2024 correspondence from the Office of Sport and assumptions. Noting elements of the business case will inform the action which has now been adopted.</p>
<p>(g) That Council notes its obligation under Section 8b of the Local Government Act, that Council spending should be responsible, sustainable, and focus on effective management, intergenerational equity, and balancing current costs with future impacts.</p>	<p>Receive and note of Council, no action required by officers.</p>
<p><b>24 February 2025 Council Resolution (CCL010-25)</b></p>	<p><b>Status</b></p>
<p>(a) That Council receives and notes the progress made on the November 2024</p>	<p>Receive and note of Council, no action required by officers.</p>

resolutions.	
(b) That the General Manager (GM) provide the community feedback to the Office of Sport, specifically highlighting the strong sentiment for the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.	Submissions and resolution provided to NSW Office of Sport representatives.
(c) That the General Manager and General Counsel to collaborate with the Office of Sport to enhance and safeguard Council's position in the draft Project Agreement, focusing on the following key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Financial Assurance</li> <li>ii. Project Governance Structure</li> <li>iii. Indemnity and Liability</li> <li>iv. Project Scope</li> </ul>	The NSW Office of Sport representatives have worked closely with Council to refine and strengthen Council's position compared to the original draft of the Project Agreement provided in February 2025. This report presents the revised version of the agreement, which now provides enhanced assurance and protection for the Council in several key areas. It is recommended to seek authority for the Mayor and General Manager to sign the Draft Project Agreement (Attachment 1) after receiving final feedback from the NSW Office of Sport, which has been verbally confirmed with no anticipated major issues.
(d) That General Manager write to the Office of Sport and encourage to pursue federal funding to support the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.	In early March 2025 the Federal Labour candidates for Barton, Ashvini Ambihapahar, and Banks, Zhi Soon, announced that a re-elected Federal Labor Government would contribute \$10 million towards the rebuilding of Carss Park Pool.
(e) That the General Manager seek federal funding to assist in the inclusion of an indoor heated learn to swim facility.	The General Manager has formally reached out to the Federal Liberal candidates for Barton and Banks, requesting a financial contribution for the construction of an indoor heated learn-to-swim facility.
(f) That the General Manager seek further guidance from OLG on managing compliance with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines.	Council officers have received sections of the Strategic Business Case prepared by the NSW Office of Sport. This along with other documentation has been submitted to the OLG, seeking confirmation it meets compliance expectations
<b>24 March 2025 Council Resolution (CCL023-25)</b>	<b>Status</b>
(a) That Council acknowledges the collaborative efforts of the NSW Office of Sport in working with Council officers to enhance the draft Project Agreement for the construction of the Carss Park Pool, with the revised agreement now offering stronger assurance and protection for the Council in the following key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Financial Assurance</li> </ul>	Receive and note of Council, no action required by officers.

ii. Project Governance Structure iii. Indemnity and Liability iv. Project Scope	
(b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor amendments to the draft Project Agreement, as contained in confidential Attachment 1, to ensure its timely finalisation.	Undertaken as required.
(c) That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to execute the Project Agreement, as contained in confidential Attachment 1, incorporating any permitted minor amendments.	Signed 31 March 2025
(d) That Council receives and notes the sections of the Strategic Business Case, prepared by the NSW Office of Sport, as provided in Attachment 2.	Receive and note of Council, no action required by officers.
<b>23 June 2025 Council Resolution (NM045-25)</b>	<b>Status</b>
That Council: (a) Thanks the NSW Government, through the Office of Sport (OOS) and Premier Chris Minns MP, for its commitment to rebuild the 50-metre pool at Carss Park and for its ongoing, collegiate partnership with Council under the Project Agreement. (b) Commends the positive and collaborative working relationship between Georges River Council and the OOS, including the strong governance framework established under the Project Agreement, with oversight from the Project Control Group (PCG) and Steering Committee (SteerCo), which is guiding due diligence investigations, concept design, and cost estimation in an open and cooperative manner. (c) Notes that the OOS has supported the inclusion of a Learn to Swim (LTS) pool in the project scope, and that project funds have been allocated to progress design options incorporating the LTS pool as part of the current due diligence process. (d) Acknowledges that the project currently has three confirmed funding sources—	Receive and note of Council, no action required by officers.

<p>Federal, State, and Council—and agrees that once detailed cost estimates for the full project scope, including the LTS pool, are received via the PCG, a report will be presented to Council to enable responsible consideration of any additional financial contribution required.</p> <p>(e) Commits to providing factual updates to the community—issued in alignment with SteerCo guidance and the Project Communication Plan—so that residents are kept informed of key project milestones, funding arrangements, and upcoming decision gateways.</p> <p>(f) Reaffirms its commitment to working constructively with the OOS, Public Works NSW, and project consultants to deliver a high-quality aquatic facility that meets the future needs of the Georges River community and reinforces the strong partnership between local and state government.</p>	
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4. Since signing the Project Agreement in April 2025, Council has been working in partnership with the NSW Government through the Office of Sport, to deliver an aquatic facility at Carss Park.
5. The Project Agreement between the Office of Sport (OOS) and Council has a governance framework with two layers, a Project Control Group (PCG) which has officers from Council, the OOS and Public Works, with 4 voting members, two each from Council and the OOS. The PCG is responsible for the delivery of the project including due diligence and scope.
6. The PCG reports to a Steering Committee (SteerCo). The SteerCo has two voting members, Adam Berry, CEO OOS and David Tuxford, General Manager Georges River Council. The SteerCo endorses PCG decisions and recommendations.
7. The project is currently in the due diligence phase, which will determine the project scope, site constraints, concept designs and build methodology.
8. Georges River Council has undertaken feasibility studies and community engagement to identify the demand and best location for a new aquatic facility. After considering Otium's Regional Aquatic Feasibility Study and Site Assessment Review, Council determined Carss Park as the preferred site. At that time, Council also confirmed its intention to include a 25-metre learn-to-swim/program pool and toddler pool. A document prepared by the NSW Office of Sport, further highlighted that local schools and the community face challenges accessing learn-to-swim programs due to a lack of suitable public aquatic facilities nearby.
9. Council officers have communicated with the OOS at the PCG and SteerCo that Councillors have approved a project scope for the Carss Park Pool that includes a Learn to Swim (LTS) pool. This has been well received by the OOS and the SteerCo has approved the allocation of project funds to cover the design costs of including a LTS pool in the project scope.

10. Officers from the OOS, Public Works and Council as well as the project architect, agree that the inclusion of a LTS pool increases the offering, enhances public amenity and operational feasibility of the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.
11. The project governance includes decision gateways that will allow Council to commit additional funds to deliver a LTS pool as part of the project scope if the addition of a LTS pool is above the total project budget. However, funding sources need to be confirmed prior to committing.
12. Including a LTS pool as part of the project scope will require an additional financial contribution from Council over and above the current committed funding. At the Councillor Workshop held on 18 August 2025, OOS provided indicative costs for the addition of a 20 metre LTS Facility to be considered by Council, refer attachment 1

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

13. To date Council has capped its commitment of \$17.5 million towards the Carss Park Aquatic Facility, including \$10 million for construction, funded primarily through targeted operating surpluses from 2025/26 to 2027/28. If surpluses fall short, capital program redirection or minor asset disposals will provide contingency funding. Council resolved to commit to striving for strong financial discipline by aiming to generate operating surpluses in 2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28, as it allows the contribution to be funded directly from Council's core operations without impacting other programs or services. If surpluses are insufficient, redirecting \$3.3 million annually from the capital program provides a flexible, controlled response, ensuring the commitment is met without compromising other high-priority projects.
14. Council established a dedicated reserve for surplus cash and is aligning funding with long-term financial sustainability. The Project Agreement with the NSW Office of Sport is robust and offers strong financial assurance, governance, and liability protections. Execution of the agreement has occurred with efforts by Council to confirm the intended use of the \$10 million federal funding.
15. The budget for the project currently has 3 funding sources being Federal and State Government and Georges River Council.
16. Attachment 1 outlines the current understanding of funding sources for the project though requires confirmation of the intent of the federal government's contribution, pending this outcome further confirmation of NSW State Government's budget may be required.
17. The project budget in attachment 1 includes estimated project costs based on quantity surveyor costing estimates provided by the OOS.
18. Project costs are subject to change depending on Council's decision regarding whether to contribute additional funding, above the capped amount, for the inclusion of a LTS pool within the overall scope of the Facility. At present, the LTS pool component is unfunded as communicated by the OOS. As such, identification of a suitable and eligible funding source will be required prior to any formal decision on its inclusion

### **Further Capital Contribution to the Inclusion of a Learn to Swim (LTS) at the Carss Park Aquatic Facility**

19. As per the process to commit the \$10 million to the construction of the Carss Park Aquatic Facility, the below options were considered. In order to ascertain the feasibility of contributing further funds to ensure the inclusion of a LTS facility during the construction phase, a similar process of reviewing funding options is required.

Option		Pros	Cons
1.	<b>Generate surpluses and generate sufficient cash</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a self-sustaining source of funding.</li> <li>Avoids selling assets or cutting current projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May require cuts to current services or increases in fees.</li> <li>Achieving consistent surpluses can be challenging.</li> <li>Require contingency option.</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Sale of minor/underutilised assets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quick way to raise funds without affecting major assets.</li> <li>Reduces operating costs constraints.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited by the value of minor assets available.</li> <li>May not raise sufficient funds on its own.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Re-prioritisation of existing capital works funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows focus on high-priority projects.</li> <li>Utilises existing funds without needing new revenue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delays or cancels other planned projects.</li> <li>Potential community pushback if popular projects are postponed.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Allocation of additional capital works funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directly funds the project without new revenue sources.</li> <li>Supports project completion within existing funding structures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limits available funding for other future capital projects.</li> <li>May require reprioritisation of other important projects.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Utilise Developer Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverages external funds, reducing the financial burden on Council.</li> <li>Aligns with growth-related improvements driven by development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not currently available to commit</li> <li>Dependent on the availability of developer contributions, which may fluctuate.</li> <li>Contributions may have specific restrictions on how funds are used.</li> </ul>

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20. As the operating surplus for the additional funding for the LTS is not guaranteed and with the increasing strain on the operating results, it is proposed that Council explore the disposal/sale of assets to raise capital for any further contribution above its capped contribution to include the LTS facility.
21. The scheduled 2025 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan Review could allocate funding for the aquatic facility under sections 7.11 and 7.12 or reimburse alternative sources, reducing the financial burden in the second and third years of the contribution period, though this is not guaranteed until the review is complete, and the new Plan is approved by Council.

#### Projected Ongoing Facility Operating Cost

22. The most recent forecast provided by the office of sport, show that this facility could operate at a break even, however taking into account current maintenance and depreciation rates on infrastructure assets within the LGA it is likely the site will operate at a loss, which poses a significant challenge to Council's financial sustainability.
23. To comply with Local Government financial performance standards, all operating costs, including depreciation and maintenance, must be accounted for. However, depreciation estimates, based on NSW Government data and Council projections, remain broad and may fluctuate depending on asset lifespan, component wear, and future upgrades.
24. Furthermore, indirect costs linked to the chosen operating model could arise, though these cannot currently be quantified. This loss is not reflected in Council's adopted Long Term Financial Plan, necessitating a robust strategy to absorb the deficit while safeguarding overall financial health.



25. The table below outlines a series of options to address offsetting the projected operating costs. Noting that inclusion of a LTS facility may improve revenue and reduce the net loss, though these projections have not been collated.

Option		Pros	Cons
1.	<b>Decommission or Retire Underutilised Assets or Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frees up resources and funding for more impactful initiatives.</li> <li>Reduces maintenance and operating costs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May face community backlash.</li> <li>Potential loss of community services that provide limited but essential support.</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Redevelopment of Suitable Assets to Generate Additional Revenue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a sustainable revenue stream from existing assets.</li> <li>Increases asset value and aligns with community needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High upfront investment may be required.</li> <li>Temporary disruption for current users during redevelopment.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Advocate for Statutory Charges to Reflect Actual Service Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improves cost recovery and reduces financial strain.</li> <li>Aligns service charges more closely with actual costs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government approval, which can be uncertain.</li> <li>Increased charges may face community resistance.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Explore Alternate Special Rate Levies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a dedicated funding stream.</li> <li>Supports long-term sustainability goals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Politically sensitive or unpopular.</li> <li>Requires clear communication and justification.</li> <li>May be unaffordable for community</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Seek Efficiencies via Service Reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies cost-saving/efficiency opportunities.</li> <li>Enhances service quality by removing redundant processes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service reviews can be resource intensive.</li> <li>Possible resistance to changes (staff/community).</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Explore Additional Revenue Streams through User Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generates additional revenue.</li> <li>Encourages responsible usage of services by linking costs to usage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential resistance from the community if fees increase significantly.</li> <li>Small amounts, therefore low impact.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>Assess and Adjust the Acceptable Condition Levels for Assets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduces immediate maintenance and upgrade costs.</li> <li>Allows for prioritising funding on higher-need assets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May result in lower service levels or public dissatisfaction.</li> <li>Could lead to higher long-term costs if maintenance is deferred excessively.</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Evaluate Employee Costs and Staffing Levels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies potential savings in staffing and workforce management.</li> <li>Aligns staffing more closely with service needs and priorities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in staff affects service level, quality and employee morale.</li> <li>Resistance from employees and unions may arise.</li> </ul>
9.	<b>Annually Review and Define Levels of Subsidies for Relevant Operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensures subsidies align with current priorities and financial capacity.</li> <li>Reduces expenditure on over-subsidised services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing subsidies may restrict access for vulnerable groups.</li> <li>Requires careful consideration to avoid impacting essential services.</li> </ul>

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## RISK IMPLICATIONS

26. Financial Sustainability is Council's number one strategic risk, which is Council's failure to implement appropriate financial strategies and controls to ensure financial sustainability. This requirement may be impacted by Council's failure to deliver the Long-Term Financial Plan and inability to meet emerging risks and delivery of Council's Community Strategic Plan as well as absorbing additional financial obligations without adequate resourcing.
27. Section 8b of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) outlines council's financial management obligations:
- Council spending should be responsible and sustainable, aligning general revenue and expenses.
  - Councils should invest in responsible and sustainable infrastructure for the benefit of the local community.

- Councils should have effective financial and asset management, including sound policies and processes for the following:
  - performance management and reporting,
  - asset maintenance and enhancement,
  - funding decisions,
  - risk management practices.
- Councils should have regard to achieving intergenerational equity, including ensuring the following:
  - policy decisions are made after considering their financial effects on future generations; and
  - the current generation funds the cost of its services.

28. Councillors have been appraised in recent years of Council's financial outlook over the 10-year period of the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP). Whilst the 2025/26 Budget goes some way in addressing this position, there remains a forecasted operating deficit in the long-term outlook that will require monitoring and remediation. Councillors must ensure:

- To avoid unsustainable expenditure increases.
- Maintain budget neutrality by offsetting changes with corresponding income or expenditure adjustments.
- Align service levels with resources and explore long-term strategies for worsening financial patterns.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

29. Community engagement was undertaken and reported to Council in February 2025 report (CCL010-25). Consultation was also undertaken with the inclusion of the acquisition of the Carss Park Aquatic facility within Council's Long Term Financial Plan, which was publicly exhibited in May 2025 and adopted by Council in June 2025.

## FILE REFERENCE

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## ATTACHMENTS

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|--------------|---|
| Attachment 1 | Council's Understanding of Current Project Funding Sources - Carss Park Aquatic Facility - <i>published in separate document</i> (Confidential)                                       |
| Attachment 2 | Minister for Sport - Letter - Georges River Aquatic Facility MOU - Ref: CMT24/442 - Kogarah War Memorial Pool - September 2024 - <i>published in separate document</i> (Confidential) |
| Attachment 3 | Project Agreement - Carss Park Pool - NSW Office of Sport - GRC - Signed 7 Apr 2025 - <i>published in separate document</i> (Confidential)  |
| Attachment 4 | Extracts from the Carss Park Pool Strategic Business Case prepared by the NSW Office of Sport - <i>published in separate document</i> (Confidential)                                  |
| Attachment 5 | Office of Sport - Letter Georges River Council GM Carss Park Pool Scope and Costings 5 August 2025 - (Confidential) - <i>published in separate document</i> (Confidential)            |

**ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Item:** FRMCC002-25 Assets & Infrastructure Committee Deferred Report on the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study - Draft Flood Study Report

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**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure

**Matter Type:** Assets and Infrastructure

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd (KBR) on the progress of the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Overland Flow Flood Study.
- (b) That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee (The Committee) receive and note the attached Draft Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Overland Flow Flood Study.
- (c) That Council accept the recommendation to undertake community consultation for the purpose of gathering community feedback on the attached Draft Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Overland Flow Flood Study.

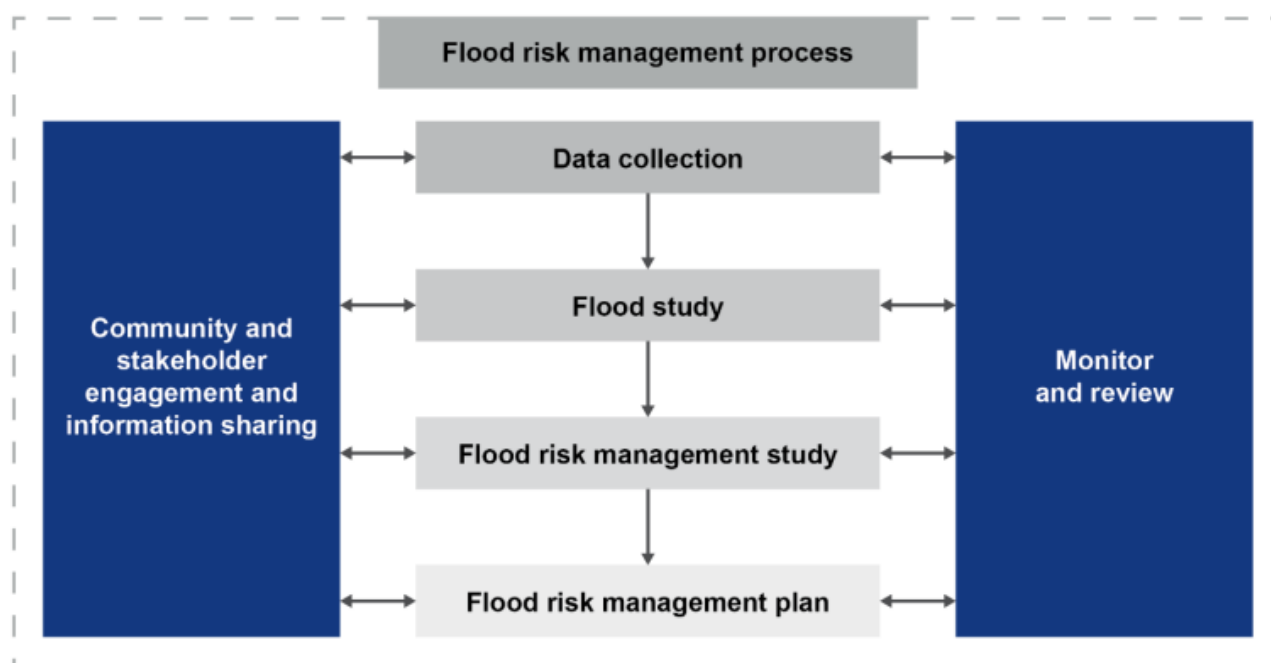
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2. This report was deferred to the full Council Meeting in August for consideration following a workshop with Councillors on the draft Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study.
- 3. Under the NSW State Government's Flood Prone Land Policy, all local councils are required to undertake a periodic review of Flood Studies and Floodplain Risk Management Studies. Georges River Council (GRC), with financial and technical support from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, are developing the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flood Study.
- 4. Council engaged KBR, a consultant specialising in floodplain management and flood studies to deliver this work.
- 5. The Committee last met in December 2024. Since that time, KBR and key subject matter experts including Council Engineers have been working to complete the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Overland Flow Flood Study (Draft Study). Although originally due in February 2025, the report was delayed due to the release of updated Australian Rainfall and Runoff guidelines (ARR V4.2). The availability of new data required re-simulation of the design flood model for full range of flood events.
- 6. ARR V4.2 is a national guideline, utilised by all NSW Councils, used for the estimation of design flood characteristics in Australia. Design floods are defined based on their probability of occurrence, typically expressed as a flood with a specific Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP). In line with the ARR V 4.2 guidelines, design events are essential for evaluating the frequency and severity of flooding and can be used to inform flood management and mitigation strategies. The combined hydrologic and hydraulic model developed as part of the calibration process has been relied upon for the simulation of the design events. Design event modelling for the purpose of this Study been undertaken for the 20%, 10%, 5%, 2%, 1%, 0.5%, and 0.2% AEP events as well as the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) event.

7. The design flood event simulation has been completed including climate change and sensitivity assessment to other parameters such as hydraulic roughness, structural blockage and rainfall losses.
8. The flood tagging derived from this Study has been completed based on the 1% AEP Flood considering climate change and PMF event. The methodology adopted in deriving the Flood Planning Area and subsequent lot tagging has been included within this stage of the Study. A full day site inspection was carried out on 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 to ground truth the flood tagging data. The inspection was attended by Council staff, DCCEEW and KBR personnel. At this inspection flood tagging data was reviewed against the modelled results, site topography, drainage infrastructure, overland flow path, sag point in the road. This supported in further refinement of the tagging database.
9. Analysis of flood hotspots, stormwater infrastructure capacity assessment, impact of flooding on key roads is also included in the Draft Study. This will inform a future Floodplain Risk Management Study which looks at different strategies to reduce the flood risk, including key capital works.
10. The next step for this Study is community consultation. Detailed community consultation information including methodology is included in the community consultation section of this report.

## BACKGROUND

11. The NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy makes Council responsible for managing flood-prone lands in its area. Under this policy, Council must develop Flood Studies and Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans to manage flood risks. The main aim is to lessen flooding's impact on property owners and occupants. The Draft Study forms part of the NSW Floodplain Management Process. Figure 1 shows the Flood Risk Management Process.



*Figure 1: Flood risk management process*

12. In September 2023, Georges River Council engaged KBR to undertake the Flood Study for the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Flood Study in accordance with the NSW Government's Flood Risk Management Manual.
13. The Study is being delivered with both financial and technical support from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Water (DCCEEW) and is

being undertaken in accordance with the principles of the NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy and the Australian Rainfall and Runoff (ARR) 2019 guidelines, inclusive of the recently published Version 4.2 climate change update (2024).

14. The Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards have undergone several floodplain management studies over the past 20 years by the former Kogarah City Council. These, along with past flood events, confirm the area's susceptibility to overland and riverine flooding from the Georges River. However, the earlier studies did not cover the whole former Kogarah LGA and are outdated under current rainfall data and flood modelling guidelines.
15. This Study aims to define the nature of flooding across the whole study area to provide an improved understanding of flood behaviour and associated flood risk under historical and existing floodplain conditions, while addressing possible future variations in flood behaviour due to climate change. An improved understanding of flood behaviour then enables effective management of flood risk in the study area.
16. The following table gives a breakdown of each stage of the Study, including the associated deliverables and the status of them.

Table 1 - Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Flood Study Project Stages

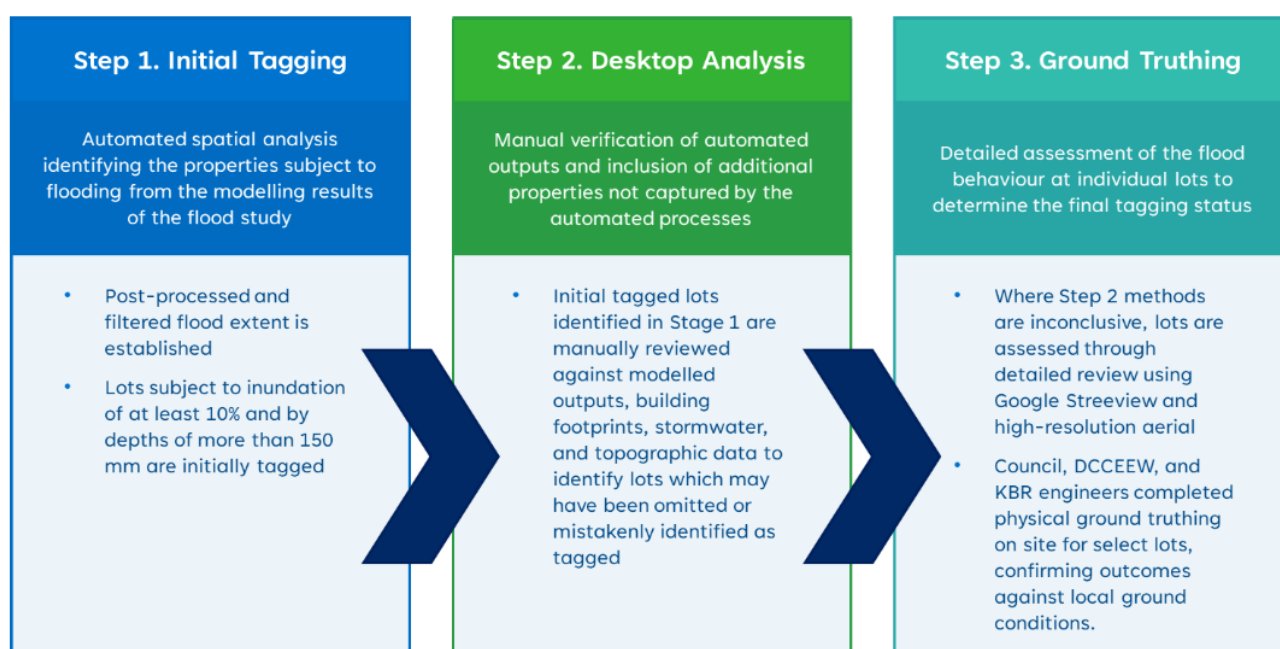
Stage	Description	Deliverables	Status
1	Data Collection and Community Consultation	Data provision and review, site inspection, and Stage 1 of Community Consultation	Completed
2	Hydrological and Hydraulic Model Development and Validation	Development and validation of hydrologic/hydraulic model(s), preparation of draft Flood Study Report (Hydraulic and Hydrologic Model Development and Validation section)	Completed
3	Design event modelling, model simulations and mapping	Simulation of design events, preparation of draft Flood Study Report (Design Event Modelling section)	Completed
4	Draft Flood Study Report	Draft Flood Study Report	Completed
4.1	Community Consultation	Community Consultation	Expected Aug to mid Sep 2025
5	Final Flood Study Report	Final Flood Study Report	Expected in Oct 2025
6	Handover of relevant materials	Handover of relevant materials	Expected in Dec 2025

### **Current Updates:**

17. Since the last meeting in December 2024, KBR undertook the re-simulation of design event modelling, sensitivity analyses, mapping, and floodplain management activities based on Australian Rainfall and Runoff (ARR) 2019 guidelines Version 4.2. This required amendment to the project scope and additional time to complete the Draft Study.

18. KBR in consultation with the technical working group, consisting of staff from GRC, the department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and water (DCCEEW) and SES, has identified flood control lots in 1% AEP Flood and PMF Event via a rigorous process of flood tagging.
19. Flood tagging is a way to ensure new developments are adequately protected and do not make flooding worse for people and property. It is noted that the development-related planning controls are applicable for new developments or addition/alterations to an existing building. The intent of flood control lot tagging is not to sterilise the developable land.
20. Flood related development controls can be found in Georges River Development Control Plan (DCP). It is noted that the PMF related development controls are only applicable for critical and sensitive facilities such as childcare, hospital, seniors housing etc.
21. A comprehensive three-step process was employed to determine the final flood control lots tagged. The process involves a combination of GIS processing, desktop review, and physical ground truthing. A full day site inspection was completed to validate the flood tagging database.

Flood Control Lot Tagging Process is shown in the Figure below:



22. The outcome of the flood control lot tagging process is presented in the table below:

Scenario	# of Existing Flood Lots Tagged	Current Study - # of Flood Tagged Lots		
		Step 1 (initial tagging)	Step 2 (Desktop Analysis)	Step 3 (Ground Truthing)
1% AEP Event (including future climate change)	3,577	1,971	2,889	<b><u>2,931</u></b>
PMF Event	4,422	4,683	4,928	<b><u>4,554</u></b>

23. Current Draft Study has identified 2,931 properties are in risk of 1% AEP Flooding and 4,554 properties are in risk of PMF Flooding.
24. It should be noted that the existing number of Flood Tagged Lots does not cover the entire Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards and does not provide a like for like assessment. The existing tagging numbers have been included only for the sake of comparison.
25. A reduction in Flood Tagged Lots in 1% AEP Flood Event has generally occurred due to refined modelling methodologies and improved topographic and drainage information for the areas of overlap between the previous and new tagging.

### **Community Consultation**

26. Community consultation is expected to occur between 30 July 2025 and 10 September 2025.
27. All affected property owners will be notified via mail to inform that the draft Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Flood Study has identified the property as potentially flood affected lot.
28. Flood Study Report and maps will be made available via following platforms:
  - Your Say Webpage
  - Hardcopies in the libraries
29. Property owners/residents can:
  - Complete an online submission form (your say webpage)
  - book an appointment to speak to the project manager and the consultant during the consultation period.
  - Email staff: mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au
  - Write to staff via: PO Box 205, Hurstville BC NSW 1481
  - View the flood maps online via Your Say
30. Following the community consultation and final endorsement from Council for this Study, Council officers plan to undertake the Floodplain Risk Management Plan, which will use the Flood Study as the foundations for developing flood risk mitigation options. It is noted that this is subject to the availability of funding, successful grant application and internal resources to manage the study.

### **High Level Flood Mitigation Option Assessment for Moore Reserve Catchment**

31. Between 2020 and 2025, Council received numerous complaints from the community regarding flooding and property damage in Moore Reserve Catchment.
32. In 2025, Council officers received approval from the grant body to undertake High Level Flood Mitigation Option Assessment for Moore Reserve Catchment. This will be completed by the current consultant by Dec 2025.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

33. Council has allocated the budget to complete the current stages of the Flood Study in the 2024/25 financial year, with budget to finalise the Study in the 25/26 financial year.
34. It is noted that cost of the project has increased due to the following variations:
  - Updates to flood modelling to include the latest Australian Rainfall & Runoff (ARR) 4.2 guidance - \$17,184
  - Preliminary flood risk mitigation options for Moore Reserve Catchment - \$35,402

35. The Flood Study is partially grant funded by the DCCEEW (2:1) the total cost of the Study to date is \$151,537.41.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

36. Stage 1 of community consultation was undertaken between 18 January 2024 and 7 March 2024. Council has sent approximately 9,500 letters to all landowners, residents and business within the study area to gather relevant historical flood information.
37. Stage 2 of community consultation will be exhibition of the Draft Study, including all associated mapping of flood affected properties. This is expected to commence on 30th of July subject to Council approval.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/197431

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1 Draft Flood Study Report for Community Consultation - Rev F - *published in separate document* (Confidential)



**Item:** **FRMCC003-25 Grant update for Floodplain Risk Management for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards**

**Author:** Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater

**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure

**Matter Type:** Assets and Infrastructure

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That this report be deferred to the full council meeting in August for consideration, following the update on the grants being uploaded to the Councillor Hub before the August Council meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. In 2024, Council received two flood risk management grants to carry out the following projects:

Type of Study	Name	Grant Program	Status
Feasibility Study	Detailed feasibility study of a flood risk mitigation option at Gloucester Road, Stoney Creek Road, and Morgan Street	NSW Flood Recovery and Resilience Grant	Commencing In July 2025
Floodplain Risk management Study	Review of the floodplain risk management study and plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst wards	NSW Floodplain Management Program	Withdrawn

2. This report outlines next steps and reprioritisation of work as related to each Study.

**BACKGROUND**

3. The NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy makes Council responsible for managing flood-prone lands in its area. Under this policy, Council must develop Flood Studies and Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans to manage flood risks. The main aim is to lessen flooding's impact on property owners and occupants. Flood Risk Management Process is attached to this report. For a flood mitigation option over \$500,000 a feasibility study and design/investigation is required.

**The Detailed Feasibility Study - Gloucester Road, Stoney Creek Road and Morgan Street – Flood Mitigation Option**

4. In the last 5 years, Community has highlighted the flooding problem for the area adjacent to Gloucester Road, Stoney Creek Road and Morgan Street.
5. This project is continuation of the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards in 2023. As per the Floodplain Risk Management Process, a detailed feasibility study of flood risk mitigation options is required prior implementation.
6. It aims to complete a detailed feasibility study of the floodplain risk mitigation option and identify a refined mitigation option for the study area (attached) and benefit and cost assessment.

Council's staff are currently finalising the tender assessment and a consultant will be commencing the work in July 2025. It is expected to be completed by June 2026.

### **Review of the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards**

7. As reported in December 2024 meeting, Council officers sought grant funding to review the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards. The main reason was to update the model to the latest guidelines to further refine the floodplain risk mitigation options, with a particular lens on constructability.
8. However, Council officers are already progressing a Detailed Feasibility Study For Gloucester Road, Stoney Creek Road, and Morgan Street—areas located within the Hurstville Ward. This would result in duplicated efforts, including data collection, survey work, and flood modelling.
9. In addition to above, following an operational review, Council's Strategic Placemaking Team, responsible for management of Flood Studies, Asset Management, Stormwater Investigations and Council infrastructure planning advice has re-prioritised the floodplain risk management activities and grant funded studies and withdrawn this application to manage available resources.
10. Priority will be given to:
  - Delivery of the feasibility study of flood mitigation options for Gloucester, Stoney Creek Road and Morgan Street. This option was recommended in the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Hurstville, Mortdale And Peakhurst Wards (2023).
  - Undertake comprehensive Community Consultation for Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study.
  - Prepare a grant application and manage the delivery of a detailed Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards. This is the next step after the completion of current Flood Study for Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards. It is noted that the grant application will open in March/April 2026. This project is expected to commence in 2027.
  - Stormwater capital works programming to improve stormwater drainage network and reduce nuisance flooding. This was requested by the community during the consultation of the previous flood risk management study.
  - Asset Management

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. The detailed feasibility study - Gloucester Road, Stoney Creek Road and Morgan Street – flood mitigation option total project cost is \$180,000. The funding ratio for this project is 3 (DCCEEW) :1 (Council). Council officer will request this amount in FY25/26 Budget.
12. The floodplain risk management study and plan for Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst wards – Withdrawn, no implications on FY25/26 budget. The original grant amount as reported to the December 2024 FRMC was \$200,001.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

13. Community consultation and stakeholder engagement will be undertaken via the following channels:
  - Stage one will be to notify residents via a letter drop. The purpose is to notify that an investigation is taking place.

- Once drafts are prepared, consultation will be done as per Council Community Engagement Policy.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/198349

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1  Study Area Map - Feasibility Study for Gloucester Road, Stoney Creek Road and Morgan Street - *published in separate document*
- Attachment 2  Floodplain Risk Management Process - *published in separate document*

## **COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

### **NOTICES OF RESCISSION**

**NOTICES OF MOTION****Item: NM065-25 Speed and Traffic Management - Regent Street Kogarah****Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (a) Investigate and install appropriate speed and traffic management devices such as speed humps or similar calming measures on Regent Street, Kogarah, to reduce dangerous driving and improve pedestrian and road safety for local residents.
- (b) Undertake community consultation with affected residents as part of this process.
- (c) Provide a report back to Council within the next 6 months with findings, proposed designs, and an implementation timeline for installation.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032,

- Pillar 1: Our Community – The community is safe and healthy, Goal 1.3.1A Increase community and road safety in Georges River Local Government Area
- Pillar 6: Our Governance, Goal 6.1 Our community's voice is considered in planning the area's future

Council is committed to improving pedestrian and road safety across the Georges River Local Government Area.

Conducting a traffic investigation is the first phase before committing to infrastructure solutions. Council will conduct a traffic investigation in Regent Street Kogarah as part of the 2025/2026 program of works.

Once the investigation is completed, Council Officers will provide a report with recommendations to the Local Transport Forum (formerly known as the Local Traffic Committee). The report will be presented to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee and then to Council. A decision on how to consult the community will be made at this point.

The above actions will be delivered in the 2025/2026 financial year.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

1. The traffic investigation can be funded within existing budget allocation.
2. Any potential infrastructure installations will be considered based on the priority and cost.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/169525

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM066-25 Management of Ibis in the Kogarah Town Centre****Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council investigate and implement appropriate mitigation strategies to address the accumulation of ibis droppings in the Kogarah Town Centre, particularly under and around trees that have become nesting or roosting sites.
- (b) That Council assess the condition and species of trees in the Kogarah Town Centre and determine whether alternative planting, pruning, or canopy management could reduce ibis congregation and improve public amenity.
- (c) That this work be completed within the next 6 months. With a report back to Council with recommended actions and estimated timelines for implementation.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022–2032:

- Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 – The community is safe and healthy.
- Pillar 2: Our Green Environment, Goal 2.1 – Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment.
- Pillar 2: Our Green Environment, Goal 2.3 – Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.
- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.4 – Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities.
- Pillar 5: Our Place in Sydney, Goal 5.3 – Georges River is known for being environmentally and culturally rich and enhances its metropolitan position as a destination for people and business.

An Arborist within Council's Tree Maintenance team undertook an inspection of the subject trees in the Kogarah Town Centre courtyard, on 10 June 2025, noting the trees to be in good health and vigour. Minor deadwood pruning and the removal of two large branches was completed in early August 2025 to mitigate current community safety/health concerns at this location.

Under the Tree Management Policy (June 2024), Council does not have the capacity to remove a healthy public tree unless it meets specific criteria that justify removal. Section 4.4 of the Policy outlines that public tree removal is only considered when a tree poses a significant risk to public safety, is damaged, or is in poor health. The policy emphasises the importance of preserving healthy trees due to their ecological, aesthetic, and social value, and aligns with Council's commitment to achieving a 40% urban canopy cover by 2038 (Section 1.3).

To mitigate the impact of guano accretion and to maintain a clean and safe public environment, Council's City Presentation team has implemented a comprehensive Town Centre Cleansing Program focused on targeted cleaning measures including high-pressure washing and footpath scrubbing services throughout the Kogarah Central Business District. The Deep Cleansing team services the area every second day, ensuring regular upkeep. In addition, a dedicated Kogarah-based staff member is assigned to deliver daily cleaning services to maintain cleanliness and address emerging issues.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Within existing budget allocation for 2025/26.

## **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/169537

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

NM066-25

**Item: NM067-25 Beverly Hills Commuter Carpark****Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council acknowledges that before the current multi-storey facility, Beverly Hills Community car park was a Council public asset offering unrestricted 3 hour free parking for shoppers, residents, and visitors, funded as a community benefit.
- (b) That Council notes that multiple motions were passed by Council and formal letters were sent to TfNSW requesting reinstatement of free public access (e.g. three-hour free window); however, TfNSW has not provided positive confirmation or implemented these requests, maintaining a paid-access-only model for non-commuter users.
- (c) That Council investigates establishing a Council-funded subsidy scheme to enable free short-term public parking (e.g. 3 hours) for local residents, shoppers, and business customers at the Beverly Hills Community car park, funded via Council budgets or external grants.
- (d) That the General Manager write to the Minister for Transport and TfNSW, proposing:
  - (i) A shared-cost model (Council subsidy offsetting TfNSW fee loss);
  - (ii) A permit or voucher system administered by Council for eligible users, enabling access without public transport validation; and
  - (iii) A cooperative pilot implementation, with TfNSW enforcing timed access via boom gates.
- (e) That Council seeks release of operational data from TfNSW, including:
  - (i) User classifications (commuter vs local visitor);
  - (ii) Parking occupancy trends during the pilot; and
  - (iii) Financial impact and cost-sharing feasibility.
- (f) That Council supports TfNSW in managing any contractual constraints by:
  - (i) Providing delivery support for the permit/voucher program; and
  - (ii) Co-hosting community engagement and communications, ensuring transparency and uptake.
- (g) That Council considers the budgetary implications, including:
  - (i) Allocation or reallocation of funds toward the subsidy scheme in the upcoming budget cycle;
  - (ii) Scoping eligible grants or partnerships to leverage external funding; and
  - (iii) Reporting to Council on projected costs, potential revenue offsets, and funding mechanisms.
- (h) That Council undertakes targeted community consultation, including:
  - (i) Invitations to residents, commuters, and business owners in the Hurstville ward;
  - (ii) Multilingual forums both in-person and online;
  - (iii) Feedback to shape pilot design (e.g. permit eligibility, duration, voucher distribution); and
  - (iv) Use of results to refine parameters before broader rollout.



**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032

- Pillar 1 - Our Community, Goal 1.1 *Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity*, Goal 1.2 *Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained, and have equitable access*, Goal 1.3 *The community is safe and healthy*.
- Pillar 3 - Our Economy, All goals.
- Pillar 4 - Our Built Environment, Goal 4.1 *New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant, and sustainable*, Goal 4.3 *There are a range of transport options and increased walkability and cycling to connect people, goods, and businesses*.
- Pillar 5 – Our place in Sydney, Goal 5.1 *Leadership focuses on innovation and improving the customer experience* and Goal 5.2 *The three spheres of government work together to improve services and facilities in our area*.

The intent of this Notice of Motion is consistent with a Notice Motion put to Council in April 2025, raising concerns about the Transport for NSW owned (TfNSW), multi-story commuter car park in Beverley Hills. The Motion in April referenced writing to relevant Ministers and advocating to TfNSW for 3-hour free parking.

TfNSW delivered a multi-storey commuter car park with 200 parking spaces at Beverly Hills, completing this project in November 2024. The commuter car park is located at Edgbaston Road adjacent to the railway corridor, approximately 70 metres southwest of Beverly Hills Station.

This New South Wales Government (NSW) led multi-storey car park aims to provide safe, accessible, and convenient commuter parking close to the station, and help meet the growing demands for commuter parking in the area.

The Beverly Hills project was part of the NSW Commuter Car Park Program aimed at providing more convenient access to public transport at key interchanges and helping to ease congestion on our roads.

Council officers have written to Transport for NSW on multiple occasions through the delivery of this project to improve the offerings of accessibility and parking for residents, visitors and the business community.

The last response provided by the former Minister for Transport in September 2024 advised *'non-commuters will be able to access the Beverly Hills commuter carpark however, parking rates will apply. You may be pleased to know that whilst charges will apply for non-commuters, these rates have now been reduced and standardised across Sydney metropolitan areas which will also support local businesses.'*

Council officers are aware that non-commuter car parking fee is a flat rate of \$30 per day.

Council officers can continue to advocate for changes to the park and ride car parking arrangements in Beverley Hills, however as the approach to charging is standard across the Sydney Metropolitan Area, TfNSW have indicated that it is not willing to change its standard practice in this instance.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/221979

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

NM067-25

**Item: NM068-25 Car Parking Strategy and MacMahon Street removal of one-hour free parking**

**Councillor:** Councillor Wang

**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council notes that:
  - i. From 1 August 2025, the one-hour free parking allowance at the MacMahon Street, Treacy Street and Gloucester Road car parks will be removed, with fees to apply immediately upon entry, as per the adopted 2024–25 Fees and Charges.
  - ii. This change reverses long-standing parking arrangements that previously offered up to two hours free, originally introduced to support short-term turnover and local business activity in the Hurstville CBD, as documented in the Georges River Car Parking Strategy 2019.
  - iii. Local small business operators have raised strong objections, warning this change will deter casual visitors, reduce short-stay access, and undermine local trade at a time when many small retailers remain vulnerable.
  - iv. Council's Car Parking Strategy and Transport Strategy both stress the need to balance revenue and turnover objectives with support for business precincts, equity of access, and promotion of sustainable transport alternatives.
  - v. Parking revenue contributes to Council's long-term financial sustainability, but abrupt changes to fee structures should be carefully weighed against their broader social and economic impacts.
- (b) That Council pauses the implementation of the removal of the one-hour free parking allowance at the MacMahon Street, Treacy Street and Gloucester Road car parks, and waives all fines for non-payment at these sites from 1 August 2025 until Council determines its next steps under this motion.
- (c) That Council requests a report that:
  - i. Explores revenue-neutral alternatives that maintain a one-hour free parking period per visit, for example by increasing long-stay parking fees or using time-zoned pricing, in line with the Parking Strategy's objectives.
  - ii. Identifies budget and administrative implications of such options, including financial sustainability impacts, and proposes any necessary adjustments.
  - iii. Proposes a framework for stakeholder engagement, including consultation with local business operators and nearby residents, to ensure community input is factored into any future changes.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

The proposed removal of the 1-hour free parking from the MacMahon Street, Treacy Street, and Gloucester Road car parks was discussed during the Councillor Budget Workshops held on 31 March and 16 June 2025. During these sessions, and in the period following, no concerns were raised by Councillors in relation to this proposed change.

As part of the public consultation process for the 2025/2026 budget, Council's proposed fees and charges were publicly advertised from 1 May to 2 June 2025, exceeding the minimum required 28-day period. During this time, Council received three written submissions specifically addressing the proposed removal of the 1-hour free parking. These submissions were

presented to Council in June 2025, when the budget - including the proposed fees and charges - were formally adopted (CCL053-25).

Since the updated parking fee structure came into effect on 1 August 2025, the Strategic Property Team has received feedback from one local business and three members of the public expressing concerns about the changes.

The removal of the 1-hour free parking period is intended to simplify the ticketing process and reduce instances of unintentional fines. The revised approach promotes consistent use of the car parks and supports improved monitoring to encourage regular vehicle turnover.

Importantly, there has been no change to the provision of free parking for customers holding a valid Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit. Free parking remains available when the permit is clearly displayed and the vehicle is being used to transport the permit holder. This continues to be a key aspect of Council's commitment to accessibility and inclusion.

Operating hours for the car parks also remain unchanged. Fees do not apply on Sundays or gazetted public holidays.

To further enhance the customer experience, Council is exploring alternative technologies for the three car parks. Options under consideration include:

- New Generation Parking Meters

These meters offer cashless, ticketless transactions, contactless payments, and mobile app integration. They support real-time data collection and remote management, improving operational efficiency and user experience while aligning with Council's broader smart city initiatives and supporting more informed decision making in parking management.

- Access Controlled Parking Systems

This system uses boom gates and Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology for access control. While effective, it would require perimeter fencing and space for vehicle queuing, potentially reducing available parking. It also involves higher establishment and ongoing costs compared to new-generation meters.

Council will undertake a Request for Proposal (RFP) process through its procurement framework to assess available technologies suited to the specific needs of these sites. A further report will be presented to Council seeking endorsement of a preferred solution and approval to use the Commercial Property Reserve as a funding source.

The current "pay by plate" parking arrangement for the subject car parks operates similar to car parks used by various Council's within Sydney's inner west region, where in some cases, there is no free period offered. As an example, Burwood Council charges \$4.70 per hour with a maximum daily fee of \$30. After 7pm the rate is \$3.00 per hour.

By comparison, Council's rates remain modest:

- \$1.00 for the first hour
- \$3.40 for up to two hours
- \$12.00 Maximum daily rate (excluding Sundays and gazetted public holidays)

Operating hours are between 7:30am and 9pm Monday to Friday and between 8am and 4pm on Saturday.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council's "Pay and Display" commercial parking operations generated approximately \$310,000 in net revenue during the 2024/2025 financial year. This figure included the provision of a 1-hour free parking period at the subject sites.

The recent changes to parking tariffs were introduced to reduce confusion, support improved enforcement and allow operational efficiency across Council's commercial parking sites. While not driven by revenue considerations, it is estimated that reinstating the 1-hour free parking period could result in an annual revenue reduction of approximately \$175,000 per annum.

As the revised tariffs only came into effect on 1 August 2025, actual revenue data for the three Pay and Display sites is not yet available. These figures will be confirmed at the end of August and reported to Council as part of the next quarterly Strategic Property Portfolio update.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/238739

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM069-25 Bruce Lee 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service Recognition and endorsement of sister-city relationship with Shunde City**

**Councillor:** Councillor Wang

**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council congratulates all individuals, organisations, and partners involved in the highly successful Bruce Lee 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service, including:
  - (i) Georges River Council, as a sponsor, supporting the event under its Event Grants program;
  - (ii) Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, representing Mayor Elise Borg, for leading Council's involvement;
  - (iii) Shunde Association of Australia, and World Dragon Fans Club (Australia), led by President Sam Luo for organising cultural exchange;
  - (iv) Former Kogarah Mayor & Federal MP for Barton, Nickolas Varvaris, and former Deputy Mayor Annie Tang JP, for their foundational work establishing the Bruce Lee statue;
  - (v) Federal MPs: Zhi Soon (Banks), Ash Ambihapahar (Barton), and Tri Vo (Cabramatta) for their recognition of the memorial at national and state levels;
  - (vi) Master chefs from Shunde, who travelled especially to attend and support the event, enhancing cultural and business ties;
  - (vii) A delegation of Shunde government leaders and female entrepreneurs, visiting Australia for business talks and partnership with local companies, opening new doors for bilateral trade;
  - (viii) Martial arts performers, volunteers, vendors, and residents who helped bring the community event to life.
- (b) That Council recognises the Bruce Lee statue in Kogarah Town Square as a gift from Shunde City (2010), unveiled in 2011 to commemorate the sister-city agreement, a project initiated and championed by former local leadership. The statue has since become a cherished cultural asset that symbolises ongoing friendship and shared heritage.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025 –2035, Pillar 1 – Our Community:

- *Provide and support community events that connect people and reflect the diversity of our communities.*
- *Provide and support programs that promote arts and culture*
- *Provide programs and events that promote, support and celebrate local heritage and history.*

The Bruce Lee 52nd Anniversary Memorial Service was held on Saturday 19 July 2025 in Kogarah Town Square and had more than one hundred members of the Georges River Community gathered to mark the passing of Bruce Lee.

Organised by Shunde Association of Australia and World Dragon Fans Club (Australia) and supported by many organisations, the event included a flower-laying ceremony and was attended by many community members and elected representatives across local, state and federal levels.

The Bruce Lee statue is a replica of a 19-metre monument located in Shunde's 'Bruce Lee Paradise' theme park. It stands as a powerful symbol of unity and celebrates the rich cultural diversity that defines the Georges River community. More than just a tribute, the statue honours Bruce Lee's enduring legacy and his influential contributions to martial arts, film, and modelling, reinforcing his connection to communities around the world.

Council acknowledges the Bruce Lee statue as a generous gift from Shunde City, presented in 2010 and officially unveiled in 2011. Initiated and championed by former local leaders, the statue has since become a treasured cultural landmark where annual memorial ceremonies ensure our community is socially and culturally connected.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As per Council's Grants and Donations Policy (section 5.4.2), the Event Grant request of \$2,000 for the Bruce Lee 52<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Ceremony held in Kogarah was approved. This funding was allocated from cost centre 'Sponsorship Community Run Events (402002.6000.64808) and applied to support this recommendation in the 2025/26 financial year for the following purposes:

- \$570.00 – Waive of Daily rental fee (Non-profit and community organisations)
- \$195.00 – Waive of Electricity and water fee
- \$1,235 – Financial contribution

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/239660

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM070-25 Social Media Platforms****Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (a) Investigate the use of Chinese social media platforms such as WeChat and Xiaohongshu (Little Red Note) to support the promotion of Council information and enhance communication and engagement with CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) residents and businesses;
- (b) Provide a feasibility assessment regarding the costs and resources required to implement the above; and
- (c) Bring a report back to Council outlining a proposed approach.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032: Pillar 1 – Our Community, Goal: Provide a range of accessible services, facilities and programs that respond to social issues and foster community wellbeing.

It is also consistent with Georges River Council's Community Engagement Strategy 2023-2033. Principle 4: Community engagement is inclusive. We will provide information that is accessible for all.

The Motion aligns with Council's Social Justice Charter 2022–2026, particularly Principle 2: Equity, ensuring everyone has fair and balanced access to opportunities, resources, information, facilities and services. It also aligns with the Customer Experience Strategy 2022–2027, specifically the objective that information and services are accessible to all, and the action to improve accessibility of communications by providing information, such as Council's documents and forms published online, in community languages and easy-read English.

Council supports undertaking a feasibility assessment to determine the costs and resources required to expand our existing social media channels to include CALD and Chinese platforms.

The feasibility assessment would require primary and secondary research which could include the engagement of a market research firm to measure the use of CALD and Chinese social media platforms within Georges River. Council would also engage with other NSW Councils to understand the current use of these channels within Local Government.

The 2021 Census data for the Georges River area has a high proportion of people born overseas (46%) and 42.4% of the population were from a non-English speaking background. The largest overseas country of birth was China making up 13.9% of the population. The most common languages spoken at home other than English are Mandarin (12.8%) and Cantonese (9.4%).

Council's current social media channels are LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Any new platform would need to be compliant with Council's Social Media Policy.

Council Officers will conduct a feasibility assessment and report back to Council with the costs, resources and time frames required to implement CALD social media platforms.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The initial feasibility assessment will be delivered within existing resources.



An operational budget bid for 2026/27 will be submitted for all additional costs for market research and channel establishment.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/242666

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

NM070-25

**Item: NM071-25 Acknowledgement & Congratulations to Lee Wong Mei Fong JP – Asia-Pacific Intangible Cultural Heritage Culinary Promotion Ambassador-Australia****Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That

- (a) That Council acknowledges and congratulates local resident Lee Wong Mei Fong JP (commonly known as “Lee Tai”) for being appointed as the “Asia-Pacific Intangible Cultural Heritage Culinary Promotion Ambassador – Australia” by the Asia-Pacific Council for International Intangible Cultural Heritage (APCIICH), in recognition of her decades-long contribution to cultural heritage, community engagement, and the international promotion of traditional culinary arts.
- (b) That Council liaise with Ms Lee to publicly acknowledge her success through inclusion in the Business Unite Newsletter and other communications channels. Her story stands as a beacon of cultural pride and will continue to inspire future heritage and diversity initiatives within the Georges River community.

**DIRECTOR’S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council’s Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032: Pillar 3 – Our Economy, Goal 3.1 Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.

This motion is also consistent with the Create Georges River Cultural Strategy, Strategic Direction 1 – Connect: The first strategic direction speaks to the need to make connections between communities and cultural organisations across the Georges River LGA (and beyond) to develop a strong cultural identity and connected cultural ecology.

The Asia-Pacific Council for International Intangible Cultural Heritage (APCIICH) is an internationally recognised organisation dedicated to the safeguarding, recognition, and promotion of intangible cultural heritage across the Asia-Pacific region.

It is a cooperative partner of UNESCO and a member of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC). The Asia-Pacific Intangible Cultural Heritage Gastronomy Certification system, developed by APCIICH, recognises individuals and institutions preserving traditional food heritage.

Council will promote the acknowledgement and congratulations in the Business Unite newsletter. The newsletter is distributed to approximately 15,000 local businesses in the Georges River LGA bi-monthly.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/242673

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM072-25 Low-Mid Rise Housing (LMR and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD))****Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges that the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy (LMR) and the Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Program are planning initiatives introduced and led by the NSW State Government as part of broader statewide planning reforms.
- (b) Notes that these policies have not been initiated by local councils, including Georges River Council, and that councils are not decision-makers in determining which areas are included or what the policies contain.
- (c) Further notes that these State-led policies override local planning controls.
- (d) Recognises that there is ongoing misinformation and misunderstanding circulating within sections of the local Chinese-speaking community regarding the LMR and TOD policies.
- (e) Notes that Council considered an extensive report at the Environment and Planning Committee meeting on 14 April 2025 (ENV012-25), which outlined the anticipated impacts of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy Stage 2 on the Georges River Local Government Area, including identification of the LMR areas within the Hurstville Railway and Town Centre Precinct.
- (f) Further notes that the report stated in item 114(b) that while individual Heritage Items are excluded from the Hurstville LMR Housing Area, broader areas such as the O'Brien's Estate Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) are not excluded, meaning the LMR controls are applicable within the O'Brien's Estate HCA.
- (g) Affirms the importance of clear, accessible, and culturally appropriate communication to support inclusive and informed community understanding of these State-led policies, and notes that the responsibility for such communication rests with the NSW Government as the originator of the policies.
- (h) Confirms that Council continues to inform the community about the implications and potential opportunities of the LMR and TOD programs through its pre-Development Application (pre-DA) process, and that translation services are available to assist residents who require language support.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

Council notes all matters outlined in the above Notice of Motion and confirms that these matters are currently being attended to by Council. In relation to item (h), Council can and will provide language support to residents who require that support.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

1. No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/243444

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

**Item: NM073-25 Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study****Councillor:** Councillor Wang**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (a) Commence implementation of the short-term priority actions identified in the Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study, as endorsed by Council in April 2025, with particular focus on measures already agreed with schools and the community that have fallen behind schedule.
- (b) Confirm and secure budget allocation for all short-term priority actions and communicate these allocations to councillors and the school community.
- (c) Coordinate with the NSW State Government, Transport for NSW, and the developers of 1-3 Wright Street and 108-124 Forest Road to implement specific traffic and safety measures that mitigate the cumulative impacts of concurrent construction works.
- (d) Report on the inception meeting with the three relevant developers, with the participation of relevant Council staff from Parking and Rangers, Compliance, and Traffic and Transport, to implement agreed mitigation measures immediately.
- (e) Develop and deliver a remediation plan for the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Hill Street and Forest Road, addressing:
  - (a) The lack of visibility of the crossing to oncoming vehicles;
  - (b) The absence of a pedestrian refuge island;
  - (c) Poor or missing line-marking;
  - (d) Any other hazards identified during the site inspection.
- 7) Address community concerns about worsening traffic congestion around the precinct, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up hours, by reviewing current traffic flow patterns, parking arrangements, and enforcement measures, and implementing immediate congestion mitigation strategies.
- 8) Provide public updates — via Council's website and communications channels — on the progress of short-term safety and traffic management measures in the Hurstville School Precinct and surrounding construction zones, to keep the community informed and engaged.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 1: Our community, *Goal 1.3 - The Community is safe and healthy.*
- Pillar 5: Our place in Sydney, *Goal 5.2 – The three spheres of government work together to improve services and facilities in our area.*

Council is committed to road and pedestrian safety across the Georges River Local Government Area.

There are 20 short term actions in the Hurstville School Precinct Traffic Study. Council is responsible for 13 actions. The School and Bayside Council are responsible for the other 7 actions. Of the 13 short term actions Council is responsible for, Council has completed 3 actions and 10 are in progress.

Once the short-term priority actions are finalised and approved by the Local Traffic Forum (formerly known as the Traffic Advisory Committee), Assets and Infrastructure Committee, and Council, officers will consider their delivery as part of the 2025/26 works program.

Council's Development Assessment (DA) team have assessed the impact of the construction on the local road network as part of development application Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP).

Council's DA team is in regular contact with the developers, with traffic safety matters and items within the CTMP prioritised for discussion and action. Council Rangers will be advised to enforce any non-compliance.

Council officers have conducted a site inspection of the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Hill Street and Forest Road. As a result, sign replacement and line marking works have been scheduled. A temporary rubber island has been provided and once construction activity is completed, the crossing will be upgraded. Council will continue to monitor this site and address any safety concerns.

It is the developer's responsibility to adhere to the CTMP. Unfortunately, congestion during peak hours is common in and around town centres and school zones. Council officers will monitor the traffic congestion and take appropriate action if required.

Council officers will provide regular updates via the Local Transport Forum, Assets and Infrastructure Committee and Council. A decision on community consultation will be made at these stages for each item, where relevant.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The actions listed above are within the existing budget allocation; however, if major or unplanned works are required, a report seeking additional funding will be presented to Council.

## **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/253001

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM074-25DA2025/0247 47-49 Planthurst Road, Carlton**

**Councillor:** Councillor Gao

**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (a) Immediately issue additional written notification of DA2025/0247 on Planthurst Rd and 153 Bellevue Pde to all residents and property owners within a minimum 800m radius of the subject site, in recognition of the proposal's potential for broader traffic, parking, noise, and amenity impacts.
- (b) Display a clearly visible site notice at Unit 1, 47–49 Planthurst Road and 153 Bellevue Pde in accordance with the methods outlined in the Community Participation Plan.
- (c) Restart the public exhibition period for DA2025/0247 by a further 14 days from the date the expanded notifications are issued, to allow residents reasonable time to review the application and lodge submissions.
- (d) Publish on Council's website information as to where to find the application information.
- (e) Investigate an amendment to Council's Community Engagement Strategy development application notification requirements for certain types of land uses that are likely to illicit broader traffic related concerns, such as Places of Public Worship and Child Care Centres.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

A minimum 800m notification area, when compared to the standard 50m radius, would entail circa 6,000 notification letters to residents and owners.

The application was notified in June this year and a restart to the process may delay the finalisation of the application due to considering additional submissions.

Such a departure from the established practice of notification may be viewed as special treatment of the Applicant, who has submitted their application in good faith and on the reasonable expectation that Council will process it in an accurate and timely manner.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The approximate cost of the proposed mailout is \$10,000. The operational budget for notification expenses will be able to accommodate this unplanned expenditure, however that is highly dependent on the number of applications that are notified through the course of the remainder of the 2025/2026 financial year.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/265279

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM075-25 Review of Domestic Waste Management****Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That the General Manager provide a report to Council reviewing the Domestic Waste Management service charges applied to residential ratepayers since amalgamation to identify where residents may have been charged for more services than those provided, with the report to be presented before the end of 2025 outlining the following:

- (a) The number of instances where overcharging has been identified and the number of ratepayers affected.
- (b) An estimate of the total amount overcharged.
- (c) A plan to:
  - (i) Continue to correct accounts and reimburse residents in the form of credits or refunds without delay.
  - (ii) Correct service levels to reflect the amounts ratepayers are being charged.
  - (iii) Issue public notice and direct correspondence to ratepayers that explains the meaning of 'service' in the context of DWM charges how residents can verify whether their charges align with the services they receive, and the process for lodging requests for review if they suspect overcharging.
  - (iv) Proposed measures to prevent similar issues in the future, including but not limited to amending rate notice format and related communications to clearly and plainly specify the number and type of waste services charged, including a clear explanation of what constitutes each 'service'.

NM075-25

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

1. In July 2025, Council's Waste Team commenced a comprehensive review of Domestic Waste Management (DWM) charges following the implementation of Council's new waste management contract. It marks the first full-scale review of this nature in over 16 years and was designed to reconcile bin allocations with the charges applied to individual properties.
2. The review is being undertaken collaboratively by Council's Waste, Customer Experience, and Finance teams. A small number of confirmed discrepancies have resulted in refunds being issued, with additional cases still under assessment.
3. Due to the review requiring cross-system verification and historical data reconciliation the final report, including total refund volumes, may not be available by the end of 2025. However, Council officers will prepare a report outlining outcomes addressing this motion, within the 2025/26 financial year.
4. Residents are encouraged to contact Council if they notice any discrepancies, including unexpected bin allocations. All enquiries are assessed on a case-by-case basis.
5. To improve transparency, the 2025/26 Rates Notice has been revised to include:
  - a. Updated service descriptors (e.g., "Quantity" instead of "No. of Services")
  - b. Unit charges for all waste services
  - c. QR codes linking to Council's Website for the [Rates & Payments Page](#), [Rates and Requests Page](#) and the [Waste page](#).



6. While there are limitations on the amount of information that can be included on the rates notice, efforts have been made to simplify and clarify the content within the Rates and Charges section. Council has also enhanced its waste management portal and will continue to compare this data with rating records to ensure ongoing accuracy.
7. Council remains committed to resolving any identified discrepancies and will continue to monitor and refine its processes to ensure fair and accurate billing for all ratepayers.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. Within existing budget allocation of the operational waste budget.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/265304

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM076-25 Speeding Issues - Ferry Avenue, Beverley Park****Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the significant speeding, hooning and traffic safety issues on Ferry Avenue, Beverley Park.
- (b) Install speed humps outside Moore Park on Ferry Avenue.
- (c) Installs a permanent solar-powered speed feedback sign on Ferry Avenue to alert drivers and deter speeding.
- (d) Commits to completing these works within 12 months.
- (e) Writes immediately to the St George Local Area Command to request regular targeted patrols and enforcement along Ferry Avenue, particularly during peak hooning times.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, Pillar 1: Our Community – The community is safe and healthy, Goal 1.3.1A Increase community and road safety in Georges River Local Government Area.

Council supports road and pedestrian safety across the Georges River Local Government Area.

Traffic counts in Ferry Avenue, Beverley Park were conducted in August 2024. The traffic survey data had two count locations and counted on average over 1,750 vehicles per day.

The traffic survey data calculated the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of vehicles on Ferry Avenue was between 54km/h and 56km/h. This is an accepted tolerance for no intervention at this stage.

It should be noted that crash data between 2019 and 2025 indicates no recorded crashes on Ferry Avenue.

Council considers that any traffic survey data undertaken within 3 years as relevant, unless major changes to the traffic flow have occurred.

Given there has been no major changes to Ferry Avenue, Beverley Park since August 2024, Council officers do not support further traffic surveys or infrastructure interventions at this time.

Council will speak to the St George Local Area Command relating to extra patrols and enforcement but urges residents who witness dangerous driving to also do the same.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/265312

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



**Item: NM077-25 Narwee Shopping Centre Revitalisation****Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

That the General Manager provide a report to Council on strategies to revitalise the Narwee Shopping Village, including:

- (a) Community engagement with stakeholders including shopkeepers and community groups such as Narwee Refresh
- (b) Options for improved amenity including graffiti removal and streetscape
- (c) Open discussions with the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council on joint initiatives
- (d) Council Officers provide a report with recommendations for improvement including timeframes and cost

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.1 *Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity*, Strategy 1.1.1, which aims to initiate, facilitate, and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and foster connections among people, communities, and diverse groups.
- Pillar 3: Our Economy, Goal 3.1 *Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow*.

Council supports accessible, sustainable and amenable local shopping precincts within the Georges River Local Government Area.

The revitalisation of the Narwee Shopping Precinct will require input from multiple stakeholders, including Council, local businesses, residents and City of Canterbury Bankstown Council.

Issues such as graffiti removal on Council property can be actioned immediately. Council can discuss preventative measures for graffiti deterrent with local businesses.

In line with Council resolutions NM073-24 and NM078-24, investigations are required to determine the feasibility of infrastructure upgrades including enhancing the aesthetic, public safety, amenity and greenery in the area. The investigations will inform the development of a program of works.

The draft Economic Development Strategy has been developed in close consultation with Council's Economic Leadership Group. Internal stakeholder consultation is currently underway, with the next step being engagement with local shopkeepers and community groups across both villages and major town centres.

Council's General Manager will reach out to the General Manager of the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council to organise a meeting to discuss joint initiatives and opportunities.

Council Officers will provide a report to the December 2025 Council meeting with options for revitalisation of Narwee Shopping Village including the time frames, cost and priority of delivery for any actions.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Investigation works will occur within the existing budget allocation for City Futures and Strategic Placemaking. Revitalisation options are currently unbudgeted, with a future report to outline associated costs for consideration and submission of Capital budget bids for 2026/27 financial year.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/266466

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

NM077-25

**Item: NM078-25 Jubilee Avenue Traffic Study****Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That Council:

Notes that the Jubilee Avenue Traffic Study was resolved by Council almost two years ago, with a scheduled completion date of April 2025, and that the study remains incomplete. Directs the General Manager to:

- (a) Provide Councillors and the community with a detailed, itemised breakdown of expenditure relating to the \$40,000 allocation.
- (b) Provide a clear explanation for the delay in the completion of the study and the reasons it has not been delivered in accordance with the original timeline.
- (c) Nominate a firm completion date for the study, with no more open-ended timeframes. Recognises that delays of this nature are not standard. Residents have been waiting for a long time while traffic congestion and safety concerns on Jubilee Avenue and Park Road persist. Once a resolution of Council is passed, it should be acted upon in a timely and efficient manner, not left unresolved for over two years.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 *Our community is safe and healthy*, goal 1.3.1A Increase community and road safety in Georges River Council Local Government Area.

Council is committed to road and pedestrian safety across the Georges River Local Government Area.

The Jubilee Avenue Traffic Study was awarded to Traffix Consultants in November 2024. The total price of the contract is \$23,760.

The breakdown of the \$23,760 budget includes, \$13,860 for traffic impact assessments and \$5,280 for surveys.

The surveys are 100% complete and the traffic impact assessment is approximately 75% complete. The remaining \$4,620 will be used to complete the traffic impact assessments.

The delay in the completion of the study is due to the development of the base traffic model. The accuracy of the base traffic model is critical to determining potential solutions. The base model requires approval from Transport for NSW (TfNSW). The calibration of the base model has taken longer than anticipated which has caused a delay in the completion of the study.

The consultant has confirmed that the Jubilee Avenue Traffic Study will be completed and presented to Council Officers by the end of August 2025.

The delivery of traffic studies is complex, and each study is different. The accuracy of a study including the base model is critical in determining potential solutions. Council Officers provide indicative time frames for the completion of traffic studies, but on occasion, negotiations with consultants and TfNSW can affect the timeframe for the delivery of this work.

When the Jubilee Avenue Traffic Study has been received by Council Officers, they will consider the recommendations and options and report back to the Local Transport Forum (formerly known as the Local Traffic Committee), Assets and Infrastructure Committee and Council. A decision on how the community will be consulted will be made at this point.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Jubilee Avenue Traffic Study is funded within existing budget allocation.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/267025

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item: NM079-25 Greater Sydney Landcare - Creating Canopies Program****Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager works with Greater Sydney Landcare (Landcare) to identify suitable parklands within the Georges River Local Government Area for low-cost, high-yield tree planting initiatives to be delivered in partnership with Landcare as part of the Creating Canopies program.
- (b) That Council notes the success of recent Creating Canopies community planting events held in Georges River Council, in partnership with Landcare NSW and Greater Sydney Landcare, which have engaged large numbers of volunteers and resulted in the planting of thousands of native trees and shrubs to help reduce urban heat and increase canopy cover.
- (c) That Council note Landcare NSW and Greater Sydney Landcare are planting 200,000 trees as part of the Greening Our City program to help reduce urban heat in Greater Sydney, which is proudly funded by the NSW Government.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 2, Our Green Environment: Goals 2.1 *Our environmentally sustainable practices inspire us all to protect and nurture the natural environment and Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.*

Council continues to identify appropriate planting locations to increase canopy coverage, noting the finite suitable open space for tree planting due to increasing competing demands for passive and active recreation, such as sports fields, dog parks and recreation.

Consistent with Council's Resolution on 22 July 2024 (NM065-24), Council acknowledges the contribution of Landcare in the execution of previous planting activities in partnership with Georges River Council's Bushcare program.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/267502

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



**Item: NM080-25 Parking - Railway Parade Carlton****Councillor:** Councillor Gao**MOTION:**

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the shortage of parking on Railway Parade and the impact this has on local businesses and customers.
2. Notes ongoing issues with people overstaying timed parking limits, reducing turnover and access for short stay or takeaway customers.
3. Consults with businesses on Railway Pde, Carlton about their parking needs and options for better managing timed parking.
4. Ensures this consultation is completed within the next 3 months.
5. Sets aside up to two spaces outside 280 Railway Parade for 15-minute parking between 6:00am and 12:00pm, based on the outcome of consultation.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 – *Our community is safe and healthy.*
- Pillar 3: Our Economy, Goal 3.1 – *Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow.*
- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.1 – *New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable.*

Council supports accessible car parking options to support local business across the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA).

1. Railway parade is a heavily trafficked road that provides parking options for customers of existing businesses.
2. The regulation of parking zones is enforced by Council's Parking Officers across the LGA. Time restricted parking is designed to encourage the turn-over of vehicles / customers. Vehicles that stay for longer than the permitted time in these zones may be subject to enforcement action. On Railway Parade, vehicles overstaying in time restricted zones has the potential to affect local businesses.
3. Council Officers will consult with local businesses on Railway Parade Carlton about the existing car parking.
4. The delivery of the actions in this report including site assessment, stakeholder consultation and recommendations to the Local Transport Forum (formerly known as Local Traffic Committee), will be completed in the 2025/2026 works program.
5. Any proposed changes to existing car parking will be presented to the Local Transport Forum, the Assets and Infrastructure Committee and Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. The above actions can be delivered within existing budget allocation.
7. If major works or infrastructure solutions are recommended, it may require additional funding.

**FILE REFERENCE**

D25/267682

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

NM080-25

**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**Item:** QWN027-25 Penshurst West Football Club Grant Funding for Grandstand

**Author:** Councillor Hayes

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

**COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

The second grandstand that Council offered the Penshurst West Football Club in June 2024. In February 2025 the club transferred an amount of \$10,000 from the Federal Stronger Communities Program to the Georges River Council. So far, the completed works are 2 concrete slabs and 1 grandstand. Looking for an update on progress of installing the second grandstand to advise the Football Club.

**OFFICER RESPONSE**

The Stronger Communities Program funding was utilised to construct the two slabs and supply one grandstand. Budget allocation has been provided in 2025/2026 to enable the second grandstand to be constructed before the commencement of the 2026 season.

Answer published in the business paper.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

QWN027-25

**Item:** QWN028-25 Shunde City - City Partnerships Policy

**Author:** Councillor Wang

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

QWN028-25

### COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. Can Shunde City formally apply to establish a Cultural and Friendship Partnership with Georges River Council in accordance with the City Partnerships Policy (2022);
2. The specific procedural steps, timeframes, and decision-making process required for Council to consider such an application;
3. The documentation, evidence, and demonstrated mutual benefits that Shunde City would be required to submit to meet the policy requirements; and
4. Whether recent community engagement and cultural exchange activities, such as the Bruce Lee memorial service and Shunde business delegation visit, could be used as supporting evidence for meeting the policy's criteria for partnership proposals.

### OFFICER RESPONSE

1. Shunde City can formally apply to establish a City Partnership if it is considered a local government, municipality, city, town or regional shire.  
Shunde City must comply with all five criteria listed in Council's City Partnerships Policy (2022) to be eligible.

Section 1.1 of the Policy states. Partnerships:

- (a) *are between cities which share historic, cultural, social, economic or geographic similarities or synergies;*
  - (b) *clearly demonstrate a meaningful reciprocal partnership or activity built on mutual respect, understanding and a commitment to shared objectives*
  - (c) *are purposeful and established with clear motives, obligations, objectives and outcomes;*
  - (d) *show that the communities of both cities have a demonstrated commitment to, and interest in, forming and maintaining the partnership; and*
  - (e) *align with Council's Community Strategic Plan.*
2. The specific procedural steps, timeframes, and decision-making process required for Council to consider such an application are as follows:

#### Procedural Steps

The procedural steps are outlined in section two of the City Partnerships Policy (2022)- Establishment of City Partnerships – Considerations. A proposal must be submitted to the General Manager, any interest and pre-existing partnerships must be declared.

#### Decision-making Process

The General Manager will approach the decision-making process in accordance with 2. Establishment of City Partnerships – Considerations of the City Partnerships Policy (2022).

The General Manager will consider alignment with the City Partnerships Policy Principles, purpose, relevance and value.

The General Manager will also consider alignment to NSW Government programs, policies or partnerships, and Australia's foreign policy, the potential impact on foreign relations, other City Partnerships in place at Georges River Council and Council resourcing.

### Timeframe

The timeframe for approval will depend on the proposed City Partnership. Details are outlined in section three of the City Partnerships Policy (2022)- Establishment of City Partnerships-Process.

The General Manager will develop an agreement between Council and the City Partnership.

Given Shunde is outside Australia, Council must provide notice of any proposed City Partnership to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and take no further steps for 28 days.

If approved by the General Manager, the new City Partnership must be formally adopted at a Council meeting.

Council must provide notice of the newly established City Partnership within 14 days.

3. The application will need to include information that demonstrates the purpose of the partnership, how the partnership addresses the Principles of City Partnerships, and the relevance and value of the Partnership to the Georges River community (City Partnerships Policy (2022), 1.1., 2.1. and 2.3.). This may include supporting documentation or evidence.
4. The application may include detail of recent community engagement and cultural exchange activities, as long as this detail demonstrates the purpose of the partnership, how the partnership addresses the Principles of City Partnerships, and the relevance and value of the Partnership to the Georges River community (City Partnerships Policy (2022), 1.1., 2.1. and 2.3.). What is included in the proposal is based on the applicant to decide.

Answer published in the business paper.
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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**Item:** QWN029-25 Georges River Council Flood Plain Report 2016

**Author:** Councillor Wang

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

**QWN029-25**

### **COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

Please publish in full the Georges River Council Flood Report 2016 including all appendixes and compare its key findings with the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for the Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards Catchment (2023). The comparison should include:

- 1) Data sources used in both studies.
- 2) The computer flood models applied in each study.
- 3) The Australian standards referenced in each study.
- 4) The key differences in flood planning zone classifications between the two studies.
- 5) The reasons for the significant increase of flood planning zones and severity in 2023 report.

### **OFFICER RESPONSE**

Council is committed to providing the latest and most relevant flood data available to its community. The Georges River Council Flood Report (2016) and supporting documents were published by the former Hurstville Council. This information has now been superseded by the 2023 Georges River flood study information.

To avoid confusion, Council only publishes the most recent information. The 2016 Flood reports are available but are not published on Council's website.

1. Below is a comparison of the data sources used for the 2016 and 2023 studies.

#### 2016 Study - Data Sets

- Council's internal database
- Survey of selected drainage infrastructure (2016)
- Rainfall data (ARR 1987)
- Lidar (ground elevation data) information 2011

#### 2023 Study – Data Sets

- Council's internal database
- Survey of drainage infrastructure (2019)
- Rainfall data (ARR 2019)
- Lidar (ground elevation data) information 2013

2. In both the 2016 and 2023 studies, TURFLOW modelling software was used.

3. Below are the standards referenced in each study:

#### 2016 Study:

- NSW Government - Floodplain Development Manual: The management of flood liable land - April 2005

- Australian Rainfall and Runoff – A Guide to Flood Estimation - Institution of Engineers, Australia, 1987.

#### 2023 Study:

- NSW Government - Floodplain Development Manual: The management of flood liable land - April 2005
- Australian Rainfall and Runoff: A Guide to Flood Estimation - Commonwealth of Australia, Australia, 2019

4. The key differences in flood planning zone classifications between the two studies can be summarised as:

#### 2016

- 1% plus freeboard.

#### 2023

- Using the 1% AEP flood depth mapping produced as part of this study using the direct rainfall approach, the following criteria was applied to select lots for inclusion in the FPA.
- Depths less than 150mm were removed from the flood extent. This accounts for very shallow flow that would typically be classified as runoff.
- Isolated puddles less than 50m<sup>2</sup> were removed from the flood extent. This accounts for artifacts that have resulted from localised depressions in the model DEM and the direct rainfall approach.
- Lots were then selected where more than 10% of the lot was inundated by the filtered flood extent.
- In addition to the above, lots where less than 10% of the lot experienced flood affectation but were located adjacent to a major overland flow path or floodway or depressed low point or flood storage area, were also selected.
- Nearby properties to those selected based on the other criteria above, and ground truthing confirmed the adjacent lot/lots would potentially be inundated via similar mechanisms.

In summary, the methodology, data and technology has significantly improved between when the 2016 flood study was developed and the 2023 flood study was developed. This has resulted in a more rigorous and accurate risk-based approach to flood planning.

5. Question five is an incorrect question. There is no increase in the flood planning in the 2023 report.

The latest modelling in the 2023 report shows a reduction in the number of properties tagged due to the use of the risk-based tagging criteria.

Table below shows a comparison of flood tagged properties for 2016 and 2023 study:

<b>Flood Event/ Study Year</b>	<b>2016 (includes open space and reserves)</b>	<b>2022 (includes open space and reserves)</b>	<b>2023 (includes open space and reserves)</b>	<b>Reason for the reduction of flood affected lots from 2016 Study</b>

1% AEP Flood Event (Number of Tagged Lots)	4260	2003	2331	Latest rainfall data and flood modelling technique (ARR2019) and Flood Planning Area tagging criteria used. In addition, lots affected by shallow sheet (considered as stormwater issues rather than flooding) were removed from flood tagging.
PMF Flood Event (Number of Tagged Lots)	6205	4927	4974	As above.

QWN029-25

Answer published in the business paper.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil



**Item:** QWN030-25 Moomba to Sydney Pipeline

**Author:** Councillor Wang

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice

QWN030-25

### COUNCILLOR QUESTION

- 1) Given the detailed timeline provided, which clearly shows the significant and known changes in the Moomba to Sydney Pipeline's status (from ethane transport to being empty, with an application for natural gas repurposing submitted in December 2024 and approved in May 2025), how can the "Moomba to Sydney Ethane Pipeline Hazard Analysis for Georges River Council," published in August 2024, be considered valid when it demonstrably failed to reflect the pipeline's actual, critical status and its pending/approved repurposing for natural gas?
- 2) With the Moomba to Sydney Pipeline now officially repurposed for natural gas, rendering its prior ethane-related risks obsolete, the Council has commissioned a new hazard analysis. Does this not inherently acknowledge that the 2024 "Moomba to Sydney Ethane Pipeline Hazard Analysis for Georges River Council" is invalid and unfit for purpose in assessing current risks?
- 3) Please provide an urgent update on the progress of the newly commissioned natural gas pipeline hazard analysis, including its expected completion date and, critically, when its findings will be made publicly accessible to rectify the current knowledge gap.
- 4) To prevent further misinformation, what immediate action will Council take to remove or accurately update all references to the "Moomba pipeline" and its associated ethane risks from all 10.7 certificates? This is essential to reflect the pipeline's current operational status and revised risk profile, thereby ensuring that property certificates provide accurate and up-to-date information to the public. What is the timeline for the completion of this vital update?

### OFFICER RESPONSE

Answers to the questions are provided below, noting that this information was included in the officer response to QWN016-25 from the 23 June 2025 Council meeting:

- 1) Council has reengaged the risk consultant who prepared the 2024 Risk Report to reassess the risk and to advise on the appropriate land use controls based on the new risk profile.
- 2) This change from transporting ethane to natural gas may change the pipeline's risk profile. As such, an updated Risk Report is being prepared.
- 3) The updated Risk Report for the entire pipeline is expected by the end of August 2025. Once finalised, Council officers will consider the implications of this updated Report on active strategic planning projects, including the draft Beverly Hills Local Centre Master Plan.
- 4) Council has actioned the resolution point (c) of ENV010-25 from the 24 March 2025 Council meeting where it was resolved *"that Council references the MSE Pipeline Hazard Analysis report on all future Section 10.7(5) certificates for properties affected by the LSIR 5E-07 and LSIR 1E-06 contours."*

As stated above, an updated Risk Report has been prioritised given the recent operational change of the Pipeline since its approval in May 2025. Once the Report is finalised and reported to Council, updates will be made to 10.7 Planning Certificates to reflect any changes relevant.

Answer published in the business paper.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

QWN030-25

**QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE**

**Item:** QNN008-25 Project at Intersection Carrington Avenue and Warwick Street

**Author:** Councillor Pun

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Questions with no Notice

QNN008-25

**COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

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

Q2. Project was budgeted this year. What happens to the allocated money?

**OFFICER RESPONSE**

1. Council has been actively monitoring the intersection of Carrington Avenue and Warwick Street for approximately 3 years. The site has a long history of traffic incidents and is a priority for Council.

In 2024, Council prepared a Blackspot funding grant with a roundabout as the preferred option. Transport for NSW determined that the roundabout option was not feasible, and Council's application was withdrawn.

To date, several plans, reports and turning path checks have been completed. The current concept plan proposes potential solutions to address the safety issues at the intersection.

A Councillor workshop is scheduled for September 2025, with a report to the Local Transport Forum (formerly known as the Local Traffic Committee) scheduled for October 2025. All plans, concepts and associated reports will be provided at this stage.

2. The project was allocated \$500,000 in Council's 2024/25 capital budget with the survey completed in May 2025. The unspent funds were carried over in the capital budget for 2025/26 financial year.

It is estimated that the cost of the proposed solution is approximately \$300,000. This amount will not be known until the design is finalised and quotes are obtained.

If there are surplus funds remaining from the original \$500,000 budget, this will be highlighted through the quarterly financial review process.

Answer published in the business paper.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (CLOSED MEETING)

Council's Code of Meeting Practice allows members of the public present to indicate whether they wish to make representations to the meeting, before it is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting dealing with any or all of the matters listed should or should not be considered in closed session.

## RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matters be considered in closed Meeting at which the press and public are excluded.

### **CCL042A-25 Tree Matter - Hurstville**

(Report by Acting Director Business & Corporate Services)

*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) (b) (g) it is considered the matter deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors); AND contains information concerning the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer; AND contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.*

*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); AND contains information concerning the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer; AND contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.*

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) of the Act, the reports and correspondence relating to these matters be withheld from the press and public.

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