

# **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**

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry 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**

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.

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**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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