AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 27 October 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room
Civic Centre
Hurstville

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

PRAYER

APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

PUBLIC FORUM

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

CONDOLENCES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Nil

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Nil

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item:	**CCL091-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2025**
Author:	Executive Services Officer
Directorate:	Office of the General Manager
Matter Type:	Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2025, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment ⇩1 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2025

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Monday, 22 September 2025

6:00 PM

Dragon Room
Civic Centre
Hurstville

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Oliver Dimoski, Councillor Thomas Gao, Councillor Gerard Hayes, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Leon Pun, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Ben Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, A/Director Assets and Infrastructure – Tom Heath, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, (on-line) Manager, A/Manager Office of the General Manager – Marisa Severino, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Team Leader Technology Business Support – Mark Tadros, Technology Services Officer Brendan Thorpe.

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 6:00PM.

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.

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 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

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Note: The time being 6:01pm the Chair, Mayor, Councillor Borg hands the chair to the Returning Officer, General Manager David Tuxford, for the election of the Deputy Mayor.

CCL076-25 Election of Deputy Mayor
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Dimoski

(a) That the method of voting be open, by way of show of hands, for the election of the Deputy Mayor.

(b) That the term for the Deputy Mayor be for a period of 12 months until September 2026.

(c) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Deputy Mayor for a period of one (1) year until September 2026.

(d) That the letters be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the CEO of LGNSW advising of the election of the Deputy Mayor.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

The General Manager as Returning Officer undertook the election of the Deputy Mayor.
The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that he had received two (2) nominations for the Office of the Deputy Mayor, as follows:

1. **Councillor Gao**

   Nominated by Councillor Anzellotti and Councillor Arthur

   Councillor Gao accepted the nomination.

2. **Councillor Stratikopoulos**

   Nominated by Mayor, Councillor Borg and Councillor Liu

   Councillor Stratikopoulos accepted the nomination.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, called for any other nominations. There were none.

Voting on the election of the Deputy Mayor was conducted by show of hands as follows:

Record of Voting for Councillor Gao: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang (6 votes).

Record of Voting for Councillor Stratikopoulos: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Stratikopoulos (8 votes)

Note: Councillor Landsberry abstained from voting on this item.

As a result of the vote, the General Manager declared Councillor Stratikopoulos elected to the Office of the Deputy Mayor of Georges River Council until September 2026.

Note: The time being 6:03pm the Mayor resumed the Chair.

CCL077-25 Appointment of Councillor Representatives to Georges River Council Standing Committees
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Dimoski

That Council appoint the following Chairpersons and Councillors to each of the Standing Committees of Council for the period until September 2026:

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Natalie Mort

Councillor Members

Councillor Dimoski
Councillor Gao
Councillor Hayes
Councillor Liu
Councillor Pun
Deputy Mayor Councillor Stratikopoulos
Councillor Wang

Community and Culture Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Kathryn Landsberry

Councillor Members

Councillor Allison
Councillor Anzellotti
Councillor Arthur
Councillor Dimoski
Councillor Liu
Councillor Mort
Councillor Wang

Environment and Planning Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Peter Mahoney

Councillor Members:

Councillor Allison

Councillor Anzellotti
Councillor Arthur
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Landsberry

Finance and Governance Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Christina Jamieson

Councillor Members:

Councillor Gao
Councillor Hayes
Councillor Mahoney
Councillor Pun
Deputy Mayor Councillor Stratikopoulos

AMENDMENT: Councillor Arthur, Councillor Pun

That Council elect the Chairpersons and determine the Councillor representatives of the following Standing Committees for the period until September 2026:

(a) Assets and Infrastructure Committee

(b) Community and Culture Committee

(c) Environment and Planning Committee

(d) Finance and Governance Committee

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Gao

Councillor Members

Councillor Dimoski
Councillor Hayes
Councillor Liu
Councillor Mort
Councillor Pun
Deputy Mayor Councillor Stratikopoulos
Councillor Wang

Community and Culture Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Kathryn Landsberry

Councillor Members

Councillor Allison

Councillor Anzellotti
Councillor Arthur
Councillor Dimoski
Councillor Liu
Councillor Mort
Councillor Wang

Environment and Planning Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Peter Mahoney

Councillor Members:

Councillor Allison
Councillor Anzellotti
Councillor Arthur
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Landsberry

Finance and Governance Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Gao

Councillor Members:

Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Hayes
Councillor Mahoney
Councillor Pun
Deputy Mayor Councillor Stratikopoulos

Record of Voting

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

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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was six (6) votes FOR and eight (8) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

Note: Councillor Landsberry abstained from voting on this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Dimoski

That Council appoint the following Chairpersons and Councillors to each of the Standing

Committees of Council for the period until September 2026:

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Natalie Mort

Councillor Members

Councillor Dimoski
Councillor Gao
Councillor Hayes
Councillor Liu
Councillor Pun
Deputy Mayor Councillor Stratikopoulos
Councillor Wang

Community and Culture Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Kathryn Landsberry

Councillor Members

Councillor Allison
Councillor Anzellotti
Councillor Arthur
Councillor Dimoski
Councillor Liu
Councillor Mort
Councillor Wang

Environment and Planning Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Peter Mahoney

Councillor Members:

Councillor Allison
Councillor Anzellotti
Councillor Arthur
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Landsberry

Finance and Governance Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Christina Jamieson

Councillor Members:

Councillor Gao

Councillor Hayes
Councillor Mahoney
Councillor Pun
Deputy Mayor Councillor Stratikopoulos

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL078-25 Appointment of Councillor Delegates to Advisory Committees, External Committees and Panels
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu

(a) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) until September 2026:

Councillor Members: Mayor, Councillor Borg
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Alternate Members: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Liu

(b) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Georges River Combined Councils Committee Advisory Committee (GRCCC) until September 2026

Councillor Member: Councillor Allison

Alternate Member: Councillor Mahoney

(c) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the NSW Public Libraries Association until September 2026:

Councillor Member: Councillor Mort

Alternate Member: Councillor Liu

(d) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Sydney South Planning Panel for a three year period until September 2028:

Councillor Member: Councillor Jamieson
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Alternate Member: Councillor Liu
Councillor Mort
Councillor Mahoney
Councillor Landsberry

(e) That Council appoint the following Council representatives to the Local Traffic Forum (LTF) until September 2026:

Councillor Member: Councillor Liu

Alternate Member: Councillor Jamieson

(f) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee until September 2026:

Councillor Chairperson:	Councillor Dimoski
Councillor Member:	Councillor Landsberry
Alternate Chairperson:	Councillor Mort

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, 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 6:18pm

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Chairperson

Item: **CCL092-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 September 2025**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 September 2025, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

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MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 22 September 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room
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Hurstville

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, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Leon Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Ben Wang.

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OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

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 Andy Wallis 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

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Non-Significant Non–Pecuniary Interest – Mayor, Councillor Borg disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL083-25** (**COM041-25) Domestic and Family Violence in Georges River** for the reason that she lives in the vicinity of Spooner Park which is one of the seven(7) sites identified in preliminary investigations for a potential Domestic and Family Violence Memorial Garden. Mayor, Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non–Pecuniary Interest – Mayor, Councillor Borg disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL083-25 (COM038-25) Report of the Beverley Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2025** for the reason that she lives in the vicinity of the Beverley Park Golf Course. Mayor, Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non–Pecuniary Interest – Mayor, Councillor Borg disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **MM018-25 Congratulations to St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundations on the 2025 Beachside Dash and Family Fun Run** for the reason that her daughter attends and represented the school that won the Schools Cup Challenge. Mayor, Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non–Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Wang disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL081-25 (TAC061-25) Wright Street, Hurstville Proposed "No Parking"** for the reason he has an investment property at 15 Wright Street Hurstville, which could be impacted by the change of parking conditions. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant Non–Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Wang disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL088-Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy – September 2025** for the reason he has interviews at the radio station from time to time. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Wang disclosed a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **COM040-25 Event Grants - Christian Alliance, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, St Mark Coptic Orthodox Church,** for the reason that he is a committee member of the Christian Alliance. Councillor Wang will not be present during the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Allison disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL083-25** (**COM039-25) Name proposal for boardwalk at Oatley Bay** for the reason that he was a friend of the late Sharyn Cullis. Councillor Allison will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL083-25** (**COM039-25) Name proposal for boardwalk at Oatley Bay** for the reason that he is a member of the Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society (OFF). Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **NM083-25 Closure of the Kingsgrove Post Shop** for the reason that he is a former long-term employee of Australia Post. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Landsberry disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL085-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy – September 2025** for the reason that In Feb 2023 she was invited to become the Patron of Kogarah Historical Society, and as this is an honorary appointment, I will remain in the Chamber and vote on this matter. Councillor Landsberry will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Arthur disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL086-25 Reconstruction of a new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park – Status Update and Inclusion of Learn to Swim Funding Contribution,** for the reason that the letters sent to members of the Federal Government as a result of the most recent Council resolution on the pool included a letter to Zhi Soon MP, the Member for Banks, for whom I am a Senior Staffer. Councillor Arthur, will not be present during the consideration of this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

Speaker	Report No.	Report Title
Samantha Oakes (In Person)	NM086-25	Limited recreational facilities in Carlton & Allawah
Anna Cheung (In Person)	QWN031-25	Measures being considered for LMR & TOD Program
Colin Baker (Written Submission)	QWN031-25	Measures being considered for LMR & TOD Program
Chris Skiladellis (In Person)	QWN031-25	Measures being considered for LMR & TOD Program
Philip Anderson (In Person)	COM039-25	Name proposal for boardwalk at Oatley Bay
Melina Amersasinghe (In Person)	COM039-25	Name proposal for boardwalk at Oatley Bay
Liwen Hwan (Written Submission)	NM083-25	Closure of the Kingsgrove Post Office
Andrew Ioannou (In Person)	NM083-25	Closure of the Kingsgrove Post Office
Katarina Pejic (In Person)	NM085-25	Traffic concerns on Park Road and Ramsgate Road
Akaash Goyal (Written Submission)	QNN009-25	Access to 2016 Floodplain Report Information
Angela Dionysopoulos (Written Submission)	QNN009-25	Access to 2016 Floodplain Report Information
Athina Diamantopoulos (Written Submission)	QNN009-25	Access to 2016 Floodplain Report Information
Anne Selle OAM (In Person)	MM017-25	Zonta Club of Botany Bay Young Women in Leadership
Jacky (Written Submission)	NM084-25	Concerns regarding safety on King Georges Road Stage 1 Upgrade

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL079-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Landsberry

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2025, be adopted.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM017-25 Zonta Club of Botany Bay - Young Women in Leadership Award
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council:

(a) Congratulate the finalists of the Zonta Club of Botany Bay Young Women in Leadership Award on their outstanding achievements and commitment to leadership.

(b) Thank the Zonta Club of Botany Bay for providing young women with the opportunity to learn and grow their leadership aspirations, and for encouraging their active participation in public policy, government, and volunteer organisations.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

MM018-25 Congratulations to St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation on the 2025 Beachside Dash and Family Fun Run
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council:

(a) Congratulate the St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation on the success of the 2025 Beachside Dash and Family Fun Run, and acknowledge the outstanding community contribution of all participants, volunteers, and organisers.

(b) Write to the St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation to congratulate them on the success of the 2025 Beachside Dash and thank them for their continued active contribution to the Georges River and broader communities.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

MM019-25 Celebrating 50 Years of Oatley Football Club
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council:

(a) Congratulate Oatley Football Club on its 50th Anniversary and acknowledge its outstanding contribution to community sport in the Georges River area.

(b) Write to Oatley Football Club expressing Council's appreciation for its service to the community and to congratulate them on their Golden Jubilee.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

MM020-25 Congratulations to Arkana College for Representing Australia at the URC World Robotics Finals in Osaka, Japan
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council:

(a) Congratulate Arkana College on their outstanding success in robotics and commend Principal Osman Karolia, the students, teachers, and school community for proudly representing both Georges River and Australia at the URC World Robotics Finals in Osaka, Japan.

(b) Present Arkana College with a Mayoral Certificate of Achievement in recognition of this exceptional accomplishment.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor

Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

MM021-25 Strengthening Council Powers to Address Unattended Items in Public Places
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council:

(a) Notes that the Office of Local Government is currently reviewing the effectiveness of the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021* and associated Regulation, including enforcement timeframes, definitions, penalties and powers, and that submissions for this review closed on 13 June 2025.

(b) Acknowledges the strong community concern regarding unattended items in public places—including boats, trailers, caravans, shopping trolleys and unidentified or unroadworthy vehicles—that are left on public roads and in public spaces for extended periods, reducing parking availability and causing amenity, access, and safety impacts.

(c) Writes to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, and to the Office of Local Government, to outline Council's concerns and to call for the urgent finalisation of the review of the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021*, the associated Regulations, the Code of Practice for Class 2 items, and related Guidelines, and to strengthen the legislation to provide councils with more effective powers to address community concerns—particularly in relation to unattended boats, registered trailers, caravans, shopping trolleys and unidentified or unroadworthy vehicles left in public places.

(d) Considers submitting a motion to the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference calling on LGNSW to advocate to the NSW Government to:

   (i) Enable councils to immediately seize vehicles (Class 3 items) that are unidentified, unroadworthy, or otherwise unable to be legally driven, without the need for prior notice.

   (ii) Broaden the definition of Class 1 items to include large objects such as skip bins, shipping containers, boats without trailers,

   (iii) Develop clear, consistent guidelines to regulate registered caravans, trailers of all types and vehicles parked in the same location for 28 days or more.

   (iv) Require shopping trolley owners to adopt containment and/or GPS tracking systems to reduce abandonment and enable timely collection.

   (v) Amend the *Code of Practice for Class 2 Items* to require items to display their correct legal entity and address

   (vi) Enable councils to immediately seize Class 1 (small items) and Class 2 (shopping trolleys) that obstruct access or pose safety risks, without prior notice.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CONDOLENCES

Councillor Wang offered his condolences to the Nepalese Community.

I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Nepalese community and to the families of the victims of the recent political unrest in Nepal. Since September 8, this unrest has tragically claimed up to 72 lives.

Let's acknowledge the profound emotional impact these events have had on residents of the Georges River local government area, particularly given the significant size of our local Nepalese community. With 5.9% of our residents identifying as Nepalese, it is the largest emerging community in Georges River — a vibrant community that continues to make invaluable contributions to our multicultural society.

Many in our community are deeply concerned about the safety of their loved ones back in Nepal. Some have called me personally, seeking comfort and assistance. The community has already held candlelight vigils, and more memorial services are planned in the coming weeks. Let us stand with them and give them whatever support they deserve during this painful time.

At this difficult moment, I want our Nepalese residents to know that their grief is shared, and that they are not alone. Council also reminds the community that a wide range of youth networks, multicultural groups, and support services are available locally. These can be found on Council's website, or by contacting Council directly so we can help connect residents to the right resources.

We note that in Nepal, while calm is slowly returning in some areas with an interim government in place, the situation remains fragile. Tonight, I ask that we pray not only for the souls of those lost, but also for the safety, peace, and healing of all those affected — both in Nepal and here in our own community.

Once again, let's extend our deepest sympathies to the Nepalese community and reaffirm our commitment to walking beside them through this time of sorrow.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL080-25 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 8 September 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for item FIN036-25 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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

FIN036-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2025
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

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

CCL081-25 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 8 September 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS034-25 to ASS033-25 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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS034-25 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

That the Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee recommendations for items TAC061-25 to TAC069-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

TAC060-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2025
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

That the Minutes of the Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2025, be confirmed.

TAC061-25 Wright Street, Hurstville - Proposed 'No Parking' Restrictions
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

(a) That a 26m of unrestricted parking area be converted into a ‘No Parking, 8am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4pm, School Days’ restriction on the western side of Wright Street, Hurstville opposite Adventist School frontage, as per the plan shown in the report.

(b) That the existing ‘Bus Zone’ and ‘No Parking, 8am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4pm, School Days’ signage on the eastern side of Wright Street, Hurstville be relocated slightly to the north, as per the plan shown in the report.

TAC062-25 Kenwyn Street, Hurstville - Proposed 'No Parking' Restrictions
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

That a 30m of 'No Parking, Motor Vehicles Under 4.5t GVM Excepted' parking area be converted into a 'No Parking, 8am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4pm, School Days, All Other Times No Parking, Motor Vehicles Under 4.5t GVM Excepted' on the eastern side of Kenwyn Street, Hurstville, as per the plan in the report.

TAC063-25 Forest Road, Hurstville - Proposed Changes to Signage and Linemarking
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

(a) That 115m of 'Yellow Line Marking' be installed on the western side of Forest Road adjacent to Lily Street, Hurstville as per the Plan in the report.

(b) That 'No Parking, 6:30am – 9:30am, Mon-Fri' both directions signage be converted into 'No Parking, 6:30am – 9:30am, Mon-Fri' signage pointing north on the western side of Forest Road adjacent to Lily Street, Hurstville as per the Plan in the report.

TAC064-25 Eldon Street, Riverwood - Proposed Changes to Parking Restrictions
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

(a) That an existing 'Loading Zone' area be converted into a 12m '1P Timed Parking' area during Mon-Fri 8:30am – 6pm and Sat 8:30am – 12:30pm on the northern side of Eldon Street adjacent to Belmore Road, Riverwood as per the plan in the report.

(b) That an existing 'No Stopping Zone' on the northern side of Eldon Street adjacent to Lauricella Lane, Riverwood be relocated slightly to the east, as per the plan shown in the report.

TAC065-25 Newman Street and Villiers Avenue, Mortdale - Proposed 'No Stopping' Restrictions
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That regulatory 10m 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on all approach and departure lanes at the intersection of Newman Street and Villiers Avenue, Mortdale as per the plan in the report.

TAC066-25 Lily Street, Hurstville - Proposed 'Mobility Parking Zone'
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That a 7m 'Mobility Parking' zone be installed fronting property No.61 Lily Street, Hurstville, adjacent to an existing driveway, as shown on the plan in the report.

TAC067-25 Proposed regulatory signage 'PARK IN BAYS ONLY' - Bembridge Street, Carlton.
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

(a) That regulatory signage be installed at Bembridge Street, Carlton per attached plan.

(b) This Recommendation be deferred to the next Georges River Local Transport Forum.

TAC068-25 Woniora Road, Hurstville - Proposed Changes to Parking Restrictions
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

(a) That a 55m 'No Stopping' restriction be installed on the northern side of Woniora Road, Hurstville as per the plan in the report.

(b) That a 62m 'No Parking restriction be installed on the northern side of Woniora Road, Hurstville as per the plan in the report.

TAC069-25 86 Balmoral Road, Mortdale - Proposed Works Zone
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

(a) That a 10m 'Works Zone, 7am-5pm, Mon-Sat' fronting 86 Balmoral Road, Mortdale be installed for a duration of 30 weeks, commencing mid-September 2025, as per the plan in the report.

(b) That the original parking restrictions be reinstated following the completion of the 'Works Zone' period.

ASS033-25 PROJECT WEBSITE UPDATE - 2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM
(Report by Acting Director Assets and Infrastructure)

That Council receive and note the update to the Capital Works webpage ('Our Projects') identifying the 2025/26 Capital Works Program.

CCL082-25 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 8 September 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV030-25 to ENV033-25 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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ENV030-25 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR GATEWAY DETERMINATION - PART OF MOORE PARK, 33 LOBB CRESCENT, BEVERLEY PARK NSW
(Report by Consultant Planner)

(a) That Council support the recommendation of the Georges River Local Planning Panel dated 3 July 2025 for the Planning Proposal PP2024/0006 relating to northwestern portion of Council's Moore Park land at 33 Lobb Crescent, Beverley Park (Part of Lot 160, DP 19098).

(b) That Council support an amendment to Schedule 4 Part 2 of the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 to reclassify the northwestern portion of Council's Moore Park land at 33 Lobb Crescent, Beverley Park (Part of Lot 160, DP 19098) to 'operational land' as proposed by Planning Proposal PP2024/0006.

(c) That Council endorse the forwarding of the Planning Proposal PP2024/0006 to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to request a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

1979 for an amendment to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 by amending Schedule 4 Part 2 to reclassify the northwestern portion of the land at 33 Lobb Crescent, Beverley Park (Part of Lot 160, DP 19098) to 'operational land' as defined in the Local Government Act 1993.

(d) That the Planning Proposal be placed on formal public exhibition in accordance with the conditions of any Gateway Determination issued by the DPHI.

(e) That a public hearing on the reclassification be arranged by Council in accordance with Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Gateway Determination.

(f) That Council consider a report on the submissions received following the public exhibition and public hearing.

ENV031-25 WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT PERFORMANCE MONITORING
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That the information contained within this report be noted.

ENV032-25 SOURCE SEPARATION AT PUBLIC PLACE LITTER BINS - TRIAL
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

(a) A trial for source separation of eligible Return and Earn containers alongside the public litter bin service is delivered within the 2026/27 financial year, post implementation of the new waste collection contract.

(b) A further report be provided to Council in the 2027/28 financial year, post full completion of the trial, to report on the outcomes and determine value for money of the service.

ENV033-25 WILDLIFE PROTECTION AREA POLICY REVIEW & PUBLIC EXHIBITION
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That the draft Georges River Wildlife Protection Area Policy 2025 (Attachment 1) be publicly exhibited for a period of at least 60 days with the exhibition outcomes reported to Council in a further report.

CCL083-25 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 8 September 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM037-25 to COM038-25 and COM040-25 to COM042-25 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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

COM037-25 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2025
(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Community and Culture)

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee recommendations for items SAC013-25 to SAC016-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

SAC013-25 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update
(Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Acting Manager City Technical Services providing an update on Sporting Infrastructure Projects within Council's Capital Works Program 2025/26.

SAC014-25 Carss Park Aquatic Facility Update
(Report by Executive Manager City Futures)

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

SAC015-25 Respectful Environments in Community Sport
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation provided by the Senior Community Development Officer – Good Sports Program, from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation and Project Officer – Policy and Planning from the NSW Office of Sport, outlining the strategic framework of the Good Sports Program and Office of Sport resources.

SAC016-25 Sport, Community Facilities and Events Update
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

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

COM038-25 REPORT OF THE BEVERLEY PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2025
(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Community & Culture)

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

That the Beverley Park Steering Committee recommendations for items BPSCC010-25 to BPSCC011-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

BPSCC010-25 PUBLIC ROUNDS REPORT
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

That the Committee receive and note the public rounds report from August 2024 to July 2025.

Accepted.

BPSCC011-25 Beverley Park Golf Club Finance Report
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

That the Committee receive and note the finance report to July 2025 for Beverley Park Golf Club.

COM040-25 EVENT GRANTS - CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ST MARK COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approves the Event Grant applications of:

(a) $20,000 ($20,000 financial and $0 in-kind value) to support the 'Together in Unity: Annual Celebration of Community, Culture and Faith' on Saturday 25 October 2025;

(b) $10,000 ($9,430 financial and $570 in-kind value) to support the 'Christmas in Kogarah' event on Saturday 6 December 2025; and

(c) $19,440 ($18,185 financial and $1,255 in-kind value) to support 'St Mark's Christmas Carols' on Sunday 30 November 2025.

COM041-25 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE IN GEORGES RIVER
(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

(a) That Council endorse the Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan (Attachment 1), which proposes actions to address domestic and family violence through primary prevention, early intervention, crisis response, and advocacy.

(b) That Council note the preliminary feasibility assessment of a Georges River Council Domestic and Family Violence Memorial Garden to honour the victims of domestic and family violence in the Georges River community, as outlined in Domestic and Family Violence Memorial Garden Preliminary Feasibility Assessment (Attachment 2).

COM042-25 PLACE NAMING PROPOSAL FOR CALENDONIA CRESCENT RESERVE - RESULTS OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
(Report by Coordinator Library Operations)

(a) That Council acknowledge the results of the community consultation for the proposed name 'Caledonia Crescent Reserve'.

(b) That Council approve the name 'Caledonia Crescent Reserve', for the reserve located on Caledonia Crescent, Peakhurst in Lot 32 DP202901 and Lot 9 section 2 DP23646, be submitted to the NSW Geographical Names Board for review and gazettal.

COM039-25 NAME PROPOSAL FOR BOARDWALK AT OATLEY BAY

(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 08:03pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney

(a) That Council endorse the name 'Sharyn Cullis Boardwalk' for the new boardwalk which will be constructed in Morshead Drive Reserve between the east and west sections of Morshead Drive in Hurstville Grove.

(b) That the proposed name 'Sharyn Cullis Boardwalk' be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days to allow the community to provide feedback.

(c) That Council receive a further report to present the results of the community feedback.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

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

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL084-25 Motions for the 2025 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference

(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 08:06pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

(a) That Council accept the Proposed Motion submitted by Mayor Councillor Borg, as stated in the body of this report, for inclusion in the Business Papers for the 2025 LGNSW Annual Conference.

(b) That Council accept the Proposed Motion submitted by Councillor Jamieson, as stated in the body of this report, and includes the motion as submitted by Councillor Landsberry, as per NM037-25 Impacts of Complying Development Certificates resolved in May for inclusion in the Business Papers for the 2025 LGNSW Annual Conference.

(c) That the remaining Councillors be invited to also propose motions for submission to Local Government NSW for inclusion in the Business Papers for the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference, noting that Motions are due on Sunday, 26 October 2025.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL085-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - September 2025

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu

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

- CWF03/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Mort on behalf of St George District Athletics Club in the amount of $2,000.

- CWF04/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Narwee Baptist Community Broadcasters in the amount of $800.
- CWF05/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Kogarah Historical Society in the amount of $1,000.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL086-25 Reconstruction of a new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park - Status Update and Inclusion of Learn to Swim Funding Contribution
(Report by Director Business and Corporate Services)

Note: Councillor Arthur disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and left the Chambers at 8:19pm for this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu

(a) That Council endorse the proposal to fund the additional $5 million capital contribution to the Carss Park Aquatic Facility (LTS facility) through borrowing from the Commercial Property Reserve.

(b) That Council endorse the progression of work on the sustainable management of its property portfolio, with further reports to be presented outlining long-term options for disposal, redevelopment, adaptive re-use, and strategic acquisitions, aimed at strengthening financial returns and facilitating the repayment of the Commercial Property Reserve.

(c) That Council reaffirm its strategic direction of leveraging property assets to deliver new community infrastructure and generate long-term commercial income, thereby reducing reliance on rate revenue and minimising the likelihood of future rate increases.

(d) That Council acknowledge this approach safeguards its $10 million contribution commitment, noting that operating surpluses are projected to diminish, and developer contributions are not guaranteed to be eligible.

(e) That Council note financial sustainability remains the number one strategic risk and that property portfolio initiatives will run concurrently with other financial sustainability measures outlined in the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

(f) That Council increase its total contribution to the Carss Park Aquatic Facility to $22.5 million, comprising $500,000 for plans and studies undertaken, $7 million for demolition and remediation undertaken, a proposed construction contribution of $10 million outdoor pool component (ref. CCL010-25) and $5 million (50% contribution to the Learn to-Swim (LTS) pool.

(g) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make any necessary amendments to the revised draft Project Agreement (Confidential Attachment 1) and/or Deed of Variation, to safeguard Council's position and ensure its timely finalisation.

(h) That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the Revised Project Agreement Confidential Attachment 1) and/or Deed of Variation, incorporating any necessary amendments, and confirm Council's $5 million (50%) contribution, conditional on this funding securing the inclusion of a Learn-to-Swim pool within the project scope.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was fourteen (13) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

CCL087-25 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Annual Report to Council 2024-2025
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

Note: Councillor Arthur returned to the Chambers at 8:29pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Annual Report for the period 2024-2025 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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL088-25 Public Exhibition of the Draft Code of Meeting Practice
(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

MOTION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun

(a) That Council endorse the exhibition of the attached Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2025 as per section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993.

(b) That Council write to the Hon. Ron Hoenig, Minister for Local Government, requesting reconsideration of Clause 5.20, which limits councillor attendance via audio-visual link to cases of ill-health, medical reasons, or unforeseen caring responsibilities. Noting that if Clause 5.20 is not mandatory it would allow greater flexibility while maintaining good governance.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes

(a) That Council endorse the exhibition of the attached Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2025 as per section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993.

(b) Delete 10.5 (NOM restriction), Delete 4.2 (Restricting the Public Forum), Delete 3.2 (QWN Restriction)

Record of Voting

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

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

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

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun

(a) That Council endorse the exhibition of the attached Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2025 as per section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993.

(b) That Council write to the Hon. Ron Hoenig, Minister for Local Government, requesting reconsideration of Clause 5.20, which limits councillor attendance via audio-visual link to cases of ill-health, medical reasons, or unforeseen caring responsibilities. Noting that if Clause 5.20 is not mandatory it would allow greater flexibility while maintaining good governance.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CCL089-25 Tom Ugly's Point Reserve Seawall Upgrade - Budget Update
(Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Jamieson

(a) That Council approve the change in scope for the Tom Ugly's Point Reserve Seawall Upgrade project to increase fishing infrastructure capacity.

(b) That Council approve the additional non-budgeted capital expenditure, as outlined in the confidential attachment, associated with the scope change.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CCL090-25 Local Transport Forum - Terms of Reference
(Report by Executive Manager City Futures)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

(a) That Council acknowledge the State Government initiated changes for the Local Traffic Committee, now known as the Local Transport Forum.

(b) That Council approve the draft terms of reference for the Georges River Local Transport Forum, subject to the following amendment;

    (i) Public Participation - community members wishing to address the Forum must register by the close of business 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date.

(c) That Council appoint the Chairperson, and the alternate, annually, in line with all other elections to Committees of Council.

(d) That the Georges River Council Local Transport Forum is no longer webcast.

(e) That the frequency of the Georges River Local Transport Forum is every second month, starting from February 2026.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM081-25 Proactive Pavement Line Marking Program
(Report by Councillor Mort)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Jamieson

That Council:

(a) Commences a Proactive Pavement Line Marking Program across the Local Government Area, beginning with the conduct of a comprehensive audit of all existing road line markings to assess their condition, visibility, and compliance with current standards.

(b) As part of this program, applies a risk-based prioritisation matrix to rank renewal and maintenance works, with priority given to line markings of highest safety importance, such as:

    (i) Pedestrian crossings and associated lead-in lines;

    (ii) Stop lines and associated warning markings;

    (iii) School zones and other high pedestrian activity areas;

    (iv) Lane delineation and turning bays in high-traffic locations.

(c) Ensures that the Proactive Pavement Line Marking Program is embedded into Council's ongoing asset maintenance schedule, with a dedicated budget line established in future years to support the proactive inspection, renewal, and maintenance of road line marking.

(d) Receives a report from officers detailing the outcomes of the initial audit, the proposed priority program, implementation plan, and budgetary implications for consideration in the next operational plan.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM082-25 Targo Road, Beverley Park
(Report by Councillor Gao)

MOTION: Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes

That Council:

(a) Acknowledge the concerns raised by residents and businesses of Targo Rd, Beverley Park regarding the current "No Parking Monday and Thursday 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM" restrictions.

(b) Immediately review these restrictions to ensure they align with the actual waste collection time and the practices of other Sydney metropolitan councils.

(c) Consult with the affected residents and businesses prior to finalising any permanent parking arrangements.

(d) Report back to Council on the outcome of the review and consultation within 3 months, including any recommended adjustments.

AMENDMENT: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

That Council notes:

(a) In response to representations from residents, Council staff are currently preparing a revised parking plan for Targo Road, Beverley Park. The plan seeks to maximise on-street parking availability while ensuring adequate access for waste collection services and compliance with Council's Waste Contract.

(b) Residents have been, and will continue to be, consulted on any proposed changes to existing parking times and days.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, 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 Motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

That Council notes:

(a) In response to representations from residents, Council staff are currently preparing a revised parking plan for Targo Road, Beverley Park. The plan seeks to maximise on-street parking availability while ensuring adequate access for waste collection services and compliance with Council's Waste Contract.

(b) Residents have been, and will continue to be, consulted on any proposed changes to existing parking times and days.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM083-25 Closure of the Kingsgrove Post Shop
(Report by Councillor Pun)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pun, Councillor Wang

That Council;

(a) Notes the planned closure of the Kingsgrove Post Shop in October and the subsequent impact to the local community;

(b) Recognises that many residents and businesses in Kingsgrove rely on Post Shop services for bill payments, postage, passport applications, and other essential services, and acknowledges that some residents have specific access requirements and may face difficulties to safely or conveniently travel to alternative post office locations.

(c) Writes to Australia Post requesting the consideration of relocating staff and services from the Kingsgrove Depot to the site on Kingsgrove Road to allow for community support, and carefully consider any other options to alleviate pressure on the community; and

(d) Writes to the Hon. Anika Wells MP, Minister for Communications, and Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher, Minister for Finance, to

(i) notify them of Australia Post's intention to close Kingsgrove Post Shop and

(ii) request their intervention, so that essential retail postal services in Kingsgrove are maintained in an accessible location for the benefit of members of the public and the substantial local business 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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM084-25 Concerns regarding safety on King Georges Road Stage 1 Upgrade
(Report by Councillor Wang)

MOTION: Councillor Wang, Councillor Pun

That Council:

(a) Provide an update on the previous Motion NM044-22 – Heavy or Long Vehicle Parking in

Built-Up Areas.

(b) Collaborate with Bayside Council and Joint Advocacy

(i) Note that Georges River Council shares key road infrastructure with Bayside Council, including Stoney Creek Road, Forest Road, and sections of the M5 East corridor, which remain significantly impacted by heavy vehicle traffic, congestion, and safety risks.

(ii) Collaborate with Bayside Council and jointly advocate to Transport for NSW on shared priorities, including: The review and adjustment of clearways on Stoney Creek Road and King Georges Road to balance business needs with traffic efficiency.

(c) King Georges Road Upgrade - note the ongoing construction of King Georges Road Stage 1 (Stoney Creek Road to Forest Road), with major works scheduled for completion by October 2025.

(d) Ministerial Correspondence Request the General Manager write to the NSW Minister for Roads, the Hon. John Graham MLC, and Transport for NSW to:

(i) Provide an update on the project and mitigation measures to address traffic congestion, heavy vehicle diversions, and pedestrian safety during and after construction.

(ii) Clarify the anticipated long-term impacts on residents, businesses, and road users in Beverly Hills, particularly in the vicinity of King Georges Road, Stoney Creek Road, and Forest Road.

(e) Clearway Hours Review Provide options for reducing clearway hours in Beverly Hills to support the revitalisation of local businesses.

(f) Community Engagement Undertake targeted engagement with residents, schools, and businesses to document their experiences and concerns, ensuring the community's voice informs Council's advocacy and planning.

(g) Reporting back receive a report within 12 months on:

(i) Progress on NM044-22 and any updated Ministerial responses.

(ii) Outcomes of engagement with Bayside Council and State agencies.

(iii) Recommended next steps, including immediate local actions Council can implement and joint cross-boundary advocacy strategies.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, 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.

NM085-25 Traffic concerns on Park Road and Ramsgate Road
(Report by Councillor Gao)

RESOLVED: Councillor Gao, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That Council:

(a) Acknowledge that residents coming out of Kogarah Bay are finding it extremely difficult to turn right onto Park Road and Ramsgate Road due to high traffic volumes and speeding vehicles.

(b) Recognise that these conditions have made right-hand turns unsafe, frustrating, and increasingly dangerous for the residents of Kogarah Bay.

(c) Conduct a thorough investigation and traffic study along Park Road and Ramsgate Road, Kogarah Bay, during the current financial year.

(d) Determine the most suitable intersection for the installation of a roundabout. Specifically considering the following intersections:

- Bell Avenue and Park Road
- Renn Street and Park Road
- Wyee Street and Park Road
- The bend where Park Road meets Ramsgate Road

(e) Recognise that a roundabout at the most suitable location would:

(i) Make right hand turns out of Kogarah Bay much safer.

(ii) Improve traffic flow getting out of Kogarah Bay.

(iii) Act as a traffic calming measure to reduce speeding along this stretch.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

NM086-25 Limited recreational facilities in Carlton and Allawah
(Report by Councillor Gao)

RESOLVED: Councillor Gao, Councillor Arthur

(a) Recognise that Carlton and Allawah has limited recreational facilities for young people and young families, and that Anglo Square Park is currently underutilised but presents an opportunity for modest, cost-effective upgrades.

(b) Note that residents have expressed strong support for improved recreational spaces, particularly facilities that encourage outdoor activity for young people and encourage broader community use of local parks.

(c) Initiate the preparation of a Spatial Framework for Anglo Square, Carlton, to provide a clear vision and series of actions to guide future improvements. The Framework will set out the physical and spatial aspects of the park, creating a visual understanding of its layout and components. The process will include:

(i) Preliminary Consultation – engaging with the community and stakeholders to understand current usage of Anglo Square and what improvements they would like to see.

(ii) Review and Planning – using community feedback to prepare a draft Spatial Framework.

(iii) Draft Framework Consultation – publicly exhibiting the draft Spatial Framework for further community feedback.

(iv) Further Review – refining the draft in response to submissions and community feedback.

(v) Finalisation and Publication – presenting the completed Spatial Framework to Council and making it publicly available.

(d) That the development and consultation of the Anglo Square Spatial Framework commences in the 2025/2026 financial year and is undertaken by Council officers as part of existing budget allocation.

(e) That once the Anglo Square Spatial Framework is finalised, future budget bids are included in Council's Capital Works budget for the works outlined in the Spatial Framework.

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, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN031-25 Measures being considered for the Low and Mid-Rise (LMR) Housing Program and the Transport-Oriented Development (TOD) Program.
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN032-25 Traffic Study Results for Penshurst Town Centre and Streetscape Improvements - Bridge Street Greenspace Your Say Results
(Report by Councillor Hayes)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN033-25 Status of the future Peakhurst Park Community Centre
(Report by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN034-25 Public complaints regarding the disrespectful treatment of War Memorials within our Local Government Area
(Report by Councillor Dimoski)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN035-25 Status Update - Traffic study on Park Road Carlton
(Report by Councillor Gao)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN036-25 Status update on the Tree Management Policy review
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

Answer published in the business paper.

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

QNN009-25 Access to 2016 Floodplain Report Information
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QNN010-25 Project at Intersection Carrington Avenue and Warwick Street
(Report by Councillor Pun)

Answer published in the business paper.

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE TO BE ANSWERED IN THE NEXT COUNCIL BUSINESS PAPER

CCL086-25	**Reconstruction of a new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park – Status Update and Inclusion of Learn to Swim Funding Contribution**
	Question: Councillor Gao asked what is the time frame for executing the Project Agreement from Council?
QWN031-25	**Measures being considered for the Low and Mid-Rise (LMR) Housing Program and the Transport-Oriented Development (TOD) Program.**
	Question: Councillor Wang requested more information on the delivery to date of this program. How are we tracking and what percentage of the housing target does this represent?
QWN032-25	**Traffic Study Results for Penshurst Town Centre and Streetscape Improvements - Bridge Street Greenspace Your Say Results**
	Question: Councillor Hayes asked is it reasonable to expect the Your Say responses, in detail, to be released in October?
QWN035-25	**Status Update - Traffic study on Park Road Carlton**
	Question: Councillor Gao asked will the traffic study present the best options for pedestrian safety on Park Road?
QNN010-25	**Project at Intersection Carrington Avenue and Warwick Street**
	Question: Councillor Pun requested a copy of designs and correspondence for this project.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 9:39pm

Chairperson

MAYORAL MINUTE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: **CCL093-25 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 October 2025**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for item ASS036-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for item ASS036-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 13 October 2025.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ASS036-25 REPORT OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2025
(Report by Executive Assistant to Mayor and Manager, Office of the General Manager)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

That the Local Transport Forum recommendations for items LTF071-25 to LTF079-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/329807

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment ⇩1 Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 October 2025

MINUTES

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, 13 October 2025

7:00 PM

Waratah Room
Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

COUNCIL STAFF

A/Director Assets and Infrastructure – Tom Heath, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos (minutes) and Arun Job – Technical Support.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Mort, opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

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

That an apology be accepted for Councillor Pun and Councillor Liu.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor**,** Councillor Stratikopoulos and Councillor Hayes

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mort, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Mort 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

ASS035-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mort, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASS036-25 Report of the Local Transport Forum meeting held on 1 October 2025
(Report by Executive Assistant to Mayor and Manager, Office of the General Manager)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

That the Local Transport Forum recommendations for items LTF071-25 to LTF079-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Mort, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

LTF071-25 GUNGAH BAY ROAD, OATLEY - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BUS ZONE TIME RESTRICTIONS
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION

That an existing ‘Bus Zone’ restriction be converted into a ‘Timed Restricted Bus Zone, 7am-7pm Mon-Sat’, on the eastern side of Gungah Bay Road adjacent to Wonoona Parade, Oatley as per the plan in the report.

LTF072-25 THE AVENUE, HURSTVILLE - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That an existing 10m of ‘2P Timed Parking’ area be converted into a ‘1/2P Timed Parking’ area during Mon-Fri 8:30am – 6pm and Sat 8:30am – 12:30pm on the northern side of The Avenue adjacent to St George’s Anglican Church, Hurstville as per the plan in the report.

(b) That 'No Parking, restrictions be installed across the church and adjacent driveways on the northern side of The Avenue, Hurstville as per the Plan in the report.

LTF073-25 MULGA ROAD, OATLEY - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LINEMARKINGS
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That 110m of 'Double Dividing Line marking' be installed on Mulga Road between Myall Street and Mi Mi Street, Oatley as per the Plan in the report.

(b) That 86m of 'Parking Edge Line marking, be installed on the northern and southern sides of Mulga Road between two existing pedestrian crossing, Oatley as per the Plan in the report.

LTF074-25 PROPOSED 'NO PARKING' RESTRICTION FOR WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That 'No Parking, restriction 6am-6pm Friday' be installed on the northern end of Boronia Parade, Lugarno as per the plan in the report.

(b) That an existing 'No Parking 5am-4pm Friday' restriction be converted into a 'No Parking, 6am-6pm Monday' restriction at the cul-de-sac in Bradman Street, Narwee, as per the plan in the report.

LTF075-25 STANLEY STREET, PEAKHURST - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That an existing "No Parking, St George Community Services Vehicles Excepted" restriction be relocated to the west of the vehicular driveway at 64 Stanley Street, Peakhurst, as per the plan in the report.

(b) That an existing 'Disabled Parking' space be relocated further west along Stanley Street, as per the plan in the report.

LTF076-25 20 PEARCE AVENUE, PEAKHURST - PROPOSED 'WORKS ZONE'
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That a 28m "Works Zone, 7am – 5pm Mon – Sat" fronting 20 Pearce Avenue, Peakhurst, be installed for a duration of 26 weeks commencing Mid-October 2025, as per the plan in the report.

(b) That the original parking restrictions be reinstated at the completion of the 'Works Zone' period.

LTF077-25 PROPOSED 'NO PARKING - ELECTRIC VEHICLES EXCEPTED WHILE CHARGING' RESTRICTONS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the existing 'No Parking – Electric Vehicles Excepted' signage be converted into 'No Parking – Electric Vehicles Excepted While Charging' signage at the following 8 locations as per the plans in the report:

(a) Broadarrow Road Narwee, adjacent to Bryant Street;

(b) Morgan Street Beverly Hills, adjacent to King Georges Road;

(c) Treacy Street, Hurstville, adjacent to Forest Road;

(d) Stanley Street, Peakhurst;

(e) Letitia Street, Oatley adjacent to Frederick Street;

(f) Cook Street, Mortdale, adjacent to Cook Street Car park;

(g) Premier Street, Kogarah adjacent to Post Office Lane; and

(h) Morotai Avenue, Riverwood.

LTF078-25 LUNAR NEW YEAR 2026 - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That the proposed temporary closure of Forest Road between Queens Road and Treacy Street, Hurstville from 00.01am – 11:59pm on Saturday 21 February 2026, be approved.

(b) That Council engage a traffic control contractor to prepare a Traffic Management Plan and obtain a Road Occupancy License for the proposed closure of Forest Road, Hurstville.

(c) As part of the Traffic Management Plan, temporary bus zone will be placed at following locations to accommodate displaced bus stops and other facilities in Forest Road, MacMahon Street and the Bus Interchange:

(i) Install a 70 metre Bus Zone on the Southern side of Queens Road between Dora Street and Park Road, Hurstville.

(ii) Install a 60 metre Bus Zone on the Southern side of Cross Street between The Avenue and Park Road, Hurstville.

(d) That the Traffic Management Plan and the Road Occupancy License be submitted to TMC, Police and Council for approval.

(e) That emergency service, bus operators and St George Cabs be notified of the proposed closure of Forest Road, Hurstville for the 2026 Hurstville Lunar New Year's Street Festival.

(f) That Bus Operators be requested to provide a 'Bus Director' to direct buses and passengers to the temporary bus stops allocated for the duration of the festival.

(g) That Bus Companies be requested to advise the affected bus drivers of the proposed closure and alternative bus stops and bus routes on Saturday 21 February 2026.

(h) Further that all business owners along Forest Road and Queens Road be notified of the proposed closure of Forest Road and proposed changes to parking restrictions for the 2026 Hurstville Lunar New Year Street Festival.

(i) That the Taxi Rank in Forest Road, Hurstville be relocated to Woodville Street, Hurstville for the duration of the festival. Appropriate signage be installed advising that the taxi rank has been relocated to Woodville Street, Hurstville.

(j) That approval be granted to place four VMS boards, one on Forest Road corner of Queens Road, one on Queens Road corner of Dora Street, one on Cross Street corner of Park Road and one on Forest Road corner of Park Road seven days prior to the event.

(k) That the event is categorised as a 'Class 3' Event.

LTF079-25 CARWAR AVENUE, CARSS PARK - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES - AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT 2026

(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That approval be granted for the part road closure of Carwar Avenue, Carss Park, between 6.00am and 11.59pm on Monday 26 January 2026 for Council's "Australia Day" event to be held at Carss Bush Park.

(b) That placement of VMS boards on Carwar Avenue and Princes Highway a week prior to the event, is approved.

(c) That the event is categorised as a 'Class 3' Event.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7:07pm

Chairperson

Item: **CCL094-25 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 13 October 2025**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM044-25 to COM045-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items COM044-25 to COM045-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 13 October 2025.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

COM044-25 PLACE NAMING POLICY REVIEW

(Report by Coordinator Library Operations)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

(a) That Council endorse the revised draft Place Naming Policy.

(b) That the revised draft Place Naming Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days to allow the community to provide feedback.

(c) That Council receive a further report following the public exhibition period.

COM045-25 T25/006 JUBILEE STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS SPONSORSHIP

(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

(a) That in accordance with 178 (1) (b) & 178 (3) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Council declines to accept any of the tenders for T25/006 Jubilee Stadium Sponsorship and resolve to enter into negotiations with one or more parties with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.

(b) That in accordance with 178 (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the reason for Council to decline all tenders is that none of the tenders achieved a satisfactory standard. By resolving to enter into negotiations with one or more parties it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved on demonstrated capacity and ability to provide sponsorship services with a competitive income paid to Council.

(c) That Council authorise the General Manager to oversee negotiations with the established negotiation Team and to execute any documentation required to give effect to the resolution.

(d) That a further report be provided to Council at its meeting in February 2026 detailing the outcome of the negotiation process and a recommendation to award.

(e) That Council notify all Tenderers that Council declined to accept any of the Tenders.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/331319

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment ⇩1	Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 13 October 2025

MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 13 October 2025

6:00 PM

Dragon Room
Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Borg (ex officio member), Councillor Landsberry (Chairperson), Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, 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 Procurement & Contracts – Todd Payne, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Coordinator Communications and Engagement – Catherine James, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Technology Business Support Officer – Chris Stojanovski, and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture – Franzi Mintus (Minutes).

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry, opened the meeting at 6.02pm.

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

MOTION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mort

That an apology on behalf of Councillor Liu be accepted and a Leave of Absence granted.

Record of Voting

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

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

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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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

COM043-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Dimoski

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, 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

COM044-25 Place Naming Policy Review
(Report by Coordinator Library Operations)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

(a) That Council endorse the revised draft Place Naming Policy.

(b) That the revised draft Place Naming Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days to allow the community to provide feedback.

(c) That Council receive a further report following the public exhibition period.

Record of Voting

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

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION
MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Councillor Landsberry

At this stage of the meeting the time being 6.13pm the Chair, Councillor Landsberry, advised that the meeting would move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of *The Local Government Act 1993.*

Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the Closed Session and access to confidential documents relating to the item considered during the course of the Closed Session will be withheld.

This action was taken to allow discussion of the confidential attachments to the following item:

COM045-25 T25/006 Jubilee Stadium Naming Rights Sponsorship
(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

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) (d(i)) it is considered the matter concerns commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the position of a person who supplied it.

The Chair, Councillor Landsberry, asked the Director Community and Culture if any representations had been received from the public that the item attachments should not be discussed in Closed Session.

The Director replied that no representations had been received to the item attachments in Closed Session.

Councillor Landsberry asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons the Committee proposes to consider the item attachments in Closed Session. There were none.

Record of Voting

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

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

That the meeting revert to Open Session, the time being 6.35pm.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM045-25 T25/006 Jubilee Stadium Naming Rights Sponsorship
(Report by Senior Procurement and Contracts Business Partner)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Allison

(a) That in accordance with 178 (1) (b) & 178 (3) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Council declines to accept any of the tenders for T25/006 Jubilee Stadium Sponsorship and resolve to enter into negotiations with one or more parties with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.

(b) That in accordance with 178 (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the reason for Council to decline all tenders is that none of the tenders achieved a satisfactory standard. By resolving to enter into negotiations with one or more parties it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved on demonstrated capacity and ability to provide sponsorship services with a competitive income paid to Council.

(c) That Council authorise the General Manager to oversee negotiations with the established negotiation Team and to execute any documentation required to give effect to the resolution.

(d) That a further report be provided to Council at its meeting in February 2026 detailing the outcome of the negotiation process and a recommendation to award.

(e) That Council notify all Tenderers that Council declined to accept any of the Tenders.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, 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 6.37pm.

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Chairperson

CCL094-25 Attachment 1

Item: **CCL095-25 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 13 October 2025**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for item ENV035-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for item ENV035-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 13 October 2025.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ENV035-25 WITHDRAWAL OF THE ADDITIONAL AND DIVERSE HOUSING PLANNING PROPOSAL (PP2024/0004)
(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Allison, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

(a) That Council notes the Gateway Determination issued for the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal (PP2024/0004).

(b) That Council considers the Planning Proposal, as amended by the conditions of the Gateway Determination, now unacceptable as a replacement for the NSW Government’s Low and Mid-Rise Housing (LMR) Policy.

(c) That Council not proceed with the subject Planning Proposal as it does not meet the objectives of the Planning Proposal sought by Council, in additional to the following reasons:

(i) Council being unsuccessful in receiving an exemption from the LMR Policy,

(ii) The LMR Policy unlocks a minimum theoretical capacity of 11,000 new dwellings compared to the capacity for 8,130 new dwellings created by the subject Planning Proposal,

(iii) A cumulative capacity of more than 16,660 new dwellings will be created by a combination of the subject Planning Proposal and LMR Policy, which is likely to exacerbate the infrastructure demands arising from the unplanned population growth generated by the LMR Policy,

(iv) The LMR Policy is better aligned with the principles of Transit-Oriented Development by concentrating new housing in areas serviced by existing train stations and town centres,

(v) Council has several master plans underway that will facilitate future housing growth accompanied by the required local infrastructure, and

(vi) There are no current or future budget allocations to complete the additional studies as required by the Gateway Determination Conditions.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/332424

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment ⇩1	Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 13 October 2025

MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 13 October 2025

7:00 PM

Dragon Room
Georges River Civic Centre,
Hurstville

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Elise Borg (Mayor), Councillor Peter Mahoney (Chairperson), Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Christina Jamieson, and Councillor Kathryn Landsberry.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, General Manager – David Tuxford, General Counsel – James Fan, Acting Manager Strategic Planning – Anne Qin, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer –Marisa Severino, Technology Business Support Officer – Chris Stojanovski.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney, opened the meeting at 7pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor 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

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in **ENV035-25 Withdrawal of the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal (PP2024/0004)** for the reason the Councillor's principal place of residence is located within the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Jamieson submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in **ENV035-25 Withdrawal of the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal (PP2024/0004)** for the reason the Councillor's Principal place of residence is located within the 'Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal' proposed to reduce the lot sizes for Dual Occupancies in R2 areas to 600sqm from 650sqm. Her principal place of residence is within the 650 and 600sqm so affected by this proposed change. The recommendation is to withdraw the Housing PP. Councillor Jamieson will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Mayor Councillor Borg submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in **ENV035-25 Withdrawal of the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal (PP2024/0004)** for the reason the Councillor's Principal place of residence is located within the 'Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal' proposed to reduce the lot sizes for Dual Occupancies in R2 areas to 600sqm from 650sqm. Her principal place of residence and that of a close relative is within the 650 and 600sqm so affected by this proposed change. The recommendation is to withdraw the Housing PP. Councillor Jamieson will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Allison submitted a Non- Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in **ENV035-25 Withdrawal of the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal (PP2024/0004)** for the reason the Councillor's principal place of residence is located within the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area. Councillor Allison will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Anzellotti submitted a Non- Significant Non - Pecuniary Interest in **ENV035-25 Withdrawal of the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal (PP2024/0004)** for the reason the Councillor's Principal place of residence is located within the existing Foreshore Scenic Protection Area. Councillor Anzellotti will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ENV034-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV035-25 Withdrawal of the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal (PP2024/0004)

(Report by Principal Strategic Planner)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Allison, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

(a) That Council notes the Gateway Determination issued for the Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal (PP2024/0004).

(b) That Council considers the Planning Proposal, as amended by the conditions of the Gateway Determination, now unacceptable as a replacement for the NSW Government's Low and Mid-Rise Housing (LMR) Policy.

(c) That Council not proceed with the subject Planning Proposal as it does not meet the objectives of the Planning Proposal sought by Council, in additional to the following reasons:

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(iv) The LMR Policy is better aligned with the principles of Transit-Oriented Development by concentrating new housing in areas serviced by existing train stations and town centres,

(v) Council has several master plans underway that will facilitate future housing growth accompanied by the required local infrastructure, and

(vi) There are no current or future budget allocations to complete the additional studies as required by the Gateway Determination Conditions.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, 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 7.15pm

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Chairperson

Item: **CCL096-25 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 13 October 2025**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN038-25 to FIN040-25 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items FIN038-25 to FIN040-25 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 13 October 2025.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN038-25 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

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

FIN039-25 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 5 JUNE 2025 (CONFIRMED) AND 4 SEPTEMBER 2025 (UNCONFIRMED)
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

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

(b) That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 4 September 2025 be received and noted by Council.

FIN040-25 GIFTS AND BENEFITS PROCEDURE REVIEW
(Report by Senior Governance Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the updated Procedures for Managing Gifts and Benefits as attached to this report (Attachment 1) be received and noted by Council.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/329808

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment ⇩1	Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 13 October 2025

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 13 October 2025

6:00 PM

Waratah Room
Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Gerard Hayes, Councillor Leon Pun, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Thomas Gao, and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Head of Corporate Governance and Risk – Renata Sala, Chief Information Officer – Brendan Scott, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Executive Assistant – Ally Chand (Minutes), Chief Information Officer – Brendan Scott and Technology Service Desk Technician – Arun Job.

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

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Gao

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

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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

FIN037-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mahoney

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Gao

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN038-25 Investment Report as at 31 August 2025
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Gao

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

FIN039-25 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes of Meetings held 5 June 2025 (Confirmed) and 4 September 2025 (Unconfirmed)
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Hayes

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

(b) That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 4 September 2025 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Gao

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

CARRIED.

FIN040-25 Gifts and Benefits Procedure Review
(Report by Senior Governance Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the updated Procedures for Managing Gifts and Benefits as attached to this report (Attachment 1) be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Gao

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.07 pm.

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Chairperson

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Item: **CCL097-25 Application Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - September 2025**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- CWF06/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Mort on behalf of North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club in the amount of $500.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy provides a framework which enables Councillors to provide minor financial support to individuals and community groups within wards which will complement Council's existing grants, sponsorship, and donations framework.
2. This report includes details of applications which have been assessed against the funds eligibility criteria and determined to qualify for funding.

BACKGROUND

3. The Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy stipulates two categories for applications of funds, those by an individual or community group.
4. At the 23 June 2025 Council Meeting, Council adopted the Operational Plan, including the 2025/26 budget. For the 2025/26 financial year, $37,500 has been allocated for Councillors as part of the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund.
5. In keeping with ensuring accountability and transparency, details have been included below regarding applications that are now listed for consideration and their demonstrated ability to satisfy the eligibility criteria of the Fund.
6. In addition to these measures, details of funds awarded are available on Council's website and are included in Council's Annual Report as is required regarding the allocation of funds through Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. All application details can be found in the attachment to this report. Funds of $37,500 have been allocated in the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

Non-Capital Funds ($2,500/Councillor)	**Funds Allocated to date including this report**	**Remaining Balance**

Councillor Allison	$0	$2,500
Councillor Anzellotti	$0	$2,500
Councillor Arthur	$0	$2,500
Mayor, Councillor Borg	$0	$2,500
Councillor Dimoski	$0	$2,500
Councillor Gao	$0	$2,500
Councillor Hayes	$0	$2,500
Councillor Jamieson	$1,000	$1,500
Councillor Landsberry	$1,000	$1,500
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu	$2,000	$500
Councillor Mahoney	$0	$2,500
Councillor Mort	$2,500	$0
Councillor Pun	$0	$2,500
Councillor Stratikopoulos	$0	$2,500
Councillor Wang	$800	$1,700

RISK IMPLICATIONS

8. The Enterprise Risk Management Strategy contains two relevant actions regarding the provision of an open, accessible, and transparent decision making and meeting process.

9. The adopted process for the allocation of funds through the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy is one of many strategies that have been implemented to ensure that these actions are achieved.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

10. Community engagement will be conducted including:

FILE REFERENCE

D25/327784

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment ⇩1 Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds Attachment

Attachment ⇩2 Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds ABN Numbers

Form Code	Councillor Name requesting funding	Class of application	Legal name	Trading name	ABN	ACNC Registered	Incorporated Entity	Registered for GST	Intended purpose of funding	Event project date	Amount of funding requested	Declaration of conflict of interest	Community Group	Does the recipient meet the eligibility requirement	History of previous application
CWF 6/25-26	Natalie Mort	Community Group (Max $2,000)	North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club	North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club	20511402659	No	2141011	No	Assistance to cover lane hire.	02-11-2025	500	A non-significant non-pecuniary interest *	North Ramsgate amateur swim club was formed in September 1932, and is still operating today, the club meets every Sunday, and welcomes individuals from all age groups,	1.1.1 Initiate facilitate and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and connect people, communities and diverse groups.	

Nickie Paraskevopoulos

From: eForms
Sent: Monday, 13 October 2025 1:50 PM
To: Claudine Pfeiffer; Jodie Cassidy; Marisa Severino; Nickie Paraskevopoulos; Sue Matthew; Vicki McKinley; Georges River Council Mail
Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Natalie Mort

Hi Office of General Manager,

Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund you submitted was successfully sent for review.

Details of the Fund is shown as below.

1. **Code: CWF 6/25-26**
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding: Natalie Mort**
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application: Community Group (Max $2,000)**
5. **Legal Name: North Ramsgate Amateur Swimming Club**
6. **Trading name: N/A**
7. **Registered for GST: No**
8. **ACNC Registered: No**
9. **ABN: 20511402659**
10. **Incorporated Entity: 2141011**
11. **Intended purpose of funding: Assistance to cover lane hire.**
12. **Event/project date: 02-11-2025**
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max $2,000): 500**
14. **Contact Name: Phil Dean**
15. **Phone number: 416090289**
16. **Mobile: 416090289**
17. **Email: deanpj@bigpond.com**
18. **Website: nrsc.org**

Australian Government
Australian Business Register

ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 20 511 402 659

ABN details

Entity name:	NORTH RAMSGATE SWIMMING CLUB INCORPORATED
ABN status:	Active from 14 Jun 2024
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2219

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 09 Aug 2025 **Record extracted:** 13 Oct 2025

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ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Item: **CCL098-25 Licence to 7-Eleven for Harold Fraser groundwater monitoring**

Author: General Counsel

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Assets and Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That the General Manager execute the deed granting the licence at (Confidential) Attachment 1.

(b) That the General Manager write to the immediate neighbouring resident at 274 Princes Highway as to the general nature of the licence and the purpose of the groundwater monitoring wells within 14 days of executing the licence deed.

BACKGROUND

1. 7-Eleven Stores Pty Ltd (**7-Eleven**) operate a service station at 439 Princess Highway, Allawah, being the northern side of the highway.

2. Council received an enquiry on 10 January 2025 from consultants acting on behalf of 7-Eleven regarding an intention to install groundwater monitoring wells at Harold Fraser Reserve (**Reserve**), on the southern side of the highway, adjacent the fence line of the property at 274 Princess Highway.

3. The scope of the proposal has since been clarified being to install two groundwater monitoring wells to test for contamination. This is because 7-Eleven have been required by the NSW Environment Protection Authority as port of a “contamination assessment” to ensure that their operations of the service station on the northern side of the road do not require further compliance action pursuant to the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Underground Petroleum Storage Systems) Regulation 2019*.

4. The location of the proposed monitoring wells was determined with a view to not disrupting ongoing use of the Reserve or the informal vehicular access for Council service vehicles nearby.

5. Following clarification as to the nature and extent of the activity proposed, a draft deed proposing a licence was prepared by 7-Eleven in May 2025. The draft was reviewed by Council’s staff and number of amendments were proposed to 7-Eleven and subsequently accepted. These included:

   (a) Reduction in the period of the licence period from five years to one year with an ability for it to be extended (subject to any demonstrable ongoing needs of 7-Eleven);

   (b) Requirement that spoils from the installation of the monitoring wells be removed within 24 hours;

   (c) Inclusion of “make good” provisions upon the removal of the monitoring wells;

   (d) Requirement for signage indicating the purpose of the monitoring wells;

   (e) That equipment and vehicles (aside from the installed wells) are not to be stored on the reserve and that the temporary parking of any vehicles associated with the installation, servicing and removal of the wells be at designated places at the Reserve.

6. A draft deed granting the proposed licence (being commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it) on terms that are acceptable to 7-Eleven, is included as a confidential attachment.

7. As negotiations on the Deed progressed, 7-Eleven were asked to notify the neighbouring resident as part of the proposed licence requirements. However, 7-Eleven have declined this aspect of the request.

8. The notification of residents is not an onerous task and can be undertaken by Council relatively quickly and easily. Further, signage around the wells as to their purpose is a requirement under the proposed licence.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Should the licence be granted, the fees and charges under Council's publicly exhibited schedule requires the payment of a one-time administration fee of $420 plus $645 for each year (not on a pro-rata basis) that the licence is required.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

10. Enterprise risks identified include *Strategic Risk 1: Financial Sustainability* and *Strategic Risk 3: Assets and Infrastructure* in Council's Statement of Strategic Risks.

11. Whilst the licence permits contractors of 7-Eleven to carry out works on Council land, there are sufficient safeguards in the attached deed to grant the licence so as to protect Council's landowning interests. This includes:
    (a) A requirement for 7-Eleven and any works contractors to hold public liability insurance;
    (b) An indemnity given by 7-Eleven and/or their contractors for damage cause to the Reserve; and
    (c) Requirements for "make-good" of the Reserve.

12. There is a risk, should the licence be declined or offered on unsatisfactory terms to 7-Eleven, that there is litigation to pursue the licence.

13. There is also an additional risk, if the monitoring wells are not installed, that contamination of the groundwater as part of 7-Eleven's activities is not discovered with continuing impacts to the environment as a result.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

14. Community engagement has not been conducted but proposed resolution (b) deals with the matter.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/326831
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Deed of Licence - Groundwater monitoring wells at Harold Fraser Reserve - *published in separate document* (Confidential)

Item: **CCL099-25 Oatley Bay Memorial Boardwalk Construction - Budget Update**

Author: Acting Manager City Technical Services

Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure

Matter Type: Assets and Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That Council note the increase in required budget to proceed with the Oatley Bay Memorial Boardwalk construction project.

(b) That Council approve the additional non-budgeted capital expenditure, as outlined in the confidential attachment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Following failure of the previous Oatley Bay Memorial Boardwalk, Council approved the design and construction of a new boardwalk in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Capital Works Programs.
2. The City Technical Services team has now finalised the design which includes the provision of a cost estimate for the project by a suitably qualified Quantity Surveyor.
3. Additional budget is required to construct this new access/foreshore asset to improve community access along Morshead Drive.

BACKGROUND

4. An access/foreshore boardwalk was previously located in Hurstville Grove connecting the eastern and western sections of Morshead Drive. The boardwalk was commonly referred to as the ‘Oatley Bay Memorial Boardwalk’.
5. The boardwalk was assessed in April 2024 by a structural engineer and determined to have compromised structural integrity due to termite damage and extensive timber rot. The boardwalk was closed to the public in April 2024 and demolished in May 2024.
6. Following the demolition of the existing boardwalk, the detailed design of a new boardwalk was included in the adopted 2024/25 Capital Works Program. Subsequent construction works were also included in the adopted program for the 2025/26 financial year following provision of design.
7. City Technical Services subsequently released a Request for Quotation (RFQ) in December 2024 to seek professional services for the investigation and detailed design of the new boardwalk. The scope included the following:
   (a) undertake a literature review of all previous reports, site inspections and risk assessments.
   (b) undertake all investigations, including geotechnical assessment, to inform subsequent design stages.
   (c) deliver full detailed design documentation to inform subsequent construction works.
   (d) deliver a detailed cost estimate outlining the anticipated costs to undertake the identified works.
8. The concept design for the new boardwalk was completed in April 2025, with the renders and plans being utilised as part of the community engagement process. Community

engagement was undertaken throughout the project in line with City Technical Services' Community Engagement Guidelines and is outlined in further detail in subsequent sections of this report.

9. The engagement results were overall positive towards the project, with the results indicating that most people identify the boardwalk as a place for exercise, walking or as a route to Moore Reserve.

10. The concept design package also included an Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC), undertaken by the design consultant, which indicated that estimated construction costs were generally in line with the adopted budget.

11. Progression to the detailed design phase incorporated additional site investigations and specialist inputs from engineering subconsultants, including geotechnical assessments. The findings identified unforeseen ground conditions requiring the design of deeper bored piles to adequately support the proposed boardwalk structure, ensuring its longevity and community safety.

12. The 100% detailed design documentation, including a final construction cost estimate, prepared by a qualified quantity surveyor, was completed and delivered in September 2025. As part of the cost estimate review process, value engineering was undertaken to identify potential cost efficiencies and refinements, where feasible, without compromising structural integrity or design quality. However, the final cost estimate for construction exceeds the existing budget, largely due to the geotechnical issues identified during the design process.

13. This report therefore seeks additional budget to enable progression of this project to engage a suitably qualified contractor to undertake construction.

14. Should this budget increase be approved, a Request for Quotation to engage a suitably qualified construction contractor will be released in November 2025. Contract award and commencement of works would be anticipated early in the 2026 calendar year.

15. In September 2025, Council proposed (COM039-25) to name the new boardwalk 'Sharyn Cullis Boardwalk' and seek community feedback, through public exhibition, on this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

16. Following the demolition of the existing boardwalk in May 2024, budget was allocated in the adopted four-year capital works program for detailed design in 2024/25 and construction in 2025/26.

17. The detailed design of the new boardwalk was completed in September 2025 and was delivered within the allocated budget.

18. The budget identified for construction was an estimate based on historic boardwalk construction projects, and was reliant on the completion of detailed design and associated cost estimate by a qualified quantity surveyor prior to progression to construction.

19. The quantity surveyor costing on the final construction documentation indicates that the existing budget is insufficient to proceed with construction of the new boardwalk.

20. It should be noted that the final quantity surveyor costing represents the upper range of anticipated construction costs, based on a conservative assessment that accounts for the most challenging ground conditions that may be identified during construction. Should less complex site conditions be encountered during construction, cost savings are expected to be realised.

21. In line with the Sustainable Procurement Policy, budget must be adopted prior to engagement and award of contract.

22. The adopted budget for this project in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Capital Works Programs has been funded by S.711 Developer Contributions. Additional S.711 Developer Contributions are available to fund the shortfall in budget, with the proposed adjustments endorsed by the Developer Contributions Working Party and the Executive Team.

23. Table 1 in the confidential attachment identifies the proposed budget revisions for this project.

24. It is therefore recommended that the additional budget required, as per Table 1 in the confidential attachment, is approved.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

25. If this report and the associated request for additional budget is not approved, construction of the new boardwalk will not proceed, the associated risks include:

    (a) Reduced community amenity, with a large portion of community feedback indicating the former boardwalk was heavily utilised for walking, recreation and exercise.

    (b) Continued absence of public access and connectivity previously provided by the former boardwalk. Community feedback also indicated the boardwalk was a key route for the local community to access Moore Reserve.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

26. Community engagement was undertaken during the design process in line with City Technical Services' Community Engagement Guidelines.

27. Engagement included a media release, inclusion in the May 2025 edition of the Leader, inclusion in Council's eNews and Your Say Newsletters, social media posts, the creation of a project specific Your Say page, as well as notification letters to surrounding residents and signage on site directing the community to the Your Say page via a QR code.

28. The Your Say page was open for feedback from 19 May 2025 to 6 June 2025, with results showing over 500 views of the page, 255 downloads of the concept design, and 33 submissions to the survey.

29. Respondents were asked to provide multiple nominations for the different ways they use the boardwalk and area, with a total of 100 nominations received from the 33 individual submissions. A summary of the different uses is provided below, with the corresponding number of nominations shown in brackets:

    (i) 'for exercise' (31)

    (ii) 'as a route to access Moore Reserve' (17)

    (iii) 'as a scenic or nature walk' (17)

    (iv) 'to walk the dog' (11)

    (v) 'recreation or relaxation' (9)

    (vi) 'for family outings' (7)

    (vii) 'to visit family or friends' (5)

    (viii) 'quiet place for reflection or remembrance' (2)

    (ix) 'other' (1)

30. The high viewership, compared to low comments/submissions, is generally indicative that a large portion of participants were satisfied with the project and the plans and did not need to provide feedback.

31. Overall, the reception of the project through social media comments and Your Say submissions was positive, with the results indicating that most people identify the boardwalk as a place for exercise and walking or as a route to Moore Reserve.

32. As per the resolution (COM039-25) of Council in September 2025, the proposed name for the new boardwalk, 'Sharyn Cullis Boardwalk', is currently on public exhibition to allow the community to provide feedback. The public consultation period is open until 26 October 202; the results will be presented in a future report to Council.

33. The community will be notified prior to the commencement of construction works in line with City Technical Services' Community Engagement Guidelines.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/329794

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Oatley Bay Memorial Boardwalk Construction - Budget Update - *published in separate document* (Confidential)

Item: **CCL100-25 Peakhurst Park Community Centre - Budget Update**

Author: Acting Manager City Technical Services

Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure

Matter Type: Assets and Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That Council note the increase in budget required to proceed with construction of the Peakhurst Park Community Centre project.

(b) That Council endorse the inclusion of additional works in the 2025/26 and 2026/27 Capital Works Program to upgrade the surrounding precinct and enhance connectivity of the new Community Centre to Peakhurst Park, as per the phasing outlined in this report.

(c) That Council approve the additional non-budgeted expenditure, as outlined in the confidential attachment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The development of a community facility within the Peakhurst Park precinct has been an ongoing focus of Council since its formal inclusion in the Capital Works Program.
2. The City Technical Services team has now obtained Development Consent for the construction of the new Peakhurst Park Community Centre and has finalised the detailed design of the modular facility, enabling fabrication to commence.
3. Additional budget is required to ensure the new facility, surrounds and associated carpark meet community expectations and sustained, safe use.

BACKGROUND

4. The former Peakhurst Scout Hall, located at 5A Hedley Street, Riverwood (alternatively referenced as 7A Hedley Street), was identified by Council officers to be an appropriate location for a new community facility to meet recommendations and specifications of Council strategies including the Georges River Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy 2019-2036 (the Strategy).
5. The Strategy identifies “the majority of Council’s hireable community space is positioned in and around the main centres of Hurstville and Kogarah. Access to hireable community space varies in other parts of the LGA with low rates of provision in some areas and no provision in the western part of the LGA including Peakhurst and Lugarno.”
6. The Strategy recommends to “investigate opportunities to develop a community hub in Peakhurst or Lugarno to provide hireable community space and space for local community organisations totalling around 1,000 - 1,200sqm.”
7. The Strategy requires the following guiding principles for all open space in Georges River:
   (a) Flexible and multipurpose: Buildings and open space should be capable of accommodating a range of activities, rather than designated for single uses or specific target groups that may become outdated as the population changes over time;
   (b) Clustered with complementary uses: Co-locating different types of facilities and spaces to create community hubs and precincts provides focal points for community activity;

(c) Equitably distributed across and within catchment areas: Community facilities and open space should be centrally located and provide a more even spread of facilities for community members in underprovided catchments;

(d) Activated and safe: Community facilities and open space should provide a high degree of personal safety for people entering and leaving the building, especially at night;

(e) Inclusive and reflective of the whole community: Facilities should be welcoming and accessible to people of all ages, gender identities, cultural backgrounds, abilities, income levels and interests;

(f) Part of a connected network: Good practice planning for facilities and spaces focuses on increasing efficiency and use, ideally located within 400 metres walking distance of a regular public transport stop;

(g) High quality and sustainable: Facilities and spaces should embody sustainability design principles and financially sustainability to provide value for money for their users, owners and operators; and

(h) Proactively managed: Proactive management enables Council and the community to get the most out of open space, recreation and other community facilities.

8. The Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy 2023 (CINAAAS) also identified this project area as one of the highest Target Areas for Community Centres, along with a high priority community target area that correspond with Library target areas. The CINAAAS also identified that all existing Community Centres are spread through the north-east and central parts of the LGA, with no provision in the west of Georges River.

9. In alignment with the above strategies identifying Peakhurst Park as a suitable location for a community facility, Council resolved (CCL011A-23) on 27 March 2023 to enter into a license with the Nepalese Australian Association (NAA) for a 10-year period under a shared (hybrid) operating model.

10. There have been several Council resolutions regarding the development of a new community facility located at 7A Hedley Street. Council resolved (CCLO33A-24) in July 2024 for a contractor to be engaged to execute the design, Development Application approval and commence construction of the project to develop a new modular community facility on the footprint of the former Peakhurst Scout Hall. Subsequently, a report to award a tender to the successful contractor was endorsed at the November 2024 Council Meeting.

11. The proposed facility represents Council’s first modular building project and serves as a pilot for innovative, sustainable, and adaptable construction within the LGA. The modular design approach allows for high-quality fabrication in controlled conditions, reducing on-site construction time, and improving cost efficiencies. The project demonstrates Council’s commitment to delivering modern, flexible community infrastructure that can be efficiently replicated or adapted for future community facility projects.

PEAKHURST PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT – CURRENT STATUS

12. Following contract award and project commencement in January 2025, the project milestones completed to date are as follows:

(a) Demolition of the existing building at the site,

(b) Topographical survey, geotechnical investigations, and other specialist investigations and assessments of the site,

(c) Completion of concept designs,

(d) Preparation of all required documentation for the submission of a Development Application (DA),

(e) Approval of the DA at the Local Planning Panel (LPP) meeting on 18 September 2025,

(f) Finalisation of 100% detailed design documentation following DA approval and receipt of DA conditions.

13. Project construction costs have been finalised following approval of the DA and completion of the 100% detailed design documentation. The total estimated cost for fabrication and construction of the new community facility now exceeds the available budget.

14. A portion of the increased costs relate to several approved DA conditions that have necessitated design amendments and compliance measures not previously included in the scope.

15. The increased costs also reflect enhancements and additions required throughout the design process to ensure the new facility meets community expectations and aligns with the guiding principles of the Strategy outlined above, including:

(a) Incorporation of higher-quality internal and external finishes to ensure the new facility is durable and visually appealing. The upgraded materials, façade treatments and interior specifications reflect Council's commitment to delivering a high-quality community centre that enhances amenity, usability and long-term value for the community.

(b) Integration of key functional and sustainability features such as audio-visual capability, solar power installation, air conditioning, and compatibility with Council's Bookable system.

(c) Inclusion of internal fit-out as part of construction work to enable the facility to be fully operational and accessible to the community immediately upon completion and issue of the Occupation Certificate. Given the Nepalese Australian Association has been formally awarded the lease of a portion of this facility, and recognising the significant demand for community space in the western area of the LGA, it is recommended internal fit-out is included to ensure prompt use of the facility.

16. The adoption of additional budget is required prior to commencement of off-site fabrication and construction.

PEAKHURST PARK PRECINCT

17. In alignment with Council's CINAAAS and the Peakhurst Park Spatial Framework developed in October 2024, work has been concurrently occurring in Peakhurst Park including:

(a) Council's Strategic Property team acquiring 13 and 15 Keith Street, Riverwood to expand open space in the Peakhurst/Riverwood area. While separate work, the purchase, demolition and turfing of these properties adjacent to the new community facility will improve visibility, safety, amenity and access to the site.

(b) Adopted 2025/26 Capital Works Program project to develop the detailed design of the Peakhurst Park Adventure Playspace adjacent to the synthetic field. Subsequent construction works following completion of design are identified in the adopted Capital Works Program in the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years.

18. With these critical clusters of infrastructure at various stages of design development and construction, it is important to consider connectivity, accessibility and safety of this broader precinct. This consideration includes expanding connectivity of the footpath network within Peakhurst Park around these facilities/areas. It also includes upgrading the carpark

adjacent to the Peakhurst Park Community Centre; the carpark currently has an uneven unsealed surface and is in a state of disrepair, requiring upgrade to ensure accessibility and safety of community members.

19. To ensure consistency with other community facilities across the LGA, to ensure effective and safe access, and to enhance and support the construction of the Peakhurst Park Community Centre, further stages of work are proposed.

20. Phasing Peakhurst Park precinct works creates the opportunity for a more cohesive and holistic site, connecting not only the new Peakhurst Park Community Centre with its adjacent carpark, but Keith Street and the new Adventure Playspace.

21. The proposed phasing of this work is identified below and ensures the efficient and effective use of existing staff resources, and use of Developer Contribution funding to meet current and future community demand at this significant site. Phasing of this work includes:

    (a) Stage 1A (2025/26 FY):

    - Construction of Peakhurst Park Community Centre.

    (b) Stage 1B (2025/26 FY):

    - Detailed design the carpark upgrade, open space embellishments, and new footpath to ensure connectivity of the area.

    (c) Stage 2 (2026/27 FY):

    - Construction work to execute designs completed in Stage 1B i.e. carpark upgrade, path network, and open space embellishments.

22. New budget is required to execute this work, as identified in the Financial Implications section of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

23. Budget was allocated in the adopted four-year capital works program in 2024/25 and 2025/26 to execute the design and construction of the Peakhurst Park Community Centre modular building.

24. The final construction costs, following approval of the DA and completion of the 100% detailed design documentation, indicate the existing budget is insufficient to proceed to the fabrication and construction phase of the project.

25. The adopted budget for this project has been funded by Federal Government grant funding, State Government grant funding, Council’s Asset Management Reserve, and S.711 Developer Contributions. Additional S.711 Developer Contributions are available to fund the shortfall in budget, with the proposed adjustments endorsed by the Developer Contributions Working Party and the Executive Team.

26. Table 1 in the confidential attachment identifies the proposed budget revisions for the Peakhurst Park Community Centre project.

27. As outlined above, further unbudgeted stages of work are proposed to support and enhance concurrent works at Peakhurst Park, and to ensure a more cohesive and holistic site. S.711 Developer Contributions are available to fund the budget required, with the proposal endorsed by the Developer Contributions Working Party and the Executive Team. Table 2 in the confidential attachment identifies the proposed budget implications for this work.

28. It is therefore recommended that the additional budget required is approved, as per Table 1 in the confidential attachment, to enable progression to fabrication and construction of the Peakhurst Park Community Centre. It is also recommended that new budget is

approved, as per Table 2 in the confidential attachment, to execute the outlined phased works for the Peakhurst Park precinct.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

29. If this report and the associated request for additional budget is not approved, the associated risks include:
    (a) Inability to deliver and operate a community facility that meets design specifications, accessibility standards and community expectations, resulting in operational inefficiencies and reduced utilisation.
    (b) The existing carpark, which is currently in poor condition, would continue to present accessibility, safety and maintenance risks, creating potential liability concerns for Council as well as diminishing the usability of the new asset.
    (c) The new community facility would not be adequately supported by complementary infrastructure, such as pathways and open space embellishments, resulting in a fragmented and substandard precinct.
    (d) The new open space created through acquisition would remain underdeveloped and disconnected, failing to align with the strategic intent of the CINAAAS and broader precinct objectives.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

30. Community engagement was undertaken during the design process for the Peakhurst park Community Centre, in line with City Technical Services' Community Engagement Guidelines. This included internal engagement with the relevant teams within the Community and Culture Directorate to ensure alignment of project objectives and understanding of current and future site use and demand.
31. Council officers and the NAA have met bi-monthly, and ad hoc as required, to consult on the centres design, project timelines, and funding agreements to ensure collaboration and timely information sharing.
32. The community will be notified prior to the commencement of onsite construction works, in line with City Technical Services' Community Engagement Guidelines.
33. Community engagement for Stages 1B and 2 will be undertaken in line with City Technical Services' Community Engagement Guidelines.

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment 1 Peakhurst Park Community Centre - Budget Update - *published in separate document* (Confidential)

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

NOTICES OF MOTION

Item: NM087-25 Acknowledgement of Nepalese Community Achievements and Future Opportunities

Councillor: Councillor Liu

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Acknowledge the significant cultural and social contributions of the Nepalese and broader Nepalese community across Georges River and Greater Sydney.

(b) Recognise three recent milestones:

(i) The announcement of the Sydney Spiritual Festival 2025 by the Greater Sydney Nepalese Multicultural Centre, held in Burwood from 29–31 August 2025, highlighting unity, diversity and fundraising efforts toward a dedicated Nepali Multicultural Centre.

(ii) Progress on the Peakhurst Park Community Centre redevelopment, which will provide a valuable community facility, including for use by the local Nepalese community.

(iii) The Dashain Tihar Mela 2025 in Hurstville Plaza on 27 September 2025, a celebration of Nepalese culture, food, entertainment and community connection.

(c) Commend the Nepalese community for their achievements and ongoing efforts to strengthen cultural, social and intergenerational ties.

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 programs and events that promote, support and celebrate local heritage and history*

This Motion is also consistent with the Social Justice Charter 2022-2026 principles of Participation, Respect and Empowerment.

- Focus 1 – Connected Communities
  - 1.1.1. *Deliver campaigns to foster social cohesion, respect and inclusivity in our community.*
  - 1.2.2. *Provide opportunities for community-led representation of vulnerable and marginalised communities and people with lived experience.*
  - 1.2.6. *Recognise dates of significance, and organise and promote initiatives that represent the diversity of the local community, to foster vibrancy and a sense of belonging.*

Council works closely with multicultural committees and networks, such as Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee which includes representatives from Georges River's Nepali community, and other key community stakeholders to ensure Council's strategic objectives meet the evolving needs of emerging communities.

Council is committed to facilitating and celebrating the significant cultural and social contributions of Georges River's Nepali community in several ways, including:

- Maintaining and promoting a calendar of significant cultural and social dates that reflect the identities within the Georges River Council local government area, for example New Year, Bikram Sambat 2082 and Dashain.
- Marking these dates in varied ways, from organising Council-run events or supporting community-led events, to providing social media recognition, and sharing relevant resources and campaigns.
- Empowering community groups to take the lead and celebrate their cultural heritage and bring their initiatives to the community through a suite of grants and donations programs for eligible not-for-profit community groups, community organisations, residents, and businesses.
- Supporting community-led initiatives through Council's Capacity Building Program, a structured program of workshops, training, and development activities that enhance community skills in line with Council's strategic objectives. This includes workshops on Council's grants and donations programs as well as the Georges River Council Events and Festivals Charter, Event Guide, and Event Toolkit, a suite of customer-focused documents outlining the shared objectives and commitments of both Council and community-run events.

As outlined in the update provided under QWN033-25 at the September 2025 Council Meeting, significant progress has been made on the delivery of the new Peakhurst Park Community Centre, with several key project milestones now completed. These include demolition of the existing building, completion of a topographical survey and geotechnical investigations, preparation of all documentation required for the Development Application, and the completion of concept designs. On 18 September 2025, the Local Planning Panel granted development consent for the construction of the facility, with finalisation of the 100% detailed design documentation now underway to enable commencement of off-site fabrication of the modular building.

In relation to the Dashain Tihar Mela 2025 held at Hurstville Plaza on Saturday, 27 September 2025, this free community event attracted an estimated 3,500 attendees, celebrating Nepalese culture through traditional food, music, dance, and entertainment. The event created a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere that fostered cultural exchange and community connection.

Council issued an Event Permit for the festival, and Council officers worked closely with the organisers to support planning and delivery, ensuring the event was safe, well-managed, and aligned with Council's standards. The organisers have provided positive feedback, noting that they successfully met their objective of celebrating the Nepalese festival in a larger, more prominent venue, and are now exploring opportunities to expand the event further in future years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/309366

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **NM088-25 Supporting Dementia Awareness and Community Initiatives**

Councillor: Councillor Liu

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Congratulate and acknowledge the success of the Georges River Memory Walk & Jog 2025 held on 20 September at Gannons Park, a Council-led fundraising event held during Dementia Action Week that raised $22,551 for Dementia Australia.

(b) Commend the Community Support Foundation Australia (CSFA - a local charity organisation in Riverwood) for its “Caring for Seniors with Dementia” charity series, which creatively combines theatre, health education, and a Cantonese singing competition at Sydney ICC on 11 October to raise awareness and provide warmth and support to seniors and their families. CSFA also donated $5,000 to Dementia Australia at the event.

(c) Recognise that both initiatives embody the spirit of Dementia Action Week 2025, under the theme “Nobody can do it alone”, by fostering compassion, community solidarity, and practical care for those impacted by dementia.

(d) Reaffirm Council’s ongoing commitment to its Dementia-Friendly Action Plan and to supporting local initiatives that promote dignity, inclusion, and wellbeing for people living with dementia and their carers in the Georges River area.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the following Council plans:

- Georges River Council’s Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035:
  - Pillar 1: Our Community*: Provide a range of accessible services, facilities and programs that respond to social issues and foster community wellbeing.*
  - Pillar 1: Our Community*: Provide a range of services, programs and facilities that address the needs of local people of all ages, and through all stages of life.*
- Social Justice Charter 2022-2026:
  - Focus 1. Connected Communities: *Objective 2. Advocacy and opportunities are provided for social, economic and cultural participation to foster social cohesion and belonging.*
  - Focus 5. Good Governance: *Objective 1. Council governance is transparent and accountable.*
    - *6. Commit to consult and engage with vulnerable and marginalised communities on initiatives and issues that impact their lives.*
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026:
  - Accessible and Liveable Communities: *Creating liveable communities for people with disability is more than modifying the physical environment. It covers areas such as access to transport, community recreation and culture, social engagement and universal design.*

- Dementia-Friendly Action Plan:
    - Action 21: *Support or host annual community awareness initiatives about dementia and dementia-friendly communities.*
    - Action 24: *Promote and celebrate Dementia Awareness week each year.*

As of September 2025, dementia is the leading cause of death in Australia. In Georges River:

- There are currently 2,896 people living with dementia
- The number of people living with dementia is estimated to rise to 5,185 by 2054.
- There is a high prevalence of dementia – ranked 12th highest out of 129 NSW LGAs.

On 21 June 2025 Council was recognised by Dementia Australia as a Dementia-Friendly organisation. On 28 July 2025, Council received and noted (CCL058-25 - COM026-25) Council's Dementia-Friendly Action Plan, endorsed by Dementia Australia, as part of Council's commitment to becoming a Dementia-Friendly Organisation

Dementia Australia is the national peak body supporting people living with dementia, their families and carers.

Dementia Action Week, from 15 to 21 September 2025, is an annual initiative of Dementia Australia. The 2025 theme "Nobody can do it alone" challenged everyone in the community to reach out and reconnect to someone impacted by dementia to reduce the isolation that can come with living with dementia or caring for someone with dementia.

The Memory Walk & Jog is a Dementia Australia fun run fundraising model. Georges River Council localised the model for the Georges River community to mark Dementia Action Week 2025. The event took place on 20 September 2025 at Gannons Park, Peakhurst, as the first major initiative delivered as part of the Dementia-Friendly Action Plan.

Although dementia affects people as young as 30, it does disproportionally affect seniors - according to Dementia Australia, 93% of people with dementia in Australia are over 65. Council ensured the event was safe, accessible and inclusive for all community members, including seniors, with a warmup facilitated by a local healthy ageing instructor to reduce risk of injury, a fully accessible course, marshals stationed along the course, breakout spaces and refreshments for all participants.

The event had a capacity-building focus to raise awareness of dementia through signage along the course and stalls linking attendees to local support services specialising in dementia, including 3Bridges, Carer Gateway, the Benevolent Society and CASS.

300 participants attended the event, including people with dementia, and survey responses indicated 35% of participants were current or previous carers of someone with dementia.

The event was successful in raising $22,551 for Dementia Australia to support counselling programs, education, support lines and research into a cure.

According to Dementia Australia, at least 28% of people living with dementia in Australia were born in a non-English speaking country. The Community Support Foundation Australia's (CSFA) series "Caring for Seniors with Dementia" is a local initiative catering to the Chinese community, with a holistic wellbeing approach to supporting the needs of people impacted by dementia, through of a combination of creative arts and health education

Both the Georges River Memory Walk & Jog and the "Caring for Seniors with Dementia" initiatives embody the theme of Dementia Action Week 2025, "Nobody can do it alone" by fostering compassion, community solidarity and practical care for those impacted by dementia.

Council is committed to delivering its Dementia-Friendly Action Plan, working closely with key partners and networks, and to supporting local community initiatives that promote dignity, inclusion, and wellbeing for people living with dementia and their carers in the Georges River area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial impacts for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/309454

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM089-25 Recognition and Council Support of the Riverwood Hornets Marching Band

Councillor: Councillor Hayes

MOTION:

(a) That Council welcomes The Riverwood Hornets Australian Cadet Corps to Narwee and endorses the donations and support made by local communities to strengthen the ongoing operation of this valuable service to the community.

(b) That Council engages with the Commanding Officer Chris Bailey with a view to scheduling the Riverwood Hornets Marching Band for appropriate community events in the future in the LGA including the opportunity to fundraise at the appropriate events to fund the Pearl Harbour Memorial Parade event in 2025 and supporting operational funding.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENT:

This Motion aligns with Georges River Council’s Community Strategic Plan 2025–2035, specifically Pillar 1 – Our Community, Goal 1.1, which promotes social and cultural connection and strives for social equity.

It is also consistent with Council’s Events and Festivals Charter (adopted 26 February 2024), which guides event programming through a commitment to diversity, inclusion, and community engagement. Council achieves this through a mix of curated entertainment and Expressions of Interest (EOIs), which enable local groups to participate in Council-led events. While the current EOI process is active only for Lunar New Year, other events such as the Magic of Christmas are being curated directly. To support future engagement, Council officers will add the Riverwood Hornets Marching Band to the events mailing list, ensuring they are notified of relevant EOIs and can apply for performance and fundraising opportunities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/318077

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM090-25Traffic Issues - Roberts Avenue, Mortdale

Councillor: Councillor Anzellotti

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Notes the longstanding concerns raised by residents regarding traffic congestion, excessive vehicle speeds, and pedestrian safety along Roberts Avenue, Mortdale.

(b) Acknowledges that existing traffic conditions, particularly during school pick-up and drop-off periods and peak commuter times are adversely impacting the safety and amenity of the surrounding residential area.

(c) Requests the General Manager to prepare a report investigating opportunities to improve traffic and pedestrian safety along Roberts Avenue, Mortdale, with consideration given to:

  (i) Current traffic volumes, vehicle speeds, and crash data;

  (ii) School-related congestion and pedestrian movements;

  (iii) The adequacy and effectiveness of existing traffic-calming measures and parking restrictions;

  (iv) Intersection sightlines and turning movements from adjoining “B Streets” onto Roberts Avenue; and

  (v) The feasibility of alternative traffic configurations.

(d) Refers this matter to the Local Traffic Forum (LTF) for further consideration, taking into account current traffic volumes, updated crash data, and feedback from local residents.

(e) Requests that the report identify short, medium, and long-term options for intervention, including indicative costings and assessment of potential external funding sources such as the Federal Black Spot Program or partnership opportunities with Transport for NSW.

(f) Considers the allocation of funding for any priority works identified in the report.

(g) Ensures that residents of Roberts Avenue and surrounding streets are notified of the investigation and provided with an opportunity to offer community feedback.

(h) Receives the final report for consideration by Council.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council’s Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035:

- Pillar 1: Our Community:
  - *Provide programs, services and activities that address health and safety issues.*

Council acknowledges the longstanding concerns about traffic congestion on Roberts Avenue, Mortdale, including Beatty Street, Bowman Street and Barr Street, known collectively as the ‘B’ Streets.

Council acknowledges a level of inconvenience for commuters during peak times; however, recent crash data indicates that the area is not unsafe.

Council Officers do not support allocating resources for a report on Roberts Avenue. Council has collected data on Roberts Avenue and the ‘B’ Streets over the last 3 years:

- Council officers undertook an investigation in early 2023 to assess existing traffic congestion and safety issues on Beatty Street and Roberts Avenue, Mortdale.
- The feasibility of alternative traffic configurations has been addressed via a report (TAC024-23) to the Traffic Advisory Committee dated 7 March 2023.
- Council has proposed roundabouts and pedestrian refuges only to be rejected by Transport for NSW.
- In April 2024, Council received significant objections from residents regarding the proposed roundabout option.

This issue has been presented to the Local Traffic Forum in March 2023 (TAC024-23). Based on the latest crash data, there has been only one recorded injury crash in the last 6 years.

In September 2023, Council applied for funding for a roundabout from the 'Australian Government Black Spot Program' administered by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). In April 2024, Council was advised that its application for funding was unsuccessful. Based on the latest crash data, none of the B Streets (Beatty Street, Bowman St and Barr Street intersection) meet the criteria for a roundabout.

Council has actioned items to improve safety concerns. Please refer to report TAC024-23 from the Traffic Advisory Committee dated 7 March 2023.

If any further actions are implemented on Roberts Avenue and the 'B' Streets, a strategy to communicate with residents would be developed.

Based on the available data and actions to date, Council Officers do not support a report. Council Officers are conducting further investigation within the 2025/2026 financial year to determine the most appropriate traffic management measures to address congestion issues at this location.

This issue has been responded to in two separate Councillor requests on 26 August 2025, and 24 September 2025. Please see copies of the responses below.

Cr Anzellotti Cr Request, 26 August 2025.

Council officers undertook an investigation in early 2023 to assess existing traffic congestion and safety issues on Beatty Street and Roberts Avenue, Mortdale. Following the investigation, Council applied for funding in September 2023 for a roundabout from the 'Australian Government Black Spot Program' administered by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). In April 2024, Council was advised that its application for funding was unsuccessful and received significant objections from residents regarding the proposed roundabout option.

Council will conduct further investigation within the 2025/2026 financial year to determine alternative options to the roundabout, and the most appropriate traffic management measures to address the safety and congestion issues at this location.

Cr Anzellotti Cr Request, 24 September 2025.

As requested, please find further information for Robert's Ave and the B Streets.

- *Council was unsuccessful for Blackspot grant funding for roundabouts at three intersections in B Streets in 2022 due to lack of crash history and low benefit cost ratio.*
- *Council has resubmitted the Blackspot grant funding for roundabout at Roberts Avenue and Beatty Street intersection and a raised threshold pedestrian crossing on Roberts Avenue at Kendall Street in 2023. The application was unsuccessful in 2024 due to lack of crash history and low benefit cost ratio.*

- *The last five years crash data between 01 July 2019 and 30 June 2024 indicates that one injury crash is recorded on Roberts Ave and Beatty Street intersection. There were no injury crashes recorded on Bowman St and Barr Street intersection with Roberts Avenue.*
- *Based on the latest crash data (see crash diagram below), none of the B Streets (Beatty Street, Bowman St and Barr Street intersection) meet the criteria for a roundabout.*

Given the information above, it is unlikely that Council will get any funding for a roundabout for any of the B Streets due to them not meeting the criteria.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The work above will be delivered within existing budget allocation. Strategic Placemaking receives annual funding for traffic studies. The funding has been allocated for the 2025/2026 FY and does not include Roberts Avenue. If a traffic study of Roberts Avenue is approved, additional budget of approximately $30,000 would be required.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/324386

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM091-25 Peakhurst West Swimming Pool - Reopening

Councillor: Councillor Liu

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Welcome the announcement that the Peakhurst West Swimming Pool will reopen on 1 November 2025, following upgrade works aimed at improving safety and amenities.

(b) Acknowledge the strong advocacy of the local community for the preservation of this State Government asset and recognise the longstanding social value the facility has provided over several decades.

(c) Write to the NSW Minister for Education and the Department of Education, advocating for community consultation regarding any proposed changes to access arrangements for existing and long-standing swim schools and local clubs, and requesting that affordability for patrons be a key consideration in future operational decisions.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

The reopening of the Peakhurst West Public School swimming pool on 1 November 2025, following works delivered by the NSW Department of Education. These works have improved safety and accessibility through the replacement of the roof, installation of an accessible bathroom, and restoration of essential pool equipment.

In operation since 1961, the pool has provided generations of St George children with vital water safety and learn-to-swim programs, while also serving as a longstanding community asset supporting local swim clubs and community groups. Council acknowledges the strong advocacy of the local community in supporting the preservation of this State Government facility. The refurbishment ensures this important educational asset can help prepare the community for a safe swimming season this summer.

This initiative aligns with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022–2032, to promote active, healthy lifestyles and support accessible community facilities that enhance wellbeing and inclusion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial impact.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/324407

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM092-25 Significance of Pole Depot Park

Councillor: Councillor Jamieson

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Recognise the significance of Pole Depot Park as a valued open space within the highly urbanised Penshurst area.

(b) Note that Council is currently developing an LGA-wide Play Strategy to guide the appropriate management, prioritisation, and renewal of playgrounds based on their condition, function, and community value.

(c) Undertake community engagement to better understand local demand, desired uses, and amenity expectations for the Pole Depot Park playground.

(d) Consider a budget bid for the renewal of the play equipment at Pole Depot Park, informed by the outcomes of community consultation and taking into consideration:

  (i) passive surveillance and safety;

  (ii) options to increase the play capacity and play value of the equipment consolidated into one of the site's playground areas; and

  (iii) the effective utilisation of existing park amenities to support renewed play infrastructure.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035:

- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment:
  - *Plan, maintain and manage public parks, facilities and open spaces to provide diverse active and passive recreation options.*

Pole Park is acknowledged as being an important part of Council's open space network.

Council is currently developing a Playspace Strategy (The Strategy) that will guide the future planning, design and management of play spaces across the Local Government Area. The Strategy will establish a hierarchy of play spaces, outline design principles, and include a staged implementation plan with cost estimates and consider lifecycle asset management.

The Strategy will be informed by community feedback gathered at key milestones throughout the development process. This will ensure the strategy reflects local needs and aspirations. The Strategy will also align with Council's broader strategic objectives including the Community Strategic Plan 2025.

During the community feedback in the development of The Strategy, the community will have an opportunity to comment specifically on the future of Pole Park. The opportunity to participate in the consultation will be widely promoted.

A budget submission to deliver the Strategy will be developed as a Program of works for 2026/27 and forward years. The Strategy will enable Council to prioritise the future planning and delivery of playgrounds across the LGA.

If Pole Park is prioritised for funding, the design will consider the passive surveillance, safety, capacity and type of play equipment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Playspace Strategy is being delivered within existing budget allocation. The Program of works for the delivery of the Playspace Strategy from 2026/27 onwards, will require approved budget.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/328837

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **NM093-25 Penshurst Town Centre Public Domain Plan**

Councillor: Councillor Jamieson

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Note the status, progression, and timing of the Penshurst Town Centre Public Domain Plan (as per NM050-24).

(b) Note the status of the lease agreement and potential transfer of land ownership from the NSW Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) to Georges River Council for the park area located at the intersection of Bridge Street and Penshurst Street (as per NM025-24).

(c) Note the status, progression, and timing to complete a detailed design to transform the TAHE land into a park and garden, as included in the 2025/26 Operational Plan (as per CCL053-25).

(d) Note the status and timing of the internal amenities fit-out included in the 2025/26 Operational Plan (as per CCL053-25).

(e) Note that funds will be allocated to implement the works identified in the Public Domain Plan from 2026/27 onwards (as per CCL053-25).

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035:

- Pillar 1: Our Community:
  - *Provide a range of accessible services, facilities and programs that respond to social issues and foster community wellbeing.*
- Pillar 3: Our Economy
  - *Maintain local town centres and public spaces to ensure they are clean, attractive and safe for local communities and visitors.*
  - *Implement greening and planting initiatives in town centres.*
- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment
  - *Plan, maintain and manage public parks, facilities and open spaces to provide diverse active and passive recreation options.*

The Notice of Motion (NM050-24) on 27 May 2024 resolved that the General Manager prepare a Public Domain Plan for streetscape and public safety enhancements for the Penshurst Town Centre that includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Improvements to existing pedestrian infrastructure;
- Recognition of the suburb's heritage;
- New infrastructure to further promote public safety, such as pedestrian crossings, street fencing and lighting;
- Greenery as part of the streetscape;

- New or improved passive and active open spaces;
- Improvements to the aesthetics of public buildings, gardens and spaces;
- Suitable street furniture improvements and additions; and
- that the General Manager provide details of maintenance and capital works that will be completed as part of the 2023/24 Delivery Program.

Council officers acknowledge the delay in actioning this Notice of Motion. The work was prioritised but unfortunately, the lead position that was delivering this project was vacant for 9 months. The position was successfully recruited in August 2025 and the Strategic Placemaking Specialist is prioritising the delivery of the Penshurst Public Domain Plan.

A community survey was conducted in March 2025 using Councils 'Your Say' engagement platform. While the results from the survey have not yet been released, Officers are using the community feedback to develop the Public Domain Plan.

The Penshurst Public Domain Plan is currently in development, with a recent meeting held on 29 September 2025, between Council Officers and Project Penshurst representatives.

A Draft Public Domain will be completed by December 2025 and presented to Council for feedback. As has been the practice for such projects, the presentation of the draft designs would include the full feedback report from the 'Your Say' survey. Noting there is no Council meeting in January, Officers will aim to present the draft Plan at the February 2026 Council meeting.

As per NM025-24, Council is working with the State Government agency, Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) on the potential of a lease agreement or land transfer, of the identified TAHE land at the intersection of Bridge Street and Penshurst Street. The Strategic Property team has prioritised the negotiations with several constructive conversations occurring in October 2025. If a resolution can be negotiated, a report will be provided to Council with recommendations for approval.

As per NM025-24, Council Officers have discussed high level concept designs about transforming the TAHE land into a park and garden. The TAHE land will be included as part of the Public Domain Plan. The detailed design for the TAHE land will be delivered as an addendum to the Public Domain Plan to ensure a cohesive relationship with the surrounding public spaces that will support open space, greening, and upgrade outcomes in Penshurst.

As per CCL053-25, Council Officers have discussed the internal amenity fit out. The timing of the delivery of the amenities fit out will be included as part of the Public Domain Plan.

A Capital budget submission for 2026/27 will be developed to implement the Penshurst Public Domain Plan. It is likely the implementation would be staged pending the complexity and cost of the approved upgrades in the Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The draft Public Domain Plan will be delivered within existing budget allocation. Any capital works required to deliver the designs will need an approved budget.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/328842

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM094-25Traffic Issues - Intersection of Renn Street and Park Road, Kogarah Bay

Councillor: Councillor Gao

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Investigate traffic issues at the intersection of Renn Street and Park Road, Kogarah Bay, where cars turning right into Renn Street are blocking traffic when a vehicle is parked opposite the intersection.

(b) Action possible solutions, including:

(i) Installing No Parking or No Stopping signs opposite Renn Street;

(ii) Changes to line markings or intersection layout; and

(iii) Any other options that would help ease congestion.

(c) Review what was done at Wyee Street and Park Road, where similar changes improved traffic flow, and see if a similar approach can be used here.

(d) Commit to undertaking this within a reasonable timeframe of 6 months.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035:

- Pillar 1: Our Community:
    - *Provide programs, services and activities that address health and safety issues.*

The items in this Notice of Motion were responded to in a Councillor request on 9 October 2025. Councillor Gao was informed of this on Thursday, 16 October at 11:50am.

Response to Councillor Gao's Councillor request below:

Thank you for your request regarding traffic issues around Renn St and Park Road Kogarah.

The location identified has had 2 incidents within the period of 5 years (2020 - 2024), which indicates a low probability of it being an immediate safety concern. Council Officers will continue to monitor the traffic flow around Renn St and Park Road. If there is a change in crash data, traffic volumes or queuing, Council will investigate further to assess the need for intervention.

Further to this information, Council has recently undertaken community consultation on the introduction of 'No Stopping' and 'No Parking' restrictions on Park Road Opposite Renn Street Kogarah Bay. Council received significant objections from residents regarding the proposed parking changes due to the impact on on-street parking.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/330054

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **NM095-25Traffic Issues - Princes Highway and Hamer Street Kogarah Bay**

Councillor: Councillor Gao

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Investigate and improve the visibility and clarity of traffic signage relating to the No Left Turn onto Princes Highway from Hamer Street (3:00pm – 7:00pm) restriction.

(b) Action the following specific signage improvements as raised by residents:

(i) Enlargement of the existing sign at the corner of Hamer Street and Renn Street;

(ii) Installation of a larger, clearly visible sign for drivers turning left into Hamer Street;

(iii) Placement of a new sign on the pole when turning left into Hamer Street from Renn Street.

(c) Commit to undertaking this within a reasonable timeframe of 6 months.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council’s Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035:

- Pillar 1: Our Community:
  - *Provide programs, services and activities that address health and safety issues.*

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

The items in this Notice of Motion were responded to in a Councillor request on 15 October 2025. Councillor Gao was informed of this on Thursday 16 October at 11:50am.

Response to Councillor Gao’s Councillor request below:

Council Officers will investigate if the signage legend has faded and take the appropriate action if required.

The sign at the intersection of Hamer/ Renn Streets, Kogarah Bay is within the TfNSW guidelines as an advisory sign with 50mm letter height. The request for street name sign will be investigated. Council street signs are designed as per the Australian Standards.

The above actions as stated in the response to the Councillor request are underway.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The actions above are within existing budget allocation.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/330086

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **NM096-25Traffic Calming Measures - Waratah Street, Blakehurst**

Councillor: Councillor Gao

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Reconsider its position regarding the installation of traffic calming measures on Waratah Street, Blakehurst, in light of ongoing community concerns about speeding and safety.

(b) Undertake community engagement with residents of Waratah Street to better understand the scale and frequency of the issues being reported.

(c) Assess suitable options such as speed humps, signage, or other traffic calming devices as appropriate.

(d) Commit to undertaking this within a reasonable timeframe of 6 months.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035:

- Pillar 1: Our Community:
  - *Provide programs, services and activities that address health and safety issues.*
- Pillar 5: Our Governance:
  - *Ensure all levels of government consult and engage the community on projects, initiatives and issues which have an impact on their lives.*

Council officers have undertaken an investigation to review the current traffic conditions and the provision of speed calming devices at Waratah Street, Blakehurst.

Waratah Street is a local road with default speed limit of 50km/h. Latest speed data undertaken in November 2024 in Waratah Street indicates that 85th percentile speed is approximately 39km/h and average daily traffic volume is 1,884 vehicle per day which is consider normal compared to other local road in Georges River Council.

Based on Council's investigation and existing traffic conditions, Waratah Street is not warranted for speed calming devices.

Council will continue to monitor this location to determine if any traffic management measures are warranted in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/331686

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **NM097-25 Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan**

Councillor: Councillor Wang

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Commission an independent peer review of the Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for the Hurstville, Mortdale and Peakhurst Wards (2023) to verify the study's technical accuracy, model reliability, and compliance with the NSW Floodplain Development Manual (April 2023).

(b) Acknowledge the State Government's guidance in the NSW Floodplain Development Manual (April 2023) that: "Peer review becomes critical when studies are to inform planning instruments or development controls." Accordingly, an independent review is essential before the 2023 study informs any Local Environmental Plan (LEP), flood planning area maps, or development controls.

(c) Note the limited engagement outcomes reported to the Floodplain Risk Management Committee on 7 February 2023 — only 17 written submissions, 2 booked sessions, and 6 phone enquiries — despite the study affecting tens of thousands of residents and businesses across three wards.

(d) Direct the General Manager to:

    (i) Conduct a full audit to verify whether all affected property owners and submitters were formally notified; and

    (ii) Issue written notifications to all affected property owners (including those newly identified as flood-affected) explaining the methodology, planning implications, and available review or appeal options;

(e) Implement enhanced community engagement measures for all future flood studies, including:

    (i) Direct mail notification to all potentially affected properties;

    (ii) Multilingual information materials and FAQs;

    (iii) At least two community information sessions per ward;

    (iv) Publication of a comprehensive "response to submissions" summary; and

    (v) Follow-up correspondence after adoption to explain any changes or clarifications.

(f) Following completion of the peer review and community engagement process, that Council:

    (i) Review and amend the flood study findings and property tagging where the peer review and community engagement process identify technical errors, discrepancies, or outdated assumptions;

    (ii) Update the flood planning maps and GIS layers accordingly, ensuring the changes are reflected in all Council databases, public mapping tools, and the NSW Planning Portal; and

    (iii) Publicly report back to Council and the community on all amendments made, including a summary of how community feedback directly informed those changes.

(g) Adopt best-practice standards including Sutherland Shire Council's flood management process, which incorporated iterative community consultation, independent verification, and formal responses to resident objections before adoption.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035:

- Pillar 2: Our Green Environment:
  - *Encourage local communities to participate in environmental protection and sustainability initiatives.*
  - *Develop and implement policies and procedures that embed resilience principles to address risks arising from natural disasters such as bushfires, flooding and extreme weather conditions.*

The Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2023 (The Study) was conducted in accordance with the latest NSW Government guidelines and industry best practices, following the NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy and the Floodplain Development Manual.

The 2023 study underwent comprehensive review by Council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee and Technical Working Group, including the appointed Consulting Engineer, consulting engineer's peer reviewer, Council Engineers, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), State Emergency Service, and Sydney Water.

To ensure accuracy and real-world relevance, the flood modelling was tested and refined using flood information provided by the community through consultation conducted in 2019, 2022, and 2023. This study represents the most current and comprehensive flood risk assessment for the area.

DCCEEW recommends a review of the flood risk study and plan at least every 5 years or after a major flood event. Council is planning a review in 2028.

The study underwent comprehensive review by Council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee and Technical Working Group, including the appointed Consulting Engineer, consulting engineer's peer reviewer, Council Engineers, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), State Emergency Service, and Sydney Water.

Community consultation was conducted in 2019, 2022, and 2023 as per Councils Engagement Policy for a minimum of 28 days. Engagement rates for a flood study is generally low, specifically for areas which already had a flood notation in an existing flood study. The community was consulted twice during the 2016 flood study.

All property owners were notified via mail during the consultation period.

Community consultation for all three events was undertaken as per the Georges River Council Community Engagement Policy. The consultation for the current Flood study for the Blakehurst / Kogarah has been one of the most detailed community engagement processes delivered by Council. This will be the new baseline for engaging with the community about Flood Studies.

Council Officers are satisfied that the appropriate reviews have been done as detailed above and that the Flood Study is technically accurate. Council Officers do not support further review of the Study. A review of the flood risk study and plan is scheduled in 2028.

Council's Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (The Study) was conducted in accordance with the latest NSW Government guidelines and industry best practices, following the NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy and the Floodplain Development Manual.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/331716

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM098-25 Scheduling Investigation of Drainage Works - Bibby Street Carlton

Councillor: Councillor Gao

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Bring forward the planned investigation, design, and construction of drainage works at Bibby Street, Carlton, currently scheduled for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years, to commence within the 2025/26 financial year.

(b) Prioritise the project due to serious pedestrian safety risks, particularly for people with disabilities, older residents, and children.

(c) Immediately investigate and implement interim safety and access measures, such as:

   (i) Temporary drainage relief;

   (ii) Pavement cleaning and algae removal; and

   (iii) Warning signage or alternative access pathways.

(d) Report back to Council within a reasonable timeframe of 6 months on these works.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035:

- Pillar 1: Our Community:
  - *Provide programs, services and activities that address health and safety issues.*
- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment:
  - *Plan, maintain and improve safe and connected roads, footpaths and cycleways.*

Planning and Design work of construction projects for the 2025/26 financial year is well underway. The Bibby Street project will be designed in the 2025/26 FY and delivered in the 2026/27 FY, pending budget.

Council Officers do not support reprioritising the program of design works to deliver the Bibby Street project 2025/26. The timing of the planning and delivery of the Bibby Street project has been prioritised in alignment with its level of risk and safety.

The 2025/26 program of design works includes several emergency projects that are high priority. Not delivering these works could have greater community impact if Bibby Street were to be prioritised to be delivered before them.

To ensure the safety of the community, Council officers have assessed the site and have implemented temporary drainage relief measures. The pavement will be cleaned to remove algae, and the installation of warning signage or provision of alternative access pathways will be delivered as required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation. If the Bibby Street project is reprioritised to be delivered in the 2025/26 program of works, a budget adjustment may be required.

FILE REFERENCE
D25/331727

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **NM099-25Pedestrian Priority Zone - Forest Road Hurstville**

Councillor: Councillor Wang

MOTION:

That Council:

(a) Investigate the feasibility of establishing a designated “Walk Street” (pedestrian-priority zone) along Forest Road, Hurstville — between Woodville Street and Palm Court — with the aim of boosting local economic activity, improving pedestrian safety, and strengthening community and cultural engagement.

(b) Prepare a report outlining:

- (i) The feasibility of implementing a temporary or permanent pedestrianisation or shared-space model in the nominated section, including traffic and transport impacts;
- (ii) Opportunities to leverage existing infrastructure, placemaking initiatives, and the success of annual street closures during the Lunar New Year Festival to guide design and operational planning;
- (iii) Consultation strategies with local businesses, residents, property owners, Transport for NSW, and other key stakeholders;
- (iv) Case studies of successful “Walk Streets” and pedestrian-friendly precincts in comparable metropolitan centres (e.g. Chatswood Mall, Parramatta’s Eat Street);
- (v) Alignment with Council’s Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040, Economic Development Strategy, Placemaking Framework, and Hurstville City Centre Master Plan; and
- (vi) Potential funding and partnership opportunities to support design, public realm improvements, activation programs, and event integration.

(c) Consider a pilot or trial activation, such as a weekend or evening “Walk Street” program, in collaboration with local traders and community groups to assess community response, economic benefits, and operational logistics before pursuing a longer-term implementation.

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.*
- Pillar 4: Our Built Environment:
  - *Plan, maintain and improve safe and connected roads, footpaths and cycleways.*

Council is currently refreshing its Economic Development Strategy (EDS). The EDS supports initiatives that boost local economic activity and strengthen community and cultural engagement.

The review of the EDS is well underway with internal consultation. Officers will present a draft EDS to Council in mid-2026, after which, a community consultation process would occur.

The feasibility of a ‘Walk Street’ in Hurstville, and other locations across the Georges River LGA, can be investigated as part of the action plan for the EDS.

Council has experience with the temporary closure of Forest Road Hurstville for major events like Lunar New Year.

Council recently attained Development Consent for DA2025/0043 as part of grant funding via the NSW Permit Plug Play Program, which is part of the NSW Government’s Vibrancy Reforms. This program is designed to make street-based activations easier and more cost-effective.

Officers are also working on modifications to the DA to expand the total number of major events currently capped by DA conditions. This will allow more major events in the Hurstville CBD.

It should be noted that Forest Road is a major public transport corridor, and that Transport for NSW are key partner in delivering any temporary road closures.

To ensure a consistent and collaborative approach, the above actions can be considered wholistically as part of the review of Councils EDS and action plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The review of Councils Economic Development Strategy is within existing budget allocation.

Actions from the approved Economic Development Strategy, including activations and road closures, may require additional funding.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/333247

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Item: **QWN037-25 Projected Operating Deficits in the Council's Long Term Financial Plan**

Author: Councillor Wang

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

In light of the projected operating deficits in the council's Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP), as outlined in the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026, I seek detailed responses to the following regarding the financial risks identified in the statements. The projections show a shift from a $2.256 million operating surplus (before capital grants) in 2025/26 to deficits of -$0.561 million in 2027/28 and -$2.275 million in 2028/29, which could undermine fiscal sustainability and community services.

1. Reasons for the Projected Deficits: What are the primary factors contributing to the transition from surpluses to deficits post-2025/26?

2. Risks Associated with These Deficits: How does the council assess the key risks in the financial statements stemming from these projections? Please elaborate on:

   (a) Erosion of liquidity and unrestricted cash reserves ($30.039 million in 2025/26), potentially depleting buffers for emergencies and straining the Unrestricted Current Ratio (2.2x, above 1.5x benchmark but vulnerable).

   (b) Infrastructure renewal backlogs, with the Capital Renewals Ratio below benchmark (0.6-0.7x vs. >1.1x until 2028/29) and Remaining Useful Life of Assets at 56.9% by 2027/28 (below 60%), risking higher future maintenance costs (Repairs & Maintenance at 0.4% of WDV, below 1%).

   (c) Dependency on volatile grants/contributions ($9-10 million operating, $18-20 million capital), which could fluctuate and exacerbate deficits if external funding falls short.

   (d) Alignment with Strategic Risk #1 (Financial Sustainability), including failure to maintain the LTFP and absorb rising obligations in a growing population (161,593 residents, projected to 184,426 by 2046).

3. Consequences of the Deficits: What are the potential short- and long-term consequences if these deficits materialize without intervention? In particular:

   (a) Impacts on service delivery and the Community Strategic Plan, such as delays to the $150.905 million four-year capital program (e.g., roads $41.510 million, open space $23.105 million), leading to asset failures or reduced community benefits.

   (b) Financial strain on residents, including the need for new rate increases, special levies, or borrowing (currently debt-free), amid community sensitivity (143 submissions in 2025/26 consultation).

   (c) Non-compliance with Local Government Act 1993 principles (Section 8B), such as inter-generational equity, potentially resulting in qualified audits or OLG scrutiny.

   (d) Broader effects on equity ($1.967 billion in 2025/26, at risk of erosion) and KPIs, like the Operating Performance Ratio dipping below 0% from 2027/28.

4. Actions to Reverse the Deficits: What specific actions is the council considering or recommending to reverse these projected deficits and restore long-term surpluses? Please detail:
    (a) Revenue enhancement strategies, such as applying for a new SRV post-2025/26, optimizing fees/charges beyond 3% increases, or diversifying income sources (currently 70% rates-dependent).
    (b) Cost control measures, including structured vacancy management (5% rate), deferral of non-essential bids (over $4.5 million already deferred), and efficiencies in employee costs (e.g., Christmas shutdown).
    (c) Updates to the LTFP, including annual reviews, contingency planning for inflation >3%.
    (d) Timeline for implementing these actions to ensure compliance with fiscal sustainability goals.
5. Risks of Slipping into Further Deficits: What are the additional risks that could cause the council to slip into deeper deficits beyond the projected -$2.275 million in 2028/29? Please address:
    (a) Potential economic downturns reducing rates income (70% of revenue) or fees/charges (e.g., waste revenue declines), especially if property values stagnate or development slows post-2025.
    (b) Escalating inflation exceeding the 3% assumption, driving up materials (e.g., road repairs $41.510 million), labour, and insurance costs, particularly for climate-related risks.
    (c) Delays or cost overruns in major projects like the Carss Park Aquatic Facility (with ongoing $2 million annual costs and a $3 million reserve), potentially requiring unplanned reallocations from other services.
    (d) Failure to secure anticipated state grants or developer contributions ($116.481 million restricted), leading to reliance on unrestricted cash ($30.039 million) or new borrowings.
    (e) Cumulative effects of deferred maintenance (e.g., Capital Renewals Ratio below benchmark), increasing future liabilities and operational expenses beyond current projections.

OFFICER RESPONSE

1. As outlined in the June 2025 Council report, *‘CCL053-25 Working Together for a Better Future - Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy’,* and supporting documentation:

    > *“While Council's financial position remains stable, projections show operating deficits over the next few years, mainly due to the conclusion of the SRV and rising cost pressures. Current results are influenced by interest income from cash investments, with 60% coming from restricted funds that cannot support general operations. The acquisition of the Carss Park Aquatic Facility introduces ongoing annual costs of approximately $2 million including depreciation. Prioritising valued services, projects, and programs will be essential to achieve financial sustainability and compliance with Council’s legislative obligations. A detailed list of actions to address the forecast financial sustainability challenges is contained within Council’s LTFP.”*

    As outlined in Council’s Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), the main challenges include maintaining long-term financial sustainability as expenditure is projected to outpace income after the SRV concludes in 2025/26, managing a large and ageing asset base, rising employee costs and workforce shortages, and the growing financial impacts of climate change. Additional pressures include population growth driving infrastructure demand, social cohesion concerns, and the significant upfront and ongoing costs of digital transformation.

2. Council's number one adopted strategic risk is Financial Sustainability, 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."*

   All reports to Council incorporate a section on risk and financial implications to ensure that motions and officer recommendations are underpinned by clear and relevant commentary. Council's broader organisational risks are managed in accordance with the adopted Risk Management Framework. Financial performance is assessed annually against the Office of Local Government's performance indicators, with results reported to Council alongside any necessary actions.

3. Council delivers a wide range of discretionary services in response to community demand. As with the previous SRV process, the community is given the opportunity to consider options such as reducing services or supporting a rate increase. Consultation for the current SRV indicated a strong preference to maintain existing service levels.

4. The 2025/26 LTFP sets out actions adopted in Council's Resourcing Strategy, detailed from page 71 onwards.

5. The risks outlined in the question are possibilities. Financial mismanagement characteristics may also exacerbate the risk. These can include:

   - Failure to establish early warning mechanisms for deteriorating finances
   - Too many competing priorities that overshadow the need for a financially sustainable organisation
   - Weak emphasis on financial position and performance
   - Poor focus on budget strategy and planning
   - Officers failing to communicate financial risks to elected members
   - No allocation for contingency funding and inadequate monitoring and reporting of cash liquidity
   - Lack of controls to prevent misuse of restricted funds
   - Lack of investment in financial system/process enhancements
   - High turnover in senior leadership positions

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **QWN038-25 Chivers Hill Shopping Centre - Installation of Public Amenity**

Author: Councillor Anzellotti

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Could Council please provide an update on the progress of this investigation, specifically:

(a) What alternative sites for the Chivers Hill amenity block have been identified and considered to date?

(b) What are the next steps and indicative timeframes for finalising a decision on location and delivery?

OFFICER RESPONSE

(a) Council officers have completed a report on the feasibility of installing a public amenity at the Chivers Hill Shopping Centre.

(b) The report considers the feasibility of sites within the Shopping Centre and approximate costs of these options.

(c) The feasibility report will be presented to Council at the November Council meeting.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **QWN039-25 Edgbaston Road Beverly Hills Car Park**

Author: Councillor Wang

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

1. The $9 Million spending regardless of whether the sale was negotiated or acquired, Council received more than $9 million in public funds from the disposal of the former Beverly Hills car park. Can Council provide a transparent, itemised account of what specific, permanent capital works or recurrent services have been delivered directly to the Beverly Hills community and its businesses to compensate for the permanent loss of this public amenity?

2. Replacing Lost Future Revenue By liquidating the $9 million capital principal, Council forfeited an estimated $360,000 in annual interest revenue that could have provided a sustainable funding stream for local initiatives. What measures has Council implemented—or does it intend to implement—to replace this lost recurring income and ensure long-term financial support for Beverly Hills amenity and infrastructure investment?

3. Commitment to Community Compensation The closure of the former car park has led to new timed parking restrictions and increased enforcement activity, impacting both local shoppers and residents. Has Council considered establishing a dedicated, ring-fenced Beverly Hills Parking and Amenity Reinvestment Fund, and exploring a local subsidised parking relief scheme to offset the ongoing economic and social impacts arising from the loss of this community facility?

OFFICER RESPONSE

1. Council had been in discussions with Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) for the establishment of a commuter car park on the Edgbaston Road Car Park site since 2017. Initial discussions focussed on leasing the site, the position subsequently evolved into compulsory acquisition of the site from Council.

   Due to an unacceptable loss of public car parking spaces, Council in March 2021 (CCL007A-21), resolved to not support a long-term lease over the site, which would facilitate the construction of the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park by TfNSW on the former Edgbaston Road Car Park Site.

   Following the March 2021 decision, TfNSW indicated that it would use its statutory acquisition powers to compulsory acquire the site, should an agreement with Council not be reached. Therefore, on 27 July 2021 (CCL049A-21), Council resolved as follows:

   (a) That Council note the advice of Transport for NSW that it intends to compulsorily acquire Lots 1 and 2 in DP208878 and Lot 2 in DP533022 Edgbaston Road, Beverly Hills (Council’s car park) should Council not agree to dispose of the site via a private treaty sale to Transport for NSW.

   (b) That the General Manager continue to negotiate disposal terms with Transport for NSW consistent with the terms and conditions as previously resolved at the Council meeting held on 22 March 2021(CCL007A-21).

   (c) That should the matter proceed by compulsory process, Council consent to a reduced Proposed Acquisition Notice (PAN) period of seven days.

(d) *That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Contract for Sale, transfer document, and/or any compulsory acquisition documentation to settle any claim for compensation that Council may receive should the land be compulsory acquired.*

(e) *That income from the proceeds of any acquisition by Transport for NSW be placed in Council's Commercial Property Reserve for investment in future income generating commercial property assets.*

At the time, Council maintained an expectation that a negotiated outcome could be reached between the relevant parties regarding the provision of public parking within the proposed development. However, the subsequent emergence of a potential compulsory acquisition materially impacted Council's ability to negotiate favourable terms, particularly in relation to securing public parking on the site.

In light of this development, Council pursued the disposal of the site through a negotiated process, consistent with independent market valuation advice, in order to achieve a commercially appropriate outcome.

2. Interest income generated from the sale proceeds continues to strengthen general revenue, directly supporting the delivery of community services, the upkeep of essential infrastructure, and the renewal of vital assets.

3. Over several years, Council has consistently advocated to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for improved public access, parking availability, and accessibility at the Beverly Hills commuter car park.

   Council has consistently advocated to Transport for NSW for improved public access, parking affordability, and accessibility at the Beverly Hills commuter car park.

   While the car park was completed in late 2024, ongoing concerns remain about limited public use and high parking costs. Council continues to call for 3-hour free parking to better support local businesses and community access. Council's advocacy efforts are ongoing to ensure the facility delivers the intended public and economic benefits.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

Item: **QNN011-25 Reconstruction of a new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park - Timeframe for Executing Project Agreement**

Author: Councillor Gao

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with no Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

CCL086-25 Reconstruction of a new Aquatic Facility at Carss Park – Status Update and Inclusion of Learn to Swim Funding Contribution:

What is the time frame for executing the Project Agreement from Council?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Following Council's Resolution at the August 2025 Council Meeting (CCL075-25) to commit additional funding to include the Learn-to-Swim (LTS) pool in the scope of the future Carss Park Aquatic Facility Project, Council has been collaborating with the Office of Sport to update the Project Agreement to include the LTS in the scope.

The Project Agreement (Variation 3) was signed by Mayor Elise Borg and the General Manager David Tuxford on Tuesday 30 September 2025 and provided back to the Office of Sport for co-signing.

The Project Control Group, which includes Council officers, has continued the progression of this project, in parallel to the Project Agreement update, with the engagement of a suitably qualified aquatic facility design consultant imminent.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **QNN012-25 Delivery of the Low and Mid-Rise (LMR) Housing Program and the Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Program**

Author: Councillor Wang

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with no Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

QWN031-25 Measures being considered for the Low and Mid-Rise (LMR) Housing Program and the Transport-Oriented Development (TOD) Program.

Additional information requested on the delivery to date of this program. How are we tracking and what percentage of the housing target does this represent?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Council is currently unable to directly compare housing completions to the housing target mandated by the NSW Government due to the difference in how a “new dwelling” is defined.

The current 5-year housing targets are based on “new completed homes” which includes replacement dwellings such as ‘knock-down-rebuild’ developments as new dwellings. This is a recent change in response to the Commonwealth Government’s National Housing Accord announced in late-2023.

Prior to this, the housing target has always been focused on “net completions”, which is the number of additional dwellings constructed and excludes replacement dwellings. For example, a new dual occupancy development was previously counted as one (1) net completion while it becomes two (2) new completed homes under the current housing target. Similarly, a new ‘knock-down-rebuild’ house was not previously considered as a net completion while it becomes 1 new completed home under the current housing target.

Our current tracking is based on the calculation of net completions as it is a more accurate reflection of housing and population growth. This is tracked via new Sydney Water connections. In the FY2024/2025, approximately 630 new Sydney Water connections have been recorded representing 10% of the total 6,300 housing target for the 2024/25 to 2028/29 period. However, this is not a true representation of the total number of “new completed homes” due to replacement dwellings not requiring new water connections.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **QNN013-25 Penshurst Town Centre and Streetscape Improvements - Bridge Street Greenspace Your Say Results**

Author: Councillor Hayes

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with no Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Is it reasonable to expect the Your Say responses, in detail, to be released in October?

OFFICER RESPONSE

A community survey was conducted in March 2025 using Councils ‘Your Say’ engagement platform.

While the results from the survey have not yet been released, Officers are using the community feedback to develop the Public Domain Plan.

The Penshurst Public Domain Plan is currently in development, with a recent meeting held on 29 September 2025, between Council Officers and Project Penshurst representatives.

A draft Public Domain will be completed by December 2025 and presented to Council for feedback. As has been the practice for such projects, the presentation of the draft designs would include the full feedback report from the ‘Your Say’ survey.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **QNN014-25 Traffic Study Options for Park Road Carlton**

Author: Councillor Gao

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with no Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

QWN035-25 Status Update - Traffic study on Park Road Carlton

Will the traffic study present the best options for pedestrian safety on Park Road?

OFFICER RESPONSE

TRAFFIX was engaged by Council in late 2024 to undertake a modelling study of potential changes to Park Road and Jubilee Avenue intersections near the Princes Highway in Carlton.

This modelling report is in relation to the assessment of potential upgrade options to improve the existing traffic conditions at these intersections.

Council has received the draft report and is working in consultation with Transport for NSW on the final report. Additional modelling is being completed with the final report due in December.

Answer published in the business paper.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: **QNN015-25 Request - Project at the Intersection at Carrington Ave and Warwick Street Hurstville**

Author: Councillor Pun

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with no Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

QNN010-25 Project at Intersection Carrington Avenue and Warwick Street

Request for a copy of designs and correspondence for this project.

OFFICER RESPONSE

Council officers presented the proposed traffic management solution at the intersection of Carrington Avenue and Warwick Street, Hurstville, at a workshop to Councillors on 20 October 2025.

This workshop covered the history of the site and the investigations that have been undertaken to date.

After community feedback and accident data, Council started designs for a roundabout. After the community was consulted about the designs in 2023/24, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) did not approve a roundabout due to site constraints and non-compliance with Australian standards.

The proposed design has been developed in consultation with TfNSW and includes raised thresholds, median island stop treatment, pedestrian fencing, line marking and signage.

The community will be notified of the proposed designs and following Council approval, budget is allocated within the 2025/26 Financial Year to execute the work.

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.

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.

OPEN COUNCIL

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS