

## **AGENDA**

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### **Community and Culture Committee**

**Monday, 09 February 2026**

**Committee Meetings commence at 6.00pm and run consecutively**

**Dragon Room**

**Georges River Civic Centre**

**Hurstville**



## **OATH OF OFFICE OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE**

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office made at the time of their swearing into the role of Councillor.

All Councillors are to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Georges River Council area and are to act faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgement.

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflict of interest (perceived or otherwise) in a matter being considered by Council or at any meeting of Council.

**COMMUNITY AND CULTURE COMMITTEE 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.

**APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Item:** **COM001-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 10 November 2025**

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

**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager

**Matter Type:** Previous Minutes

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 10 November 2025, be confirmed.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 10 November 2025

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## MINUTES

### Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 10 November 2025

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



## PRESENT

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Mort (Chairperson), Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, and Councillor Wang.

### COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services – Justin Yeomans, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Coordinator Communications and Engagement – Catherine James, Acting Coordinator Community Capacity Building – Ben Taylor, Community Capacity Building Officer – Child Protection and Youth Services Portfolio – Brad Crain, Community Property Officer – Kaila Bergin, Manager Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Team Leader Technology Business Support – Mark Tadros, and Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture – Franzi Mintus (Minutes).

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

### ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

**MOTION:** Councillor Allison

That as the Community and Culture Committee Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry, is an apology for tonight's meeting, a vote be taken of the Councillors present, appointed to the Community and Culture Committee, to elect a Chairperson for this meeting.

That Councillor Mort assume the position of Chairperson for the Community and Culture Committee Meeting of 10 November 2025.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

### OPENING

The Acting Chairperson, Councillor Mort, opened the meeting at 6.01pm.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acting 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. 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:** Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu

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

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, 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**

**MOTION:** Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Liu

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

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

### **NOTICE OF WEBCASTING**

The Acting 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**

**Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest** – **Councillor Allison** disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **COM049-25 Place Naming Proposal for Boardwalk at Oatley Bay - Results of Community Consultation** for the reason that he is a member of the Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society (OFF) and a friend of Sharyn Cullis. Councillor Allison will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

**Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest** – **Councillor Allison** disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **COM050-25 Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 1** for the reason that he is a member of the Southern Sydney Folk Club. Councillor Allison will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no registered speakers.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**COM046-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2025**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2025, be confirmed.

### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

CARRIED.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COM047-25 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025**  
(Report by Coordinator Community Property and Venues)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Allison, Councillor Liu

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

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

**COM048-25 Interactions with Children and Young People Policy for Public Exhibition**  
(Report by Child Protection and Youth Services Officer)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Allison, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council endorse the Draft Interactions with Children and Young People Policy allowing the draft policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 60 days for comment/feedback.
- (b) That Council receive a further report after the exhibition period outlining the comment/feedback received before the policy is adopted by Council.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

**COM049-25 Place Naming Proposal for Boardwalk at Oatley Bay - Results of Community Consultation**  
(Report by Coordinator Library Operations)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council acknowledge the results of the community consultation for the proposed name 'Sharyn Cullis Boardwalk'.
- (b) That Council approve the name 'Sharyn Cullis Boardwalk' for the boardwalk which will be constructed in Morshead Drive Reserve, along the coast of Oatley Bay, between the east and the west sections of Morshead Drive in Hurstville Grove.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

CARRIED.

**COM050-25 Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 1**  
(Report by Grants and Project Officer)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison

That the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 1, as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report, be adopted.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

**COM051-25 Public Exhibition of the Community Engagement Strategy 2025-2035**  
(Report by Community Engagement Lead)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Allison, Councillor Wang

- (a) That Council note the review and findings of the Community Engagement Strategy 2023-2033 in this report.
- (b) That Council endorse the draft Community Engagement Strategy 2025-2035 to proceed to public exhibition for a period of 60 days inviting public comment.
- (c) That Council receive a further report following public exhibition outlining community comment/feedback.
- (d) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative changes to the Strategy, if required.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

**COM052-25 Hurstville Library Temporary Closure**  
(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Wang

That Council receive and note the planned delivery of alternative library services and community engagement initiatives during the temporary closure of Hurstville Library from 1 December 2025 to 14 February 2026, ensuring continued access to priority services for community members throughout the upgrade period.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

CARRIED.

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 6.20pm.

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Chairperson

**UNCONFIRMED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Item:** **COM002-26** **Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025**

**Author:** Coordinator Community Property and Venues

**Directorate:** Community and Culture

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report details lease and licence agreements executed within Georges River Council's Community Property portfolio for the period 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025.
2. No new lease or licence agreements were executed by Council during the reporting period.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Council manages a portfolio of 65 community properties under a community lease or community licence, divided into 72 separate tenancies.
4. There are 36 community facilities in the community property portfolio, which are divided into 36 separate tenancies (Table 1 - 6 in the attached Community Property Register – 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025).
5. There are 29 community/sporting amenity buildings in the community property portfolio which are divided into 36 separate licensable areas. One licensable area is shared seasonally between two different tenants (Table 7 in the attached Community Property Register – 1 October to 31 December 2025).
6. During the period 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025, there were no lease or licence agreements executed by Council and no Expressions of Interest (EOI) processes were undertaken.
7. During the reporting period, three (3) community facilities were advertised for a 28-day public notification period in accordance with Council's Community Lease and Licence Policy:
  - (a) 25 Cook Street, Mortdale
  - (b) 49 English Street, Kogarah
  - (c) 643A King Georges Road, Penshurst

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. Council's Community Property portfolio is forecast to generate a total gross income of \$1,526,750 (excluding GST) for 2025/26 financial year.
9. After the application of rental subsidies, net annual income is forecast at \$175,467, with \$130,314 received (after subsidy) by the end of the reporting period.

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10. Total annual rental subsidy of \$1,351,283 (excluding GST) is applied across Council's Community Property portfolio based on current market rental rates. Subsidies are determined in accordance with Council's Community Lease and Licence Policy.

## RISK IMPLICATIONS

11. *Strategic Risk 6: Reputation.* A negative reputational impact on Council could result in Council's failure to enact the leases and licences in accordance with Council's Community Lease and Licence Policy.
12. *Strategic Risk 7: Ineffective governance.* This risk is considered and addressed by using the Community Lease and Licence Policy to mitigate compliance risk in assessing and awarding leases/licences for Council owned/council operated land and properties.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

13. Engagement was undertaken in the development of the Georges River Council Community Lease and Licence Policy (2024) which was adopted by Council on 22 July 2024 (CCL046-24).

## FILE REFERENCE

D26/5027

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Community Property Register 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025

Attachment 1 Community Property Report - Community Properties Listing

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**1 October 2025 – 31 December 2025**

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**Table 1 - Scouts and Girl Guides**

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Oatley Girl Guides Hall 61 Neville Street, Oatley	Girl Guides Association NSW	\$20	\$24,980	30/06/2009
2	Prairievale Reserve Girl Guides Hall and Vacant Hall (Former The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch 61 Terry Street, Blakehurst	Vacant	\$0	\$0	N/A
3	Beverly Hills Scout Hall 30 Kooemba Road, Beverly Hills	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$115	\$14,885	30/11/2003
4	Glen Road Scout Hall 2A Glen Road, Oatley	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$115	\$17,435	18/08/2002
5	Kingsway Scout Hall 74 Barnards Avenue, Hurstville	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$1	\$25,999	31/12/2021
6	Kyle Bay Sea Scouts Hall 161 Kyle Parade, Connells Point	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$20	\$26,230	24/10/1996
7	Lugarno Scout Hall 18a Lime Kiln Road, Lugarno	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$1	\$7,999	31/12/2021
8	Oatley West Scout Hall 117D Woronora Parade, Oatley	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$1	\$11,199	31/12/2021
9	Oatley Sea Scouts Hall 16 Annette Street, Oatley	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$20	\$14,830	9/01/2000
10	Peakhurst Park Hall 7a Hedley Street, Riverwood	Vacant	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$293</b>	<b>\$143,557</b>	

**Table 2 - Community Centres**

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Mortdale Community Centre 2B-2C Boundary Road, Mortdale	Jubilee Community Services	\$0	\$106,088	30/06/2036
2	Kingsgrove Community Centre 30 Morgan Street, Kingsgrove	Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre Inc.	\$0	\$49,522	30/06/2025
3	49 English Street, Kogarah	Kogarah Community Services	\$9,643	\$28,929	17/08/2025
4	Riverwood Community Centre 31 Thurlow Street, Riverwood	Riverwood Community Centre Ltd.	\$1,393	\$26,459	31/12/2028
5	Pole Depot, Part 23 and 25, St Georges Road, Penshurst	3Bridges Community Ltd.	\$1	\$104,999	4/09/2037
6	Norm and Beryl Butters Senior Citizens Centre 161 Hurstville Road, Oatley	3Bridges Community Ltd.	\$5,200	\$11,600	30/06/2021
7	Allawaw Aboriginal Corporation 65/23-27 MacMahon Street, Hurstville	Allawaw Aboriginal Corporation	\$2,242	\$7,508	9/02/2030

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8	The Family Co Shop 9, 3 Cross Street, Hurstville	Sutherland Shire Family Services trading as The Family Co	\$3,234	\$11,466	9/05/2030
	<b>Total:</b>		\$21,713	\$346,571	

Table 3 - Baby Health Centres

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Kingsgrove Baby Health Centre 30 Morgan Street, Kingsgrove	NSW Dept of Health	\$0	\$5,000	N/A
2	Oatley Baby Health Centre 26 Letitia Street, Oatley	NSW Dept of Health	\$0	\$45,000	N/A
3	Riverwood Baby Health Centre Cnr Keppel Avenue and Short Street, Riverwood	NSW Dept of Health	\$0	\$16,500	N/A
4	South Hurstville Baby Health Centre 1a Allen Street, South Hurstville	NSW Dept of Health	\$0	\$28,000	N/A
	<b>Total:</b>		\$0	\$94,500	

Table 4 - Community Sports

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	163 Kyle Parade, Connells Point	Connells Point Sailing Club	\$598	\$40,845	29/04/2027
2	12 Merriman Street, Kyle Bay	Blakehurst Bowling Club Inc	\$620	\$5,146	18/09/2026
3	Hurstville Oval 30 Dora Street, Hurstville	St George Cricket Club Inc.	\$3,548	\$8,685	30/04/2029
4	Olds Park Sports Club 1 Olds Park Lane, Beverly Hills	Olds Park Sport Club	\$46,598	\$46,598	28/03/2028
	<b>Total:</b>		\$51,364	\$101,274	

Table 5 - Community Gardens

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Hurstville Community Gardens 63 Wright Street, Hurstville	Hurstville Community Gardens Association	\$1	\$0	31/03/2011
	<b>Total:</b>		\$1	\$0	

Table 6 - Miscellaneous

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Penshurst Park Youth Facility 643-643A King Georges Road, Penshurst	3Bridges Community Inc.	\$59,736	\$238,946	31/12/2026
2	25 Cook Street, Mortdale	Mortdale Men's Shed Inc.	\$483	\$35,917	31/10/2022
3	Carss Cottage 80 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park	Kogarah Historical Society	\$550	\$26,302	12/12/2026
4	76 Carwar Avenue, Carss Park	St George Men's Shed Inc.	\$341	\$16,542	01/05/2026
5	5 Bryant Street, Narwee	Narwee Pre-School Kindergarten Inc	\$16,461	\$133,683	17/08/2033

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6	Level 1, 84 Railway Parade, Kogarah	Radio 2NBC	\$6,258	\$18,775	31/07/2027
7	Pole Depot Part 23, St Georges Road, Penshurst	St George Creative Arts Society	\$1,714	\$40,707	31/12/2026
8	Crisis Accommodation Undisclosed location	Kingsway Community Care Inc.	\$0	\$45,455	22/12/2029
9	16 Gray Street, Kogarah	The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust	\$1,000	\$39,000	10/12/2089
10	Kogarah School of Arts 10 Bowns Road, Kogarah	St George Concert Band	\$0	\$0	N/A
11	27 Railway Lands, Kogarah (Opposite 134 Railway Parade, Kogarah)	Project Youth	\$2,600	\$15,600	9/05/2026
12	1a Allen Street, South Hurstville	Vacant	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$89,636</b>	<b>\$610,927</b>	

**COMMUNITY/SPORTING AMENITY BUILDINGS**

Table 7 - Sport Amenities

No.	Address	Lessee / Licencee / Occupant	Annual Rent (excl. GST)	Annual Subsidy	Contract Expiry Date
1	Lower Gannon's Park Storeroom	Hurstville All Breed Dog Training Club Inc.	\$832	\$2,495	30/09/2027
2	Poulton Park Netball Storeroom 9 Morshead Drive, Connells Point	Connells Point Netball Club	\$1,405	\$5,286	10/12/2029
3	Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 5a Hedley Street, Riverwood	Vacant	\$0	\$0	N/A
4	Beverly Hills Park Rugby League Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 199 Vanessa Street, Beverly Hills	Head Licence St George Junior Rugby League Inc. Sub Licence Kingsgrove Colts	\$0	\$0	N/A
5	Renown Reserve Rugby League Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 28 Mountbatten Street, Oatley	Head Licence St George Junior Rugby League Inc. Sub Licence Renown United Football Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
6	Riverwood Park Rugby League Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 79 Coleridge Street, Riverwood	Head Licence St George Junior Rugby League Inc. Sub Licence Riverwood Legion Junior Rugby League Football Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
7	Todd Park Rugby League Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 342 Princes Highway, Blakehurst	Head Licence St George Junior Rugby League Inc. Sub Licence Kogarah Cougars	\$0	\$0	N/A
8	HV Evatt Park Shared Amenities Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 1116 Forest Road, Lugarno	Seasonal Head Licence St George Junior Rugby League Inc. Sub Licence Penshurst RSL Kookaburras	\$0	\$0	N/A
9	HV Evatt Park Shared Amenities Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 1116 Forest Road, Lugarno	Georges River Rugby Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
10	HV Evatt Park Shared Amenities Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 1116 Forest Road, Lugarno	Seasonal Licence St George Junior Baseball Club	\$0	\$0	N/A

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11	Riverwood Park Rugby Union Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 79 Coleridge Street, Riverwood	Oatley Rugby Union Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
12	Harold Fraser Oval Cricket Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 276 Princes Highway, Kogarah Bay	Seasonal Head Licence St George District Cricket Club Inc. Seasonal Sub Licence St George Sutherland Women's Cricket Club	\$555	\$2,299	31/05/2025
13	Olds Park Cricket Storeroom Olds Park, 630 Forest Road, Penshurst	Head Licence St George Australian Football Club Incorporated (AFL) Sub Licence Penshurst West Youth Cricket Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
14	Olds Park AFL Clubhouse, Canteen and Amenities Building Olds Park, 630 Forest Road, Penshurst	Head Licence St George Australian Football Club Incorporated (AFL) Seasonal Sub Licence St George District Cricket Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
15	Olds Park AFL Storeroom Olds Park, 630 Forest Road, Penshurst	Head Licence St George Australian Football Club Incorporated (AFL) Sub Licence Penshurst RSL Panthers Junior AFL	\$0	\$0	N/A
16	Olds Park Little Athletics Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom Amenities Building Olds Park, 630 Forest Road, Penshurst	Head Licence St George Little Athletics Seasonal Sub Licence to Football St George	\$0	\$0	N/A
17	Olds Park Soccer Storeroom Olds Park, 630 Forest Road, Penshurst	Head Licence St George Little Athletics Sub Licence Football St George Sub Licence Penshurst West Football Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
18	Olds Park Soccer Changeroom and Storeroom Olds Park, 630 Forest Road Penshurst	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Penshurst West Football Club	\$555	\$1,705	31/05/2025
19	Charles Pirie Reserve Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 15r Parkside Drive, Kogarah Bay	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Carss Park Football Club	\$555	\$3,618	31/05/2025
20	Claydon Reserve Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 49 Ramsgate Road, Sans Souci	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Sans Souci Football Club	\$649	\$2,481	31/05/2025
21	Gannons Park Reserve Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 11p Kara Lane, Peakhurst	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Forest Rangers Football Club	\$555	\$3,618	31/05/2025
22	Gannons Park Reserve Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 11p Kara Lane, Peakhurst	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Lugarno Football Club	\$555	\$2,459	31/05/2025
23	Harold Fraser Oval Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 276 Princess Highway, Kogarah Bay	Seasonal Head Licence Football St George Seasonal Sub Licence Carlton Rovers Football Club	\$555	\$2,584	31/05/2025
24	Oatley Park Oval Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 1 Dame Mary Gilmore Drive, Oatley	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Oatley West All Saints Football Club	\$533	\$1,677	31/05/2025

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25	Peakhurst Park Soccer Canteen and Storeroom 5a Hedley Street, Riverwood	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Peakhurst United Football Club	\$555	\$3,589	31/05/2025
26	Peakhurst Park Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom Synthetic 5a Hedley Street, Riverwood	Football St George	\$555	\$3,015	31/05/2025
27	Poulton Park Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 9 Morshead Drive, Connells Point	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Connells Point Rovers Football Club	\$533	\$3,640	31/05/2025
28	Renown Reserve Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 28 Mountbatten Street, Oatley	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Oatley Football Club	\$594	\$2,525	31/05/2025
29	Beverly Hills Park Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 199 Vanessa Street, Beverly Hills	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Hurstville Minotaurs Football Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
30	Cars Park Flats Soccer Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 74 Carwar Avenue, Cars Park	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Hurstville Zagreb Football Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
31	Gifford Park Soccer Temporary Amenities	Football St George Sub Licence Hurstville Glory FC for Summer 2023/24 sporting season	\$555	\$5,380	31/05/2025
32	Riverwood Park Storeroom 79 Coleridge Street, Riverwood	Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club	\$1,750	\$5,250	31/05/2025
33	Olds Park Netball Storeroom Olds Park, 630 Forest Road, Penshurst	Vacant	\$0	\$0	N/A
34	Gannons Park Reserve Canteen and Storeroom 11p Kara Lane, Peakhurst	Vacant	\$0	\$0	N/A
35	The Green Football Canteen, Changerooms and Storeroom 2 Merriman St, Kyle Bay	Head Licence Football St George Sub Licence Oatley Football Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
36	Penshurst Park Sport storeroom 643 King Georges Road	St George City Football Club	1,167	2,833	N/A
37	Oatley Park Bath Pavilion Storeroom 1 Dame Mary Gilmore Dr	Oatley Amateur Swimming Club	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$12,460</b>	<b>\$54,454</b>	

**Note:** Annual Subsidy based on available Market Valuation

**Item:** **COM003-26 T25/011 Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre - Management Agreement**

**Author:** Head of Procurement and Contracts and Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events

**Directorate:** Business and Corporate Services

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

COM003-26

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (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 T25/011 Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre - Management Agreement, and resolve to enter into negotiations with the parties that submitted a Tender to Council 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 there was no conclusive outcome of the tender process. By resolving to enter into negotiations with the parties that submitted a Tender to Council it is anticipated that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved on demonstrated capacity and ability to provide services under an operational management agreement with a competitive commercial income paid to Council.
- (c) That Council authorise the General Manager to undertake negotiations and any other documentation required to give effect to the resolution.
- (d) That a further report be provided to Council detailing the outcome of the negotiation process and a recommendation to award or future options.
- (e) That Council notify all Tenderers that Council declined to accept any of the Tenders.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the results of the procurement process completed in accordance with Part 3, Division 1, Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 for T25/011 Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre - Management Agreement.
2. This report provides the background information for Council to enter into a contract with the entity recommended as the Principal Contractor. The report details the Request for Tender process undertaken with the confidential matters outlined in the confidential attachments.

**BACKGROUND**

3. The Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre is a key Council-operated asset consisting of multiple hard courts, a clubhouse, change facilities, parking, and amenities. Council is nearing the end of its current agreement and commenced a market process to appoint a new operator with an aim to enhance service quality and operational efficiency. The facility includes:

- Eight (8) Floodlit courts comprising synthetic grass (6) and hardcourt (2)
- Club House with Kitchen
- Barbeque
- Change rooms, showers and public amenities facilities
- Shelter sheds
- Children's playground
- Outdoor Car Park.

4. As the current agreement is due to expire, it was determined that a Request for Tender (RFT) process would be undertaken to engage a suitably qualified organisation to operate and manage the Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre to achieve the following:

- Provide high-quality, inclusive and affordable tennis services for the local community
- Increase public participation in sport and recreation
- Ensure proper care, use, and enhancement of the Centre's infrastructure
- Operate the centre in a financially sustainable manner with appropriate fee structures.

5. It was determined that a Request for Tender (RFT) process would be undertaken to engage an experienced and capable operator to manage the day-to-day operation and development of the Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre.

6. The appointed operator will be responsible for managing court bookings, programming, maintenance coordination, customer service, stakeholder engagement, and delivering coaching and programs that meet community needs.

7. Accordingly, an evaluation panel was established to develop and finalise the RFT documents and evaluation plan. The selection criteria as determined by the evaluation panel was as follows:

- Company profile, subcontracting and relevant experience
  - Previous similar management experience
  - Team composition
  - Experience of key staff
- Proposed Methodology and Operation Plan
  - Transition Plan
  - Operational Management Plan
- Financial Offer and Management Fee
- Local Economic Development
- WHS

- Modern Slavery
- Quality Assurance

8. The RFT was advertised via the VendorPanel e-Tendering platform on Tuesday 9 September 2025 and closed on Tuesday 30 September 2025 at 2.00pm. There were two (2) submissions received with no late submissions.

9. Submissions were received from the following organisations:

- Evolution Sports Pty Ltd
- Voyager Tennis Pty Ltd.

10. The Evaluation Panel commenced evaluation of the submissions and the Panel's recommendation to decline all tenders and enter into negotiations is detailed in the confidential attachment.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. As detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

12. Strategic Risk 3 – Assets and Infrastructure identified. The risk that Council's infrastructure may not meet the evolving needs or expectations of the community, particularly in terms of quality, capacity, and resilience. This includes failure to develop and maintain infrastructure that can withstand the impacts of climate change and severe weather events, potentially compromising the ability to provide high-quality services.

## **FILE REFERENCE**

D25/361404

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 Confidential Attachment 1 - T25/011 Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre - Management Agreement - *published in separate document* (Confidential)

Attachment 2 Confidential Attachment 2 - T25/011 Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre - Management Agreement - *published in separate document* (Confidential)

COM003-26

**Item: CCL135-25 DEFERRED FROM THE 8 DECEMBER 2025 COUNCIL MEETING - Closed Circuit Television in Georges River**

**Author:** Coordinator Community Capacity Building

**Directorate:** Community and Culture

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- (a) Receive and note the suite of community safety initiatives, including the Community Safety Education Program, environmental design and Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV), that are ongoing and responsive to evolving community needs, enhancing actual and perceived sense of safety in the community.
- (b) Maintain, but not increase, the existing provision of CCTV in Mortdale, Narwee, Penshurst and Oatley Park, based on local crime data and consultation with St George Police Area Command (PAC), and in response to NM095-22 and NM021-24.
- (c) Endorse the CCTV Assessment Tool (Attachment 2) for the evaluation of future requests for CCTV in public spaces.
- (d) Note that if funding became available for additional CCTV, Hurstville and Kogarah City Centres should be prioritised based on the CCTV Assessment Tool.
- (e) Note that new and upgraded CCTV infrastructure requires funding sought through operational budget bids or grant applications, covering initial asset purchase and installation costs, ongoing maintenance costs, and replacement or upgrade of CCTV assets at end of life.
- (f) Endorse the Draft Closed Circuit Television Operations Policy (draft Policy) to go on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days.
- (g) Note that a future report will come to Council with the outcome of the community consultation regarding the draft Policy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. Council resolutions NM095-22 and NM021-24, QWN034-25 and community interest initiated an investigation into additional CCTV cameras to prevent and detect illegal activities occurring in shopping areas, residential areas, open spaces and Council-owned assets, to enhance community safety in the Local Government Area (LGA).
2. Council's approach to community safety encompasses:
  - (a) Implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) measures that create safe, crime-deterrent public spaces. CCTV is one component of CPTED primarily utilised to enhance monitoring, reporting and prosecution of property damage and vehicle crimes.
  - (b) Implementation of Council's Community Safety Education Program (CSEP), which provides education and statistics on key crime areas, primary prevention recommendations, and awareness-raising activities.
  - (c) Partnerships with key stakeholders, including NSW Police, further support the effective response to and investigation of crime in the area.

3. Local crime data and feedback from St George Police Area Command indicate that Hurstville and Kogarah City Centres should be the top priority for additional CCTV, due to higher crime rates, population density, night-time activity, and frequent incidents. Expansion of CCTV beyond could only be considered with the support of extensive resources and investment.
4. Council has developed a CCTV Assessment Tool (Attachment 2) for the evaluation of future requests for CCTV in public spaces. The tool prioritises requests based on several factors, including local crime data, consultation with key stakeholders, existing coverage and the feasibility of installation.
5. Council officers have reviewed the Closed Circuit Television Operations Policy and updated it in line with current NSW legislation, regulation, policy and guidelines including the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act and Regulation and the NSW Government Policy Statement and Guidelines for the Establishment and Implementation of Closed-Circuit Television in Public. If endorsed, the draft Policy will go on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days. A further report to Council will communicate the feedback gathered, and recommend endorsement.

## **BACKGROUND**

6. On 5 December 2022, Council resolved (NM095-22) to investigate the feasibility and suitability for CCTV cameras to be installed in Mortdale, Narwee and Penshurst shopping areas.
7. On 25 March 2024, Council resolved (NM021-24) to report on the cost and feasibility of implementing additional security measures at the entrances to, and within, Oatley Park, including the installation of CCTV cameras to prevent and detect illegal activities occurring in the precinct, considering the likely impact of those activities on the safety of Council assets and the community, in consultation with St George PAC.
8. On 22 September 2025, a Question with Notice (QWN034-25) was submitted enquiring:
  - What governance, monitoring or enforcement measures are currently in place or planned to ensure the protection and respectful use of war memorials in our LGA?
  - Additionally, are there any strategies being considered to increase public awareness and deter such behaviours in the future?
9. Council also receives correspondence directly from the community and through local Members of Parliament (MPs) requesting CCTV installation to address instances of illegal dumping, vandalism, car accidents, and other anti-social behaviour.
10. Considering the intersections of NM095-22, NM021-24, QWN034-25 and community interest, this report addresses the greater role of CCTV in Georges River.

## **Strategic Context**

11. Council demonstrates its commitment to fostering a safe and socially cohesive community through the Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 and the Social Justice Charter 2022-2026.
12. This report aligns with the Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 priority of providing stability and security for all members of Georges River. This report is consistent with the following pillars:
  - 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.*
- Pillar 4 – Our Built Environment
  - *Prioritise investment in infrastructure.*

13. This report also aligns with the Georges River Council Social Justice Charter 2022-2026:

- Focus 2 – Safe Places and Spaces. Objective 1: People in Georges River feel safe, accepted and included.
  - *Action 1: Provide opportunities for community-consultative placemaking to shape inclusive, safe and accessible physical and online spaces.*
  - *Action 3: Amplify resources and provide training to increase physical and online safety.*

### **CPTED Measures in Georges River LGA**

14. Throughout the Georges River LGA, crime impacts shopping areas, residential neighbourhoods, open spaces, and Council-owned assets. Beyond the direct impact of crime, these incidents can have a negative impact on the community's actual and perceived sense of safety, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.
15. CPTED is a proactive approach to designing spaces utilising visibility, bright lighting, secure fencing, anti-graffiti coatings, and tamper-proof materials to deter crime. CCTV is one element of CPTED, primarily utilised to enhance monitoring, reporting and prosecution of property damage and vehicle crimes. Its effectiveness relies on active monitoring, timely response to incidents, including prompt removal or repair of vandalism to prevent recurrence, and integration with broader community safety strategies. The Australian Institute of Criminology identifies that a multi-pronged approach, combining CPTED and community education, is most effective in preventing crime and anti-social behaviour.
16. To maximise the effectiveness of CCTV, camera placement considerations should prioritise high-activity and high-risk locations, in consultation with the St George PAC. Cameras are predominantly installed where higher levels of crime and anti-social behaviour have been reported, and are most useful for deterring property damage, theft, and other opportunistic crimes in high-risk public areas.
17. CCTV can provide an increased sense of safety to community members if proactively monitored and if alerts are sent to emergency responders.

### ***Regulation of CCTV***

18. Relevant legislation and policy frameworks outlining the use of CCTV are:
  - *Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998* - Establishes Information Protection Principles for NSW public sector agencies regarding personal information.
  - *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* - Governs public access to government information in NSW and outlines the process for accessing this information.
  - *Surveillance Devices Act 2007* - Regulates the installation, use, maintenance, retrieval, compliance and monitoring of surveillance devices in NSW.
  - *Workplace Surveillance Act 2005* - Regulates surveillance (camera, computer, tracking) by employers in NSW workplaces.
  - *Local Government Act 1993* - Governs the functions and powers of local councils in NSW, including their use of CCTV.

- *NSW Government Policy Statement and Guidelines for the Establishment and Implementation of CCTV in Public Places 1994* - A policy framework to assist councils and organisations considering CCTV for community safety.

19. However, there is currently no regulating body or legislation to protect against artificial intelligence (AI) misuse in CCTV. According to Australian Cyber Security Centre, AI can use sensitive personal data for system training, resulting in users outside the organisation potentially accessing sensitive personal information.

20. Councils in NSW utilise AI in CCTV systems for parking infringements by using number plate recognition, traffic studies, and people counting. Ultimate Security, Council's external security management contractor, emphasises AI use in CCTV systems is prohibited to store facial recognition and other personal data.

21. Existing Australian laws about intellectual property and privacy apply to AI use and storage. Council's Privacy Management Plan outlines Council will only collect personal information for lawful purpose and will store and dispose of records appropriately.

22. Georges River Council CCTV cameras do not currently utilise AI; however they do have the capability to be upgraded to identify specific crime such as illegal dumping. This can be done through a change in the software and requires additional labour expenses and potential upgrades to hardware to leverage these features. A trial needs to be conducted to assess effectiveness and financial impact.

23. AI misuse poses a risk to Council's reputation, and liability claims if community members' personal data is misused.

#### *CCTV Lifespan and System Performance*

24. Cost of CCTV installations vary from \$8,000 - \$16,000 depending on:

- The condition of existing infrastructure at the time of the installation.
- The complexity of the installation and labour required.
- The view covered by the CCTV – 180 degrees or 360 degrees.
- The requirement for CCTV storage and communication links (if located in a public area).

25. At end of life, CCTV assets must be replaced, which requires additional funding.

26. As presented in Table 1, Council initiated Planned Proactive Maintenance (PPM) Works with an external contractor to proactively maintain external and internal CCTV assets, resulting in extension of the lifespan and performance of systems, as well as reduce maintenance costs.

*Table 1. CCTV PPM Works costs.*

<b>Scheduled Annual Maintenance</b>	<b>External CCTV Cameras – completed biannually</b>	<b>Internal CCTV Cameras – completed annually</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Total Price Inc GST</b>	<b>Total Price Inc GST</b>	
2023	\$25,344.00	\$5,632.00	\$30,976.00
2024	\$26,104.32	\$5,800.96	\$31,905.28
2025	\$26,887.44	\$5,974.84	\$32,862.28

28. Some of the latest CCTV cameras installed in Georges River LGA feature a 360 degree view, replacing multiple cameras previously needed to capture intended vantage points. New models of CCTV can produce enhanced quality of recordings, require lower data to operate, and reduce number of repairs required.
29. However, installing newer models of CCTV can create a disparity in Council CCTV assets, and output quality. Older models of CCTV assets can become outdated and less reliable, requiring further technical repairs and therefore increasing ongoing maintenance costs.

### **Community Safety Measures in Georges River LGA**

30. Georges River Council recognises that a combination of strategies, including CPTED measures and collaborative measures, is required to address community safety concerns. While CPTED measures work to create spaces in the community that deter crime, collaborative measures work with community members to enhance both actual and perceived safety.
31. Established by Council in December 2023 (CCL112-23), the CSEP is integral to improving community members' actual and perceived safety. The CSEP provides education and statistics on key crime areas, primary prevention recommendations, awareness raising activities, and aims to ensure Georges River feels safe in addition to being safe.
32. Perceptions of crime shape the sense of security, safety, and wellbeing of an area, and are not always linked to the actual rate of crime. The misconception of an area having a higher level of criminal activity may impact people's activity, movements, and participation in community life.
33. The CSEP focuses on five targeted areas based on BOCSAR crime statistics, consultation from Police and community. The five target areas have been consistent since 2023 and are outlined in Table 2.

*Table 2. CSEP five target areas*

<b>Targeted Area</b>	<b>Program Initiatives</b>	<b>Partners</b>
Domestic and family violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DV Walk, DV Vigil, creation and promotion of resources, 16 Days of Activism campaign, advocacy, training and events, as well as other awareness raising activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St George Domestic Violence Committee – Council holds co-chair position.</li> </ul>
Fraud and online safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Phishing in Georges River Cyber Security project promoting and upskilling community in cyber safety through workshops, information sessions, and resource promotion.</li> <li>• Scams Awareness Week, information sessions, promotion of resources including in community languages.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Home Affairs (No Phishing Grant)</li> <li>• St George PAC</li> <li>• ESafety Commissioner</li> <li>• Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</li> </ul>
Steal from a retail store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration with key stakeholders in supporting disengaged young people.</li> <li>• Information provided to local businesses on theft protection.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St George PAC</li> <li>• Westfield Hurstville</li> <li>• St George Chamber of Commerce</li> </ul>
Malicious damage to property (including graffiti)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graffiti kits for local businesses</li> <li>• Prevention information to local businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St George PAC</li> <li>• St George Chamber of Commerce</li> </ul>

Community Engagement / Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gambling harm reduction campaigns and advocacy</li> <li>• Log It/Fix It education campaign</li> <li>• Health and Safety website review</li> <li>• Community information on crimes of opportunity and how to prevent them</li> <li>• Community Safety Forum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GambleAware NSW</li> <li>• St George PAC</li> <li>• Council's Advisory Committees and Reference Groups</li> </ul>
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34. Table 3 provides an overview of a suite of measures delivered by Council to support safety in Georges River LGA.

*Table 3. A suite of measures delivered by Council to support safety in Georges River LGA.*

Approach	Purpose	Current Initiatives
<b>Environmental Design</b>		
Alarm System and Security Shutters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security infrastructure installed at key Council facilities to protect assets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Example: security shutters and/or alarms at identified Council facilities.</li> </ul>
CCTV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assists in the identification of offenders.</li> <li>• Used to provide evidence to authorities after an incident.</li> <li>• Used as a crime deterrent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installed in high-risk areas, including city centres, parks, sporting fields, Council assets, and residential spaces across the LGA.</li> </ul>
Graffiti Management and Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Graffiti and Posters Policy 2025</i> formalises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Council's response to graffiti.</li> <li>b. Collaboration with NSW Police to track and prosecute offenders.</li> <li>c. Encourages community-led prevention.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Used as a crime deterrent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid graffiti removal within 24–48 hours, preventing repeat vandalism and restoring property appearance.</li> </ul>
Kerbside Clean-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves amenity and public health.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biannual service reduces illegal dumping.</li> </ul>
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrades increase visibility, passive surveillance, and pedestrian safety and activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent and planned works include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Olds Park skatepark lighting upgrade completed 2024.</li> <li>b. Olds Park footpath lighting upgrade due 2026.</li> <li>c. Consultation on Hogben Park lighting late 2025.</li> <li>d. Eight new streetlights planned FY25/26.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repairs to damaged assets and infrastructure.</li> <li>• Reduces hazards and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing repair and upkeep of parks and playgrounds.</li> <li>• Cleaning of city centres and key public</li> </ul>

	maintains safety.	infrastructure.
Public Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotes activation and enhances perceptions of safety.</li> <li>Reduces vandalism and antisocial behaviour.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examples:</li> <li>Ormonde Parade light installation, Hurstville.</li> <li>Claydon Reserve Bus Shelter, Sans Souci and Tom Ugly's Point Reserve, Blakehurst colourful art installations funded through NSW Government's Graffiti Management Grant (Western Sydney) program.</li> </ul>
Roads and Footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued support for physical safety of pedestrians and road-users.</li> <li>Repairs prioritised that reduce injury risk and improve accessibility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular surveys to identify and address safety hazards.</li> <li>Monitored closely with \$500,000 annual footpath renewal program.</li> </ul>

### **Collaborative Measures**

Community Safety Education Program (CSEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivers campaigns and events to promote awareness, improve community safety, and prevent violence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Example: Say No to Domestic Violence Walk, 16 Days of Activism Campaign, Safer Internet Day, Cyber Security Project No Phishing in Georges River, Wesley Mission's Put Pokies in Their Place Campaign.</li> </ul>
NSW Police Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides local crime data, statistics, and information on emerging issues in the Georges River community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration with St George PAC through their membership on Councils Multicultural Advisory Committee, involvement in St George Domestic Violence Committee (SGDVC), and through consultation on emerging issues as needed.</li> <li>Attendance at Precinct Meetings.</li> <li>Joint response to community safety concerns and emerging issues.</li> <li>Community Safety Forum.</li> </ul>
Youth Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aims to reduce youth crime and increase participation in positive activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnerships with community organisations and advisory committees to support disengaged young people.</li> </ul>

### **Data on Crime in Georges River**

35. Crime data received from St George PAC between 1 January 2023 and 20 October 2025, and BOCSAR data indicated the following:
  - (a) Only one reported case of criminal behaviour in Oatley Park.
  - (b) No reported crimes recorded at Hurstville War Memorial, Kogarah War Memorial and Penshurst War Memorial.
  - (c) Hurstville and Kogarah consistently experience the highest levels of crime, particularly theft and malicious damage to property.
36. Anecdotal feedback from St George PAC suggests that, if funding were not a constraint, Council could consider installing CCTV in any location with strong community interest or demonstrated need, including war memorials or Oatley Park. However, their recommendation indicates that where resources are limited, investment should be prioritised in the Hurstville and Kogarah City Centres. These precincts are considered the

highest priority due to their scale, population density, night-time activity and the frequency of reported incidents.

37. In line with this guidance, and to ensure that Council's assessment is comprehensive, crime data for the Hurstville and Kogarah City Centres has been incorporated into this analysis alongside the areas identified through Council resolutions.
38. BOCSAR data from July 2024 to June 2025 was analysed to provide a comparative view across the relevant locations:
  - (a) Mortdale, Narwee and Penshurst, in relation to NM095-22.
  - (b) Oatley Park, in relation to NM021-24.
  - (c) Hurstville and Kogarah City Centres, based on anecdotal feedback from St George PAC.
39. Research from the Australian Institute of Criminology identifies property damage, theft and burglary as the crime types most likely to involve Police requests for CCTV footage, with these types of incidents demonstrating higher clearance rates compared to other crimes. Accordingly, analysis focused on "theft" and "vandalism" to determine where demand for CCTV infrastructure is likely to be greatest.
40. As presented in Table 4, Hurstville and Kogarah consistently record the highest rates of theft. Between June 2024 and June 2025, theft in Hurstville increased from 825 to 930 incidents (rate per 100,000 population: 2,813.7), and in Kogarah from 302 to 311 incidents (1,758.1 per 100,000). Data has been arranged in *Table 4* and *Table 5* to represent most incidence of reported crime to least, for Year to June 2025, reflecting the suburbs identified in this report.

*Table 4. Theft in Georges River LGA*

Theft	Year to June 2024		Year to June 2025	
	Count	Rate per 100,000 population	Count	Rate per 100,000 population
Hurstville	825	2496.1	930	2813.7
Kogarah	302	1707.2	311	1758.1
Penshurst	128	995.0	132	1026.1
Mortdale	102	930.8	116	1058.6
Oatley	58	533.8	72	662.6
Narwee	70	1290.8	63	1161.7
NSW	194165	2327.5	181943	2181.0

37. As presented in Table 5, damage to property follows a similar pattern. Hurstville and Kogarah record the highest incidents, while Oatley, Narwee, Mortdale, and Penshurst remain comparatively low or stable.

*Table 5. Property Damage in Georges River LGA*

Malicious damage to	Year to June 2024	Year to June 2025
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property	Count	Rate per 100,000 population	Count	Rate per 100,000 population
Hurstville	119	360.0	160	484.1
Kogarah	67	378.7	56	316.6
Mortdale	37	337.7	48	438.0
Narwee	22	405.7	28	516.3
Penshurst	23	178.8	28	217.7
Oatley	23	211.7	25	230.1
NSW	600.8	47082	564.4	50120

38. Attachment 1 includes the data relating to theft and malicious damage to property for all suburbs in Georges River LGA.

39. Reports collated from Georges River Council Request Management System from 1 January 2023 to 20 October 2025 indicate that, of the 27,673 service requests that pertained to community safety, the top three categories reported by percentage include illegal dumping (23%), abandoned vehicles (21%), and pothole or similar damage (14%). Categories analysed included graffiti removal, park lighting, sweeping and cleansing, as well as other maintenance and community safety-related requests.

40. Crime statistics and the above Request Management System reports indicate minimal reports of vandalism and anti-social behaviour at Oatley Park, in contrast to community perception. Between 1 January 2023 to 20 October 2025, Council received 461 service requests for this area. Of these requests, 21% represented abandoned vehicles, 16% playground maintenance and 14% related to park fencing issues. Reports of graffiti accounted for only 2% of total requests, indicating that deliberate property damage or vandalism is not a significant issue in this location. These figures suggest that, despite occasional perceptions of crime, Oatley Park remains a low-risk area for anti-social behaviour, compared to other suburbs in the LGA.

41. In 2024, Council installed CCTV camera signage and CCTV cameras in Oatley Park. In addition, Council introduced nightly patrols of Oatley Park by external security contractors. These measures were implemented to proactively monitor and deter any anti-social behaviour following previous incidents of malicious damage and unauthorised entry.

42. Overall, the LGA performs strongly in terms of community safety. MicroMex most recently conducted research with a sample population in April 2023 for Georges River Council, identifying:

- (a) 96% of residents rate their quality of life as 'good' to 'excellent' in the Georges River Council area. Further, 85% of residents identified Georges River LGA as a safe place to live, up 14% compared to the Metro benchmark.
- (b) Measuring community satisfaction for graffiti control, cleanliness of city centres and public spaces, Hurstville and Kogarah City Centres were highly rated, achieving satisfaction levels of 80% or higher, for "good performance".

43. Levels of crime are varied across the Georges River LGA. Community safety interventions, such as CCTV, targeted policing, and public education campaigns, can be most effectively prioritised when reflecting crime statistics and internal reporting systems. This approach

underscores the importance of distinguishing between actual crime levels and perceived safety, as residents in lower-crime areas may still report concerns not reflected in the overall data.

## **Policy Review**

44. George's River Council's Draft Closed Circuit Television Operations Policy (draft Policy) (Attachment 3) establishes a framework for how CCTV cameras managed by Council will be operated. The draft Policy is used in conjunction with the Georges River Council Workplace Surveillance Policy (2017) to ensure correct processes and procedures are implemented.
45. This policy has been updated in line with current NSW legislation, regulation, policy and guidelines including the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act and Regulation and the NSW Government Policy Statement and Guidelines for the Establishment and Implementation of Closed-Circuit Television in Public.
46. To support 3.2 of the draft Policy, Council has developed a CCTV Assessment Tool (Attachment 2) for the evaluation of CCTV requests in public spaces.
47. Evaluation will consider a range of factors, including:
  - (a) Local crime data, including BOCSAR data and St George PAC data
  - (b) Consultation with St George PAC
  - (c) Internal service requests
  - (d) Existing CCTV coverage in the requested area
  - (e) Consultation with security contractors
  - (f) Feasibility of the proposed site
  - (g) Financial implications
  - (h) Community interest, as reflected in the CCTV Installation Request Register
48. Through a weighted scoring matrix, the CCTV Assessment Tool will categorise requests as high, medium or low priority. This process provides a structured and objective method for assessing requests, taking into account factors such as risk, evidence of need, community impact, and operational feasibility. The resulting priority level will guide decision-making by identifying which locations should be considered for investment and installation of CCTV resources.

## **Response to CCTV Requests**

49. Council will continue to manage crime incidents through the CPTED framework, which remains the most cost-effective, feasible, and appropriate approach for Georges River LGA. These measures reassure the community, address safety concerns, and implement preventative strategies tailored to both high- and low-risk locations, supporting evidence-based community safety planning.
50. In the Georges River LGA, analysis of crime and statistics demonstrates Hurstville City Centre and Kogarah City Centre experience higher rates of crime and anti-social behaviour. Strategic placement in these areas is more likely to assist police investigations, deter offending, and enhance overall public safety outcomes.
51. In response to NM095-22, data analysis indicates that while the Mortdale, Narwee, and Penshurst shopping areas experience occasional incidents of crime, the overall level and pattern of offending does not justify the installation of additional CCTV cameras. These shopping precincts are dispersed and feature multiple entry points, which would require a large number of cameras to achieve adequate coverage. The significant costs and

ongoing operational requirements for monitoring and maintenance would outweigh the likely benefits, as cameras may still not capture all relevant activity.

52. In response to NM021-24, data analysis indicates that Oatley experiences very low levels of crime, with very few incidents reported within or near Oatley Park. Installing additional CCTV cameras at the entrances to, and within, the park would be an overly targeted measure because the level of crime does not justify the significant costs associated with purchase, installation, monitoring, and ongoing maintenance of the cameras.
53. In response to QWN034-25, no reported crimes have been recorded at Hurstville War Memorial or Kogarah War Memorial. There are also no recorded incidents at Penshurst War Memorial.
54. War Memorial sites in the Georges River LGA are low-risk locations that are well-maintained, highly visible, and visited primarily during daylight hours. Hurstville War Memorial has CCTV coverage. The primary objective at these sites is to ensure respectful use and preserve their heritage value, which is more effectively achieved through ongoing governance, regular inspections, and community awareness initiatives. Given the low-risk nature of the sites and the effectiveness of existing management and enforcement measures, there is currently no justification for additional CCTV at war memorials within the Georges River LGA.
55. In relation to all future requests for CCTV installations within the LGA, the CCTV Assessment Tool will now be used to evaluate the need and suitability of each proposed site, consistent with the amendments to the draft Policy. This consistent application of the tool ensures that every request is subject to a rigorous, transparent, and equitable assessment process. By doing so, Council can prioritise resources responsibly, maintain fairness across all areas of the LGA, and support CCTV installations only where there is a demonstrated and evidence-based need.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

56. Community safety initiatives are funded through Community Capacity Building team's operational budget. Environmental design measures are funded through Assets and Infrastructure and Environment and Planning directorate budgets.
57. New and upgraded CCTV infrastructure requires funding sought through operational budget bids or grant applications, covering initial asset purchase and installation costs, ongoing maintenance costs, and replacement or upgrade of CCTV assets at end of life. A budget bid will be submitted for FY27/28 for priority installation sites as determined by the CCTV Assessment Tool.
58. Should other non-budgeted funds be required to fund evolving community safety needs, additional funds will be sought through partnerships, grant funding and operational budget bids.

## RISK IMPLICATIONS

59. *Strategic Risk 3: Assets and Infrastructure* - Without the implementation of targeted safety and prevention measures, Council assets such as park facilities remain vulnerable to ongoing vandalism and damage. This not only reduces the useability and appeal of public spaces but also imposes additional financial burdens on Council for repairs and ongoing maintenance. Proactive investment in safety initiatives is essential to protect infrastructure and ensure long-term asset sustainability. Additionally, investment in CCTV infrastructure is costly and exposure to weather conditions shortens the lifespan. Expanding Council's approach to strengthening community safety is recommended to include other measures alongside CCTV.

60. *Strategic Risk 6: Reputation* – Council risks its reputation if the community does not feel safe to participate in civic life. Council has a responsibility to ensure safe access to different parts of the community, in partnership with key stakeholders such as St George PAC. Additionally, Council's role in maintaining the appearance, visibility and access to Council owned facilities enhances community safety.
61. *Strategic Risk 8: Social Cohesion* - Council faces social cohesion risks by not advocating for and supporting vulnerable and marginalised groups within the community. Installation of additional CCTV can hinder trust constituents feel for Council if they feel they are over-surveillanced.
62. *Strategic Risk 11: Liability Claims* - Unaddressed or reoccurring vandalism and unsafe conditions may result in injury or property damage, exposing Council to potential liability claims. Community safety must be a core consideration in this proposal. By implementing preventative strategies and maintaining safe public spaces, Council upholds its duty of care and reduces the risk of legal and financial consequences. The CSEP supports this by empowering residents with knowledge and resources to identify and mitigate risks, contributing to a safer and more resilient community.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

63. Council receives correspondence directly from community and through local Members of Parliament (MPs) requesting CCTV cameras to improve actual and perceived sense of safety. Council records community requests on a register which is ongoing and referred to when consulting with St George PAC on CCTV installation.
64. Council receives correspondence directly from community and through local Members of Parliament (MPs) requesting CCTV installation to address instances of illegal dumping, vandalism, car accidents, and other anti-social behaviour. This is recorded and assessed alongside NSW Police data and feedback.
65. Council continuously consults with St George PAC to access crime data and statistics. For the purpose of this report, data was requested for a number of city centres, parks, and residential areas to assess reported crime. This assisted in comparing multiple data sources in assessing report crime, service requests reported to Council, and recorded community concern.
66. Should Council approve the revised draft Policy, it will be placed on public exhibition on Council's Your Say website for a period of no less than 28 days.

## FILE REFERENCE

D24/285586

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Attachment 1 - CCTV Report Crime Data, all suburbs  
Attachment [2](#) Attachment 2 - CCTV Assessment Tool  
Attachment [3](#) Attachment 3 - Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Operations Policy

Table 2. Theft in Georges River LGA

Theft	Year to June 2024		Year to June 2025	
	Count	Rate per 100,000 population	Count	Rate per 100,000 population
Hurstville	825	2496.1	930	2813.7
Riverwood*	330	2509.7	336	2555.3
Kogarah*	302	1707.2	311	1758.1
Kingsgrove*	200	1525.6	213	1624.7
Peakhurst	135	1117.1	148	1189.4
Beverly Hills*	130	1230.2	134	1268.1
Penshurst	128	995.0	132	1026.1
Mortdale	102	930.8	116	1058.6
Sans Souci*	140	1291.8	109	1005.7
Blakehurst	115	1660.6	96	1386.3
South Hurstville	92	1647.6	96	1719.2
Carlton*	87	798.2	91	834.9
Oatley	58	533.8	72	662.6
Narwee*	70	1290.8	63	1161.7
Lugarno	35	585.1	45	752.3
Cars Park	15	n.c.	23	n.c.
Allawah	31	560.0	20	361.3
Beverley Park	28	986.6	20	704.7
Hurstville Grove	26	1007.4	18	697.4
Ramsgate*	17	n.c.	17	n.c.
Connells Point	24	804.8	15	503.0
Kogarah Bay	23	1041.2	15	679.0

Kyle Bay	16	n.c.	14	n.c.
Peakhurst Heights	7	275.4	9	354.1
NSW	194165	2327.5	181943	2181.0

*n.c. – not counted*

*\* - suburbs that extend into a neighbouring LGA*

Table 3. Property Damage in Georges River LGA

Theft	Year to June 2024		Year to June 2025	
	Count	Rate per 100,000 population	Count	Rate per 100,000 population
Hurstville	119	360.0	160	484.1
Riverwood*	99	752.9	90	684.5
Kogarah*	67	378.7	56	316.6
Kingsgrove*	72	549.2	45	343.2
Sans Souci*	23	212.2	36	332.2
Peakhurst	38	305.4	58	466.1
Beverly Hills*	38	359.6	37	350.1
Mortdale	37	337.7	48	438.0
Carlton*	24	220.2	33	302.8
Narwee*	22	405.7	28	516.3
Penshurst	23	178.8	28	217.7
Oatley	23	211.7	25	230.1
South Hurstville	20	358.2	16	286.5
Blakehurst	19	274.4	11	158.8
Lugarno	12	200.6	8	133.7
Beverley Park*	4	140.9	8	281.9
Allawah	7	126.4	6	108.4

Hurstville Grove	5	193.7	6	232.5
Kogarah Bay	1	45.3	8	362.2
Ramsgate*	2	n.c.	4	n.c.
Kyle Bay	2	n.c.	3	n.c.
Peakhurst Heights	3	118.0	2	78.7
Cars Park	12	n.c.	2	n.c.
Connells Point	1	33.5	1	33.5
NSW	600.8	47082	564.4	50120

*n.c. – not counted*

*\* - suburbs that extend into a neighbouring LGA*

**Criteria Definitions:**

**Local Crime Data:** from BOCSR and local Police Area Command where available

**Police Consultation:** precinct safety meetings, nuanced observations

**Internal Service Requests:** Log It/Fix It submissions relating to anti-social behaviour (graffiti, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles)

**Existing CCTV Coverage:** CCTV cameras in the immediate vicinity of site of interest

**Security Contractor Consultation:** insights from patrols, neighbouring areas, subject matter expertise

**Feasibility of Site:** existing infrastructure, visibility/obstructions (bushland, buildings)

**Financial Implications:** asset purchase, installation and maintenance

**Community Interest:** documented requests in CCTV Installation Request Register D21/60548

**CCTV Matrix**

Location	Criteria	Weight (%)	Score (1-5)	Weighted Score
Site A	Local Crime Data	20	2	8
	Police Consultation	20	4	16
	Internal Service Requests	15	2	6
	Existing CCTV Coverage	10	5	10
	Security Contractor Consultation	10	2	4
	Feasibility of Site	10	4	8
	Financial Impact	10	5	10
	Community Interest	5	3	3
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>				65

**Rating (Score)**

**High** Priority = 75 - 100

**Medium** Priority = 50 - 74

**Low** Priority = less than 49

**Scoring Matrix**

Lower crime data  
Fewer instances observed by security contractor  
Fewer internal requests (Service Now)  
Existing CCTV in immediate vicinity (300m radius)  
Low feasibility (limited infrastructure and suitability)  
Fewer community requests

**Scoring Matrix**

1      2      3      4      5

Significant crime data  
Significant instances observed by security contractor  
Significant internal requests (Service Now)  
No existing CCTV  
High feasibility  
Significant community requests

**Instructions for Use:**

- Score each criterion (1-5):
- Weighted Score: Automatically calculates how much that criterion contributes to total.
- Total Score: Sum of all weighted scores.
- Priority Level: Automatically categorises into High, Medium, Low.
- Record: site location and rating in the CCTV register D21/60548.

Rating  
High Priority = 75 - 100  
Medium Priority = 50 - 74  
Low Priority = less than 49



# Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Operations Policy

*Draft 2026*

## Policy administration

<b>Dates</b>	Policy approved <b>xx/xx/yyyy</b> (date to be added by Policy Specialist) This policy is effective upon its approval. Policy is due for review <b>xx/yyyy</b>
<b>Approved by</b>	Executive on <b>xx/xx/yyyy</b> Council Meeting <b>xx/xx/yyyy</b> Council Resolution <b>xxx</b>
<b>Exhibition Period</b>	<i>Include date of exhibition to the public or consultative committee, if relevant</i>
<b>Policy Owner</b>	Executive Manager City Operations & Presentation Assets & Infrastructure
<b>Related Documents</b>	Georges River Council Information Security Policy 2022 Georges River Council Workplace Surveillance Policy
<b>References &amp; Legislation</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1993 Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 Privacy and Personal Information Protection Regulation 2019 Workplace Surveillance Act 2005 NSW Government Policy Statement and Guidelines for the Establishment and Implementation of Closed-Circuit Television in Public Places 2014 Information and Privacy Commission Local Councils' use of CCTV in public spaces 2024 Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 Surveillance Devices Act 2007</i>
<b>Document Identifier</b>	Policy #: <i>Allocated by Senior Policy Specialist once policy is approved (includes the version number)</i> Doc #: <i>Allocated by Senior Policy Specialist once policy is approved (includes the version number)</i>
<b>Breaches of Policy</b>	Breaches of any policy will be dealt with and responded to in accordance with adopted codes and/or relevant legislation.
<b>Record Keeping</b>	All documents and information obtained in relation to the implementation of this policy will be kept in accordance with the NSW State Records Act 1998, Georges River Council's Corporate Records Policy and adopted internal procedures.

## Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a framework for how the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras managed by Council will be operated, and how information captured by the CCTV system will be stored and accessed.

## Scope

This Policy applies to all Council staff, Councillors, contractors, visitors and customers and covers all CCTV systems managed by Council within public spaces of the Georges River Local Government Area. Together the CCTV systems operated by Council are known as the CCTV Program.

## Definition of Terms

Term	Meaning
Authorised personnel	An employee of Council delegated by the General Manager to operate and manage access to our CCTV systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- General Manager</li><li>- Chief People Officer</li><li>- Chief Audit Executive</li><li>- Security and Emergency Management Officer</li></ul>
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television.
CCTV System	The cameras and the ancillary hardware that support the operation of CCTV. CCTV systems may also be known as video surveillance.
CCTV Material	Video recordings or photographs captured through Council's CCTV cameras.
CCTV Program	All of the CCTV Cameras managed by Georges River Council in the three categories defined above.
Public Space	The <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> defines a public place to mean a public reserve, public bathing reserve or baths or swimming pool; a public road, bridge, wharf or road-ferry, a Crown reserve, public land or Crown land.

## Policy Statement

### 1. Objectives

Local Councils are permitted to operate CCTV cameras in public places by the *Local Government Act 1993*. This Policy is informed by the NSW Government Policy Statement and Guidelines for the Establishment and Implementation of Closed-Circuit Television in Public Places (2014).

The objectives of the CCTV Program are determined based on the three categories of the CCTV systems:

**1.1. Asset Protection:**

- Reduce the level of crime against Council's assets by deterring potential offenders.
- Assist Police in the detection and prosecution of offenders.

**1.2. Public Space:**

- Reduce the level of crime in Council's public spaces by deterring potential offenders.
- Assist Police in the detection and prosecution of offenders in Council's public spaces.
- Reduce the level of the community's fear of crime in public spaces.

**1.3. Illegal Dumping:**

- Reduce the level of illegal dumping in Council's public spaces by deterring potential offenders.
- Assist Police in the detection and prosecution of illegal dumping offenders in Council's public spaces.

**2. Public Interest**

- 2.1. All CCTV system operations will be conducted in accordance with relevant law and with due regard for the privacy and rights of individuals and the community.
- 2.2. Where Public Space CCTV systems are in operation, signs will be displayed at all entrance points to the area ensuring ownership CCTV schemes in public areas is clear and publicly known.
- 2.3. CCTV systems will be positioned and operated to minimise the recording of private space.
- 2.4. The implementation of CCTV in public spaces will only be done as part of an integrated, multi-agency approach to crime control and community safety.

**3. Accountability**

- 3.1. Council will ensure the security, integrity and efficiency of all CCTV material captured.
- 3.2. Prior to the installation of any CCTV, Council will undertake an evaluation to determine if CCTV is an effective strategy to respond to identified issues.
- 3.3. NSW Police will be consulted during the assessment and planning phase, including risk analysis and evaluation.

- 3.4 A CCTV Assessment Tool for the evaluation of CCTV requests in public spaces has been developed and will be used to assess the appropriateness of CCTV installation requests.
- 3.5 The policy will not allow Council to grant landowners consent to any third party other than a law enforcement agency to install and operate CCTV on public land.
- 3.6 The CCTV scheme will be periodically audited to test its compliance against relevant policy, legislation and procedures, and to be used as the basis of recommendations for improved practice.

#### **4. Recording of and Access to CCTV Material**

- 4.1. All staff and contractors employed by Council who will have access to material captured through Council's CCTV systems must be suitability qualified and authorised by the General Manager or supervised by an authorised staff member.
- 4.2. Appropriate security measures are in use and will be continued to protect against unauthorised access to, alteration, disclosure, loss, or destruction of recorded material.
- 4.3. CCTV material will be accessed in accordance with relevant legislation and release will be considered where appropriate, only in the following circumstances:
  - At the request of Police in connection with law enforcement purposes and in accordance with section 23(5) if the PPIP Act.
  - In response to a legal request such as a subpoena.
  - In response to a formal request for information under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*
  - To investigate illegal dumping incidents and act against offenders in accordance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act (1997)*.
  - If authorised through Council's Workplace Surveillance Policy.
  - In any exceptional circumstances, with the written approval of the General Manager, in consideration of all applicable legislation, policies and regulations.
- 4.4. CCTV material will not be retained for more than 28 days in accordance with Australian Standard 4806-2006: Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) - Management and Operation. This period may be extended where an incident has occurred or when requested by Authorised Personnel.
- 4.5. The procedures governing the access to, and provision of material are described in Council's Georges River Council CCTV Operations Procedures.

## Responsibilities

Position	Responsibility
Authorised Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ensure organisational compliance with this Policy and relevant legislation.</li><li>Manage and consider request for CCTV material and determine appropriate action.</li><li>Access, retain, distribute and destroy CCTV material as per this Policy.</li><li>Oversee the monitoring, review and evaluation processes for the CCTV Program.</li><li>Monitor relevant legislation and ensure the Policy is kept up to date at all times.</li></ul>
Chief Audit Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Annual compliance audits of CCTV operations and processes</li></ul>
Coordinator Community Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maintenance and review of CCTV Assessment Tool</li><li>Assessment of requests for installation of CCTV using the CCTV Assessment Tool</li></ul>
Chief Information Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advise on and support operation of CCTV systems</li></ul>
Internal Auditor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Audit CCTV Program</li></ul>
Security and Emergency Management Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Retrieving data captured from CCTV systems from database to be provided in accordance with the provisions of this policy</li><li>Monitoring the performance and reliability of CCTV infrastructure owned and operated by council.</li><li>Arranging repairs and maintenance of CCTV infrastructure owned and operated by council</li><li>Provide advice to Chief Information Officer on upgrades and expansion of CCTV Infrastructure owned and operated by council</li><li>Respond to police requests for formal witness statements regarding the provision of CCTV for law enforcement purposes.</li></ul>
Chief Governance and Risk Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Manage and Determine formal requests for access to information including requests for CCTV footage and stills.</li><li>Provide guidance and advice on privacy concerns regarding CCTV</li><li>Manage and oversee police requests for CCTV</li></ul>

## Version Control and Change History

Version	Amendment Details	Policy Owner	Period Active
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1.0	New – Georges River Council Closed Circuit Television Policy	Head of Security & Emergency	03/07/2017
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DRAFT

**Item:** **COM004-26 Place Naming Policy Review - Results of Community Consultation**

**Author:** Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services

**Directorate:** Community and Culture

**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council acknowledge the results of the community consultation for the revised draft Place Naming Policy.
- (b) That Council endorse the minor changes that have been made to the revised draft Place Naming Policy based on the results of the community consultation.
- (c) That Council adopts the revised draft Place Naming Policy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The Georges River Council Place Naming Policy provides a decision-making framework for place names and memorials in the Georges River local government area.
2. On 13 October 2025, Council endorsed a revised draft of the Place Naming Policy (revised draft Policy) for public exhibition (CCL105-25).
3. Following the public exhibition period, minor changes have been made to the revised draft Policy based on the results of the community consultation. The changes ensure the document is easy to understand and is closely aligned with regulatory requirements.
4. The proposed final revision of the draft Policy is attached to this report for adoption by Council (Attachment 1).

**BACKGROUND**

5. The revised draft Policy featured reorganised content written in plain English and supported by processes to make things easy to understand and implement. The revision was developed following a review of:
  - (a) The regulatory requirements of the Geographical Names Board of NSW (GNB);
  - (b) The policies of other NSW Councils;
  - (c) The pattern of requests and feedback received from the Georges River community during the operation of the Place Naming Policy; and
  - (d) Feedback from the Council officers responsible for place naming and memorials.
6. On 13 October 2025, Council endorsed the revised draft Policy for public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days. The public exhibition period was from 14 November to 12 December 2025 and the feedback received is summarised in the following sections of the report.

**Feedback from the NSW Geographical Names Board**

7. The NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB) is responsible for the consistent application, approval and gazettal of place and road names in NSW. The GNB provided feedback on Council's draft Policy to ensure it was consistent with relevant NSW State regulations, policies and guidelines. Feedback from the GNB identified minor changes required to the

draft Policy, including consistent terminology clarification of roles and responsibilities and the process for Aboriginal and Dual Names. The GNB feedback is summarised as follows:

GNB Feedback	Council Officer Response
<p>Use GNB terminology and definitions regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Roads</li> <li>2. Designation Value</li> <li>3. Commemorative Names</li> <li>4. Dual Names</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The 'Definitions of Terms' section was updated to include the GNB definition of 'road'.</li> <li>2. Section 2.3.2 (b) was updated to include GNB terminology 'Places with a different designation value' rather than 'Place of different types'.</li> <li>3. No changes required. The option for names which recognise 'events and industries' is already included in Section 2.4.4 of the revised draft Policy.</li> <li>4. Section 2.6 was updated to include words from the GNB definition of dual names – 'Dual names cannot be applied to a locality, town or road'.</li> </ol>
<p>Clarify Council's roles and responsibilities as a road naming authority.</p>	<p>The following sections were updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Scope - text was added to clarify State and Federal 'Government controlled' roads and land holdings are not in scope.</li> <li>• Section 1.4 General Principles – text was changed from 'endorsing' to 'proposing'.</li> <li>• Section 4 Consultation – text throughout was changed throughout to 'name proposals' rather than place name proposals and road name proposals separately.</li> </ul>
<p>Clarify the requirement for consultation with the Local Aboriginal Land Council for Aboriginal and Dual Names.</p>	<p>A new Section 2.6.1(c) was added to clarify the separate requirement to consult with the Local Aboriginal Land Council.</p>
<p>Clarify that the GNB will accept proposals for Dual Names directly from Aboriginal communities.</p>	<p>A new Section 2.6.2(a) was added – 'Dual Name proposals may be submitted to the GNB by Council or by the Aboriginal community directly.'</p>

### Feedback from the Community

8. During the public exhibition period, eight anonymous submissions were received from the community via the Your Say platform. One item of feedback identified the opportunity to expand the definition of terms to include 'gender diversity' and 'multicultural representation'. The eight submissions are summarised as follows:

Community Feedback	Council Officer Response
One submission supported the	No changes required.

Community Feedback	Council Officer Response
recognition of Aboriginal cultural history through the use of dual names.	
One submission did not support the use of Aboriginal names.	<p>No changes required.</p> <p>The feedback is not consistent with GNB Place Naming requirements, Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy or Council's Social Justice Principles of Participated, Equity, Respect and Empowerment.</p>
One submission did not support changing English names to Aboriginal names.	<p>No changes required.</p> <p>The revised draft Policy reflects GNB policy requirements and regulations.</p> <p>Section 2.5 identifies the conditions for changing an existing name – including where there is error, discrimination, derogatory terms or confusion.</p> <p>Section 2.6 identifies the conditions for dual names – and a dual name does not involve the change of an existing name.</p>
<p>One submission included two items of feedback:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People's names should not be used because they become less relevant over time.</li> <li>2. The three suburbs 'Mortdale', 'Penshurst' and 'Mortdale' should be renamed as they are unimaginative.</li> </ol>	<p>No changes required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ensure lasting relevance, the criteria for commemorative names in Section 2.4 requires demonstration of significant contributions and achievements.</li> <li>2. The feedback does not relate to the policy review and does not meet the criteria for a name change proposal.</li> </ol>
One submission did not support gender diverse or multicultural names.	<p>No changes required.</p> <p>This feedback is not consistent with GNB Place Naming requirements or Council's Social Justice Principles of Participation, Equity, Respect and Empowerment.</p>
One submission requested clarification of the terms 'gender diverse' and 'multicultural'.	<p>The 'Definitions of Terms' section was updated to clarify the meaning of Section 2.4.6:</p> <p>'Gender Diversity – The equitable representation of people of different genders in the Georges River local government area'</p> <p>'Multicultural Representation – The equitable representation of different cultural or ethnic groups and beliefs in the Georges River local government area'</p>

Community Feedback	Council Officer Response
One submission asked for advice about the Policy's impact on existing names.	<p>No changes required.</p> <p>Section 2.5 outlines the limited conditions for changing an existing name – including where there is error, discrimination, derogatory terms or confusion.</p> <p>Section 2.6 outlines the limited conditions for dual names – and a dual name does not involve the change of an existing name.</p>
One submission requested that the name of an existing road in Blakehurst be changed.	<p>No changes required.</p> <p>The feedback does not relate to the policy review. The request will be reviewed in accordance road name change and address change rules.</p>

### **Revised Draft Place Naming**

9. In accordance with the feedback received during the public exhibition period, the identified changes have been made to the revised draft Policy. Following the identified changes, a final review was undertaken by Council officers to ensure consistency throughout the document and minor grammatical errors were corrected.
10. The proposed final revision of the revised draft policy is included in Attachment 1.
11. Should Council approve the revised draft Policy:
  - (a) The current Place Naming Policy will be replaced on Council's policy register.
  - (b) Council's website will be updated to include extended information to support customer enquiries about place naming and memorials, including online application forms and frequently asked questions.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. Should Council approve the revised draft Place Naming Policy, a new fee to cover the cost of manufacturing and installing memorial plaques will be added to Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

13. Strategic Risk 6: Reputation

The place naming requirements for roads, reserves and geographical features are regulated through the Roads Act 1993, Roads Regulation 2018, the Geographical Names Board of NSW, NSW Address Policy and User Manual, and Place Naming Policy. Council's role as the naming authority for the Georges River Local Government Area is to identify and recommend appropriate names that comply with those policies. Should Council's own Place Naming Policy not comply, it could erode the confidence of the public and government departments in Council's decision making.

14. Strategic Risk 7: Ineffective Governance

The place naming requirements for roads, reserves and geographical features are regulated through the Roads Act 1993, Roads Regulation 2019 the NSW Geographical Names Board NSW Address Policy and User Manual, and Place Naming Policy. Should Council's Place Naming Policy not reflect or enforce regulations, it would not meet Council's Legislative Compliance Policy and naming proposals may not be approved by the Geographical Names Board of NSW.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

15. The revised draft Place Naming Policy was placed on public exhibition from 14 November to 12 December 2025 on Council's Your Say website. During the public exhibition period there were:
  - 488 visits to the Your Say project page;
  - 13 visits to the Your Say survey page; and
  - 8 contributors to the survey;
16. Invitations to provide feedback were also sent directly to the following organisations and community representatives:
  - NSW Geographical Names Board;
  - Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and La Peruse Local Aboriginal Land Council;
  - State and Federal Members of Parliament who represent the Georges River Council local government area;
  - Council's advisory committees, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and Multicultural Advisory Committee; and
  - Kogarah Historical Society, Oatley Heritage and Historical Society, Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society and Lugarno Progress Association.

## FILE REFERENCE

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## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment  1 Draft Place Naming Policy - February 2026



# Draft Place Naming Policy

*February 2026*

## Policy administration

<b>Dates</b>	Policy approved 23/05/2022 (Version 3) This policy is effective upon its approval. Policy is due for review May 2025.
<b>Approved by</b>	Council Meeting 23/05/2022 (Version 3) Council Resolution CCL039-22 (COM021-22)
<b>Policy Type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Policy
<b>Exhibition Period</b>	N/A
<b>Policy Owner</b>	Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services
<b>Related Documents</b>	Place Naming Procedure Memorial Plaque Procedure Place Naming Request Form Memorial Request Form <a href="#">Tree Management Policy</a> <a href="#">Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy 2025 - 2030</a> <a href="#">Council's Fees &amp; Charges</a>
<b>References &amp; Legislation</b>	<a href="#">Roads Act 1993</a> <a href="#">NSW Road Regulation 2018</a> <a href="#">Geographical Names Act 1966</a> <a href="#">Local Government Act 1993</a> <a href="#">Geographical Names Board of NSW Policy - Place Naming</a> <a href="#">NSW Address Policy and User Manual</a>
<b>Document Identifier</b>	Policy #: Pol-051.03 Doc #: D18/81563
<b>Breaches of Policy</b>	Breaches of any policy will be dealt with and responded to in accordance with adopted codes and/or relevant legislation.
<b>Record Keeping</b>	All documents and information obtained in relation to the implementation of this policy will be kept in accordance with the NSW State Records Act 1998, Georges River Council's Corporate Records Policy and adopted internal procedures.

## Purpose

This purpose of this Policy is to provide a consistent framework for decision making regarding the naming of places, roads and Council facilities, as well as requests for memorial plaques and unmarked memorial trees, in the Georges River Council local government area.

## Scope

This Policy applies to the places, roads and facilities in the Georges River Council local government area which are owned or under the authority of Council and does not apply to:

- Naming rights for Council's assets that fall under Georges River Council's Sponsorship Policy;
- State and Federal Government controlled roads and land holdings;
- Historical Markers that fall under the Historical Markers Policy; and
- Assets not owned by Council.

## Definition of Terms

Term	Meaning
Commemorative Name	A name to honour a deceased person or people.
Council Assets	Places, roads and facilities in the Georges River local government area which are owned or under the authority of Georges River Council.
Council Facility	A built structure owned by Council, including playgrounds and sports infrastructure.
Discriminatory or derogatory names	Names perceived, at a given point in time, to be offensive, demeaning, or harmful to the reputation of individuals, or to social, ethnic, religious or other groups.
Family Member	A direct biological descendant, spouse or de facto partner, child, parent, grand parent, grandchild or sibling.
Gender Diversity	The equitable representation of people of different genders in the Georges River local government area.

Geographical feature	A permanent physical part of the environment including hills, rivers and coastal landforms.
Memorial	An object to preserve the memory of a person or event. The types of memorials allowed under this Policy are memorial plaques and unmarked memorial trees.
Multicultural Representation	The equitable representation of different cultural or ethnic groups and beliefs in the Georges River local government area.
NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB)	The Geographical Names Board is empowered by the Geographical Names Act 1966. It is the official body for naming and recording details of places and geographical names in the state.
Place	An area with defined borders, including suburbs, reserves and geographical features.
Reserve	An area proclaimed to be a public reserve by government legislation. Includes parks, playgrounds and sports fields.
Road	An open way, usually surfaced with tarmac or concrete, providing passage from one place to another. Includes terms such as street, avenue, lane, or crescent.

## Policy Statement

The unique character of the Georges River Council local government area is reflected and preserved through names and memorials.

Clear and unambiguous names ensure efficient wayfinding by members of the community, visitors to the area, essential utility providers and emergency services.

Memorials that relate to the people and events of Georges River provide opportunities to honour their meaningful connection to place.

### 1. General Principles

1.1. Names and memorials must have an identifiable connection and relevance to the place they are implemented.

- 1.2. The naming convention for all Council assets including places, roads and facilities shall be consistent with the name requirements of the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB).
- 1.3. Council is responsible for endorsing and approving the name of Council owned facilities in the Georges River Local Government Area (Georges River LGA).
- 1.4. Council is responsible for proposing place names and road names for approval by the GNB.
  - 1.4.1. Approval of names by the GNB is done in accordance with:
    - a) Geographical Names Board of NSW Policy - Place Naming (GNB Place Naming Policy); and
    - b) NSW Address Policy and User Manual.
- 1.5. The approval of memorials is subject to land use restrictions, including land zone rules, plans of management and road rules.
- 1.6. Existing names or memorials that do not conform to this Policy do not establish a precedent for any future proposals.

## **2. Names of Council Assets**

- 2.1. The Council assets that can be named are:
  - 2.1.1. Places as defined by the GNB Place Naming Policy, including reserves, suburbs and geographical features within the Georges River LGA.
    - a) Council cannot name land that is not owned by Council; and
    - b) Council cannot name road reserves that are located on land which is allocated for road use.
  - 2.1.2. Roads within the Georges River Council LGA.
    - a) Council cannot name roads that are owned by the State or Federal government or privately owned.
  - 2.1.3. Council owned facilities, including buildings, playgrounds and sports infrastructure.
  - 2.1.4. Council will consider functional names that describe the purpose of the facility.
    - a) Council will consider individual names for distinct rooms within a facility;
    - b) Council will consider a numbering sequence or compass directions for distinct playing fields within a sports facility where it will assist clear wayfinding and utilisation; and
    - c) Council will not consider naming minor assets such as footpaths or public furniture unless it is required for wayfinding or public safety.

- 2.2. Council will consider name proposals received from:

- 2.2.1. Residents of the Georges River LGA, including Georges River Councillors.
- 2.2.2. State and Federal Members of Parliament that represent communities within the Georges River LGA.
- 2.2.3. Authorised office holders of businesses trading in the Georges River LGA.
- 2.2.4. Georges River Council officers.
- 2.2.5. Council led competitions or community consultations.

2.3. The names of Council assets must be unique and provide efficient wayfinding.

- 2.3.1. The same or similar sounding names cannot be duplicated within the Georges River LGA or the surrounding areas defined by:
  - a) GNB Place Naming Policy; and
  - b) NSW Address Policy and User Manual.
- 2.3.2. The same or similar sounding names can be used for:
  - a) Assets of different types, as long as the asset type is included in the name (for example Beverly Hills, Beverly Place and Beverly Hills Creative Studio); and
  - b) Places with a different designation value (for example Oatley, Oatley Park, Oatley Bay).

2.4. Council will consider names that meet one or more of the following subjects:

- 2.4.1. Functional names that describe the purpose or defining feature of the asset.
- 2.4.2. Commemorative names that honour historically significant people from the Georges River LGA.
  - a) Commemorative names will only be considered where the person or people being commemorated:
    - i. Lived in the Georges River LGA;
    - ii. Have been deceased for more than 12 months; and
    - iii. Made contributions which achieved significant benefits to the community in the area related to the request;
  - b) Commemorative names that combine the names of more than one person may be used for Council facilities; and
  - c) Council will seek the consent of the deceased person's surviving family members or relatives.
- 2.4.3. Aboriginal names that represent the history and culture of the Bidjigal People.
  - a) Aboriginal names must be endorsed by Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee; and

b) The Local Aboriginal Land Council must be consulted for Aboriginal names.

2.4.4. Names that represent history and culture of the Georges River LGA, including important events and industries.

a) Only business names that are no longer in use and that relate to the heritage of the area may be considered.

2.4.5. Names that relate to local flora, fauna and natural characteristics of the Georges River LGA.

2.4.6. Names that reflect gender diversity and multicultural representation.

2.5. Names are intended to be permanent and generally should not be changed.

2.5.1. Council will not change existing unofficial names where there is evidence of significant long term common use of the name.

2.5.2. The rule against changing names does not apply if one or more of the following conditions are demonstrated:

- a) The name contains an error;
- b) The name is considered discriminatory or derogatory;
- c) The name causes confusion;
- d) The function or defining feature of the named asset has changed; and
- e) The named asset has reached end of life or ceased to exist.

2.6. Council will consider a dual name for a geographical feature to assign an Aboriginal place name alongside an existing non-Aboriginal place name. Dual names cannot be applied to a locality, town or road.

2.7. A dual name will only be considered if the following conditions are demonstrated:

2.7.1. There is historical and cultural evidence of the Aboriginal name.

2.7.2. The name is endorsed by Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee.

2.7.3. The Local Aboriginal Land Council has been consulted.

2.7.4. Dual names are a type of place name and are subject to approval by the GNB.

a) Dual name proposals may be submitted to the GNB by Council or by the Aboriginal community directly.

### 3. Memorials

3.1. Public reserves are used by the community for recreation in accordance with land zone rules and should not duplicate the commemorative function of cemeteries.

3.2. Requests for memorial plaques and unmarked memorial trees will only be considered if the following conditions are met:

- 3.2.1. The subject of the memorial request lived in the Georges River LGA and had a connection to the area of the request.
- 3.2.2. The request is submitted by a family member of the subject of the memorial request.
- 3.2.3. The subject of the memorial request does not already have a memorial plaque.
- 3.2.4. The request is permitted under land zone rules and Plans of Management.

3.3. Council will consider memorial plaques, unmarked memorial trees and temporary roadside memorials as follows:

3.3.1. Memorial plaques

- a) Memorial plaques can only be attached to existing Council public benches.
  - i. Council shall not attach memorial plaques to facilities or natural objects in the environment.
- b) The design, size, material and layout of memorial plaques on benches shall be determined by Council officers and consistently applied.
- c) The cost of design, manufacture and installation of memorial plaques shall be paid by the applicant.
- d) The approval of requests for memorial plaques is subject to:
  - i. Compliance with the criteria outlined in Section 3.2; and
  - ii. Availability of space on an existing Council public bench in the area of the request.
- e) Memorial plaques may be removed if one or more of the following conditions are met:
  - i. The plaque has reached end of life;
  - ii. The bench the plaque is attached to has reached end of life; and
  - iii. The area where the plaque is located has significantly changed use.
- f) Council shall not be responsible for damage, loss, vandalism, maintenance or replacement of any memorial plaque.

3.3.2. Unmarked Memorial Trees

- a) Unmarked memorial trees do not include any signage.
- b) The tree species, location of plantings and maintenance schedule shall be determined by Council officers.

- c) The cost of the tree, planting and ongoing maintenance shall be paid by Council.
- d) Approval of requests for unmarked memorial trees are subject to:
  - i. Compliance with the criteria outlined in Section 3.2; and
  - ii. Council's scheduled tree planting program in the area of the request.
- e) Unmarked memorial trees may be removed if:
  - i. The tree needs to be replaced or has reached end of life; and
  - ii. The area where the tree is planted has significantly changed use.

#### 3.3.3. Temporary Roadside Memorials

- a) Temporary roadside memorials may be placed next to Council controlled roads by the family or friends of people killed in traffic accidents.
  - i. Council is not responsible for the installation or maintenance of temporary roadside memorials.
- b) Temporary roadside memorials may include:
  - i. Non-reflective religious symbols;
  - ii. Flowers;
  - iii. Memorabilia; and
  - iv. Photographs.
- c) Approval of temporary roadside memorials is not required, but Council is entitled to remove memorials when required, in accordance with its responsibility as the Road Authority in the Georges River LGA.
- d) Temporary roadside memorials may be removed by Council if the memorial:
  - i. Restricts the line of sight of road users;
  - ii. Presents a distraction or safety hazard;
  - iii. Has fallen into disrepair or reached end of life;
  - iv. Is a permanent structure.

### 4. Consultation

- 4.1. Name proposals that meet policy requirements shall be presented to Council for endorsement.

- 4.2. Council endorsed name proposals shall be placed on public exhibition for community feedback in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy.
- 4.3. Community feedback will be used to determine any substantial issues of offence, confusion or compliance.
  - 4.3.1. The results of community feedback will be presented to Council for consideration before names are approved.
- 4.4. Name proposals that are approved by Council following public exhibition will be submitted to the GNB for review and public gazettal.

## 5. Signage

- 5.1. Signage for all named Council assets shall be provided in accordance with Council's brand guidelines.
  - 5.1.1. Road signs shall be provided in accordance with the NSW Address Policy and User Manual.
- 5.2. New facilities constructed by Council shall include an inaugural naming plaque.
  - 5.2.1. The inaugural naming plaque shall include the following components:
    - a) Name of the facility;
    - b) Date of the facility opening;
    - c) Name of the Mayor and Councillors;
    - d) Logo of Council; and
    - e) Details of funding bodies where required.

## Responsibilities

Position	Responsibility
<b>Councillors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve or decline naming requests by way of a formal Council Resolution.</li></ul>
<b>General Manager</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve the removal or relocation of temporary roadside memorials on or next to a Council controlled road.</li></ul>
<b>Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update Policy as required and ensure Policy is included in Council's Policy Register and Electronic Document and Records Management System.</li></ul>

<b>Coordinator Library Operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review applications to ensure they comply with minimum requirements; provides additional background research to verify historical accuracy and recommend alternative name options.</li><li>Review and verify applications for place naming and re-naming, including applications relating to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.</li></ul>
<b>Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide place naming and re-naming suggestions that relate to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Language.</li><li>Consult and advise on applications for place naming and re-naming that relate to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Language.</li></ul>
<b>Manager City Technical Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review applications for place naming and re-naming for Council Assets.</li></ul>
<b>Manager Assets and Traffic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review applications for place naming and re-naming for Council Assets.</li></ul>
<b>Manager City Presentation and Operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review applications for memorial plaques and unmarked memorial trees.</li></ul>
<b>Council Officers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adhere to this policy; to file related documentation into Council's Electronic Document and Records Management System.</li></ul>

## Version Control and Change History

Version	Amendment Details	Policy Owner	Period Active
1.0	New Georges River Council Risk Policy	Manager Community and Cultural Development	24/09/2018 - 16/12/2019
2.0	Review of Place Naming Policy to mandate the inclusion of Councillor names on place naming plaques. Updated Policy approved by Council. (Council Resolution CCL079-19 (COM05219))	Manager Library Services	16/12/2019 – 23/05/2022
3.0	Policy amended to provide more clarity in relation to place naming priorities, naming requests for dual names and the application and assessment process to ensure consistency with Council values.	Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services	23/05/2022 - ongoing

## **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.