MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 09 March 2026

6:00 PM

Dragon Room
Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Bryce Spelta, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Margaret Le - Manager Sport and Community Facilities, Justin Yeomans - Manager Cultural Engagement and Library Services, Estelle Marque - Manager Community Impact, Justine Inglis - A/Manager Early Learning and Child Safety, Alexis Drevikovsky - Coordinator Community Capacity Building, Brad Crain - Community Capacity Building Officer – Child Protection and Youth Services, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Team Leader Technology Business Support – Mark Tadros, Technology Services Officer Arun Job.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry, opened the meeting at 6.25pm.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

MOTION: Councillor Allison, Councillor Liu

Record of Voting

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

That a request from Councillor Stratikopoulos to attend the meeting remotely via audio visual link be accepted due to unforeseen medical reasons.

MOTION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Dimoski

Record of Voting

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

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NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM005-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 9 February 2026
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 9 February 2026, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM006-26 Report of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 February 2026
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee recommendations for items SAC002-26 to SAC005-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

SAC002-26 CARSS PARK AQUATIC FACILITY
(Report by Executive Manager City Futures)

RECOMMENDATION

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

SAC003-26 SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION

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

SAC004-26 FEEDBACK FROM SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP - 13 NOVEMBER 2025 - SPORTING AMENITIES AND STORAGE FACILITIES
(Report by Coordinator Community Property and Venues)

RECOMMENDATION

That, the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee:

(a) receive and note the outcomes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory workshop held on 13 November 2025;

(b) note that Council officers will conduct broader community consultation on the proposed mixed management model for sporting amenities and storage facilities; and

(c) note that a future report will go to Council on the outcome of the community consultation.

SAC005-26 SPORT, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND EVENTS UPDATE
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Manager Sport and Community Facilities and the Executive Manager City Presentation & Operations outlining an overview of Sport and Recreation facilities across the local government area.

COM007-26 Report of the Beverley Park Steering Committee meeting held on 4 March 2026
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mort

That the Beverley Park Steering Committee recommendations for items BPSCC002-26 to BPSCC003-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

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BPSCC002-26 BEVERLEY PARK GOLF CLUB FINANCE REPORT
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receive and note the finance report to January 2026 for Beverley Park Golf Club.

Accepted.

BPSCC003-26 PUBLIC ROUNDS REPORT
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receive and note the public rounds report from March 2025 to February 2026.

Accepted.

COM008-26 Adoption of the Community Engagement Strategy 2026-2036
(Report by Community Engagement Lead)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Wang, Councillor Mahoney

(a) That Council receive and note the findings of the Public Exhibition, for the draft Community Engagement Strategy 2026-2036 as outlined in this report.

(b) That Council endorse the draft Community Engagement Strategy 2026-2036.

(c) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make minor administrative amendments to the Strategy, if required.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM009-26 Interactions with Children and Young People Policy for Adoption
(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

(a) That Council acknowledge the results of community consultation for the revised draft Interactions with Children and Young People Policy.

(b) That Council adopts the revised draft Interactions with Children and Young People Policy.

(c) That Council approve a minor amendment to the Library Use and Membership Policy to raise the age that children can use the library unattended from 10 to 12 years old.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM010-26 Event Grants for April 2026
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

That Council approves the Event Grant application and funding amounts of:

(a) $8,140 ($7,000 financial and $1,140 in-kind value) to support the Oatley RSL Sub-Branch 'ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Family Day' on Saturday 25 April 2026; and

(b) $20,000 ($18,860 financial and $1,140 in-kind value) to support the Greek Orthodox Parish & Community of Kogarah & District Resurrection of Christ 'Orthodox Easter' event on Friday 10 April and Saturday 11 April 2026.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM011-26 Place Naming: New Community Centre in Peakhurst Park - Results of Community Consultation
(Report by Manager, Cultural Engagement and Library Services)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort

(a) That Council receive and note the results of the community consultation for the proposed name 'Peakhurst Park Community Centre'.

(b) That Council approve the proposed name 'Peakhurst Park Community Centre' for the new community centre being constructed on lot 2 in DP 114770 on land known as 7a Hedley Street, Riverwood.

Record of Voting

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

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.41pm.

Chairperson

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