

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Tuesday, 28 April 2026

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, Executive Assistant to General Manager – Sue Matthew, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Chief Audit Executive - Steven Baker, Manager Assets and Traffic - Sam Lindsay, Acting Coordinator Communications and Engagement, Nicoletta Vasilaras, Corporate Planning and Performance Specialist – Jo Dikkenberg, Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott, Team Leader Technology Business Support – Mark Tadros, and Technology Services Officer Chris Stojanovski.

OPENING

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor, Councillor Borg acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

All those present stood for the singing of the National Anthem.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANZAC DAY

The Mayor, Councillor Borg acknowledged the brave Australians who have served and those who have died as a result of war.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young, Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow; they were staunch to the end against odds uncounted. They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

Lest We Forget.

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

PRAYER

Pastor Andy Wallis from Revival Church offered a prayer to the meeting.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Arthur

That an apology be accepted and a leave of absence granted for Councillor Wang.

Record of Voting

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

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

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interest – Mayor, Councillor Borg disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL021-26 (ASS007-26) Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study**, for the reason as the study proposes changes to flood tagging to her principal place of residence or those of her direct relatives. **Mayor, Councillor Borg**, will not be present during the consideration of this item.

Pecuniary Interest – Mayor, Councillor Borg disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL021-26 (ASS008-26) (FRMCC002-26) Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting Update on the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Flood Study**, for the reason the study proposes changes to flood tagging to her principal place of residence or those of her direct relatives. **Mayor, Councillor Borg**, will not be present during the consideration of this item.

Pecuniary Interest – Mayor, Councillor Borg disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in item **NM023-26 Parking Concerns on Shaftesbury Street Carlton**, for the reason herself and direct relatives have interest in property in Shaftesbury Street, Carlton. **Mayor, Councillor Borg** will not be present during the consideration of this item.

Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Mort disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL021-26 (ASS007-26) Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study**, for the reason that the study proposes changes to flood tagging to her principal place of residence. **Councillor Mort**, will not be present during the consideration of this item.

Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Mort disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL021-26 (ASS008-26) (FRMCC002-26) Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting Update on the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Flood Study**, for the reason

that the study proposes changes to flood tagging to her principal place of residence. **Councillor Mort**, will not be present during the consideration of this item.

Non- Significant Non – Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Jamieson disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **ASS007-26 Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study** for the reason that her property was previously tagged in the flood study. However, her property is no longer included in the flood study and therefore there is no longer any significant or pecuniary interest. **Councillor Jamieson** will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non- Significant Non – Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Jamieson disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **ASS008-26 Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held on 18 March 2026** for the reason that her property was previously tagged in the flood study. However, her property is no longer included in the flood study and therefore there is no longer any significant or pecuniary interest. **Councillor Jamieson** will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

Non- Significant Non – Pecuniary Interest - Councillor Jamieson disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **ENV013-26 Endorsement of Mortdale Local Centre Planning for Gateway Determination and DCP Amendment for Public Exhibition** for the reason she previously was required to disclose a special disclosure of interest. As there are no changes related to her property, there is no longer any pecuniary interest involved in endorsing the Master Plan and/or the DCP. **Councillor Jamieson** 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 **QWN12-26 Status Update Council's Street Tree Planting and Native Tubestock Trial** for the reason he is a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society who have been consistently striving for implementation of tubestock native plantings throughout our LGA having experienced the benefits of using smaller native plants for rapid establishment. **Councillor Allison** will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL020-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 March 2026
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 March 2026, be adopted.

Record of Voting

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

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

CONDOLENCES

There were no condolences for tonight's meeting.

ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

As the Mayor, Councillor Borg and Councillor Mort declared a pecuniary interest in items ASS007-26 and FRMCC002-26 (ASS008-26) the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos acted as Chairperson for these items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASS007-26 BLAKEHURST AND KOGARAH BAY WARDS OVERLAND FLOW FLOOD STUDY

(Report by Manager Assets and Traffic)

Note: Mayor Councillor Borg and Councillor Mort declared a Pecuniary Interest in this matter and left the Chambers at 7:08pm during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

That the report and attachments be received and noted by the Committee.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was seven (7) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

FRMCC002-26 UPDATE ON BLAKEHURST AND KOGARAH BAY WARDS FLOOD STUDY

(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

Note: Mayor Councillor Borg and Councillor Mort declared a Pecuniary Interest in this matter and left the Chambers at 7:08pm during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the verbal presentation on the final draft of Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Overland Flow Flood Study and provide a recommendation to Council to:

- (a) receive and adopt attached final Draft of the Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Ward Overland Flow Flood Study;
- (b) delegate authority to the General Manager to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation, formatting errors, if required, to the final flood study;
- (c) endorse the inclusion of the required legal notation on the 10.7 Planning Certificates for identified properties; and
- (d) publish the adopted flood study report on Council's Website.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was seven (7) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Note: Mayor, Councillor Borg returned to the Chambers and resumed the Chair, the time 7:12pm

Note Councillor Mort returned to the Chambers at 07:12pm

CCL021-26 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 April 2026
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS008-26 to ASS016-26 with the exception of ASS012-26 and ASS013-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

ASS008-26 REPORT OF THE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2026
(Report by Administration Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee recommendations for items FRMCC003-26 to FRMCC005-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

FRMCC003-26 UPDATE ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF FLOOD RISK MITIGATION OPTIONS AT THE GLOUCESTER ROAD-STONEY CREEK ROAD INTERSECTION AND THE MORGAN STREET-GLOUCESTER ROAD INTERSECTION, BEVERLY HILLS
(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

- (a) That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee receive and note the presentation on current progress update on the Feasibility Study of Flood Risk Mitigation Options at the Gloucester Road-Stoney Creek Road Intersection and the Morgan Street-Gloucester Road

Intersection, Beverly Hills.

- (b) That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee note the preferred options which are selected for detailed cost-benefit assessment.

FRMCC004-26 FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND OUTCOME OF EOI - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE ROLE

(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

That the Floodplain Risk Management Committee:

- (a) Receives and notes this report on the updated Terms of Reference for the Floodplain Risk Management Committee and the recent appointment of community representatives.
- (b) Notes the resignation of former Community Representative Erin Seller and formally acknowledges Erin's contribution to the Committee.

FRMCC005-26 UPDATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER (DCCEEW)

(Report by Senior Assets Engineer - Stormwater)

That the Committee receives and notes the verbal update provided by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

ASS009-26 REPORT OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2026

(Report by Administration Officer)

That the Local Transport Forum recommendations for items LTF026-26 to LTF029-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

LTF026-26 RAILWAY PARADE, KOGARAH - PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE PARKING
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That 6m of the existing time-restricted parking '1P, Mon-Fri 8:30 am-6 pm and Sat 8:30 am-12:30 pm' on the eastern side of Railway Parade, Kogarah be converted into an accessible parking zone, as per the plan in the report.

LTF027-26 RAILWAY PARADE, KOGARAH - PROPOSED MOTORBIKE PARKING
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That 3m of the existing 'Loading Zone, 8:30 am-6 pm Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm Sat' restriction on the eastern side of Railway Parade, Kogarah be converted into a motorbike parking zone, as per the plan in the report.

LTF028-26 SANS SOUCI PARK CAR PARK, SANS SOUCI - PROPOSED 'NO STOPPING' RESTRICTIONS
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed at Sans Souci Park car park as per the plan in the report.

LTF029-26 UPDATE TO LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM TERMS OF REFERENCE V3.0

IN LINE WITH TFNSW 2025 INSTRUMENT.

(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

That the Local Transport Forum Terms of Reference v3.0 be adopted (see attachment), replacing the previously adopted Local Transport Forum Terms of Reference v2.0.

ASS010-26 LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Report by Manager Assets and Traffic)

- (a) Council sub-delegates the functions set out in the Transport for NSW (2025) Authorisation and Delegation Instrument to the following position:
 - (i) 100000 - General Manager
 - (ii) 200000 – Director Assets & Infrastructure
 - (iii) 200276 – Manager Assets & Traffic
 - (iv) 200255 – Coordinator Traffic & Transport
- (b) That the Mayor be authorised to execute the Instrument of Sub-delegation on behalf of Council.

ASS011-26 THE GREEN SPORTING AMENITY - BUDGET UPDATE

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

- (a) That Council note the increase in required budget to proceed with The Green Sporting Amenity Construction project.
- (b) That Council approve the non-budgeted capital expenditure, as outlined in the confidential attachment, to proceed with The Green Sporting Amenity construction.

ASS014-26 TODD PARK SPORTING FACILITY RECONSTRUCTION - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

That Council:

- (a) Endorse the two concept design options for the Todd Park Sporting Facility Reconstruction project being:
 - (i) Four-changeroom community sporting and public amenity, or
 - (ii) Four-changeroom community sporting and public amenity, and a gym primarily for the use of, and funded by, St George District Rugby League Football Club.
- (b) Endorse the progression of community engagement for the Todd Park Sporting Facility Reconstruction project presenting both options to the community.

ASS015-26 PEAKHURST PARK ADVENTURE PLAYSPACE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES AND CONCEPT DESIGN

(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

That Council:

- (a) Note the outcome of the Peakhurst Park Adventure Playspace Design community engagement.
- (b) Endorses the concept design for the Peakhurst Park Adventure Playspace to proceed to

detailed design and construction.

ASS016-26 ENDEAVOUR STREET SEAWALL RECONSTRUCTION - BUDGET UPDATE
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

- (a) That Council note the increase in required budget to proceed with the design of the Endeavour Street Seawall Reconstruction project.
- (b) That Council approve the additional non-budgeted capital expenditure, as outlined in the report.

ASS012-26 WOODVILLE PARK SPATIAL FRAMEWORK
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

- (a) Note the outcomes of the Woodville Park Spatial Framework community engagement.
- (b) Endorses the Draft Woodville Park Spatial Framework.
- (c) Includes the installation of outdoor adult fitness equipment at Timothy Reserve in the future Capital Works Program.

Record of Voting

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

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

ASS013-26 DRAFT PENSURST TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC DOMAIN PLAN
(Report by Strategic Placemaking Specialist)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Jamieson

That Council recommend the Draft Penshurst Town Centre Public Domain Plan proceed to public exhibition and community consultation for broader stakeholder and community endorsement, and that the engagement process include opportunities for face-to-face consultation such as community workshops, drop-in sessions or online webinars.

Record of Voting

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

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

CCL022-26 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 13 April 2026

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN012-26 to FIN016-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

FIN012-26 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 27 NOVEMBER 2025 (CONFIRMED) AND 5 MARCH 2026 (UNCONFIRMED)
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

- (a) That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 27 November 2025 be received and noted by Council.
- (b) That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 5 March 2026 be received and noted by Council.

FIN013-26 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 28 February 2026 be received and noted by Council.

FIN014-26 REVISED RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE POLICY
(Report by Coordinator Financial Management)

That Council adopt the revised Related Party Disclosure Policy as attached to this report.

FIN015-26 QUARTERLY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

That Council receive and note the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio, for the period ending 31 December 2025.

FIN016-26 PROJECT UPDATE AND MILESTONE COMPLETION - CARSS PARK POOL
(Report by General Manager)

- (a) That Council receive and note the project update on Carss Park Pool.
- (b) That Council receive and note the completion of Milestone 1 and the General Manager's approval to provide payment to NSW Office of Sport (OOS) in accordance with the Project

Funding Agreement.

- (c) That Council Acknowledge the positive progress on the project undertaken by OOS.

CCL023-26 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 13 April 2026

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for item COM013-26 to item COM016-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM013-26 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
(Report by Coordinator Community Property and Venues)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026.

COM014-26 Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 for Public Exhibition
(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2026-2030 to be placed on public exhibition for at least 28 days.
- (b) That Council receive a further report after the exhibition period outlining the feedback received before the DIAP is endorsed by Council to be submitted to the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) by 30 June 2026.

COM015-26 Outgoing Sponsorship - Autism Community Network Gala Dinner
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$7,500 to become a Silver Sponsor of the Autism Community Network Gala Dinner, to be held on Friday 1 May 2026.

COM016-26 INDOOR MULTISPORT STADIUM FEASIBILITY STUDY – FUNDING AND PROJECT DIRECTION

(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

That Council:

- (a) Notes that \$120,000 was allocated in the 2025/26 Financial Year (FY) operating budget, to fund the development of a feasibility study for an Indoor Multisport Stadium, co-funded equally with Basketball NSW.
- (b) Endorses the progression of Stage 1 – Strategic Business Case and approve the reallocation of additional funding, as detailed in the confidential attachment, within the

2025–26 Operating Budget from existing operational projects.

CCL024-26 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 13 April 2026
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Liu

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV012-26 to ENV016-26 with the exception of ENV013-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV012-26 DRAFT RIVERWOOD LOCAL CENTRE MASTER PLAN - ENDORSEMENT FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION
(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council endorse the Draft Riverwood Local Centre Master Plan, as included in **Attachment 1 and 2**, and the associated studies, as included in **Attachments 3 to 5** to this report, for the purposes of public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
- (b) That Council authorise the Director Environment and Planning to make minor editorial amendments, if required, prior to the commencement of the public exhibition of the Draft Riverwood Local Centre Master Plan.
- (c) That a further report be provided to Council outlining submissions received during the public exhibition period and recommending any amendments to the Draft Riverwood Local Centre Master Plan in response to submissions received.

ENV014-26 MORTDALE VILLAGE PARKING - NM057-25
(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

That Council receive and note the information contained within this report.

ENV015-26 ENDORSEMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTION SCHEME PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR GATEWAY DETERMINATION
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council forward the Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme Planning Proposal (PP2026/0003) enclosed in **Attachment 3** to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (b) That Council endorse to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the DPHI and the *Georges River Council Engagement Strategy*.
- (c) That Council authorise the Director Environment and Planning to make minor editorial

amendments to the Planning Proposal as required throughout the reporting process.

- (d) That a further report be provided to Council outlining submissions received during the public exhibition period of the Planning Proposal.
- (e) That the Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme takes effect upon gazettal of the Planning Proposal and the proposal is amended as such.
- (f) That the confidentiality relating to Attachment 4 to ENV015-26 AHCS Feasibility Assessment Report be removed and the attachment published to Council's website".

ENV016-26 ADOPTION OF CARSS BUSH PARK AND TODD PARK MASTER PLAN AND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT
(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council adopt the Carss Bush Park and Todd Park Master Plan (Attachment 1) and Plan of Management (Attachment 2) in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Act 1993 and section 3.23(6) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, subject to the following:-
adding an option (iv) on page 9 of the Master Plan which states 'Upgrade and retain the existing Men's Shed as a stand-alone facility at its current location.'
- (b) That Council authorise the Director Environment and Planning to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the Carss Bush Park and Todd Park Master Plan and Plan of Management.
- (c) That the adopted Carss Bush Park and Todd Park Master Plan and Plan of Management be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) Crown Lands.
- (d) That the Carss Bush Park and Todd Park Master Plan and Plan of Management be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.
- (e) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the Carss Bush Park and Todd Park Master Plan and Plan of Management be notified of Council's decision.

ENV013-26 ENDORSEMENT OF MORTDALE LOCAL CENTRE PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR GATEWAY DETERMINATION & DCP AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION
(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Council forward Planning Proposal PP2026/0001 (Mortdale Centre Master Plan Planning Proposal) enclosed in **Attachment 1** to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (b) That Council endorse to publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the DPHI and the *Georges River Council Engagement Strategy*.
- (c) That Council authorise the Director Environment and Planning to make minor editorial amendments to the Planning Proposal as required throughout the reporting process.
- (d) That Council endorse draft Amendment No. 8 to the Georges River Development Control Plan 2021 (GRDCP), enclosed in **Attachment 2**, to be exhibited concurrently with the

Planning Proposal.

- (e) That Council authorise the Director of Environment and Planning to make minor editorial amendments to the draft GRDCP, if required, in preparation for the public exhibition.
- (f) That a further report be provided to Council outlining submissions received during the public exhibition period of the Planning Proposal and draft Amendment No.8 to the GRDCP.

Record of Voting

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

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

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

That Council resolve to adopt the officer recommendations for items as listed below in bulk with no discussion or alteration thereto.

CCL025-26	Report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including March 2026)
CCL026-26	Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy – April 2026
CCL027-26	Half Year Progress Report: July 2025 – December 2025
CCL028-26	Draft 2026/27 Operational Plan, 2025-2029 Delivery Program and Updated Resourcing Strategy

Record of Voting

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

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

CCL025-26 Report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including March 2026)
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Unanimously

That Council receive and note the report.

CCL026-26 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - April 2026

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Unanimously

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

- (a) CWF21/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Anzellotti on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association Inc in the amount of \$167.
- (b) CWF22/25-26 – Application submitted by Mayor, Councillor Borg on behalf of Dress for Success NSW and ACT in the amount of \$750.
- (c) CWF 23/25-26 - Application submitted by Councillor Allison on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association Inc in the amount of \$167.
- (d) CWF24/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Allison on behalf of Oatley Rugby Club in the amount of \$1,000.
- (e) CWF25/25-26 – Cancelled - Application submitted by Councillor Hayes on behalf of Riverwood Hornets Australia Inc in the amount of \$2,000.
- (f) CWF26/25-26 Application submitted by Councillor Gao on behalf of Carlton South Public School P&C Association in the amount of \$2,000.
- (g) CWF27/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Dimoski on behalf of One Meal It Makes a Difference Inc in the amount of \$500.
- (h) CWF28/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Gao on behalf of Nicholas Giourgis in the amount \$500.
- (i) CWF29/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Dimoski on behalf of the Nepalese Penshurst Committee Incorporated in the amount of \$1,000.

CCL027-26 Half Year Progress Report: July 2025 - December 2025

(Report by Corporate Planning and Performance Specialist)

RESOLVED: Unanimously

- (a) That Council receive and note the Half Year Progress Report July 2025 – December 2025 (Attachment 1) of performance made towards Georges River Council's Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2026/27.
- (b) That a copy of the Half Year Progress Report July 2025 – December 2025 be published on Council's website and a link provided to the Office of Local Government.

CCL028-26 Draft 2026/27 Operational Plan, 2025-2029 Delivery Program and Updated Resourcing Strategy

(Report by Corporate Planning and Performance Specialist)

RESOLVED: Unanimously

- (a) That Council endorse for the purposes of public exhibition the attached Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents:
 - (i) Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2026/27, including:
 - Budget 2026/27
 - Fees and Charges 2026/27

- (ii) Draft Resourcing Strategy 2026/27
 - (iii) Supporting detail of the 4-year capital works program
 - (iv) Supporting detail of the operating budget and proposed fees and charges.
- (b) That the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents be approved for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- (c) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents.
- (d) That submissions received as part of the public exhibition of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents be reported to the June 2026 Council meeting, for consideration as part of the adoption of these documents.

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM017-26 Removal of Palm Trees on King Georges Road Beverly Hills (Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski left the Chambers at 07:30pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski returned to the Chambers at 07:31pm

MOTION: Councillor Pun, Councillor Arthur

That Council resolves to:

- (a) Acknowledge the Significance of the Palms: Formally recognise the historical and cultural significance of the iconic palm trees along King Georges Road, which have defined the distinctive character and identity of Beverly Hills for over 40 years.
- (b) Acknowledge the Necessary Removal: Acknowledge that the removal of the four diseased Phoenix palms is a necessary and urgent measure to protect public safety and prevent the spread of the fatal Fusarium wilt.
- (c) Commit to a Collaborative Median Upgrade and Replacement Plantings: Acknowledge that the central median is subject to a maintenance agreement with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and that any new plantings require their approval. Council commits to working collaboratively with TfNSW on a potential upgrade to the median island to restore iconic, suitable, and disease-resistant trees—such as fungus-resistant dwarf palms or native Australian palms—to maintain the suburb's visual heritage.
- (d) Fix Retaining Walls: As part of the median upgrade and in collaboration with TfNSW assess and repair or replace the structurally compromised garden retaining walls to safely support the new root growth of the replacement trees and prevent deterioration onto the roadway.
- (e) Collaborate with TfNSW for Short-Term Replacement: Start immediately to collaborate with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to secure the necessary approvals and funding for a short-term replacement of the removed palm trees. This interim measure will help keep the iconic Beverly Hills palm tree identity alive while future, long-term median upgrades and funding are being designed and negotiated.
- (f) Revitalise Beverly Hills: Address the community's concerns of neglect by immediately expediting the stalled Beverly Hills Master Plan to support struggling local businesses and restore the area's economic vitality.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison

That Council:

- (a) Notes the Canary Island Date Palms (*Phoenix Canariensis*) planted within the King Georges Rd, Beverly Hills median strip were planted in 1997 and that this species is classified as an environmental weed in NSW.
- (b) Acknowledges that the removal of four diseased Phoenix palms due to Fusarium Wilt (a highly contagious and incurable disease) to was to prevent its spread to surrounding Phoenix palms and reduce the risk of tree failure.
- (c) Notes Council is undertaking offset planting of 92 trees within the local area, including Beverly Hills, Kingsgrove and across Hurstville ward, to be completed within this financial year.
- (d) Notes Council has an agreement with the former Department of Main Roads (DMR) accepting responsibility for maintaining the current landscaping and planting undertaken in the median island on King Georges Rd, and that maintenance including weeding, hedging and mulching was completed within the last three weeks.
- (e) Writes to the Hon. Jenny Aitchison, MP, Minister for Roads requesting that:
 - (i) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) undertakes and funds the necessary works to rectify the deteriorating retaining walls situated along the King Georges Rd median strip; and
 - (ii) Upon completion of the rectification works, and to keep the iconic Beverly Hills palm tree identity alive, that Grant funding be provided to replace each of the removed exotic species with an appropriate native species such as the Australian Cabbage Palm (*Livistona Australis*), of a similar size to the palms which have been removed.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Amendment: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was nine (9) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the Motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison

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Record of Voting

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

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

NM018-26 Autism Awareness Month (Report by Councillor Dimoski)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Liu

That Council:

- (a) Recognises April as Autism Awareness (Acceptance) Month and acknowledges World Autism Awareness Day on 2 April 2026.
- (b) Recognises and commends the Autism Community Network and Ms Vanessa Gauci for the outstanding contribution they have made over many years, fostering inclusive communities where autistic individuals, together with their families and carers, are supported to live full, rich, and rewarding lives.

Record of Voting

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

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

NM019-26 Acknowledgement of the Magnificals Chamber Orchestra - Gala '26 (Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge and congratulate The Magnificals Chamber Orchestra on the successful presentation of Gala '26.
- (b) Recognise the leadership and vision of Founder and Artistic Director Anna Damayanti in establishing and developing this innovative, first-of-its-kind local initiative.
- (c) Commend all participating musicians, performers, and community groups for their dedication, talent, and collaborative spirit.

- (d) Acknowledge the broader social and cultural impact of the initiative, particularly in:
 - (v) improving access to participation in the arts;
 - (vi) supporting musicians at different life and career stages; and
 - (vii) fostering diversity, inclusion, and community connection
- (e) Note Council's support through community grant programs and reaffirm its ongoing commitment to enabling community-led arts and cultural initiatives that play a vital role in shaping a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive local arts ecosystem.
- (f) Request that a letter of congratulations be sent to Anna Damayanti and The Magnificals Chamber Orchestra on behalf of Council.

Note: Councillor Liu tabled the Magnificals Orchestra Gala 26 Program.

Record of Voting

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

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

NM020-26 Accelerated Implementation Framework for Public EV Charging Infrastructure (Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Dimoski

That Council:

- (a) Note that:
 - (i) In 2022, Council adopted Motion NM093-22 "Electric Vehicle Strategy", establishing a strategic direction for supporting the transition to electric vehicles and facilitating EV charging infrastructure across the LGA.
 - (ii) In 2024, Council further adopted Motion NM019-24, endorsing the rollout of EV charging infrastructure in key public locations.
- (b) Support the accelerated development of a Public EV Charging Infrastructure Implementation Framework, to be progressed in parallel with the finalisation of Council's EV Strategy, and to operationalise its outcomes.
- (c) Develop a targeted implementation section with the EV Strategy to:
 - (i) Identify priority locations for public EV charging stations, including high-density residential areas, commercial centres, public car parks, and key community facilities and that this process takes into account the higher demand for charging stations which will be generated by growth in E.V. sales and exacerbated by the NSW Government's Low and Mid Rise Housing Policy and State Significant Development projects.
 - (ii) Prepare a staged rollout plan with clear and achievable milestones:
 - a) Stage 1: Strategic planning and site assessment (target: within 6 months of Strategy finalisation);
 - b) Stage 2: Initial rollout of EV charging infrastructure (subject to funding and

approvals); and

- c) Stage 3: Expansion based on demand and feasibility.
- (iii) Identify and prepare for public-private partnerships and external funding opportunities, to enable timely application and delivery in alignment with emerging State and Federal funding opportunities upon finalisation of the EV Strategy.
- (iv) Develop planning controls and guidelines, including consideration within the Development Control Plan (DCP), to encourage EV-ready infrastructure in new developments.
- (v) Monitor implementation progress and report to Council on a quarterly basis.
- (d) Include as part of the EV Strategy reporting estimated budget requirements for each stage of the Public EV Charging Infrastructure Implementation Plan, including opportunities for seed funding to leverage external co-investment, and to consider incorporating these progressively into future annual budget processes, subject to Council approval.
- (e) Prefers majority of capital expenditure to be sourced through external grants, private partnerships, and other non-Council funding streams.
- (f) Is advised on progress and any additional budget requirements as part of the annual budget review.
- (g) That Council include \$60,000 for the development of the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and Implementation Framework in the 2026/2027 budget to be funded from Development Contributions Reserve and that the strategy be added to the 2026/2027 Delivery Plan so the strategy can be commenced immediately.

Record of Voting

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

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

NM021-26 Georges River Council Rates (Report by Councillor Gao)

MOTION: Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun

That Council:

- (a) Notes that while residents and ratepayers are facing a serious cost of living crisis, Georges River Residents are paying some of the highest rates in New South Wales.
- (b) Notes strong community concern that Council services are not being delivered to a standard that reflects the rates being paid.
- (c) Resolves that there will be no rate rise at all in the 2026-27 financial year.
- (d) In preparation of the 2026/27 Operational Plan, and related plan, prioritise the improvement of service delivery, basic infrastructure upgrades including traffic matters and DA related matters, and provide a report to Council outlining KPIs and plans for improvement.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the cost of living pressures facing residents within the Local Government Area (LGA), and notes the support available through eligible pensioner rebates, interest-free payment plans, and deferral options.
- (b) Notes the broader local government governance and financial sustainability reforms currently being progressed by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Ron Hoenig, and affirms Council's ongoing advocacy for a rating framework that promotes sustainability, equity, and transparency.
- (c) Notes that Georges River Council's average residential rates and rates per capita are broadly within the mid-range when compared with similar sized metropolitan councils.
- (d) Acknowledges Council's obligations under the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* to ensure responsible long-term financial planning and prudent financial management, and supports seeking community input on the Draft 2026/27 Operational Plan, 2025–2029 Delivery Program, and updated Resourcing Strategy to enable informed decision-making that balances service delivery, infrastructure needs, and financial sustainability for current and future generations.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort

Against the Amendment: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

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

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the cost of living pressures facing residents within the Local Government Area (LGA), and notes the support available through eligible pensioner rebates, interest-free payment plans, and deferral options.
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Record of Voting

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

Stratikopoulos

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

NM022-26 Pensioner Council Rates Rebate
(Report by Councillor Gao)

MOTION: Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the significant and rising cost of living pressures facing pensioners across the Georges River LGA, and that many pensioners live on fixed incomes.
- (b) Notes that a Council funded pensioner rebate was previously available but was removed with no proper explanation provided to the community.
- (c) Recognises that reinstating this rebate would provide practical relief to older residents and ratepayers in our community.
- (d) Resolves to reinstate the pensioner rebate for eligible ratepayers from the start of the 2026/27 Financial Year.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the increasing cost of living pressures faced by vulnerable residents within the Local Government Area, particularly those on fixed incomes.
- (b) Notes the broader local government governance and financial sustainability reforms currently being progressed by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Ron Hoenig.
- (c) Notes that, under Section 575 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), eligible pensioners are entitled to a mandatory rebate of up to \$250 per annum on ordinary rates and domestic waste charges, and that this amount has not increased in line with inflation.
- (d) Requests that the General Manager write to the Hon. Ron Hoenig seeking a review of the adequacy of the statutory pensioner rebate, including consideration of:
 - (i) indexation in line with CPI; or
 - (ii) an increase to a percentage-based rebate model, consistent with other states.
- (e) Recognises the importance of ensuring that the legislative framework governing councils enables adequate long-term financial planning and provides certainty and support for vulnerable members of the community.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Amendment: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was nine (9) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the Motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the increasing cost of living pressures faced by vulnerable residents within the Local Government Area, particularly those on fixed incomes.
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- (e) Recognises the importance of ensuring that the legislative framework governing councils enables adequate long-term financial planning and provides certainty and support for vulnerable members of the community.

Record of Voting

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

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

ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

As the Mayor, Councillor Borg declared a pecuniary interest in this item NM023-26 the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos acted as Chairperson for this item.

NM023-26 Parking Concerns on Shaftesbury Street Carlton (Report by Councillor Gao)

Note: Mayor Councillor Borg declared a Pecuniary Interest in this matter and left the Chambers at 8:24pm during consideration of the item.

MOTION: Councillor Gao, Councillor Pun

That Council:

- (a) Notes concerns raised by residents of Shaftesbury Street and surrounding in Carlton about increasing pressure on street parking and the difficulty this creates for residents.
- (b) Requests that Council undertake a review of parking conditions in Shaftesbury Street, Carlton.
- (c) Requests that the review consider measures to improve parking outcomes for residents, including resident parking permit schemes, and changes to parking layout or configuration to increase the number of available parking spaces.
- (d) Requests that, as part of this review, Council consider whether changes near Bembridge Street, including parallel parking arrangements, may assist in creating additional parking capacity.
- (e) Requests that Council consult with affected residents and report back to Council with the outcome of the review and any recommendations.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Mort, Councillor Dimoski

That Council:

- (a) Notes concerns raised by residents of Shaftesbury Street and surrounding areas in Carlton regarding increasing pressure on street parking and the resulting difficulties for residents.
- (b) Notes that this pressure is likely to worsen under the NSW Government's Low and Mid-Rise Housing reforms, which apply to land within an 800-metre walking distance of Kogarah Station and town centre—including Shaftesbury Street, Carlton—and permit residential flat buildings of up to six storeys with reduced minimum on-site parking requirements, thereby increasing reliance on already constrained on-street parking.
- (c) Notes that Council's Traffic Engineers are currently investigating the feasibility of angle parking in Shaftesbury Street, Carlton in response to an existing request, and that should the investigation determine the changes are feasible and result in an increase in parking supply, affected residents will be consulted and the matter will be reported to the Local Transport Forum in accordance with standard practice.
- (d) Notes that eligibility for the introduction of a Resident Parking Scheme, in accordance with Transport for NSW guidelines, cannot be met for Shaftesbury Street.

Record of Voting

For the Amendment: Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Amendment: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was eight (8) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was CARRIED and became the Motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Dimoski

That Council:

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Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

Against the Motion: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Pun

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was eight (8) votes FOR and five (5) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

Note: Mayor, Councillor Borg resumed the Chair, the time being 8:35pm

NM024-26 NSW Model Code of Meeting Practice
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council notes:
- (i) The introduction of the revised NSW Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils as at 1 January 2026, has made significant changes to how Council meetings and briefings are conducted.
 - (ii) That a Disallowance Motion was moved in the New South Wales Legislative Council on 25 October 2025 by Dr Amanda Cohn MLC, *Local Government (General) Amendment (Model Code of Meeting Practice), Regulation 2025* and that debate on this matter remains ongoing.
 - (iii) That while aspects of the Code seek to improve transparency and consistency, several provisions have created unintended operational and governance challenges for councils and councillors.
- (b) That Council acknowledges:
- (i) The importance of transparency, accountability and public access in local government decision-making.
 - (ii) That effective governance also relies on councillors being properly briefed, informed and able to fully participate in meetings.
 - (iii) That modern working arrangements, caring responsibilities, illness, and unforeseen circumstances can affect councillors' ability to attend meetings in person.
- (c) That Council expresses concern that the current Code:
- (i) Effectively prohibits councillors from attending meetings remotely, limiting participation and potentially disenfranchising both elected representatives and their communities.
 - (ii) Prevents the holding of councillor briefings, which have historically played an important role in ensuring councillors are well-informed prior to public decision-making.
 - (iii) Requires the public forum to be held separately from the Council meeting, which may reduce accessibility and community engagement rather than enhance it.
- (d) That Council supports targeted amendments to the Code that would:
- (i) Allow councillors to attend meetings via audio-visual link in defined circumstances, including the introduction of a reasonable annual cap to maintain integrity while enabling flexibility.
 - (ii) Reinstate the ability for councils to conduct councillor briefings, with appropriate safeguards to ensure transparency and compliance with legislative requirements.
 - (iii) Provide councils with more discretion regarding the timing and format of public forums, including the option to hold them within the Ordinary Council Meeting where

appropriate.

- (e) That Council does not support the wholesale disallowance of the Code, noting that many elements of the Code are appropriate and beneficial, and the preferred approach is targeted amendment rather than complete repeal.
- (f) That Council requests the Mayor write to the NSW Minister for Local Government outlining Council's position and advocating for the above amendments.

Record of Voting

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

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

NM025-26 Gambling Losses in NSW (Report by Councillor Landsberry)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur left the Chambers at 08:46pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur returned to the Chambers at 08:48pm

MOTION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council notes:
 - (i) The alarming scale of gambling losses across New South Wales, with billions lost annually on poker machines, equating to approximately \$1.1 million per hour.
 - (ii) That these losses are not abstract figures, but represent real harm to individuals, families and communities, including within the Georges River local government area.
 - (iii) Evidence that gambling harm contributes to financial distress, relationship breakdown, mental health impacts, housing stress and domestic and family violence.
 - (iv) That communities across southern and south-western Sydney like Georges River are disproportionately exposed to poker machine density and associated harm.
 - (v) Ongoing public concern that the pace and scale of reform by the NSW Government has not matched the severity of the problem.
- (b) That Council acknowledges:
 - (i) That Georges River Council is not immune to the impacts of gambling harm, which are experienced by local residents, families and support services.
 - (ii) That local government is often left to respond to the social consequences of gambling losses without having the legislative power to regulate the industry.
 - (iii) The strong and growing community expectation that governments take meaningful action to reduce gambling harm.
- (c) That Council calls on the NSW Labor Government to move beyond incremental change and urgently implement comprehensive, evidence-based gambling reform, including:
 - (i) A mandatory, universal cashless gaming system with enforceable pre-commitment limits to reduce harm.
 - (ii) Reduced operating hours for poker machines, including mandatory shutdown periods

overnight.

- (iii) Stronger caps on poker machine numbers, particularly in communities already experiencing high levels of socio-economic disadvantage.
 - (iv) A significant increase in funding for local, community-based gambling harm prevention, counselling and support services.
 - (v) Clear, transparent and measurable targets for reducing gambling losses and harm across NSW.
- (d) That Council further calls on the NSW Government to:
- (i) Respond to all outstanding recommendations from independent inquiries, panels and audits into gambling reform.
 - (ii) Demonstrate genuine leadership in addressing what is increasingly recognised as a major public health issue.
- (e) That Council requests that the Mayor write to the Premier, the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and local State Members for the Georges River area outlining Council's position; Council considers the current level of gambling harm in New South Wales to constitute a significant public health issue requiring urgent and decisive government intervention.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Pun, Councillor Anzellotti

- (a) That Council notes:
- (i) The alarming scale of gambling losses across New South Wales, with billions lost annually on poker machines, equating to approximately \$1.1 million per hour.
 - (ii) That these losses are not abstract figures, but represent real harm to individuals, families and communities, including within the Georges River local government area.
 - (iii) Evidence that gambling harm contributes to financial distress, relationship breakdown, mental health impacts, housing stress and domestic and family violence.
 - (iv) That communities across southern and south-western Sydney like Georges River are disproportionately exposed to poker machine density and associated harm.
 - (v) The NSW Government has commenced significant gambling harm reduction reforms, while acknowledging continued community concern and the importance of ongoing evidence-based reform.
 - (vi) That reforms introduced by the NSW Government to date include - but are not limited to: banning external gambling signage, reducing the cash input limit on new gaming machines from \$5,000 to \$500, lowering the statewide cap on poker machine entitlements by more than 3,000, restoring mandatory shutdown hours, and strengthening responsible gambling measures in venues.
- (b) That Council acknowledges:
- (i) That Georges River Council is not immune to the impacts of gambling harm, which are experienced by local residents, families and support services.
 - (ii) That local government is often left to respond to the social consequences of gambling losses without having the legislative power to regulate the industry.
 - (iii) The strong and growing community expectation that governments take meaningful action to reduce gambling harm.
- (c) That Council calls on the NSW Labor Government to move beyond incremental change and urgently implement comprehensive, evidence-based gambling reform, including:

- (i) A mandatory, universal cashless gaming system with enforceable pre-commitment limits to reduce harm.
 - (ii) Reduced operating hours for poker machines, including mandatory shutdown periods overnight.
 - (iii) Stronger caps on poker machine numbers, particularly in communities already experiencing high levels of socio-economic disadvantage.
 - (iv) A significant increase in funding for local, community-based gambling harm prevention, counselling and support services.
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Record of Voting

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

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

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was five (5) votes FOR and nine (9) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney

- (a) That Council notes:
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 - (ii) That these losses are not abstract figures, but represent real harm to individuals, families and communities, including within the Georges River local government area.
 - (iii) Evidence that gambling harm contributes to financial distress, relationship breakdown, mental health impacts, housing stress and domestic and family violence.
 - (iv) That communities across southern and south-western Sydney like Georges River are disproportionately exposed to poker machine density and associated harm.
 - (v) Ongoing public concern that the pace and scale of reform by the NSW Government has not matched the severity of the problem.
- (b) That Council acknowledges:
- (i) That Georges River Council is not immune to the impacts of gambling harm, which

are experienced by local residents, families and support services.

- (ii) That local government is often left to respond to the social consequences of gambling losses without having the legislative power to regulate the industry.
 - (iii) The strong and growing community expectation that governments take meaningful action to reduce gambling harm.
- (c) That Council calls on the NSW Labor Government to move beyond incremental change and urgently implement comprehensive, evidence-based gambling reform, including:
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Record of Voting

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

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

NM026-26 Road Safety Concerns - Kingsway and Maluka Place, Kingsgrove (Report by Councillor Pun)

RESOLVED: Councillor Pun, Councillor Gao

That Council:

- (a) Notes the resident petition raising serious safety concerns at the Kingsway and Maluka Place intersection, including repeated near misses, poor visibility, and unsafe driving behaviour, including the recent accidents in 2026, 2024 and 2022.
- (b) Undertake an urgent traffic and safety assessment of the intersection, including crash history and a consideration of unreported incidents, traffic volumes and speeds, and

sightline constraints, and investigate the feasibility of a roundabout as a long-term solution, with engagement of affected residents.

- (c) Implements immediate safety improvements where possible, including signage, line marking and parking adjustments, and report back to Council within three months with findings, costings and recommended actions.

Record of Voting

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

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN009-26 Mortdale Streetscape Improvement Upgrades (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 09:13pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Allison left the Chambers at 09:13pm

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN010-26 Update on the Narwee Project (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN011-26 Revenue Queries Regarding Reinstating of Free One Hour Parking (Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN012-26 Status Update Council's Street Tree Planting and Native Tubestock Trial (Report by Councillor Allison)

Answer published in the business paper.

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

QNN005-26 NM013-26 Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues - Hurstville (Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

CQR015-26 Update on Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Flood Study - Beach Street Blakehurst (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

CQR016-26 Update on Blakehurst and Kogarah Bay Wards Flood Study - Wisdom Street Connells Point
 (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

CQR017-26 Draft Penshurst Town Centre Public Domain Plan
 (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

CQR018-26 Road Safety Concerns - Kingsway and Maluka Place, Beverly Hills
 (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

CQR019-26 Removal of Palm Trees on King Georges Road, Beverly Hills
 (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

CQR020-26 Draft 2026/27 Operational Plan, 2025-29 Delivery Program and Updated Resourcing Strategy
 (Report by Councillor Jamieson)

Answer published in the business paper.

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

QWN	NM026-26: Road Safety Concerns – Kingsway and Maluka Place Kingsgrove
	Question: Has Council received the petition signed by the residents on this matter?

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 9:13pm



Chairperson