

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 25 May 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 Oliver Dimoski, Councillor Thomas Gao, Councillor Gerard Hayes, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, 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, 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, Coordinator Communications & Engagement – Catherine James, Environmental and Open Space Projects Engineer – Leo Hoang, Chief Information Officer – Brendan Scott, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva 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.

PRAYER

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

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

RESOLVED: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Gao

Record of Voting

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

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

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The 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

Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Allison disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **NM030-26 Poisoning of Trees – Boundary Road Reserve Peakhurst** for the reason he is a long term member of Oatley Flora and Fauna (OFF) which strongly advocates for the preservation of remnant indigenous trees being a connection to country and recognises that perpetrators of these heinous acts when convicted be subject to substantial penalties. **Councillor Allison** will remain in the meeting and take part in the consideration of this item.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL029-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 April 2026
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Liu

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 April 2026, be adopted.

Record of Voting

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

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

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM005-26 Expansion of Lime Bikes in Georges River
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council:

- (a) Notes the update on the expansion of Lime shared e-bike operations, including usage data and community feedback;
- (b) Continues to work collaboratively with Lime to monitor service levels, including parking compliance and operator responsiveness, and improve outcomes for the Georges River

community;

- (c) Commences a community awareness campaign outlining the responsibilities of the operator and riders and promoting safe riding and proper parking;
- (d) Advocates for clear, enforceable and contemporary regulations, as well as appropriate and equitable funding arrangements to support the management of micromobility services; and
- (e) Provides a Councillor briefing/workshop on the expansion and management of shared micromobility services to ensure the best outcomes for the community.

Record of Voting

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

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

MM006-26 Emergency Services Funding Reform – Response to NSW Treasury Options Paper (Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council promote community awareness of the Parliamentary Select Committee inquiry by sharing relevant information and submission links through Council's communication channels, including social media, to encourage residents and businesses to understand the proposed reforms and participate in the consultation process.
- (b) That Council submit a formal response to the Parliamentary Select Committee inquiry prior to the 19 June 2026 deadline, and provide a copy to the local Members representing the Local Government Area (LGA), which:
 - (i) Supports reform of the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) to ensure the funding model is fairer, more transparent, and more equitable across the community.
 - (ii) Supports Revenue NSW assuming sole responsibility for the administration, billing, collection, and debt management of any new broad-based property levy.
- (c) Opposes any funding model that requires local councils to act as the primary collection agency through the inclusion of the levy on council rate notices, particularly where such arrangements would impose additional administrative costs, resource burdens, and cost-shifting pressures on local government.

Record of Voting

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

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

CONDOLENCES

Councillor Anzellotti offered condolences for Neale Daniher.

Georges River Council expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Neale Daniher, a remarkable Australian whose courage, dignity and determination inspired millions.

Neale's tireless advocacy for people living with motor neurone disease transformed awareness of the illness across the nation and raised vital funds for research and support services through his leadership of FightMND. In recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the Australian community, Neale was named Australian of the Year in 2025 — a fitting tribute to a man whose courage and selflessness united the nation.

Motor neurone disease remains one of the most devastating and cruel diseases affecting Australian families. There is currently no cure, no known cause and very limited treatment options. Around 2,800 Australians are currently living with MND, with two Australians diagnosed every day and another two losing their lives to the disease each day. The average life expectancy following diagnosis is just 27 months.

Based on national prevalence rates, it is estimated that around 15 to 20 people and families within the Georges River community may currently be living with this cruel disease, facing unimaginable physical, emotional and financial challenges.

This motion of condolence is also deeply personal for me. My father passed away from motor neurone disease in 2020, and like so many families, we witnessed firsthand the heartbreaking impact this disease has not only on the person diagnosed, but on their loved ones and carers as well. We watched a strong and capable man gradually lose his ability to walk, speak and eventually breathe. That is why Neale Daniher's courage, advocacy and determination meant so much to families like mine across Australia.

Despite his own diagnosis, Neale continued to show extraordinary strength, humility and optimism, becoming a symbol of resilience and hope for countless Australian families affected by MND.

On behalf of Georges River Council, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to Neale's wife Jan, his children, extended family, friends, former teammates and all those touched by his life and advocacy.

May his legacy continue to inspire compassion, generosity and the pursuit of a cure for motor neurone disease.

Note: A minutes silence was observed by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL030-26 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 May 2026
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Liu

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS018-26 to ASS021-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

ASS018-26 MORTDALE STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT INVESTIGATION
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

That Council:

- (a) Receive and note this report outlining the outcomes of the investigation and the installation of enhancements to the Mortdale streetscape.
- (b) Approves the inclusion of non-budgeted capital expenditure of \$90,000 in the 2026/27 Financial Year.

ASS019-26 DRAFT VERGE MANAGEMENT POLICY
(Report by Executive Manager City Presentation & Operational Services)

- (a) That Council endorse the Draft Verge Management Policy to go on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days to allow feedback from residents, stakeholders and experts in environmental sustainability.
- (b) That Council receive a further report after the public exhibition period has concluded to adopt the policy after considering the feedback received.

ASS020-26 CARSS BUSH PARK PLAYSACE UPGRADE (STAGE 2) - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES AND CONCEPT DESIGN
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

That Council:

- (a) Note the outcome of the Carss Bush Park Playspace Stage 2 design community engagement.
- (b) Endorses the concept design for the Carss Bush Park Playspace Stage 2 to proceed to detailed design and construction.

ASS021-26 REPORT OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM MEETING HELD ON 29 APRIL 2026
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

That the Local Transport Forum recommendations for items LTF031-26 to LTF040-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

LTF031-26 BAUMANS ROAD AND MEADOWLAND ROAD, PEAKHURST - PROPOSED 'NO STOPPING ZONES' & '1/2P' RESTRICTONS AT THE INTERSECTION.
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That 'No Stopping' restrictions be introduced at the intersection of Baumans Road and Meadowland Road, Peakhurst, as per the plan attached in the report.
- (b) That '1/2P, 8:30am–6:00pm Mon–Fri & 8:30am–12:30pm Sat' parking restrictions be implemented on southern side of Meadowland Road near the intersection with Baumans Road.

LTF032-26 GLENWALL STREET, KINGSGROVE - FORMALISATION OF AN EXISTING 'BUS ZONE'
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That the existing 'Bus Zone' on the western side of Glenwall Street, Kingsgrove, south of the driveway to No. 34, be formalised as per the plan in the report.

LTF033-26 TRAFALGAR STREET, PEAKHURST - PROPOSED 'BUS ZONE' EXTENSION
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That the existing 'Bus Zone' on the southern side of Trafalgar Street, fronting No. 69, be extended 4m east as shown on the plan attached to the report.

LTF034-26 HILLCREST AVENUE, HURSTVILLE - PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT SCHEME
(Report by Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer)

That the 'Existing Resident Parking Permit Scheme Area 6' be extended to include Hillcrest Avenue between King Georges Road and Woniora Road, Hurstville as per the plan in the report.

LTF035-26 WEST STREET, BLAKEHURST - PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF THE 'NO STOPPING' SIGN
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That the 'No Stopping' sign on the southern side of West Street, Blakehurst, be relocated 3.4m to the west as per the plan in the report.

LTF036-26 JUNCTION ROAD, BEVERLY HILLS - PROPOSED RELOCATION OF 'BUS ZONE' RESTRICTION
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That the existing 'Bus Zone' restriction on the southern side of Junction Road, Beverly Hills, be relocated east, as per the plan in the report.

LTF037-26 DEPOT ROAD, MORTDALE - PROPOSED TEMPORARY CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That a temporary 'No Parking' restriction be installed on Depot Road, Mortdale, as per the plan in the report, during the following period to facilitate a waste drop-off event:
Friday 23 October 2026 to Monday 26 October 2026
- (b) That the 'No Parking' restriction and associated signage be removed between each waste drop-off event.

LTF038-26 PITT STREET, MORTDALE - PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE PARKING
(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That 6m of the existing time-restricted parking '2P, Mon-Fri 8:30 am-6 pm and Sat 8:30 am-12:30 pm' on the southern side of Pitt Street, Mortdale be converted into an accessible parking zone, as per the plan in the report.

LTF039-26 BURGESS STREET AND TARGO ROAD INTERSECTION - PROPOSED

INTERSECTION CHANGES

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

That the priority at the Burgess Street and Targo Road intersection be modified, as per the plan in the report.

LTF040-26 WOODLANDS AVENUE, LUGARNO - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

(Report by Traffic Engineer)

- (a) That the 'No Parking' restrictions on Woodlands Avenue, east of the intersection with Boronia Parade, be converted to 'No Stopping' restrictions, as per the plan in the report.
- (b) That the 'No Stopping' restrictions, fronting No. 93 Woodlands Avenue, be extended by approximately 2m, as per the plan in the report.

CCL031-26 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 11 May 2026

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN018-26 to FIN021-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

FIN018-26 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 March 2026 be received and noted by Council.

FIN019-26 DRAFT GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY

(Report by Chief Information Officer)

- (a) That Council endorse the newly developed draft Georges River Council Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy for public consultation.
- (b) That the draft Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days to allow the community to provide feedback.
- (c) That Council receive a further report following the public exhibition period.

FIN020-26 QUARTERLY STRATEGIC PROPERTY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

(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 March 2026.

FIN021-26 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

(Report by Head of Financial Planning and Analysis)

That this item be deferred for consideration at the 25 May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CCL032-26 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 11 May 2026

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Dimoski

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM018-26 to COM019-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

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

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

COM018-26 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2025-2026 ROUND 2

(Report by Grants and Project Officer)

That Council adopts the funding recommendations resulting from Georges River Council Community Grants 2025-2026 Round 2, as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.

COM019-26 OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP - KINGSWAY COMMUNITY CARE FUNDRAISING DINNER 2026

(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council approves the Outgoing Sponsorship request of \$10,000 to become a sponsor of the Kingsway Community Care Fundraising Dinner being held on 18 June 2026.

CCL033-26 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 May 2026

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski left the Chambers at 07.27pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV018-26 to ENV019-26 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, 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.

ENV018-26 DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING Q3 METRICS REPORT
(Report by Manager Development and Building)

That Council note the Quarterly Development and Building Team Functions and Services Metrics Report for the period January to March 2026.

ENV019-26 ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT STATEWIDE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN
(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

- (a) That Council endorse the Georges River Council submission to the NSW Government on the draft Statewide Community Participation Plan (**Attachment 1**).
- (b) That Council authorise the Director, Planning & Environment to finalise and submit the endorsed submission, including any minor amendments that do not alter the substantive intent.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL034-26 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - May 2026
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Mahoney

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

CWF30/25-26 – Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Autism Community Network in the amount of \$1,500.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, 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.

CCL035-26 FIN021-26 Quarterly Budget Review Report for Period Ending 31 March 2026 - Deferred from Finance and Governance Committee held on 11 May 2026
(Report by Head of Financial Planning and Analysis)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski returned to the Chambers at 07.29pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Liu

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 31 March 2026.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2025/26 Budget as outlined in attachment 1.

Record of Voting

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

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM027-26 Sporting Recognition Framework (Report by Councillor Dimoski)

RESOLVED: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council:
- (i) Acknowledges that many local athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers have achieved excellence and made significant contributions to sport at local, regional, state, national and international levels.
 - (ii) Recognise the important role that sporting achievement plays in fostering community pride, inspiring participation in sport and physical activity, and contributing to the social and cultural life of the Georges River community.
- (b) That the General Manager prepares a report to Council outlining options for a structured sporting recognition framework for the Georges River community.

Record of Voting

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

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

NM028-26 Peakhurst West Public School Swimming Pool (Report by Councillor Liu)

MOTION: Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge that access to affordable and appropriate community sporting facilities is essential to community wellbeing.
- (b) Note that:
- (i) The transfer of the pool to a new private operator and a commercialised mode of operation has raised concerns amongst community groups of increased fees and reduced access for community users, including local swimming clubs;
 - (ii) Proposed changes, including a reduction in 25-metre pool depth from 2.0 metres to 1.4 metres, represent a downgrade of the facility and impact its suitability for training, community programs, and typical competition use; and

- (iii) This matter has been raised with Council since December 2024, including a 2025 resolution regarding the reopening of the facility (NM091-25), and key concerns relating to affordability, access, and proposed changes remain unresolved.
- (c) Write to the NSW State Government and relevant authorities to;
- (i) seek clarification regarding the proposed changes to the pool, including the reduction in pool depth and its impact on community users;
 - (ii) request that the proposed works be paused pending further consultation and clarification, noting that once works commence, the original functionality of the pool may be permanently affected;
 - (iii) express Council's and the community's concerns regarding affordability, access, and the proposed changes to the facility;
 - (iv) seek a review to ensure the facility remains accessible, appropriate, and fit for long-term community use.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Anzellotti Councillor Hayes

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge that access to affordable and appropriate community sporting facilities is essential to community wellbeing.
- (b) Note that:
 - (i) The transfer of the pool to a private operator and a commercialised mode of operation has reportedly resulted in increased fees and reduced access for community users, including local swimming clubs;
 - (ii) Proposed changes, including a reduction in 25-metre pool depth from 2.0 metres to 1.35/1.4 metres, represent a downgrade of the facility and impact its suitability for training, community programs, and typical competition use; and
 - (iii) This matter has been raised with Council since December 2024, including a 2025 resolution regarding the reopening of the facility (NM091-25), and key concerns relating to affordability, access, and proposed changes remain unresolved.
- (c) Write to the NSW Government to:
 - (i) Express Council's and the community's concerns regarding affordability, access, and proposed facility changes;
 - (ii) Seek a review to ensure the facility remains accessible and appropriate for community use; and
 - (iii) Request clarification on proposed changes, including pool depth and their impact on users.
- (d) Note that local government authorities are traditionally and practically the most appropriate bodies to manage public swimming infrastructure, and therefore write to the NSW State Government to formally propose that Georges River Council assume full care and management of the facility to return it to a local government-run model.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Dimoski,

Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was four (4) votes FOR and nine (9) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge that access to affordable and appropriate community sporting facilities is essential to community wellbeing.
- (b) Note that:
 - (i) The transfer of the pool to a new private operator and a commercialised mode of operation has raised concerns amongst community groups of increased fees and reduced access for community users, including local swimming clubs;
 - (ii) Proposed changes, including a reduction in 25-metre pool depth from 2.0 metres to 1.4 metres, represent a downgrade of the facility and impact its suitability for training, community programs, and typical competition use; and
 - (iii) This matter has been raised with Council since December 2024, including a 2025 resolution regarding the reopening of the facility (NM091-25), and key concerns relating to affordability, access, and proposed changes remain unresolved.
- (c) Write to the NSW State Government and relevant authorities to;
 - (i) seek clarification regarding the proposed changes to the pool, including the reduction in pool depth and its impact on community users;
 - (ii) request that the proposed works be paused pending further consultation and clarification, noting that once works commence, the original functionality of the pool may be permanently affected;
 - (iii) express Council's and the community's concerns regarding affordability, access, and the proposed changes to the facility;
 - (iv) seek a review to ensure the facility remains accessible, appropriate, and fit for long-term community use.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was nine (9) votes FOR and four (4) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM029-26 **Beverly Hills Master Plan** (Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney left the Chambers at 08:00pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mahoney returned to the Chambers at 08:02pm

MOTION: Councillor Wang, Councillor Gao

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the shifting planning landscape:

Notes that the vast majority of the Beverly Hills Commercial Business Area is now subject to State-led planning pathways, specifically the State Significant Development (SSD) application at 447-453 King Georges Road (former cinema site) and the State-Assessed Rezoning Proposal (SARP) for 407-511 King Georges Road. There could be more SSD submissions in the pipeline.

- (b) Recognises overlapping State jurisdictions:

Notes that the management of the Moomba to Sydney pipeline risk has effectively been referred to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). In November 2025, Council resolved to submit a Planning Proposal to State Planning seeking to impose a 200-metre Activity Hazard Risk Map. Given DPHI is assessing these risk controls alongside the precinct's Low- and Mid-Rise (LMR) housing policy, the State is already the primary authority.

- (c) Acknowledges the lack of a delivery timeline:

Notes with concern that despite nearly a decade of delays, Council cannot provide a definite timeline for the completion of the Beverly Hills Master Plan.

- (d) Formally requests a State takeover based on proven precedents:

Writes to the Honourable Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI), formally requesting the State Government assume full planning control of the Beverly Hills Master Plan. Council requests the State apply a model similar to the recently finalised Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2050—potentially through designation as a State Significant Precinct (SSP) under a State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)—to ensure a holistic, cohesive precinct design and avoid fragmented, "siloed" development.

- (e) Protects ratepayer funds:

Resolves to immediately cease all further expenditure of Council funds on external consultants and technical studies for the Beverly Hills Master Plan, preventing costly coordination friction and the duplication of planning efforts.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney

That Council:

- (a) Reaffirms Council's commitment to a Council-led Beverly Hills Local Centre Master Plan to provide a coordinated, place-based framework for future land use, infrastructure, public domain improvements and revitalisation of the Beverly Hills Local Centre.
- (b) Requests that Councillors be provided with a regular project update outlining key milestones, remaining work program items and anticipated exhibition and reporting timeframes for the Beverly Hills Master Plan.
- (c) Notes that while some sites in Beverly Hills have been subject to State-led planning pathways, the State Significant Development (SSD) application for 447–453 King Georges Road was revoked by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for not progressing within the required timeframes, and the State Assessed Rezoning Proposal (SARP) declaration for 407–511 King Georges Road has not materially progressed since its declaration.
- (d) Notes that there is currently no established State-led precinct framework specifically

applying to Beverly Hills, and that Beverly Hills differs in context and function from major metropolitan precincts such as Sydney Olympic Park that would typically warrant consideration as a State Significant Precinct (SSP).

- (e) Notes that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has a statutory role in assessing matters including hazard risks associated with the Moomba to Sydney pipeline and the implementation of State housing policies, and further notes that under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and relevant State planning guidelines, Council is required to consider and respond to hazard risks as part of its strategic planning functions. Council is progressing Planning Proposal PP2026/0002 in accordance with these requirements.
- (f) Acknowledges that the Beverly Hills Master Plan has experienced delays due to flood-related technical requirements from State agencies and the requirement to complete a revised Moomba to Sydney Pipeline Hazard Analysis Report following the State Government's approval for the pipeline to transition from ethane to natural gas, which has required additional hazard assessment work and contributed to delays in reporting the draft Master Plan. Council notes that the draft Master Plan is expected to be reported to Council in the coming months for endorsement for public exhibition.

POINT OF ORDER

Note: At this point in the meeting, Councillor Wang raised a Point of Order referring to Clause 10.11 of the Code of Meeting Practice that an amendment must not be a direct negative of the original motion. The Mayor, Councillor Borg, ruled on the Point of Order after suspending the business before the meeting. The Point of Order was overruled.

MOTION OF DISSENT

MOTION: Councillor Wang

That I move to dissent from the ruling of the Chairperson on the Point of Order.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Wang

Against the Motion: 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 Motion of Dissent four (4) votes FOR and nine (9) votes AGAINST. The Motion of Dissent was LOST.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney

That Council:

- (a) Reaffirms Council's commitment to a Council-led Beverly Hills Local Centre Master Plan to provide a coordinated, place-based framework for future land use, infrastructure, public domain improvements and revitalisation of the Beverly Hills Local Centre.
- (b) Requests that Councillors be provided with a regular project update outlining key milestones, remaining work program items and anticipated exhibition and reporting timeframes for the Beverly Hills Master Plan.
- (c) Notes that while some sites in Beverly Hills have been subject to State-led planning pathways, the State Significant Development (SSD) application for 447–453 King Georges Road was revoked by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for not progressing within the required timeframes, and the State Assessed Rezoning Proposal (SARP)

declaration for 407–511 King Georges Road has not materially progressed since its declaration.

- (d) Notes that there is currently no established State-led precinct framework specifically applying to Beverly Hills, and that Beverly Hills differs in context and function from major metropolitan precincts such as Sydney Olympic Park that would typically warrant consideration as a State Significant Precinct (SSP).
- (e) Notes that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has a statutory role in assessing matters including hazard risks associated with the Moomba to Sydney pipeline and the implementation of State housing policies, and further notes that under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and relevant State planning guidelines, Council is required to consider and respond to hazard risks as part of its strategic planning functions. Council is progressing Planning Proposal PP2026/0002 in accordance with these requirements.
- (f) Acknowledges that the Beverly Hills Master Plan has experienced delays due to flood-related technical requirements from State agencies and the requirement to complete a revised Moomba to Sydney Pipeline Hazard Analysis Report following the State Government's approval for the pipeline to transition from ethane to natural gas, which has required additional hazard assessment work and contributed to delays in reporting the draft Master Plan. Council notes that the draft Master Plan is expected to be reported to Council in the coming months for endorsement for public exhibition.

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 Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Amendment was nine (9) votes FOR and four (4) votes AGAINST. The Amendment became the Motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney

That Council:

- (g) Reaffirms Council's commitment to a Council-led Beverly Hills Local Centre Master Plan to provide a coordinated, place-based framework for future land use, infrastructure, public domain improvements and revitalisation of the Beverly Hills Local Centre.
- (h) Requests that Councillors be provided with a regular project update outlining key milestones, remaining work program items and anticipated exhibition and reporting timeframes for the Beverly Hills Master Plan.
- (i) Notes that while some sites in Beverly Hills have been subject to State-led planning pathways, the State Significant Development (SSD) application for 447–453 King Georges Road was revoked by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for not progressing within the required timeframes, and the State Assessed Rezoning Proposal (SARP) declaration for 407–511 King Georges Road has not materially progressed since its declaration.
- (j) Notes that there is currently no established State-led precinct framework specifically applying to Beverly Hills, and that Beverly Hills differs in context and function from major metropolitan precincts such as Sydney Olympic Park that would typically warrant consideration as a State Significant Precinct (SSP).

- (k) Notes that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has a statutory role in assessing matters including hazard risks associated with the Moomba to Sydney pipeline and the implementation of State housing policies, and further notes that under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and relevant State planning guidelines, Council is required to consider and respond to hazard risks as part of its strategic planning functions. Council is progressing Planning Proposal PP2026/0002 in accordance with these requirements.
- (l) Acknowledges that the Beverly Hills Master Plan has experienced delays due to flood-related technical requirements from State agencies and the requirement to complete a revised Moomba to Sydney Pipeline Hazard Analysis Report following the State Government's approval for the pipeline to transition from ethane to natural gas, which has required additional hazard assessment work and contributed to delays in reporting the draft Master Plan. Council notes that the draft Master Plan is expected to be reported to Council in the coming months for endorsement for public exhibition.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Gao, Councillor Hayes, Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was nine (9) votes FOR and four (4) votes AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

NM030-26 Poisoning of Trees - Boundary Reserve Peakhurst (Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Allison

That Council:

- (a) Recognises that three (3) *Syncarpia glomulifera* (Turpentine) trees and one (1) *Eucalyptus microcorys* (Tallowwood) tree located in Boundary Reserve, Peakhurst have been killed by poisoning.
- (b) Notes that *Syncarpia glomulifera* forms part of the Turpentine–Ironbark Forest within the Sydney Basin Bioregion (which was listed by the Commonwealth Government in 2014 as critically endangered under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999).
- (c) Condemns this act of vandalism, which has adversely impacted a highly vulnerable and protected ecological system.
- (d) Continues its investigations into the matter in order to identify the culprit, and seeks the assistance of the Commander, St George Police Area Command in this regard.
- (e) Explores the possibility of incorporating all *Syncarpia glomulifera* growing in Council's parks, reserves and streets into the Significant Tree Register.
- (f) Conducts an extensive media campaign in order to publicise this act of vandalism, highlighting the penalties applicable to such crimes.
- (g) Erects appropriate signage as a further preventative and educational measure.
- (h) Notes that the damage has been registered in Council's Public Tree Vandalism Database.
- (i) Extensively replants the affected area with more specimens of *Syncarpia glomulifera* and

other species from the same endangered ecological community.

- (j) Installs necessary security measures (such as surveillance camera equipment and lighting) to deter further acts of vandalism within Boundary Reserve.

Record of Voting

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

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN013-26 Tree Vandalism
(Report by Councillor Allison)
Answer published in the business paper.

QWN014-26 Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal
(Report by Councillor Wang)
Answer published in the business paper.

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

QNN006-26 NM026-26: Road Safety Concerns - Kingsway and Maluka Place Kingsgrove
(Report by Councillor Pun)
Answer published in the business paper.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8:52pm.

Chairperson