

MINUTES

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 14 May 2026

6:00 PM

Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville - Dragon Room

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Oliver Dimoski (Chairperson)
Councillor Kathryn Landsberry
Councillor Natalie Mort.

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Jeffrey Barrett – St George Cycling Club
Ross Bernays – Oatley Rugby Club
Caroline Braddick – St George Touch Football
Warren Driscoll – St George Junior Rugby Club (Apology)
Jodie Gatehouse – St George District Rugby League Football Club
Kevin Greene – Cricket NSW
Kim Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association
Oleksandr Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis
Nicholas Smerdely – Football St George
Mark Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc. (METSEA)
Tanya Smith – Golf NSW
Paul Thanos - St George Basketball Association
Sal Torrisi – St George City FA
Dale Widders – St George Australian Football Club
Kris Wylie - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL STAFF

David Tuxford - General Manager
Kristie Dodd - Director Community and Culture
Bryce Spelta, Director Assets and Infrastructure
Tom Heath – Manager City Technical Services
Greg Knight – Executive Manager City Presentation and Operations
Margaret Le - Manager Sport and Community Facilities
Luke Galle - Coordinator Sport and Recreation
Naomi Bryant – Head of Operations
Melinda Gray-Schwarz - Senior Venue and Recreation Officer
Chris Stojanovski - Technology Business Support Officer
Shannon Tomarchio - Personal Assistant to the Manager Sport and Community Facilities
Nickie Paraskevopoulos – Executive Services Officer.

EXTERNAL PRESENTERS

Gary Lockwood – Football St George.

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg
Councillor Oliver Dimoski (Chairperson)
Councillor Kathryn Landsberry
Councillor Natalie Mort.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Dimoski, opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry.

That apologies received on behalf of Warren Driscoll be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Chair Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barrett - St George Cycling Club, Member Bernays - Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club, Member Braddick - St George Touch Association, Member Gatehouse - St George District Rugby League Football, Member Greene - Cricket NSW, Member Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association, Member Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith - Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith - Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Torrisi - Director of St George City, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member Wylie - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

THE CHAIRPERSON, COUNCILLOR DIMOSKI ADVISED STAFF AND THE PUBLIC THAT THE MEETING IS BEING RECORDED FOR MINUTE-TAKING PURPOSES AND IS ALSO WEBCAST LIVE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE. THIS RECORDING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE PROHIBITS THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF MEETINGS WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF COUNCIL.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SAC006-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026 (Report by Manager Sport and Community Facilities)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry.

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAC007-26 Feedback from Sports Advisory Committee Workshop - 26 February 2026 - Lux Lighting (Report by Manager Sport and Community Facilities)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry.

That, the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee:

- (a) Receive and note the outcomes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Workshop held on 26 February 2026 (Attachment 1).
- (b) Receive and note the outcomes of the broader community consultation on sports lighting (Attachment 2).
- (c) Note that a future report on the Lux Lighting Prioritisation Matrix and associated methodology will be presented to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee by the Manager Assets and Traffic.

Record of Voting

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Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Torrissi - Director of St George City, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member Wylie - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

SAC008-26 Sport and Community Facilities Update
(Report by Manager Sport and Community Facilities)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry.

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Chair Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barrett - St George Cycling Club, Member Bernays - Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club, Member Braddick - St George Touch Association, Member Gatehouse - St George District Rugby League Football Club, Member Greene - Cricket NSW, Member Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association, Member Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis,, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith – Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Torrissi - Director of St George City, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member Wylie - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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SAC009-26 Community Impact Consultation
(Report by Coordinator Community Capacity Building)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note:

- (a) The extensive community consultation planned to inform the review of the Customer Experience Strategy 2022-2027 and the Social Justice Charter 2022-2026.
- (b) The request to respond to and disseminate consultation surveys to their networks.

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Cross Tennis,, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith – Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Torrisi - Director of St George City, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member Wylie - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

SAC010-26 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club.

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Chair Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barrett - St George Cycling Club, Member Bernays - Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club, Member Braddick - St George Touch Association, Member Gatehouse - St George District Rugby League Football Club, Member Greene - Cricket NSW, Member Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association,, Member Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith – Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Torrisi - Director of St George City, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member Wylie - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

SAC011-26 Carss Park Aquatic Facility
(Report by Executive Manager City Futures)

Note: It was noted that Mr Greene - Cricket NSW left the Chambers at 6:45pm.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Councillor Mort.

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

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CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.55pm

Chairperson

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