

MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Tuesday, 09 June 2026

Dragon Room
Georges River Civic Centre,
Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Peter Mahoney (Chair), Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Oliver Dimoski, Councillor Gerard Hayes, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Leon Pun, 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, Chief Information Officer – Brendan Scott, Chief Audit Executive - Steven Baker, Manager Development and Building – Kristy Griffiths, Coordinator Development Assessment – Aidan Harrington, Coordinator Strategic Planning - Ann Qin, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, and Technology Services Officer Lee Fermor.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney, opened the meeting at 6:57pm.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Arthur

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

Record of Voting

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Special Interest Disclosure – Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in **ENV026-26 Biodiversity and Foreshore Scenic Protection Area Planning Proposal and GRDCP Amendment No. 7 – Outcomes of Public Exhibition** for the reason his property is located within the current Foreshore Scenic Protection area. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary – Mayor, Councillor Borg submitted a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary in **ENV026-26 Biodiversity and Foreshore Scenic Protection Area Planning Proposal and GRDCP Amendment No. 7 – Outcomes of Public Exhibition** for the reason that the public parkland opposite her principal place of residence is proposed to be added to the Foreshore Scenic Protection area. **Mayor, Councillor Borg** will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary – Councillor Allison submitted a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary in **ENV026-26 Biodiversity and Foreshore Scenic Protection Area Planning Proposal and GRDCP Amendment No. 7 – Outcomes of Public Exhibition** for the reason his property is located within the current Foreshore Scenic Protection area. **Councillor Allison** will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Councillor Wang submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in **ENV026-26 Biodiversity and Foreshore Scenic Protection Area Planning Proposal and GRDCP Amendment No. 7 – Outcomes of Public Exhibition** for the reason his property and primary place of residence is in the proposed protection area. Councillor Wang will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

Special Interest Disclosure – Councillor Liu submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in **ENV026-26 Biodiversity and Foreshore Scenic Protection Area Planning Proposal and GRDCP Amendment No. 7 – Outcomes of Public Exhibition** for the reason her property is located within the current Foreshore Scenic Protection area. Councillor Liu will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain in the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ENV020-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 May 2026

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Allison

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 May 2026, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV021-26 Zero Litter to Georges River - Progress Update Report - June 2026

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Allison

That Council note the progress made towards Council's target of Zero Litter to Georges River originating from terrestrial locations above the high-water mark within the Georges River Local

Government Area by 2030.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV022-26 Cooks River Alliance Membership consideration (Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Allison, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council receive the report reconsidering Cooks River Alliance membership.
- (b) That Council does not reconsider membership with Cooks River Alliance until they have a finalised business plan and resolved their legal entity status, which are key issues identified by Council in 2017 that remain outstanding.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV023-26 Development Assessment Timeframes Ministerial Action Plan Finalisation (Report by Coordinator Advisory & Specialist Assessment)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry

That Council endorse the attached Action Plan provided by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV024-26 Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's Exhibition of 'Two Proposed Pathways to Assess Homes in 50 days or less' - Council submissions (Report by Coordinator Advisory & Specialist Assessment)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council endorse the Georges River Council submission to the Department of

Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on the Variations and Changes to Complying Development: Explanation of Intended Effect (**Attachment 1**).

- (b) That Council endorse the Georges River Council submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on the Low-rise Housing and Targeted Assessment Discussion Paper (**Attachment 2**).
- (c) 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.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV025-26 Endorsement of Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse Planning Proposal for finalisation and adoption of amendments to Generic Plans of Management - Sportsgrounds and General Community Use (Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council forward the Planning Proposal No.2025/0003 (Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse) enclosed in **Attachment 1** to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for finalisation in accordance with Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Generic Plans of Management for sportsgrounds and general community use enclosed in **Attachments 2 and 3**.
- (c) That the adopted Plans of Management come into effect on the date the associated Local Environmental Plan amendment for Planning Proposal No.2025/0003 is made (gazetted).
- (d) That Council authorise the Director Environment and Planning to make minor administrative or editorial amendments in the finalisation of Planning Proposal No.2025/0003 (Hurstville Golf Course Clubhouse), and the amendments to the Generic Plans of Management, provided such changes do not alter the intent of the proposal or the plans.
- (e) That Council endorse the outcomes of the public hearing, including the independent facilitator's recommendations.
- (f) That Council note submissions received during the public exhibition
- (g) That all submitters be notified of Council's decision.

Record of Voting

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

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

ENV026-26 Biodiversity & Foreshore Scenic Protection Area Planning Proposal and GRDCP Amendment No.7 - Outcomes of Public Exhibition
(Report by Coordinator Strategic Planner)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur left the Chambers at 07:37pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Arthur returned to the Chambers at 07:38pm

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos left the Chambers at 07:45pm

Note: It was noted that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the Chambers at 07:46pm

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Allison

- (a) That Council note submissions received during the public exhibition of the Biodiversity, Character & Foreshore Scenic Protection Area (FSPA) Planning Proposal (PP2024/0002) to amend the *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021* (GRLEP) and the supporting controls in Amendment No.7 to the *Georges River Development Control Plan 2021* (GRDCP).
- (b) That Council endorse the Planning Proposal, unamended, (refer **Attachment 2**) to be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for finalisation and plan-making in accordance with Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (c) That Council amend the exhibited draft Amendment No.7 to the GRDCP in response to issues raised by submissions received during public exhibition as detailed in **Attachment 3**.
- (d) That Council adopt Amendment No.7 of the GRDCP as amended in response to submissions pursuant to Section 3.43 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (e) That Council give public notice of the decision to approve the amended GRDCP, on its website within 28 days in accordance with Clause 20 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (f) That the adopted GRDCP become effective when the amendment to the GRLEP is gazetted.
- (g) That the DPHI be given a copy of the amended GRDCP in accordance with Clause 20 the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* after it becomes effective.
- (h) That Council authorise the Director Environment and Planning to make minor editorial amendments to the updated Planning Proposal and Amendment No.7 to the GRDCP as required throughout the finalisation process.
- (i) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal and GRDCP Amendment No.7 be advised of Council's decision.

Record of Voting

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Wang

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was thirteen (13) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

ENV027-26 Georges River Heritage Study Scoping Report
(Report by Strategic Planner)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun left the Chambers at 07:55pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Pun returned to the Chambers at 07:56pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski left the Chambers at 07:56pm

Note: It was noted that Councillor Dimoski returned to the Chambers at 07:57pm

RECOMMENDATION: Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Dimoski

- (a) That Council note the proposed scope, methodology, timeframes and resourcing required to undertake a broader heritage study.
- (b) That Council proceed with the thematic history review as the first stage of a broader heritage study by using existing budget allocations from 2026/27.
- (c) That Council note future resourcing and funding needs for subsequent stages form part of Council's annual delivery planning and budget deliberations.

Record of Voting

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

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

QUESTIONS WITH NO NOTICE

ENV024-26 Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's Exhibition of 'Two Proposed Pathways to Assess Homes in 50 days or less' – Council Submissions

Question: Mayor Councillor Borg - Do you know when the Public Exhibition closes?

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8:02pm

Peter Mahoney

Chairperson