

# **MINUTES**

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## **Council Meeting**

**Monday, 27 February 2023**

**7.00pm**

**Dragon Room**

**Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre**

**Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets, Hurstville**



## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Mayor, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, Councillor Colleen Symington and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Acting General Manager - David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, Acting Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Acting Director Legal Services - Sue Weatherley, Acting Manager, Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Acting Manager City Life - Thomas Koruth (online), Senior Solicitor - James Fan (online) Acting Manager Community and Early Learning Services - Kylie Downing (online), Manager, Strategic Placemaking - Hayley Barnes (online), Coordinator Communications and Engagement - Catherine James (online), Executive Services Officer - Marina Cavar (Minutes), Acting Chief Information Officer - Brendan Scott, Acting Head of Technology - Garuthman De Silva and Acting Team Leader Technology Business Services - Marks Tadros.

## **OPENING**

The Mayor, Councillor Katris, opened the meeting at 7.02pm.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

## **PRAYER**

Reverend David McDougall on behalf of the Hurstville Presbyterian Church, offered a prayer to the meeting.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor, Councillor Katris 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.

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Mort

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

### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## **REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

There were no requests to attend via audio visual link.

## NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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## CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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## DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

**Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry** disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL005-23 Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2023 (COM002-23 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022)** for the reason that her son is the Programs Operations Manager with Sydney FC, which involves running community based football programs, some of which are in financial partnership with Football St George, the Head Licensee of a number community properties named in the report. As the report's recommendation is to receive and note the lease and licence agreements listed in the report, Councillor Landsberry will remain in the chamber and will vote on this item.

**Councillor Konjarski** disclosed a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL005-23 Report of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2023 (COM002-23 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022)** for the reason that two of his children coach at Lugarno FC who are lessees at Gannons Park and are recipients of annual subsidies in relation to the lease. Councillor Konjarski will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Elmir** disclosed a Pecuniary interest in item **MM003-23 Congratulations to Sans Souci Sea Devils on their Summer Swim** for the reason that his pharmacy business is a sponsor of the Sans Souci Devils Swim club for 2023. Councillor Elmir will leave the meeting.

**Councillor Mahoney** disclosed a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in items **NM-010-23 and QWN002-23 Glenlee** for the reason that he is a member of Friends of Glenlee and Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society. Both organisations are actively campaigning for the preservation and acquisition of this property. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Ficarra** disclosed a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **NM005-23 Traffic study around the "B" streets Mortdale/Peakhurst** for the reason that Kevin Williams, a public speaker for this item, is an acquaintance. Councillor Ficarra will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

**Councillor Liu** disclosed a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **NM002-23 Congratulations to SGCA & Charity Dinner for CanRevive** for the reason that she is the honorary president and her husband is the president of the organisation. Councillor Liu will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Landsberry disclosed Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item **CCL008-23 Applications pursuant to the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund – February 2023**. For the reason that her son is a life member of Carss Park Football Club. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry will leave the meeting.

## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Elmir and Councillor Wang

That Council suspend Standing Orders time being 7.10 pm, to allow the Mayor, Councillor Katris an opportunity to present an award to the 2023 Georges River Community Citizen of the Year winner, Mrs Ann Madden.

**Record Of Voting:**

For The Motion: Unanimous

## RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Elmir and Councillor Symington

That Council resume Standing Orders, time being 7.14pm.

**Record of voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## PUBLIC FORUM

There are five (5) public speakers registered.

	Speaker	Report No	Report Title
1.	Kevin Williams	NM005-23	Traffic study around the “B” streets Mortdale/Peakhurst
2.	Maree Derwent	NM009-23	Tree Canopy targets for Georges River LGA by 2038
3.	Theresa Kot	CCL004-23 / ASS003-23	Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee held on 13 February 2023 (Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee held on 7 February 2023)
4.	Kim Wagstaff	NM009-23	Tree Canopy targets for Georges River LGA by 2038
5.	Matthew Allison	NM009-23	Tree Canopy targets for Georges River LGA by 2038

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**CCL001-23 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 December 2022**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Landsberry

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 December 2022 be adopted.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**MAYORAL MINUTE****MM001-23 Recognising Georges River Residents on the Australia Day 2023 Honours List**

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council acknowledge the Australia Day 2023 Honours List and congratulate the Georges River residents who received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), the Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) and the Public Service Medal (PSM): Mr Colin Campbell (OAM), Mrs Sandra Grove (OAM), Ms Lala Noronha (OAM), Michael Cassel (AM), Ms Gail Connolly (PSM) and Ms Vicki Manning (PSM).
- (b) That Council acknowledge the Georges River Australia Day Award recipients and congratulate them for their valuable contribution to the Georges River community, Citizen of the Year - Ann Madden, Volunteer of the Year - John Tyler and Young Citizen of the Year - Hussein Ali Elsayed.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**MM002-23 Congratulations to Council officers for the Summer Events Program**

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That Council congratulates all Council staff involved in the delivery of the Summer Events Program over the period of December 2022 to February 2023.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**MM003-23 Congratulations to Sans Souci Sea Devils on their Summer Swim Carnival**

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)

Note: Councillor Elmir disclosed a Pecuniary Interest he left the meeting at 7.43 pm

**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That Council congratulates the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club Committee, Coaches and volunteers for hosting a successful Summer Swim Carnival and for showcasing one of Georges River Council's premium assets, Sans Souci Leisure Centre to the broader Sydney swimming community and that the Mayor writes to the Swim Club to congratulate them.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Elmir returned to the meeting at 7.45pm

**MM004-23      Condolence Patricia Jean Devine former Councillor on Kogarah Council**  
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Katris)**RESOLVED:** The Mayor, Councillor Katris

That tonight in recognition of Patricia Jean Devine's contribution to our community we offer our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CONDOLENCES**

Councillor Peter Mahoney expressed his condolences on the passing of Reverend Leonard, or Len Abbott, who was pastor at two local Anglican churches passed away on 24 January 2023, aged 100.

Len was born in Adelaide on 26 September, 1922 and qualified as an engineer. Although he wanted to enlist for the World War I and World War II effort, the Commonwealth government suggested that he was needed at the Port Kembla Steelworks instead. During that time, he assisted Rev Long at St Michael's, Wollongong, before returning to South Australia, where he was made a Deacon in 1959, and ordained as a Priest in 1961 by the Bishop of Adelaide. That same year he arrived in Sydney and was appointed as Chaplain to Sydney Church of England Grammar School, commonly known as "Shore".

In 1972 Rev Abbott became Minister at Holy Trinity Peakhurst and St Stephens Lugarno, then transferred to St Matthew's Windsor in 1980, and retired as Canon at St John's Parramatta in 1988. Thanks to Len's influence, many young men decided to become ministers.

After the death of his wife, Dorothy, Len moved from Eastwood to Penshurst to live with his daughter, Cath, and joined St John the Evangelist Parish. He later resided in Mary Andrews Village at South Hurstville, where he was able to link up with many of his old friends, and in September last year, he received a congratulatory letter from the Queen in recognition of his centenary.

Len's funeral was held on 31 January 2023 at St John's, Penshurst, which was conducted by the Most Rev. Glenn Davies, former Archbishop of Sydney, who was a student when Mr Abbott was Chaplain at Shore in the 1960s. It was well attended by many of his former students and parishioners. Len is survived by his daughter, Cath, his son, David, and their families.

A minutes silence was observed by all in attendance.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **CCL002-23 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting - 13 February 2023**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

*The Environment and Planning Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on Monday 13 February 2023 did NOT proceed. There were no reports presented to the Environment and Planning Committee for their consideration. All previous Committee Minutes have been confirmed.*

*The next meeting of the Environment and Planning Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday 13 March 2023.*

### **CCL003-23 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee held on 13 February 2023.**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Mahoney

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for Items FIN002-23 to FIN007-23, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

### **FIN002-23 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes of Meetings held on 25 August and 17 November 2022**

(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meetings held on 25 August and 17 November 2022 (Special Financial Statements) be received and noted by Council.

### **FIN003-23 Amendments to 2022/23 Fees and Charges**

(Report by Business Performance Accountant)

(a) That the following 2022/23 Fees & Charges be amended:

- i. Impounded Animal Daily Boarding Charge – Dogs - \$92 per day (+ GST)
- ii. Impounded Animal Daily Boarding Charge – Cats – \$34 per day (+ GST)
- iii. Impounded Animal Daily Boarding Charge – Small Animals - \$34 per day (+ GST)
- iv. Impounded Animal Veterinary Treatment Charge – At Invoiced cost

(b) That the following fees be added into the 2022/23 schedule of Fees & Charges:

- i. Impounded Animal Transport Charge – Strathfield – \$160 (+ GST)
- ii. Impounded Animal Transport Charge – Austral – \$260 (+ GST)
- iii. After Hours Emergency Animal Transport Charge - Rosebery - \$200 (+ GST)
- iv. Animal Intake Administration Fee \$50 (+ GST)

### **FIN004-23 Administration of the 2024 Local Government Elections**

(Report by Acting Manager Office of the General Manager)

(a) That pursuant to Section 296(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* (“the

Act”), Council enter into an election arrangement by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Georges River Council.

- (b) That pursuant to Section 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Georges River Council.
- (c) That pursuant to s.296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Georges River Council.

**FIN005-23 Investment Report as at 30 November 2022**

(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 30 November 2022 be received and noted by Council.

**FIN006-23 Investment Report as at 31 December 2022**

(Report by Acting Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 December 2022 be received and noted by Council.

**FIN007-23 Quarterly Budget Review Report for Period Ended 31 December 2022**

(Report by Business Performance Accountant)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 31 December 2022.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2022/23 Budget as outlined in Attachment 1.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CCL004-23 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee held on 13 February 2023**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Konjarski

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for Items ASS002-23 to ASS004-23, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**ASS002-23 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting 07 February 2023**

(Report by Senior Asset Engineer - Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 07 February 2023 be adopted by Council.

**ASS003-23 Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee held on 7 February**



**2023 (Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)**

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 7 February 2023 be adopted by Council.

**ASS004-23 Off Leash Dog Park - Merv Lynch Reserve and Hurstville Park**  
(Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

- (a) That Council receive and note the feedback on the trial of the two new off leash dog park sites, Hurstville Park, Hurstville and Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills.
- (b) That Council endorse Hurstville Park and Merv Lynch Reserve to formalise as off leash dog parks.
- (c) That Council, in accordance with the Companion Animals Act Section 13.6, declare Hurstville Park, Hurstville and the designated section of Merv Lynch Reserve, Beverly Hills, off leash dog parks at all times.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CCL005-23 Report of the Community and Culture Committee held on 13 February 2023**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu and Councillor Elmir

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for Items COM002-23 and COM003-23, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

**COM002-23 Quarterly Community Property Report, 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022**  
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

Note: Deputy Mayor Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Konjarski disclosed a Non-Significant Non- Pecuniary interest.

That the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022 be received and noted by Council.

**COM003-23 Stronger Communities Funding Update - July - December 2022**  
(Report by Acting Manager Community and Early Learning Services)

- (a) That Council receive and note the update on the remaining Stronger Communities Fund projects as listed in this report.
- (b) That Council continue to receive regular reports on the remaining Stronger Communities Fund projects still in progress.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

### **CCL006-23 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for year ended 30 June 2022**

(Report by Acting Director Business and Corporate Services)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Deputy Mayor Councillor Landsberry

That Council, in accordance with Section 419 of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993 (Act), receive and note the presentation of the audited General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditors' Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

### **CCL007-23 Fact Finding Investigation Report: Unauthorised Disclosures of Confidential Information**

(Report by General Counsel)

This item was withdrawn. An updated report will be presented to Council at the March Meeting.

### **CCL008-23 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - February 2023.**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Landsberry disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest she left the meeting at 7.53pm.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Mahoney

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

- (a) Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Australian Chinese New Arts Society in the amount of \$500.
- (b) Application submitted by Councillor Borg on behalf of Carss Park Football Club in the amount of \$1,000.
- (c) Application submitted by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Hurstville Zagreb Football Club (HZFC) in the amount of \$800
- (d) That the following application funded by Council resolution on 26 September 2022 (CCL088-22) not proceed as the recipient is unable to provide documents for the acquittal process:
  - Application submitted by Councillor Nancy Liu on behalf of Sea Snow Arts Group in the amount of \$1,500.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Landsberry returned to the meeting at 7.54pm

## **ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**CCL009-23 Canterbury-Bankstown/Georges River Bushfire Management Committee - Appointment of Councillor Delegate**  
(Report by Acting Executive Manager Office of the General Manager)

**RESOLVED: Councillor Symington and Councillor Konjarski**

That a Councillor delegate and alternate be appointed to represent Georges River Local Government Area on the Canterbury Bankstown/Georges River Bushfire Management Committee (BFMC).

That the Mayor, Councillor Katris be appointed to represent Georges River Local Government Area on the Canterbury Bankstown/Georges River Bushfire Management Committee (BFMC) and Councillor Ficarra be appointed as the alternate delegate.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## **COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

**CCL010-23 Appointment of Councillor Representation to the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee**  
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Councillor Liu and Symington

That Council appoint three (3) Councillor representatives to the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee for the period until April 2024 to act as Chairperson, the Mayor Councillor Katris, Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Elmir and Committee Member Councillor Borg.

**AMENDMENT:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Landsberry

That Council appoint four (4) Councillor representatives to the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee for the period until April 2024 to act as Chairperson The Mayor, Councillor Katris, Deputy Chairperson, Deputy Mayor Councillor Landsberry and Committee Members, Councillors Elmir and Borg.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry, Councillors Borg, Jamieson, , Mahoney, Mort and Wang.

Against the Amendment: The Mayor Councillor Katris, Councillors Elmir, Ficarra, Konjarski, Liu, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos and Symington.

On being PUT to the meeting voting on this amendment was six (6) votes FOR and eight (8) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was LOST.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu and Symington

That Council appoint three (3) Councillor representatives to the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee for the period until April 2024 to act as Chairperson, the Mayor Councillor Katris, Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Elmir and Committee Member Councillor Borg.

For the Motion: The Mayor Councillor Katris, Councillors Borg, Elmir, Ficarra, Konjarski, Liu, Smerdely, Stratikopoulos and Symington.

Against the Motion: Deputy Mayor Councillor Landsberry, Councillors Jamieson, Mahoney (Abstain) Mort and Wang.

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

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **NM001-23      Peakhurst Park Amenities** (Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

**RESOLVED:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Ficarra

- (a) That Council, in consultation with St George Touch Association and other relevant organisations who use the amenities located in Peakhurst Park near Gover Street, prepare a report to consider plans to demolish and rebuild the amenities. Furthermore, provide detailed cost estimates.
- (b) That Council investigate irrigation and drainage in the fields adjacent to the amenities including cost estimates.
- (c) That Council write to the Hon. Anika Wells, Minister for Sport, the Hon. David Coleman, Federal Member for Banks, the Hon. Mark Coure, and any future Minister for Sport in NSW post elections, to request grant funding for:
  - (i) the demolition and rebuild of the amenities; and
  - (ii) the irrigation and drainage in respect of the fields adjacent to the amenities.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

### **NM002-23      Congratulations to St George Community Alliance (SGCA) & Charity Dinner for Can Revive** (Report by Councillor Smerdely)

Note: Councillor Liu declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Smerdely and Councillor Stratikopoulos

That Council congratulate the St George Community Alliance (SGCA) and CanRevive Inc. on the successful delivery of their Charity Dinner Event and promotion of the establishment of the SGCA held on Friday 25 November 2022.

#### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**NM003-23 Collaborating with Young Change Agents**

(Report by Councillor Ambihaipahar)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Smerdely

That Council investigate collaborating with “Young Change Agents” to fund and/or support through the implementation of financial literacy programs, or programs that support local businesses and/or future employment for young people in the Georges River Council area.

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Smerdely left the meeting at 8.32pm.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos left the meeting at 8.32pm.

**NM004-23 Riverwood Town Centre Public Domain Upgrade**

(Report by Councillor Ficarra)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Ficarra and Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council prioritise the public domain upgrade of the Riverwood Town Centre, actively advocating for funding to enable this work to progress.
- (b) That Council officers undertake a review of the Parking Strategy to support the planning for this upgrade.
- (c) That Council thanks all Georges River Council staff who have contributed to previous Riverwood Town Centre public works that have benefited the community.

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: Unanimous**NM005-23 Traffic study around the “B” streets Mortdale/Peakhurst**

(Report by Councillor Konjarski)

Note: Councillor Ficarra disclosed a Non-Significant Non- Pecuniary interest.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Elmir

That Council undertakes a traffic investigation of the “B” streets bounded by Roberts Avenue, Mortdale/Peakhurst.

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: Unanimous

**NM006-23      Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park**

(Report by Councillor Symington)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Symington and Councillor Wang

That Council write to the Minister for Transport and request the urgent review of the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park project to include accessible parking spaces and improved access to Beverly Hills Train Station.

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Smerdely returned to the meeting at 8.41pm.

Note: Councillor Stratikopoulos returned to the meeting at 8.42pm.

**NM007-23      Private Certifier Campaign**

(Report by Councillor Jamieson)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Jamieson and Councillor Smerdely

That the Acting General Manager provide a report to Council providing information on the outcomes of community engagement relating to Council's certification campaign, with the report addressing the following:

- (a) A summary of what we heard from the community
- (b) Recommendations on how Council can best help the community
- (c) The recommendations and actions to improve the certification process
- (d) Next steps, including the approach to lobby the Government for change
- (e) Thank the community members involved and update them with expected time frames

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Konjarski left the meeting at 8.46pm

**NM008-23      Installation of Bike Repair Stations in Georges River LGA**

(Report by Councillor Mort)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mort and Councillor Borg

That the Acting General Manager provide a report to Council on the demand and what the best locations in the local government area would be to install Bike Repair Stations. The report would also include the associated cost to install and maintain Bike Repair Stations.

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Konjarski returned to the meeting at 8.52pm.

**NM009-23      Tree Canopy targets for Georges River LGA by 2038**

(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Smerdely

- (a) That the Acting General Manager write to the Honourable Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for Homes to request a review of the penalties applicable to illegal tree/shrub works, including pruning, removal, poisoning, vandalism and insufficient protection measures on building sites, and introduce higher penalties for the unauthorized destruction of vegetation in environmentally sensitive areas such as riparian zones, areas of high biodiversity value and the foreshore such as the Georges River Foreshore Scenic Protection Area.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager undertakes a community education program to highlight the importance of trees within the environment and the penalties applicable to illegal works such as pruning, removal poisoning, vandalism and insufficient protection measures on building sites.
- (c) That the Acting General Manager submit a report to Council that investigates any additional measures, which may facilitate the achievement of our Tree Canopy target, such as:
  - (i) an acceleration of Council's Urban Canopy Enhancement program.
  - (ii) cross-checking of private arborist approvals by Council staff or independent arborists.
  - (iii) reports from Council staff or private arborists which recommend the removal of a tree to contain the details of its health status and condition.
  - (iv) inspections of properties where replacement or new plantings have been determined.
  - (v) the withholding of Occupation Certificates in cases of non-compliance with Landscape Plans.
  - (vi) publication of tree removal application determinations (approvals and refusals), penalty infringement notices, successful prosecutions and details of trees planted on Council's website.
  - (vii) the establishment of a community notification process in cases where public trees are to be removed (whenever practicable).
  - (viii) incentives for residents and community groups to encourage tree planting.
  - (ix) research into the Sutherland Shire Council Tree Policy.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**NM010-23      Glenlee**  
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mahoney and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council note the advice of the Minister for Environment and Heritage to Council dated 7 February 2023 which:
- (i) fails to acknowledge the Minister's right to grant access to 'Glenlee' for the purposes of carrying out inspections for Aboriginal and natural heritage assessment; and
  - (ii) declines Council's request to grant a new Interim Heritage Order.
- (b) That Council endorse that, following the NSW Government election on 25 March 2023, the Acting General Manager requests a meeting with the new Minister for Environment and Heritage in order to conduct further discussions concerning the future of this significant property, including:
- (i) authorising access for the purpose of conducting the necessary Aboriginal and natural heritage assessments,
  - (ii) the subsequent granting of a new Interim Heritage Order, and
  - (iii) the provision of funds towards the acquisition of the property.
- (c) That the General Manager provide a further report to Council on the recommendations made in the Heritage Assessment report dated 11th April 2022 compiled by GML Heritage Consultants. These being:
- (i) a comprehensive conservation management plan be commissioned to provide guidance for appropriate future use and conservation of the heritage values of the site";
  - (ii) the Inventory Sheet at Appendix 'B' be added to the State Heritage Inventory Database, once the site has been listed as a heritage item;
  - (iii) further consultation be undertaken with the local Aboriginal community to better understand local social and intangible connections; and
  - (iv) the Aboriginal objects held within the house be inspected (these were not sighted by GML or the MLALC), confirmed to be Aboriginal objects (or otherwise), and an attempt at understanding provenance be made.
- (d) That the General Manager:
- (i) forward a copy of the letter from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) to Georges River Council dated 26 July, 2021 to the Hon. Tanya Pliibersek, MP, Minister for Environment and Water and the Hon. Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians so that both ministers are fully informed as to the extremely high level of significance of the Aboriginal objects and places located at 'Glenlee'; and
  - (ii) request that both Commonwealth ministers be asked to consider the contents of that letter in their deliberations made subsequent to Council resolution NM099-22 made on 19 December, 2022.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous



**NM011-23      Public Forums**  
(Report by Councillor Borg)**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg and Councillor Jamieson

That Council write to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Wendy Tuckerman MP, to request an amendment to the Model Code of Meeting Practice (Public Forums) to provide a mandatory clause allowing members of the community to directly address Councillors during the public forum item on the agenda of Council and Committee meetings.

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: Unanimous**NM012-23      Electric Vehicle and Round 4 Funding**  
(Report by Councillor Liu)**RESOLVED:** Councillor Liu and Councillor Smerdely

That the Acting General Manager lodge a submission for funding under the State Government's Drive Electric NSW EV Fleets Incentive program in the 2024 funding round following the completion of Council's Electric Vehicle Strategy.

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: Unanimous**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****QWN001-23      Kogarah War Memorial Pool**  
(Report by Councillor Mort)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN002-23      Glenlee - 80 Boronia Parade Lugarno**  
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Note: Councillor Mahoney disclosed a Non-Significant Non- Pecuniary interest.

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN003-23      Terms Of Reference - Audit Risk and Improvement Committees**  
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN004-23      Kempt Field**  
(Report by Councillor Liu)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN005-23    FIN007-23 Quarterly Budget Review Report for Period Ended 31 December 2022**

(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**QWN006-23    Fixing Potholes on Flood-Damaged Roads**

(Report by Councillor Liu)

Answer published in Council Meeting Agenda.

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 9.22pm

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Chairperson

Mayor, Councillor Nick Katris

Minutes confirmed at the Ordinary Council meeting on 27 March 2023 (CCL0012-23)