

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 26 February 2024

7:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

OATH OF OFFICE OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office made at the time of their swearing into the role of Councillor.

All Councillors are to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Georges River Council area and are to act faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgement.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

All Georges River Councillors are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflict of interest (perceived or otherwise) in a matter being considered by Council or at any meeting of Council.

COUNCIL MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPENING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges 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.

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Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: CCL003-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2023

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

CCL003-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2023, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2023



MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 18 December 2023

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Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Lou Konjarski, 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

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Meryl Bishop, 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 Assistant – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva, Acting Team Leader Technology Services - Mark Tadros Chief Finance Officer - Scott Henwood, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey and Chief Audit Executive - Steven Baker

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, opened the meeting at 7.04pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir 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

Barbara Koppe from St George Womens Interfaith Network offered a prayer to the meeting.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir 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.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL113-23 (ENV049-23) Significant Tree Register - Post Consultation** for the reason that she participated in Council's nomination process through the 'Your Say' page. Councillor Borg will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL113-23 (ENV048-23) Tree Canopy Targets for Georges River LGA by 2038** for the reason that he is a member of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Mahoney declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL113-23 (ENV049-23) Significant Tree Register - Post Consultation** for the reason that he participated in Council's nomination process through the 'Your Say' page. Councillor Mahoney will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Mort declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL059A-23 Lease agreement between Georges River Council and Narwee Baptist Broadcasters limited. (90.1 2NBC-FM)** for the reason that one of the announcers is known to her. Councillor Mort will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Wang declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL117-23 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - December 2023** for the reason that he is a member of Georges River Association. Councillor Wang will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

Councillor Ficarra declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL113-23 (ENV048-23) GRC Tree Canopy Targets for Georges River LGA by 2038** for the reason that Councillor Mahoney's amendment includes the mention of an academic at Western Sydney University, of which I am a current student. Councillor Ficarra will remain in the meeting and take part in consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Steven Carlisle (In person)	NM084-23	Parking Issues - Tooronga Terrace Beverly Hills
2	Dr Kate da Costa (In person)	NM086-23	Poker Machine application in the LGA
3	George Carrad (Written submission)	CCL113-23 (ENV048-23)	Tree Canopy Targets for Georges River LGA by 2038
4	Kim Wagstaff (Remotely)	CCL113-23 (ENV049-23)	Significant Tree Register – Post Consultation
5	Leesha Payor (In person)	CCL113-23 (ENV049-23)	Significant Tree Register – Post Consultation
6	Adrian Polhill	CCL113-23 (ENV049-23)	Significant Tree Register – Post

	(in person)		Consultation
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Note: Tree saplings were donated by Adrian Polhill to Council. The tree saplings will be planted in the LGA for the community.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CCL110-23 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 November 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris, Councillor Ficarra

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 November 2023, be adopted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM044-23 Acknowledgement and Request for an Extension of the Metro Assessment Relief Program with Department of Planning and Environment

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That the General Manager write to The Hon Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Space and Ms Kiersten Fishburn, Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment requesting a six (6) month extension of the agreement with Council and the Department of Planning and Environment for the Metro Assessment Relief Program.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

MM045-23 Carss Park Aquatic Facility (War Memorial Pool) – Memorandum of Understanding between Georges River Council and NSW State Government

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Elmir)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That Council work with the State Government through the Department of Sport to deliver Council's third aquatic facility at Carss Park, and provide delegated authority to the General Manager, David Tuxford, to finalise and execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

CONDOLENCES

Councillor Konjarski offered condolences to two staff members.

- Marisa Severino's father Sam was a resident in Blakehurst since 1984. He was a business owner in the area owning a Florist business in Hurstville, Riverwood and Beverly Hills at different times. He loved the St George area and was an active member in the Senior Italian Australian Community for many years and also the Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre Seniors group. Sam loved his community and standing outside his shop to talk to the locals. Sam believed in community and donated heavily to charities who supported his grandson who is autistic.

Sam will be missed by his family, friends and the community.

- Vicki McKinley's father Patrick Charles McKinley passed away at Bexley Aged Care facility on 27 October 2023 at age 87 after a long battle with dementia. Patrick was devoted to his family and he is survived by his loving wife Barbara, five children and 18 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.
The Mayor, Councillor Elmir recognised the effects that dementia has on the people around them and on each individual. He paid his respects to any staff that has lost a loved one in the last year.

Councillor Konjarski also offered his sympathies to any Council staff member who have lost a loved one over the last 12 months, may they rest in peace.

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir called for a minute's silence to be observed. A minute's silence was observed by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCL111-23 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 December 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS038-23 and ASS056A-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor

Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

ASS038-23 REPORT OF THE GEORGES RIVER LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2023
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2023 be adopted by Council.

ASS056A-23 LOCAL ROADS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PHASE 4 - 2023/24 BUDGET UPDATE
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

- (a) That Council note the receipt of funding for the Local Roads Community Infrastructure Grant (Phase 4) approved projects.
- (b) That Council approve the inclusion of Local Roads Community Infrastructure Grant (Phase 4) funding into the budget, as detailed in this report.

CCL112-23 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 11 December 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Konjarski

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM040-23 to COM041-23 and COM057A-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

COM040-23 COMMUNITY SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM
(Report by Community Safety and Inclusion Officer)

That Council note the development of the Community Safety Education Program and acknowledge the extensive consultation undertaken with key community stakeholders, including community organisations and government agencies in the development of the program.

COM041-23 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT GEORGES RIVER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ACQUISITION AREA STRATEGY

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

- (a) That Council approve the draft Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of no less than 60 days.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council on feedback from any public submissions made during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes to the draft Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy prior to adoption.

COM057A-23 LEASE RENEWAL FOR CRISIS ACCOMMODATION - KINGSWAY COMMUNITY CARE INC (LOCATION UNDISCLOSED)

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That Council approve the General Manager to enter a renewal Option Lease with Kingsway Community Care, Crisis Accommodation (location undisclosed) as per the Lease Terms and as further detailed within this confidential report.

CCL113-23 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 December 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV047-23 and ENV049-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

ENV047-23 REVIEW OF GEORGES RIVER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MANUAL - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

(Report by Manager Development and Building)

- (a) That Council note the submissions received in response to public exhibition of the draft Georges River Stormwater Management Policy 2020 and the amendments to the Policy made in response to submissions (as detailed in the report).
- (b) That Council adopt the Georges River Stormwater Management Policy (as amended) and note it comes into effect from the date of its publication on Council's website.
- (c) That Council congratulates and expresses its appreciation to the staff members that were involved in the preparation of such a detailed and comprehensive document.

ENV049-23 SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER - POST CONSULTATION

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

Note: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg declared a non-significant, non pecuniary interest.

Note: Councillor Mahoney declared a non-significant, non pecuniary interest.

- (a) That Council adopt the 257 trees contained within Table 2 of this report for inclusion into the Significant Tree Register.
- (b) That the Significant Tree Register be reviewed every five years.
- (c) That further nominations for the inclusion of trees into the Significant Tree Register may be made at any time in the future.
- (d) That the assessment of any future nominations for inclusion of trees into the Significant Tree Register occur when there are a significant number of nominations submitted (10+) or at the five-year review.
- (e) That the implementation of recommendations (b) and (d) be subject to future budget bids, and available funding.

ENV048-23 GEORGES RIVER TREE CANOPY TARGETS FOR GEORGES RIVER LGA BY 2038

(Report by Manager Environment Health & Regulatory Services)

Note: Councillor Mahoney declared a non-significant, non pecuniary interest.

Note: Councillor Ficarra declared a non-significant, non pecuniary interest.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Council notes the information in this report and the progress by Council towards achieving the adopted tree canopy target of 40% by 2038.
- (b) That Council endorses consideration of future budget bids to enhance its current tree canopy expansion program to achieve the tree canopy target of 40% by 2038, including funding for:
 - i. Additional tree planting on public land.
 - ii. The establishment of a tree giveaway for commemorative and celebratory purposes.
 - iii. The engagement of a full-time resource to undertake compliance inspections for new and/or replacement tree plantings as determined through a Tree Permit or Development Application approval process.
- (c) That further reports on Council's progress towards the tree canopy target of 40% by 2038 be provided to Council every two (2) years.
- (d) That this and future annual reports include the following information:
 - i. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions (as CO2 equivalent) vs % tree canopy coverage
 - ii. "Urban Cooling Effect" by reporting the average annual daily temperature vs % tree canopy coverage
 - iii. Details of numbers of trees to be planted trees, approx. cost, expected drawdown of (GHG) emissions (as CO2 equivalent) each year, from 2024 to 2038

- iv. Details of how many trees are on public land and the respective % tree canopy coverage, and yearly trends
- (e) That Council approach an expert such as Dr Sebastian Pfautsch (Associate Professor in Urban Studies, at Western Sydney University), to gain a better understanding of the complex issue of urban heat including cooling effects of different tree species.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

CCL114-23 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 11 December 2023 (Report by Executive Services Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Smerdely

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN046-23 to FIN049-23 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

FIN046-23 DRAFT GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL LOAN BORROWING POLICY (Report by Chief Financial Officer)

- (a) That Council receive and note the submission received following the public consultation of the Draft Georges River Council Loan Borrowing Policy.
- (b) That Council adopt the Georges River Council Loan Borrowing Policy which will become effective as from the date of adoption.
- (c) That it is noted Council is currently debt free and there are no proposals to obtain a loan for a particular capital project at the time of this report.

FIN047-23 SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY - POSITIVE LOCAL FEEDBACK (Report by Team Leader Procurement and Contracts Governance)

- (a) That Council receive and note the positive feedback received by the St George Business Chamber on the Sustainable Procurement Policy that was on public exhibition in October

2023.

- (b) That Council sends its appreciation to the President of St. George Business Chamber Mr. Tony Baddour, for the very supportive submission on the policy to Council.

FIN048-23 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 October 2023 be received and noted by Council.

FIN049-23 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT STATISTICS 2023
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

That Council receives and notes the report on the Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics for the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

CCL115-23 Independent Commission Against Corruption Investigation - Operation Galley
(Report by General Manager)

RESOLVED: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Jamieson

- (a) That Georges River Council receives the Report of the Commission dated August 2023 and thanks the Commission for its work in this matter.
- (b) That Georges River Council apologises to the community for the conduct of the three former Councillors that are the subject of findings in the ICAC Report of August 2023. The conduct of the three former Councillors does not reflect the important work which the Council undertakes every day for the community.
- (c) Georges River Council is committed to govern with robust measures in place to prevent the recurrence of such misconduct by any official of the Council. Georges River Council endorses and supports the Corruption Prevention Recommendations contained in the Report. Whilst these Recommendations are directed at third party entities, Georges River Council commits to implementing the Recommendation(s) that it can, ahead of any Direction being made namely:
- i. Recommendations 1-5
 - ii. Recommendation 7
 - iii. Recommendation 11
- (d) That Georges River Council acknowledges the strong contribution of its appointed officials who assisted the Commission in its work, in interviews and sworn evidence and to assist Council meet its statutory obligations. Council acknowledges that these appointed officials at all times complied with their professional duties and upheld the highest ethical standards.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor

Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

CCL116-23 Councillor Representation to the Floodplain Risk Management Committee
(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council nominate Councillor Mahoney to act as an alternate member of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee, and as Chair should the current Chair be absent, until the end of the current term of Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

CCL117-23 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - December 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

Note: Councillor Wang declared a non-significant, non pecuniary interest.

RESOLVED: Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

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

- (a) CWF 43/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Elmir on behalf of Australian Calligraphers and Painting Artists Association in the amount of \$500.
- (b) CWF 44/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Australia Chinese Traditional Opera Association Incorporated in the amount of \$200.
- (c) CWF 45/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Mahoney on behalf of Georges River Association in the amount of \$200.
- (d) CWF 46/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Hurstville Community Garden in the amount of \$300.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

CCL118-23 Public Exhibition of Draft Resident Parking Permit Scheme Policy (Report by Research and Social Policy Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort

- (a) That Council place the Draft Resident Parking Permit Scheme Policy (**Attachment 1**) on public exhibition for a period of no less than 60 days.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council detailing feedback from any public submissions made during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes prior to adoption.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM082-23 Congratulations to Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club (Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu, Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council congratulates the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club, including Head Coach Mr Alex Sheil and Assistant Coach Ms Helena Miao, for their team's outstanding sporting achievements at the 2023 Metro South East Summer Championships at Sydney Olympic Park on 11 and 12 November 2023.
- (b) That Council continues to remind residents to be "summer-ready" this season to foster a lifelong love of water and to prevent drownings.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

NM083-23 Significant Success of Council's Native Stingless Bee Keeping Workshop (Report by Councillor Katris)

MOTION: Withdrawn – Report will be moved to a future meeting of Council.

NM084-23 Parking Issues - Tooronga Terrace Beverly Hills
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris left the Chambers at 08:01pm

Note: Question with No Notice asked by Councillor Symington – “Has a response been received back from TfNSW denying the hybrid use for out of hours?”

RESOLVED: Councillor Wang, Councillor Symington

That Council officers investigate measures to improve the parking situation at Tooronga Terrace, Beverly Hills and the findings be reported to a future Local Traffic Advisory Committee.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

NM085-23 Congratulations to Council's Events Team for the Magic of Christmas Event at Carss Bush Park

(Report by Councillor Mort)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Katris returned to the Chambers at 08:03pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council congratulates Georges River Council staff for orchestrating the hugely successful Magic of Christmas event held on 2 December 2023 at Carss Bush Park.
- (b) That Council also acknowledges the invaluable contributions of major sponsor Club Central and event sponsor Estia Health Blakehurst, local volunteers including St Johns Ambulance as well as the talented entertainers, vibrant stall holders, and dedicated community groups for the success of this event.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

CARRIED.

NM086-23 Poker Machine application in the LGA
(Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Landsberry

That the General Manager writes to the Hon. David Harris MP, Minister for Gaming and Racing, the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government, and the Hon. Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning, requesting consideration of amendments to the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, to the effect that councils will have the right to:

- (a) Make a submission to the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority on every poker machine application within their local government area; and
- (b) Appeal any decision made by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority on every poker machine application within their local government area.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

NM087-23 Installation of Additional Traffic Signal - Intersection Park Road and Princes Highway
(Report by Councillor Stratikopoulos)

RESOLVED: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Smerdely

That Council writes to the Hon. Jo Haylen MP, Minister for Transport, seeking an investigation to install a right turn arrow at the intersection of Park Road, Kogarah Bay and the Princes Highway for traffic heading North.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

NM088-23 Installation of Additional Traffic Signal - Intersection King Georges Road and Terry Street
(Report by Councillor Stratikopoulos)

RESOLVED: Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Smerdely

That Council writes to the Hon. Jo Haylen MP, Minister for Transport, seeking an investigation

into the installation of right turn arrows at the intersection of Terry Street, Blakehurst and King Georges Road heading both directions.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

NM089-23 Improvement to the Intersection of George Street and Forest Road Penshurst (Report by Councillor Smerdely)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mort left the Chambers at 08:20pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That Council writes to the NSW Government to investigate an improvement to the intersection of George Street, Penshurst and Forest Road, potentially looking at a solution for traffic lights.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

NM090-23 Congratulations to Zakrya Swade for Winning the Fred Hollows Foundation Junior Ambassador Award (Report by Councillor Mahoney)

RESOLVED: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Jamieson

That Council:

- (a) Congratulates Year 6 Peakhurst West Public School student, Zakrya Swade, for receiving a national Humanity Award from the Governor of NSW as the NSW Junior Ambassador to the Fred Hollows Foundation.
- (b) Writes to Mr Swade to formally congratulate him on his Award, and to recognise his high level of dedication to both local and international humanitarian causes.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor

Mahoney, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

NM091-23 Densities of Suburbs in the LGA
(Report by Councillor Katris)

Note: It was noted that Councillor Mort returned to the Chambers at 08:22pm

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council resolves that the General Manager makes the presentation forecast.id *Adjustment Summary* relating the ABS statistical analysis (of the George River Local Government Area) presented at the Councillor Briefing on 4 December 2023 a public document by placing it on Council's Web site.
- (b) That Council resolves to place on the Council website the 2021 Population Densities of the individual suburbs (as provided by "id" and based on the ABS Data) that are located in our Georges River Local Government Area, in descending order, from the suburbs with the highest densities to those with the lowest densities.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN037-23 State Government Criteria for Councils to Install Roundabouts
(Report by Councillor Smerdely)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN038-23 Update on Notice of Motion NM043-23 - Oatley Como Bridge
(Report by Councillor Mort)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN039-23 Remediation of Kempt Field
(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

QWN040-23 Council's Overall Community Language Plan

(Report by Councillor Wang)

Answer published in the business paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry

At this stage of the meeting being 8:30pm the Mayor advised that the meeting would move into a Committee of the Whole to allow consideration of a matter in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of The Local Government Act 1993. Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session will be withheld.

This action was taken to allow discussion of the following item(s):

CCL059A-23 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Narwee Baptist Broadcasters Limited (90.1 2NBC-FM)

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (d(i)) it is considered the matter concerns commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the position of a person who supplied it.

THAT in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it concerns commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the position of a person who supplied it.

This matter will be considered in closed session in accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

The Mayor asked the General Manager if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in closed session.

The General Manager replied that no representations had been received to the item in closed session.

The Mayor asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons Council proposes to consider the items in Closed Session.

There were none.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CCL059A-23 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Narwee Baptist Broadcasters Limited (90.1 2NBC-FM)

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

Note: Councillor Mahoney declared a non-significant, non pecuniary interest.

RESOLVED: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Katris

That Council approve the General Manager to enter into a Lease agreement between Georges River Council and Narwee Baptist Community Broadcasters Limited (90.1 2NBC-FM), as outlined within this confidential report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION

OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the meeting revert to Open Session time being 8.34pm.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

OPEN SESSION

CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Katris

That the Committee of the Whole recommendations from the Closed Session in relation to **CCL059A-23 Lease Agreement between Georges River Council and Narwee Baptist Broadcasters Limited (90.1 2NBC-FM)** be received and noted as a resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor

Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Chairperson

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Item: CCL004-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2024, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Minutes - Extraordinary - Council Meeting 12 February 2024



CCL004-24

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Monday, 12 February 2024

8:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Meryl Bishop, 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, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Technology Services Officer Sandra Vazzoler. Manager Strategic Planning Catherine McMahon and Manager Premium Facilities - Luke Coleman

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir, opened the meeting at 8:00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor, Councillor Elmir 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

That an apology be accepted for Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Stratikopoulos.

MOTION: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Katris

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington, 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 Elmir 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.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Special Interest Disclosure - Councillor Mahoney submitted a Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest in item **CCL001-24 NSW Government Housing Reforms 2023-24** for the reason that he has an interest in land in the R2-FSPA area. Councillor Mahoney will partake in any deliberations on this matter and will remain the meeting and participate in the consideration and voting on this item.

PUBLIC FORUM

Speaker	Report No.	Report Title
Matthew Allison	CCL001-24	NSW Government Housing Reforms 2023-24
James Hamilton	CCL001-24	NSW Government Housing Reforms 2023-24
Kim Wagstaff	CCL001-24	NSW Government Housing Reforms 2023-24

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

CCL001-24 NSW Government Housing Reforms 2023-24
(Report by Manager Strategic Planning)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry

- (a) That Council acknowledges the Housing Reforms undertaken by the NSW State Government to assist with the delivery of 314,000 new homes by 2029 across NSW, through the following:
 - (i) Infill Affordable Housing within the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 – in force from 14 December 2023
 - (ii) Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy (TOD SEPP) – draft and anticipated to come into effect April 2024
 - (iii) Low and Mid-Rise Housing – draft and on consultation until 23 February 2024
- (b) In respect of the proposed TOD SEPP, that Council:
 - (i) Note its impacts on Kogarah railway station precinct are limited to those areas zoned R4 High Density Residential in the Kogarah North Precinct.
 - (ii) Write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) raising concerns to any variation to the design criteria in the Apartment Design Guide for TOD related development due to the impacts on the amenity of both the apartment occupants and neighbouring buildings.
 - (iii) Write to the DPHI requesting funding for the development of a master plan for the MU1 and SP zoned land in the Kogarah Strategic Centre in order to support the objectives of the TOD SEPP and to promote the role of Kogarah as a Strategic Centre.
- (c) That Council welcome the opportunity for increased housing capacity and diversity created by the proposed Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform, though express concerns regarding

the blanket 'one-size-fits-all' nature of the Reform and its impact on the local character of the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA).

- (d) That Council request the DPHI to defer the implementation of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform within the Georges River LGA so Council is given the opportunity to review its Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) to create capacity for additional and diverse housing through the creation of new R3 and R4 zones within the following 12 precincts:
 - (i) Hurstville Railway Station and Hurstville City Centre (Strategic Centre)
 - (ii) Kogarah Railway Station and Kogarah Town Centre (Strategic Centre)
 - (iii) Beverly Hills Railway Station and Beverly Hills (King Georges Road) Local Centre
 - (iv) Kingsgrove Railway Station and Kingsgrove (Kingsgrove Road) Local Centre
 - (v) Mortdale Railway Station and Mortdale (Morts Road) Local Centre
 - (vi) Penshurst Railway Station and Penshurst (Penshurst Street) Local Centre
 - (vii) Riverwood (Belmore Road) Local Centre
 - (viii) South Hurstville (King Georges Road) Local Centre
 - (ix) Oatley Railway Station and Oatley (Mulga Road) Local Centre
 - (x) Allawah Railway Station
 - (xi) Carlton Railway Station
 - (xii) Narwee Railway Station
- (e) That Council respond to the DPHI's request for the nomination of "station and town centre precincts" as being the 12 precincts as identified in Recommendation (d) above.
- (f) That Council note the request to defer the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reform in Recommendation (d) above is due to the following concerns:
 - (i) Overriding the master planning work that has been completed by Council in conjunction with the community for the Mortdale and Beverly Hills Local Centres,
 - (ii) Providing uplift to centres that fall within the definition of "station and town centre precincts" without the appropriate master planning being in place to address community concerns of public domain and infrastructure provision,
 - (iii) Providing capacity for up to 150,000 additional dwellings within the Georges River LGA without considerations of the availability of infrastructure to support this growth,
 - (iv) Increasing housing capacity by permitting development on smaller allotments with greater height and FSR. This will result in changes to the low-density character of the LGA's suburbs, loss of trees and canopy cover on private land, replacement of on street parking with driveways and increased traffic impacts due to additional density,
 - (v) Permitting manor housing and multi-unit housing in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone and residential flat buildings (up to 6 storeys) in the R3 Medium Density Residential Zones in "station and town centre precincts" undermines the existing LSPS 2040 and the criteria for growth that was developed with the Georges River community,
 - (vi) Permitting manor houses and multi dwelling housing in the R2 Zone and residential flat buildings (of 3 to 6 storeys) in the R3 Zone in "station and town centre precincts" undermines the hierarchy of residential zones developed with the community through the LSPS 2040 and implemented through the GRLEP,
 - (vii) Applying the Low- and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms to Heritage Conservation Areas

- will compromise the social, built and cultural significance of these areas by permanently altering the historical subdivision pattern and character of the built form,
- (viii) Applying the minimum lot width of 12m and minimum site area of 450sqm for dual occupancy development across the LGA is a significant reduction from the existing GRLEP requirements of minimum 15m lot with and minimum site area of 650sqm and 1,000sqm outside and within the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area (FSPA) respectively.
 - (ix) The Reforms do not address the existing infrastructure shortage that currently exists including insufficient open space, community centres, sports courts and libraries, which will put more pressure on Council to address both existing and future populations.
 - (g) That Council resolve to amend the Georges River Council Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2021 (Section 7.11 and Section 7.12) to address the potential increase in resident and worker population as a result of the Housing Reforms.
 - (h) That Council advise DPHI of its intention to amend the Section 7.11 and Section 7.12 Contribution Plans to address the potential increase in resident and worker population as a result of the Housing Reform program.
 - (i) That Council seek funding from DPHI to fund:
 - (i) the required amendments to its Section 7.11 and Section 7.12 Contribution Plans, and
 - (ii) the preparation of master plans for each of the "station and town centre precincts" identified in Recommendation (d) above to ensure that growth is accompanied by the required upgrades to public open space and community facilities, public domain, traffic and pedestrian improvements, drainage, and infrastructure generally.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CCL002-24 Venue Hire Agreement - St George Illawarra Rugby League Football Club at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium
(Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council endorse the Venue Hire Agreement between Georges River Council and the St George Illawarra Rugby League Football Club to play home matches at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium from 2024, as per the confidential attachment.
- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to execute the Venue Hire Agreement on behalf of Georges River Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor

Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington, Councillor Wang

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8.35pm

Chairperson

MAYORAL MINUTE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: **CCL005-24 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

CCL005-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommendations for items ASS002-24 to ASS004-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items ASS002-24 to ASS004-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Assets and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 12 February 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ASS002-24 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting Held on 6 February 2024
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2024 be adopted by Council.

ASS004-24 T23/001 Landscaping and Ancillary Works
(Report by Team Leader Procurement and Contracts Governance)

(a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tenders that are recommended for T23/001 – Landscaping and Ancillary Works, as outlined below and in the confidential attachments.

- Asplundh Tree Expert (Australia) Pty Ltd trading as Summit Open Space Services (ABN 83 055 140 424)
- Auscape Pty Ltd (ABN 86 002 705 508)
- Green Options Pty Ltd (ABN 59 002 456 797)
- Growth Civil Landscapes Pty Ltd (ABN 35 601 437 003)
- HI Landscapes Pty Ltd (ABN 92 119 886 734)
- The Trustee For Simpson Family Trust T/A Simpson Landscapes & Consultants Pty Ltd (ABN 14 670 783 778)
- Waratah Lawncare and Garden Management Pty Ltd (ABN 12 086 800 688)

(b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.

(c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/41080

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes - Assets and Infrastructure Committee 12 February 2024



CCL005-24

MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Monday, 12 February 2024

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely, and Councillor Colleen Symington.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Assets and Infrastructure - Andrew Latta, EA to the Director, Assets and infrastructure – Rachelle McGrath (minutes) and Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: Councillor Smerdely Councillor Mort

That as the Assets and Infrastructure Chairperson, Councillor Konjarski, is an apology for tonight's meeting, a vote be taken of the Councillors present, appointed to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee, to elect a Chairperson for this meeting.

That Councillor Liu assume the position of Chairperson for the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting of 12 February 2024.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington

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

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 7.03pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu 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.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There have been no requests to attend the meeting via audio visual link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Stratikopoulos have requested a leave of absence.

MOTION: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington

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

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu 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

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ASS001-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2023, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASS002-24 Report of the Georges River Local Traffic Committee Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2024
(Report by Coordinator Traffic and Transport)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Ficarra

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 February 2024 be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington

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

ASS004-24 T23/001 Landscaping and Ancillary Works

(Report by Team Leader Procurement and Contracts Governance)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington, Councillor Smerdely

- (a) That in accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accepts the Tenders that are recommended for T23/001 – Landscaping and Ancillary Works, as outlined below and in the confidential attachments.
- Asplundh Tree Expert (Australia) Pty Ltd trading as Summit Open Space Services (ABN 83 055 140 424)
 - Auscape Pty Ltd (ABN 86 002 705 508)
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 - The Trustee For Simpson Family Trust T/A Simpson Landscapes & Consultants Pty Ltd (ABN 14 670 783 778)
 - Waratah Lawncare and Garden Management Pty Ltd (ABN 12 086 800 688)
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Contract with the successful Contractor on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Symington

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.09pm

Chairperson

Item: **CCL006-24 Report of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community and Culture Committee recommendations for items COM002-24 to COM005-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items COM002-24 to COM005-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Community and Culture Committee at its meeting on 12 February 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

COM002-24 Verge Garden Program Review
(Report by Research and Social Policy Officer)

- (a) That Council note the findings and outcomes from the review of the Verge Garden Program (the Program) detailed within this report.
- (b) That Council approve the continuation of the Verge Garden Program.

COM003-24 Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Held 1 February 2024
(Report by Personal Assistant to Manager, City Life)

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2024 be submitted to the Community and Culture Committee for consideration and to be adopted by Council.

COM004-24 Adoption of the Georges River Council Events And Festival Charter, Event Guide and Event Toolkit
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

That Council adopts the Events and Festivals Charter, Event Guide and Event Toolkit.

COM005-24 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023

(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/41159

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024

**CCL006-24**

MINUTES

Community and Culture Committee

Monday, 12 February 2024

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



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PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Nancy Liu (Chairperson), Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Nick Smerdely (joined the meeting at 6.11pm), and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager - David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture - Kristie Dodd, General Counsel - James Fan, Manager City Life - Margaret Le, Manager Office of the General Manager - Vicki McKinley, Executive Manager City Futures - Simon Massey, Head of Technology - Garuthman De Silva, Technology Business Support Officer - Sandra Vazzoler, Executive Assistant to the General Manager - Sue Matthew, Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture - Franziska Mintus (Minutes).

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu, opened the meeting at 6.03pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. She paid her 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.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Ambihaipahar

That an apology on behalf of Councillor Lou Konjarski and Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos be accepted and a Leave of Absence granted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Liu 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

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COM001-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

That the Minutes of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2023, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COM002-24 Verge Garden Program Review
(Report by Research and Social Policy Officer)

Note: Councillor Smerdely joined the meeting at 6.11pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry

(a) That Council note the findings and outcomes from the review of the Verge Garden Program (the Program) detailed within this report.

(b) That Council approve the continuation of the Verge Garden Program.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Wang

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

COM003-24 Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held 1 February 2024
(Report by Personal Assistant to Manager, City Life)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

That the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2024 be submitted to the Community and Culture Committee for consideration and to be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Wang

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

COM004-24 Adoption of the Georges River Council Events and Festival Charter, Event Guide and Event Toolkit
(Report by Coordinator Events and Sponsorship)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Wang

That Council adopts the Events and Festivals Charter, Event Guide and Event Toolkit.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Wang

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

COM005-24 Quarterly Community Property Report - 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023
(Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Community Property Report for the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Liu, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Councillor Smerdely, Councillor Wang

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.28pm.

Chairperson

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Item: CCL007-24 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Planning Committee recommendations for items ENV002-24 to ENV006-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items ENV002-24 to ENV006-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Environment and Planning Committee at its meeting on 12 February 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ENV002-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal for 28 And 28a Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal PP2023/0003 for 28 and 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendment to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 as exhibited by amending the listing of Heritage Item No. I208 (*'House and front garden, "Bayview"'*) at 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay by:
 - (i) Revising the item name from 'House and front garden, "Bayview"' to "'Bayview" house and garden, boatshed, garage and summerhouse' in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
 - (ii) Revising the address from '28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay' to '28 and 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay' in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
 - (iii) Revising the property description to include both Lots 21 and 22 in Section 15 of Deposited Plan (DP) 1963 in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
 - (iv) Updating the Heritage Map to reflect the above changes.
- (c) That Council forward the Planning Proposal for gazettal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- (d) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal be advised of Council's decision.

CCL007-24

ENV003-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Olds Park Master Plan Amendment
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council adopt the exhibited Olds Park Master Plan with an amendment to clarify that the redeveloped sport/community facility and public toilets/amenities are to be inclusive to all users.
- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the amendment to the Olds Park Master Plan.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the amendment to the Olds Park Master Plan be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the amendment to the Olds Park Master Plan be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.
- (e) That Football St George, Penshurst West Football Club and Football NSW be informed that the construction of a fence in the location sought is an operational matter and is not necessary to be incorporated into the Master Plan.
- (f) That the installation of any perimeter fence at Olds Park football field would be by a future resolution of Council and require a community consultation process.

ENV004-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - GRDCP 2021 - Amendment 5 Subdivision, Lot Consolidation and Boundary Adjustments in Heritage Conservation Areas
(Report by Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council notes the submissions received during the public exhibition of draft Amendment No. 5 to the *Georges River Development Control Plan (DCP) 2021*, being "Subdivision, Lot Consolidation and Boundary Adjustments in Heritage Conservation Areas".
- (b) That Council adopt the exhibited Amendment No. 5 to the *Georges River DCP 2021* pursuant to Section 3.43 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* with the following amendment:
 - (i) Insert '2.0m' in Clause 6.1.2 Single Dwellings – Front Setbacks so that the written minimum setback requirement from the secondary street boundary on corner lots reflects the corresponding Figure 2 in the DCP.
- (c) That Council endorse the Director of Environment and Planning to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, if required, in the finalisation of the draft DCP.
- (d) That Council give public notice of the decision to adopt Amendment No. 5 to the *Georges River DCP 2021* on its website and in the local press within 28 days in accordance with Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (e) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision.
- (f) That the Department of Planning and Environment be given a copy of the amended DCP in accordance with Clause 20 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

ENV005-24 Update on the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement Implementation Plan, Local Housing Strategy and Inclusive Housing Strategy
(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

- (a) That Council note the progress against the actions in the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2040.
- (b) That Council note the progress against the actions in the Georges River Local Housing Strategy (LHS).
- (c) That Council note the progress against the actions in the Georges River Inclusive Housing Strategy (IHS).
- (d) That a further report be submitted to Council outlining the process and program to review the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2040.

ENV006-24 Development and Building Q2 Metrics Report
(Report by Manager Development and Building)

That Council receive and note the Development and Building Department Functions and Services Metrics Report for the reporting period being October to December 2023.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/43237

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024



MINUTES

Environment and Planning Committee

Monday, 12 February 2024

7:00 PM

Waratah Room

**Georges River Civic Centre,
Hurstville**



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Peter Mahoney (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, and Councillor Benjamin Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Environment and Planning - Meryl Bishop, Manager Strategic Planning - Catherine McMahon, Manager Development & Building – Liam Frayne, Coordinator Strategic Planning – Stephanie Lum, Senior Strategic Planner – Lisa Ho, Strategic Planner – Michelle Fawcett, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Assets & Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Manager Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Manager City Futures – Simon Massey, General Counsel – James Fan, Executive Assistant to the Director Environment and Planning - Leanne Allen (Minutes), Executive Assistant to the General Manager – Sue Matthew, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva, Technology Business Support Officer – Sandra Vazzoler.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney, opened the meeting at 7pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Mahoney 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.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

	Name	Report No.	Report Title
1	Irene Hatzipetros (Remotely)	ENV003-24	Outcomes of Public Exhibition – Olds Park Master Plan Amendment

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ENV001-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Katris

That the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2023, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENV002-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal for 28 and 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay
(Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson

- That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal PP2023/0003 for 28 and 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay.
- That Council adopt the proposed amendment to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 as exhibited by amending the listing of Heritage Item No. I208 (*'House and front garden, "Bayview"'*) at 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay by:
 - Revising the item name from 'House and front garden, "Bayview"' to "Bayview" house and garden, boatshed, garage and summerhouse' in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
 - Revising the address from '28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay' to '28 and 28A Carlton Crescent, Kogarah Bay' in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
 - Revising the property description to include both Lots 21 and 22 in Section 15 of

Deposited Plan (DP) 1963 in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.

- (iv) Updating the Heritage Map to reflect the above changes.
- (c) That Council forward the Planning Proposal for gazettal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- (d) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal be advised of Council's decision.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

Note: Councillor Natalie Mort, Veronica Ficarra, Colleen Symington and Nick Smerdely arrived at 7.13pm.

ENV003-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Olds Park Master Plan Amendment (Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council adopt the exhibited Olds Park Master Plan with an amendment to clarify that the redeveloped sport/community facility and public toilets/amenities are to be inclusive to all users.
- (b) That Council authorise the General Manager to make minor editorial modifications in the finalisation of the amendment to the Olds Park Master Plan.
- (c) That all individuals who provided a submission during the public exhibition of the amendment to the Olds Park Master Plan be notified of Council's decision.
- (d) That the amendment to the Olds Park Master Plan be placed on Council's website following adoption by Council.
- (e) That Football St George, Penshurst West Football Club and Football NSW be informed that the construction of a fence in the location sought is an operational matter and is not necessary to be incorporated into the Master Plan.
- (f) That the installation of any perimeter fence at Olds Park football field would be by a future resolution of Council and require a community consultation process.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihapahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

ENV004-24 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - GRDCP 2021 - Amendment 5 Subdivision, Lot Consolidation and Boundary Adjustments in Heritage Conservation

Areas

(Report by Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council notes the submissions received during the public exhibition of draft Amendment No. 5 to the *Georges River Development Control Plan (DCP) 2021*, being "Subdivision, Lot Consolidation and Boundary Adjustments in Heritage Conservation Areas".
- (b) That Council adopt the exhibited Amendment No. 5 to the *Georges River DCP 2021* pursuant to Section 3.43 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* with the following amendment:
 - (i) Insert '2.0m' in Clause 6.1.2 Single Dwellings – Front Setbacks so that the written minimum setback requirement from the secondary street boundary on corner lots reflects the corresponding Figure 2 in the DCP.
- (c) That Council endorse the Director of Environment and Planning to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, if required, in the finalisation of the draft DCP.
- (d) That Council give public notice of the decision to adopt Amendment No. 5 to the *Georges River DCP 2021* on its website and in the local press within 28 days in accordance with Clause 14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
- (e) That all persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision.
- (f) That the Department of Planning and Environment be given a copy of the amended DCP in accordance with Clause 20 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

ENV005-24 Update on the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement Implementation Plan, Local Housing Strategy and Inclusive Housing Strategy

(Report by Senior Strategic Planner)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Ambihaipahar

- (a) That Council note the progress against the actions in the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2040.
- (b) That Council note the progress against the actions in the Georges River Local Housing Strategy (LHS).
- (c) That Council note the progress against the actions in the Georges River Inclusive Housing

Strategy (IHS).

- (d) That a further report be submitted to Council outlining the process and program to review the Georges River Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2040.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

ENV006-24 Development and Building Q2 Metrics Report (Report by Manager Development and Building)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ambihaipahar, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council receive and note the Development and Building Department Functions and Services Metrics Report for the reporting period being October to December 2023.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Katris, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Wang

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Chairperson

Item: **CCL008-24 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024**

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance and Governance Committee recommendations for items FIN002-24 to FIN001A-24 as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following Committee recommendations for items FIN002-24 to FIN001A-24 are submitted to Council for determination.

The recommendations were made by the Finance and Governance Committee at its meeting on 12 February 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN002-24 Investment Report as at 30 November 2023
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 30 November 2023 be received and noted by Council.

FIN003-24 Investment Report as at 31 December 2023
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

That the Investment Report as at 31 December 2023 be received and noted by Council.

FIN004-24 Quarterly Budget Review Report for Period Ending 31 December 2023
(Report by Senior 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 2023.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2023/24 Budget as outlined in Attachment 1.

FIN005-24 Appointment Of Independent Member to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

- (a) That Council appoint Mr Hamish McNulty as an independent member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) in accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference, for a four (4) year period from 22 March 2024 to 22 March 2028.
- (b) That Council thank Mr Michael Seery for his valuable contribution to good governance and

his provision of independent advice to Georges River Council as an independent member of ARIC since joining in 2021.

FIN006-24 Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio Report for Period Ending 31 December 2023
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio for the period ending 31 December 2023.

FIN001A-24 Property Matter - 6 Dora Street, Hurstville - Lease
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

- (a) That the General Manager be authorised to enter, negotiate and/or amend lease terms for the property at 6 Dora Street, Hurstville as detailed in this report.
- (b) That Council take the opportunity to thank Project Youth for the valuable work that is undertaken throughout the Georges River Local Government Area.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/43244

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024



CCL008-24

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 12 February 2024

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Veronica Ficarra, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Peter Mahoney and Councillor Colleen Symington.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Head of Strategic Property - Bernard Morabito, Senior Property Officer – Kristen O’Grady, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Executive Assistant – Nickie Paras, IMT Administration Officer – Garima Jasoria (Minutes), Acting Team Leader Technology Business Support – Earl Santos.

OPENING

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson 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.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson 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.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN001-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2023
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2023, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN002-24 Investment Report as at 30 November 2023
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

That the Investment Report as at 30 November 2023 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

FIN003-24 Investment Report as at 31 December 2023
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

That the Investment Report as at 31 December 2023 be received and noted by Council.

FIN004-24 Quarterly Budget Review Report for Period Ending 31 December 2023
(Report by Senior Business Performance Accountant)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington, Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 31 December 2023.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2023/24 Budget as outlined in Attachment 1.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra,

Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

FIN005-24 Appointment of Independent Member to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mahoney, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council appoint Mr Hamish McNulty as an independent member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) in accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference, for a four (4) year period from 22 March 2024 to 22 March 2028.
- (b) That Council thank Mr Michael Seery for his valuable contribution to good governance and his provision of independent advice to Georges River Council as an independent member of ARIC since joining in 2021.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

FIN006-24 Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio Report for Period Ending 31 December 2023
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Ficarra, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio for the period ending 31 December 2023.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (CLOSED SESSION)

Councillor Jamieson asked the **Director of Assets and Infrastructure** if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in closed session.

The Director replied that no representations had been received to the item in closed session.

Councillor Jamieson asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons Council proposes to consider the items in closed session. There were none.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Mahoney

That in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matters be considered in closed meeting at which the press and public are excluded.

FIN001A-24 Property Matter - 6 Dora Street, Hurstville - Lease

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) it is considered the matter information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

THAT in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) of the Act, the reports and correspondence relating to these matters be withheld from the press and public.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN001A-24 Property Matter - 6 Dora Street, Hurstville - Lease

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

Note: Meeting went into closed session at 6.18pm

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Symington, Councillor Ficarra

- (a) That the General Manager be authorised to enter, negotiate and/or amend lease terms for the property at 6 Dora Street, Hurstville as detailed in this report.
- (b) That Council take the opportunity to thank Project Youth for the valuable work that is undertaken throughout the Georges River Local Government Area.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Ficarra

That the meeting revert to Open Session, the time being 6.28pm.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

OPEN SESSION

CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Councillor Symington, Councillor Mahoney

That the recommendations from the Closed Session be confirmed as recommendations of the Committee.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Symington

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.37pm.

Chairperson

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Item: CCL009-24 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government Conference - Canberra, July 2024

Author: Manager Office of the General Manager

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL009-24

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council nominate Councillors to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government held in Canberra on 2 to 4 July 2024.
- (b) That Council nominate one Councillor to be the voting delegate to represent Georges River Council during debates on Motions presented to the Assembly.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The 30th National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) will be held from 2 to 4 July 2024 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.

BACKGROUND

2. The 2024 National General Assembly will be hosted by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).
3. The theme of the Assembly this year is “*Building Community Trust*”.
4. In determining Councillor attendance to the Assembly, Council is required to nominate one voting delegate to represent Georges River Council during debates on Motions presented to the Assembly. This report recommends that Council nominate Council’s voting delegate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS5. In-Person Attendance

The following is a summary of costs that would be incurred per person for travel to the Assembly and attend in-person:

- Registration: \$945 (Early Bird Rate, to be booked and paid prior to Friday 7 June 2024). \$1,045 after this date.
- Travel to Canberra: Approximately \$500 return via car or \$700 return flight
- Accommodation: \$900 for 3 nights (approximately)
- Meals and other expenses: unknown

In addition to the above summary, it is anticipated that additional costs for incidentals, meals and taxi fares would also be incurred. Final costs will be determined after the Conference in accordance with the relevant Policy.

The estimated total cost for attending this Conference (in-person) is approximately \$2,345 per councillor (excluding meals, incidentals, taxi fare charges etc).

6. In the 2023/24 Budget allocation for interstate, overseas and long distance/intrastate travel expenses, there is an annual allowance of \$1,000 per Councillor. In accordance with the Mayor and Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy, expenditure from this expense category is subject to a Council resolution.
7. Additionally, in the 2023/24 Budget, there is an allocation of \$3,000 per Councillor for professional development expenses and \$1,500 per Councillor for attendance at conferences and seminars.
8. The current balance of each Councillors' 2023/24 professional development and conference and seminar budget is provided in the table below.

Councillor	Professional Development \$3,000 Per Councillor PA EXPENDED (as at 31/12/2023)	Professional Development BALANCE REMAINING (as at 31/12/2023)	Conferences & Seminars \$1,500 Per Councillor PA EXPENDED (as at 31/12/2023)	Conferences & Seminars BALANCE REMAINING (as at 31/12/2023)
Sam Elmir	404.25	2,595.75	-	1500.00
Christina Jamieson	1,559.25	1,440.75	554.48	945.52
Nick Katris	1,559.25	1,440.75	641.68	858.32
Ashvini Ambihaipahar	404.25	2,595.75	-	1500.00
Peter Mahoney	1,559.25	1,440.75	613.29	886.71
Natalie Mort	1,559.25	1,440.75	582.87	917.13
Elise Borg	1,559.25	1,440.75	613.29	886.71
Sam Stratikpoulos	404.25	2,595.75	-	1500.00
Lou Konjarski	404.25	2,595.75	-	1500.00
Kathryn Landsberry	404.25	2,595.75	-	1500.00
Nancy Liu	404.25	2,595.75	-	1500.00
Nick Smerdely	404.25	2,595.75	-	1500.00
Colleen Symington	1,559.25	1,440.75	578.00	922.00
Veronica Ficarra	1,559.25	1,440.75	613.29	886.71
Ben Wang	1,559.25	1,440.75	550.00	950.00
Total		29,696.25	4,746.90	17,753.10

9. Early Bird Registrations for attendance at the National General Assembly of Local Government close on Friday, 7 June 2024. Late registrations

RISK IMPLICATIONS

10. No operational or enterprise risks have been identified.
11. The Policy on the Mayor and Councillors Expenses and Facilities sets out the entitlements for Councillors attending such conferences.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

12. Community engagement is not required prior to Council considering this matter.

FILE REFERENCE

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) 2024-NGA-Motions-Discussion-Paper



2024 NGA

Building
Community
Trust

National Convention Centre
Canberra



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JULY
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DISCUSSION
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KEY DATES

29 March 2024 | Acceptance of Motions

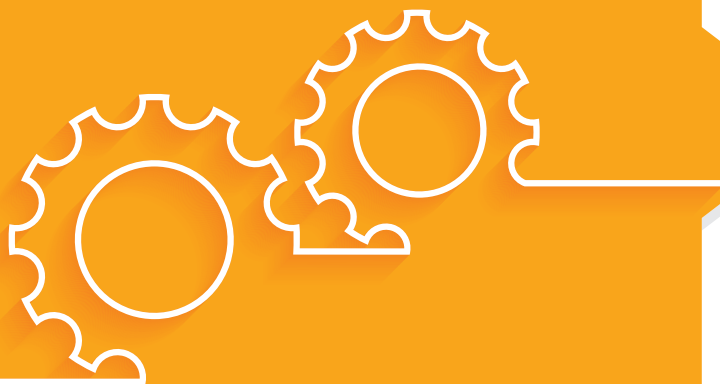
2 July 2024 | Regional Cooperation & Development Forum

3 - 4 July 2024 | National General Assembly

5 July 2024 | Australian Council of Local Government

TO SUBMIT YOUR MOTION

VISIT: **ALGA.COM.AU**



The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is pleased to convene the 30th National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), to be held in Canberra from 2-4 July 2024.

As convenor of the NGA, the ALGA Board cordially invites all councils to send representatives to this important national event.

The NGA is the premier national gathering of local governments, and provides councils with the opportunity to come together, share ideas, debate motions, and most importantly unite and further build on the relationship between local government and the Australian Government.

This discussion paper contains essential information for Australian councils considering submitting motions for debate at the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

It is recommended that all councils and delegates intending to attend the 2024 NGA familiarise themselves with the guidelines for motions contained in this paper on page 6.

BACKGROUND TO ALGA AND THE NGA

ALGA was established 1947. In structure, ALGA is a federation of member state and territory associations. Its mission is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy with impact, and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and our communities.

Since 1994, the NGA has built the profile of local government on the national stage, showcased the value of councils, and most importantly demonstrated - particularly to the Australian Government - the strength and value of working with local government to help deliver on national priorities.

Debate on motions was introduced to the NGA as a vehicle for councils from across the nation to canvas ideas. Outcomes of debate on motions (NGA Resolutions) could be used by participating councils to inform their own policies and priorities, as well as their advocacy when dealing with federal politicians.

At the same time, they help ALGA and its member state and territory associations gain valuable insight into council priorities, emerging national issues, and the level of need and support for new policy and program initiatives.

Given the structure of ALGA, its Constitution, and level of resources, the NGA does not bind the ALGA Board. However, the Board carefully considers NGA resolutions as it determines ALGA's policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

This is your NGA and ALGA is pleased to act as the convenor. ALGA's policies and priorities will continue to be determined by the ALGA Board in the interests of all councils.

The ALGA Board thanks all councils for attending the NGA and those that will take the time to reflect on the purpose of debate on motions outlined in this paper, and to submit motions for debate at the 2024 NGA.

SUBMITTING MOTIONS

Australia is one of the world's great democracies. It is held in high regard across the world but should never be taken for granted.

The theme of the 2024 NGA is – Building Community Trust.

This theme aims to explore the critical importance of trust in governments, between governments, its institutions, and its citizens. This trust is a fundamental building block of our nation's democracy.

While relatively low key, over the past decade there has been increasing public debate by scholars and policy makers about the level of trust in government, its institutions and indeed the operation of our democracy more broadly.

Mark Evans et al (2019) published research in 'The Conversation' indicating that Australians' trust in politicians (our political representatives) and democracy has hit an all-time low. This report indicates 'fewer than 41% of Australian citizens are satisfied with the way democracy works in Australia, down from 86% in 2007.

Public satisfaction has fallen particularly sharply since 2013, when 72% of Australian citizens were satisfied. Generation X is least satisfied (31%) and Baby Boomers most satisfied (50%). Some political authors suggest that these trends in part explain the rise in popularity and the relative success of independents and micro or single-issue parties.

These statistics should be of concern to every level of government and those interested in the future of our communities and Australia's democratic system.

It is said that 'trust is hard-earned, easily lost, and difficult to re-establish – and a key to absolutely everything.' While media and public attention frequently focuses on levels of trust in the national and state governments, local governments have an equally important role in building, maintaining and indeed, often repairing government-community relationships.

At its most fundamental level, the 2024 NGA focusses on the role of local government and how all levels of government can help each other build, maintain and strengthen government-community relationships.

This discussion paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the 2024 NGA to be held in Canberra from 2-4 July 2024.

Motions for this year's NGA should consider:

- how all levels of government in Australia can build trust in each other and earn greater trust from the community;
- practical opportunities for the Australian Government to leverage the trust that local communities have in their local council;
- focus on practical programs that can strengthen the system of local government nationally to provide the services and infrastructure required to support and strengthen our communities; and
- new program ideas that that would help the local government sector to deliver the Australian Government's objectives.

Motions should be concise, practical and implementable and meet the guidelines for motions set out in the paper.

You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every issue or question. Your council's motion/s must address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Motions must be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: www.alga.com.au and received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 29 March 2024.

All notices of motions will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-committee prior to publishing the NGA Business Paper to ensure that they meet these guidelines. This sub-committee reserves the right to select, edit or amend notices of motions to facilitate the efficient and effective management of debate on motions at the NGA.

All NGA resolutions will be published on www.nationalgeneralassembly.com.au.

As the host of the NGA, ALGA will communicate resolutions to the relevant Australian Government Minister and publish Ministerial responses as they are received on this website.

Please note that if your council does submit a motion, there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the NGA to move and speak to that motion if required.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2024 NGA.

CRITERIA FOR MOTIONS

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and your state or territory local government association.
5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
6. Propose a clear action and outcome ie call on the Australian Government to act on something.
7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
8. Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities.
9. Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
10. Be supported by sufficient evidence to support the outcome being sought and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.

Motions must commence with the following wording:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to ...

Please note that resolutions of the NGA do not automatically become ALGA's national policy positions.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

It is important to complete the background section of the submission form. Submitters of motions should not assume that NGA delegates will have background knowledge of the proposal. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion. Please note, motions should NOT be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

Try to keep motions practical, focussed and capable of implementation to ensure that relevant Australian Government Ministers provide considered, thoughtful and timely responses.

Try to avoid motions that are complex, contain multi-dot points and require complex cross-portfolio implementation.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-committee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

When reviewing motions, the Sub-committee considers the criteria, clarity of the motion and the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer. With the agreement of the submitting council, these motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

To ensure an efficient and effective debate, where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the NGA Sub-committee will group these motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions will have either been drafted by ALGA or will be based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter.

Debate will occur in accordance with the rules for debate published in the Business Papers and will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only or in accordance with the debating rules.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

All motions require:

- a contact officer;
- a clear national objective;
- a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion; and
- endorsement of your council.

**Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available at www.alga.asn.au.
Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 29 March 2024.**

SETTING THE SCENE

The theme for NGA24 'Building Community Trust' aims to focus on the role of local government in the Australian system of government and explore the critical importance of trust in governments, between governments, its institutions, and our citizens.

In a recent essay on Capitalism after the Crisis (2023) the Treasurer the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP wrote:

'Our mission is to redefine and reform our economy and institutions in ways that make our people and communities more resilient, and our society and democracy stronger as well.'

The need to strengthen our democracy was also emphasised the Prime Minister the Hon Anthony Albanese MP in a speech at Queensland's Woodford Folk Festival toward the end of 2022:

'I urge anyone who thinks our democracy is unassailable to have a look around the world. Even some of the oldest, most stable democracies have come under attack from a whole range of corrosive, insidious forces. No one is immune. Our democracy is precious, something we have carefully grown and nurtured from one generation to the next. One of our core responsibilities is to make it stronger, and the key to that strength is transparency and accountability.'

In early 2023 the Australian Government established a taskforce to advise government on 'what can be done – practically – to strengthen Australian democracy'.

The 2024 NGA provides you - the elected representatives of Australia's local councils and communities - with the opportunity to engage with the Federal Government and key Ministers.

Further, it is your opportunity to advocate for new or expanded programs and key policy initiatives that could strengthen local governments, its capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to local communities across the nation. This service delivery is critical to build, maintain and strengthen the trust of our citizens.

This year's call for motion focusses on twelve priority areas:

- Intergovernmental relations;
- Financial sustainability;
- Roads and infrastructure;
- Emergency management;
- Housing and homelessness;
- Jobs and skills;
- Community services;
- Closing the Gap and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation;
- Data, digital technology and cyber security;
- Climate change and renewable energy;
- Environment; and
- Circular economy.



1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

'Australia's federal structure, built upon reciprocal financial, legislative and policy responsibilities, requires intelligent cooperation on issues of strategic national significance.'

National Cabinet is a forum for the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers to meet and work collaboratively. National Cabinet was established on 13 March 2020 and is chaired by the Prime Minister. The National Cabinet is a key mechanism in Australia's current intergovernmental architecture.

A representative of local government, the President of ALGA, is invited to meet with National Cabinet once each year. The President of ALGA also attends one meeting per year of the Council on Federal Financial Relations comprising the Commonwealth Treasurer as Chair and all state and territory treasurers.

A substantial body of research, from Australia and internationally, has highlighted that governments that work together are generally more successful in achieving shared national objectives, including economic recovery from events like the COVID-19 pandemic as well as in service and infrastructure delivery.

This research reinforces the need for local government to be included in relevant ministerial forums that support national priorities – from housing affordability to reaching net-zero emissions. ALGA currently participates in National Cabinet (1/year), Council on Federal Financial Relations (1/ year), Infrastructure Transport Ministers Meeting, National Emergency Managers Meeting, Local Government Ministers Forum, Joint Council on Closing the Gap, Planning Ministers Meeting, Meeting of Environment Ministers, Energy and Climate Change Ministers and the Road Safety Ministers Meeting, to represent local government views.

Local government input can provide a community voice, enabling our intergovernmental forums to make decisions with greater legitimacy and authority.

Given the importance of trust in governments, between governments and its citizens, how can intergovernmental arrangements be further improved in Australia?

Are there ways of maintaining and enhancing the community's trust in local government?

Are there new initiatives and programs that could be adopted to improve the level of cooperation and collaboration between the Australian Government and local government?

2. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Trust in governments is highly correlated with their ability to fulfill the implicit social contract between government and its citizens by keeping promises.

Local government is the third sphere of government in Australia's system of government. Councils are comprised of locally elected representatives who understand local needs and engage locally on strategies to meet those needs.

Councils are responsible for providing a wide range of critical local area services including planning, libraries, waste management systems, transport and infrastructure (eg roads and footpaths, parks, sporting grounds and swimming pools) and social services.

These services are critical to the wellbeing, liveability and productivity of all local communities, and therefore the nation. Equally important is the sustaining of democratic processes at the local and regional level.

Local government's total annual expenditure in 2021 -22 was approximately \$43.6 billion. Non-financial assets including roads, community infrastructure such as buildings, facilities, airports, water, and sewerage (in some states) including land, are valued at \$539 billion [ABS Government Finance Statistics, Australia, 2021-22].

In 2021-22, the Australian Government provided \$2.6 billion in Financial Assistance Grants funding to councils. This included \$1.3b which was brought forward from the 2021-22 estimate and paid through state and territory governments in 2020-21.

Nationally, local government derives nearly 90% of its revenue from its own sources (including rates and services charges), compared to around 50% for state governments. Grants from other levels of government make up just over 10% of local government's total revenue, however these grants are particularly important in areas with a low-rate base, and/or high growth rates, and rapidly expanding service and infrastructure needs.

In 2021-22 Financial Assistance Grants to local governments was less than 0.6% of Commonwealth taxation revenue (CTR), a significant drop from 1996 when these grants were at 1% of CTR. In 2023-24 Financial Assistance Grants have fallen to 0.5% of Commonwealth taxation.

What improvements are needed to the intergovernmental financial transfer system, particularly the Commonwealth transfers to local government, to enhance the community's trust in local government and by extension all governments?

Noting that Commonwealth tied funding is provided with detailed requirements how can this system be improved to provide flexibility and maximize the benefit to local communities?

3. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ALGA's 2021 National State of the Assets Report (NSoA) is currently being updated and expected to be launched in 2024. The most recent NSoA shows that while most local government assets such as roads, bridges, buildings, parks and recreation, stormwater, water and wastewater, and airports and aerodromes are generally in good to very good condition, around 10% are not fit for purpose, and around 20–25% are only fair and over time will need attention.

The last NSoA found that in 2019–20 non-financial infrastructure assets were valued at \$342 billion and were depreciating at \$7.7 billion per year. Replacement costs of these infrastructure assets were in the order of \$533 billion.

Local government assets make up a significant proportion of the physical structure of local communities and often provide critical access to and support for citizens to engage in state and national assets and opportunities.

For example, local roads provide important “first and last-mile access” for communities and industry to road networks, integral to economic development and community connection. Local sporting grounds can provide access for community groups to build community participation that has social, health and economic benefits.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to improve the long-term sustainability of local government infrastructure?

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's capacity to manage local government infrastructure and to integrate these plans into long-term financial plans?

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could develop to maintain, strengthen and enhance the reputation of Australia's infrastructure providers, including local government?

4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2022 alone, 46 disasters were declared across Australia, covering more than 300 different council areas. In recent years, almost every Australian council has been impacted in some way by fires, floods, or cyclones.

Last year's flooding caused a damage bill of approximately \$3.8 billion to local roads across Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. This was just a fraction of the total disaster costs incurred by governments across the country.

There have been numerous NGA motions in recent years regarding natural disasters and this has been a significant priority in ALGA's advocacy program.

In 2022 ALGA successfully advocated for a new \$200 million per year Disaster Ready Fund, with the first round of funding allocated in June 2023. This fund will support councils and communities to mitigate against the risk of future disasters and help address the significant imbalance between mitigation and recovery spending.

Councils are encouraged to draw on their practical experience of the improvements that could be made to managing emergencies.

Please note that many aspects of emergency management are state or territory responsibilities, and your motions should focus on how the Australian Government could assist.

What new programs, or improvements to existing programs, could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to improve the current natural disaster management systems to further assist in recovery and build resilience?

5. HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Almost every Australian council and community is facing challenges around a lack of affordable housing.

Alarming research by the UNSW City Futures Research Centre shows 640,000 Australian households – or one in 15 households – are under housing stress.

All levels of government, including councils, have a fundamental role to play in addressing this crisis, which is being compounded by high interest rates, rising construction costs and skills shortages.

At a national level, ALGA is a signatory to the National Housing Accord, and in 2023 successfully advocated for a new \$500 million Housing Support Program for state and local governments to deliver supporting infrastructure for new housing developments.

While the provision of affordable housing is not a local government responsibility, councils have a role to play in ensuring there is enough suitably located land available for housing and that a diversity of housing stock is supported. Councils also want to ensure that new housing developments are supported with the necessary services and infrastructure to create liveable and sustainable communities.

Many councils are also addressing thin markets and developing land and housing themselves, delivering local solutions to meet the needs of their communities.

Councils also want to ensure that they engaged with planning decisions that affect local communities. Taking planning powers away from councils does not always support the best local outcomes.

Councils also play an important role addressing some of the causes of homelessness, including social inclusion programs that can assist mental health and family violence issues, as well as providing support for people currently experiencing homelessness.

What new programs and policies could the Australian Government develop to partner with local government to support the provision of more affordable housing?

How can the Australian Government work with councils to address the causes and impacts of homelessness?

6. JOBS AND SKILLS

Local government is a major employer in Australia providing employment, career advancement and training opportunities for more than 190,800 Australians, across an estimated 400 occupations.

However, councils are facing significant jobs and skills shortages that are constraining their capacity to deliver services and build and maintain local infrastructure.

ALGA's 2022 National Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey indicated that more than 90 percent of Australia's 537 councils were experiencing skills shortages.

The survey also showed that for approximately two-thirds of these councils, these shortages were impacting on project delivery.

In particular, councils are facing a shortage of planners, engineers, building surveyors, environmental officers and human resources professionals.

Skills shortages occur for a variety of reasons including an inability to compete against the private sector, worker accommodation, support services for families, ageing of the workforce and geographic isolation.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could implement that would enhance local government's capacity to attract and retain appropriately skilled staff now and into the future?

Are there programs or changes to existing programs that would increase local government's ability to employ apprentices and trainees?

Are there other initiatives that the Australian Government could provide to improve the sector's ability to plan and develop skills fit for the future?

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Councils provide a wide range of services based on local characteristics, needs, priorities, and the resources of their community. Indeed, it is this level of responsiveness and accountability to the local community that is an essential feature of democratic local governments worldwide.

Some of these services are provided to address market failure, and many of them are provided by councils on behalf of other levels of government.

It is important to note that nationally local government is more than 83% self-sufficient ie funded at the local level either through rates, fees and charges, sale of goods and services, or interest. The Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that total local government annual expenditure in 2021-22 was \$43.6 billion.

Only 17% comes from grants and subsidies from other levels of government. Unfortunately, many of these grants and subsidies are tied, or require matching funding which restricts the ability to address local priorities in the way the council and community might need.

Arguably there is no greater obligation upon government than to maintain the trust that citizens have in meeting their community services obligations and promises, particularly to society's most vulnerable.

Local government community services are broadly defined, and may include but are not limited to:

- environmental health including food safety;
- childcare, early childhood education, municipal health;
- aged care, senior citizens;
- services to people living with disability;
- programs to address disadvantage, to reduce poverty and homelessness;
- sporting and recreational programs;
- arts and cultural activities, programs and festivals;
- tourism and economic development activities; and
- library services.

Noting the funding arrangements for the provision of local government community services are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to improve the delivery of these services?

Are there reforms or improvements in national community services program that would help local governments support the Australian Government to deliver on its national objectives?

8. CLOSING THE GAP AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RECONCILIATION

In 2021, ALGA co-signed a landmark national agreement to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. At the heart of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Partnership are four agreed priority reform targets and 19 socio-economic targets in areas including education, employment, health and wellbeing, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

The Indigenous Voice Co-design Final Report to the Australian Government was released in December 2021. The Local & Regional Voice will contribute to achieving the Closing the Gap outcomes by providing avenues for Indigenous voices to be heard, including to provide feedback to government on Closing the Gap.

As the level of government closest to the people, councils have an essential role supporting and helping to steer the development of policies and programs in partnership with local Indigenous peoples that address closing the gap priorities at the local and regional level.

Local government plays a positive role in reconciliation and celebrating Indigenous culture and identity, and sustainably funded could work effectively to reduce Indigenous disadvantage in all its forms.

On 14 October 2023, Australians voted in a referendum about whether to change the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. The referendum did not pass.

Are there programs or initiatives that the Australian Government could adopt to assist local government to advance reconciliation and close the gap?

Are there practical programs or initiatives that local government and the Australian Government could introduce to maintain, build and strengthen the level of trust between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and governments?

9. DATA, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER SECURITY

Provision of information technology to all Australians is vital to innovation, economic growth, and social equity. However, it is potentially even more important to regional Australia where the tyranny of distance increases the inequity of services available – including education, health, economic and social. Innovative technology is becoming more broadly available and could boost productivity and economic growth.

Councils around Australia continue to embrace new technologies to improve their service delivery standards and broaden consultation and engagement with their local communities. However, implementation can be hindered without access to basic technological infrastructure and the necessary IT skills and resources.

In recent times, cyber-attacks on major corporations and other businesses have resulted in significant data breaches. It is a timely reminder as digital information, services and products become an increasing feature of modern business operation including in local government.

Like all risks, local government must manage the risk of cyber-attacks and address cyber security. At a national level, there is limited understanding of local governments' vulnerability to cyber-attacks, preparedness and adequacy of risk management strategies or business continuity planning.

While this is primarily a responsibility of the sector itself, governments at all levels must work together to ensure that the public have confidence in government information management systems and its security.

Drawing upon your council's experience, and your knowledge of other councils within your state or territory, are there programs and initiatives that the Australian Government could implement to help local government develop its digital technology services and infrastructure?

Are there actions the Australian Government could take to improve cyber security within the local government sector?

10. CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Australia's changing climate presents a significant challenge to governments, individuals, communities, businesses, industry, and the environment.

The Australian Government has committed to address climate change and in June 2022 submitted its revised National Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The revised NDC included reaffirming a target of net zero emissions by 2050 and committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 43% from 2005 levels.

Local governments have played an important leadership role in addressing climate change, and councils have supported a wide range of community-based programs and initiatives to lower the carbon footprint of their own business operations and of their local communities.

As a sector, local government has been an advocate and active participant in the debate for lowering carbon emissions, is sourcing renewable energy, has responded creatively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, and facilitated the construction of green buildings and water sensitive design of cities and towns.

Local government has been at the forefront in addressing the impacts of climate change and adaptation to climate change. In particular, councils have a practical understanding of the risk and impact of climate change on Australia's infrastructure and physical assets, natural ecosystems, local economies and their community.

Noting the Australian Government's approach to reducing emissions, are there partnerships, programs, and initiatives that local government and the Australian Government can form to achieve Australia's 2050 net zero emissions target?

Are there initiatives that could assist local governments to build trust in the community for implementation of key climate change and emissions reduction initiatives?

11. ENVIRONMENT

Australia's 537 local councils play an essential role in providing, regulating and managing Australia's environmental services and infrastructure.

Whether it's biodiversity, biosecurity, natural resource management (NRM), contaminated lands, waste management, water resources, sustainability or roadside environments, councils are responsible for educating households and businesses on environment policy, as well as driving environmental programs and initiatives in their local communities.

In recent years the National General Assembly has considered a range of environmental issues, and passed resolutions on biodiversity, biosecurity, conservation, climate change and water security.

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to strengthen Australia's environmental services and infrastructure?

What new programs could the Australian Government partner with local government in to progress local regional and national objectives?



12. CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Local government is responsible for the management of household and domestic waste and has a critical role to play in further developing the circular economy.

Australia's 537 councils manage approximately 26 percent of Australian waste, either directly or through contractual arrangements. Each year, local governments collect around 9.7 million tonnes of waste from kerbside bin services, sort it at material recovery facilities (MRFs), and dispatch what can be recycled to reprocessing facilities in Australia and overseas.

Where waste cannot be recovered it is landfilled, and local governments in most jurisdictions must pay a significant levy per tonne for landfilled waste, as well as incur the operational costs of maintaining and managing a landfill.

Collecting, treating, and disposing of Australian domestic waste costs local government an estimated \$3.5 billion annually. Local government also dedicates resources to administering community waste-education programs, collecting litter, addressing illegal rubbish dumping, and ensuring compliance with waste bylaws.

In November 2023, Australia's Environment Ministers agreed that the Federal Government would establish new regulations for packaging as well as mandate how packaging is designed, develop minimum recycled content requirements and prohibit harmful chemicals being used. These changes are expected to have a positive impact on the amount of waste sent to landfill, and the costs borne by councils and their communities.

How could the Australian Government further strengthen product stewardship arrangements to support local governments in their endeavours to increase recycling and reduce the volume of waste?

How could the Australian Government partner with local government to advance the circular economy?

CONCLUSION

Thank you for taking the time to read this discussion paper and your support for the 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government.

A FINAL REMINDER:

- » Motions should be lodged electronically at www.alga.com.au and received no later than 11.59pm on Friday 29 March 2024.
- » Motions must meet the criteria published in this paper.
- » Motions should commence with the following wording: 'This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to...'
- » Motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.
- » Motions should be practical, focussed and relatively simple.
- » It is important to complete the background section on the form.
- » Motions must not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit to one group of councils to the detriment of another.
- » When your council submits a motion there is an expectation that a council representative will be present at the 2024 National General Assembly to move and speak to that motion if required.
- » Resolutions of the National General Assembly do not automatically become ALGA's national policy positions. The resolutions are used by the ALGA Board to inform policies, priorities and strategies to advance local governments within the national agenda.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the 2024 National General Assembly in Canberra.





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Item: CCL010-24 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy - February 2024

Author: Executive Services Officer

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Matter Type: Finance and Governance

CCL010-24

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- (a) CWF 47/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Hurstville Community Garden in the amount of \$300.
- (b) CWF 48/23-24 - Application submitted by Councillor Katris on behalf of Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club in the amount of \$1,500.
- (c) CWF 49/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Mahoney on behalf of Oatley Rugby Club in the amount of \$1,000.
- (d) CWF 50/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Australia Chinese New Arts Society in the amount of \$200.
- (e) CWF 51/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of XingMeng Arts Group Australia in the amount of \$200.
- (f) CWF 52/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Wang on behalf of Australia Oriental Dancing Group in the amount of \$200.
- (g) CWF 53/23-24 – Application submitted by Councillor Liu on behalf of St George Community Alliance in the amount of \$300.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council, at its meeting on 24 July 2023, endorsed the revised Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy (the Fund).
2. The Policy provides a framework which enables Councillors to provide minor financial support to individuals and community groups within wards which will complement Council's existing grants, sponsorship, and donations framework.
3. This report includes details of applications which have been assessed against the funds eligibility criteria and determined to qualify for funding.

BACKGROUND

4. The Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy stipulates two categories for applications of funds, those by an individual or community group.
5. For the 2023/24 financial year, there is a \$75,000 allocation made available for Councillors elected at the December 2021 Local Government Elections.
6. In keeping with ensuring accountability and transparency, details have been included below regarding applications that are now listed for consideration and their demonstrated ability to satisfy the eligibility criteria of the Fund.

7. In addition to these measures, details of funds awarded are available on Council's website and are included in Council's Annual Report as is required regarding the allocation of funds through Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. All application details can be found in the attachment to this report.

Funds of \$75,000 have been allocated in the 2023/24 Operational Plan.

Non-Capital Funds (\$5,000/Councillor)	Funds Allocated to date including this report	Remaining Balance
Councillor Ambihaipahar	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Borg	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Elmir	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Ficarra	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Jamieson	\$0	\$5,000
Councillor Katris	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Konjarski	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Landsberry	\$2,400	\$2,600
Councillor Liu	\$4,200	\$800
Councillor Mahoney	\$2,200	\$2,800
Councillor Mort	\$5,000	\$0
Councillor Smerdely	\$4,000	\$1,000
Councillor Stratikopoulos	\$1,260	\$3,740
Councillor Symington	\$4,800	\$200
Councillor Wang	\$4,400	\$600


RISK IMPLICATIONS

9. The Enterprise Risk Management Strategy contains two relevant actions regarding the provision of an open, accessible, and transparent decision making and meeting process.
10. The adopted process for the allocation of funds through the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy is one of many strategies that have been implemented to ensure that these actions are achieved.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/7005

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#)  Attachment - Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - February Council Meeting 2024

Attachment [2](#)  Councillor Ward Discretionary Funds ABN numbers

Form Code	Councillor Name requesting funding	Class of application	Legal name	Trading name	ABN	ACNC Registered	Incorporated Entity	Registered for GST	Intended purpose of funding	Event project date	Amount of funding requested	Declaration of conflict of interest	Community Group	Eligibility Criteria	History of Previous Applications	Conformity to the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy
CWF_47_23/24	Colleen Symington	Individual (Max \$2,000)	Hurstville Community Garden	As Above	5475279533	No	No	No	New outdoor signage and a wooden display board for community events.	18-12-2023	300	No conflict of interest	Hurstville Community Garden (HCG) is a non-profit community organisation that connects people to nature and food. HCG offers 30 garden beds allocated to members. The garden also features a communal area for friends of the garden who wish to be part of the garden community, and garden plots for education workshops.	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	18/12/2023	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF_48_23/24	Nick Katris	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim club	Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club	67596356756	No	Yes	No	Swimming Carnival for young people	16-02-2024	1500	No conflict of interest	Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club is based out of the Sans Souci Leisure Centre Consisting of 120+ swimming families from suburbs across the Georges River LGA and surrounding areas.	The provision of funds to Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club Inc aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 5.3.2 A Harmonious and Proud Community with Strong Social Services and Infrastructure. Develop, support and promote programs and activities that foster social participant and wellbeing of the diverse community, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or religious background.	23/05/2022 - Funding was not claimed.	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF_49/23-24	Peter Mahoney	Community Group (Max \$2,000)			89257939319	No	NA	No	Upgraded and additional crowd control barriers	31-05-2024	1000	No conflict of interest	The Oatley Junior Rugby Club was formed in 1958 as a foundation club of the junior competition in the St George district. Our first team entered the Under 12 competition. By 1968 the Club had 240 players, 13 teams competing and had also collected 13 premierships. In 1969 the name of the Club was changed to the Oatley Rugby Club, reflecting a change of direction as senior teams began entering the Sydney Suburban competition.	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	26 February 2024	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF_50/23-24	Ben Wang	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Oatley Rugby Club Australa Chinese New Arts Society	Oatley Rugby Club Australa Chinese New Arts Society	57449635342	No	NA	No	Venue hire at Civic for story telling.	18-05-2024	200	No conflict of interest	This society of mostly Chinese migrant artists has over 150 members, mostly living in the Georges River area. We became an incorporated association early 2018. We aim to support each other to pursue our creative development and also to build connections and harmony amongst new Chinese migrants and the wider Australian community, through cultural practices. For conflict of interest: I MAY tell my story when invited to this event	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	23 May 2022 27 February 2023	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

CWF_51/23-24	Ben Wang	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Gold Mark Group Pty Ltd	XingMeng Arts Group Australia	30606998618	No	NA	No	Venue hire at Marana for Peking Opera Performance	15-03-2024	200	No conflict of interest	The XingMeng Arts Group was established in Hurstville in 2015. The troupe currently consists of 35 members, including a dance team and a modeling team. The members come from local Chinese and overseas Chinese who are passionate about art and dance. Over the years, the group has actively worked hard to serve the community, visiting nursing homes, attending various social activities and charity performances, making contributions to social welfare. The group has been constantly improving its overall artistic level in the development, creating a distinctive art brand with its own ideas to connect with the society and community, and working together with sisters art troupes.	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	N/A	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF_52/23-24	Ben Wang	Community Group (Max \$2,000)			97135568713	No	NA	No	Venue hire at Hurstville for second Southern Sydney Oriental International Arts Festival	22-06-2024	200	No conflict of interest	The esteemed Australia Oriental Dance Group, led by renowned artist Lily Zheng, showcases a captivating fusion of Chinese and Western dance styles. Their repertoire includes beautiful Chinese folk dances, vibrant Xinjiang and Mongolian dances, soul-stirring Tibetan dances, graceful Arabian dances, captivating jazz and Indian dances, and more. With performances at renowned venues like the Sydney Opera House and participation in notable events such as the Lunar New Year Festival at the Georges River Council, this talented group has captivated audiences of tens of thousands.	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	N/A	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.
CWF 53/23-24	Nancy Liu	Community Group (Max \$2,000)	Australia Oriental Dancing Group	Australia Oriental Dancing Group	23242581202	No	NA	No	To support its community event St George Arts and Culture Festival Celebration for LNY of Dragon	09-03-2024	300	No conflict of interest	It is established by and working closely with those existing Chinese grassroots community groups within St. George area, which includes organizations in the fields of small business, arts and crafts, ethnic and culture, senior and youth, music and sport as well as social and environmental sectors, with purposes of collaborating and supporting each other to achieve broader community and charity goals.	The provision of funds to the Hurstville Community Group aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan – Pillar 1.1.3 Develop, support and promote programs, services and activities that foster social support, participation and wellbeing for our diverse community regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation or cultural or religious background	N/A	The application meets the Policy criteria and should be considered by Council.

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Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Colleen Symington

Hi Office of General Manager,

Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund you submitted was successfully sent for review.

Details of the Fund is shown as below.

1. **Code:** CWF 47_23/24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Colleen Symington
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
Ben Wang
4. **Class of application:** Individual (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Huntsville Community Garden
6. **Trading name:** As Above
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:**
9. **ABN:** 54757279533
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** New outdoor signage and a wooden display board for community events.
12. **Event/project date:** 18-12-2023
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 300
14. **Contact Name:** Charlotte Mullens
15. **Phone number:** 403342779
16. **Mobile:** 403342779
17. **Email:** hurstvillecga@gmail.com
18. **Website:** NA
19. **Street:** 63 Wright Street
20. **Suburb:** Hurstville



Australian Government
Australian Business Register

ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 54 757 279 533

ABN details

Entity name:	Hurstville Community Garden Association
ABN status:	Active from 01 Feb 2006
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2220

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

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1. **Code:** CWF ~~1-24/25~~ 48/23-24 (Adjustment to application number)
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Nick Katris
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
N.A
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim club
6. **Trading name:** Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:**
9. **ABN:**
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Swimming Carnival for young people
12. **Event/project date:** 16-02-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 1500
14. **Contact Name:** Russell Hannah
15. **Phone number:** 472804254
16. **Mobile:** 472804254
17. **Email:** russellhannah6478@gmail.com
18. **Website:**
19. **Street:** Sans Souci Leisure Centre 521 Rocky Point Road
20. **Suburb:** Sans Souci



ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 67 596 356 756

ABN details

Entity name:	Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club Inc
ABN status:	Active from 25 Feb 2011
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2219

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

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Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - Peter Mahoney

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Details of the Fund is shown as below.

1. **Code:** CWF 49/23-24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Peter Mahoney
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Oatley Rugby Club
6. **Trading name:** Oatley Rugby
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:** 89257939319
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Upgraded and additional crowd control barriers
12. **Event/project date:** 31-03-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 1000
14. **Contact Name:** Ross Bernays
15. **Phone number:** 408625633
16. **Mobile:** 408625633
17. **Email:** rossbernays@optusnet.com.au
18. **Website:** oatleyrugby.com
19. **Street:** Riverwood Park, Coleridge St
20. **Suburb:** Riverwood



ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 89 257 939 319

ABN details

Entity name:	OATLEY RUGBY AND SPORTING CLUB INC.
ABN status:	Active from 01 Nov 1999
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2223

Trading name(s)

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Trading name	From
OATLEY RUGBY CLUB	13 Jul 2000
OATLEY JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB	13 Jul 2000

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 13 Jul 2000

Record extracted: 21 Feb 2024

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2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Ben Wang
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Australia Chinese New Arts Society
6. **Trading name:** Australia Chinese New Arts Society
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:** 57449635342
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** Venue Hire at Hurstville Civic Centre for Storytelling: Days in Australia ---- The event aims to share the most touching stories through various forms. Whether it's through recitation, music, dance, or visual arts like painting and images, participants can express the beauty they perceive in the stories. This diversity of expression allows us to document the stories of our generation more powerfully and deeply from different perspectives.
12. **Event/project date:** 18-05-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 200
14. **Contact Name:** Zheng Gu
15. **Phone number:** 406769889
16. **Mobile:** 406769889
17. **Email:** zhenggu@live.com.au
18. **Website:**



ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 57 449 635 342

ABN details

Entity name:	AUSTRALIA CHINESE NEW ARTS SOCIETY
ABN status:	Active from 17 Jan 2018
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2218

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 05 Mar 2018

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2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Ben Wang
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** GOLD MARK GROUP PTY. LTD.
6. **Trading name:** XingMeng Arts Group Australia
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:** 30606998618
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** venue hire at Hurstville Marana auditorium for Peking Opera Performance
12. **Event/project date:** 15-03-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 200
14. **Contact Name:** Amy Wu
15. **Phone number:** 451817478
16. **Mobile:** 451817478
17. **Email:** amywu777@hotmail.com
18. **Website:**
19. **Street:** 27/289 Sussex St
20. **Suburb:** Sydney



ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 30 606 998 618

ABN details

Entity name:	GOLD MARK GROUP PTY. LTD.
ABN status:	Active from 18 Jul 2015
Entity type:	Australian Private Company
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2000

Business name(s)

Business name

XingMeng Arts Group Australia

From

12 May 2021

ASIC registration - ACN or ARBN or ARSN or ARFN

606 998 618 View record on the ASIC website

Deductible gift recipient status

Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts

ABN last updated: 12 May 2021

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Current details for ABN 97 135 568 713

ABN details

Entity name:	AUSTRALIA ORIENT DANCING CO PTY LTD
ABN status:	Active from 25 Feb 2009
Entity type:	Australian Private Company
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2120

Business name(s)

Business name	From
International Art Academy (Australia)	12 Jan 2021

Trading name(s)

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Trading name	From
ORIENTAL LILY SINGING & DANCING GROUP	22 Jul 2009

ASIC registration - ACN or ARBN or ARSN or ARFN

135 568 713 [View record on the ASIC website](#)

Deductible gift recipient status

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ABN last updated: 01 Jul 2022

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2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** Ben Wang
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** Australia Oriental Dancing Group
6. **Trading name:** Australia Oriental Dancing Group
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:** 97135568713
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** venue hire at Hurstville for the second Southern Sydney Oriental International Arts Festival
12. **Event/project date:** 22-06-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 200
14. **Contact Name:** Lily Cheng
15. **Phone number:** 403268682
16. **Mobile:** 403268682
17. **Email:** Ozorientaldance@gmail.com
18. **Website:**
19. **Street:** 545 Pacific Hwy

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Subject: Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund - NANCY LIU

Hi Office of General Manager,

Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund you submitted was successfully sent for review.

Details of the Fund is shown as below.

1. **Code:** CWF 53/23-24
2. **Name of Councillor Requesting funding:** NANCY LIU
3. **Name of Councillors in support of Ward funding (if applicable):**
NIL
4. **Class of application:** Community Group (Max \$2,000)
5. **Legal Name:** ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
6. **Trading name:** AS ABOVE
7. **Registered for GST:** No
8. **ACNC Registered:** No
9. **ABN:** 23242581202
10. **Incorporated Entity:**
11. **Intended purpose of funding:** To support its community event called 2024 The 2nd St. George Arts& Culture Festival and Celebration for LNY of Dragon
12. **Event/project date:** 09-03-2024
13. **Amount of funding requested (Max \$2,000):** 300
14. **Contact Name:** Shirley Yang
15. **Phone number:** 410950800
16. **Mobile:** 410950800
17. **Email:** Sgcainc22@gmail.com
18. **Website:** NIL
19. **Street:** 7-11 The Avenue



ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 23 242 581 202

ABN details

Entity name:	ST GEORGE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE INCORPORATED
ABN status:	Active from 18 Oct 2022
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2220

Deductible gift recipient status

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ABN last updated: 23 Nov 2022

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Item: CCL011-24 Report on Outstanding Council Resolutions (Period up to and including 31 December 2023)

Author: Executive Services Officer

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Finance and Governance

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received and noted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides progress on outstanding resolutions up to and including 31 December 2023.

BACKGROUND

2. Attachment 1 contains Council resolutions that remain outstanding and are being actioned as of 31 December 2023.
3. Completed items have been marked accordingly and will be removed from future reports.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There are no budget implications for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

5. No risks identified.


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

6. No community engagement is required for this report.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/17349

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1  Attachment - Outstanding Resolutions Spreadsheet (Period up to and including December 2023) - *published in separate document*

NOTICES OF MOTION**Item: NM001-24 Kempt Field Update and Community Involvement****Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council keep the public informed of the updated information on Kempt Field
- (b) That Council erect safety signs along Roberts Lane towards the car park area and other surrounding areas in need due to the fences around the playground.
- (c) That Council assure the community is involved towards future plan on children's playground.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.2 Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained, and have equitable access; and Pillar 4 Our Built Environment Goal 4.1 New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable, Goal 4.4 Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities and Goal 4.5 Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.

Council continues to meet with NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPIE) to ascertain the condition of the site based on ongoing investigation and monitoring of subsidence and contamination undertaken by consultants engaged by DPIE. These investigations will determine the long-term remediation and management of the site and usability by the community.

DPIE has developed a Communication Plan for the Kempt Field Investigation and Remediation project to better inform the community of current site concerns, ongoing management, and future remediation actions. DPIE agreed to the development of this plan and will provide Council with information as it progresses. This Communication Plan will assist Council to provide regular updates to the community through multiple channels including Council's website, Council's social media platforms and the local St George Leader newspaper.

Impacted areas of the Kempt Field site remain closed to the public and have been fenced off, with warning signage erected as required by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), while further investigations and remediation work is undertaken by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPIE). Council will continue to monitor the effectiveness of signage and install additional where required.

As the future use of Kempt Field will be guided by remediation actions and a subsequent Long Term Environmental Management Plan developed, future usability cannot be confirmed at this stage and has consequently engaged a consultant to undertake the detailed design of three Hurstville Precinct playgrounds (Woodville Park, Croot Park and Empress Reserve) to improve play value in the area. Council is currently seeking community feedback on the concept designs through George River Council's Your Say webpage. This feedback will guide the detailed design and construction of these play facilities in the 2024/25 Financial Year, mitigating impact at Kempt Field.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/24763

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM001-24

Item: NM002-24 Water Splash/Play Pad in the Georges River LGA**Councillor:** Councillor Ambihaipahar**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager provide a report to Council identifying locations which may be suitable for a future splash play. This report should be high level, utilising existing strategies, plans and community consultation.
- (b) That the General Manager write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces seeking funding to undertake a detailed feasibility study and concept design for a splash play area within the Georges River LGA focusing on options highlighted in the General Managers report.

NM002-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, Pillar 4 Our Built Environment, Strategy 4.5.1; Provide new and upgraded community assets and services to the LGA.

The Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy recommend a further feasibility assessment to include outdoor water play in areas associated with Council's Aquatic Facilities.

Georges River Council currently operates a minor water play asset within Hurstville Plaza. The location and design of any future assets of this type must be well considered to promote safe usage, inclusivity, sustainability and be complementary to surrounding amenities.

The capital cost of a new water play asset is expected to be high, based on the current market rates and cost of the installed inground water play in Hurstville Plaza. It is critical that a new water play asset provides value for money with our community and be of high strategic significance. An expert consultant should be engaged to complete a detailed feasibility study.

To support the progression of this opportunity, Council officers will undertake a review of existing strategies, plans and community consultation. This review, as well as engineering judgement, will inform a shortlist of options which will be presented to Councillors at a future Council Meeting.

Canterbury Bankstown Council (CBC) recently delivered a Splash Play at Roberts Park Greenacre. Council officers will reach out to the project team at CBC to learn more about the project to provide relevant information for the future Council Report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/297934

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM003-24NSW Government Active and Creative Kids Vouchers**Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council advocates for NSW Government to reinstate the original value and eligibility criteria of the NSW Active Kids and Creative Kids Vouchers by writing to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government; and
- (b) That Council notes that Council's response to the NSW Active and Creative Kids Voucher Program will be considered as part of the Georges River Council Advocacy Impact Plan development.

NM003-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

The NSW Active and Creative Kids vouchers program will be operating again between February 2024 to 30 June 2027. As stated on the ServiceNSW website,

The purpose of the Program is to:

- (a) assist low-to-middle-income families meet the costs of accessing sport and recreational and/or creative and cultural activities;*
- (b) encourage school-aged children from low-to-middle-income families to participate in sport and recreational and/or creative and cultural activities; and*
- (c) support the wellbeing of school-aged children from low-to-middle-income families.*

As of February 1, 2024, the NSW Active Kids and Creative Kids voucher programs have been replaced by a single, combined Active and Creative Kids program. While the updated NSW Active and Creative Kids program aims to support children's activity, some changes might unintentionally hinder participation, particularly for families who heavily relied on the previous model. Key changes are the reduced total value of vouchers per child and more restrictive eligibility criteria.

Recognising increased cost of living pressures for families, Council will advocate to the NSW Government to reinstate the original value and eligibility criteria of the NSW Active Kids and Creative Kids Vouchers by writing to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, The Hon. Jihad Dib MP. The current changes to the program may lead to lower participation for school-aged children in physical activity and creative pursuits, especially for families who relied heavily on the program. The vouchers encourage and enhance community connection through regular social interactions, helping to facilitate enrolment in local small businesses (e.g., dance, art, sport), which creates local job opportunities and supports our local economy.

Additionally, the City Futures team is currently developing an Advocacy Impact Plan. The Impact Plan will include an update to Georges River Council Advocacy Priorities and focus on transformational priorities in alignment with Georges River 2050 and other key strategies. Ad hoc advocacy requests, such as Council's response to the NSW Government Active and Creative Kids vouchers, will be considered as part of the Advocacy Impact Plan development. The Impact Plan will include staged actions and actions sought from Advocacy with clear metrics of success established. The Advocacy Impact Plan will be reported to Council in the coming months.

Details of the changes to the program are outlined below.

Eligibility:

- Previously, any school-enrolled child aged 4.5 to 18 in NSW was eligible for two \$100 vouchers per year (one Active Kids and one Creative Kids).
- Now, the program is means-tested. Only children whose families receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or Part B are eligible, including those homeschooled or enrolled in secondary education at TAFE NSW.
- Each eligible child receives two \$50 vouchers per year, issued at the start of terms 1 and 3.

Value:

- The previous programs offered two \$100 vouchers per year (total \$200).
- The new program offers two \$50 vouchers per year (total \$100).

Activities:

- The new program covers the same range of activities as the previous programs: sports, recreation, creative and cultural activities.
- A list of registered providers is available on the Service NSW website: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids>

Using the vouchers:

- Previously, vouchers could be used for full or partial payment, and any remaining balance was forfeited.
- Now, vouchers must be used in full at a single transaction.

Key dates:

- The old Active Kids and Creative Kids vouchers expired on January 31, 2024.
- The new Active and Creative Kids vouchers are issued at the start of terms 1 and 3 (around February and July).

Customers who are eligible can apply via the ServiceNSW website, under <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-and-creative-kids-voucher>.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/314217

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM004-24 Local Street Activation**Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council explore enhancing street appeal and improve shopfronts, drawing inspiration from successful programs such as the Shopfront Improvement Program 2023-2024 by Burwood Council. This may include reinstating the 'Big Wash' program to deliver cleaner streets.
- (b) That Council encourage outdoor dining in designated areas and times, thereby promoting local businesses and creating vibrant community spaces.
- (c) That Council prepare and submit a grant application for the Transport for NSW Vibrant Streets Package to deliver street activations to support the local night-time economy.
- (d) That Council explore new initiatives to enhance street appeal, drive local activation and expand the night time economy in the next iteration of the Georges River Council Economic Development Strategy.

NM004-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is:

- Consistent with Pillar 3: Our Economy in Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan
- Delivers on Goal 3.1 – Local jobs and local businesses are supported to grow

Georges River Council's Night-Time Economy Study identified a suite of initiatives to enhance street appeal, encourage outdoor dining and create vibrant community spaces. These initiatives, combined with inspiration from the successful programs delivered by Burwood Council, will be captured in a grant application for the Transport for NSW Vibrant Streets Package. The grant provides up to \$150,000 to deliver street activations to support the local night-time economy. Georges River Council will submit a grant application in March 2024.

Georges River Council is due to renew its Economic Development Strategy. This will be developed in 2025 under the direction of the newly elected Council and supported by our Economic Leadership Group, which includes key business and industry leaders from across the LGA. New initiatives to enhance street appeal, drive local activation and expand the night-time economy will be included in the next iteration of GRC's Economic Development Strategy.

Georges River Council and the St George Business Chamber have developed a strong partnership to support and promote small businesses within our local community. Activation of public spaces and beautification are key pillars of the St George Business Chamber 4 Pillars Strategy. Georges River Council is a gold sponsor of the St George Business Chamber.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/317408

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM005-24 Acknowledgement and Appreciation of CanRevive**Councillor:** Councillor Liu**MOTION:**

That Council acknowledges CanRevive Inc. for providing support to members of the Chinese-speaking community of Southern Sydney who are impacted by cancer.

NM005-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 1 – Our community, Goal 1.1 – *Our community is socially and culturally connected and we strive for social equity*
- Pillar 1 – Our community, Goal 1.3 – *Our community is safe and healthy.*

This Motion is also consistent with Council's Social Justice Charter principle of *empowerment*. On 22 August 2022, Council resolved (COM034-22) to adopt the Georges River Council Social Justice Charter (the Charter) following a period of public exhibition. The Charter aims to create a stronger sense of community and improve the liveability of the Georges River Council local government area, particularly for vulnerable members of the community. Further, it aims to drive social change and improve the lives of our community through principles including empowerment, where everyone is supported to thrive in the way they choose.

CanRevive Inc. is a public benevolent institution established 28 years ago to support the vulnerable population of Chinese-speaking people affected by cancer. The organisation aims to help minimise the impact of cancer on patients and their families by providing information and emotional support that also caters to their cultural and linguistic needs. In 2008, a branch centre was set up in Hurstville to service communities in the southern region of Sydney.

CanRevive's work is guided by the overriding principles of the NSW Cancer Plan, published by the Cancer Institute NSW. These principles include equity of outcomes, person-centredness, and collaboration.

Georges River Council has supported CanRevive Inc. through multiple grant programs. Since 2018, CanRevive Inc. has received over \$31,000 in Community Grants and Venue Hire Grants to support such projects as: Guided Imagery Meditation Project for Chinese Cancer Patients and Carers, Living in the Moment Mindfulness Project for Chinese Cancer Patients, and Pelvic-floor Rehabilitation Program for the Chinese Speaking Community.

Georges River Council also congratulates CanRevive Inc. for its continuous efforts in collaborating with other community organisations, such as the St George Community Alliance Inc., Australia Wenzhou Chamber of Industry and Commerce, and the Australia Fujian Chamber of Commerce.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/319069

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM006-24 Significant Success of Council's Native Stingless Bee Keeping Workshop**Councillor:** Councillor Katris**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council thanks the Council officers that worked with the Billion Bees Foundation, to prepare for the delivery of a successful and informative Native Stingless Beekeeping Workshop held on 2 December 2023.
- (b) That Council also congratulates the Billion Bees Foundation for conducting a stimulating, enlightening, and educational workshop on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council further expresses its gratitude to the National Emergency Management Agency in managing the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants program and supporting sustainable ventures such as the work of the Billion Bees Foundation in moving forward a program whereby our community can support vulnerable and bushfire impacted communities with social, economic and environmental recovery and further thanks the Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney MP for her assistance in this matter.

NM006-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

On Saturday, 2 December 2023, Council delivered a Native Stingless Bee workshop at Carss Park Community Garden, attended by residents of the Georges River Local Government Area.

The workshop is part of Council's environmental education program, designed at increasing environmental resilience, in line with Council's Environmental Resilience Action Plan and for maintaining and enhancing biodiversity throughout the Local Government Area, based on the recommendations of Council's Biodiversity Study.

Council engaged the Billion Bees Foundation to deliver the workshop which highlighted the importance of Native Stingless Bees to the environment, summarised as follows:

- **Environmental and Cultural Significance of Stingless Bees:** Saturday's workshop underscored the importance of stingless bees in the ecosystem. Their role in pollination is critical for the sustainability of diverse plant life, directly impacting our environment's health. The discussions also delved into their cultural and economic significance, particularly emphasising their contribution to traditional practices and natural medicine.
- **Adopting Traditional Wisdom in Beekeeping:** One of the key highlights was the emphasis on natural beekeeping methods, guided by the wisdom of Traditional Owners. This approach allows bees to thrive in conditions that mimic their natural habitat, ensuring their health and the quality of honey they produce. It is a practice that respects the bees' natural instincts and behaviours, leading to more sustainable and ethical beekeeping.
- **Reconnecting to Country and Tradition:** The workshop emphasised the benefits for Traditional Owners, particularly in reconnecting to Country. This reconnection fosters the practice of ancient arts and traditions, allowing elders to pass down their knowledge to the younger generation. It's a powerful way to keep the community's cultural heritage alive and thriving.

- **Economic Opportunities and Innovation:** The exciting potential for local communities was also presented, especially for youth, to engage in beekeeping as a business venture, opening opportunities in the burgeoning market for natural and medicinal products derived from beekeeping. The value of stingless bee honey, currently ranging between \$400 to \$600 per kilogram, highlights the economic potential of this venture.
- **Innovative Hive Designs and Propagation Techniques:** A significant part of the workshop was dedicated to discussing hive designs and propagation techniques that prioritise the well-being of bees. The Billion Bee Foundation is working to set an industry standard with an Australian Patent on honey frames designed specifically for stingless bees, aiming to harvest honey without contamination and minimise bee losses (a common issue with current extraction practices).
- **Urgency for Conservation and Federal Grant Acknowledgement:** Finally, the workshop stressed the urgent need for conservation efforts in Australia. The Billion Bees Foundation, having been awarded the Federal Grant for the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery program, is one organisation leading such efforts by expressing their aim to be the propagation and replenishment of the stingless bee populations, connecting communities, and creating new employment opportunities through sustainable ventures.

The workshop utilised the existing Native Stingless Beehive for demonstration purposes, housed permanently at the Carss Park community garden for biodiversity and pollination reasons.

Council partnered with the Billion Bees Foundation in 2021 to support the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery by hosting a native beehive on Council land in Church Street Reserve, Blakehurst. This hive was used to manage and increase native stingless bees, for eventual transport to bushfire affected areas to assist with the replenishment of the natural environment through pollination of native flora. Due to the success of the local hosting of beehives, Council has supported maintaining native stingless beehives at a number of Council facilities, such as Jack High Childcare Centre, for the benefit these bees bring to the local environment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation. In responding to this Motion, Council staff time is required (supported through in-kind costs).

FILE REFERENCE

D23/304446

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM007-24 Master Plan for Kogarah Strategic Centre

Councillor: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

MOTION:

That the General Manager initiate discussions with the Member for Kogarah, Premier Chris Minns to explore working collaboratively with the State Government to develop a master plan for Kogarah Strategic Centre including the creation of a vision of greening for the CBD including increasing car parking capacity on the site of the TAFE car park in Montgomery Street, Kogarah.

NM007-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

The Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Program was announced by the Minister for Planning on 7 December 2023. The TOD Program will focus on precincts that have existing infrastructure and are located within 400m of certain railway stations across Sydney. There is one location proposed in the Georges River LGA and that is Kogarah.

Council, at its Meeting held on 12 February 2024, considered a report on the NSW Housing Reforms and resolved (CCL001-24) to write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requesting funding for the development of a master plan for the MU1 and SP zoned land in the Kogarah Strategic Centre in order to support the objectives of the TOD SEPP and to promote the role of Kogarah as a Strategic Centre. This action is consistent with the motion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no funds available in the FY23/24 Council Budget to fund a master plan for the Kogarah Strategic Centre. Council is seeking funds from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for the development of a master plan for the MU1 and SP zoned land in the Kogarah Strategic Centre in order to support the objectives of the TOD SEPP and to promote the role of Kogarah as a Strategic Centre.

FILE REFERENCE

D23/319763

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM008-24 Vanessa Street Beautification Improvement**Councillor:** Councillor Symington**MOTION:**

That Council explores solutions to enhance the beautification of Vanessa Street in Beverly Hills and improve ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the area.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with The Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 Pillar 2: Our green environment, Goal 2.3 Greening, canopy cover and bushland and biodiversity preservation are maximised.

Historically, Vanessa Street in Beverly Hills has been subject to several contributing factors that have impacted its successful maintenance in line with current Council levels of service and standards.

There is a high instance of illegal dumping along Vanessa Street which includes a wide range of debris including building materials, chemicals, furniture, and green waste, as well as dead animals and fauna. Existing vegetation at this location has inevitably suffered as a result and become infested with several noxious weeds, including Moth Vine.

Additionally, there is a large underground gas pipeline stretching along Vanessa Street (immediately underneath the area in question) which is owned by APA Group. Advice received from APA Group is that the planting of any large trees is not suitable for the area due to the future root depth of large trees potentially affecting the pipeline, and therefore any future proposed landscaping and planting in this location would be limited to less intrusive, low-lying shrubs and vegetation.

The parking of heavy and standard vehicles on non-asphalted gravel surfaces have also caused erosion and the flow of debris into the road itself.

Council officers will engage external contractors to undertake planting of low-level and low-maintenance vegetation along Vanessa Street, as well as the mulching of all garden beds. The moth vine along Vanessa Street's fence line will also be removed as far as practically possible. Sandstone blocks will be placed for the protection of any new vegetation.

Commencing 1 March 2024, Vanessa Street will be placed on Council's Gateway Presentation schedule which will ensure weed-spraying is undertaken on a systematic and regular 6-weekly basis. Sweeper services will be scheduled with higher frequency and vegetation will be tended to on a regular maintenance schedule.

The beautification of Vanessa Street will hopefully reduce the amount of illegal dumping incidents at this location.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within existing budget allocation. Budgeted funds from cost centre number 5180 will be used to fund this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/1927

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM009-24 Congratulations to the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club**Councillor:** Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg**MOTION:**

- (a) That Georges River Council extends its congratulations to the committee, coaches, and volunteers of the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club for their commendable efforts in organising a highly successful Summer Swim Carnival.
- (b) That Council acknowledges the importance of this local event, which showcases the excellence of Sans Souci Leisure Centre, a premium asset of Georges River Council, and also attracts hundreds of swimmers and their families to the Georges River area.
- (c) That the Mayor writes to express these congratulations formally through a letter to the Swim Club.

NM009-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Pillar 1 – Our Community, Goal 1.1 Our community is socially and culturally connected, and we strive for social equity.

Established in 2009 and based at the Sans Souci Leisure Centre, the Sans Souci Sea Devils are a competitive swim club with a strong record of swimming success who welcome swimming of all ages and abilities. The club has approximately one hundred and ten (110) members aged between seven (7) to twenty-three (23) years.

Over the weekend of 11 and 12 November 2023, 45 of the Sea Devils team represented the club at the 2023 Metro South East Summer Championships in Sydney Olympic Park. The team competed against the best swimmers from the Swimming Metro South East Area (METSEA) over two days of competition.

The competition saw club achieve an outstanding 23 Gold medals, 15 Silver medals and 12 Bronze medals, as well as club members Charlotte Brown (10 years) and Jaime Jeffree (14 years) being crowned age champions.

Following on from the club's success at the 2023 Metro South East Summer Championships, the club organised a two-day event this month at their home base at Sans Souci Leisure Centre.

The Sans Souci Sea Devils Summer Carnival was staged over two days, Friday 16 and Saturday 17 February, and welcomed competitive swimmers from across New South Wales to take on the Sea Devils, resulting in over 300 swimmers, their families and supporters converging at Sans Souci Leisure Centre for this annual event. The event further highlighted the excellence of the Sans Souci Leisure Centre; one of Council's premium facilities.

Council extends its congratulations to the committee, coaches, and volunteers of the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club for their commendable efforts in organising this highly successful Summer Swim Carnival within the Georges River local government area and will further extend its congratulations formally via a letter to the Club from the Mayor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/15498

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM009-24

Item: NM010-24 Camping and Caravanning in the LGA**Councillor:** Councillor Katris**MOTION:**

That the General Manager prepare a report recommending signage to prohibit camping at specific Council car parks that are adjacent to our public recreational open spaces that obstruct iconic views.

NM010-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, Pillar 4: Our built environment, Goal 4.4.1 ensure public parks and open space, and Council buildings are accessible, well maintained and managed.

In 2023, Council officers and the community reported a rise in camping, a form of outdoor recreation involving overnight stays with a tent, in public car parks and open spaces adjacent to the foreshore and beach areas.

At this time, Council was notified of camping vehicles being parked incorrectly, tents being placed into adjacent parking spaces, excessive noise being generated at night, littering and public urination.

'No Camping or Staying Overnight (vehicles included), penalties may exceed \$1,000 under Section 632 of the Local Government Act 1993' signs were generated and placed at the following locations to deter camping vehicles:

- a) Sans Souci Park, Rocky Point Road, Sans Souci
- b) Dover Park (East), Princes Highway, Blakehurst
- c) Carss Bush Park, Bunyala Street, Carss Park

Additional three (3) hour timed limited parking signs between 8.00pm to 8.00am were also installed at Sans Souci Park to further deter camping vehicles from staying overnight. To date, the signage has deterred camping vehicles from parking within the above three (3) locations.

In early 2024, Council officers received further complaints advising camping vehicles utilising Council car parks adjacent to the foreshore and beach areas, particularly at Claydon Reserve.

Council's Traffic Engineers and Rangers will work together to proactively identify areas which may attract this activity and look to install further signage. This information will also be provided in a future Council report.

It should be noted that the Georges River Local Traffic Advisory Committee is not required to approve this regulatory signage.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications will be provided in a future report.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/17058

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM011-24 Source separation of Return and Earn eligible containers at Public Place Litter Bins

Councillor: Councillor Mahoney

MOTION:

That the General Manager provide a report outlining the costs and feasibility of installing a cage or similar structure on the outside of Council's public place litter bins to allow the separation of Return and Earn eligible containers prior to entering the waste stream. The report shall include the specifications for an initial trial to gauge the cost/benefit of the program prior to an LGA wide roll out, including:

- a. Optimum trial timeframe
- b. Representative locations for trial bins, i.e., high use CBD areas, passive recreation areas and active sporting fields
- c. The recommended number of bins to be included in the trial.
- d. The overall cost of the program including manufacture and installation costs and loss of income from the removal of Return and Earn eligible containers from the waste stream.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

1. This Motion is consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022 -2032 - Pillar 2: Our green environment, in particular:

2.1.2 Ensure waste is managed as a resource with minimal impacts from its disposal.
2. This Motion is also consistent with key theme number one of the Georges River Council Waste Strategy 2021-2040:

To improve the community's experience of Council's waste services and foster pride in the local community through increased resource recovery rates and reduced occurrences of illegal dumping and littering.
3. The installation of cages on the outside of Council's public place litter bins will allow financially redeemable containers to be effectively source separated by those members of the community who wish to collect them and return and earn. The placement of the cage also allows the eligible containers to be collected without the need to forage through the litter bin which prevents the opportunity for litter in the bin to escape into the environment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The financial impacts associated with this project will be included in the subsequent report requested by the Motion.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/20703

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM012-24Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park Hybrid Parking**Councillor:** Councillor Symington**MOTION:**

- (a) That the General Manager write to Hon. Jo Haylen, Minister for Transport advocating for hybrid parking at the Transport for NSW, Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park, to allow non commuters to utilise the car park by providing dedicated non commuter parking at all times, or alternatively outside of peak hours.
- (b) That the letter emphasise previous correspondence from Transport for NSW received on 4 August 2022, advising that the Car Park is not intended to be restricted to commuters only.

NM012-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, Pillar 3 (Our Economy), Goal 3.2 (Encourage the Nighttime Economy, particularly in Hurstville, Beverly and Kogarah to grow). This Motion is also consistent with Pillar 5 (Our Place in Sydney) Goal 5.2 (The three spheres of government work together to improve services and facilities in our area).

On 4 August 2022, Council received the following advice from Transport for New South Wales regarding the proposed Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park, located at Edgbaston Road, Beverly Hills.

"Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Transport about the Beverly Hills commuter car park. I have been asked to respond to you.

I can confirm that Transport for NSW is proposing a commuter car park at Beverly Hills with approximately 200 car park spaces. The capacity of the proposed car park balances parking demand with site specific constraints such as existing utilities and solar access considerations for neighbouring properties.

As you are aware, the Beverly Hills commuter car park is proposed to be operated under Transport Park&Ride. The primary purpose of Transport Park&Ride is to make sure parking spaces are available for those using public transport.

However, I am pleased to advise that it is not intended that the car park be restricted only to commuters. Non-commuters will have access to the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park by paying a fixed rate during peak commuter hours. Transport for NSW is also investigating the operations and fee structure for the car park to be made available for use by non-commuters during evenings and weekends (off-peak commuter parking hours).

You may be assured that Transport for NSW will provide the community with an update on the status of the project and keep the community informed throughout the construction phase."

Despite this commitment, no further information has been provided and Council officers continue to follow up this commitment.

Council officers are currently working with Transport for NSW to implement temporary parking within the Beverly Hills Town Centre to support and provide additional parking opportunities for the community to mitigate the loss of parking during the construction of the Transport for NSW Commuter Car Park. Consultation regarding these changes will be managed by Transport for NSW and will commence in February 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/22564

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM012-24

Item: NM013-24 Congratulations on NSW State Title Award

Councillor: Councillor Mort

MOTION:

That Council congratulate St George Athletic Club sprinter, Jade Johnston-Mitrevska, for claiming her first State Open Title at the 10th Annual Illawarra Track Challenge in Wollongong on Saturday, 13 January 2024.

NM013-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with Georges River Council's Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, Pillar 1 Our Community - Initiate, facilitate and support inclusive and accessible events that meet community aspirations and connect people, communities and diverse groups.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/30510

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM014-24 Review of Safety and Security Measures at Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre**Councillor:** Councillor Wang

That Council collaborates with BlueFit, the facility management of Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre, to address any security concerns within the centre and in particular the undercover Council carpark to:

- i. Confirm processes and procedures to protect personal belongings on-site from Bluefit.
- ii. Recommend that Bluefit advise patrons through on-site signage and website media that CCTV is in operation at the centre.
- iii. Work with Bluefit to augment the number of CCTV devices in the undercover car park and confirm that cameras are in strategic locations within the centre.
- iv. Assess security measures at other similar public Council facilities where appropriate.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.3 The community is safe and healthy.

Individual lockers are available for all patrons to utilise at Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre to secure personal belongs and valuables such as car keys, wallets and purses.

Council officers will work with Bluefit, the operator of Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre, to ensure that appropriate notification is in place for patrons regarding the active operation of CCTV including the installation of physical signage at the centre as well as on the internet via their website. CCTV is a deterrent security measure that will assist with the security of patrons at the centre.

Council will collaborate with Bluefit to establish how the CCTV on site can be augmented to include coverage in the undercover car park and other strategic locations within the centre to ensure camera placement supports monitoring and recording activity within the centre.

Council has assessed security measures at other similar venues such as Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, which utilises CCTV for security and crowd management on event days at the venue that covers critical ingress and egress points as well as bars and food outlets. This includes coverage of the crowds within the seating bowl. Sans Souci Leisure Centre has a CCTV system that monitors the pools, reception area and immediate parking area to the entrance.

Similar measures will be implemented at Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre to improve security and safety of patrons.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications will be included as part of the budget bid process for any additional costs associated with installation and improved safety measure.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/32304

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM015-24 Cost Shifting for Beachwatch Program**Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That the General Manager writes to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage to decline the request for Council to cover the cost of the "Beachwatch" service which is currently provided at two sites within the LGA and fully funded by the NSW Government.

NM015-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

On Monday 4 December 2023, the Acting Director Water Wetlands and Coastal Science wrote to Council detailing the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) proposal to change services provided by the NSW Government's Beachwatch Program. Since the written correspondence was received by Council in December 2023, Senior Environment Council staff have also met with DPHI representatives to further understand the proposal.

Beachwatch has provided a comprehensive monitoring service for swim sites in the Sydney coastal area since 1989, at no cost to local government. This is included monitoring and reporting water quality at three sites in the Georges River Local Government Area since 1995. The NSW Government has notified Council that to meet increasing community demand for information on safe swim sites throughout NSW, the NSW Government has released a 10 year vision for the Beachwatch Program. The vision seeks to ensure that the Beachwatch Program supports all councils equally and equitably.

Beachwatch will continue monitoring swim sites in the Georges River LGA until 1 July 2024. Council has been advised that after his time, Beachwatch can no longer fund water sampling activities for any Sydney council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/40666

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM016-24 Proposed Ellen Subway Raised Pedestrian Crossing**Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council extends the public exhibition period seeking feedback on the design of the proposed Ellen Subway raised pedestrian crossing (in accordance with TAC14523) for the period 1-15 March 2024, including consulting:
- i. Marist Catholic College Penshurst
 - ii. Mortdale Public School
 - iii. Publishing the designs on Council's Your Say Page which will include:
 - iv. a background section that details the options that were investigated to mitigate risk for pedestrians at the Ellen Subway / Cook Street intersection, e.g. reduction of speed, improved refuge island etc and why the crossing is deemed the best solution;
 - v. notifying all residents of Cook Street of the consultation extension; and
 - vi. notifying all business owners, operators and landlords on both sides of Morts Road, between Victoria Ave and Cook Lane/Pitt Street junction of the consultation extension.
- (b) That a report is presented to the March 2024 Council meeting with the outcomes of the public exhibition and any required design changes.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan Pillar 1: Our Community Goal 1.3: The Community is safe and healthy and Pillar 6: Our Governance Goal 6.1 Our Community's voice is considered in planning the areas future.

While consistent with the Community Strategic Plan this motion exceeds the typical operational Council process when consulting the community on the delivery of a traffic facility for which the purpose is community safety. It is the officer recommendation that this does not set a precedent for consultation for community safety traffic and transport projects.

Council Officers are currently working to complete the construction of the two pedestrian crossings within the 23/24 Financial Year, one on Cook Street and one Ellen Subway. These projects were identified as priority locations and are funded by the Australian Governments Black Spot Program and the NSW Government Get NSW Active Program. Funding is highly competitive and is only granted when projects demonstrate a high contribution to community safety.

The Black Spot Program is a road safety program run by the Australian Government to address locations with a large number of motor vehicle collisions. The Black Spot Program aims to reduce road crash injuries and fatalities through the installation of traffic facilities. Treatments include introducing roundabouts, altering traffic flow directions, realigning intersections, and introducing new traffic signals.

The Get NSW Active Program provides Council's with funding for projects that create safe, easy, and enjoyable walking and bike riding trips. The program facilitates children's and young people's independent mobility by improving safe walking and bike riding options for travel to and from school.

On the 28 March 2022, Council Resolved to Investigate the Pedestrian Crossing at Cook St and Ellen Subway, Mortdale *‘That the General Manager investigate the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the northern intersection of Cook Street and Ellen Subway and provide a report to Council through the Local Traffic Advisory Committee.’*

As stated in the Traffic Advisory Committee Report on the 7 February 2023 *‘Council has been requested on numerous occasions by local residents and attendees to Marist Catholic College to install a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Cook Street and Ellen Subway, Mortdale to assist with pedestrian thoroughfare throughout the day.’*

Site inspection and observation of pedestrian behaviour showed that a high volume of pedestrians attempts to cross Ellen Subway in groups during school peak periods created a dangerous overflow situation due to the size of the refuge island.

As per the Australian Standards, ‘No Stopping’ restrictions must be placed a minimum of 20m on approach to a pedestrian crossing and 10m after to ensure sufficient vision for motorists and pedestrians.

The design of the raised pedestrian crossing has resulted in the loss of one space on Ellen Subway and four spaces on Cross Street.

Council understands the loss of on-street parking is not ideal, however, Council must address and improve pedestrian movements at the two intersections as a high priority. Council Officers have identified four additional spaces within the Mortdale Town Centre, pending Traffic Committee approval.

Quantitative results of the investigations are listed below:

Ellen Subway:

The intersection currently has a refuge island that does not meet the current Australian Standards and TfNSW Guidelines providing insufficient pedestrian protection. It has been observed that pedestrians are utilising this intersection on-route to Mortdale Train Station.

A comprehensive traffic count was carried out between 1 May 2022 to 7 May 2022 in Ellen Subway to establish the current traffic movements to identify the average speed and volume of cars. The findings were as follows:

Location	85% speed	Total vehicles per day
Ellen Subway	46.1 km/h	6109

Traffic and pedestrian counts were undertaken on 11 May 2022 for three separate hour blocks on the same day and the results were as follows:

Time	Number of Pedestrians	Number of Vehicles
8.15 am - 9.15 am	99	677
11.45 am - 12.45 pm	40	288
2.45 pm - 3.45 pm	133	428

Cook Street:

The concerns relate to the insufficient traffic facilities at the intersection to assist school students and pedestrians attempting to cross Cook Street during school peak period.

Upon further investigation by Council Officers, it was observed that there was a high number of school students who would cross Cook Street during peak periods to gain access to the businesses on Morts Road or travel to their premises.

A comprehensive traffic count was carried out between 7 February 2021 to 13 February 2021 in Cook Street to establish the current traffic movements to identify the average speed and volume of cars. The findings were as follows:

Location	85% speed	Total vehicles per day	Heavy Vehicle %
Cook Street	45 km/h	2,616	7.1%

Traffic and pedestrian counts were undertaken on 3 May 2022 within three separate 1-hour blocks on the same day and the results were as follows:

Time	Number of Pedestrians	Number of Vehicles
8.15 am - 9.15 am	49	418
11.45 am - 12.45 pm	24	212
2.45 pm - 3.45 pm	57	305

The pedestrian and vehicle count observed a high number of school children travelling across Cook Street during the morning and afternoon peak periods to travel between the school, public transport link and local businesses.

The above counts meet the required reduced warrant of 200 vehicles and 30 pedestrians per hour for two single hours in the same day, which warrants the installation of a pedestrian crossing.

As identified in the investigations detailed above, the construction of the pedestrian crossing will significantly increase pedestrian safety in the area.

The designs of the two pedestrian crossing were endorsed by the Local Traffic Advisory Committee in December 2023 and subsequently by Council.

Consultation

Community consultation for the installation of traffic facilities, as per normal practices are generally conducted following approval from the Traffic Advisory Committee. This allows Council Officers to finalise the detail design that will overall determine the changes to the street façade and on-street parking.

As the proposed Traffic Facilities will impact vehicle movements and on-street parking, the consultation letter is generally distributed to residents that will be directly impacted by the modifications.

Ellen Subway:

TfNSW requested further modification to the detail design at the November Traffic Committee that has allowed Council Officers to conduct Community consultation between 17 November to 4 December 2023. All residents along Cook Street and the business on the corner of Cook Street and Morts Road were invited to provide a response (approximately 100m radius from the site as shown in the diagram below).

Overall, Council has received 2 responses 'Strongly in Favour' of the proposal.



Cook Street:

Following consideration at the December Traffic Committee, Council Officers conducted Community consultation between 22 January 2024 to 4 February 2024. Residents No.96 - No.114 and No. 89 - No. 109 Victoria Avenue and residents No.2 – No.8 and No.5 – No.11 Cook Street were invited to provide a response (approximately 75m radius from the site).

Overall, Council has received 2 responses, 1 'Strongly Against' and 1 'Strongly in Favour' of the proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation. However, there is an operational impact caused as resources will be redirected to undertake consultation and review of the results.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/42029

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: NM017-24 Rectification Works in Mortdale Shopping Area**Councillor:** Councillor Jamieson**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council contact the shop owners in Mortdale Local Centre to determine the defects that require rectification following the Mortdale Streetscape upgrades and work with the contractor for these works to be completed.
- (b) That Council updates the Mortdale Streetscape webpage on Council's website:
 - i. to communicate publicly of when the streetscape upgrades will be completed and when the rectification works for businesses will be completed;
 - ii. including identifying what work is executed by Ausgrid and when these works become Council's responsibility again;
 - iii. that the website is updated monthly with the status until project completion; and
 - iv. that the webpage includes the contact details of the project officer for people to contact with issues.
- (c) That Council does a social media post linking to the updated Mortdale Streetscape page to provide residents and businesses an update.
- (d) That Council erects signage with QR codes linking to the Mortdale Streetscape webpage in and around the Mortdale Local Centre.

NM017-24

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 Pillar 1: Our Community, Goal 1.2 Diverse, vibrant community hubs and facilities are connected, well maintained, and have equitable access; and Pillar 4 Our Built Environment Goal 4.1 New development should make Georges River more liveable, vibrant and sustainable, and Goal 4.5 Council-led development and assets provide quality, long term benefits to everyone.

Council's Project Management Framework includes appropriate stakeholder communication and assessment of defects associated with project delivery and execution. Numerous minor defects have been rectified within Mortdale as the streetscape project has progressed. Council officers continue to work with local stakeholders, including shop owners, to understand and rectify issues, where associated with the Streetscape Upgrade project.

Council has developed a Communication Engagement Plan for the Mortdale Streetscape Project to better inform the community of current work progression and the reasons for delays. This Communication Engagement Plan will assist Council to provide regular updates to the community through multiple channels including Council's website, Council's social media platforms and site signage.

Actions associated with the Communications Engagement Plan are in place and ongoing, with the Project page on the website undergoing redevelopment to better update the community on projects. Once the website has been updated, capacity to direct the community to this page will be possible.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial/budget impact for this recommendation.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/42340

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NM017-24

Item: NM018-24 Douglas Cross Gardens - Repurposing fountain area**Councillor:** Councillor Mort**MOTION:**

That the General Manager provides a report detailing the cost and feasibility of:

- i. Converting the disused upper fountain pond under the railway concourse to bicycle parking, garden, seat or a combination of these; and
- ii. Recommissioning or replacing the former fountain and lower pond.

NM018-24**DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:**

This Motion is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 Pillar 4: Our Built Environment, Goal 4.4 Everyone has access to quality parks and open space and active and passive recreation facilities.

The Douglas Cross Gardens are located on the eastern side of Oatley Railway Station. There is currently no direct access to the station from the reserve, although pedestrians use the garden as a through-way to reach the Mulga Road pedestrian subway. The landform in this area slopes sharply to the north and has been landscaped with a path, fountain, garden beds and ornamental plantings.

The Gardens were designed by Kogarah Council's Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Mr Dave Pogson. They were completed in 1969, at a cost of \$10,000. Alderman Douglas Cross donated \$1,000 to "meet the cost of the water reticulation system" (Hurstville Propellor, 15 May 1969). The Gardens were opened by the then Premier, Sir Robert Askin, on Saturday 10 May 1969.

The Gardens won the municipal category in the Sydney Morning Herald's Garden competition in 1969. The Gardens have been used for wedding photos throughout the years, with Council permission.

The Fountain within Douglas Cross Gardens has not been functional since approximately 2020. The key reasons for its isolation and draining were existing leaks, high water bills, the cost of water treatment and cost of ongoing maintenance and repairs.

Council officers will provide a report back to Council detailing cost and feasibility of repurposing or reestablishing this asset for the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council resolve to support this Motion, the financial implications will be provided in a future report.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/43062

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**Item:** QWN001-24 Maintenance Plan for Outdoor Recreational Facilities**Author:** Councillor Liu**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager**Matter Type:** Questions with Notice**COUNCILLOR QUESTION**

Could the Director for Assets and Infrastructure advise current inspection and maintenance schedule for outdoor exercise equipment?

OFFICER RESPONSE

Council has regulatory requirements to ensure all infrastructure assets are compliant with relevant Australian Standards and safe for community use.

Council currently completes a minimum of (4) four safety inspections annually for playground assets, which also include outdoor fitness equipment. These inspections are performed by an external specialist contractor. A report is then produced detailing the findings of the inspections. Based on reported priorities, Council's open space specialists across asset management, recreation and engineering disciplines determine the measures required to maintain, renew and upgrade the assets.

In addition, a qualified Council officer within the City Recreation unit is responsible to complete visual inspections of play equipment and fitness equipment across the LGA which are programed in line with the usage of the site. The team then completes minor maintenance or repairs as required. Complex repairs will be assigned to a specialised contractor.

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Item: QWN002-24 Hurstville Memorial Square

Author: Councillor Wang

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Questions with Notice

COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Could Council provide updated information on the issues regarding Hurstville Memorial Square and provide this information to the public?

COUNCILLOR BACKGROUND

The Hurstville Memorial Square was opened to the community for use at the end of 2023. However is not complete, with minor works, including the installation of three (3) chess boards, to be completed early in 2024. The design incorporates the planting of climbing vegetation to provide shade in the formal seating area, however Council has identified a need to incorporate further protection and is investigating solutions.

The designs for Hurstville Memorial Square support additional seating, plantings and shade structures, converting it into a much more inviting space to relax and reflect within the city centre. However, In Jan 2024, I have received serious concerns from about 40 local residents about the new structure. Many of the residents play chess there every day and they have signed a petition to me and we had an onsite two hours' meeting.

There are mainly four areas of concerns: Effective Shade Solutions: Despite the thoughtful design, there are concerns about the effectiveness of climbing vegetation in providing shade. There was a strong desire to restore a previous sail or explore other firm, permanent structures for better protection from rain or sun. The community seeks information on the council's plan to address this concern. Management of Anti-Social Behaviour: During the onsite meeting with residents, questions were raised regarding the council's strategy for managing graffiti, public intoxication, and other anti-social behaviours in Hurstville Memorial Square. The community is keen to understand the proactive measures in place to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment. CCTV Monitoring: Concerns have been raised about the functionality of the CCTV cameras facing Memorial Square. Residents are interested in knowing if the CCTV system is operating optimally to ensure the safety and security of the area. Plan of Management: The residents are eager to learn if there is a comprehensive Plan of Management for Hurstville Memorial Square. This plan should encompass various aspects, including shade provision, anti-social behaviour prevention, CCTV monitoring, and other relevant considerations.

To address these community concerns, I kindly request that the council provide updated information and make it accessible to the public. Transparency in these matters will contribute to fostering a positive relationship between the council and the residents who value and utilize Hurstville Memorial Square.

OFFICER RESPONSE

The Hurstville Memorial Square was opened at the end of 2023 to ensure access for the community over the Christmas holiday period with some minor completion works programmed for completion in early 2024. Several community concerns have since been raised and are currently being addressed by Council.

Effective Shade Solutions

Council officers are currently working with the head contractor for Hurstville Memorial Square to design and implement appropriate structures that will improve shade coverage, provide rain shelter and improve overall amenity for the community.

The installation of suitable shade and rain structures will be completed prior to the Official Opening of Hurstville Memorial Square in March 2024.

Management of Anti-Social Behaviour

Council manages anti-social behaviour through several preventative measures. These include the implementation of Alcohol-Free Zones, use of visible CCTV as a crime deterrent, and graffiti management as outlined in Council's Graffiti and Posters Policy.

Council officers also partner with the Crime Prevention Unit within the St George Police Area Command regarding community safety concerns and solutions.

Plan of Management:

The Hurstville Memorial Square is under the Generic Plan of Management for General Community Use areas. At its meeting held on 28 November 2022, Council resolved to adopt the Generic Plans of Management.

The Action Plan within the Plan of Management includes objectives and strategies to provide public safety, minimise the incidence and effects of vandalism, and implement shade and shelter. The Plan of Management does not need to reference CCTV as it is included under the broader objectives and provisions of public safety.

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: QWN003-24 Update on the Traffic Study proposed for the area surrounding Oatley Railway Station

Author: Councillor Mahoney

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COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Can the General Manager provide an update on the traffic study proposed to be conducted for the streets surrounding Oatley Railway Station, to determine whether further traffic facilities and improved on-street parking arrangements are warranted?

OFFICER RESPONSE

The contract to undertake the traffic study for the streets surrounding Oatley Railway Station was awarded on 2 February 2024. The successful contractor has since withdrawn from the work.

Accordingly, Council officers have gone back to the market to seek quotations for the completion of this traffic study.

The new anticipated timeline for the traffic study is to commence in early April 2024, with completion now expected by June 2024. This is pending a new contractor being identified and appointed.

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil