



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, 23 April 2018

Present

Council Members

The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Stephen Agius, Councillor Vince Badalati, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Sandy Grekas, Councillor Con Hindi, Councillor Rita Kastanias, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Leesha Payor, Councillor Colleen Symington, Councillor Warren Tegg and Councillor Christina Wu

Council Staff

General Manager - Ms Gail Connolly, Director Assets and Infrastructure - Mr Laurie O'Connor, Director Environment and Planning - Ms Meryl Bishop, Acting Director Community and Culture - Ms Rebekah Schulz, Acting Chief Operating Officer - Mr David Tuxford, Director Transformation and Change - Ms Marissa Racomelara, General Counsel - Ms Jenny Ware, Acting Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager - Ms Samantha Charlton, Acting Head of Executive Services - Ms Vicki Hewitt and Acting Executive Services Officer - Ms Helby Cordova

Opening

The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene, opened the meeting at 7.06pm.

National Anthem

The national anthem was sung at the commencement of the meeting.

Prayer

The Director of Nan Tien Buddhist Temple Kogarah, Ms Chia Lee Tai, offered a prayer to the meeting.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Bidjegal people.

Apologies

Resolved: Councillor Agius and Councillor Katris

That an apology for Councillor Liu be accepted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Notice of Webcasting

The Mayor advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded on audio tape for minute-taking purposes and the meeting is also webcast through Council's website, in accordance with section 1 and 8 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Grekas declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item ASS006-18: Tender for Sans Souci Plant Room and Amenities for the reason that she was the former Vice President of the Sans Souci Swim Club.

Councillor Hindi declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item NM019-18: Preparation of a Site Suitability and Feasibility Study for a new Regional Aquatic Centre as he resides in Carss Park.

Councillor Konjarski declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item NM018-18: Redevelopment and Temporary Relocation of Penshurst Public School as he resides in close proximity to Penshurst Public School.

Public Addresses To The Meeting

ITEM	SPEAKER
NM021-18: Tree Maintenance Bonds; NM028-18: Request for Tree Removal, Ocean St Kogarah	Kim Wagstaff

Minutes of previous meetings

COUNCIL MEETING - 26 MARCH 2018

Resolved: Councillor Kastanias and Councillor Landsberry

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 March 2018 be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Mayoral Minute

MM005-18 Ms Cathy Nesbit's contribution to the Georges River community
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Greene)

Resolved: The Mayor, Councillor Greene and Councillor Elmir

That Ms Nesbit is thanked for her valuable contribution to the Georges River community.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Matters of Privilege

- **Condolences**

Councillor Grekas – Advised of the recent tragic passing of 11 year old Alex Raichman and extended condolences to his family and friends. Councillor Grekas acknowledged assistance from the community and thanked the many volunteers, emergency services and first responders.

Councillor Tegg – Extended condolences on the sad passing of Irene Hall (91 years of age) career teacher and long-time community member of Beverly Hills.

The Mayor, Councillor Greene – Extended condolences to the family and school community on the sad passing of Mrs Lee Eaton, teacher at St Joseph’s Riverwood who passed away in the last week of the school term.

The Mayor, Councillor Greene – Extended condolences to the family of Mrs Flora Wickham, Foundation Member (50 years) of Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst, St Vincent’s de Paul Society.

- **Other**

Councillor Hindi - Advised of his continued support for the installation of a synthetic field at Peakhurst Park and that further to his Notice of Motion to seek financial assistance from the State and Federal Government, the State Government has contributed funds of \$300,000. The Mayor, Councillor Greene advised that St George Football Association had also applied for grant funding through the NSW Asian Cup Legacy Fund.

Committee Reports

CCL013-18 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee - Meeting held on 9 April 2018

Resolved: Councillor Katris and Councillor Hindi

That the recommendations of the Environment and Planning Committee held on 9 April 2018 with regard to items ENV008-18 to ENV010 (inclusive) be adopted as follows:

ENV008-18 Summary of Development Applications Lodged and Determined - January - March 2018

That the report, Summary of Development Applications Lodged and Determined January – March 2018, be received and noted.

ENV009-18 Review of Council’s Clean-Up Service

- (a) That current residential Clean-Up Services be maintained until the existing Clean-Up Collection contract expires in 2023 as it is cost prohibitive to harmonise the current arrangements.
- (b) That Council not proceed with a commercial Clean-Up Service as the service is cost prohibitive.

ENV010-18 Adoption of Amendment No.2 to Generic Plan of Management - General Community Use Areas

That the draft Amendment No.2 to the Generic Plan of Management – General Community Use Areas (applicable to the former Hurstville local government area) to include 4 and 6 Dora Street, Hurstville and 25 Cook Street, Mortdale be adopted, in accordance with Clause 40 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL014-18 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee - Meeting held on 9 April 2018

Resolved: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Hindi

That the recommendations of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 9 April 2018 with regard to items ASS004-18, ASS005-18 and ASS007-18, be adopted as follows:

ASS004-18 Tender for Kogarah School of Arts Heritage Roof Rectification

- (a) That Council accepts the Tender from Murphys Remedial Builders Pty Ltd, in the amount of \$486,036.03 (excluding GST), after having regard to all the circumstances, as the tender that appears to be the most advantageous and appoint Murphys Remedial Builders Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor under the Contract Number T17/033 Kogarah School of Arts Heritage Roof Rectification.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Contracts with the preferred Contractors on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council officers inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution to decline to accept those tenders.
- (d) That Council approves the allocation of \$200,000 from the Georges River Council s94A Plan (2017) and \$300,000 from the Asset Management Reserve Investment to fund this project.

ASS005-18 Tender for Kogarah Library Roof Rectification

- (a) That Council accepts the Tender from Murphys Remedial Builders Pty Ltd, in the amount of \$298,948.72 (excluding GST), after having regard to all the circumstances, as the tender that appears to be the most advantageous and appoint Murphys Remedial Builders Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor under the Contract Number T17/037 Kogarah Library Roof Rectification.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Contracts with the preferred Contractors on behalf of Council.

- (c) That Council officers inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution to decline to accept those tenders.

ASS007-18 Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting - 3 April 2018

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 April 2018 be adopted by Council.

ASS006-18 Tender for Sans Souci Pool Plant Room and Amenities Construction

Note: Councillor Grekas declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item for the reason that the Councillor was the former Vice President of the Sans Souci Swim Club.

Motion: Councillor Agius and Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council accepts the Tender from Sullivans Constructions Pty Ltd in the amount of \$1,163,156.84, after having regard to all the circumstances, as the tender that appears to be the most advantageous and appoint Sullivans Constructions Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor under the Contract Number T17/050 Sans Souci Pool Plant Room and Amenities.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Contracts with the preferred Contractors on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council officers inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution to decline to accept those tenders.
- (d) That Council approve the allocation of \$970,000 from the Georges River Council s94A Plan (2017) funds plus \$500,000 from the Aquatic Facilities Reserve Investment for the additional plant and equipment including gas heating.

Amendment: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council accepts the Tender from Sullivans Constructions Pty Ltd in the amount of \$1,163,156.84, after having regard to all the circumstances, as the tender that appears to be the most advantageous and appoint Sullivans Constructions Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor under the Contract Number T17/050 Sans Souci Pool Plant Room and Amenities.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Contracts with the preferred Contractors on behalf of Council.
- (c) That Council officers inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution to decline to accept those tenders.
- (d) That Council approve the allocation of \$970,000 from the Georges River Council s94A Plan (2017) funds plus \$500,000 from the Aquatic Facilities Reserve Investment for the additional plant and equipment including gas heating.
- (e) That a further report be presented to Council on any other outstanding works that are required to be undertaken at the pool with appropriate cost estimates.

The **Amendment** on being put to the meeting was declared **CARRIED**.

The **Amendment** being carried, therefore became the **Motion** and being put to the meeting was **CARRIED** to become the **RESOLUTION** of Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL015-18 Report of the Community and Culture Committee - Meeting held 9 April 2018

Resolved: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Hindi

That the recommendations of the Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 9 April 2018 with regard to items COM009-18 to COM011-18 (inclusive), be adopted as follows:

COM009-18 Donation Request - 14 Stars Children's Foundation

That Council notes the in-kind sponsorship support provided to 14 Stars Children Foundation to the total value of \$2,700 for its charity event held on 24 March 2018 at Hurstville Entertainment Centre.

COM010-18 Donation Request - Kogarah Concert Band 130th Anniversary Concert

That Council approves the donation request of \$500 to the Kogarah Concert Band for its 130th Anniversary Celebration, being held Sunday 17 June 2018 at Mortdale RSL Club.

COM011-18 Annual Fundraising Invitation - Lugarno Lions Sports Breakfast

- (a) That Council approve a donation in the form of purchasing a table of 9 valued at \$900 at the Lugarno Lions Sports Breakfast to be held on Friday 4 May 2018.
- (b) That Council include the approved donation on its Donations and Sponsorship register on the Council website.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL016-18 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee - Meeting held 9 April 2018

Resolved: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Konjarski

That the recommendations of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 9 April 2018 with regard to items FIN017-18, FIN018-18, FIN019-18, FIN020-18, FIN021-18, FIN024-18 and CON002-18, be adopted as follows:

FIN017-18 Advice on Costs and Status of Council's Court Proceedings - March 2018

That the report, Advice on Costs and Status of Council's Court Proceedings – March 2018, be received and noted.

FIN018-18 Councillor Attendance and Professional Development

That Councillors requiring additional professional development hours be made aware of the workshop scheduled for 10 May 2018 "Ethics at Work".

FIN019-18 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes from 30 October 2017

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for 30 October 2017, provided as an attachment to this report, be received and noted.

FIN020-18 Georges River Council Quarterly Property Portfolio Report

That the quarterly Property Portfolio Report be received and noted.

FIN021-18 Investment Report as at 28 February 2018

That the Investment Report as at 28 February 2018, be received and noted.

FIN024-18 Quarterly Budget Review for Quarter Ending 31 December 2017

- (a) That the report Quarterly Budget Review for the Quarter Ending December, be received and noted.
- (b) That the proposed budget variations as detailed in the report, be approved.

Consideration of Recommendations from Closed Session

CON002-18 Confirmation of Organisational Structure

That this item be deferred to a Councillor workshop for further discussion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN022-18 The Second International Workshop on Eco-shoreline Designs for Sustainable Coastal Development

Resolved: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Hindi

That Mr Thomas Heath (Environmental and Open Space Projects Officer) be congratulated by Council and be authorised to attend and present to The Second International Workshop on Eco-shoreline Designs for Sustainable Coastal Development in Hong Kong in May 2018.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Finance and Governance**CCL017-18 Draft Community Strategic Plan, Draft Delivery Program, Draft Operational Plan and Draft Resourcing Strategy**
(Report by Senior Corporate Planner)**Resolved:** Councillor Katris and Councillor Kastanias

- (a) That Council endorse for the purposes of public exhibition, the attached Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, being the Draft Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028, Draft Delivery Program 2018-2021, Draft Operational Plan including the 2018/19 Draft Budget, Fees and Charges and Draft Resourcing Strategy.
- (b) That the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days allowing the community to comment on the content of these documents.
- (c) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents during the public exhibition period.
- (d) That submissions received as part of the public exhibition of the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including the 2018/19 Draft Budget and Fees and Charges be reported to the June 2018 Council meeting for consideration as part of the adoption of these documents.
- (e) That the General Manager be delegated authority to explore options that will strengthen Council's financial sustainability from the impact of the cessation of the former Hurstville Council's Special Rate Variation from 2021/22.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous**CCL018-18 Quarterly Report - Outstanding Council Resolutions as at April 2018**
(Report by Acting Executive Manager, Office of the General Manager)**Resolved:** Councillor Katris and Councillor Elmir

That the quarterly report - Outstanding Council Resolutions as at April 2018, be received and noted.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous**CCL019-18 2017 - 2018 Operational Plan December Review 2017**
(Report by Senior Corporate Planner)**Resolved:** Councillor Katris and Councillor Grekas

- (a) That the report 2017 - 2018 Operational Plan December Review 2017, be received and noted.
- (b) That a copy of the 2017- 2018 Operational Plan December 2017 Review, as contained in attachment 1, be published on Council's website.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Notices of Rescission

NR002-18 Notice of Rescission: CCL012-18 Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund
(Councillor Badalati)

MOTION: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Hindi

That the decision in respect of item No. CCL012-18 Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 March 2018 be rescinded.

- (a) That the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund be considered for implementation as part of 2018-2019 financial year budget.
- (b) That Council adopts Option 1 in paragraph 11 of this report and considered as part of the 2018/19 budget process.
- (c) That the General Manager prepare a Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund administrative guideline, to support the implementation of the Fund, having regard to similar successful Funds currently operating in New South Wales and Victorian councils.
- (d) That the administrative guidelines be referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) for feedback.
- (e) That the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund guideline be sent to the Office of Local Government (OLG) for feedback.
- (f) That, subject to adoption by Council, the Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund be conducted as a trial for a period of 12 months, from 1 July 2018.

The **Motion** on being put to the meeting was declared **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Badalati, Councillor Hindi, Councillor Kastanias and Councillor Wu.

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Greene, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Agius, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Grekas, Councillor Katris, Councillor Konjarski, Councillor Payor, Councillor Tegg and Councillor Symington.

Notices of Motion

NM016-18 Improved Streetscaping and Public Domain Works to Public School Entrances in the Georges River Local Government Area
(Councillor Tegg)

Resolved: Councillor Tegg and Councillor Hindi

- (a) That Council initiate an annual program (up to the value of \$200,000 per year) to improve the streetscape, pedestrian safety and public domain surrounding the entrances to all public schools within the Local Government Area.

- (b) That Council determines which school entrances will be upgraded in each ward during the annual budget process, in consultation with school communities and ward councillors.
- (c) That, where all ward councillors agree, funding for the program be sourced from ward based funding allocations or the annual capital works budget allocation.
- (d) That Council write to the Minister for Education, the Hon Rob Stokes MP, requesting co-funding for projects identified under this program.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM017-18 Amendment to the Georges River Voluntary Planning Agreements Policy 2016
(Councillor Katris)

Resolved: Councillor Katris and Councillor Symington

That the General Manager review the Voluntary Planning Agreements Policy 2016 and prepare a report to Council that investigates the option for development applications which seek additional floor area (of up to 10% over the maximum gross floor area permitted under clause 4.4 of the Hurstville and Kogarah LEPs 2012) to be required to enter into a voluntary planning agreement with Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM018-18 Redevelopment and Temporary Relocation of Penshurst Public School
(Councillor Tegg)

Note: Councillor Konjarski declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item for the reason that the Councillor resides in close proximity to Penshurst Public School.

Resolved: Councillor Tegg and Councillor Hindi

- (a) That Council write to the NSW Minister for Education, the Hon Rob Stokes MP, the Secretary of the NSW Department of Education and the State Member for Oatley, Mr Mark Coure, advising that Council supports the re-development of the Penshurst Public School and the temporary relocation of students from that school to Peakhurst West Public School, and requests the following matters be considered for the duration of the relocation and the construction of the new educational establishment:
 - (i) A strong community consultation and communications strategy including advising residents in proximity to both sites of expected time frames for relocation and redevelopment of the Penshurst Public School;
 - (ii) The safety of students and parents in regard to proposed temporary and permanent pick-up and drop-off arrangements, the extent of school safety zones, the location and extent of proposed construction zones, the temporary local traffic arrangements that are required to be introduced to manage bus, resident and school traffic movements, and the requirements of the Local Traffic Committee for both sites;

- (iii) The proposed school starting and finishing times for each separate school during the relocation and the impact on local residents;
 - (iv) On-site parking and service delivery parking availability for staff of both schools; and
 - (v) The establishment of a Peakhurst West resident liaison committee and a Penshurst resident liaison committee to provide a source of regular and ongoing contact for feedback and engagement with the Department during the relocation and construction phases of the project.
- (b) That the letter invite the Minister, Secretary and Mr Coure to engage with Council and residents to investigate all possible solutions to ensure that drop-off and pick-up arrangements for the new school deliver a safe and effective solution with minimal disruption for local residents.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM019-18 Preparation of a Site Suitability and Feasibility Study for a new Regional Aquatic Facility
(Councillor Elmir)

Note: Councillor Hindi declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in this item for the reason that the Councillor resides in Carss Park.

Resolved: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council commence the preparation of a site suitability and feasibility study in the 2018/19 financial year for the construction of a new Georges River regional aquatic facility in the Carss Park recreation and sporting precinct.
- (b) That the site suitability and feasibility study address, amongst other things:
- (i) The identification of whether a suitable site exists (having regard to the likely footprint/size of the facility, location and environmental constraints) to accommodate a regional aquatic facility in the Carss Park recreation and sporting precinct;
 - (ii) Opportunities to improve public access to aquatic facilities in the City, including year-round recreational usage and the hosting of elite-level competitions;
 - (iii) Complementary activities that could be co-located within the facility such as indoor courts, gymnasium, child care and library services, dining and rehabilitation/health care services, elite coaching/sports education, community meeting rooms and car parking;
 - (iv) The preparation of funding options for the facility, including opportunities to stage the construction and funding of the facility over time;
 - (v) The outcomes of the draft Open Space, Recreation and Community Facility Strategy and other strategic studies that are currently being prepared (such as the Foreshore Strategy and Carss Park Sport and Recreation Precinct Masterplan); and

- (vi) Other potential sites in the LGA that could accommodate a regional aquatic facility should the Carss Park precinct not be found to be suitable.

(c) That the General Manager prepare a report detailing:

- (i) The detailed program and milestones for preparation of the site suitability and feasibility study;
- (ii) The projected timeframe for completion;
- (iii) The proposed schedule for community consultation and engagement; and
- (iv) Estimated costs for delivery of the program and preparation of the study.

(d) That funding for the preparation of the study be considered as part of the 2018/2019 budget process.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM020-18 Future Options for the Former Kogarah Civic Centre, Belgrave Street, Kogarah
(Councillor Agius)

Resolved: Councillor Agius and Councillor Katris

- (a) That the General Manager undertake an investigation into the future 'best use' of the former Kogarah Civic Centre including options to lease, redevelop, joint venture and other retention or disposal opportunities and alternatives for the building.
- (b) That the results of this investigation be included in a Councillor briefing session in mid-2018 to consider the various options available to Council, and identify the constraints and opportunities of each option and the associated financial impacts.
- (c) That following the briefing session, a report be submitted to Council recommending a preferred option for the site.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM021-18 Tree Maintenance Bonds
(Councillor Symington)

Resolved: Councillor Symington and Councillor Kastanias

Note: Councillor Symington tabled two before and after photographs of allegedly poisoned trees.

- (a) That the General Manager provides a report to a regular Council Meeting on the progress of the Canopy Enhancement Program, with a focus on the initiatives for upgrading the current tree maintenance bond process, for the purpose of providing further and more appropriate

protection to trees that have been identified for maintenance in Development Approvals, during and after the construction of a building, for trees on public property.

With regard to trees on private property, initiatives and actions are to be identified for the purposes of imposing security bonds if possible, and imposing conditions of consent that improve compliance with tree preservation conditions.

The report should deal with the following issues:

- (i) The method of calculating a security bond (per tree) is to be based on a recognised method of tree valuation such as the Thyer Tree Valuation method;
 - (ii) The possible requirement for the provision of an arborist report, before construction begins, which identifies the state of health of all trees identified to be maintained along with a photographic record;
 - (iii) The possible imposition of conditions of consent that require an arborist to supervise certain works, and critical stage inspections during construction by Council's tree management officers;
 - (iv) The possible preparation of conditions of approval that emphasise that the applicant is totally responsible for maintaining the trees in good health during construction and, should the trees be affected, then the bond will be released so that the Council can either implement measures that assist the effected trees to regain their health or to be replaced with appropriate mature age trees in place of those needing removal because they have died;
 - (v) The feasibility of preparing a schedule that defines and identifies significant and heritage trees within the Georges River Council Local Government area for the purpose of protecting such trees during construction on private land;
 - (vi) In the case of Council owned trees, investigate the possibility of imposing conditions of consent that stipulate that security bonds will not be released until an arborist report has been submitted to Council certifying compliance with the tree preservation conditions; and the relevant Council officer has confirmed in writing that Council is satisfied that the tree preservation conditions have been complied with. Further, investigate whether or not a condition can be imposed to require the submission of the arborist report before any occupation certificate (interim or otherwise) can be issued by the certifier; and
 - (vii) In the case of privately owned trees, investigate the possibility of imposing conditions of consent that stipulate that any occupation certificate (interim or final) cannot be released by the certifying body until an arborist report has been submitted to Council certifying that the tree preservation conditions have been complied with; and until Council's tree officer has confirmed that Council is satisfied that the tree preservation conditions have been complied with.
- (b) That Council consider increasing the Street Tree Preservation and Protection Bond in the Draft Fees and Charges 2018-19 by an amount significant enough to ensure that the Bond acts as a suitable deterrent to the wilful damage and/or removal of trees.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM022-18 Annual Maintenance Program - Sporting Fields in Georges River Local Government Area
(Councillor Kastanias)

Resolved: Councillor Kastanias and Councillor Agius

- (a) That the General Manager prepare a report to Council detailing the annual program of maintenance for Council's sporting fields, golf courses and premium ovals:
- (b) That the report address, amongst other things:
- (i) The annual cost of maintenance including staff costs, equipment, materials, plant, etc;
 - (ii) The approach to the annual soil analysis and re-turfing program;
 - (iii) The sporting fields that are designated for the installation of irrigation systems over the next 5 years and the identified funding source (if any);
 - (iv) The annual contributions made by local sporting associations towards the cost of field hire;
 - (v) The annual contributions made by local sporting associations towards the cost of field maintenance;
 - (vi) The increase in costs incurred by Council to the maintenance program over the last five years; and
 - (vii) Opportunities that could be made available to staff to provide training in horticulture and the employment of external experts to assist staff in the maintenance of sporting fields, golf courses and parks.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM023-18 Creative Cultural Strategy for Georges River Local Government Area
(Councillor Elmir)

Resolved: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Grekas

- (a) That the General Manager commence the preparation of a new Creative Cultural Strategy in order to establish the cultural priorities of the City and advance the liveability and quality of life of the Georges River community.
- (b) That the General Manager prepare a report detailing the proposed program for the preparation of the Creative Cultural Strategy including the timeframe, background research, community consultation program and costs for preparation of the Strategy.
- (c) That the Creative Cultural Strategy address, amongst other things:
- (i) The role that a creative community plays in the liveability of Georges River as a targeted "30-minute city" within the Greater Sydney Commission's vision for culturally rich and connected communities that celebrate the arts and support creativity and

- innovation;
- (ii) The identification of cultural facilities within the local government area and the role they play in developing a creative community;
 - (iii) The vital role that the arts plays in the economic, social and cultural development of the area;
 - (iv) The importance of public art as a means of activating community spaces to create a safer, more liveable city;
 - (v) Potential areas for the development of innovative and creative approaches to planning and infrastructural projects;
 - (vi) Opportunities for the activation of CBDs, town centres and suburban areas through public art and cultural programming whilst retaining the distinctive and unique attributes of precincts;
 - (vii) Sector development and sustainability of a cultural arts community and its positive impact on local business, economic development, tourism and brand recognition of Council;
 - (viii) Improving access and participatory rates of engagement in the area's creative and cultural life; and
 - (ix) The recognition and fostering of Georges River's cultural diversity.
- (d) That funding for the preparation of the Creative Cultural Strategy be considered as part of the 2018/2019 budget process.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM024-18 Preparation of a Georges River Council Tree Policy
(Councillor Badalati)

MOTION: This Motion was Withdrawn by Councillor Badalati.

NM025-18 2018-2019 Budget Process - Consideration of Waratah Private Hospital Parking Fees and Voluntary Pensioner Rebate
(Councillor Badalati)

MOTION: This Motion was Withdrawn by Councillor Badalati.

NM026-18 De-amalgamation of Georges River Council
(Councillor Badalati)

MOTION: This Motion was Withdrawn by Councillor Badalati.

NM027-18 West Connex Roadworks - Alleged Damage to Dwellings Beverly Hills
(Councillor Badalati)

Resolved: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Tegg

- (a) That Council write to the NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight the Hon Melinda Pavey MP requesting the NSW government investigate alleged damage to residents' homes in Beverly Hills located in close proximity to the M5 construction works associated with the West Connex road project.
- (b) That Council write to the State Member for Kogarah, Mr Chris Minns MP requesting his support for Beverly Hills residents' concerns and that he assist Council in approaching the Minister to lobby for an investigation into the alleged damage.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM028-18 Request for Tree Removal, Ocean Street Kogarah
(Councillor Hindi)

Resolved: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Katris

That Council remove the Tallowwood street tree (*Eucalyptus microcorys*) in front of 86 Ocean Street Kogarah, and replace it with a more suitable species as Council has recently become aware that there is extensive tree root invasion into nearby pipework.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Hindi, Councillor Wu, Councillor Kastanias, Councillor Symington, Councillor Katris, Councillor Agius, Councillor Payor and Councillor Konjarski.

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Greene, Councillor Tegg, Councillor Elmir, Councillor Grekas, Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Badalati (abstained).

NM029-18 Installation of Lighting/Floodlighting at Major Sporting Fields
(Councillor Hindi)

Resolved: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council investigate and audit the installation of lighting and/or floodlighting on all major sporting fields within the Georges River Local Government Area.
- (b) That the results of the investigation, along with an indicative installation budget, be reported to Council in May 2018 and if endorsed, the installation program commence on major sporting facilities in the Mortdale Ward.
- (c) That Council write to all relevant State Members requesting funding upon completion of (a) above.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM030-18 Construction of Rebound Walls at Major Sporting Fields
(Councillor Konjarski)**Resolved:** Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Tegg

- (a) That Council investigate the construction of rebound walls at all major sporting fields within the Georges River Local Government Area.
- (b) That the General Manager report to Council in May 2018 on the results of the investigation and address the following:
- (i) indicative locations;
 - (ii) number and size of walls to be provided at each field; and
 - (iii) the allocation of a modest construction budget for the next 5 years including a range of potential funding sources.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous**Questions Without Notice**

- **Councillor Badalati** requested the General Manager provide the approximate expenditure/cost of each Notice of Motion prior to each Council Meeting.
- **Councillor Katris** requested the Director Environment and Planning provide the names of Directors and Shareholders with regard to planning and development application matters presented to Council.
- **Councillor Tegg** thanked staff for the provision of a detailed report on outstanding Council resolutions.

Consideration of Business in Closed Session**Resolved:** Councillor Elmir and Councillor Kastanias

At this stage of the meeting being 9.15pm 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:

CON001-18 Property Matter - Mulga Road, Oatley

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: Unanimous

Open Council

Resolved: Councillor Kastanias and Councillor Elmir

Council returned to Open Session at 9:37pm

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Consideration of Confidential Recommendations

CON001-18 Property Matter - Mulga Road, Oatley
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

Resolved: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Tegg

- (a) That the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate the proposed acquisition of Lot A in DP358712 located at 66 Mulga Road, Oatley in accordance with this report.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to exchange and execute the Contract for Sale, Transfer Document and all other associated documentation to effect the acquisition of Lot A in DP358712 Mulga Road, Oatley.
- (c) That the acquisition be funded from Council's Section 94 Reserve for Community Facilities as generally detailed in this report.
- (d) That in accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, the land be classified as "operational land" upon acquisition.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Conclusion

The Meeting was closed at 9.40pm

Chairperson