



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

MAYORAL MINUTES

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

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Monday, 23 July 2018

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Mayoral Minutes

Item: MM009-18 Successful Application for Stronger Communities Grant Funds - \$9.5 million

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

As a result of the NSW government's decision not to proceed with a number of proposed NSW council amalgamations, Council staff took the opportunity to apply for the remaining Stronger Communities merger funds that were not allocated to the unmerged councils.

The Office of Local Government was provided with a list of Georges River community projects valued at over \$40 million located across the local government area. With the support of the member for Oatley, Mark Coure MP, Council was successful in being awarded a further \$9.5 million in funds to complete infrastructure projects including:

- Gannons Park - \$1.8 million for the construction of a new amenities building and the installation of irrigation and drainage infrastructure to irrigate the eight heavily used regional sports fields in Upper Gannons Park.
- Poulton Park - \$3 million to convert the existing football field to a synthetic field as well as the construction of a new amenities building and netball hard court.
- Hurstville Golf Course - \$2.5 million towards the construction of a new Golf Course Pavilion, new greens and safe pathways as well as additional facilities (including change rooms) provided on site. (Accompanied by a significant funding contribution also provided by the Golf Club).
- Hurstville Oval - \$2.2 million to be used for continued upgrades to the oval including the expansion of the Booth Saunders Pavilion.

The funding agreement requires Council to report on the details of each project including expected community benefits, audited expenditure and a completion report detailing works undertaken. Matching funding is not required to be provided by Council, however delivery of the new works must be finalised by December 2019.

MOTION:

That Council accept the additional grant funds of \$9.5 million offered by the NSW Government through the Stronger Communities Program.

Item: MM010-18 Resilient Sydney**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Georges River Council is pleased to be involved in the 100 Resilient Cities initiative to assist in developing the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems within the Sydney metropolitan area to flourish no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks (natural, financial or otherwise) they may experience.

Background

In 2015 Sydney won a place in the 100 Resilient Cities initiative pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. 100 Resilient Cities provides technical support and resources for cities to develop and implement strategies to help them survive, adapt and thrive in the face of 21st century challenges.

Sydney receives funding and support from 100 Resilient Cities to develop and implement a Resilience Strategy for metropolitan Sydney.

The Resilient Sydney office began work in late 2015 and is hosted by the City of Sydney.

Resilient Sydney is a collaboration with all the councils of metropolitan Sydney and the NSW Government. Every council in metropolitan Sydney nominated a resilience ambassador in 2016 to support the program and ensure their part of the city is represented and engaged. Georges River Council's ambassador is Senior Strategic Planner, Ms Rebecca Lau. A steering committee has been established which includes representatives from each of the planning districts of metropolitan Sydney, NSW Government, business and the community sector.

Sydney's major acute shocks have been identified as:

- Terror Attack
- Cyber Attack
- Digital Network Failure
- Infrastructure Failure
- Water Crisis
- Extreme Weather
- Financial Institution Failure
- Disease Pandemic

City Resilience Framework

The 12 drivers in the City Resilience Framework collectively determine Sydney's ability to withstand a wide range of shocks and stresses. These include:

- Meets basic needs
- Supports livelihoods and employment
- Ensures public health services
- Promotes cohesion and engaged communities
- Ensures social stability, security and justice
- Fosters economic prosperity
- Provides and enhances natural and manmade assets

- Ensures continuity of critical services
- Provides reliable communication and mobility
- Promotes leadership and effective management
- Empowers a broad range of stakeholders
- Fosters long-term and integrated planning

Draft Resilience Strategy for Sydney

Vision: Metropolitan Sydney is connected, inclusive, resilient – we are one city.

Mission: Sydney will understand and be prepared to manage our resilience challenges.

5 Directions

for Action: There will be five directions to build collaboration, adaptation, innovation and investment for resilience.

Direction 1: People Centred City – *we include communities in decision making for growth and equity.*

Direction 2: Live with our Climate – *we adapt to sustain our quality of life and our environment.*

Direction 3: Connect for Strength – *every Sydneysider will feel they belong in our community and city.*

Direction 4: Get Ready – *we know how to prepare, respond and recover.*

Direction 5: One City – *we are one city.*

Benefits to Georges River Council

Council, as an active participant in the preparation of the Strategy, has been requested to include the 5 Directions for Action in our future planning for the community, including our Community Strategic Plan and related policies and strategies. There is an opportunity for Council to incorporate actions from the Resilience Strategy into future Council documents such as the city-wide LEP and various strategies and grant applications e.g. “Cool Suburbs – turn down the heat in urban areas” is entirely consistent with Council’s “Cool Places: Urban Oasis” grant application and town centre program.

Council will be participating in the launch of the Resilient Sydney Strategy tomorrow at the Sydney Town Hall.

MOTION:

That Council note the launch of the Resilient Sydney Strategy and incorporate the directions contained in the Strategy in the Georges River Community Strategic Plan and related documents, where appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Resilient Sydney - Directions

Our Vision

Metropolitan Sydney is connected, inclusive and resilient.

Our Mission

Sydney will understand and be prepared to manage our resilience challenges.

RESILIENT ECONOMY

RESILIENT SYDNEY

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DIRECTION 1

People centred city

We include communities in decision making for growth and equity.

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| <p>Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilient growth • A 700% equitable city | <p>Challenge</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">Inequitable growth</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">People are connected to where they live and able to access transport, affordable housing, education and employment opportunities.</p> |
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Actions

Flagship Action

Resilient inclusive growth target

Risk, resilience and resilience in local community plans

1. **Shocks and stresses managed through planning for growth**

Consider economic and social risks through community plans

Supporting Actions

2. **Network metropolitan practitioners for community agency**

Collective learning to champion inclusion of the community within strategic decision-making across metropolitan Sydney

3. **Collaborate for cross-city active transport**

Improve health, wellbeing and provisions, and provide transport options during times of crisis

Aligned Actions

4. Support people to work closer to home

5. Improve access to health precincts

6. Build community capacity through co-design

7. Advocate for affordable housing for everyone

8. Develop skills for equity

DIRECTION 2

Live with our climate

We adapt to sustain our quality of life and our environment.

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| <p>Local adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local performance • A climate economy | <p>Challenge</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">Pressure on our health, environment and economy</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">People have access to clean air and water, natural environments and adaptive technology throughout the city for climate comfort and safety, health and city connectivity.</p> |
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Actions

Flagship Action

Cool Suburbs - Turn down the heat target

2 degree Celsius reduction in heat in urban areas

9. **Policy and action to cool homes and streets**

Orbitation to address our biggest shock in the hottest parts of our city

Supporting Actions

10. **Develop investment in resilient buildings, zones, precincts and sites**

Develop investment in resilient infrastructure, building, assets, precincts, and sites with built, decision making frameworks and standards

11. **Enable affordable access to renewable and resilient energy**

Council led programs to support low-income households to use solar

Aligned Actions

12. Adapt urban resilience in research and teaching curricula

13. Measure metropolitan carbon emissions and report on progress

14. Support a more flexible and resilient water cycle

15. Reduce reliance on liquid fuel

DIRECTION 3

Connect for strength

Every Sydneysider will feel they belong in our community and city.

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| <p>A welcoming city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to culture • Stronger in business | <p>Challenge</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">Fragmented social cohesion</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">People have equal access to engage in culture, the economy and all the city has to offer</p> |
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Actions

Flagship Action

City cohesion and wellbeing target

2% improvement in 8 pillars in community cohesion

16. **Monitor metropolitan social cohesion and wellbeing**

Measure city wide and local connections and relationships

Supporting Actions

17. **Learning from First Nations Elders and community leaders**

Acknowledging the expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Sydney as experts in resilience and survival and supporting their ongoing traditions

Aligned Actions

18. Support communities to know their neighbours

19. Encourage cross-city visitation and understanding

20. Promote safety and tolerance in everyday interactions

21. Promote broad adoption of Welcome to Country protocols

22. Support diversity in leadership

DIRECTION 4

Get ready

We know how to prepare, respond and recover.

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| <p>Understanding risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding interconnectedness • A prepared community | <p>Challenge</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">Lack of understanding of risk and recovery processes</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">Sydneysiders and organisations understand the how they have and how to work together to respond to each new day in the future</p> |
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Actions

Flagship Action

Preparedness target

100,000 ready Sydneysiders

23. **Get prepared - 100,000 ready Sydneysiders**

Improve preparedness with the Red Cross, Australian Business Roundtable for Disaster Resilience and Councils

Supporting Actions

24. **Pilot disaster preparedness program for councils**

Training, support and processes for councils to improve local preparedness plans and engage their communities

25. **Mapping vulnerabilities at a District planning level**

Assess the shocks and stresses at District level to identify mitigation projects and inform community preparedness

Aligned Actions

26. Develop a Critical Infrastructure Resilience Strategy

27. Evaluate the community impacts of disaster

28. Support small businesses to manage cybersecurity

29. Help communities to train and volunteer to prepare for disaster

30. Inform info and ratings with open source data

DIRECTION 5

One city

We are one city.

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| <p>Collective leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration • Sharing knowledge | <p>Challenge</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">Disjointed governance</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 5px 0;">Key governing organisations across Sydney lead to build their capacity and cooperate to understand and manage shocks and stresses for resilience in a resilient metropolitan Sydney</p> |
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Actions

Flagship Action

Collaborative commitment target

100 resilient organisations

21. **Engage 100 organisations in the Sydney Resilience Commitment**

Support organisations to understand and manage their exposure to shocks and stresses

Supporting Actions

22. **Maintain and support the Resilient Sydney Office**

Invest in facilitation, collaboration expertise and reporting to support delivery of the strategy

Aligned Actions

33. Measure resilience and wellbeing to monitor and evaluate our goals

34. Harness digital collaboration and networking tools

35. Learn and share with other cities through the 100 Resilient Cities network

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Item: MM011-18 Zonta Club of Botany Bay - Appreciation of Georges River Council's Support**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Greene**Background**

Georges River Council recently supported the Zonta Club of Botany Bay's Vintage and Collectable Fair hosted in our Marana Auditorium on 23 June 2018. The Zonta Club was a recipient of Council's Venue Hire Grant's program which provides Council's community facilities at subsidised rates. In 2017/18 Council provided more than \$170,000 in casual venue hire subsidies to community groups. The Zonta Club received a subsidy of \$3,249 from this program.

I am pleased to share with my fellow Councillors and the community the Zonta Club of Botany Bay's appreciation to Council for the support provided for this event, without which, the event would not have occurred. On 12 July 2018 the Zonta Club wrote to Council to express its thanks.

As a result of the successful Vintage and Collectable Fair, the profits totalling \$9,000 have been donated to key projects in the local community including support for a women's refuge and mentoring for young women in high school.

The Zonta Club expressed particular thanks to Council officers Arabella Lee, Jennifer Benson, David Fong and Omer Zekirovski for their work and commitment in supporting local community organisations and their projects.

MOTION:

That Council acknowledge the Zonta Club of Botany Bay for its donation to initiatives that support the Georges River community and thank Council officers for their support on the 2018 Vintage and Collectable Fair.

Item: MM012-18 General Manager Honoured in Inaugural NSW Top 50 Public Sector Women**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Greene**Background**

At a function held at Parliament House on 5 July 2018, Council's General Manager Gail Connolly was honoured and recognised for her work and named on the inaugural Top 50 Public Sector Women (NSW) List.

The Top 50 initiative was held for the first time last year in Victoria and was so well received, the organisers, Davidson in partnership with NSW Government and SEEK, introduced the event to NSW and received an overwhelming response.

This is the first initiative of its kind that directly targets women in the NSW Public Sector, providing a platform to acknowledge some of the best female leaders.

One of only four local government award recipients, Gail was recognised for her contribution within the NSW Public Sector workforce for demonstrating a positive contribution to the community through her work, building high performing teams, enhancing organisational culture while delivering transformational leadership through innovation and continuous improvement. She was further acknowledged for her active support to other women in the sector.

Through her career Gail has maintained an active role in both the local government and planning sectors where she partners with key industry stakeholders to drive progressive change and develop solutions that are simpler, less cumbersome and more effective in identifying and meeting local needs. From economic development and people management to technology innovation Gail is pioneering the way for local government to evolve. Gail is also a key member of the NSW Smart Cities Local Government Working Group, works closely with the Office of Local Government and other NSW agencies on many policies and is a member of the Australian and New Zealand Local Government Chief Officers Group.

The inaugural Top 50 list has provided an opportunity to acknowledge exceptional female leaders in the Public Sector within NSW, and shine a light on these leaders as role models for all women in the sector.

MOTION:

That Council acknowledge and congratulate the General Manager on her inclusion in the inaugural Top 50 Public Sector Women (NSW) List.

- 1. Confidential items (Closed Council Meeting)**
- 2. Open Council**
- 3. Consideration of Closed Council Recommendations**