

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 25 March 2019

Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

Council Members

The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene, Deputy Mayor, Sam Elmir, Councillor Stephen Agius, Councillor Vince Badalati, Councillor Sandy Grekas, Councillor Con Hindi, Councillor Nick Katris, Councillor Lou Konjarski, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, 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, Director Community and Culture - Ms Rebekah Schulz, Director Business and Corporate Services - Mr David Tuxford, Director City Strategy and Innovation – Ms Sue Weatherley, General Counsel - Ms Jenny Ware, Manager, Office of the General Manager - Ms Roxanne Thornton, Casual Executive Services Officer – Ms Catherine Jones and Personal Assistant to Manager, Office of the General Manager – Ms Ann-Marie Svorinic

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Greene, opened the meeting at 7.07pm.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

PRAYER

Imam Ensar Cutahija from Penshurst Mosque, offered a prayer for the meeting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED AND COUNCIL OBSERVED A MINUTE'S SILENCE AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUES TERRORIST ATTACK.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

STANDING ORDERS RESUMED FOLLOWING THE MINUTE'S SILENCE OBSERVED BY COUNCIL.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES

MOTION: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Elmir

That an apology for Councillor Kastanias be accepted and Leave of Absence be granted for this ordinary meeting of Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Mayor 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 1 and 8 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

The order of business is as shown in the agenda.

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Kathryn Landsberry declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item **CCL012-19 Report of the Community and Culture Committee - Meeting held on 11 March 2019 - COM007-19 Outgoing Sponsorships and Donations**, for the reason that her son is a coach at the St George Football Association. Councillor Landsberry will remain in the meeting for consideration and voting on this Item.

The Mayor, Cllr Kevin Greene declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item **NM021-19 – Extension of Hurstville Oval Pavilion** for the reason that he is the President of the St George District Cricket Club. The Mayor, Councillor Greene will leave the meeting during consideration of this Item and will not vote on this Item.

Councillor Con Hindi declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item **NM023-19 Kogarah War Memorial Pool - Draft 2019/2020 Budget**, for the reason that he lives in Carss Park, in close proximity to the pool. Councillor Hindi will remain in the meeting for consideration and voting on this Item.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE MEETING

| SPEAKER | ITEM |
|-----------------|---|
| Jessica Iuliano | NM023-19: Kogarah War Memorial Pool – Draft Budget 2019/2020 |
| Mark Heathcote | NM023-19: Kogarah War Memorial Pool – Draft Budget 2019/2020 |
| Waner Ren | NM010-19: Increased Website Accessibility |

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Landsberry

That Council consider Item NM023-19 – Kogarah War Memorial Pool – Draft 2019/2020 Budget as the first Item of business.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM023-19 Kogarah War Memorial Pool - Draft 2019/2020 Budget (Report by Councillor Landsberry)

Note: Jessica Iuliano (representing “Save Carss Park Pool” Campaign Group) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item and tabled a folder of children’s drawings.

Note: Mark Heathcote (representing Swimming NSW) addressed the meeting in relation to this item and tabled a Petition of approximately 10,300 signatures in support of the Notice of Motion.

Note: Councillor Con Hindi declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item, for the reason that he lives in Carss Park, in close proximity to the pool. Councillor Hindi remained in the meeting for consideration and voting on this Item.

MOTION: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Katris

- (a) That Council allocate funding in the 2019/2020 Budget to subsidise the ongoing operational costs of Kogarah War Memorial Pool until such time as the future of the Pool has been determined by Council.
- (b) Council's commitment to funding the Pool's operational costs will provide certainty to the Georges River community during finalisation of the draft Open Space, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy and the independent engineering investigation into the structural condition of the Pool.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION: Councillors Grekas and Councillor Elmir

That Council resume Standing Orders to allow consideration of the remaining items on the agenda.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETING - 25 FEBRUARY 2019

MOTION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Grekas

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 February 2019 be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM002-19 2019 Councillors' Charity Ball in Support of Victims of Domestic Violence and Homelessness

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Greene)

MOTION: Mayor, Councillor Greene and Councillor Payor

That the proceeds of the 2019 Councillors' Charity Ball to be held on Friday 2 August 2019 at the Marana Auditorium, be donated to a local charitable, not for profit organisation that supports victims of domestic and family violence and homelessness.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM003-19 Christchurch Mosques Terrorist Attack

(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Greene)

Note: Council observed a minute's silence at the commencement of the meeting.

MOTION: Mayor, Councillor Greene and Councillor Tegg

That Standing Orders be Suspended and Council observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims of the Christchurch mosques shooting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene - congratulated the four State Members who were re-elected at the NSW State Election held on Saturday 23 March 2019 (Mark Coure MP - Member for Oatley, Jihad Dib MP - Member for Lakemba, Steve Kamper MP - Member for Rockdale and Chris Minns MP - Member for Kogarah) and thanked all candidates from the four electorates who put their names forward in this election.

The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene - indicated that he will write a letter to the four local members and to the NSW Premier, on behalf of Council, congratulating them on their re-election.

Councillor Con Hindi - congratulated The Hon Gladys Berejikilian MP on being re-elected as the NSW Premier at the NSW State Election held on Saturday 23 March 2019.

Councillor Con Hindi - congratulated Mark Coure MP on being re-elected as the Member for Oatley at the NSW State Election held on Saturday 23 March 2019.

Councillor Con Hindi - congratulated Lucy Mannering for the way she conducted herself and her campaign for the seat of Oatley leading in the recent State Election, commenting that she was gracious in defeat.

Councillor Con Hindi - congratulated Chris Minns MP, Member for Kogarah and Steve Kamper MP, Member for Rockdale on their re-election to their respective seats.

Councillor Sandy Grekas - congratulated the Director Community and Culture and Council staff for their efforts in the organisation and promotion of a highly successful Council-run Harmony Day event at Kogarah Library and Service Centre titled 'Living Library'.

The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene - acknowledged the success of the Harmony Day event hosted at the Marana Auditorium which he attended with Councillor Nancy Liu and Councillor Christina Wu.

Councillor Kathryn Landsberry - congratulated Council staff (Jamal Bassam, Nicole Watkins, Scott Andrew and Roxanne Thornton) for their efforts in the organisation and promotion of the Council run International Women's Day event, held on Friday 8 March 2019 and acknowledged and thanked the guest speakers at the event; Ms Georgia Durmush, Dr Barbara Ferguson and Ms Teresa Li.

Councillor Nick Katris - represented the Mayor at an event at St Patrick's Green Retirement and Aged Care Community at Kogarah. It was a jazz evening for the residents and it was an enjoyable event.

Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene - announced that the annual Council Charity Golf Day, with thanks to Lugarno and St George Lions and the organising Committee, is expected to raise approximately \$25,000 for the St George Cancer Care Centre.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CCL010-19 Report of the Environment and Planning Committee - Meeting held on 11 March 2019**

(Report by Head of Executive Services)

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Tegg

That the Committee recommendations for items ENV005-19 to ENV007-19 inclusive, detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ENV005-19 Minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Meeting Tuesday 19 February 2019

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Tegg

That Council adopts the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19 February 2019.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ENV006-19 Integrated Fox Control/Management Program

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Tegg

That Council endorses undertaking a Fox Management Action Plan that incorporates education, notification and control methods and is based on the information contained in the body of the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ENV007-19 Crown Lands Plans of Management

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Tegg

- (a) That Council note the new legislative obligations regarding the preparation of Plans of Management for the Georges River Local Government Area.
- (b) That Council endorse the indicative program to be completed in the next three years as generally outlined in the report.
- (c) That having regard to Council's legislative obligations, Council allocate \$250,000 in the 2019/20 budget for the review and preparation of the required Plans of Management and note the future funding requirements of approximately \$250,000 per annum for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 budgets.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL011-19 Report of the Finance and Governance Committee - Meeting held on 11 March 2019

(Report by Head of Executive Services)

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

That the Committee recommendations for items FIN012-19 to FIN021-19 inclusive, detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN012-19 Advice on Costs and Status of Council's Court Proceedings - February 2019

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

That the report "Advice on Costs and Status of Council's Court Proceedings – February 2019" be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN013-19 Property Matter - 25D Rona Street Peakhurst - Proposed Easement to Drain Water

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council grant an Easement to Drain Water over Lot 15 in Deposited Plan (DP) 26426 and Lot A in DP400173 being part of Beale Reserve, Peakhurst as generally detailed in this report.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute the s88B Instrument or Transfer Granting Easement and all associated documentation to create the easement and under Common Seal of the Council, if required.
- (c) That Council note the reference to "granny flat" in paragraph 6 of the report is incorrect and should read "dual occupancy development".
- (d) That all costs associated with the granting of the easement be met by the applicant.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN014-19 Review of Council's Code of Conduct and the Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

- (a) That the Draft Code of Conduct and Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct be placed on public exhibition for a period of 14 days.
- (b) That a further Councillor Workshop takes place following the public exhibition period to discuss submissions made.
- (c) That upon the completion of the exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council for the adoption of the Draft Code of Conduct and Draft Procedures

for the Administration of the Code of Conduct after considering any submissions and/or feedback received during the public exhibition period.

- (d) That a copy of the Draft Code of Conduct and Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct be forwarded to the Office of Local Government (OLG) and the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) during the public exhibition period, to seek their feedback on both documents.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN015-19 Adoption of new Georges River Council Code of Meeting Practice incorporating mandatory provisions of the Model Code of Meeting Practice - AND

FIN021-19 Supplementary Report - Adoption of New Georges River Council Code of Meeting Practice incorporating mandatory provisions of the Model Code of Meeting Practice

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Code of Meeting Practice attached to this report, for public exhibition for a period of forty-two (42) days.
- (b) That following the public exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council detailing any submissions received and providing a final Code of Meeting Practice for Council adoption.
- (c) That Council note the proposed amendments to the Council meeting timetable as detailed in this report.
- (d) That option 3 is the preferred option which will go on public exhibition.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN016-19 Georges River Council Property Portfolio Report

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

That the Council Property Portfolio report be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN017-19 Investment Report as at 31 January 2019

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

That Council receive and note the contents of the Investment Report as at 31 January 2019.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FIN018-19 2018/19 Half Yearly Progress Report and Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Quarter Ending 31 December 2018.**MOTION:** Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

- (a) That Council receive and note the Half Yearly Progress Report July 2018 – December 2018 (Attachment 1) of performance made against Georges River Council's Delivery Program 2018/19 to 2020/21 and Operational Plan 2018/19 including the Quarterly Budget Review for Quarter Ending 31 December 2018.
- (b) That Council approve the variances to the 2018/19 Budget, as detailed in Attachment 1, as a result of the Quarter Ending 31 December 2018 Budget Review.
- (c) That Council endorse the Delivery Program and Operational Plan items recommended for cancellation, being placed on hold, altered or proposed to be carried over, as detailed in Attachment 1.
- (d) That a copy of the Half Yearly Progress Report July 2018 – December 2018 be published on Council's website.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous**FIN019-19 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes from 29 October 2018****MOTION:** Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on the 29 October 2018, provided as Attachment 1, be noted.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous**FIN020-19 Quarterly Report - Outstanding Council Resolutions as at 31 December 2018****MOTION:** Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

That the Quarterly Report - Outstanding Council Resolutions as at 31 December 2018, be received and noted.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL012-19 Report of the Community and Culture Committee - Meeting held on 11 March 2019
(Report by Head of Executive Services)

MOTION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Badalati

That the Committee recommendations for items COM007-19 to COM008-19 inclusive, detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COM007-19 Outgoing Sponsorships and Donations

Note: Councillor Kathryn Landsberry declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item, she remained in the meeting for consideration and voting on this Item.

MOTION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Badalati

- (a) That Council approve the event sponsorship request of \$2,500.00 (\$2,500.00 of financial support) to stage The Messiah musical performance event presented by St Mark's Anglican Church to be held 7 April 2019 at St Mark's Church, South Hurstville.
- (b) That Council approve the event sponsorship request of \$76.00 (\$76.00 of in-kind support) to hold the Peakhurst United Women in Football Pink Ribbon Gala Day and Girls Clinic event presented by St George Football Association be held 3 March 2019 at Peakhurst Park.
- (c) That Council approve the event sponsorship request of \$2,566.00 (\$151.00 of in-kind support and \$2,415.00 of financial support) to hold the Show and Shine day for Kids with Cancer event presented by Inter-Infra NSW Pty Ltd to be held 6 April 2019.
- (d) That Council receive and note the Quick Response Donation granted to the amount of \$200.00 to support local gymnast, Ellen Maher who will be representing Australia at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi from 8 to 21 March 2019.
- (e) That Council approve the event sponsorship request of \$1,200.00 in lieu ticket purchases (\$1,200.00 of financial support) to hold the Black Tie Masquerade Ball event presented by The Child Protection Foundation to be held 5 July 2019.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COM008-19 Amendments to the Georges River Council Historical Markers Policy

MOTION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Badalati

That, to ensure consistency with the approved Place Naming Policy, the amendments to the Georges River Council Historical Markers Policy be endorsed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL013-19 Report of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee - Meeting held on 11 March 2019
(Report by Head of Executive Services)

MOTION: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Hindi

That the Committee recommendations for items ASS005-19 to ASS006-19 inclusive, detailed below, be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ASS005-19 Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting - 5 March 2019

MOTION: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Hindi

That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2019 be adopted by Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

ASS006-19 Tender for the Construction of the Gannons Park Water Quality Improvement & Stormwater Harvesting Scheme - Stage 2 - Stormwater Levy, Federal Government Grant and Section 94 Funds

MOTION: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Hindi

- (a) That Council, in accordance with Section 178 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (NSW), accepts the Tender from the Total Civil Constructions Pty Ltd, in the amount of \$2,989,116.00 (excluding GST), after having regard to all the circumstances, as the tender that appears to be the most advantageous and appoint the Civil Constructions Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor under the Contract Number T18/030 Tender for the Construction of the Gannons Park Water Quality Improvement and Stormwater Harvesting Stage 2.
- (b) That Council approves the allocation of \$1,104,000 from the Stormwater Drainage Reserve.
- (c) That Council approves the allocation of Section 94 Funds as outlined in the table within item 34.
- (d) That Council approves the carry-over of savings from Stage 1 of the project of \$75,000.
- (e) That Council approves the revised budget of \$3,500,000 for the Construction of the Gannons Park Water Quality Improvement and Stormwater Harvesting Stage 2.
- (f) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the Contracts with the preferred Contractors on behalf of Council.
- (g) That Council Officers inform the unsuccessful Tenderers of the resolution to decline to accept those tenders.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**CCL014-19 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy**
(Report by Manager, Office of the General Manager)**MOTION:** Councillor Badalati and Councillor Hindi

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

- i. Application submitted by Councillor Tegg on behalf of the St Declan's Church in the amount of \$687.50.
- ii. Application submitted by Councillor Kastanias on behalf of Homicide Victims Support Group Australia in the amount of \$1,500.
- iii. Application submitted by Councillor Kastanias on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association in the amount of \$1,500.
- iv. Application submitted by Councillor Kastanias on behalf of Lugarno Lions Club in the amount of \$1,500.
- v. Application submitted by Councillor Grekas on behalf of Bald Face Public School P&C in the amount of \$750.
- vi. Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Kim Anderson in the amount of \$500.
- vii. Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Helen Amanatiadis in the amount of \$500.
- viii. Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Susan McInerny in the amount of \$500.
- ix. Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Michael Ambriano in the amount of \$500.
- x. Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Dawei XU in the amount of \$500.
- xi. Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of Christopher Elder in the amount of \$500.
- xii. Application submitted by Councillor Wu on behalf of CanRevive in the amount of \$1,500.
- xiii. Application submitted by Councillor Wu on behalf of Australian Chinese Community of NSW in the amount of \$1,500.
- xiv. Application submitted by Councillor Wu on behalf of Autism Community Network in the amount of \$1,500.
- xv. Application submitted by Councillor Wu on behalf of CASS Care Limited in the amount of \$1,500.
- xvi. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Oatley Rugby in the amount of \$250.
- xvii. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Oatley Rugby in the amount of \$500.
- xviii. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Penshurst RSL JRLC in the amount of \$250.
- xix. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Penshurst RSL JRLC in the

amount of \$500.

- xx. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Oatley Historical Society in the amount of \$150.
- xxi. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Oatley Historical Society in the amount of \$250.
- xxii. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Lugarno Uniting Netball in the amount of \$150.
- xxiii. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Lugarno Uniting Netball in the amount of \$250.
- xxiv. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Lugarno Lions in the amount of \$250.
- xxv. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Lugarno Lions in the amount of \$500.
- xxvi. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association in the amount of \$250.
- xxvii. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Lugarno Progress Association in the amount of \$500.
- xxviii. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Oatley West FC in the amount of \$250.
- xxix. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Oatley West FC in the amount of \$500.
- xxx. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Hurstville Glory in the amount of \$250.
- xxxi. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Hurstville Glory FC in the amount of \$500.
- xxxii. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Lugarno FC in the amount of \$250.
- xxxiii. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Lugarno FC in the amount of \$500.
- xxxiv. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Peakhurst United FC in the amount of \$250.
- xxxv. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Peakhurst United FC in the amount of \$500.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICES OF MOTION

NM007-19 Removal of Street Trees Adjoining 17-19 Payten Street, Kogarah Bay
(Report by Councillor Kastanias)

Councillor Kastanias withdrew this Notice of Motion.

NM008-19 Removal of Street Tree Adjoining 70 Lugarno Parade, Lugarno
(Report by Councillor Kastanias)

Councillor Kastanias withdrew this Notice of Motion.

NM009-19 Removal of Private Tree at 6 Cretney Place, Peakhurst Heights
(Report by Councillor Kastanias)

Councillor Kastanias withdrew this Notice of Motion.

NM010-19 Increased Website Accessibility
(Report by Councillor Liu)

MOTION: Councillor Liu and Councillor Payor

That the General Manager prepare a report on the options available to council to improve the accessibility of our website for all residents of Georges River including people living with a disability and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM011-19 Consistency of Code of Conduct Provisions Across All Levels of Government
(Report by Councillor Badalati)

Councillor Badalati withdrew this Notice of Motion.

NM012-19 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys in the Georges River Area
(Report by Councillor Katris)

MOTION: Councillor Katris and Councillor Symington

That the General Manager prepare a report to Council on the options to prevent the accumulation of abandoned shopping trolleys in public places including:

- (a) the implementation of wheel lock or coin operated systems to prevent trolleys from being removed from shopping centre premises;
- (b) the legislative and practical requirements for impounding trolleys and options for future impounding programs;
- (c) methods for deterring the dumping of shopping trolleys in public places;
- (d) methods to improve the time taken by shopping trolley owners to retrieve abandoned shopping trolleys; and
- (e) a public awareness/education campaign to assist in voluntary compliance.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM013-19 Georges River Local Planning Panel Membership

(Report by Councillor Hindi)

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Katris

That, to avoid any perception of potential conflicts of interest, Council advise all Council-appointed local planning panel members that they (or their companies) are prohibited from undertaking any town planning/urban design/architectural/engineering/landscape architecture/property related work within the local government area for the duration of their appointment to the Panel.

- (a) That the above prohibition commence immediately upon the appointment of new Council-appointed members of the Local Planning Panel, or on 1 July 2019, whichever occurs first.
- (b) That all Council-appointed members be advised that they may complete any existing contractual obligations in the local government area which existed prior to the date of this resolution.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous**NM014-19 Clean Up Australia Day - Thank You To Volunteers**

(Report by Councillor Tegg)

MOTION: Councillor Tegg and Councillor Agius

That the General Manager send a letter of appreciation to the community volunteers, Council staff and the following Associations and Groups for their commitment to improving the local environment through their participation in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 3 March 2019:

- Kogarah Bay Progress Association
- 2nd Mortdale Scout Group
- Sydney Hongkongese Community Group
- Laal Charitable Association
- Lugarno Progress Association
- Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society
- 2nd Mortdale Guide Group

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous

NM015-19 Georges River Council Noxious Weed Control Program

(Report by Councillor Tegg)

MOTION: Councillor Tegg and Councillor Konjarski

That the General Manager prepare a report on Council's current Noxious Weed Program that addresses the following;

- (a) Council's responsibility under the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015;
- (b) the extent of noxious weeds within the Georges River Area and the effectiveness of current control programs;
- (c) Identify opportunities for community engagement and participation in the management of noxious weeds for properties in the Georges River Local Government Area, particularly those properties that border Bushland Reserves;
- (d) Details of the grant funding received from the NSW Department of Primary Industries and the roles and responsibilities of the role of Noxious Weeds Officer funded from this grant;
- (e) Any other matters the General Manager sees as relevant.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM016-19 Installation of Water Bottle Filling Stations in the Georges River Local Government Area

(Report by Councillor Tegg)

MOTION: Councillor Tegg and Councillor Hindi

That the General Manager provide a report to Council on the feasibility and likely cost of installing and maintaining filtered water bottle filling stations in neighbourhood shopping centres and in major parks and reserves within the Georges River Council Local Government area.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM017-19 Georges River Life Care Centre - Sleeping Rough Annual Fundraiser

(Report by Councillor Kastanias)

MOTION: Councillor Symington and Councillor Elmir

That Council donate \$400 to the Georges River Life Care Centre's Sleeping Rough annual fundraiser dinner on 17 April 2019 hosted by Club Rivers.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM018-19 Share the Dignity - April 2019 Dignity Drive

(Report by Councillor Tegg)

Note: Councillor Tegg thanked the efforts of Council staff with the introduction of this initiative across Council.

MOTION: Councillor Tegg and Councillor Grekas

- (a) That following the successful implementation of the Share the Dignity vending machine within Hurstville Library, Council registers to become a collection point for donations of tampons and pads for Share the Dignity's bi-annual Dignity Drive, with collection points at the Georges River Civic Centre, Kogarah Library and Service Centre and Hurstville Library.
- (b) That Council encourages businesses in the local government area to support Share the Dignity by offering collection points through the Dignity Drive in April 2019.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM019-19 Councillor Attendance at Conferences

(Report by Councillor Tegg)

MOTION: Councillor Tegg and Councillor Grekas

The General Manager prepare a report with a view to amending the Mayor and Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy 2018 to include the following in respect to Councillors attending conferences, seminars, meetings and training courses where the approval of Council is required because it does not come under the definition of 'local travel':

- (a) That a report be prepared for Council's consideration prior to each event that addresses the following:
 - i. the purpose or purposes of the conference, seminar, meeting or training course;
 - ii. an outline of the event with expected outcomes;
 - iii. relevance of the event to the residents of Georges River;
 - iv. the names of any Councillors and the number of staff seeking to attend the conference; and
 - v. the estimated cost of registration, travel and associated expenses for which approval is being sought.
- (b) That following attendance at the event, the relevant Councillors, either individually or collectively, present a report to Council within two months of the event that:
 - i. Summarises the outcomes; and
 - ii. Highlights the benefits to the residents of Georges River.
- (c) That the travel funds allocated for expenses incurred by Councillors attending conferences, seminars, meetings and training courses where the approval of Council is required because they do not come under the definition of 'local travel' be allocated on a per Councillor, per year basis, rather than as a single allocation.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Greene and Councillors Grekas, Landsberry, Liu, Payor and Tegg.

Against the Motion: Councillors Agius, Badalati, Elmir, Hindi, Katris, Konjarski, Symington and Wu.

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Motion was six (6) votes FOR and eight (8) votes AGAINST. The Motion was therefore declared **LOST**.

NM020-19 Smart Technology for Car Parking in Georges River
(Report by Councillor Hindi)

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Agius

That the General Manager prepare a report on the opportunities identified in Council's draft Car Parking Strategy for the installation of smart sensors and detection equipment in all Council owned car parks in the Hurstville and Kogarah CBDs to enable the community to detect availability of spaces via an appropriate application (app).

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM021-19 Extension of the Hurstville Oval Pavilion
(Report by Councillor Hindi)

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item. As this matter was not considered by Council, the Mayor did not leave the meeting.

Councillor Hindi withdrew this Notice of Motion.

NM022-19 Establishment of Georges River Financial Sustainability Working Group
(Report by Councillor Badalati)

MOTION: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Katris

- (a) The Council establish a Georges River Financial Sustainability Working Group of Councillors with the purpose of exploring options available to Council to strengthen Council's long term financial sustainability.
- (b) That membership of the Working Group be open to all Councillors.
- (c) That the Director Business and Corporate Services convene the Working Group on a quarterly basis as part of the Quarterly Budget Review process.

AMENDMENT: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Agius

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- (b) That membership of the Working Group be open to all Councillors.
- (c) That the Director Business and Corporate Services convene the Working Group on a quarterly basis as part of the Quarterly Budget Review process.
- (d) That Council appoint the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir as Chairperson of the Working Group.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Agius, Elmir, Grekas, Hindi, Konjarski, Landsberry, Liu, Payor, Tegg and Wu

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Greene and Councillors Badalati, Katris and Symington

On being put to the meeting, voting on the Amendment was ten (10) votes FOR and four (4) votes AGAINST. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Agius

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- (c) That the Director Business and Corporate Services convene the Working Group on a quarterly basis as part of the Quarterly Budget Review process.
- (d) That Council appoint the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir as Chairperson of the Working Group.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Agius, Elmir, Grekas, Hindi, Konjarski, Landsberry, Liu, Payor, Tegg and Wu

Against the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Greene and Councillors Badalati, Katris and Symington

NM023-19 Kogarah War Memorial Pool - Draft 2019/2020 Budget
(Report by Councillor Landsberry)

This Item was dealt with earlier in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

NM024-19 Palm Court Car Park, Forest Road Hurstville
(Report by Councillor Konjarski)

MOTION: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Hindi

That the General Manager prepare a report to investigate options and funding sources to accelerate the conversion of the Palm Court public car park in Forest Road, Hurstville to open space/recreation area, consistent with the recommendations contained in the Hurstville City Centre Urban Design Strategy 2018.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN003-19 Management of Street Trees Throughout the Georges River Local Government Area (Report by Councillor Kastanias)

MOTION: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

That the responses provided by the Director Business and Corporate Services and Director Assets and Infrastructure be received and noted.

- 1. Can the Director Business and Corporate Services provide an update on the number of insurance claims lodged with Council during the past 12 months for all street tree related matters and whether there has been an increase in claims over recent years?**

Street tree related claims lodged from January 2017 to end of December 2017 equates to 53 claims of which 36 were denied by Council's Insurer and 17 have been paid to date.

Street tree related claims lodged from January 2018 to end of December 2018 equates to 70 claims of which 57 were denied by Council's Insurer and 13 have been paid to date.

Street tree related claims lodged from January 2019 to date equates to 14 claims of which 14 have been denied by Council's Insurer and nil have been paid to date.

There has been an increase of claims of just over 30% over a 12 month period (2017 compared to 2018).

- 2. Can the Director Assets and Infrastructure provide an update on the status of Council's Street Tree Management Policies and the status of the Street Tree Removal and Replacement Program, including Council's budget allocation, maintenance and inspection regime?**

Council's Interim Tree Management Policy 2019 is now the guiding document for management of trees in the Georges River Local Government Area.

Council has completed a Street Tree Inventory and there are over 26,000 trees in the register.

Budget

Council's 2018-19 budget allocation for street tree management is \$1,280,000.

- \$730,000 has been allocated towards contracted tree management works, including pruning, removals and planting
- \$550,000 is allocated to Council's Engineering Operations - tree crews, which includes primarily pruning works.

Tree Removals

In accordance with Council's moratorium from 28 May 2018, street tree removals and replacements have been limited to 78 trees this year. These trees were all deemed hazardous due to failures, storm damage or other faults.

Maintenance / Inspection Regime

In 2018/2019, Council has increased the number of tree inspections undertaken by approximately 40%, with 2,422 street tree inspections to date.

The majority of requests are received from the community and result in maintenance pruning works by either Council's crews or contractors.

All Council's Arborists, crews and Council's contractors undertake general inspections of surrounding trees when undertaking inspections or works on individual trees.

All trees under power lines are routinely inspected by Ausgrid contractors and pruned or removed in consultation with Council.

New Tree Planting

237 new street trees have been planted this financial year and Council is on track to reach the target of 300 trees this year.

Additional trees will be planted next year due to Council's successful grant of \$115,000 under the NSW state government's 5 Million Tree Grants Program

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8.38pm.

Chairperson