

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Monday, 23 September 2019

Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Hurstville



Present

Council Members

Councillor Stephen Agius, Councillor Vince Badalati, Councillor Sam Elmir, Councillor Sandy Grekas, Councillor Kevin Greene, Councillor Con Hindi, Councillor Rita Kastanias, Councillor Nick Katris (arrived at 7.48pm), 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, Head of Executive Services - Ms Jennifer Anderson, Personal Assist to Manager, Office of the General Manager - Ms Anne-Marie Svorinic and Acting Executive Services Officer - Ms Marina Cavar.

Opening

The Mayor, Councillor Greene, opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

National Anthem

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

Note: Councillor Katris arrived to the meeting at 7.48pm.

Prayer

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

Acknowledgement of Country

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

Apologies/Leave of Absence

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

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 4 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.

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Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Grekas disclosed a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in **Item NM017-19 – Congratulations to Blakehurst Ward Sporting Teams**, for the reason that her son plays for Renown United and is in the U9s team, which is one of the teams mentioned in the Notice of Motion.

Mr David Tuxford, Director Business and Corporate Services disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in **Item CCL064-19 – Expressions of Interest E19/003 – Conduct Reviewers Panel** for the reason that one of the tenderers is a very good friend of his. As a member of the Executive Team of Georges River Council, Mr Tuxford has not voting rights and will remain in the meeting, however he will not participate in discussion on this matter.

Councillor Agius disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in **Item NM017-19 – Congratulations to Blakehurst Ward Sporting Teams** as his office sponsors one of the teams that are being congratulated. Councillor Agius will leave the meeting and not participate in discussion and voting on this matter.

Councillor Elmir disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in **Item NM017-19 – Congratulations to Blakehurst Ward Sporting Teams**, for the reason that his office sponsors the Kogarah Cougars, one of the teams that are being congratulated. Councillor Elmir will leave the meeting and not participate in discussion and voting on this matter.

Councillor Hindi disclosed a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in **Item CCL064-19 – Expressions of Interest E19/003 – Conduct Reviewers Panel**, for the reason that some of the service providers who have submitted expressions of interest for the Panel are known to him through previous conduct investigations he has been involved in. This disclosure was provided verbally.

Councillor Badalati disclosed a disclosed a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in **Item CCL064-19 – Expressions of Interest E19/003 – Conduct Reviewers Panel**, for the reason that some of the service providers who have submitted expressions of interest for the Panel are known to him through previous conduct investigations he has been involved in. This disclosure was provided verbally

Public Forum

There were no registered speakers.

Confirmation of Minutes of previous meetings

COUNCIL MEETING - 26 AUGUST 2019

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry and Councillor Katris

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2019 be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 23 SEPTEMBER 2019

RESOLVED: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Badalati

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 23 September 2019 be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Mayoral Minute

MM020-19 Farewell and thank you to Wilma Bancroft
(Report by General Manager)

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

That Wilma Bancroft is congratulated for her dedicated service to Georges River Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Greene and Ms Wilma Bancroft, were joined by all Councillors for a photo to commemorate the occasion.

Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: Councillor Tegg and Councillor Badalati

That Standing Orders be suspended in order for Councillor Hindi to address the Council, the time being 7.59pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Katris left the meeting at 8.00pm

Councillor Hindi congratulated the Mayor, Councillor Greene, on his reappointment to the Office of Mayor for the ensuing twelve months. Councillor Hindi said that the past two years had been good and he looked forward to working together for the good of the community. Councillor Hindi also thanked his fellow Councillors for electing him to the Office of the Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Hindi thanked and congratulated former Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elmir for the great work that he did in that role, which helped put Council in its current great position.

The Mayor, Councillor Greene, advised that he wished to endorse Councillor Hindi's remarks and also thanked Councillors for their much appreciated support. The Mayor also thanked Councillor Elmir for his services as Deputy Mayor. The Mayor added that he appreciated the support of Councillor Elmir and all Councillors who had filled in for the Mayor on various occasions at events.

The Mayor also congratulated staff, from the Directors through to all who work in the organisation, for the work they do in the community. He added that Councillors would recognise in the last couple of weeks that Councillors have attended a number of significant projects that have been a result of the efforts of the Council in the last twelve months. Staff have done some outstanding amount of work in putting those projects together. The Mayor thanked staff and also the Councillors, who have supported these projects, on behalf of the community.

Note: Councillor Katris returned to the meeting at 8.01pm.

RESOLVED: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Konjarski

That Item NM066-19 to be brought forward and dealt with at this time, being 8.02pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM066-19 Condolences to the Family of School Student and Offer of Assistance to Authorities
(Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Konjarski

- (a) That Council formally express condolences by way of a letter from the Mayor and flowers from Council, to the family of the student.
- (b) That Council assist the NSW Police, NSW Roads and Maritime Services and the NSW Centre for Road Safety in investigating all aspects of the accident.
- (c) That Council submit any recommendations (that fall under Council's responsibility) that may result from these investigations to the Local Traffic Advisory Committee to obtain approval for immediate implementation.
- (d) That following completion of the accident investigation, Council and the NSW Roads and Maritime Services conduct an audit of all roadside protective barriers and other engineering works that may improve safety around schools in the Georges River area.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A Moment's silence was held by all in attendance as a mark of respect for the student who had passed.

Resumption of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Landsberry

That Standing Orders be resumed at 8.06pm

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Condolences

The Mayor, Councillor Greene – advised of the passing of Mr Peter Finneran, a resident of Kingsgrove for many years. The Mayor attended his heavily attended funeral at Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove. Mr Finneran, a father of six, was heavily involved in the local community. However, for the last twenty years or so he served as Voluntary Chaplain at St George Hospital, giving his time and expertise to help people in suffering. Council takes this opportunity to recognize Mr Finneran's contribution to the community, and the Mayor then asked that all in attendance stand to observe a moment's silence.

Note: A moment's silence was held as a mark of respect for Mr Peter Finneran.

Committee Reports**CCL057-19 Report of Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 09 September 2019**

(Report by Head of Executive Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Elmir

That the Committee recommendations for items ASS031-19 and ASS032-19, detailed below, be adopted by Council.

ASS031-19 Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting – 3 September 2019

- (a) That the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Georges River Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2019 be adopted by Council.
- (b) That item TAC152-19 Pindari Road, Peakhurst Heights – Proposed "Give Way" line marking be deferred to a future Traffic Committee for further investigation.

ASS032-19 Proposed Dedication of Land as Public Road – Cross Street and Louis Terrace, Hurstville

- (a) That in accordance with Section 47(f)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, authority be granted for the land described as Lot 94 Section 2 in DP 5337 and Lot 21 Section 2 in DP 5337 forming part of Cross Street, Hurstville to be dedicated as public road by the placement of a notice in the NSW Government Gazette under Section 10 of the Roads Act 1993.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to execute all documentation, and authority be granted to affix the Common Seal of Council to the Plan of Dedication or any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- (c) That Lot 1 in DP1242651 known as 75 Louis Terrace, Hurstville be deferred for further information.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL058-19 Report of Community and Culture Committee Meeting held on 09 September 2019

(Report by Head of Executive Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris and Councillor Landsberry

That the Committee recommendations for Items COM033-19 and COM034-19, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

COM033-19 Draft Hurstville 'Heart of the City' Place Strategy

- (a) That Council approve the draft Hurstville *Heart of the City* Place Strategy (attached) to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days to facilitate community consultation.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council detailing feedback from any public submissions made during the exhibition period, together with any recommended changes to the draft Hurstville *Heart of the City* Place Strategy prior to adoption.

COM034-19 Create Georges River – Cultural Strategy 2019-2029

That Council adopts the *Create Georges River* Cultural Strategy 2019-2029.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL059-19 Report of Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 09 September 2019

(Report by Head of Executive Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Agius

That the Committee recommendations for Items ENV029-19 to ENV032-19 inclusive, as detailed below, be adopted by Council.

ENV029-19 Legal Services Report – August 2019

- (a) That the report “Legal Services Report – August 2019” be received and noted.
- (b) That a monthly detailed report on the status of current Court cases including costs for the financial year, is published on Council’s website.
- (c) That company searches are not required to be obtained for legal reports where a summary only is provided, until such time legal advice is received on this matter.

ENV030-19 Dog Waste Bag Dispensers

That Council endorse the implementation of the dog waste bag programs involving the following actions:

- (a) Installation of additional dog waste bag dispensers in 14 parks;
- (b) Use of compostable dog waste bags; and
- (c) Contractor (Suez) to be engaged to service the dispensers.
- (d) Preparation of an educational flyer to be included in the Council magazine highlighting the health dangers of dog faeces, as well as including a reminder that penalties apply for not picking up their dogs faeces and for not walking dogs on leashes (in non-leash free areas). The flyer is also to be incorporated on our web page.
- (e) Erection of signage in relation to dealing with dog waste in all parks that contain the dog waste bag dispenser.

ENV031-19 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

- (a) That Council adopt a policy position that all new or upgrades to an existing shop or shopping centre where shopping trolleys are/proposed to be used be required to use coin operated or wheel locking trolleys.
- (b) That a condition of development consent to be applied to all development applications for new or upgrades to an existing shop or shopping centre requiring the use of coin operated or wheel locking trolleys.
- (c) That Council staff continue to work with retailers and centre managers to introduce on-premises controls to all premises that use trolleys to prevent trolleys from entering public land throughout the Local Government Area.
- (d) That Council write to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, The Hon Kevin Anderson, MP seeking amendments to the Impounding Act 1993 to regulate abandoned shopping trolleys similar to those recently introduced to address abandoned share bikes.
- (e) That Council write to all retailers requesting that they commit to developing, publishing and reporting on a service level for the removal of trolleys from public

land.

- (f) That Council commence a community education campaign as detailed in this report to educate the community that dumping trolleys is illegal and that retailers be contacted requesting their support to work with their shops during the campaign's implementation.
- (g) That a further report be provided to Council within 6 months to update on the outcomes of the above recommendations.
- (h) The General Manager is to provide a report on options to address the issue of managing shopping trolleys being removed from the major retail centres including:
 - i. The installation of a mechanism to wheel lock trolleys in areas abutting the entrances of key retail premises in Hurstville and Kogarah.
 - ii. The cost of a 3 month trial based on the Impounding Act 1993 that allows Council to collect abandoned trolleys and charges the supermarket identified on the trolley, for the areas within and surrounding the Hurstville and Kogarah Business District. This costing should include the actual cost of collecting and storing the abandoned trolleys based on the approximate forecast number of trolleys that may be collected.

ENV032-19 Unregistered Motor Vehicles

- (a) That Council write to the Minister for Transport and Roads, The Hon Andrew Constance MP seeking amendments to the Road Transport Act 2013 to enable Council Authorised Officers to issue fines for all types of unregistered vehicles parked on public roads.
- (b) That Council write to the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils to seek its support (and the support of member councils) to amend the Road Transport Act 2013 to enable Council Authorised Officers to issue fines for all types of unregistered vehicles parked on public roads.
- (c) That Council in relation to dealing with unregistered vehicles, contact NSW Police in the first instance and if the Police are unable to deal with the matter within 1 week, staff proceed to implement procedures relating to unregistered vehicles.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL060-19 Report of Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 09 September 2019

(Report by Head of Executive Services)

RESOLVED: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Elmir

That the Committee recommendations for items FIN058-19 to FIN068-19 inclusive, detailed below, be adopted by Council.

FIN058-19 Legal Services Report – August 2019

- (a) That the report "Legal Services Report – August 2019" be received and noted:
- (b) That a monthly detailed report on the status of current Court cases including costs for

the financial year, is published on Council's website.

- (c) That company searches are not required to be obtained for legal reports where a summary only is provided, until such time as Legal advice is received on this matter.

FIN059-19 Parking Options for Community Volunteers at Hurstville

- (a) That the report be received and noted.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council prior to end of the year.

FIN060-19 First Grade Ground of the Year Prize Money – 1st Place Hurstville Oval

- (a) That Council congratulate the Hurstville Oval Ground Staff for their achievement in gaining 1st Place in the NSW Premier Cricket, First Grade Ground of the Year Competition.
- (b) That Council make an ex-gratia payment to Mr Rainis to the amount of \$1,500 awarded to him by the NSW Premier Cricket, to be shared equally amongst the staff at Hurstville Oval.

FIN061-19 Draft Public Interest Disclosure Reporting Policy

That this matter be deferred to a Councillor Workshop prior to Council adopting the recommended changes to the Policy.

FIN062-19 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes from 20 May 2019

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on the 20 May 2019 be noted.

FIN063-19 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Independent Member Appointment Extension

That Mr John Gordon and Ms Elizabeth Gavey be re-appointed as independent members to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for the period October 2019 to 31 December 2020.

FIN064-19 Administration of 2020 Local Government Elections

- (a) That pursuant to s296(2), (3) and (5A) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) ("the Act"), that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Georges River Council.
- (b) That pursuant to s296(2), (3) and (5A) of the Act, as applied and modified by s18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Georges River Council.
- (c) That pursuant to s296(2), (3) and (5A) of the Act, as applied and modified by s18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract (if required) for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Georges River Council.

FIN065-19 End of Year Progress Report July 2018 – June 2019

- (a) That Council receive and note the End of Year Progress Report July 2018 – June 2019 (Attachment 1) of performance made against Georges River Council's Delivery Program 2018/2019 to 2020/2021 and Operational Plan 2018/2019 including the Quarterly Budget Review for Quarter Ending 30 June 2019.
- (b) That Council endorse the Delivery Program and Operational Plan items recommended for cancellation and carry over, as detailed in Table 1: Proposed Cancellations and Table 2: Proposed Carry Overs.
- (c) That a copy of the End of Year Progress Report July 2018 – June 2019 be published on Council's website.

FIN066-19 Investment Report as at 31 July 2019

That Council receives and notes the contents of the Investment Report as at 31 July 2019.

FIN067-19 Georges River Council – Inaugural Female Leadership Workshop

- (a) That Council resolve to proceed with the Inaugural Female Leadership Workshop in late 2019.
- (b) That interested Councillors contribute funds from their Councillor Discretionary Ward Funding to fund this initiative.
- (c) That the General Manager allocates funding from Council's operational budget for any shortfall of funding which may occur, for the development, management and delivery of the inaugural Workshop.
- (d) That Council receives a further report from the General Manager with the results and feedback of the success or otherwise of the inaugural event including the costs associated with the event.

FIN068-19 Draft Debt Management and Hardship Policy

- (a) That Council adopt the Draft Debt Management and Hardship Policy for the purposes of placing the draft Policy on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days to allow community comment on the draft Policy.
- (b) That submissions received as part of the public exhibition process be reported back to Council for consideration as part of the adoption of this Policy.
- (c) That the General Manager is given delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the Draft Debt Management and Hardship Policy during the public exhibition period.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Finance and Governance**CCL061-19 Draft General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019.**

(Report by Chief Financial Officer)

RESOLVED: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Kastanias

- (a) That in accordance with clause 215 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993 (Act), it is the opinion of Council that:
- a. The Draft General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 have been drawn up in accordance with:
 - i. the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations
 - ii. the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Asset Accounting Manual
 - iii. the Australian Accounting Standards.
 - b. The reports present fairly the Council's financial position and operating result for the year.
 - c. The Statements are in accord with the Council's accounting and other records.
 - d. The Council is unaware of anything that would make the financial reports false or misleading in any way.
- (b) That in accordance with clause 215 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Section 413(2)(c) of the Act, Council authorises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign Council's Draft General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019.
- (c) That in accordance with Section 418(1)(a) of the Act, Council will present the Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2019 at a Meeting of Council to be held on 28 October 2019 and public notice be given in accordance with Section 418(1)(b), 418(2) & (3) of the Act.
- (d) That Council's Audited General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019, together with the Auditor's Reports are placed on public exhibition as per Section 418(4) of the Act and the necessary notice in the required form be published on Council's website and in the local newspapers and any such submissions are dealt with as per Section 420 of the Act.
- (e) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to authorise the year end accounts for issue immediately upon receipt of the Auditor's Report, a copy of the Audited General Purpose Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2019 to the Office of Local Government, subject to there being no material audit changes or audit issues, in accordance with AASB 110.
- (f) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the Draft General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019.
- (g) Internally restricted reserves with nil balance as at 30 June 2019 are to be closed and removed from ongoing reporting requirements.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL062-19 Community Engagement - Amendments to the Resourcing Strategy
(Report by Chief Financial Officer)**RESOLVED:** Councillor Badalati and Councillor Hindi

- (a) That Council endorse for the purposes of public exhibition the amended Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting document, being the Long Term Financial Plan within the Resourcing Strategy.
- (b) That the amended Draft Long Term Financial Plan within the Resourcing Strategy be approved for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days allowing the community to comment on the amended content of these documents relating to the proposed rate structure changes.
- (c) That the General Manager be delegated authority to make formatting and minor editorial adjustments to the amended Draft Long Term Financial Plan within the Resourcing Strategy during the public exhibition period.
- (d) That submissions received as part of the public exhibition of the amended Draft Long Term Financial Plan within the Resourcing Strategy be reported to Council meeting for consideration as part of the adoption of the final document.
- (e) That submissions received as part of the public exhibition of the amended Draft Long Term Financial Plan within the Resourcing Strategy, be collated into the community engagement feedback report as part of the rate restructure application.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous**CCL063-19 Applications Pursuant to Councillor Ward Discretionary Fund Policy**
(Report by Manager, Office of the General Manager)**RESOLVED:** Councillor Badalati and Councillor Symington

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

- i. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of The McGrath Foundation in the amount of \$300.00
- ii. Application submitted by Councillor Wu on behalf of The McGrath Foundation in the amount of \$300.00
- iii. Application submitted by Councillor Grekas on behalf of The McGrath Foundation in the amount of \$300.00
- iv. Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of The McGrath Foundation in the amount of \$300.00
- v. Application submitted by Councillor Payor on behalf of The McGrath Foundation in the amount of \$300.00
- vi. Application submitted by Councillor Konjarski on behalf of The McGrath Foundation in the amount of \$300.00
- vii. Application submitted by Councillor Elmir on behalf of The McGrath Foundation in the amount of \$300.00
- viii. Application submitted by Councillor Katris on behalf of The McGrath Foundation in the amount of \$300.00

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- ix. Application submitted by Councillor Agius on behalf of The McGrath Foundation in the amount of \$300.00
 - x. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Lions Club of Lugarno in the amount of \$1,000.00
 - xi. Application submitted by Councillor Grekas on behalf of Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society in the amount of \$750.00
 - xii. Application submitted by Councillor Symington on behalf of Sienna Latanis in the amount of \$300.00
 - xiii. Application submitted by Mayor Greene on behalf of Sienna Latanis in the amount of \$300.00
 - xiv. Application submitted by Councillor Kastanias on behalf of Sienna Latanis in the amount of \$300.00
 - xv. Application submitted by Councillor Landsberry on behalf of St Marks Anglican Church in the amount of \$250.00
 - xvi. Application submitted by Councillor Badalati on behalf of Greater Sydney Cultural and Business Association in the amount of \$1,500.00
 - xvii. Application submitted by Councillor Liu, for minor capital works at Timothy Reserve in the amount of \$35,000.00 (Hurstville Ward Fund)
 - xviii. Application submitted by Councillor Liu, for minor capital works at Thorpe Park in the amount of \$25,000.00 (Hurstville Ward Fund)
 - xix. Application submitted by Councillor Wu, for minor capital works at Beverly Hills Park in the amount of \$6,000.00 (Hurstville Ward Fund)
 - xx. Application submitted by Councillor Symington supported by Mayor Greene, for minor capital works at Oatley Adventure Playground in the amount of \$5,000.00 (Peakhurst Ward Fund)

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL064-19 Expressions of Interest E19/003 - Conduct Reviewers Panel
(Report by Manager Governance and Risk)

RESOLVED: Councillor Badalati and Councillor Hindi

That consideration of Item CCL064-19 be deferred to the closed session of this meeting, as detailed in these Minutes.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Notices of Motion**NM063-19 Development of a Georges River Council Micro Grant program**
(Report by Councillor Grekas)**RESOLVED:** Councillor Grekas and Councillor Katris

- (a) That, following the success of the *2019 Dragon's Den Seed Funding* program, the General Manager prepare a report to Council regarding the establishment a Micro Grant program to empower individual community members in the Georges River Local Government Area to support community well-being, innovation and social change.
- (b) That the report considers, amongst other things:
- (i) Existing funding opportunities for residents in the local government area;
 - (ii) Funding models for a Micro Grant program;
 - (iii) The funding criteria for a Micro Grant program;
 - (iv) The benefits of a Micro Grant program; and
 - (v) The proposed community consultation schedule.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous**NM064-19 Georges River Council - Inaugural Male Leadership Workshop**
(Report by Councillor Hindi)**RESOLVED:** Councillor Hindi and Councillor Kastanias

- (a) That the General Manager investigate and prepare a report to Council on the costs associated with the in-house development and facilitation of a workshop that would be offered to male Year 9 and 10 local high school students.
- (b) The content of the workshop would include male Council officers and Councillors acting as mentors to students, sharing life experiences and lessons and providing practical tools that support developing leadership capacity, confidence, building resilience, celebrating uniqueness and defining individual excellence.
- (c) The report should address potential funding sources such as Councillor Discretionary Ward Funding from interested Councillors, subsidised hire of the Dragon Room (or other suitable venues) and external grant funding opportunities.

Record of Voting:For the Motion: Unanimous**NM065-19 Launch of the 'WellXP' Program at Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre by Ian Thorpe AM**
(Report by Councillor Liu)

Note: Councillor Liu tabled a number of photos taken at the event. Copies of the photos have been saved and are ON FILE.

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Hindi

- (a) That Council congratulate the BlueFit Group, operators of Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre, following the successful launch of “*WellXP*” - by legendary Olympic gold medallist, Ian Thorpe AM - a program designed for young people in Years 11 and 12 to support their fitness, financial acumen, relationships and career choices.
- (b) That Council acknowledge the participation of 780 local high school students who successfully completed the *WellXP* program.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM067-19 Reducing Expenditure - Options to Increase Procurement Efficiencies and Savings
(Report by Councillor Elmir)

Note: Councillor Katris left the meeting at 8.23pm and did not participate in voting on this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Elmir and Councillor Hindi

That the General Manager investigate and prepare a report to Council on the options available to improve current procurement practices and increase budget savings. The report should address potential amendments to Council’s Procurement Policy 2018 such as:

- (a) Updating tender thresholds - to be consistent with the recent amendments to the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations;
- (b) Value for Money – having regard to delivering sustainable outcomes covering social, economic and environmental benefits; and
- (c) Local Economic Development – investigate how to increase the proportion of Georges River Local Government Area sourced goods and services to be procured and support local Georges River suppliers to be more competitive, including hosting a local suppliers information evening.
- (d) Tender evaluation weighting criteria - investigate appropriateness of establishing minimum and maximum corporate weightings for criteria such as previous government experience, support for local suppliers and price.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Katris returned to the meeting at 8.25pm.

NM068-19 Establishment of Dog Off-Leash Areas within the Georges River Local Government Area
(Report by Councillor Konjarski)

RESOLVED: Councillor Konjarski and Councillor Liu

- (a) That General Manager prepare a report into potential locations for an off-leash dog area within the Mortdale and Hurstville Wards.
- (b) That the report include preliminary consultation with residents surrounding any identified locations and estimated costs for establishment of the areas.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM069-19 Amendment to Georges River Planning Agreements Policy 2016
(Report by Councillor Hindi)

RESOLVED: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Elmir

That during the current review of the Georges River Planning Agreements Policy 2016, the General Manager review the existing provisions relating to the entering into of planning agreements for Council-owned lands to enable community benefits to be provided in a timely and efficient manner.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NM070-19 Review of Traffic Management Study - Trafalgar/Gover Street Precinct, Peakhurst
(Report by Councillor Hindi)

RESOLVED: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Badalati

- (a) That Council, as a matter of urgency, provide a report to the Local Traffic Advisory Committee to review the existing traffic management studies completed for this area in 2015.
- (b) That the report considers the extent that the area has now been redeveloped following the zoning changes as well as all potential options for improving traffic movements.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Symington left the meeting at 8.32pm and did not participate in discussion and voting on Items NM071-19 and QWN013-19.

Note: Councillor Hindi left the meeting at 8.32pm and did not participate in Items NM071-19, QWN013-19 and QWN014-19.

NM071-19 Congratulations to Blakehurst Ward Sporting Teams
(Report by Councillor Grekas)

Note: Councillor Grekas disclosed a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her son plays for Renown United and is in the U9s team, which is one of the teams mentioned in this Notice of Motion. Councillor Grekas remained in the Meeting and participated in discussion and voting on this item.

Note: Councillor Agius disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in this Item, for the reason that his office sponsors one of the teams that are being congratulated. Councillor Agius left the meeting at 8:29pm and did not participate in discussion and voting on this item.

Note: Councillor Elmir disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in this Item, for the reason that his office sponsors the Kogarah Cougars, one of the teams that are being congratulated. Councillor Elmir left the meeting at 8:29pm and did not participate in discussion and voting on this item.

RESOLVED: Councillor Grekas and Councillor Tegg

That Council congratulate the following Clubs and sports teams in the Blakehurst Ward for a successful winter season:

Oatley Football Club:

- 14 teams made the finals: 12C, 12GA1, 12GB, 14B, 14GA, 16GA, 21G, 21M, AAWC, AAA1, AAAR, AAD, 35B, 35C
- Of that:
 - 4 were Minor Premiers: AAD, 14B, AAWC, 14GA
 - 7 played in the Grand Final: AAA1, AAD, 14GA, 35B, AAWC, 12C, & 14B
 - Of those, 3 were Grand Final winners: AAA1, AAD & 14GA
 - 14GA participated in the Champions of Champions on 22 September, representing SGFA
 - The women's game has grown, and female players now account for 33% of the club.

Connells Point Netball Club

- 10 of 29 teams in the Grand Finals
- Grand Final winners: Senior B1 grade, 18 yrs Division 2, 13yrs A Reserve and 11yrs B2

Connells Point Rovers Football Club

- 17 teams saw finals football this year with 7 teams making it to their respective Grand Finals (AA Women's B, AA Women's C, Premier League Men's, 18A, All Age A Reserves, AAG1, 15As).
- Of these teams 3 were crowned champions: AA Women's B team, AA Women's C team and Premier League Men's team.
- Like Oatley FC, the number of female players registering with the club has increased (41 new players in 2019), with the goal of increasing this number further in 2020

Oatley RSL Netball Club

- 8 out of 10 teams made the semi-final series. 5 made the Grand Final.
- Premier - Peridot (Div S5), Amethyst (Div S6), Crystal (Div 5 Minor Premiers as well).
- Runners up - Emerald (Div S4), Opal (Div S5)
- Coral were minor premiers in Div 2 but lost the finals.

Renown Rugby League Club

- 6 teams made the Grand Finals: 9s, 10s, 12s, 14s, 18s, A grade
- Of those, 2 were Grand Final winners: 9s & 10s
- Minor premiers: 9s, 10s & 12s

Kogarah Cougars Rugby League Club

- First girls' league tag teams in the St George area. Fielded 5 teams (9s, 13s, 15s, 17s, and 18s) with 60 new female players signing up.
- Girls 15s and &16s teams made the semi finals
- Boys' teams: U9s, U13s, U18s made the semi finals

Hurstville Zagreb Football Club (based at Carss Park)

- In the boys' competition, 8 out of the 9 junior comp teams made the finals
- U16 Boys won their Grand Final, with the U12 Boys coming runners up
- All 4 Junior Girls comp teams made the Finals with 3 going on to play in the Grand Final
- U17-21 Girls won their Grand Final, U16 Girls and U14 Girls were runners up

Carss Park Football Club

- 20% rise in junior players from 6s – 10s
- Junior girls program increased with a large number of players from 8s – 11s, and plans are already in place for next year to accommodate even more players
- 4 teams made the semi-finals – U13Bs, U16Bs, AAB(2) and AAWA(2), with the U13Bs making the Grand Final
- St George Warriors Special Needs Program celebrated its 5th season with 4 teams from 7s – 15s. The program is going from strength to strength
- 2020 will mark Carss Park FC's 90th year of football!

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Elmir returned to the meeting at 8.34pm.

Questions with Notice

QWN013-19 Update on The Chinese National Sword Policy and Australia’s Position
(Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Grekas
That the information be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Symington returned to the meeting at 8.35pm.

QWN014-19 Shade Structures in Playgrounds
(Report by Councillor Liu)

RESOLVED: Councillor Liu and Councillor Landsberry
That the information be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Hindi returned to the meeting at 8.37pm.

Note: Councillor Agius returned to the meeting at 8.38pm.

QWN015-19 Georges River Council Investigations
(Report by Councillor Kastanias)

RESOLVED: Councillor Kastanias and Councillor Liu
That the information be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

QWN016-19 Stormwater Management and Disposal for Development in Georges River
(Report by Councillor Hindi)

RESOLVED: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Kastanias
That the information be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Consideration of Business in Closed Session

At this stage of the meeting being 8.51pm 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 items:

CCL028A-19 Property Matter - Purchase of Property Adjacent to Councils' Car Park, Connelly Street, Penshurst
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

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

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

CCL029A-19 General Manager's Annual Performance Review
(Report by Executive Manager, People and Culture)

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (a) it is considered the matter deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

THAT in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

CCL064-19 Expressions of Interest E19/003 - Conduct Reviewers Panel
(Report by Manager Governance and Risk)

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.

Consideration of Confidential Recommendations

CCL028A-19 Property Matter - Purchase of Property Adjacent to Councils' Car Park, Connelly Street, Penshurst (Report by Head of Strategic Property)

RESOLVED: Councillor Hindi and Councillor Badalati

- (a) That Council completes the acquisition of Lot 1 in DP 519554 located at 36-40 Penshurst Street, Penshurst in accordance with the attached Report.
- (b) That Council resolves to classify Lot 1 in DP519554 being 36-40 Penshurst Street, Penshurst as Operational Land in accordance with Part 2, Division 1 (Section 31) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act).
- (c) That in accordance with Section 34 of the Act, Council gives public notice of the proposed resolution specifying a period of 28 days during which submissions may be made to Council.
- (d) That a further report be presented to Council after the exhibition period to advise of any public submissions received by Council.
- (e) That the General Manager be authorised to sign the transfer document and all related documentation associated with the acquisition of the land.
- (f) That the Mayor and General Manager be congratulated on securing the property.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL064-19 Expressions of Interest E19/003 - Conduct Reviewers Panel (Report by Manager Governance and Risk)

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris and Councillor Agius

That under Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council accepts the Expressions of Interest (EOIs) of twelve (12) service providers (as listed in alphabetical order below) for EOI Number E19/003 Conduct Reviewers Panel to Georges River Council, for a term of 3 years plus 1 year.

- Andrew Patterson
- Anti Corruption Consultants Australia Pty Ltd
- Australian Workplace Training Investigation
- Mediate Today Pty Limited
- Nemesis Consultancy Group
- O'Connell Workplace Relations Pty Ltd
- O'Connor Marsden Associates
- Procure Group Pty Ltd
- SINC Solutions
- The Centium Group
- Train Reaction
- WEIR Consulting

(b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to execute the Panel Deeds with the recommended responders identified in this report for the purposes of Contract E19/003.

(c) That Council inform the unsuccessful responders of the resolution to decline to accept those EOIs.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CCL029A-19 General Manager's Annual Performance Review
(Report by Executive Manager, People and Culture)

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris and Councillor Symington

- (a) That Council note the report of the performance review panel meeting on 10 September 2019, facilitated by McArthur, which rates the General Manager's performance for the period August 2018 to August 2019 as excellent.
- (b) That Council approves the proposed performance agreement for the General Manager for the period August 2019 to August 2020.
- (c) That consistent with Clause 8.5 of the General Manager's contract, Council authorises the Mayor to negotiate and implement a new total remuneration package for the General Manager consistent with the performance outcome rating and Council's discretionary performance increase structure.
- (d) That Council authorise the relevant Council Officer to prepare the new Schedule C for the General Manager's current contract.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Open Council

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris and Councillor Symington

That the meeting revert to Open Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Consideration of Recommendations from Closed Session

RESOLVED: Councillor Katris and Councillor Symington

That the recommendations of the Closed Session be received and adopted as resolutions without any alteration or amendment thereto.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Conclusion

The Meeting was closed at 9.29pm.

Chairperson