

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 18 OCTOBER 2022**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor, Councillor Asfour  
Councillors Abouraad, Akter, Cahill, Coorey, Downey, El-Hayek, Harika, Ishac,  
Nguyen, Saleh, Waiba, Walsh, Zakhia

**APOLOGIES** Councillor Raffan

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.31 PM.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

THE MAYOR, ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) AND THE EORA PEOPLES, AND PAID RESPECT TO THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE AND THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT.

**SECTION 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**(241)**

**CLR. ABOURAAD:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 September 2022 be adopted.

- CARRIED

CLR WAIBA ARRIVED IN THE CHAMBER AT 6.33 PM.

**SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**(242)**

**CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Raffan due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In respect of Item 4.2 – Local Community Based Donations - October 2022, Mayor Clr Asfour declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given that a family member is involved in the administration of Palestinian Christians in Australia and as such he will vacate the meeting taking no part in debate.

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In respect of Item 4.2 – Local Community Based Donations - October 2022, Clr Abouraad declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given that a family member is involved in the administration of St Charbel’s Basketball Club and as such he will vacate the meeting taking no part in debate.

**SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 4.1**  
**(243)** **PURPLE FLAG**  
**CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council write to Multicultural NSW CEO, Joseph La Posta and Destination NSW CEO, Steve Cox calling on them to raise the bar and support our grant application for \$1million from Multicultural NSW to host Ramadan Nights Lakemba in 2023 and 2024.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.2** **LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS - OCTOBER 2022**

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In respect of Item 4.2 – Local Community Based Donations - October 2022, Clr Abouraad declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given that a family member is involved in the administration of St Charbel’s Basketball Club and as such he vacated the meeting taking no part in debate.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR AND CLR ABOURAAD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.36 PM.

The Chief Executive Officer conducted an election for Chairperson in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

COUNCILLOR EL-HAYEK WAS ELECTED CHAIRPERSON.

COUNCILLOR EL-HAYEK ASSUMED THE CHAIR AT 6.37 PM.

**(244)** **CLR. SALEH:/CLR. COOREY**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support a fee waiver of \$1,754.00 towards St John Ambulance Bankstown District.

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2. Council support a donation of \$500.00 towards Palestinian Christians in Australia Gala Dinner.
3. Council support a donation of \$1,000.00 towards St Charbel's Basketball Gala Dinner.
4. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR AND CLR ABOURAAD RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.38 PM.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR ASSUMED THE CHAIR AT 6.38 PM.

**ITEM 4.3**                      **NORMA HOLDORF**

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGED THE PASSING OF NORMA HOLDORF.

**(245)**                      **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that

1. Council lay two wreaths at the Widows Memorial, Bass Hill site, one in recognition of the role war widows played, the other in memory of Norma Pat Holdorf and her aspirational work.
2. Council dedicate this memorial in Norma Pat Holdorf's memory.

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**SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS**

**ITEM 5.1 HERITAGE GRANT FUND**

**(246) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ABOURAAD**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the recommendations as provided in Attachment A and grants be allocated in accordance with Council's Heritage Incentives Policy.
2. All owners who submitted applications be advised of Council's decision.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 7.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS 2021-22**

**(247) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ABOURAAD**

RESOLVED that the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns for 2021-22 be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 7.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - 2023 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

**(248) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that the 2023 Schedule of Council Meetings be adopted.

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**ITEM 7.3**                      **PROPOSED LEASEHOLD ACQUISITION OF LAND BY SYDNEY METRO**  
**(249)**                              **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and determine compensation payable to Council for the compulsory leasehold acquisition of the subject land, as outlined in the report.
2. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to sign all documentation under the Common Seal of Council, as required.

- CARRIED

CLR COOREY REQUESTED THAT HER NAME BE RECORDED AS VOTING AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

**ITEM 7.4**                      **UNAUDITED 2021/22 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**(250)**                              **CLR. ABOURAAD:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council resolves that the attached 2021/22 Unaudited Annual Financial Reports, for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the relevant sections and parts of the Local Government Act and Regulations and are submitted to Council for its consideration.
2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Responsible Accounting Officer duly sign the Statement of Council's Unaudited Annual Financial Reports on behalf of the Council.
3. Subject to Items 1 and 2, the Statement and the 2021/22 Unaudited Annual Financial Report be referred to Council's Auditor in finalising the year-end audit process.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to set the date for the public meeting and give notice in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 7.5**                      **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**(251)**                              **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. NGUYEN**

RESOLVED that

1.     The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 2022 be received and noted.
2.     The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 8:**                      **SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.1**                      **KELSO SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY MASTERPLAN**  
**(252)**                              **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. ABOURAAD**

RESOLVED that

1.     Council adopt the vision and strategic direction set out in the Kelso Sustainable Resource Recovery Facility Masterplan.
2.     Council note the initial further investigation to be undertaken in 2022-2023.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.2**                      **CALENDAR OF CITY EVENTS AND ACTIVATIONS CALENDAR 2023**  
**(253)**                              **CLR. SALEH:/CLR. WAIBA**

RESOLVED that

1.     Council endorses the proposed calendar of City Events and Activations 2023 as outlined in this report.
2.     Ramadan Nights Lakemba be held from 21 March 2023 (Dusk to Dawn) until the end of Ramadan.

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**ITEM 8.3**                      **HURLSTONE PARK PARKLET TRIAL**

CLR SALEH TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.06 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.08 PM.

**(254)**                      **CLR. NGUYEN:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the introduction of a Parklet trial in Hurlstone Park for a period of 3 months as outlined in the report;
2. A further report be prepared to Council at the conclusion of the trial.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.4**                      **STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE - THE APPIAN WAY, BANKSTOWN**

**(255)**                      **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that

1. Council resolves to commence the process of seeking to reclassify the drainage reserves from community land to operational land;
2. Subject to the Department agreeing to the reclassification, Council agrees to release in favour of Vicinity all rights Council has to the redundant drainage reserves noted as right of drainage 1.22 metres wide in DP746201;
3. Council prepare the required amendments to the Local Environment Plan;
4. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to continue to proceed with entering into formal legal documents in formalising the in principle agreement with Vicinity as formerly resolved.

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**SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(256) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ABOURAAD**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of the Committee Reports, Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.1 MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(257) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ABOURAAD**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 September 2022 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.2 MINUTES OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**(258) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ABOURAAD**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee meeting held on 21 September 2022, be endorsed.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.3 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2022**

**(259) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ABOURAAD**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 October 2022, be adopted.

- CARRIED



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**ITEM 9.4**                      **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
10 OCTOBER 2022**

**(260)**                      **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ABOURAAD**

RESOLVED that

1.     The recommendations contained within the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 10 October 2022, be adopted;
2.     Council approves the Annual Internal Audit Plan for 2022-23.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 10:**                      **NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**ITEM 10.1**                      **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - OCTOBER 2022**

**(261)**                      **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.2**                      **HONOURING IAN HOLMES**

**(262)**                      **CLR. NGUYEN:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1.     Council acknowledges the outstanding contribution and service to the footballing community by Canterbury & District Soccer Football Association Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ian Holmes.
2.     Council hosts a morning tea and presents him with a certificate of recognition, as a gesture of thanks for an illustrious career spanning more than 50 years.

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**ITEM 10.3**  
**(263)**

**CANTERBURY ICE RINK**

**CLR. COOREY:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Urgently write to the Premier, Minister for Sport and WestInvest stating the full support of the council elected body for the continuation of the Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink which has been operating from the site since 1971 and also ensure they are aware that Council recognises:
  - a) that the Canterbury Olympic Ice-Skating Rink is of great significance for the local community together with the rest of the local metropolitan Sydney.
  - b) the importance of the Canterbury Ice Skating Rink (being next to the soon newly constructed Canterbury Aquatic Centre at a cost of \$43 million) as part of a sports precinct for the local government area.
2. Invite Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink to provide a confidential briefing to Council on its current asset state and the scope of its WestInvest application.
3. That a new long term ground lease is being finalised and will shortly be presented to Council for its consideration.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.4**  
**(264)**

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**CLR. ABOURAAD:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that Canterbury Bankstown Council promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer.

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**SECTION 11:**           **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**  
Nil

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.40 PM.**

Minutes confirmed 22 NOVEMBER 2022

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Mayor