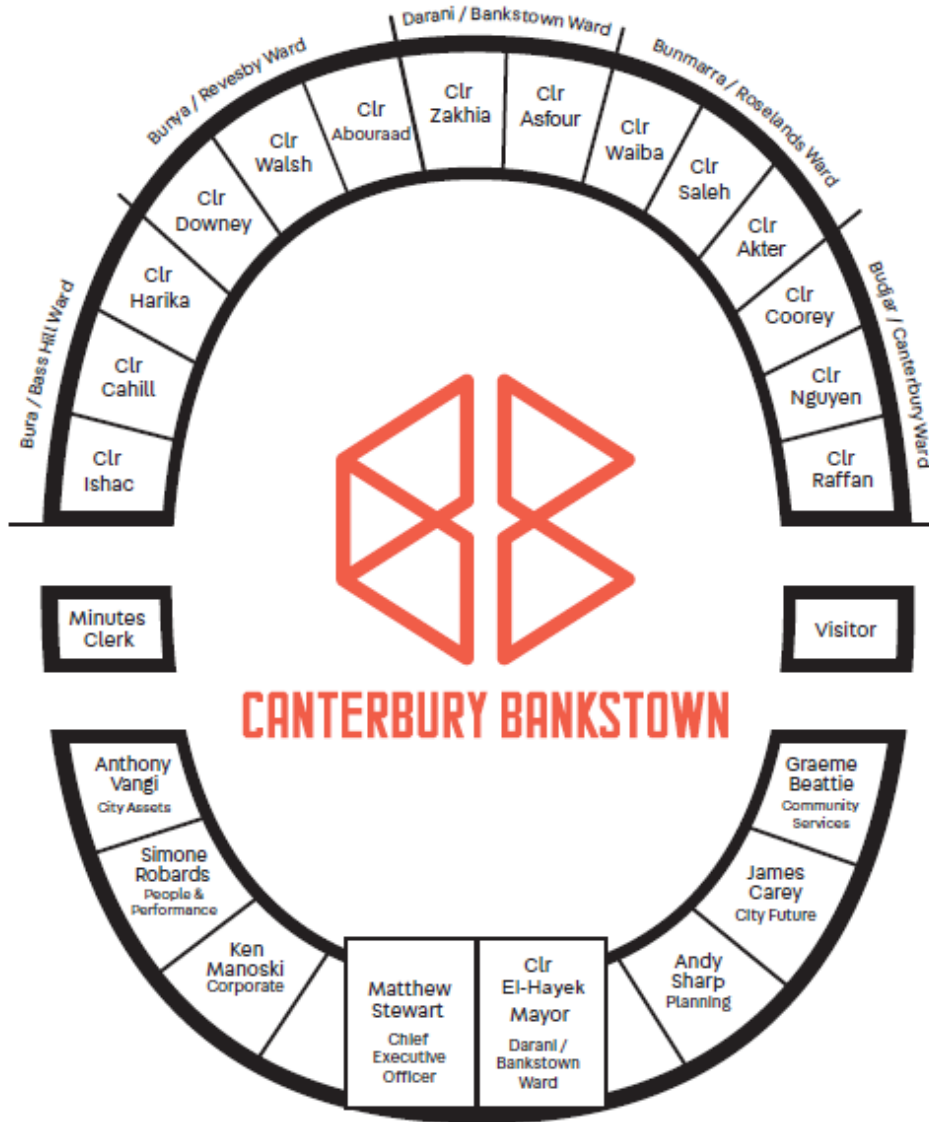




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29 August 2023

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Statement of Ethical Obligations

Oath or Affirmation of Office

In taking the Oath or Affirmation of Office, each Councillor has made a commitment to undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Canterbury Bankstown and Canterbury Bankstown Council and that they will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

Conflicts of Interest

A councillor who has a conflict of interest in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council when the matter is being considered, must disclose the interest and the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. Both the disclosure and the nature of the interest must be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting where the conflict of interest arises. Councillors should ensure that they are familiar with Parts 4 and 5 of the Code of Conduct in relation to their obligations to declare and manage conflicts of interests.

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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

APOLOGIES Councillors Asfour, Ishac and Raffan

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.30 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

(496)

CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 June 2023 be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(497)

CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ABOURAAD

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Asfour, Clr Ishac and Clr Raffan due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

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

Nil

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SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
(498) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council facilitate a local roundtable summit consisting of Domestic Violence Advocates, Women's Organisations, Religious and Spiritual Leaders and Police, so Council can hear their stories and issues, identify what more can be done to stop this now and advocate loudly on their behalf.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 VALE TREVOR NEWTON
(499) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the first Mayoral Certificate of Recognition be aptly awarded posthumously to Trevor Newton for his love and service of our city.

- CARRIED

COUNCIL OBSERVED A MINUTES SILENCE IN MEMORY OF TREVOR NEWTON.

ITEM 4.3 DROWNING IN WASTE
(500) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council work with other Councils to:
 - Reduce waste
 - Improve environmental outcomes where waste has to be processed
 - Influence policies and markets by planning, procuring and advocating together
 - Finding solutions for the residue that is left.
2. Council write to the NSW Government urging them to invest the revenue they collect from the waste levy, into building the waste infrastructure needed to meet the current waste pressures, let alone, the pressures of population growth, and to educate and support communities to reduce waste.
3. Council write to the Federal Government urging them to play their part and to expedite bans on materials that cannot be recycled or recovered in

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Australia and to significantly expand the range of products covered by extended producer responsibility schemes and to make those schemes compulsory.

4. Councillors receive a briefing, or a series of briefings, on the complex waste issues that all councils in Metropolitan Sydney are facing.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 5.1 PLANNING PROPOSAL - 30 TREVENAR STREET, ASHBURY

MOTION CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. SALEH OAM

That

1. Council resolves not to proceed with acquisition of this property, and therefore requests to withdraw this planning proposal.
2. Council writes to all submitters to inform of them of Council's decision.

AMENDMENT CLR. NGUYEN:/CLR COOREY

That

1. Council maintain its previous decision to rezone 30 Trevenar Street Ashbury from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation subject to the Minister for Planning being identified as the Public Acquisition Authority.
2. Council defer finalisation of the planning proposal and write to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the NSW Treasurer asking the State Government to allocate the proceeds of the Ausgrid sale of 30 Trevenar Street Ashbury and/or other alternate funding to enable the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to provide its consent to be the nominated Acquisition Authority.
3. Seek a further extension to the nominated timeframe for finalisation of the planning proposal to enable to NSW Government to respond to this request and for Council to consider this matter further upon receipt of a reply.

- LOST

For:- Clrs Abouraad, Akter, Coorey, Nguyen and Zakhia

Against:- Clrs Cahill, Downey, El-Hayek, Harika, Saleh OAM, Waiba and Walsh

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(501) **CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that

1. Council resolves not to proceed with acquisition of this property, and therefore requests to withdraw this planning proposal.
2. Council writes to all submitters to inform of them of Council's decision.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Cahill, Downey, El-Hayek, Harika, Saleh OAM, Waiba and Walsh

Against:- Clrs Abouraad, Akter, Coorey, Nguyen and Zakhia

A RESCISSION MOTION WAS LODGED AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING IN RESPECT OF ITEM 5.1 PLANNING PROPOSAL – 30 TREVENAR STREET, ASHBURY.

SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY

(502) **CLR. ABOURAAD:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. Council's Expenses and Facilities Policy per Attachment B, be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, with the following amendment.
 - 1.1 Corporate attire to be through Council's Corporate attire supplier and limited to \$500 per annum.
2. A further report be submitted to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's consideration.

- CARRIED

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

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SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 FEDERAL ELECTION COMMITMENTS

(503) CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. WALSH

RESOLVED that

1. Council proceed to apply under the *Investing in Our Communities Program* and *Priority Community Infrastructure Program* for the projects outlined in this report.
2. If successful in receiving funding under these programs, Council allocate the appropriate funds as a co-contribution to those projects, as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT TO 2023 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(504) CLR. ABOURAAD:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that the 2023 Schedule of Council Meetings be amended – whereby the September 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council be rescheduled from Tuesday, 26 September 2023 to Tuesday, 12 September 2023.

- CARRIED

SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 WOMEN'S REST CENTRES

(505) CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. COOREY

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred for a Councillor briefing.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.2 **ALCOHOL FREE ZONES AND ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREAS**
(506) **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. NGUYEN**

RESOLVED that Council adopts the proposed Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas for a four-year period as identified in Attachment A.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(507) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of the Committee Reports.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.1 **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**
(508) **ON 22 JUNE 2023**

CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 22 June 2023 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.2 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**
(509) **ON 20 JUNE 2023**

CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained within the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 20 June 2023, be adopted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 9.3 **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2023**
(510) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 July 2023, be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

ITEM 10.1 **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - JULY 2023**
(511) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 **FERNDALE ROAD, REVESBY - REQUEST FOR ROUNDABOUTS**
(512) **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. WALSH**

RESOLVED that Council investigates the feasibility of constructing roundabouts at both ends of Ferndale Road, Revesby, and to apply for any grant funding available.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.3 **PRIVATE CERTIFIERS**
(513) **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. WALSH**

RESOLVED that Council writes to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces the Hon. Paul Scully MP and the Minister for Fair Trading the Hon Anoulack Chanthivong MP seeking an urgent meeting to discuss the growing concerns in our community relating to Private Certification.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.4
(514)

ILLEGAL DUMPING

CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. WALSH

RESOLVED that

1. Council acknowledge the proactive strategies Council has employed in tackling illegal dumping in our city, and to maintain its focus on cracking down on those offending, and on education campaigns.
2. Council staff report back on any shortcomings, issues, or resources needed, to ensure we maintain our fight against illegal dumpers.

- CARRIED

SECTION 11:

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

(515)

CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ABOURAAD

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 Property Matter - Proposed acquisition of property in Campsie

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Item 11.2 Property Matter - Proposed acquisition of property in Belmore

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Item 11.3 CBD Renewal Strategy - Former Bankstown Library Site

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

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This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(f) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

Item 11.4 Land Acquisition for Wolumba Street Bridge Construction

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 7.50 PM AND
REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 8.19 PM.**

ITEM 11.1 PROPERTY MATTER - PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN CAMPSIE

CLR. AKTER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.55 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.57 PM.

(516) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. WALSH

RESOLVED that the proposed approach regarding the matter, as outlined in the report, be approved.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.2 PROPERTY MATTER - PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN BELMORE

(517) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that the proposed approach regarding the matter, as outlined in the report, be approved.

- CARRIED

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.14 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A FIRST WARNING AT 8.10 PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

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

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ITEM 11.3
(518)

CBD RENEWAL STRATEGY - FORMER BANKSTOWN LIBRARY SITE
CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ABOURAAD

RESOLVED that

1. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to commence discussions with Altis Property Partners, as outlined in this report;
2. Further reports regarding the matter be provided to Council, as required.

- CARRIED

MOTION OF DISSENT

Councillor Coorey moved a motion of dissent against the Chairperson's ruling that Council had voted on Item 11.4 and the matter was now finalised.

- LOST

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.14 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A SECOND WARNING AT 8.17 PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

ITEM 11.4
(519)

LAND ACQUISITION FOR WOLUMBA STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. Council resolve to acquire the land, being part of 61C Priam St, Chester Hill in DP2258816, as detailed in the report;
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and finalise the acquisition as detailed in the report;
3. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute all documents under the Common Seal of Council, as required;
4. The land be dedicated as Road Reserve as part of the land subdivision/road dedication process.

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 PM.

Minutes confirmed 29 AUGUST 2023

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Mayor

2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

4 MAYORAL MINUTES

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 4.1

YES

Councillors,

Leadership is about listening . . . and strong Leadership is about making decisions that you know in your heart are the right thing to do. . . .and sometimesjust sometimes, not everyone will be in agreeance.

Right now, across the Nation, from the remote lands at the northern most tip of Australia to our southern point, and from east to west. . . .the Voice to Parliament is a daily discussion, with media organisations and commentators fuelling much of the debate

And our city is no different.

As I travel around the City, I have engaged with residents and listened to some very strong arguments from both the yes and no sides. And, what I am hearing, is that the vast majority of people believe in and support recognising, listening and respecting our First Nations brothers and sisters. . . and I respect everyone's views.

Councillors, as you all know, I am on the record as supporting the yes case. . and most of you resolved to educate the community on both the yes and no cases. And, that information campaign is well and truly underway with material on our corporate website available in several languages.

But we must do more and it's time our Council showed leadership and made a definitive stance, for all of us to have our voice heard, as representatives of our community.

I stand for reinforcing our commitment to the First Nations People and the values we hold as an organisation.

Let me take you on a history lesson. It was the former Bankstown Council in 2012 which established a Local Reconciliation Action Plan, the first Council to do so. We celebrate and participate in Naidoc and Reconciliation Week, we also hold National Sorry Day ceremonies.

In 2019, Councillor Clare Raffan, moved a motion that we support the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and that included a Voice to parliament. And if you recall the previous Mayor Khal Asfour, along with other Mayors, signed a commitment to support the statement on our behalf.

Our Council has in place an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, you could say our own "Voice", a First Nations Youth Group, set up so the younger generation can connect with their culture. We have just established a working group to develop an Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan and a little later you will get a chance to endorse the operational model for a First Nations Cultural Hub and Resource Centre, a meeting space and educative centre for all to learn more about the history and culture of our First Nations people.

Councillors, as you can see, we are leaders and tonight I propose we continue leading the way by taking the next step and committing our Council to supporting the yes case. . . supporting the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice to parliament.

I further propose to follow in the footsteps of other mayors and sign the commitment to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Councillors, I put the Mayoral Minute.

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ITEM 4.2 Sleepout Update

Councillors,

Tonight, I have thirty one thousand reasons to smile. . . as that is how much my Mayor's Lights Out Sleepout has raised to date an amount which has not only exceeded my expectations but doubled it.

The generosity and empathy in our City never ceases to amaze me. . . .from big business, to community organisations and mums and dads. . . they all dug deep to give whatever they couldAnd what makes me so proud is they found something extra to give, despite the cost of living pressures they all face. . . .

From those who made donations, to our staff who organised the event, to the many sponsors and those who braved the cold to sleep out, on behalf of Council, I thank you.

And, for those wondering what it was like to spend the night in a makeshift cardboard tent, with the temperature around 7 degrees. . . I couldn't wait to climb into my warm bed at home. . . .

My Sleepout achieved it's intended purpose, and that was to raise funds and to raise awareness about those sleeping rough every night.

I would like to share a thank you letter from Mission Australia, who assisted in hosting a fundraising page. (Letter attached). The letter thanks Council for its kindness and support and confirms that all monies raised will be spent on a program in our City.

Councillors, I put the Mayoral Minute.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Letter from Mission Australia

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ITEM 4.3

Maronite Eparchy

Councillors,

The Rugby League season is coming to a close with the Grand Final being played on Sunday, 1 October at Olympic Park.

But, what most of you don't know, is that exactly one week earlier, at Sydney Olympic Park, thousands of Catholics will gather for their "Grand Final" when they celebrate the Maronite Eparchy Golden Jubilee mass.

The mass is the highlight of a year long journey of Holiness and Openness to mark 50 years of establishing the Australia-wide Eparchy and the appointment of its first Bishop.

The significance of this holiest of gatherings will be celebrated by His Beatitude and Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All The East.

Earlier this year, the community was treated to a huge reception of the relics of Saints Maroun, Charbel, Rafqa, Nemetallah and Mary of the Cross McKillop at the cathedral at Harris Park.

Councillors, the Maronite community has a proud history in this country, going back more than 170 years, and their contributions in our city cannot be measured. Offering support to those in need, educating our children and providing care and accommodation for the aged.

I propose to write to Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay on behalf of our city, and offer our congratulations and support, as they celebrate their milestone Golden Jubilee.

Councillors, I put the Mayoral Minute.

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ITEM 4.4

Riverwood Spring Festival 2023

Councillors,

The cold dry winter is well and truly behind us and in a couple of days we will be welcoming in Spring. . . although looking at some of the gardens across our city you would say Spring has certainly sprung.

And with spring, comes the many community events, sporting carnivals and activities which draws people to enjoy the outdoors. . . usually events run by passionate volunteers and community organisations in the City.

One event which always draws thousands of people is the Riverwood Spring Festival. . . a festival our city can be proud of because it brings together our vibrant and cultural community. It's family friendly and boasts a smorgasbord of multicultural cuisines and live cultural performances

There are also plenty of bustling stalls, activities for the kids and enough rides to send them in a whirl.

What this festival brings to our local community and beyond, is not measured in dollars but in the enormous benefits you cannot measure, like love, harmony, and working together as a community. Its serves as a platform for fostering connections and building a stronger sense of unity among residents and visitors alike.

Councillors, I encourage you all to visit this year's festival and propose you support it through the community Grants to be considered by Council later this meeting, I further propose we support the event on Saturday 16 September 2023 by promoting it on Council's website and Social media.

Councillors, I put the Mayoral Minute.

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ITEM 4.5

Local Community Based Donations

In accordance with Clause 5.1.5 of Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Policy, the following community-based organisations have approached Council for financial assistance.

Riverwood Squadron, Australian Air League

The Riverwood Squadron has received an invitation from the Historic Programs and the D-Day Committee, for the Squadron to participate in the D-Day Memorial Parade and Ceremonies in Normandy, France to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on the 6th June 2024.

The Squadron will be taking a contingent of between 60-65 personnel from the age of 8 years and over. The contingent will be made up of Officers and Cadets. The Squadron also will be conducting Commemorative Ceremonies at various Memorials in the Normandy area.

The Riverwood Squadron and in particular the Squadron Marching Band is very active within the local community and has gained great respect and notoriety from the support they provide.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for a group that has a long history in giving back to the community.

The Riverwood Squadron are seeking assistance to subsidise the trip for the Squadron Cadets.

Council support a donation of \$1,000.

Australian Lebanese Football Association Cup – ALFA Cup 2023

The Australian Lebanese Football Association was founded in 2013 and is a not-for-profit club. Their aim is to encourage, assist and develop football within the Australian Lebanese Community.

Each year an annual football tournament is held to unite Australian Lebanese across Sydney and develop sporting heroes young people can look up to. This event is a celebration of unity, proving once again that in the realm of sports, bridges are built and harmony prevails.

This year's event is being held on Sunday 8th at Jim Ring Reserve in Birrong and on the 15th October at The Crest inner field.

Funding is sought towards the ground hire and waste management associated with this event.

Council support a donation of \$1,000.

Help for Hirschsprung Disease

Help for Hirschsprung Disease is a not-for-profit organisation established to help families whose children suffer from Hirschsprung Disease and other bowel diseases.

Help for Hirschsprung Disease has been around for six years providing vital support for children and their families.

Help for Hirschsprung Disease is hosting a bowling fundraiser for children suffering with Hirschsprung disease and all other bowel diseases and they are seeking support to assist with funding their event.

Council support a donation of \$500.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council support a donation of \$1,000 towards for the Riverwood Air League Squadron.
2. Council support a donation of \$1,000 towards the Australian Lebanese Football Association Cup.
3. Council support a donation of \$500 towards Help for Hirschsprung Disease.
4. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

Councillors, I put the Mayoral Minute.

5 PLANNING MATTERS

The following item is submitted for consideration -

- 5.1 Notice of Rescission - Item 5.1 Planning Proposal - 30 Trevenar Street,
Ashbury

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ITEM 5.1

Notice of Rescission - Item 5.1 Planning Proposal - 30 Trevenar Street, Ashbury

We, Councillors Barbara Coorey, Jessie Nguyen and Charbel Abouraad hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council we will move the following motion:-

“CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. SALEH OAM

RESOLVED that

- (501) 1. Council resolves not to proceed with acquisition of this property, and therefore requests to withdraw this planning proposal.
2. Council writes to all submitters to inform them of Council’s decision.

be and is hereby rescinded.”

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- A. Previous Report to Council - 25 July 2023 Meeting

6 POLICY MATTERS

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ITEM 6.1 Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This report provides a summary of the community feedback received on the draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy, and to present the draft policy for adoption.

ISSUE

At the Ordinary Meeting on 27 June 2023, Council resolved to place the draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy on public exhibition and that a further report be brought to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period, to consider submissions received.

The draft policy was placed on public exhibition from 14 July 2023 to 11 August 2023. In total, one submission was received during this period.

All comments were reviewed and addressed, as outlined in the Detailed Information section of the report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy.

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- A. DRAFT Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy

POLICY IMPACT

The adoption of this policies demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to effective and relevant policy development that centres on meeting community expectations.

The Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy ensures that mobile food vending vehicles operate in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area in accordance with relevant laws and best practice in all aspects of food safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Fees apply for the assessment and approval of mobile food vending vehicles in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

One submission was received on the Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy during the exhibition period, and the issue raised will be addressed in the detailed section of this report.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Public Exhibition

The draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy was placed on public exhibition from 14 July 2023 to 11 August 2023. The Policy appeared on the 'Have Your Say' webpage of Council's corporate website for the duration of the exhibition to both inform the community of the policy document and offer an opportunity to provide feedback.

Public Exhibition Results

Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy

Over the course of the public exhibition period, one submission was received. The results of the 'Have Your Say' engagement component included:

- 1,755 email recipients, of these 821 opened the file;
- 162 views of the policy information by 134 unique users;
- 69 document downloads; and
- 1 submission received on the Policy.

Submissions

The below table summarises the submission received and response.

Submission summary	Response
<p>The submission sought clarification if this was specific for private operators or food trucks providing a community service.</p> <p>It also raised a question on potential impacts on local businesses.</p>	<p>The policy is for the operation of mobile food vending vehicles operating as a 'food business' on Council-owned roads. Generally, food trucks run by community organisations are not defined as a 'food business' and often operate on public land. As a result, this policy does not apply.</p> <p>In relation to those operating as a commercial food business, the Policy notes that they are not permitted to operate within 100 metres of a fixed food premises (for example, café, bakery or restaurant) unless approved and licenced by Council and can only trade for a maximum period of 15 minutes in one location or until customers in the immediate vicinity are served. This is to ensure that the mobile food vendors do not directly impact on existing businesses.</p>

Next Steps

Having considered the submission it is proposed that no changes are required to the Policy. As a result, it is recommended that Council adopts the Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy, and that this document be made available on Council's Policy Register. Information will be made available to food truck operators who operate in our city.

7 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 7.1 2023-2024 Community Grants & Event Sponsorship Program

AUTHOR Community Services

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to recommend the allocation of \$521,386 funding from Council's Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Program to 129 community programs in accordance with the adopted policy framework.

ISSUE

The 2023-2024 Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Program opened on Wednesday 31 May and closed on Friday, 30 June 2023. The program was widely advertised in the local press, through community networks, social media and on Council's website.

An online Information session was held on Thursday, 8 June 2023. At the close off time, 200 applications were received seeking a total of \$1,754,530.

This report presents the recommended funding amounts after the assessment process for Councils consideration and adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the distribution of the 2023-2024 Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program as outlined in Attachment A.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. 2023-2024 Community Grants & Event Sponsorship Program Recommendations

POLICY IMPACT

The recommendations of this report comply with Council's Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Policy and funding category guidelines.

In terms of Code of Conduct, applications were assessed by Council Officers and Council's Grants Assessment Committee. The Committee, which was observed by a Council Probity Officer, consisted of the Mayor, Councillors Downey and Abouraad and Council staff with declarations made and managed at appropriate times.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds for the Community Grants and Events Sponsorship programs are available from within the adopted Operational Budget for 2023–2024.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

In accordance with exercising its function under the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council provides financial assistance to community groups, not-for-profit organisations and other eligible applicants to support the provision of programs and services that:

- respond to an identified community need or generates benefit to the community.
- contribute to the building of stronger communities by increasing capacity, harmony and social cohesion.
- are in accordance with Council's strategic objectives.

Council will only provide funding under this Policy if it is satisfied the funding will be used for a purpose that is in the best interest of the community of Canterbury-Bankstown.

Financial assistance granted by Council under this Policy is not intended to subsidise the day to day operations or functions of eligible community groups and non-profit organisations and is not to be treated as a source of recurrent funding.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program is highly valued by local Community Organisations as a source of funds to enable them to value add to their services and channel resources towards needs and issues that are impacting on residents in our local community. It also helps to increase participation in sport and recreation, arts and culture and in local community celebrations and events.

Under the program applicants could seek funding within five categories:

- Community
- Arts/Cultural
- Youth
- Sport & Recreation
- Event Sponsorship

Each category has a specific set of guidelines. These guidelines include the outcome priorities that are being targeted by the upcoming round.

For this round Council is trialling an Outcomes Framework for the Community category. Here applicants have chosen from a list of twenty-two priority outcomes, for which they will collect data on from their program in order to provide data on the effectiveness of the funding. These priorities have been grouped under skills based, capacity building and community connections.

The priorities for the Grants Program were set utilising information from Council's Social Planning Workshops, Sport and Recreation planning sessions and issues raised in the creation of Council's Creative City Strategic Plan.

This year applications opened on 31 May and closed on 30 June. Notifications were advertised in the Torch Newspaper, posted on Council's website and social media and emailed to local community networks and a listing of agencies who have requested information.

An information session was held on 8 June and attended online by 38 participants. Here an overview of the program, instruction on registering into the online platform and the application process was provided and questions answered.

Many groups were supported to complete their applications with one on one instruction, follow ups seeking missing information and general enquiries.

A total of 200 applications were received seeking \$1,754,530. This represented a ratio of \$3.10 being requested for every \$1 available.

Applications were assessed based on their capacity to deliver on the outcome/s identified in the proposal. Staff met to workshop the application recommendations. The Grants Assessment Committee met on Monday 14 August in order to finalise the recommendations outlined in the report attachment.

Following the Council decision, notifications will be sent to both successful and unsuccessful applicants. Those who are successful will be required to sign a Funding Agreement that outlines their requirements for delivering the programs, acknowledging Council's contribution and reporting. A Grants Presentation Ceremony has been scheduled for Wednesday 6 September at Bryan Brown Theatre commencing at 10am.

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ITEM 7.2 2023-2027 CBCity Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan

AUTHOR Community Services

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Council at its Ordinary meeting on 27 June 2023, resolved to endorse the draft 2023-2027 Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan (the Plan) for public exhibition.

The draft document was placed on public exhibition from 7 July – 11 August 2023 to seek further feedback from the community and stakeholders. The exhibition was held on Council's Have Your Say page, while copies of the document were displayed at Customer Service Centres and Libraries. The exhibition was advertised on Council's webpage and via emails to community networks. Following the exhibition period, two formal submissions were received. The submissions have been considered and an updated Plan is presented for adoption.

ISSUE

The 2023-2027 Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan outlines CBCity's commitment to improving community safety and addressing crime issues within the LGA. It provides actions that Council will implement over a four-year period.

The Plan clearly identifies safety and crime priorities, as well as specific goals for vulnerable groups not limited to young people, emerging communities and individuals with a disability.

Council will implement the actions and focus areas of this Plan over a four-year period including targeted programs within each of our five wards.

By implementing this Plan, Council will ensure the key safety and crime areas outlined are addressed through effective actioning of the identified objectives.

In addition to implementing the Plan, Council also has a major role to play in maintaining safe public spaces including the regulation of planning and building developments within Canterbury-Bankstown. Council will continue to strengthen partnerships between local Emergency Services, community organisations, local businesses and other safety and crime stakeholders.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the 2023 – 2027 CBCity Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

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- A. 2023-2024 CBCity Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan
- B. Submissions

POLICY IMPACT

The CSCP Plan recommendations do not supersede or conflict with current Council policies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The CSCP Plan will be implemented utilising Council's existing operational budget.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The projects/actions in the CSCP Plan have been designed to increase perceived and actual safety and reduce incidences of crime.

The recommended actions of the CSCP Plan will not have any direct impact on the environment or environmental footprint of Canterbury-Bankstown such as waste, biodiversity, waterways, air quality etc.

The recommended actions of the CSCP Plan will have an impact on the reputation of Canterbury Bankstown Council. The projects/actions in the CSCP Plan aim to improve perceptions of safety across CBCity for residents, visitors and businesses. Media can have a negative influence on this therefore to manage risks, positive media releases about decreases in crime rates and community safety and crime prevention initiatives will be regularly released.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The development of the CSCP Plan has involved the following:

- Project establishment and desktop research;
- Community engagement involving surveys, community outreach, focus groups, workshops, social planning;
- Collection of crime statistics and data obtained from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) and input from our 3 local Police Area Commands (PACs);
- Analysis of crime data and community consultation to develop both safety and crime priorities;
- Development of actions to address priorities;
- Actions shared with relevant CBCity Managers; and
- Public exhibition

Community Engagement

To ensure the Plan was strategically established, Council has liaised with a variety of stakeholders and conducted multiple engagement initiatives. The extensive consultation process involved holding local safety forums and outreach sessions, community perceptions surveys, safety audits, social planning workshops, as well as gathering safety and crime information from local residents, businesses, community organisations and police. Council focused on aspects that impact our diverse community. It is worth noting that due to COVID-19, this community engagement process was undertaken 2019 – 2022.

Focus groups were also held including with key local Community Networks and Inter-agencies including Community Drug Action Teams, Canterbury-Bankstown Domestic Violence Liaison Committee, Canterbury-Bankstown Workers With Youth Network, Canterbury-Bankstown Multicultural Interagency, Inclusive Communities Network, Twilight Sports youth program and Villawood Network.

What we heard:

- Most people feel safe and comfortable in the community during the day, but only 55% of respondents feel safe at night;
- General feel is that crime is high and not changing;
- 88% had not been a victim of crime within the previous 12 months;
- Over half feel perceptions of safety in Canterbury-Bankstown is negative; and
- Top concerns reported were drugs & alcohol, domestic & family violence, personal safety and scams.

Crime statistics

Incidents of crime for most crime categories in CBCity have decreased or stayed stable over the last five years as detailed in the attached CSCP. This further highlights a gap between perceptions or perceived safety and actual risk.

Plan Priority and Focus areas

Safety Priorities	Crime Priorities
Alcohol & Other Drugs	Domestic & Family Violence
Social Cohesion	Scams & Fraud
Community Perceptions	Break & Enter (non-dwelling)
Online Safety	Motor Vehicle Theft & Steal from Motor Vehicle
Homelessness	

Actions

- There are 42 proposed actions to address the identified safety & crime priorities.
- Council will work closely with NSW Police Force and local community organisations and networks to successfully implement the actions. Some will be delivered in partnership with local services/organisations and others with various Units within Council.

Public Exhibition

The public exhibition was open 7 July – 11 August 2023. A summary of the Plan was developed and translated into 7 community languages including Arabic, Bengali, Greek, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Urdu and Vietnamese. During the exhibition:

- 279 people viewed the webpage
- 44 downloaded the draft plan or summary, including the translated summaries.
- 2 people contributed
- 2 people rated how much they supported the plan
- 1 person provided comments
- 0 people selected to be notified when this plan is discussed at the next Council Meeting.

Respondents were asked how much they supported the plan (scale of 1-10, 10 being the highest score) with one respondent's score being 3 and the other's score being 10.

A summary of the comment received includes:

- High number of murders in our area compared to the NSW average and that we need to address the everyday antisocial and criminal behaviours including speeding.

Details of the submissions can be found in attachment B.

The comment in relation to organised crime in CBCity is out of the scope of Council's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan. The comment in relation to the speeding vehicles in Bass Hill and Chester Hill will be forwarded onto Council's Road Safety Officers and Bankstown Police Area Command. Accordingly, no amendments/changes are recommended to be implemented to the Plan.

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ITEM 7.3 Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Consideration of Motions

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference will be held this year from 12 to 14 November 2023 at the Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Rosehill.

The Annual Conference is the key policy making event for NSW councils. Delegates are given the opportunity to discuss, deliberate and vote on motions that determine policies and priorities for LGNSW and the broader sector.

Following the Conference, LGNSW will review resolutions and identify priority advocacy areas to guide LGNSW actions in 2024.

As part of the Annual Conference, LGNSW will also be holding its biennial election for the LGNSW Board on 13 November 2023.

As a member of LGNSW, Council is entitled to nominate up to 12 Councillor voting delegates for both the motions and Board elections.

ISSUE

To inform Council of the 2023 LGNSW Annual Conference and LGNSW Board Election, key dates relevant to voting delegates, and for Council to consider the submission of motions.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. The information be noted.
2. Council endorse the draft motions as detailed in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

The submission of motions to the annual LGNSW Conference provides an important opportunity for Council to continue its advocacy on issues impacting local government and our community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The costs associated with attendance at the Annual Conference are in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and will be met from within Council's adopted budget.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Motions presented for consideration and endorsement by Council have been formed with the benefit of the City's community as a leading priority.

However, there is generally no immediate impact on the community from the adoption of the recommendations.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The 2023 LGNSW Annual Conference will be held from 12 to 14 November 2023 at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse.

Motions

LGNSW are inviting submissions of motions for consideration at the 2023 Conference. Motion submission opened on 24 July 2023 and will close on 15 September 2023. Late motion submissions will be accepted until 15 October 2023. Motions submitted after this deadline will not be accepted.

Motions are to be submitted to LGNSW online by 15 October 2023 for inclusion in the Business Paper at the Conference.

Motions are to be based on the following categories:

- Industrial Relations and Employment Policy
- Economic Policy
- Infrastructure Policy
- Social and Community Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Council Governance and Accountability
- Planning and Building Regulation Policy
- Associated Business, LGNSW Rules and Governance.

To be considered, motions must be in accordance with the following criteria as determined by the LGNSW Board:

- Are consistent with the objects of LGNSW;
- Relate to or concern local government as a sector in NSW and/or across Australia;
- Seek to establish or change policy positions of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the Association (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for decisions around resourcing any campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process);
- Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws);
- Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature; and
- Do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

Council's proposed motions are as follows.

Category: Council Governance and Accountability

1. Election Countback

Proposed Motion

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to eliminate the 18-month time limit on replacing a councillor casual vacancy by election countback.

Motion Background

Provisions in the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (NSW), have now allowed for countback (ballot papers) elections to elect a councillor to fill a single casual vacancy arising after ordinary elections, but under certain conditions.

While the count-back provision (available in the Act in 2014, but only implemented in the Regulation in 2021), is welcome, given it is in line with the proportional voting system and more cost effective for councils than a by-election, the application of the reform is still limited.

Since 2021, over 75% of local councils in NSW passed a resolution to use countback elections following the December 2021 elections. While this is positive, the countback provision only applies to vacancies created in the first 18 months of a term, and only if the council resolves to undertake this action at its first ordinary meeting after that ordinary election. This is both a restrictive and unnecessary provision that should be removed from legislation.

Countbacks of ballots used at the previous election are more cost effective for councils when compared to by-elections, have no impact on voters, and do not require the conduct of election campaigns. When compared to the cost of a by-election, countbacks are less resource intensive; they will free up funds for councils to dedicate to much needed services or other initiatives for their communities.

Category: Economic Policy

2. *WestInvest*

Proposed Motion

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to:

- 1. Release the projects recommended by the WestInvest Steering Committee;*
- 2. Release a copy of the report that outlines any departures from the recommendations provided by Treasury;*
- 3. Release information on any issues raised by the independent probity advisor.*

Motion Background

Over \$1.6 billion worth of competitive grants available under WestInvest's Community Project Grants were disproportionately allocated across 15 Local Government Areas (LGAs) eligible to compete for funding. The four most disadvantaged LGAs in metropolitan Sydney (Fairfield, Cumberland, Canterbury-Bankstown and Liverpool)¹ were allocated substantially less funding on a per capita basis by the previous NSW Government than the least disadvantaged LGAs under WestInvest's competitive Community Project Grants.

An analysis of allocated grants found that Fairfield, Cumberland, Canterbury-Bankstown and Liverpool Councils received \$127, \$300, \$168 and \$605 per resident respectively, while 15 of the least disadvantaged LGAs, located in safe Liberal marginal seats, received the highest levels of funding per capita; one Council receiving \$1800 per resident.

Council supports the Audit Office of NSW performance review of the design and administration of the WestInvest Program and encourages a thorough analysis of the WestInvest Program Guidelines. In addition to the review, and for transparency purposes, Council supports the release of the projects recommended by the WestInvest Steering Committee who oversaw the WestInvest Program and recommended projects for funding to the then Treasurer based on an assessment of eligible applications against the relevant assessment criteria.

The release of this information, in addition to any issues identified by the independent probity advisor, and any departures from recommendations of the Steering Committee, is critical to ensure that councils are provided with the requisite information regarding their WestInvest grant applications.

¹ ABS, [Socio-Economic Indexes for Australia \(SEIFA\) 2021](#) – Local Government Area Indexes, SEIFA 2021 data cube accessed 24/07/2023

Category: Environmental Policy

3. Maintenance and management of the Cooks River Catchment

Proposed Motion

That Local Government NSW writes to the NSW Premier and all NSW MPs in the river catchment area, urging them to support the Upper House Inquiry in the best interests of their communities and for the long-term health of the Cooks River catchment area.

Motion Background

Ensuring the long-term health of the Cooks River is a significant priority for several councils. The risks to this catchment are vast and currently include biodiversity degradation, water quality, inundation and waterway access, and deteriorating sheet metal piling. The remediation of the sheet metal piling along the Cooks River is a key priority for residents, the community and environmental groups.

An Upper House Inquiry into the priorities and responsibilities for maintenance and management of the Cooks River Catchment and sheet metal piling is required. All NSW MPs in the river catchment area should be made aware of and asked to support the Upper House Inquiry, which is in the best interests of their communities, and the long-term environmental sustainability and health of the Cooks River.

An inquiry that includes a focus on responsibility relating to sheet metal piling, will help show that the NSW Government is seriously committed to addressing the priorities for the long-term health of the Cooks River Catchment, including deteriorating sheet metal piling. It is also part of taking coordinated action now to maintain and enhance the environment for future generations, to prevent further environmental degradation and manage and mitigate risk, and to protect and conserve our biological diversity and ecological integrity.

Category: Environmental Policy

4. *Illegal Dumping*

Proposed Motion

That Local Government NSW call on the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to redirect funds from the Waste Levy, through a non-contestable grant, to councils to focus on illegal dumping and other priority areas (as per the previous Better Waste and Recycling Fund).

Motion Background

Addressing illegal dumping is a priority for councils. The issue, however, requires a significant investment in time, budget and resources. There is an ongoing need to collect and analyse data and information to understand the problem, to invest in infrastructure and services to manage illegally dumped items, to engage with and educate the community and stakeholders, and to carry out required enforcement activities for community safety and compliance.

Councils compete for contestable grants to invest in anti-dumping programs. To better support councils, a 100% reinvestment of the Waste Levy to fund the delivery of priority infrastructure and programs, as outlined in the NSW Government Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy, is required. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) should redirect funds from the Waste Levy to councils to focus on illegal dumping as per the previous Better Waste and Recycling Fund. This fund was used by councils to support a broad range of projects to deliver improved waste and recycling outcomes for their communities, including reducing the amount of illegal dumping. Providing councils with adequate funding to appropriately address illegal dumping is just one part of a critical waste, recycling and resource recovery reinvestment strategy needed for the sector.

Currently, the Local Government Waste Solutions Fund will only fund \$10 million over 5 years from 2023 to 2027 to support projects by waste levy paying councils and groups that have capacity to deliver innovative waste and recycling solutions. The EPA needs to clarify its future funding model and redirect funds from the Waste Levy, through a non-contestable grant, to councils so they can adequately address the high rates of illegal dumping.

Category: Council Governance and Accountability

5. *Performance indicators for NSW local councils*

Proposed Motion

That Local Government NSW lobbies the Minister for Local Government to bolster resources for the Office of Local Government (OLG) to progress work on the development of a Performance Measurement Framework, and associated performance indicators, that can be used by councils and the NSW Government in sector-wide performance reporting, as per the NSW Audit Office's recommendation.

Motion Background

Councils are still waiting for the development of a new Performance Measurement Framework (Framework) with associated performance indicators, to be used by the sector for performance reporting. Close to a decade in the making, work on the Framework has been repeatedly stalled. In 2018, The Audit Office of NSW Report [Council reporting on service delivery](#) recommended that the Office of Local Government (OLG) recommence work on the Framework by mid-2018. In 2023, the Audit Office of NSW, in its report: [Regulation and Monitoring of Local Government](#) showed that the OLG has made little progress on the Framework because of resourcing issues despite the Framework being categorised as a high priority.

The Framework is required, and without it, as claimed by the Audit Office of NSW, the OLG:

- cannot demonstrate it is effectively regulating the local government sector;
- is not delivering on its purpose to strengthen the sustainability, performance, integrity, transparency and accountability of the sector; and
- cannot effectively monitor the sector, keep abreast of and respond to current and emerging issues and threats or respond to risks relating to council compliance and performance.

It is imperative for the long term sustainability, health and success of the local government sector, that the NSW Government prioritises the completion of the Framework by adequately resourcing the OLG and delivering on the [ALP \(NSW\) Platform 2021](#) position that “best practice benchmarking for local government is crucial to the overall process of local government reform and will create a climate for improved and more efficient service delivery.”

Category: Planning

6. *Land and Environment Court leave to rely on revised plans*

Proposed Motion:

That Local Government NSW lobbies the Minister for Local Government to call upon the Land and Environment Court to adhere to its own Practice Note when considering applications for revised plans prior to hearing.

Motion Background:

Councils are increasingly faced with the Court allowing revised plans to be relied upon which are put before the Court on the eve or day of the hearing after experts have already finalised reports in contravention of the Court's Practice Note (**PN**).

The PN rules regarding revised plans limits applicants in how many amendments they may have and the circumstances in which they are granted.

By allowing revised plans outside the PN rules, the Court is inviting applicants to ignore the PN. This has the potential to encourage appeals where amendments via traditional means take longer.

Applicants may not lodge an appeal with the Court until the lapse of 40 days after the Development Application was lodged. The *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* itself assumes that a Council should have at least 40 days to review revised plans. In contrast, Councils are seeing a trend towards the Court giving Council mere hours, perhaps a day at most, to assess revised plans.

In many cases the revised plans are at significant variance to the originals. Objectors are unaware of the revised plans, therefore potentially compromising their original proposals rendering them objectionable.

The consequences of the Court's current approach include undue consideration of the revised plans due to time constraints and resourcing; invalidating the reports and the expert evidence the Court receives; a heightened risk of error discovered at the Construction Certificate stage requiring amendment and further time, including Court time, to correct.

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ITEM 7.4 Quarterly Progress Report of the 2022/23 Operational Plan, Delivery Program and Budget to June 2023

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The review provides a summary of progress on the delivery of Council's 2022/23 Operational Plan and 2022-25 Delivery Program from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023.

Separately, the report considers the review of Council's financial results and proposed budget adjustments for the June 2023 Quarterly Budget Review period.

ISSUE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework which stipulates that regular progress reports are required to be provided to Council and the community. At the City of Canterbury Bankstown, they are provided on a quarterly basis.

The report demonstrates the organisation's performance in delivering the actions outlined in CBCity 2025 (Council's 2022-25 Delivery Program and 2022/23 Operational Plan). This key document for our City translates our priorities and services into measurable actions for the financial year and Council term.

In providing information on performance measures, status of projects, highlights and achievements, this report is divided into the following components:

- Operational Plan and Delivery Program progress; and
- Budget Review.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council note the quarterly review of the 2022/23 Operational Plan and six-monthly review of the Delivery Program to 30 June 2023.
2. Council adopt the June 2023 Quarterly Budget Review as outlined in this report.
3. Council authorise the carryover of budgets to complete certain capital and operating projects commenced throughout the 2022/23 financial year, as outlined in the report.
4. Council apply all rates and charges written off during the year to its rating databases in satisfying its obligation under the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, as outlined in the report.

5. Council authorise the write-off of sundry debts for the 2022/23 financial year, as outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

[Click here for attachment](#)

- A. 2022/23 Operational Plan and 2022-25 Delivery Program - Q4 Summary Report
- B. 2022/23 Operational Plan and 2022-25 Delivery Program - Q4 Detailed Report

POLICY IMPACT

The review of progress in implementing our IP&R documents is prepared in accordance with Section 406 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the NSW Office of Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines, which require regular progress reports to be provided to Council and community on the delivery of the Community Strategic Plan and Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan. Reports are provided to Council each quarter outlining Council's financial position and progress of the Operational Plan.

The budget reports are prepared to meet all related legislative requirements as set out in the *Local Government Act 1993*, associated Regulations, and Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The report presents Council's operating result as at 30 June 2023. Whilst preliminary in nature, Council's financial position reflects a sound and stable financial position. A further assessment will be provided once Council's 2022/23 Annual Financial Reports are presented to Council.

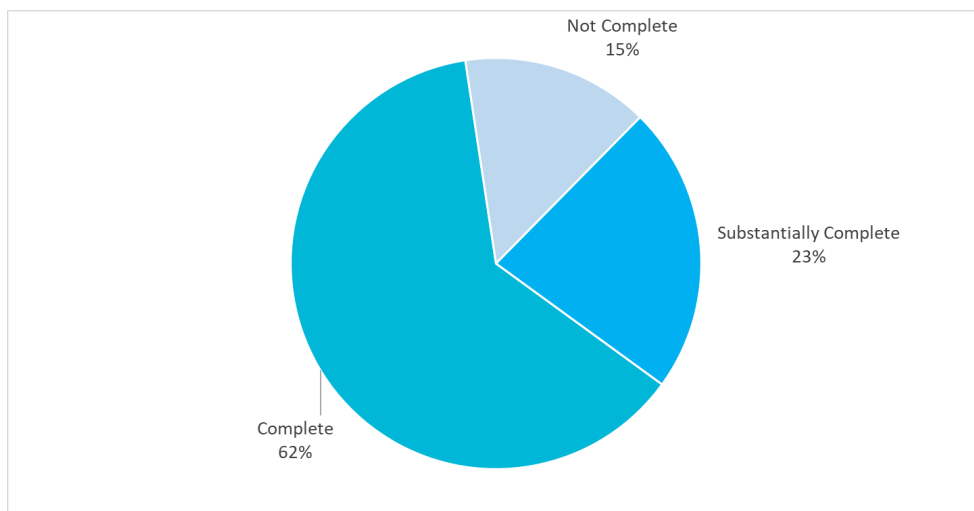
COMMUNITY IMPACT

The report ensures accountability for the commitments made to the community in Council's IP&R documents and annual budgets. It provides the community with an understanding of Council's performance in delivering its Operational Plan and Delivery Program, as well as an update on the financial position at 30 June 2023.

DETAILED INFORMATION

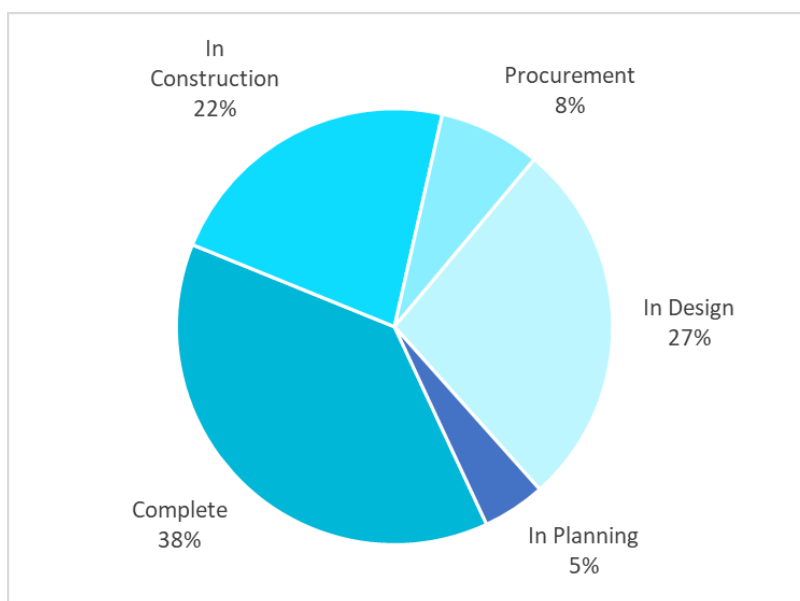
PART A - Quarterly progress on the delivery of the 2022-25 Delivery Program and 2022/23 Operational Plan to 30 June 2023

At the close of quarter four, 85% of the Operational Plan's programs and initiatives for 2022/23 were either complete or substantially complete and due to finish up soon. Some of the uncompleted projects will continue in the 2023/24 Operational Plan while others will be reviewed to determine future action.



At the close of quarter four 2022/23, 38% of Council's capital works program was complete with 22% of the program under construction and a further 27% in design. Of the 131 completed projects, 50 were roads, bridges and traffic management projects; 34 were buildings projects; 38 were open space projects; and nine were drainage and stormwater related projects.

For more information about expenditure, see Part B of this report.



Attachment A provides an overview of key highlights and achievements for this quarter structured around the seven destinations of Council's IP&R documents. Detailed actions for the entire 2022/23 Operational Plan, as well as tracking against key measures for CBCity 2025, are outlined in Attachment B. In combination, they highlight the progress of many important projects and initiatives and confirm our continued commitment to delivering CBCity 2036, the City's Community Strategic Plan, to the community.

Other highlights for the 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 quarter are summarised below.

Safe and Strong

- Youth Week activities offered a broad range of activities for children and youth.
- Hurlstone Memorial Reserve Community Centre officially opened in April.
- Almost 3,300 bookings for Council venues for the quarter, including 62 specifically for Ramadan and Eid celebrations.

Clean and Green

- Solar rebate trial launched, offering a \$500 rebate for selected eligible residents.
- Nearly 20 tonnes of e-waste and over 34 tonnes of household chemicals collected at events in May and June.
- Design concept for the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) at Kelso Park is progressing.

Prosperous and Innovative

- Ramadan Nights carried through until 20 April, with over 1.4 million visitors.
- Cameras installed on street sweepers with the aim of detecting defects in roads and roadside assets, giving Council access to real-time data on road conditions and enable a more targeted approach to roads maintenance.

Moving and Integrated

- Beamish Street rehabilitation project completed.
- Work continues on the partnership program with Ausgrid to replace streetlights with energy efficient LEDs. The project is scheduled for completion in November.
- 198 families attended the child seat fitting days with a total of 245 seats being fitted.

Healthy and Active

- ActiveFest, a grant funded event from Department of Communities and Justice, allowed over 700 students from local primary schools to participate in a variety of different sporting activities.
- Installation of a new bridge on the 18th hole at Sefton Golf Course to support increased cart use was completed, as well as upgrades to the practice nets.
- A trial of battery powered equipment for the maintenance of Council's parks commenced during the quarter.

Liveable and Distinctive

- The South-West Sustainnovation Challenge, *Creating Places Where Women and Girls Feel Safer*, was hosted by Council in June, bringing together students from a range of local secondary schools to face this challenge head on and have their opportunity to help identify future solutions.

Leading and Engaged

- Council adopted an updated CBCity 2025, incorporating Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan, and Resourcing Strategies for Finance and Assets.
- Four Citizenship Ceremonies were held and a total of 827 people conveyed.
- Strong use of Council's online bookings for clean-ups coincided with a 25% reduction in the wait time for telephone enquiries to Customer Service.

PART B – June 2023 Quarterly Budget Review

Whilst still quite preliminary, Council's assessment of its year-end result reflects a reasonable result for Council and supports that it has ended the year in a sound financial position.

Council's net operating surplus of \$30.1M for the year, reflects a positive variance of \$1.9M to that forecast at the March 2023 Quarterly Budget Review. Whilst outlined in more detail further in the report, the net improvements are largely attributable to:

- Financial Assistance Grant – Upfront payment \$12.6M
- Operational Projects not completed and to be carried over \$21.1M

Whilst Officers are currently finalising year-end financial reports, prior to referring them to our External Auditors, Council's preliminary draft financial performance (Income Statement) for the 2022/23 confirms that we have ended the year in a reasonably sound financial position.

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN COUNCIL

INCOME STATEMENT

Budget Review for quarter ended 30 June 2023

Description	Actual	Budget	Variance
	\$000	Mar'23	\$000
		\$000	\$000
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Rates and Annual Charges	271,556	273,996	(2,440)
User Charges and Fees	20,417	19,391	1,026
Interest and Investment Revenue	12,293	9,492	2,802
Other Revenues	19,466	15,874	3,592
Grants and Contributions Provided for Operating Purposes	39,923	27,762	12,161
Grants and Contributions Provided for Capital Purposes	35,751	74,481	(38,730)
Other Income	6,732	6,671	61
TOTAL INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	406,139	427,668	(21,529)
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Employee Benefits and On-costs	153,882	157,594	(3,712)
Borrowing Costs	796	85	711
Materials and Contracts	120,285	138,380	(18,095)
Depreciation and Amortisation	88,524	87,987	537
Other Expenses	11,929	15,355	(3,426)
Net Loss from Disposal of Assets	591	-	591
TOTAL EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	376,007	399,402	(23,394)
NET OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR	30,131	28,266	1,865
Net Operating Result for the Year Before Grants and Contributions Provided for capital purposes	(5,620)	(46,215)	40,596

A summary of the material variations to Council's estimates when compared to that reported as part of the March 2023 Quarterly Budget Review is as follows:

Income from Continuing Operations

Council received income totalling \$406.1M throughout the year, a negative variance of \$21.5M to that reflected as part of the March 2023 Quarterly Budget Review.

The net variance is largely attributable to an advanced payment for Council's 2023/24 Financial Assistance Grant of \$12.6M, and due to the nature and timing of certain capital works projects which impacts the timing of receipt of capital grants (\$38.7M), however this capital grant income is expected to be received throughout 2023/24.

Expenses from Continuing Operations

Whilst still subject to change, particularly to reflect certain accrued expenses, generally, Council's operating expenditure for the year has been quite positive. In total, expenditure for the year was \$376.0M, \$23.4M less than previously forecasted.

The net variance is largely attributable to operational projects not yet completed as at 30 June 2023 totalling \$21.1M, particularly those funded through government grants and contributions. These projects and their allocated funds have been proposed to be carried over into the 2023/24 financial year for completion.

Naturally, a further assessment/application of accrued expenses (expenses incurred but not yet payable such employee entitlements) will need to be accounted-for/reflected in Council's financial statements prior to finalising and submitting them to Audit.

A complete assessment of Council's year end result will be submitted to Council once the external audit has been completed.

Capital Works

In terms of capital works, Council expended approximately \$73.5M during 2022/23, a significant investment in infrastructure and services throughout our city. In total over \$11.3M was spent on roads, pathways and traffic management assets, \$24.1M on parks, community and sporting fields, \$9.0M on Community buildings and other structures, \$4.7M on town centres, \$6.9M on irrigation, drainage & flood mitigation and \$4.0M on bridges.

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN COUNCIL
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND CARRY OVERS
Budget Review for quarter ended 30 June 2023

Description	Budget	Actual	Carryovers
	\$000	\$000	\$000
CAPITAL BUDGET			
Bridges	5123	3,965	1,158
Buildings	40,294	8,778	31,515
Carparks	2,802	804	1,999
Drainage Conduits	22,129	3,787	18,342
Waste Management	3,033	846	2,186
Town Centres	11,299	4,720	6,579
Open Space	37,276	22,102	15,174
Park/Street Furniture, Signs, Fences	1,056	700	357
Park Lighting	3,030	2,046	983
Other Structure	1,360	270	1,090
Pathways and Boardwalks	12,595	2,826	9,770
Road Pavement	9,928	5,221	4,707
Traffic Management Devices	10,256	3,249	7,006
Water Courses, Water Quality Devices	4,157	3,122	1,035
Operational Assets	20,118	11,060	9,058
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	184,456	73,497	110,959
CAPITAL FUNDING			
General Fund	4,989	4,989	-
Grants	56,602	17,797	38,804
Sec 7.11/7.12	44,974	16,381	28,593
Stormwater Levy	5,339	1,142	4,197
Other Reserves	72,552	33,188	39,365
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDING	184,456	73,497	110,959

As noted in the above table, given the nature and timing of certain projects, a further amount of \$111.0M of funding will be restricted and carried over to the 2023/24 financial year to ensure their completion.

The majority of the \$111.0M requested capital carryover projects were commenced in the 2022/23 financial year and are planned to be completed during 2023/24. The requested carryover amount of \$111.0M includes \$38.8M of specific grant funded capital projects. Some of the larger capital projects, requested for carryover, include the Canterbury Leisure and Aquatic Centre design & construction \$10.3M, North Terrace Culvert Duplication \$14.6M, Thurina Community Centre design & construction \$6.0M, Paul Keating Park Playground \$5.7M, Appian Way \$4.2M and Padstow Park new amenities building \$4.0M.

A further report outlining Council's projects will be provided when the 2022/23 annual financial reports are finalised and presented to Council for its information.

WRITING OFF OF RATES AND CHARGES AND SUNDRY DEBTORS AT 30 JUNE 2023

In accordance with certain statutory requirements as outlined in the Local Government Act, 1993 and Council Policies, Council is required to make necessary adjustments to the level of income received by Council throughout the financial year, specifically relating to Rates and Annual Charges and Sundry Debts.

A broad summary of the required changes are as follows:

RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES

The major component of the adjustments is to reflect the amount of rates and charges written off which are attributable to pensioners' and to those properties that become eligible for exemption from all rates throughout the year in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

The table below details a summary of the adjustments to rates and charges during the 2022/23 financial year:

Details	Amount * (\$)
Rates & Charges	27,104
Pensioner – Statutory	4,473,312
Pensioner – Council	715,731
Total	5,216,147

* Includes amounts for Rates, Annual Charges and Interest

It is proposed that Council resolve to apply the noted adjustments to Councils' rating databases to satisfy its obligations under the Local Government Act, 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation, 2021.

SUNDRY DEBTS

The Chief Executive Officer's delegation authorises the writing off of debts (individual transactions) due to Council which are considered uncollectable (up to \$10,000), provided such write offs are reported to Council.

Debts are only written off if:

- The debt is not lawfully recoverable
- A court has determined that the debt is to be written off
- The Council or the Chief Executive Officer believes on reasonable grounds that any attempt to recover the debt would not be cost effective

The agreed write-offs have each been individually assessed with Council's external mercantile agent in arriving at its decision.

The following table details a summary of the sundry debtor amounts written-off by the Chief Executive Officer at 30 June 2023 under delegation as well as those amounts needing to be written off by way of Council resolution.

Delegated Write-Offs	Amount (\$)
Shop & Food Premises Inspection Fees	2,255.00
Other Sundry Debts	
- Meals on Wheels	10,250.57
- Facility Hire	2,039.78
- TAP & Events	2,137.27
TOTAL	16,682.62

Conclusion

This report and Attachments A and B provide a progress report for the 2022/23 Operational Plan, Delivery Program and the 2022/23 Budget. This ensures Council is meeting its obligations under the Integrated Planning and Report Framework and contributes to the ongoing enhancement of good governance across Council. The data contained within these reports will also be made available on Council's website.

Governance and Administration Matters - 29 August 2023

ITEM 7.5 **Cash and Investment Report as at 31 July 2023 and 30 June 2023**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In accordance with Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the Responsible Accounting Officer must provide the Council with a written report each month, which sets out the details of all money that council has invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council's investments are managed in accordance with Council's Investment policy. The report below provides a consolidated summary of Council's total cash investments.

ISSUE

This report details Council's cash and investments as at 30 June 2023 and 31 July 2023.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 June 2023 be received and noted.
2. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 July 2023 be received and noted.
3. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. Imperium Markets July 2023 Investment Report
- B. Imperium Markets June 2023 Investment Report

POLICY IMPACT

Council's investments are maintained in accordance with legislative requirements and its Investment Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Interest earned for this period has been reflected in Council's financial operating result for this financial year. Council's annual budget will be reviewed, having regard to Council's actual returns, as required.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

There is no impact on the community, the environment and the reputation of Canterbury Bankstown.

DETAILED INFORMATION

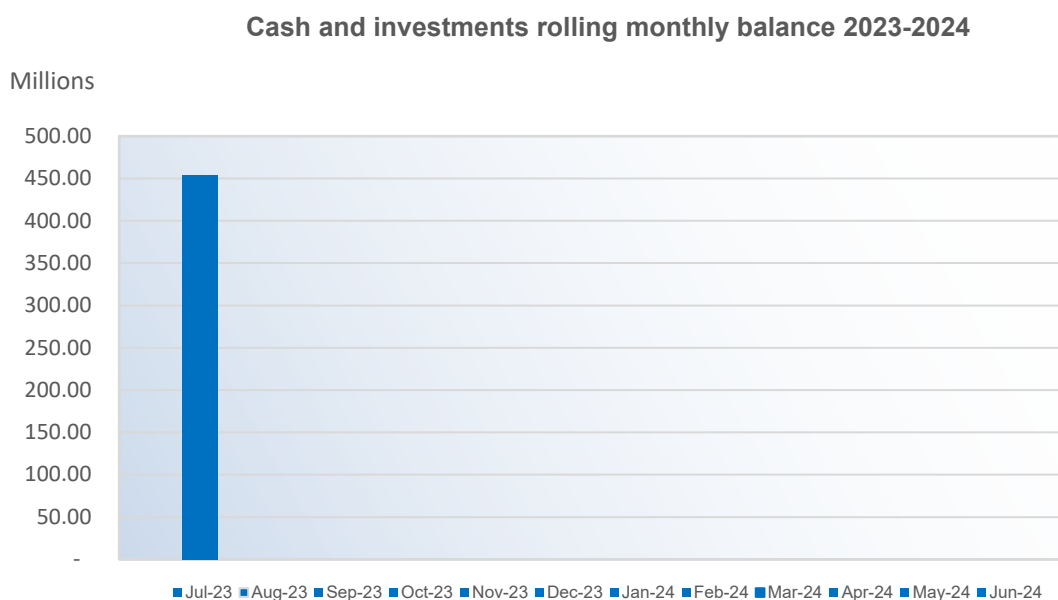
Cash and investment summary – as at 31 July 2023

In total, Council's cash and investment holdings as at 31 July 2023 is as follows:

Cash and investments	\$
Cash at bank	4,351,778
Deposits at call	45,499,296
Term deposits	316,017,588
Floating Rate Notes	47,641,608
Workers compensation security deposit	4,686,000
Bonds	36,000,000
Total cash and investments	454,196,270

Council's level of cash and investments varies from month to month, particularly given the timing of Council's rates and collection cycle, its operations and carrying out its capital works program. The portfolio balances are made up of cash balances at month end held for external restrictions (e.g. unspent developer contributions, domestic waste reserves and unexpended grants), internal restrictions (e.g. infrastructure reserves, employee leave provisions, cash deposits and other reserves) and unrestricted cash (Council's working capital).

The following graph outlines Council's closing cash and investment balances from July 2023 to June 2024.



Summary of Council's investment interest income earned for the period to 31 July 2023 is as follows:

Interest income	July 2023 \$	Year-to-date July 2023 \$
Budget	875,000	875,000
Actual interest	1,114,079	1,114,079
Variance	239,079	239,079
Variance (%)	27.32%	27.32%

Council is also required to ensure that its portfolio has an appropriate level of diversification and maturity profile. This is to ensure that funds are available when required and where possible to minimise any re-investment risk.

The tables below outline Council's portfolio by maturity limits and investment type:

Maturity profile		
	Actual % of portfolio	Policy limits %
Cash	12.01	100
Working capital funds (0-3 months)	3.96	100
Short term (3-12 months)	24.79	100
Short – medium (1-2 years)	30.59	70
Medium (2-5 years)	28.65	50
Long term (5-10 years)	0	5
Total cash and investments	100%	

Portfolio allocation	
	Actual % of portfolio
Cash at bank	0.96
Deposits at call	10.02
Term deposits	69.58
Floating Rate Notes	10.49
Workers compensation security deposit	1.02
Bonds	7.93
Total cash and investments	100%

DETAILED INFORMATION

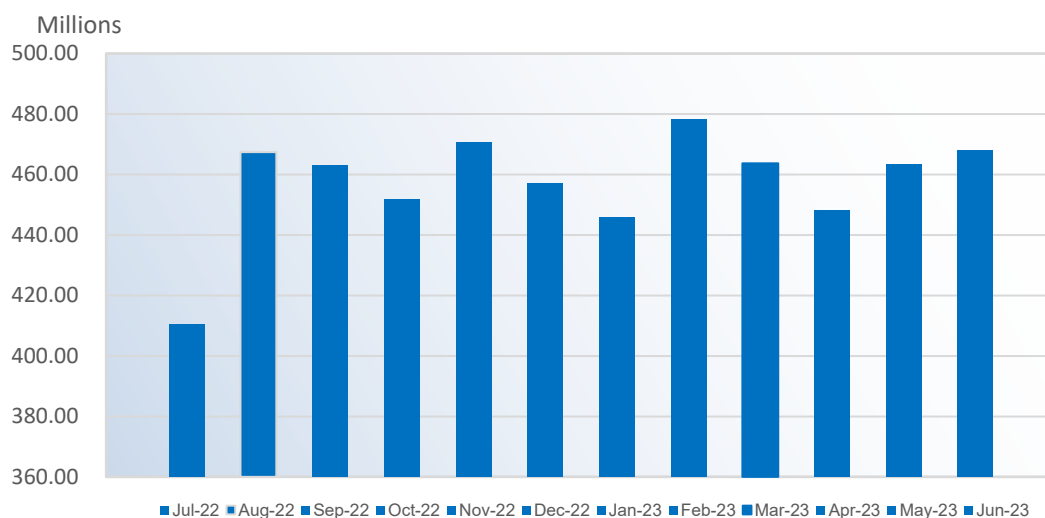
Cash and investment summary – as at 30 June 2023

In total, Council's cash and investment holdings as at 30 June 2023 is as follows:

Cash and investments	\$
Cash at bank	880,534
Deposits at call	51,002,043
Term deposits	328,000,000
Floating Rate Notes	47,576,764
Workers compensation security deposit	4,686,000
Bonds	36,000,000
Total cash and investments	468,145,341

The following graph outlines Council's closing cash and investment balances from July 2022 to June 2023.

Cash and investments rolling monthly balance 2022-2023



Summary of Council's investment interest income earned for the period to 30 June 2023 is as follows:

Interest income	June 2023 \$	Year-to-date June 2023 \$
Budget	736,792	8,841,500
Actual interest	1,224,072	11,428,848
Variance	487,280	2,587,348
Variance (%)	66.14%	29.26%

Council is also required to ensure that its portfolio has an appropriate level of diversification and maturity profile. This is to ensure that funds are available when required and where possible to minimise any re-investment risk.

The tables below outline Council's portfolio by maturity limits and investment type:

Maturity profile		
	Actual % of portfolio	Policy limits %
Cash	12.08	100
Working capital funds (0-3 months)	21.25	100
Short term (3-12 months)	17.85	100
Short – medium (1-2 years)	22.92	70
Medium (2-5 years)	25.90	50
Long term (5-10 years)	0	5
Total cash and investments	100%	

Portfolio allocation	
	Actual % of portfolio
Cash at bank	0.19
Deposits at call	10.89
Term deposits	70.07
Floating Rate Notes	10.16
Workers compensation security deposit	1.0
Bonds	7.69
Total cash and investments	100%

Early Withdrawal of Term Deposits

Council has consulted with various banks seeking to terminate certain longer-dated term deposits and re-invest them with an interest rate commensurate with current market conditions.

In total, fifty-three (53) term deposits, valued at \$155M were terminated and reinvested with the existing banks -at higher prevailing interest rates (+ 5% per annum). A detailed breakdown of the individual term deposits is noted in the attached investment reports.

8 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 8.1 WestInvest Program Update

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The \$5 billion WestInvest Program was announced by the former NSW Government to fund the delivery of transformational infrastructure projects in 15 Western Sydney Local Government Areas.

At the April 2022 Council Meeting, Council resolved to submit six projects under the Local Government Allocation and a further seven applications under the Competitive Round.

Of the 13 projects submitted, the NSW Government notified Council of its success with the following applications:

Local Government Allocation

- \$10 million towards Revitalising Campsie Civic Precinct and to deliver a new library and create a dedicated arts and culture precinct in Campsie.
- \$5 million towards the delivery of a new Panania Library and Knowledge Centre.
- \$5 million towards the Wran District Park project which will deliver a new district park in Villawood.
- \$5 million towards the Roberts Park Community Hub to create a new multipurpose facility in Greenacre.
- \$5 million towards the Belmore and Lakemba Town Centre for renewal and upgrades within the town centres.
- \$4 million towards the Local Traffic Program to deliver priority pedestrian infrastructure and traffic management upgrades across the City.

Competitive Round

- \$10 million for the Creating a Walking City project to deliver priority new footpaths across the City.
- \$10 million towards the Electrifying the City project which will deliver a new solar farm and EV charging facilities.

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on Funding Deed negotiations with WestInvest and a status update on Council's WestInvest projects (Attachment A).

ISSUE

Projects to be delivered under Canterbury Bankstown's Local Government Allocation were announced across two stages, in October and November 2022. Council was subsequently notified of its successful projects for the Competitive Round in February 2023.

Since these funding announcements, WestInvest have been working with Councils through the process of Funding Deed preparation for projects funded through the Local Government Allocation, and more recently has commenced the process for successful applicants under the Competitive Round. This process has been quite extensive and taken considerably longer than all parties had anticipated. Council is yet to receive the final deeds for execution for its projects, and ultimately this will require a change to the originally proposed program, as projects cannot start without funding being confirmed. Council has also joined with other Councils to undertake a legal review of the draft Funding Deed.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. The WestInvest Project Update be received and noted.
2. Council continue in its discussions with WestInvest to finalise the Funding Deeds and that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to prepare and sign all relevant documentation, as required.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. WestInvest Project Update Number 1

POLICY IMPACT

This report, as written, does not have a direct policy impact. The projects to be funded under this program were selected based on their alignment with Council's strategic position, existing adopted strategies and plans and broader community impact. Separately, Council has joined with other Councils to undertake a legal review of the Funding Deed and this advice will be considered prior to executing the agreements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report, as written, does not have a direct financial impact. Successful projects announced under the Local Government Allocation have been identified to commence project planning as part of Council's 2023/24 capital works program.

Future project budgets will be allocated following the execution of the Funding Deeds and any subsequent changes to the project schedule. This will be managed through Council's Annual Budget and Quarterly Review process.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The delivery of these projects is a once in a generation opportunity to deliver much needed infrastructure to our City and will deliver a range of social, cultural, economic or environmental benefits to the community. Due to the transformative nature of these projects, Council will be engaging with the community at the suitable stages of each project.

DETAILED INFORMATION

This report provides an update on Council's progress under the WestInvest Program following the funding announcements in late 2022 and early 2023.

Negotiations with WestInvest continues in order to progress and finalise the Funding Deeds. Projects funded under the Local Government Allocation have been included in the 2022/23 Capital Works Program in anticipation of receipt of the Funding Deeds and to enable Council to commence project planning and scoping. Future project budgets will be allocated following the execution of the Funding Deeds and any subsequent changes to the project schedule. This will be managed through Council's Annual Budget and Quarterly Review process. Due to the transformative nature of these projects, Council will be engaging with the community at the suitable stages of each project.

The WestInvest Project Update (Attachment A) provides a detailed update on the status of Council's engagement with the program, project priorities and the initial next steps. The summary table below provides an overview for the purposes of this report.

Project Status - Local Government Allocation
Revitalising Campsie Civic Precinct <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stage: Planning and scoping stage• Current Status: Internal staff engagement, project planning and preliminary studies• Next Steps: Execute WestInvest Funding Deed, project scope to be prepared, advertise Request for Tender for design consultants, presentation to Councillors on scope
Panania Library and Knowledge Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stage: Planning and scoping stage• Current Status: Internal staff engagement, project planning and preliminary studies• Next Steps: Execute WestInvest Funding Deed, project scope to be prepared, presentation to Councillors on scope, advertise Request for Tender for design consultants, appoint design consultants and start concept design
Wran District Park (known as Goondah Reserve Embellishment) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stage: Planning and scoping stage• Current Status: Internal staff engagement, project planning and preliminary studies• Next Steps: Execute WestInvest Funding Deed, community / external stakeholder communication and consultation to be undertaken, advertise Request for Tender for early works (including demolition works), project scope to be prepared in consultation with the community, presentation to Councillors on scope
Roberts Park <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stage: Concept design stage• Current Status: Design consultant has been appointed for the project• Next Steps: Execute WestInvest Funding Deed, complete concept design, Councillor briefing on concept, community engagement on concept design
Belmore and Lakemba Town Centre Renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stage: Planning and scoping stage• Current Status: Internal staff engagement and project planning• Next Steps: Execute WestInvest Funding Deed, project scope to be prepared in consultation with the community, presentation to Councillors on scope, finalise project brief and deliverables

Local Traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage: Planning and scoping stage • Current Status: Project planning • Next Steps: Execute WestInvest Funding Deed, finalise project planning and commence detail design
Project Status – Competitive Round
Creating a Walking City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage: Planning and scoping stage • Current Status: Preparing project information to inform Funding Deed submission to WestInvest • Next Steps: Execute WestInvest Funding Deed, finalise project planning and commence detail design
Electrifying the City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage: Planning and scoping stage • Current Status: Preparing project information to inform Funding Deed submission to WestInvest • Next Steps: Execute WestInvest Funding Deed, finalise project brief and scope, site investigation of EV charger locations, confirm suitable location for Solar Farm

Next Steps

Council will continue working with the WestInvest Project Office to finalise the details of the Funding Deed. Upon receipt of the draft Funding Deeds, they will undergo a legal review, with a view to executing the Deeds later this year.

Upon execution of the Funding Deed and official project commencement, Council will be required to:

- Develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for each project;
- Provide an Activity Progress Report and Communications Report to the WestInvest Project Office on a quarterly basis.

Service and Operational Matters - 29 August 2023

ITEM 8.2 2023-2024 Events Partnerships Program Grant Funding

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to recommend the allocation of monetary and in-kind funding from Council's Events Partnerships Program to two major events in 2023 – The Lebanese Film Festival (LFF), and Padstow Carols by Candlelight.

ISSUE

The 2023 – 2024 Events Partnerships Program, opened for Expressions of Interest on Monday 19 June and closed on Friday 7 July 2023.

The Program, which offers funding and additional support to events which have the potential to grow into major annual events in the City of Canterbury Bankstown, was advertised over 3 weeks in the local press, through community networks, social media and on Council's website.

Two Expressions of Interest were received. One from the Lebanese Film Festival (LFF), and one from the Padstow Carols by Candlelight.

This report presents the recommended funding amounts for Council's consideration and adoption, together with the proposed partnership level benefits that Council will receive in return.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the cash and in-kind support for the LFF and for the Padstow Carols by Candlelight from the Events Partnerships Program.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY IMPACT

The recommendations of this report are consistent with the Canterbury Bankstown Community Strategic Plan, *CBCity2028*, which sets out the community's aspiration for events that celebrate and promote our local identity. Council has committed to providing the community and visitors with the opportunity to experience and participate in a diverse range of vibrant and stimulating events and cultural activities through its Local Strategic Planning Statement, Delivery Program and Operational Plan

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Cash funding to a total of \$50,000 was allocated in the 2023/24 Budget for the Events Partnerships Program.

In-kind funding from the existing City Business and Engagement Unit budget is nominal as banners are being recycled.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Both the LFF and Padstow Carols by Candlelight make an important contribution to profiling the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

In Bankstown alone, the LFF has had an estimated flow-on impact to the local economy of more than \$200,000, and nationwide, the impact is estimated to be more than \$450,000. Approximately 17,000 attended in 2022.

Padstow Carols by Candlelight is a local icon which is promoted across the LGA to over 100,000 households and continues to grow in patronage. This event attracted approximately 6,000 residents in 2022.

Both events bring excitement, music, art, culture and activation to Canterbury Bankstown. Both showcase our City and promote a sense of belonging and cultural and community connection.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The Events Partnerships Program

The key objective of the Events Partnership Program is to offer funding and support to events which have the potential to grow into major annual events in the City of Canterbury Bankstown. In 2023/24, the Program had a budget of \$50,000.

The Program provides match-funding of between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to events that activate and promote the City and help to create memorable, engaging and innovative experiences for both the local community and visitors.

Funding from the Program is available to those events that already attract 3,000+ attendees or (for new events) can attract a minimum of 3,000 attendees in year 1 and which then have the potential to grow and scale up into major initiatives.

In addition to funding, the Events Partnerships Program provides a mechanism for Council to 'partner' with the organisation delivering the event to provide expert advice, supplier and contractor contacts, and in-kind marketing, venue and promotional support.

The Events Partnerships Program differs from Council's Community Grants Program in that it offers funding above \$10,000 together with additional support, and has a broader public objective to identify and support events that can scale-up and grow to become major initiatives that promote and market the City and contribute to the creation of a vibrant and inclusive community.

The 2023 – 2024 Events Partnerships Program, opened for Expressions of Interest on Monday 19 June and closed on Friday 7 July 2023.

The Lebanese Film Festival and the Padstow Carols by Candlelight responded to the Expression of Interest.

Following an evaluation of the applications it is proposed that cash and in-kind support be offered as follows.

Event	Cash
Lebanese Film Festival	\$25,000 (inclusive of fees and charges) plus in kind partnership
Padstow Carols	\$20,000 (inclusive of fees and charges) plus in kind partnership

What is the Lebanese Film Festival?

The LFF Association Incorporated is an NSW registered non-profit and proud Bankstown-based organisation that runs the Lebanese Film Festival Australia (LFF) event annually. The LFF was established in 2012.

LFF has been built from the ground up and has grown into a national film event, attracting thousands of diverse film patrons across Australia in a dedicated celebration of Lebanese cinema.

Under the Patronage of Bryan Brown AM, the Lebanese Film Festival Association is run by a Committee of eight members, who have a strong passion for the arts, culture, film and community and grassroots initiatives.

The festival is a celebration of Lebanese arts and culture through film, showcasing Lebanese cinema across Australia. It connects and supports Lebanese participation in film and creative arts and challenges perceptions of Lebanon, its people, culture and traditions.

It also showcases films driving diversity, inclusion and challenging perceptions – promoting woman's rights, diversity, environmental sustainability and social justice challenges in a way that speaks to multicultural audiences.

Event objectives

The event sets out the following objectives which include creating an experience that has become a benchmark for film festivals across Australia.

- Showcase Lebanese cinema across Australia
- Challenge perceptions of Lebanon, its people, culture and traditions
- Bring an iconic film event to Western Sydney, focusing on Bankstown
- Connecting and supporting Lebanese participation in film and creative arts
- Supporting accessibility and inclusivity to the arts
- Inspiring change behaviours to be more environmentally and socially responsible.

Proposed LFF Events Partnerships Program Funding

The City of Canterbury Bankstown is proposing to support the Lebanese Film Festival with \$25,000 in cash (inclusive of fees and charges for venue hire) and in-kind support as set out below.

- Promote LFF across the community
 - Council News Torch Advertisement
 - Mention in Mayor's Message in the Torch Publication
 - Placement in Council news and messaging
- LFF street flags/banner:
 - Reuse Paul Keating Park banners
 - Reuse Street Banners
 - Reuse Bryan Brown Theatre banner
- Support in media outreach for promotion of LFF including media release
- Social Media Promotion:
- Cross partnership collaboration/community activation:
- Support with deepening LFF's network
- Movies Under the Stars opportunity – outdoor screening of mutually agreed film – venue TBC

Due to the timing of the event and the grant application process it is noted that the event has commenced. However, no commitment to funding has been made and it has been made clear this is subject to Council approval. It is important to note that Council has supported the LFF in previous years with the similar level of in-kind support. Many of the above items are already within Council's operational budget or Council already has the material (for example Council will reuse the banners from last year). Bringing the LFF under the Events Partnership Program formalises this arrangement.

LFF will provide City of Canterbury Bankstown

- Recognition as the Platinum Partner of the event, offering prime position on all collateral associated with the event.
- City brand recognition nationwide, as the event screens across different cities and states. This is an opportunity for our City to be associated with having a strong and vibrant multicultural population which will attract business investment and visitors. It will showcase our community and promote a sense of belonging and cultural connection.
- 30 second TV spot to be screened at every LFF event (nationally) for 2023
- The City of Canterbury Bankstown logo visible across all LFF collateral, including but not limited to digital and print, and the Platinum logo must be listed separately from the other sponsorship categories
- 1 x full page ad placement on the inside front cover of the LFF printed and digital program guide
- The City of Canterbury Bankstown to have the opportunity to use LFF logo, staff/case study images as permitted by LFF for media
- LFF to verbally acknowledge The City of Canterbury Bankstown as a 'Platinum Partner' across any formalities, including speeches, presentations, or events, delivered or participated by LFF
- LFF to provide The City of Canterbury Bankstown branded activation opportunities to promote key events/ campaigns at LFF events.
- The City of Canterbury Bankstown to be provided with 10 invitations to LFF Opening and Closing Nights and key film screening events
- A Post Event Report to be provided which includes statistics of the event including, but not limited to, attendance, marketing reach, demographics and overall sentiment.

Many of the above items have been provided by the LFF in previous years at no cost to Council. Bringing the LFF under the Events Partnership Program is a recognition of the benefits.

What are the Padstow Carols by Candlelight?

Carols by Candlelight is an annual Christmas celebration run by the Rotary Club of Padstow in Playford Park in Bankstown. Council, and local businesses have been supporting this event for many years and it complements Council's own Carol's in the Park event in Wiley Park, Canterbury, allowing Christmas celebrations to happen across the LGA.

What began as a small event, has grown into one of the highlight social events of the year, bringing residents of the local community in the thousands to enjoy, watch and engage with local entertainers. In 2022, approximately 6,000 residents brought their picnic hampers to enjoy the evening relaxing with family and friends. This event continues to attract larger crowds each year.

With a range of food vendors, the event includes regular local entertainers who are internationally recognised opera/stage performers such as Rebecca Currier, Blake Fischer, and Murray Mayday. Complimented by Bankstown Yagoona Brass Band and Council's own Talent Advancement Program participants, the event concludes each year with a fireworks display.

Event objectives

- Carols by Candlelight is a totally inclusive event, encompassing people of all ages, ethnicity, social and cultural backgrounds.
- The event promotes community connection, peace, harmony and joy, and grows in popularity every year.
- Carols by Candlelight showcases local talent

Proposed Padstow Carols Events Partnerships Program Funding

The City of Canterbury Bankstown is proposing to support the Padstow Carols with \$20,000 in cash (inclusive of fees and charges for park hire and waste) and in-kind support as set out below.

- Social Media promotion
- Advertising
- Electronic direct mail promotion, and
- Leaflet printing costs

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ITEM 8.3 Women's Rest Centres

AUTHOR Community Services

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

To provide Council with a report on the trial reopening of Women's Rest Centres in the Canterbury Bankstown LGA.

Following its consideration, Council resolved:

"That the matter be deferred for a Councillor briefing"

A Briefing was held with interested Councillors on Tuesday, 15 August 2023, which included an inspection of the sites and discussion regarding appropriate future considerations for both facilities.

ISSUE

Having considered the merits of the previous report and discussed at the on site Briefing, it is proposed that Council agree to carry out an open Expression of Interest (EOI) process, seeking proposals from interested *Non-For-Profit* (NFP) organisations specialising in Women's Services who could operate both facilities for a 12-month trial period, on the basis of:

- Continuing to provide the current women's services offered by Council at its Lakemba and Campsie Women's Rest Centres; and
- Outlining other complimentary and/or value-add services that they propose, could provide value add to supporting women in our community.

The advantage of conducting an EOI process in the first instance is that it will allow for interested NFP organisations to provide Council with alternate/innovative servicing options for women that are currently in demand; utilising this space while primarily ensuring our rest facilities continue in their primary purpose of supporting women of our City.

Naturally, all submissions received will be assessed and submitted for Council's consideration. At that point – and subject to the nature/type of options received – Council may determine how best proceed with a preferred NFP operator.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council note the outcomes of the Women's Rest Centre trial period.

2. Council carryout an open Expression of Interest (EOI) process, inviting interested Non-For-Profit Organisations to operate Council's Lakemba and Campsie Women's Rest Centres, as outlined in the report.
3. At the conclusion of the EOI, Council be provided with a further report, detailing all submissions received and a proposed approach with regards to the matter.

ATTACHMENTS

[Click here for attachment](#)

- A. Previous Report to Council - 25 July 2023 Meeting

POLICY IMPACT

Council does not have a policy that directly relates to the provision and operation of these Centres.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As part of the trial Council undertook a financial analysis to understand the true operating costs. Full year operational costs including staffing, and on costs, is approximately around \$220,000 per year.

Whilst the report as written does not have any financial implications at this stage, the EOI process will require each proponent's submission to outline the financial implications associated with their proposal.

Council will continue to support the facility by carrying out relevant cleaning services throughout the trial period.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The report as written has no impact on the community at this point. The current service being provided will continue until such time as Council considers a further report on the outcomes of the EOI.

The intent of the EOI process is to provide targeted women's services, including the continuation of access to a public toilet. The usage data from the 6-month trial period would be considered by Council in the community impact assessments of the possible future uses of the Centres.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Summary of Trial Opening

As detailed in Attachment A, Council undertook a trial re-opening of the Women's Rest Centres at Lakemba and Campsie and collected usage data from patrons.

As outlined in the earlier report, during the 31 week trial, there were 26,600 visits to the Centres combined. Campsie was being more frequently used with a total number of 21,300 visits, approximately 680 people per week. Considerably fewer people accessed the Lakemba Women's Rest Centre, with 5,300 visits, equating to approximately 171 people per week.

The survey of users indicated many were repeat users of the facility. The Centres were predominantly used to access the public toilet, with approximately two thirds of visitors using the facility for this reason. Of those surveyed, 61% indicated they also used the local shopping centre toilets and 13% indicated they could alternatively use their facilities at home.

Outcome of the Trial

As outlined in the previous report, Council's trial demonstrated that both Centres were being used by members of the community, with Campsie having a higher usage. The use of the Centres was largely to access a public toilet, even with other facilities being available such as in nearby shopping centres.

While the results indicate the facilities have some use, in particular the Campsie facility, the results indicate that there is an opportunity to provide greater utilisation if they are to remain open. In particular, the larger room at the Lakemba facility provides an opportunity for other compatible uses.

Expression of Interest (EOI)

The July 2023 Council Report proposed that there is an opportunity to retain both facilities as a women's only public toilet, but to also test our not-for-profit market to see if there are any organisations that could utilise the space for the provision of women's support and/or related services.

Having a suitable organisation providing women's support services would provide a greater benefit and use of the facility. This would also reduce the Council staffing costs associated with running both facilities. It is proposed that Council would still clean the facilities as it does now.

If an EOI is successful, it would allow the existing Women's Rest Centres to remain open for use as a women's only public toilet, as well as introducing a women's focused service from a local not-for-profit service provider to maximise the potential of the Centres.

If Council supports the proposed recommendation, then a targeted approach will be undertaken to relevant organisations, including Government services such as Child Health Services.

The EOI will be based on providing the facility for a twelve (12) month trial period.

A further report will be provided on the outcomes of the EOI process.

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 9.1 **Minutes of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 July 2023**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Council resolved to establish its Advisory Committees and Working Groups on 22 February 2022.

The minutes of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting are attached.

ISSUE

Endorsement of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 July 2023 be endorsed.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

A. Minutes of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 July 2023

POLICY IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups have Terms of Reference, as well as Guidelines and Rules for their operation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups do not have the power to incur expenditure or to bind Council but may recommend actions and initiatives to Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups provide Council with advice for the ongoing management of services to our community and information for our integrated planning and reporting framework.

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ITEM 9.2 **Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 July 2023**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Council resolved to establish its Advisory Committees and Working Groups on 22 February 2022.

The minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting are attached.

ISSUE

Endorsement of the Environment Advisory Committee minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 July 2023 be endorsed.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 July 2023

POLICY IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups have Terms of Reference, as well as Guidelines and Rules for their operation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups do not have the power to incur expenditure or to bind Council but may recommend actions and initiatives to Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups provide Council with advice for the ongoing management of services to our community and information for our integrated planning and reporting framework.

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ITEM 9.3 Minutes of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 July 2023

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Council resolved to establish its Advisory Committees and Working Groups on 22 February 2022.

The minutes of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting are attached.

ISSUE

Endorsement of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee minutes.

The recommendations and requested Council actions of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee are listed in the Detailed Information section of this report.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council note:
 - 1.1 The proposed establishment process and operational model for a First Peoples Cultural Hub and Resource Centre at Bankstown Senior Citizens Centre.
 - 1.2 A name change for the 'Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee' to the 'First Peoples Advisory Committee'.
 - 1.3 The following Acknowledgement of Country for use in relevant Council mediums:

The City of Canterbury Bankstown acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, water and skies of Canterbury-Bankstown, the Darug (Darag, Dharug, Daruk, Dharuk) People. We recognise and respect Darug cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge the First Peoples' continuing importance to our CBCity community.
2. The minutes of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 July 2023 be endorsed.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. Minutes of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 July 2023

POLICY IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups have Terms of Reference, as well as Guidelines and Rules for their operation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups do not have the power to incur expenditure or to bind Council but may recommend actions and initiatives to Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups provide Council with advice for the ongoing management of services to our community and information for our integrated planning and reporting framework.

DETAILED INFORMATION

The recommendations and requested Council actions of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee are listed below.

ITEM 5: FIRST PEOPLES CULTURAL HUB AND RESOURCE CENTRE (THE HUB)

On 29 September 2022, Council endorsed the Advisory Committee's recommendation for the vacant space and attached room formerly used by Meals on Wheels, at Bankstown Senior Citizens Centre to be investigated for a trial use as a First Nations meeting space.

The proposed establishment process and operational model for the Hub on a two-year trial basis includes:

- Expression of Interest process for an Anchor Organisation to manage day-to-day operations;
- Recommendation to Council on an Anchor Organisation;
- Steering Committee to oversee operation and Steering Committee's Terms of Reference recommendation to Council;
- Memorandum of Understanding between Council, Anchor Organisation and Steering Committee;
- Quarterly updates on the Hub through Advisory Committee minutes;
- Evaluation of the trial and recommendation to Council regarding sustainability of the Hub.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council considers adopting the proposed establishment process and operational model for a First Peoples Cultural Hub and Resource Centre at Bankstown Senior Citizens Centre.

ITEM 9: ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE

The Advisory Committee members recommended a change of name to align with current terminology.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council consider adopting a name change for the 'Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee' to the 'First Peoples Advisory Committee'.

ITEM 11: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY WORDING

Copies of the research paper 'The Eora Dilemma' on the Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation website was tabled. It was advised Eora means 'here' or 'from this place' and not appropriate to use in the acknowledgment.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider adopting the following Acknowledgement of Country for use in relevant Council mediums:

The City of Canterbury Bankstown acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, water and skies of Canterbury-Bankstown, the Darug (Darag, Dharug, Daruk, Dharuk) People. We recognise and respect Darug cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge the First Peoples' continuing importance to our CBCity community.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There are no cost implications arising from the recommendations.

Item 9: Advisory Committee Name Change - the Charter for the Advisory Committee will require amendment.

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ITEM 9.4 **Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 31 July 2023**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Council resolved to establish its Advisory Committees and Working Groups on 22 February 2022.

The minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting are attached.

ISSUE

Endorsement of the Youth Advisory Committee minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 31 July 2023 be endorsed.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

A. Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 31 July 2023

POLICY IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups have Terms of Reference, as well as Guidelines and Rules for their operation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups do not have the power to incur expenditure or to bind Council but may recommend actions and initiatives to Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Advisory Committees and Working Groups provide Council with advice for the ongoing management of services to our community and information for our integrated planning and reporting framework.

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ITEM 9.5 **Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 8 August 2023**

AUTHOR **City Assets**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 8 August 2023.

The Committee have been constituted to advise and make recommendations in relation to traffic activities. It has, however, no delegated authority and cannot bind Council.

The recommendations of the Committee are in line with the objectives of the Committee and with established practices and procedures.

ISSUE

Recommendations of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 8 August 2023, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

A. Traffic Committee Minutes - 8 August 2023

POLICY IMPACT

The matter has no policy implications to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Potential costs arising out of recommendations of the Traffic Committees are detailed in each report and included in either current Operational Budgets or Future Works Programs for Roadworks/Traffic Facilities.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The recommendations will improve road safety for the community whilst minimising the adverse impacts on residential amenity. Community consultations have been carried out where required.

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

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ITEM 10.1 **Status of Previous Notices of Motion - August 2023**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

ISSUE

The attached schedule provides information to questions raised at Council's previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. Notice of Motions Status - August 2023 Report
- B. Outgoing Correspondence Relating to NOMs
- C. Incoming Correspondence Relating to NOM Resolutions

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ITEM 10.2

Vale Ian Kennedy

I, Councillor Linda Downey hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council acknowledge the passing of Ian Kennedy and recognise the voluntary and community deeds of this humble and well-liked Padstow local, known to many in the area, as the “pizza delivery man.”

BACKGROUND

71-year-old Ian Kennedy was tragically killed after being struck by a car along Gibson Avenue at Padstow on Friday 11 August. Mr Kennedy was delivering food for local restaurant Mamma Della Pizza when he was hit by a Hyundai Hatchback. He was taken to hospital in a critical condition but died a short time later.

Mr Kennedy was a community-minded person who had the best interests of others at heart. He loved giving back through his volunteering work and was a vocal voice with his local neighbourhood watch. And it was not uncommon to find him manning the barbeque at a Lions Club fundraising event.

And in 2010 he received a Certificate of Recognition at our Australia Day awards ceremony. He was a long-serving member of the ALP and a supporter of the RSL club. He loved to read and would often exchange books with his local friends.

I recall seeing Ian only days before he was killed on one of his delivery drops.

A true local who will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impacts of the motion as written

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There is no financial impacts of the motion as written

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ITEM 10.3 Late trade precincts

I, Councillor Karl Saleh OAM hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council

1. Undertake consultation on our communities thoughts on the need, benefits, impacts and possible locations where late-night trading could occur.
2. Consultation to include retailers in our centres inclusive of food shops and restaurants.
3. This engagement informs future opportunities to where our city would benefit from extended night trade for businesses that supports Canterbury Bankstown as a destination while balancing amenity for residents in busy centres.”

BACKGROUND

We all know how important Ramadan nights in Lakemba is to promoting our businesses and creating a vibrant night time activity for our community. But promoting our economy after dark can occur throughout the year and across the City.

Council has an opportunity to continue to support businesses to grow by allowing them to extend their trading into the evening, late night and early morning.

I recognise this needs to be undertaken carefully ensuring this does not impact on the surrounding residents.

I propose that Council undertake community consultation to identify possible areas to allow late night trading and how any impacts could be managed. This consultation should include our residents and also our retailers, inclusive of those that are currently trading in food and restaurants as it is those businesses that are at the heart of a thriving late night place.

Subject to positive feedback from the community, Council could consider a strategy to guide the night time economy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

I understand the proposed community consultation could be undertaken as part of Council's existing Community Engagement Program already funded through the Operational Plan.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

This action is consistent with Council's adopted Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-2026 which specifically identifies an action to "Identify key NTE precincts in each of our major cities, town and local centres for future activations." Consultation would provide input into Council's Masterplans, future changes and updates to Council's Development Control Plan and an eventual night time strategy.

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ITEM 10.4 Congratulations Matilda's

I, Councillor Karl Saleh OAM hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That -

1. Council congratulates the Australian Women’s Football Team on their successful performance during the 2023 World Cup.
2. Council also acknowledges the achievements of team member, Mary Fowler, who attended Bankstown Girls High School and was selected from Sydney’s second-tier competition to play for the Bankstown City Lions FC National Premier League.”

BACKGROUND

From obscurity to national heroes, our Matilda’s are the toast of the country. Winning hearts all over, uniting not just football lovers but all Australians.

Their achievement in reaching the finals of the Soccer World Cup was 40 years in the making, inspiring a nation. Ticket sales to their games were sold out, television audiences breaking all records with millions tuning in and that’s not to mention the profile the sport needed. Unprecedented demand for merchandise and sponsorship.

And a special mention must go to talented 21-year-old Mary Fowler, the girl with the big smile and signature black gloves who attended Bankstown Girls High and played with the Bankstown City Lions.

Congratulations to the entire team and support staff and thank you for taking us on a ride to remember.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with this motion

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

The motion as written presents no financial impact for Council.

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ITEM 10.5 Additional services on the East Hills railway line

I, Councillor David Walsh hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council writes to the NSW Minister for Transport The Hon. Jo Haylen seeking a commitment to add extra train services on the T8 Airport & South (aka East Hills) Line when the T3 Bankstown Line is closed for the metro conversion. The extra services will be needed to cope with the expected increase in passengers using the rail line.”

BACKGROUND

It was recently announced that the long-planned conversion of the Bankstown line from heavy rail to metro standard will begin in the second half of 2024. It is expected to take 12 months to complete. This motion is not about the Metro line.

For the duration of the shutdown, it is likely that there will be increased ridership on the East Hills line as passengers from the Bankstown line seek alternative routes into the city. Furthermore, one of the main justifications for the metro conversion of the Bankstown line is that it will free up the capacity of other railway lines that converge on the city circle.

The combination of increased demand and increased capacity makes it imperative that services on the East Hills line are increased commensurately.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact of the motion as written.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There is no financial impact of the motion as written.

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ITEM 10.6 More Bookstores

I, Councillor Rachelle Harika hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council write to the major chain of bookstores to encourage them to open a store in our LGA.”

BACKGROUND

Our city is crying out for a bookstore in our major retail centres. There are of course a handful of second-hand stores littered throughout small centres, and they of course play an important role serving an army of followers, but what is lacking is a major retailer.

It wasn't that long ago Roselands and Bankstown had major book chains like Angus and Robertson outlets but closed their doors because of financial pressures as more and more people shifted their attention to online.

Buying books online is not an experience. The bookstore is a place to go and spend some time browsing, and a meeting place for likeminded people. How many times have you been to a bookstore and struck up a conversation?

We have an excellent library service but to buy the new releases, most residents must leave the area.

I am aware one of the major book sellers has done some research and see new growth opportunities in our City.

I hope by writing to them it will encourage them to invest not only in our city but the literary future of the entire community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with this motion.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

The motion as written presents no financial impact for Council.

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ITEM 10.7 Proposal to Convert T3 Line to Metro

I, Councillor Barbara Coorey hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That -

1. Council urgently writes to the Minister for Transport and the Premier to reconsider their position to convert the T3 line to Metro and to honour recommendation 3 of the Report into the Conversion of the T3 Line to Metro dated 2020 and that is to terminate the Metro at Sydenham and not take it to Bankstown.
2. Council urgently request that the Government look at all the issues to be created as a result of the shutdown
 - The inconvenience (and mental anguish and anxiety caused) to 100,000 commuters in peak hour including workers travelling to the city for their jobs, students from at least schools – Canterbury Boys , Canterbury Girls, Holy Cross College, Punchbowl Boys high school and Wiley Park Girls High School, Birrong Girls High School and students attending Sydney Uni and Uts (and the interference to HSC Students) and beyond who will all be affected with no trains for 12 months and possibly beyond.
 - The impossibility of providing bus services to 100,000 persons in peak hour whereby the conditions on Canterbury Road and other feeder roads are already at grid lock status during peak hour –
 - 1000 buses with 1000 drivers will be required which add total mayhem to the surrounding suburbs.
 - The non consultation and notification to all the schools, shopkeepers and the commuters of the shutdown and the implications for their travel.
3. Council includes the following in the correspondence to the Minister and the Premier
 - All of the content of the Background to this Notice of Motion including quotes and discussion points.
 - An Upper House inquiry was held into the Sydenham to Bankstown Conversion of the T3 line (in 2019) and recommendation 3 was to terminate it at Sydenham
 - That the MP’s (we thank them for their submission in 2019) for the line together with hundreds of community members made submissions in 2019 against the conversion.”

BACKGROUND

Quotes from MP's about the proposal to convert the T3 line to Metro

Ms Jo Halen stated:

That the Metro Southwest is nothing more than a trojan horse for development along the line.

Ms Cotsis stated:

Even if the Sydenham to Bankstown Line Conversion delivers the benefits the Government has promised the overall quality of life for local residents will suffer.

Mr Dib stated:

Sydenham to Bankstown corridor is already well served by the existing T3 line and the suitability of the Metro on the T3 Bankstown line is questionable.

Separately I want to draw the attention of Councillors to the following:

- The very real possibility of a derailment (due to the laws of physics) between the goods line running from Marrickville to Belmore with a driverless and guard less metro carrying hundreds of commuters – due to doors of the heavy containers opening onto the Metro and or the container movement causing the derailment. The section of the proposed SW Metro from Marrickville to Belmore is the only driverless Metro in the world to run alongside a heavy goods container freight line.
- That the \$1.1 billion cost to convert the line would be better used to upgrade and build the new Bankstown Hospital and or further upgrades required for Canterbury Hospital – health services which are desperately needed by our residents in the State Seat of East Hills, Lakemba and Canterbury.
- The residents of the corridor are against the trojan high rise canyons that will be triggered by the Metro and is part of the business case of the Metro operator – MTR Corporation 75% owned by the Hong Kong Government which is now the Chinese Government.
- The harsh interchange at Bankstown whereby commuters travelling from the West of Bankstown would have to walk 450 m from the heavy rail to connect with Metro and vice versa on their return trip.
- The provision of only 30% seating capacity meaning capacity for sexual assault and indecent assault offences being committed with persons standing with the overlay grip closely together.
- That improved signalling which is occurring on the Illawarra and Airport lines will achieve the same improved frequency at a fraction of the cost with very little inconvenience to the commuters.
- The Chatswood to City line runs every 3 and half minutes due to improved signalling and this is heavy rail.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact of the motion as written

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There is no financial impact of the motion as written

Notice of Motions & Questions With Notice - 29 August 2023

ITEM 10.8 Future of Sydney Trains Stations in the West of Bankstown

I, Councillor Barbara Coorey hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Canterbury Bankstown Council affirms its support for the Sydney Trains Network in particular for the existing stations west of Bankstown (not part of Sydney Metro Southwest) including Birrong and Yagoona. And that Council writes to the NSW Transport Minister Jo Haylen, the current Sydney Trains Review conducted by Ms Carolyn Walsh, the relevant State MPs, and neighbouring Local Councils in west of Bankstown outlining opposition to the Transport for NSW plans for:

- Removal of Sydney Trains services from Birrong and Yagoona to Central/City Circle in 2024.
- More west of Bankstown commuters forced to interchange at Lidcombe for trains to City Circle.
- West of Bankstown commuters forced to interchange at Bankstown
- Removal of Sydney Trains services from Liverpool-Sefton to Birrong/Yagoona/Bankstown in 2024.
- West of Bankstown commuters forced to interchange at Regents Park if travelling from a Liverpool-Sefton station to a Birrong-Bankstown station.
- Renaming of former T2 Inner West Line “Liverpool to City via Regents Park” train services (removed in 2013, to be restored temporarily in 2024) as the second T3 Bankstown Line.
- Long-term permanent closure of Sydney Trains stations west of Bankstown with the replacement of trains with bus between Bankstown and Lidcombe and Liverpool via Regents Park.”

BACKGROUND

The Sydney Trains Network currently has 9 stations in the immediate area west of Bankstown, with 6 in the vicinity of Canterbury Bankstown LGA. (Liverpool, Warwick Farm, Cabramatta, and Lidcombe are also on the T3 Line west of Bankstown (and former T2 Inner West Line – Liverpool to City via Regents Park) but have access to other Sydney Trains Network lines).

9 immediate West of Bankstown stations

- Yagoona (Canterbury Bankstown LGA, Auburn electorate/East Hills electorate)
- Birrong (Canterbury Bankstown LGA, Auburn electorate)

(Birrong and Yagoona was serviced by the T2 Bankstown to City via Regents Park line until 2013).

- Carramar (Fairfield LGA, Fairfield electorate)
- Villawood (Canterbury Bankstown LGA/Fairfield LGA, Fairfield electorate)
- Leightonfield (Canterbury Bankstown LGA, Fairfield electorate)
- Chester Hill (Canterbury Bankstown LGA, Auburn electorate)
- Sefton (Canterbury Bankstown LGA, Auburn electorate)
- Regents Park (Canterbury Bankstown LGA/Cumberland LGA, Auburn electorate)
- Berala (Cumberland LGA, Auburn electorate)

(Carramar to Berala was serviced by the T2 Liverpool via Regents Park line until 2013).

In 2013, the T2 Inner West Line (Bankstown to City via Regents Park and Liverpool to City via Regents Park) was removed resulting in forced interchanges at Lidcombe and Birrong.

The NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into Sydenham-Bankstown line conversion (2019-2020) made a recommendation that the direct train to City Circle be restored for all stations in the west of Bankstown not being converted into Sydney Metro Southwest (Sydenham to Bankstown).

Source: Report No 11 - PC 6 - Transport and Customer Service - Sydenham-Bankstown Line conversion

https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/inquiries/2551/Report%20No%2011_PC%206_Sydenham-Bankstown%20line%20conversion.pdf

Canterbury Bankstown Council resolved on 25 February 2020 to support the restoration of the T2 Inner West Line to provide direct train services from the West of Bankstown to Central/City Circle without interchange at Lidcombe Station.

In 2020, Transport for NSW announced as part of Sydney Metro City & Southwest that changes to rail services in the West of Bankstown would be implemented in 2024 including:

- ***Partial restoration of the former T2 Inner West Line (Liverpool to City via Regents Park) for Liverpool, Warwick Farm, Cabramatta, Carramar, Villawood, Leightonfield, Chester Hill, Sefton, Regents Park, Berala, and Lidcombe commuters.***

(This is supported by the Canterbury Bankstown Council resolution of 25 February 2020).

- ***New T3 shuttle train service between Bankstown and Lidcombe (for Yagoona, Birrong, Regents Park, Berala commuters) with interchange at either terminus.***

(This motion seeks to re-affirm Canterbury Bankstown Council's opposition to the forced interchange at Lidcombe as the resolution of 25 February 2020 supports direct trains to City Circle through Lidcombe Station).

- ***Removal of direct trains between Liverpool and Bankstown, with a new interchange introduced at Regents Park Station (between the T2 Liverpool to City via Regents Park with the T3 Bankstown to Lidcombe shuttle).***

(This motion seeks to affirm Canterbury Bankstown Council's opposition to the removal of Sydney Trains between Liverpool and Bankstown).

- ***The former T2 Inner West Line (Liverpool to City via Regents Park) will be renamed in 2024 as the second the T3 Bankstown Line (despite Bankstown Station not part of this route).***

(This motion seeks to request Transport for NSW to avoid causing confusion among commuters especially the culturally and linguistically diverse communities using public transport).

Source: Transport for NSW Planning for Rail Services West of Bankstown in 2024

www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/planning-for-rail-services-west-of-bankstown



Left: Transport for NSW Map for Rail West of Bankstown in 2024 announced publicly with Liverpool to City via Regents Park as T3 Bankstown Line (in orange).

Right: Internal Transport for NSW Map (released under GIPA Act: GIPA 21T-0844) for Rail West of Bankstown with Liverpool to City via Regents Park as T2 Inner West Line (in blue).

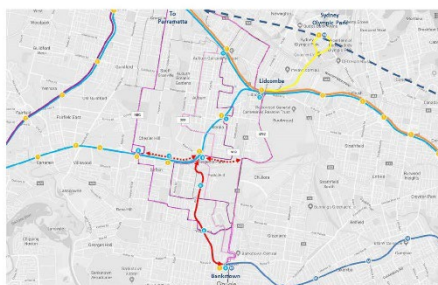
The long-term future of Sydney Trains in the west of Bankstown also remains unclear, despite the NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into Sydenham to Bankstown recommending that direct trains to City Circle be restored via Lidcombe for ALL stations.

The Sydney Metro Southwest project team has created an “Alternative Shuttle Options” plan for the West of Bankstown proposing the following changes:

- Closure of Birrong Station and Yagoona Station
- Replacement of Sydney Trains between Bankstown and Lidcombe (including Yagoona and Birrong) with either bus or light rail or ride-share
- New bus interchange at Regents Park for commuters travelling to Bankstown (via Birrong/Yagoona)

Bus Rapid Transit

- Convert rail corridor Bankstown – Sefton Junction into a dedicated busway.
- Will require infrastructure at stations to provide level access for buses and turn-around.
- May provide a potential test bed for semi-automated or automated buses (although limited on-road connection required to Regent's Park).
- Alternative options include potential reroute of M92 or M91.
- Potential to provide equivalent journey time (Bankstown to Regent's Park) with much improved frequency.
- Operations outside of a dedicated bus corridor unlikely to provide competitive journey time due to on-road congestion and stopping frequency.

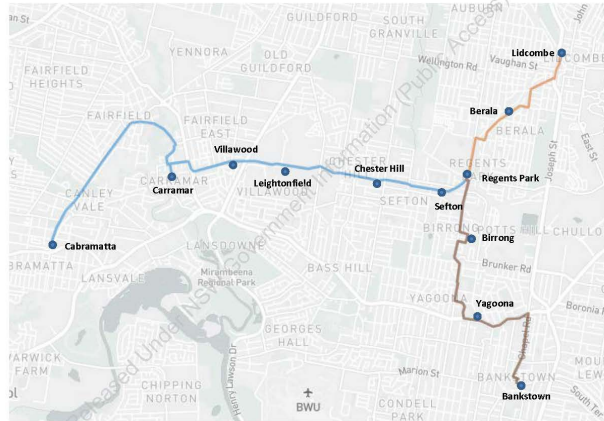


City & Southwest

Source: Sydney Metro City & Southwest – Alternative Shuttle Options (extract from GIPA 23T-0182)

Transport for NSW claims that the Sydney Metro City and Southwest project team has delegated authority for planning closure of Sydney Trains Network stations (outside of the approved Sydney Metro Southwest/Sydenham to Bankstown corridor) under the Transport Administration Act 1988.

Other Transport for NSW and Sydney Metro documents for the West of Bankstown (released under GIPA Act) indicate more extensive plans to close stations in the West of Bankstown area including between Regents Park and Cabramatta (via Sefton, Chester Hill, Leightonfield, Villawood, Carramar) and between Regents Park and Lidcombe (via Berala).



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FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with this motion.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

The motion as written presents no financial impact for Council.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. Sydney Metro City and South West Alternative Shuttle Options
- B. Sydenham-Bankstown Line Conversion
- C. West of Bankstown Rail Services in 2024 Fact Sheet
- D. Multimodal Options – More than one transfer

11 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

11.1 Code of Conduct Investigation Report

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

Confidentiality

Councillors and staff are reminded of their obligations in respect to the need for confidentiality and not disclose or otherwise misuse the information which is about to be discussed, failure to do so could result in a reference to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and/or result in a prosecution in accordance with Sec. 664 of the Act for which the maximum penalty is \$5,500.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides that Council may, by resolution, close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of matters as listed in that section, or for any matter that arises during the course of business during the meeting that should be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Act.

Council's Agenda for this meeting contains reports that meet the criteria specified in Section 10A(2) of the Act. To consider these reports in confidential session, Council can adopt the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Item 11.1 in confidential session for the reason indicated:

Item 11.1 Code of Conduct Investigation Report

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.