

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 27 MAY 2025**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor, Councillor El-Hayek  
Councillors Abu-Samen, Akther, Asfour, Blood, Cahill, Coorey, Harika, Lindsay,  
Raffan, Saleh OAM, Stavrinos, Walsh, Walther, Zakhia

**APOLOGIES** Nil

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.37 PM.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

THE MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND, WATER AND SKIES OF WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) PEOPLE AND PAID RESPECT TO DARUG CULTURAL HERITAGE, BELIEFS AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND. THE MAYOR ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED FIRST PEOPLES' CONTINUING IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

**SECTION 1:** **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
Nil

**SECTION 2:** **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
**(185) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2025 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 4.6 – Local Community Based Donations, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her employer has a working relationship with the entity and as such she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 4.6 – Local Community Based Donations to Maronite Youth Australia, Councillor Harika declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her background and acquaintance with the people of the Maronite community. Councillor Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she will remain in the Chamber.

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In respect to Item 8.5 – Riverwood Community Centre, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary interest as he is on the board of the Riverwood Community Centre and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Saleh OAM advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Zakhia declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Zakhia advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her employer has a working relationship with the entity and as such she will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Asfour declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Asfour advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Blood advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 11.12 – Active Super Greenwashing, Councillor Asfour declared a pecuniary interest given he is on the board as vice president and as such he will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

In respect to Item 11.12 – Active Super Greenwashing, Councillor Raffan declared a pecuniary interest given she is on the board and as such she will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Mayor El-Hayek declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the club. Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

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In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Zakhia declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the club. Councillor Zakhia advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Cahill declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the club. Councillor Cahill advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Lindsay declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the club. Councillor Lindsay advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Asfour declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the club. Councillor Asfour advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Walther declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the club. Councillor Walther advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Harika declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the club. Councillor Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Coorey declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the club. Councillor Coorey advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.6 – Management of Lakemba and Campsie Women’s Rest Centres, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his association with the Lebanese Muslim Association and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 12.6 – Management of Lakemba and Campsie Women’s Rest Centres, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the Lebanese Muslim Association and as such

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he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 12.6 – Management of Lakemba and Campsie Women’s Rest Centres, Councillor Asfour declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with the Lebanese Muslim Association and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

**SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES**

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.45 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.46 PM.

**ITEM 4.1 SIKH GAMES**  
**(186) CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council present President Avtar Singh Sidhu and Ranbir Antwal with Mayoral Certificates of Appreciation for their leadership and tireless efforts over many years in bringing these games to life.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.2 VIETNAMESE 50 YEARS**  
**(187) CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the planned candlelight vigil at the Vietnamese Boat People Monument in Saigon Place by erecting a plaque to mark this milestone 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
2. The plaque, along with any minor operational costs for supporting their event be accommodated from Council’s existing Projects/events opening program.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.3 FEDERAL ELECTION**  
**(188) CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council congratulate the successful candidates and offer Council’s support as we work together to ensure our City has a voice at the highest level and our community’s needs are met.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 4.4**  
**(189)**

**ALESSANDRO'S STORY**  
**CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council purchase Alessandro's books for each of our nine Library and Knowledge Centres to be purchased with funds made available from the Community Services Library Book Vote budget.
2. Council staff to explore the benefits and feasibility of handing out "sunflower" stickers to the carers of those living with autism when they visit our libraries and pools.
3. Council encourage staff to supplement their knowledge and skills by participating in free online training programs addressing disability inclusion.
4. Support our Council's commitment and work that is currently being undertaken through our Disability Action Plan.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.5**  
**(190)**

**MARK HUGHES FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER**  
**CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the fundraising efforts of the Mark Hughes Foundation with a \$500 donation which will go towards supporting brain cancer victims.
2. These funds be made available from the Local Community Based Donations budget.
3. Council present Jerome Kertebani with a Certificate of Recognition for his bravery in the face of adversity and for typifying the spirit which exists in our community.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.6**

**LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

In respect to Item 4.6 – Local Community Based Donations, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her employer has a

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working relationship with the entity and as such she vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 4.6 – Local Community Based Donations to Maronite Youth Australia, Councillor Harika declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her background and acquaintance with the people of the Maronite community. Councillor Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she remained in the Chamber.

CLR WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.02 PM.

**(191)**

**CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council supports a fee waiver of \$500.00 to the Maronite Youth Australia towards the annual sports day event.
2. Council supports a \$500.00 donation to the Autism Community Network.
3. Council supports a \$750.00 donation to the Australian Jieh Community Club.
4. These funds be made available from the Local Community Based Donations Budget.

- CARRIED

CLR WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.04 PM.

**SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**

**(192)**

**CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 6.1, 8.2, 8.3, 9.1, 10.1, 10.2, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.11, 11.13, 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5.
2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.
3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

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**SECTION 6: PLANNING MATTERS**

**ITEM 6.1**                      **REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS, AND THE STATUS OF CURRENT PLANNING PROPOSALS**

**(193)**                      **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.2**                      **PROPOSED LEASEHOLD COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF COUNCIL LAND BY TRANSPORT FOR NSW (CHESTER HILL STATION)**

**(194)**                      **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and determine compensation payable to Council for the compulsory leasehold acquisition of the subject land in accordance with a valuation provided by a registered valuer.
2. Council agree to the Recommended Approach in dealing with the matter, as outlined in the report.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign all documentation, as required.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.3**                      **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2025**

**(195)**                      **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 April 2025 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be noted.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 9.1                      PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

**(196)                      CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes, through Council's Community Grants and Sponsorship Program in 2024, \$60,000 was "quarantined" for additional publicly accessible AEDs pending this report (Attachment 1).
2. Council approve the purchase and installation of an additional nine new publicly accessible AED locations identified in this report and that the annual costs to monitor and maintain all devices are included in Council's Annual Community Grants and sponsorships program.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.1                      MINUTES OF THE FIRST PEOPLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 MAY 2025**

**(197)                      CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the First Peoples Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 May 2025 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.2                      MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2025**

**(198)                      CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 13 May 2025, be adopted.

- CARRIED



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**ITEM 11.1**                      **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - MAY 2025**  
**(199)**                              **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.2**                      **WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT**  
**(200)**                              **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council writes to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and the National President of the Australian Labor Party (ALP), congratulating them on the landslide victory at the recent Federal Election. Furthermore, recognising the ALP's gender diversity policy which saw an historic number of Labor women elected to Parliament, the first time they will outnumber their male counterparts in the lower house.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.3**                      **CANTERBURY ROAD UNDERPASS**  
**(201)**                              **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council engage a suitably qualified artist to collaborate with the local community to create and install a mural at the Canterbury Road Underpass to celebrate the cultural and environmental significance of the Cooks River, while also addressing the recent graffiti in the area.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.4**                      **RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF MOOREFIELDS CEMETERY**  
**(202)**                              **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Acknowledges the significant historical and cultural value of Moorefields Cemetery in Kingsgrove, which includes graves of early settlers and veterans

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such as Private M.L. Peake, who was killed in action in France during World War I;

2. Recognises that Moorefields Cemetery was officially redeveloped in 2002 as part of a Centenary of Federation project, with joint funding from Council and the Commonwealth Government, and commemorated as a site of heritage importance;
3. Requests that Council officers prepare an information brief updating Councillors on:
  - a. Current maintenance responsibilities and arrangements at Moorefields Cemetery;
  - b. The estimated cost of urgent repair works and long-term restoration;
  - c. Opportunities for grant applications through state or federal heritage, veterans' affairs, or community infrastructure programs;
4. Writes to the relevant local RSL Sub-Branches to seek their formal support and engagement in preserving the site, including potential advocacy for funding and commemorative recognition of veterans buried at Moorefields;
5. Writes to the NSW Minister for Veterans and the Federal Minister for Veterans' Affairs including Australian War Graves and "Saluting their Service" to request funding and recognition of Moorefields Cemetery as a site of national significance, and to support its preservation for future generations;
6. Considers the inclusion of Moorefields Cemetery in future Council heritage trail promotions and community education efforts to honour its contribution to the City's historical identity and collective memory.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.5**

**INTRODUCE THE "CLEANEST STREET IN LAKEMBA" AWARD AND ENTRY TO NSW TIDY TOWNS PROGRAM**

**(203)**

**CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Investigates the feasibility of reintroducing the "Cleanest Street in Lakemba" Award, to encourage community participation in keeping Lakemba's streets clean and to help shift the suburb's image away from the "dumping hotspot" label.

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2. Notes that in 2017, Croydon Street in Lakemba was the proud recipient of the “Cleanest Street in Lakemba” Award – a testament to what can be achieved when residents, businesses, and Council work together.
3. Requests a brief outlining the steps, costs, and resources required to re-launch this local award program and:
  - a) explore options to align this local award with the broader NSW Tidy Towns or other relevant State programs; and
  - b) explore how Council might promote partnerships between Council, local businesses, community groups, and residents to support this initiative and maximise Lakemba’s chances of being recognised at the state level.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.11**  
**(204)**

**CHILDCARE**

**CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes:
  - a. the Victorian University Technology report that defines our LGA as a ‘childcare desert’;
  - b. that expected further growth in our LGA will necessarily increase demand for early childhood education and care; and,
  - c. that the rate of child abuse is higher in private for-profit early learning services, as reported in Four Corners and the 7:30 Report.
2. Believes that:
  - a. the rights of the child to safety, and to quality care and education are paramount; and,
  - b. the parents of our LGA should have access to affordable early learning services and the right to enter the workforce; and
  - c. the private for-profit sector is not the preferred form of service provision for the children of our LGA.
3. Notes that Council is undertaking a Children’s Services review, specifically for childcare and request that this review include an analysis and report on the matters listed in Attachment 1 :
4. Request Council prepare a survey for educators and families of our services on their views on stronger ratios, more funding for the public sector, and how to make sure the regulator is ensuring child safety to be considered in the

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Children's Services review, and prepare a submission to NSW Inquiry for Early Childhood Education and Care Sector that advocates for more state government support to the public sector, and attaches this feedback.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.13                      PROMOTING SECOND HAND ITEM SWAP INITIATIVES**

**(205)                              CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Acknowledges the ongoing impact that the cost of living is has on residents and families.
2. Acknowledges the benefits of circular economy for reducing waste, pollution, and reducing carbon footprint.
3. Assesses the feasibility of incentivising second-hand good swap initiatives, including by:
  - a. Waiving the fee hire for community not for profits wishing to host second hand good swaps at council-owned buildings
  - b. Identifying gaps in the usage of council owned buildings which may allow for community run second hand goods swaps, and communicating these gaps to community groups
  - c. Sharing information about local not-for-profit second-hand goods swaps on councils promotional materials such as e-newsletters and social media.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 12.3                      UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED LEASE FOR ROBERTS PARK CHILD CARE CENTRE, GREENACRE**

**(206)                              CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council proceed to enter into a five-year lease with a five-year option to Roberts Park Early Learning Centre for the management of Roberts Park Child Care Centre located at 35 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.

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2. The Chief Executive Officer to finalise the matter with Roberts Park Early Learning Centre and be authorised to sign all documentation, as required.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 12.4**  
**(207)**

**TENDER T23-25 - ADVERTISING FUNDED BUS SHELTER PROGRAM**

**CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes that no responses were received for Tender T23-25 – Advertising Funded Bus Shelter Program.
2. In accordance with Clause 178 (3) (e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* Council enters into negotiations with both oOh!media Pty Ltd and the Claude Group Pty Ltd with the view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
3. Pursuant to Clause 178(4) of the Regulation, Council's declines to invite fresh tenders and determines to enter into negotiations with the two proponents on the basis that:
  - a. having regard to the circumstances as outlined in the report – particularly the uniqueness of the service and limited number of suitable providers;
  - b. both entities having the potential to meet Council's requirements regarding the subject matter of the tender; and
  - c. given oOh!media Pty Ltd's existing relationship with Council and both entities knowledge of the subject matter of the tender, it is considered that Council can achieve the desired outcome for the service through negotiations with the two proponents.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to carry out the relevant negotiations with the two proponents.
5. A further report be provided to consider the outcome of the negotiations, for Councils consideration.

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**ITEM 12.5**  
**(208)**

**SBS EOI PROPOSAL**

**CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council submit an Expression of Interest for SBS with recommended next steps as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 7:**

**POLICY MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 8:**

**GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.1**

**PROPOSED FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF COUNCIL LAND BY TRANSPORT FOR NSW (HENRY LAWSON DRIVE)**

**(209)**

**CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and determine compensation payable to Council for the compulsory acquisition of the subject freehold and leasehold Council land in accordance with a valuation provided by a registered valuer.
2. Council agree to the Recommended Approach in dealing with the matter, as outlined in the report.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign all documentation, as required.

- CARRIED

CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.11 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.13 PM.

**ITEM 8.2**

**PROPOSED LEASEHOLD COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF COUNCIL LAND BY TRANSPORT FOR NSW (CHESTER HILL STATION)**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 194 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

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**ITEM 8.3                      CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 195 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 8.4                      NAMING OF NEW PUBLIC ROADS AT RIVERLANDS GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT  
(56 PRESCOT PARADE, MILPERRA)**

**(210)                      CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. WALTHER**

RESOLVED that

1. Council approves the following six names identified in Attachment 1 of this report: **Riverlands Drive, Saloop Road, Luderick Avenue, Connel Way, Satters Way and Striders Avenue**, and;
2. An application be made to the Geographic Names Board for the naming of the six roads as identified in (1), in accordance with the Geographical Names Act 1996.
3. Council to investigate and present an alternate name option for Council's consideration followed by a subsequent community engagement process for the one remaining public road within the residential precinct of the Riverlands Golf Course site in accordance with Council policies and legislative requirements.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.5                      RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

In respect to Item 8.5 – Riverwood Community Centre, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary interest as he is on the board of the Riverwood Community Centre and as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

CLR SALEH OAM TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.18 PM.

**(211)                      CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. AKTHER**

RESOLVED that

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1. Council note the receipt of funding from the NSW Government for the upgrade of Riverwood Community Centre.
2. Council proceed with the next steps, as outlined in this report

- CARRIED

CLR SALEH OAM RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.19 PM.

**SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

**ITEM 9.1 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 196 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 9.2 CAMPSIE HUB**  
**(212) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Notes the feedback received during the community engagement period for the Campsie Hub concept plan.
2. Proceed with the next steps for the Campsie Hub, as outlined in this report
3. Writes to the Hon Ron Hoenig MP – Minister for Local Government, calling upon the Government to implement in full the recommendation of the State Development Committee, giving Council's greater flexibility to spend developer contributions on infrastructure essential to support future development including renewal of critical infrastructure like roads and footpaths in areas of increased growth as mandated by the NSW Government.

- CARRIED

CLR COOREY TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.27 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.28 PM.



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AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.4 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A FIRST WARNING AT 7.29 PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

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

**ITEM 9.3**  
**(213)**                      **WSIG PROGRAM UPDATE**  
**CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. WALTHER**

RESOLVED that the WSIG Project Update be received and noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.4**                      **CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PROPOSAL**

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Saleh OAM advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Zakhia declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Zakhia advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her employer has a working relationship with the entity and as such she vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Asfour declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Asfour advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given

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he is a member of the football club. Councillor Blood advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

CLR WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.45 PM.

**(214)**

**CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes the outcome of the exhibition process and submissions received with regards to the matter.
2. Council make an application to the Minister for Local Government for consent to grant the proposed HoA over the community land described as Lot 12 DP1159726 located at 1C Leylands Parade, Belmore to Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs for a term of 30 years for the purpose of a new lease of under section 46(b)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993.
3. Subject to the Ministers consent, Council endorses the proposed HoA between the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs and Council.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to sign the HoA and subsequently finalise the lease, as required.

- CARRIED

CLR WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.49 PM.

**SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM 10.1**

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST PEOPLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 MAY 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 197 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 10.2**

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 198 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

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**SECTION 11: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**ITEM 11.1 STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - MAY 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 199 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 11.2 WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 200 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 11.3 CANTERBURY ROAD UNDERPASS**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 201 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 11.4 RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF MOOREFIELDS CEMETERY**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 202 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 11.5 INTRODUCE THE "CLEANEST STREET IN LAKEMBA" AWARD AND ENTRY TO NSW TIDY TOWNS PROGRAM**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 203 ON PAGE TEN OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 11.6 EXPLORING SUPPORT FOR NAKBA COMMEMORATIONS AND PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AWARENESS**

**(215) CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council:

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1. Explore opportunities to host or support community-led forums, educational events, or cultural commemorations related to the Nakba and Palestinian heritage within the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area, particularly around 15 May, which marks Nakba Day each year.
2. Consult with local Palestinian organisations, multicultural community groups, and relevant stakeholders to identify appropriate forms of engagement, storytelling, and education that reflect the lived experience of residents impacted by the Nakba.
3. Facilitate access to Council venues, communications, and event support (where appropriate) to assist in delivering these initiatives in a respectful and inclusive manner.
4. Reaffirm its commitment to recognising historical experiences that affect its diverse communities and to fostering a City that values compassion, awareness, and cultural understanding.

- CARRIED

CLR RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.51 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.54 PM.

**ITEM 11.7**  
**(216)**

**FEASIBILITY OF A DOG PARK IN WILEY PARK**

**CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that

1. Bring back a report investigating the feasibility of establishing a designated dog park as a replacement for Richard Podmore Dog Park.
2. As part of the investigation, include an assessment of potential locations in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area.

- CARRIED

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.57 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.58 PM.

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**ITEM 11.8**                      **AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS**  
**(217)**                              **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that Council:

1.     Bring back a report outlining the current policy levers and options for expanding Council's Low-Cost Affordable Housing Portfolio to provide additional affordable accommodation specifically for essential workers within the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area.
2.     As part of this report, include consideration of the financial and economic implications of any proposed initiatives, including potential revenue generation and cost-benefit analysis.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.9**                      **FRIENDSHIP WITH AL-SALT, JORDAN**  
**(218)**                              **CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that Council invite Al-Salt, Jordan, to form a City Friendship agreement with Canterbury-Bankstown Council.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.10**                      **FRIENDSHIP WITH IRBID, JORDAN**  
**(219)**                              **CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. COOREY**

RESOLVED that Council invite Irbid and the City of Amman, Jordan, to form a City Friendship agreement with Canterbury-Bankstown Council.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 11.11                      CHILDCARE**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 204 ON PAGE ELEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 11.12                      ACTIVE SUPER GREENWASHING**

In respect to Item 11.12 – Active Super Greenwashing, Councillor Asfour declared a pecuniary interest given he is on the board as vice president and as such he vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

In respect to Item 11.12 – Active Super Greenwashing, Councillor Raffan declared a pecuniary interest given she is on the board and as such she vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

CLRS ASFOUR AND RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.10 PM.  
**CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. COOREY**

That Council:

1. Notes that:
  - a. the Local Government Super Scheme (LGSS) was established by LGNSW in 1997 for the benefit of local government employees, was re-branded as Active Super in 2021, and merged with Vision Super on 1 March 2025;
  - b. LGNSW is a 50 per cent shareholder of LGSS / Active Super / Vision Super
  - c. in June 2024, the Federal Court found that former NSW Local Government Super Fund Active Super (LGSS PL) engaged in deceptive and misleading conduct and breached 12DB(1)(a) and 12DF(1) of the ASIC Act;
  - d. on 18 March 2025 the Federal court imposed a penalty of \$10.5 million on Active Super for greenwashing
  - e. Active Super / Vision Super policy holders will have a portion of their superannuation investment reduced to pay part of the costs arising from the penalty.
2. Resolves to:
  - a. Write to the President and CEO of LGNSW as the 50 per cent shareholder of LGSS / Active Super / Vision Super and peak advocacy body of Local Government in NSW and calls on them to:
    - i. publish a full written explanation and apology in the LGNSW email circular:

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- ii. review the newly merged Vision Super's status as the preferred Super Fund of local government employees in NSW.
- iii. outline the steps it has taken to ensure that Vision Super has adequate safeguards in place to prevent any false and misleading conduct occurring in future.

- LOST

CLRS BLOOD AND ZAKHIA STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

**For:-** Clrs Blood, Zakhia, Stavrinou, Coorey, Walther and Lindsay

**Against:-** Clrs Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Saleh, Akther and El-Hayek

CLRS ASFOUR AND RAFFAN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.15 PM.

**ITEM 11.13                      PROMOTING SECOND HAND ITEM SWAP INITIATIVES**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 205 ON PAGE TWELVE OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 11.14                      IMPROVING NORTH-SOUTH TRAFFIC FLOW AND CONNECTIVITY ALONG THE EDGAR STREET CORRIDOR**

**(220)                              CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the increasing congestion and complexity along Edgar Street, particularly the intersection and alignment with Eldridge Road, Condell Park, and recognises the need for a strategic plan for capacity upgrades for the corridor, and the importance of working with Transport for NSW to explore and identify future options for safety improvements, long-term traffic solutions, connectivity, and traffic flow;
2. Considers the inclusion of an investigation of the long-term traffic flow solutions for local North-South vehicle movements along Edgar Street – in particular the intersection and alignment at Eldridge Road, Condell Park – into Council's 2025/26 Operational Plan.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 11.15**                      **PEDESTRIAN REVIEW AT MARCO AVENUE AND CHILDS STREET, PANANIA**  
**(221)**                              **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that the Council traffic team investigate pedestrian safety options across Marco Avenue, Panania at the intersection with Childs Street.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.16**                      **DEMOLITION OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH - 459 CHAPEL ROAD, BANKSTOWN**  
**CLR. COOREY:/CLR STAVRINOS**

That Council:

1. Provide information as to what response (if any) was made to the joint letter co signed by Sue Rosen and Geoff Ashley, addressed to the Mayor and dated 26 October 2023 in relation to new information supporting heritage listing regarding St Pauls Church at 459 Chapel Road, Bankstown.
  - a. If no response was made why not?
2. Provide all correspondence with NSW Department of Planning and the site of 459 Chapel Road, Bankstown in relation to the heritage issue for the period 1 January 2023 to current date to the next council meeting in a report.
3. Provide information to the Council body as to whether any discussion have taken place or initiatives in relation to the preservation of the church building whilst an alternative development proposal of the site can be considered which would give the same yield in terms of floor space etcetera on the subject site.
4. Seek an explanation from the Anglican Diocese as to why they are prepared to retain St Andrews Church at Lane Cove with the proposed development of high rise residential development (auditorium, child care spaces, retail, state of the art ministry) in conjunction with the developer Traders in Purple and why they are proposing to demolish St Pauls and not apply the same treatment -i.e., retain and build around and behind it? (See attached article Redevelopment of Lane Cove site for LCM Churches on the Sydney Anglicans – Sydney Anglican Property web site).
5. Forward its strong opposition to the non retention of St Paul's Church in any proposed redevelopment by the Anglican Diocese.



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6. Investigate as a matter of urgency as to whether the classification of the St Pauls Church as a Military Church would prevent its demolition and or removal of any plaques, furniture and ashes of the deceased.
7. Notes the following ashes have been interred on the subject site:
  - a. the ashes of the late father Thomas Lawrence and another unidentified Priest are beneath altar; and
  - b. the ashes of James Tebbutt who was from Punchbowl and a war veteran who was a parishioner are at the Church.

- LOST

CLRS COOREY AND LINDSAY STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

**For:-** Clrs Blood, Abu-Samen, Zakhia, Stavrinis, Coorey, Walther and Lindsay

**Against:-** Clrs Raffan, Walsh, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh, Akther and El-Hayek

**ITEM 11.17**

**SHOPPING TROLLEYS**

**CLR. COOREY:/CLR. STAVRINIS**

That

1. The Mayor's office provide a detailed public report by 30 June on practical actions, legal initiatives and meetings with retailers taken to resolve the issue of dumped supermarket trolleys in the LGA since the 25 February Mayoral Minute on the matter.
2. Further that this public report be featured prominently on the Council web site and publicised widely across the LGA, making the report itself a focused initiative in resolving this question.

- LOST

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**SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**(222) CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. HARIKA**

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 12.1, 12.2 and 12.6 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 12.1 Property Matter - 66-72 Rickard Road, Bankstown

*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 12.2 Property Matter - Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club

*This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

Item 12.6 Management of Lakemba and Campsie Women's Rest Centres

*This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 8.44 PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 9.12 PM.**

**ITEM 12.1 PROPERTY MATTER - 66-72 RICKARD ROAD, BANKSTOWN**

**(223) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. COOREY**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 12.2**

**PROPERTY MATTER - STAGE 2 UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL (USP) BANKSTOWN DISTRICT SPORTS CLUB**

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Mayor El-Hayek declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the club. Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Zakhia declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the club. Councillor Zakhia advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Cahill declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the club. Councillor Cahill advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Lindsay declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the club. Councillor Lindsay advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Asfour declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the club. Councillor Asfour advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Walther declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the club. Councillor Walther advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Harika declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the club. Councillor Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – Stage 2 Unsolicited Proposal (USP) Bankstown District Sports Club, Councillor Coorey declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the club. Councillor Coorey

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advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she remained in the Chamber.

**(224) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council endorse the USP to proceed to Stage 3 assessment with the next steps as outlined in the Report.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 12.3 UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED LEASE FOR ROBERTS PARK CHILD CARE CENTRE, GREENACRE**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 206 ON PAGE TWELVE OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 12.4 TENDER T23-25 - ADVERTISING FUNDED BUS SHELTER PROGRAM**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 207 ON PAGE THIRTEEN OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 12.5 SBS EOI PROPOSAL**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 208 ON PAGE FOURTEEN OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 12.6 MANAGEMENT OF LAKEMBA AND CAMPSIE WOMEN'S REST CENTRES**

In respect to Item 12.6 – Management of Lakemba and Campsie Women's Rest Centres, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his association with the Lebanese Muslim Association and as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 12.6 – Management of Lakemba and Campsie Women's Rest Centres, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the Lebanese Muslim Association and as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 12.6 – Management of Lakemba and Campsie Women's Rest Centres, Councillor Asfour declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with the Lebanese Muslim Association and as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

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HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLRS SALEH OAM AND ASFOUR TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.53 PM.

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

COUNCILLOR ZAKHIA WAS ELECTED CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR ZAKHIA ASSUMED THE CHAIR AT 8.54 PM.

(225)

**CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that

1. Having considered the submissions received in response to the selective tender process, Council awards the following proponents to operate the Lakemba and Campsie Women's Rest Centres:
  - a) The Chinese Australia Services Society to fulfil the requirements to operate the Campsie Women's Rest Centre for a period of twelve (12) months, as outlined in the report;
  - b) The Lebanese Moslem Association to fulfil the requirements to operate the Lakemba Women's Rest Centre for a period of twelve (12) months, as outlined in the report.
2. The remaining proponent be thanked for their submission.

- CARRIED

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

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.11 PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

CLRS SALEH OAM AND ASFOUR RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.11 PM.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.12 PM.**

Minutes confirmed 17 JUNE 2025

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Mayor