

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 29 APRIL 2025

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

APOLOGIES Nil

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.00 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

(149) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 March 2025 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 11.10 – Dunc Gray Velodrome Funding, Councillor Harika declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she works for the Member's office and as such she will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 11.12 – Recognition of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs' Historic Winning Streak, Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest as 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.

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In respect to Item 11.12 – Recognition of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs' Historic Winning Streak, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest as 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 – Recognition of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs' Historic Winning Streak, Councillor Asfour declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest as 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.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 THE POPE
(150) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 BRUCE PAWLEY
(151) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council

1. Host a morning tea to thank and acknowledge Bruce Pawley's service as Chairman of the Bankstown RSL.
2. Present Bruce Pawley with a Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation.

- CARRIED

CLR STAVRINOS ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AT 6.08 PM.

ITEM 4.3 STARTUPS
(152) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council launch the *Mayor's Get Started For Success* business breakfast - a six-monthly event to thank some of the startup businesses.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 4.4
(153)

TAP

CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council acknowledge Wendy Tierney and Helen Pain who have dedicated 23 years to the Talent Advancement Program (TAP) by presenting them with Mayoral Certificates of Appreciation.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.5
(154)

LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS

CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council supports a fee waiver of \$500.00 to the Gangchil Musical Association Inc. towards the Bengali New Years Eve Event.
2. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5:

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

(155)

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 8.3, 9.1, 10.1, 10.2, 11.1, 11.8 and 11.14.
2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.
3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.3 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**
(156) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 March 2025 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.1 **JENNIFER NEWMAN MEMORIAL**
(157) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support and endorse Option two, engage an Indigenous local artist to create a public art piece.
2. In accordance with the above, Council incorporate the required budget in the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.1 **MINUTES OF THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2**
(158) **APRIL 2025**
CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. The recommendations contained in the minutes of the Flood Risk Management Committee meeting held on 2 April 2025 be adopted; and
2. Council utilise the Australian Rainfall and Runoff 2019 (version 4.2) guidelines for the preparation of current and future flood studies.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.2 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 26 MARCH 2025**

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

RESOLVED that

1. The recommendations contained in the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 26 March 2025, be adopted.
2. The contents of the ARIC’s annual report to Council for 2024 be noted;
3. The Committees Four-Year Strategic Work plan for 2024-2028 be considered by Council;
4. The Committees Four-Year Strategic Work plan for 2024-2028 be adopted by Council;
5. The ARIC’s annual work plan for 2025 be considered by Council; and
6. The ARIC’s annual work plan for 2025 be adopted by Council.

- CARRIED

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

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

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.8 **CBCITY POSITIVE AGEING PLAN 2024-2028**

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

RESOLVED that

1. Council review the existing CBCity Positive Ageing Plan 2024-2028 in relation to scams and fraud impacting our elderly residents as part of our 2025/26 Operational Plan.

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2. The review consider any actions that might make use of existing information and education campaigns developed by other organisations that could be adopted or re-purposed to target households/residents within the LGA who belong to this 'at risk' age group.
3. Council seek and apply for potential funding sources from appropriate government departments and other state and federal organisations to support the implementation of any actions identified.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.14 **BIRD AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**
(162) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council support the proposal by the Cooks River Valley Association (CRVA), and work with them, to investigate the possibility of creating a bird and wildlife sanctuary in a fenced area of Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: **PLANNING MATTERS**

ITEM 6.1 **EXHIBITION OF DRAFT HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS TO THE CANTERBURY-**
BANKSTOWN DCP 2023, COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN, AND
CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN
(163) **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Approve the public exhibition of the draft housekeeping amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023, as shown in Attachment 1.
2. Approve the public exhibition of the draft housekeeping amendments to the Community Participation Plan, as shown in Attachment 2.
3. Approve the public exhibition of the draft housekeeping amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022, as shown in Attachment 3.

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4. Receive a further report following the exhibition period summarising submissions and recommending any final changes.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Cahill, Coorey, El-Hayek, Harika, Saleh OAM, Raffan, Zakhia, Blood, Stavrinou, Akther, Walther, Lindsay, Abu-Samen and Walsh

Against:- Nil

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.40

SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 **5-7 WEST TERRACE, BANKSTOWN**
(164) **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council note the proposed acquisition of 5-7 West Terrace by the NSW State Government, under the TOD and Parks for People Program, to provide for open space in the Bankstown CBD.
2. Council agrees in principle to the acquisition of the site, on the proviso the Government commits to including a car park as part of any plan/designs for the new park.
3. Council seeks independent valuations and legal advice to ensure Council, and ratepayers' interests are protected.
4. A report be brought back to Council when the outstanding matters raised in the report have been addressed.

- CARRIED

CLR BLOOD RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.42 PM.

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SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE 2024/25 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET TO 31 MARCH 2025

(165) CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. Council note the quarterly review of the 2024/25 Operational Plan and 2022-25 Delivery Program to 31 March 2025.
2. Council adopt the quarterly review of the 2024/25 Budget to 31 March 2025, including proposed budget variations [Attachment 2 (Annexure C & H)] - as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2 DRAFT INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING SUITE – COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2036, DELIVERY PROGRAM (2025-29), OPERATIONAL PLAN (2025/26), RESOURCING STRATEGY FOR ASSETS, FINANCE AND WORKFORCE, AND THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK, POLICY AND TOOLKIT.

(166) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Section 406 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents be placed on public exhibition:
 - CB2036 - Community Strategic Plan;
 - CBCity2029 incorporating the Delivery Program 2025-29 and the 2025/26 Operational Plan including 2025/26 Budget, Revenue Policy, Pricing Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges;
 - Resourcing Strategy (Assets, Finance and People/Workforce); and
 - Community Engagement Framework, Charter, Policy and Toolkit.
2. Council notes the Rates Harmonisation path for both former Council rating structures, as outlined in this report.
3. The proposed Rating and Annual Charges for 2025/26 as outlined in Annexures F and G (forming part of Attachment 2 to this report) be exhibited. The proposal is based on the following:

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- (i) Council's ordinary rates for 2025/26 making provision for an ad valorem structure and an increase to Council's general income equivalent to the percentage of 7.1%, being a 2.5% rate peg increase plus a 4.6% special rate variation increase as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).
- (ii) A Minimum Ordinary Residential Rate of \$1,086.80 in respect of each separate parcel of rateable land in the City categorised as Residential land.
- (iii) A Minimum Ordinary Business Rate of \$1,086.80 for each parcel of rateable land in the City categorised as Business.
- (iv) Council notes its earlier decision regarding Business Sub-Categories, and adjustments to the business ad valorem rates as outlined in this report.
- (v) Annual charges from Domestic Waste collection be set at \$620.00 for all Residential properties.
- (vi) Annual charges from Trade Waste collection be set at \$620.00 for all Business properties in the former City of Canterbury.
- (vii) The maximum mandatory pensioner rebate of \$250.00 per annum. In addition, Council continue to provide a further voluntary rebate, which equates to \$40.00 per annum in accordance with Council's 'Rates and Charges Debt Recovery and Hardship Assistance Policy'.
- (viii) Annual Charges for Stormwater Management Services as follows:
 - **Residential Properties**
 - Annual Residential Charge of \$25.00 per property.
 - Annual Residential Strata Charge of \$12.50 per property.
 - **Business Properties**
 - Annual Charge of \$25.00 per property plus an additional \$25.00 for each 350 square metres or part of 350 square metres by which the area of the parcel of land exceeds 350 square metres.
 - **Mixed Development**
 - Adopt the dominant Rating category as applied to the parcel of land as determined by the Valuer General and apply to each relevant property.

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- In the event that a mixed development is 50% residential and 50% business, Council will apply a residential charge.

- **Exemptions**

In addition to the exemptions stipulated in the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the following exemptions will also apply in managing the service:

- Council-owned land;
 - Bowling and Golf Clubs - where the dominant use is open space;
 - Properties zoned:
 - Open space 6(a);
 - Private Recreation 6(b); and
 - Rural
4. A maximum rate of interest on overdue rates and charges as specified by the Minister for Local Government be applied.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 156 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

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

(167) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Council supports the proposed naming proposal outlined in the report.
2. Council commences community engagement for the road naming proposal of the seven (7) new public roads within the residential precinct of the Riverlands Golf Course site in accordance with Council policies and legislative requirements.

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3. The matter is reported back to Council after the community engagement period.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 9.1 JENNIFER NEWMAN MEMORIAL

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SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 10.1 MINUTES OF THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2025

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 158 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 10.2 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 26 MARCH 2025

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 159 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 10.3 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2025

(168) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. SALEH OAM

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 8 April 2025, be adopted.

- CARRIED

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SECTION 11: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 11.1 STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - APRIL 2025

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 160 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.2 EASTER CELEBRATION

(169) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. SALEH OAM

RESOLVED that Council

1. Thank its staff for designing and erecting Easter banners for the Christian Easter period this year.
2. Continue to annually recognise and promote Easter through our social media and with banners in Bankstown and Campsie, as well as the possibility of installing additional banners and flags at appropriate locations throughout our city in future years.
3. Investigate opportunities for Easter displays within our City and in investigating potential funding, consider how sponsorship may contribute.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.3 REZONING OF LAND AT 16-18 BAYVIEW STREET, EARLWOOD TO RE1 PUBLIC RECREATION

MOTION CLR. COOREY:/CLR. BLOOD

That

1. Council prepare a planning proposal to rezone land in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan (CBLEP) at 16-18 Bayview Street (being Lot 2 DP 1237702 and Lot 2 DP 101390), Earlwood from Zone R2 Low Density Residential to Zone RE1 Public Recreation, for its preservation as public open space.
2. The NSW Government be the acquisition authority as required by the process to rezone R2 zoned land to RE1 Public Recreation.

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CLRS ASFOUR AND WALSH STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

For:- Clrs Blood, Stavrinis, Coorey, Walther and Lindsay

Against:- Clrs Raffan, Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh OAM, Akther, Zakhia and El-Hayek

- LOST

MOTION **CLR. COOREY:/CLR. BLOOD**

That

1. Council prepare a planning proposal to rezone land in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan (CBLEP) at 16-18 Bayview Street (being Lot 2 DP 1237702 and Lot 2 DP 101390), Earlwood from Zone R2 Low Density Residential to Zone C1 National Park and Nature Reserve, and request its incorporation into the Wolli Creek Regional Park.
2. The NSW Government be the acquisition authority as required by the process to rezone R2 zoned land to C1 National Park and Nature Reserve.
3. Council establishes a bush regeneration program for this site for the local community.

CLRS COOREY AND STAVRINIS STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

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

Against:- Clrs Raffan, Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh OAM Akther and El-Hayek

- LOST

ITEM 11.4 **PROTECTION OF LOT 1 DP1237702, WOLLI BLUFF, EARLWOOD AND MONITORING OF LOT 2 DP1237702**

(170) **CLR. COOREY:/CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Formally acknowledges the concerns raised by the Wolli Creek Preservation Society regarding the protection of Lot 1 DP1237702.
2. Writes to the Office of Strategic Lands (OSL) and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to urgently request:
 - a. Verification of the zoning of Lot 1 DP1237702 as C1 (National Parks and Nature Reserves).

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- b. Confirmation of the reported plan to transfer ownership of Lot 1 DP1237702 to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, and if so, the timeline for this transfer.
 - c. Clarification on whether OSL approved the removal of trees and shrubs on Lot 1 DP1237702.
 - d. Urgent action to clearly mark the boundary between Lot 1 and Lot 2 DP1237702 to prevent any further damage to the flora and fauna on Lot 1.
3. Requests OSL and DPFI to provide a detailed response to the Council within [20] business days (Contract settlement is 42 days since sale), outlining the steps they will take to address these concerns.
 4. Informs the Wollie Creek Preservation Society of the Council's actions and provides them with copies of the correspondence sent to OSL and DPFI.
 5. Requests a report to be presented to Council to next Council Meeting in May 2025, detailing the response received from OSL and DPFI, and outlining any further actions required by Council to ensure the protection of Lot 1 DP1237702.
 6. Investigate and report on any actions within the Councils power to assist in protecting Lot 1 DP1237702.
 7. Attaches to the correspondence with OSL and DPFI the site diagram and photos provided by the Wollie Creek Preservation Society.
 8. Carefully monitor any vegetation removal on Lot 2 DP1237702 to ensure it adheres to all relevant planning conditions, including those outlined in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021, specifically Clause 2.8.
 9. Provide a report to Council within six weeks, outlining any vegetation removal undertaken on Lot 2/1237702, and any compliance issues.
 10. Provide an urgent update on whether the lands known as 2-6 Unwin Street have been transferred to Canterbury-Bankstown Council and if so on what date has this occurred?

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.5

66-72 RICKARD ROAD, BANKSTOWN

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(171) **CLR. COOREY:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that

1. A report be prepared for the next council meeting in May 2025 outlining the following re Civic Tower, 66-72 Rickard Road, Bankstown:
 - a) The level and floor space meterage available including the time that it has been untenanted since 2022.
 - b) Information as to who and what had occupied these now untenanted floors/ floor space since 2022.
 - c) The commercial value of this untenanted floor space available in Civic Tower including duration of this space being vacant since 2022.
 - d) An outline of steps taken (if any) and names of real estate agents who may have been engaged to lease or advise on the untenanted commercial space at Civic Tower – Rickard Road, Bankstown.
 - e) Details of registered valuations of the untenanted floor space in Civic Tower, 66-72 Rickard Road, Bankstown.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.6 **PALESTINE INFORMATION WALL – PROMOTING HISTORICAL AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING**

(172) **CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Supports the installation of a Palestine Information Wall in selected Canterbury-Bankstown Library locations as an educational and community-focused display presenting the rich history of Palestine and its people prior to 1948.
2. Acknowledges the existence of a vibrant Palestinian society prior to the creation of the State of Israel—including functioning governance, cultural life, education systems, a postal service, passports, currency, local media, and participation in international trade and sporting events.
3. Recognises the diverse aspects of Palestinian life before 1948, including literature, art, music, architecture, agriculture, and organised sports such as football clubs that engaged regionally and internationally—showcasing a thriving, complex society with deep roots.
4. Emphasises the importance of fostering understanding across our diverse population, and the role Council can play in helping communities and

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individuals learn more about one another through respectful, informative, and accessible platforms.

5. Acknowledges that initiatives like the Palestine Information Wall promote social cohesion by providing a space for education, dialogue, and truth-telling—helping combat misinformation and historical erasure while celebrating the rich contributions of all peoples.
6. Requests Council officers to work with relevant historians, educators, Palestinian community organisations, and cultural institutions to co-design the wall's content and presentation, ensuring it is historically accurate, culturally respectful, and in line with Council's commitment to inclusion.
7. Subject to Council support, that the Palestine Information Wall – Promoting Historical Awareness and Community Understanding project form part of the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.7
(173)

DAMAGE TO COUNCIL ROADS CAUSED BY METRO
CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. SALEH OAM

RESOLVED that the damage caused to our road network by buses replacing trains on the Bankstown Line is at alarming levels. Council be called on to:

1. Prepare a brief for Council on the costs incurred to repair the roads to date, and the estimated costs of remediation work into the future. Also, to provide a brief to Councillors on discussions with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in relation to reimbursing Council for the cost of funding of road repairs.
2. Compile video and photographic evidence of the damage caused to our roads including any Asset AI generated images from our street sweepers and garbage trucks.
3. Write to TfNSW seeking any data they have collected in relation to alternative travelling arrangements made by commuters since the Bankstown Line rail shutdown (i.e., Opal data).
4. That the Council body be provided information in relation to funding provided to other councils in close proximity to Canterbury-Bankstown by TfNSW in relation to funding regarding road damage done or damage done to infrastructure as a result of Metro works.

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ITEM 11.8 **CBCITY POSITIVE AGEING PLAN 2024-2028**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 161 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.9 **RICHARD PODMORE DOG PARK**

(174) **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that Council prioritises community engagement relating to the status of Richard Podmore Dog Park and its rehabilitation or replacement, to address the concerns raised by residents about its permanent closure.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.10 **DUNC GRAY VELODROME FUNDING**

In respect to Item 11.10 – Dunc Gray Velodrome Funding, Councillor Harika declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she works for the Member’s office and as such she vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

CLR HARIKA TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.23 PM.

(175) **CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council applauds and acknowledges Federal Government Minister and Member for Watson, the Hon. Tony Burke, for throwing AusCycling a lifeline, with a funding commitment of \$2.5 million to enable them to continue operating the Dunc Gray Velodrome to support our future Olympians and the wider community.

- CARRIED

CLR HARIKA RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.25 PM.

ITEM 11.11 **DISPLAY OF EASTER BANNERS AT COUNCIL BUILDING DURING THE EASTER PERIOD**

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(176)

CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. AKTHER

RESOLVED that Council

1. Display Easter banners at the Council building during the Easter period to acknowledge and recognise Easter as a significant religious and cultural celebration for members of the Christian faith within our community.
2. Note that the City of Canterbury Bankstown is one of the most diverse and multi-faith communities in Australia and continues to honour and celebrate the traditions and contributions of all its faith and cultural groups.
3. Consider similar symbolic acknowledgements during major religious and cultural observances of other communities, as part of Council's ongoing commitment to inclusion, harmony, and multicultural and multi-faith recognition.
4. As part of this motion, bring back a report as to the number of religious and cultural events that will be celebrated and the costs associated with producing banners for all these celebrations.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.12

RECOGNITION OF THE CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS' HISTORIC WINNING STREAK

In respect to Item 11.12 – Recognition of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs' Historic Winning Streak, Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest as 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 11.12 – Recognition of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs' Historic Winning Streak, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest as 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.

In respect to Item 11.12 – Recognition of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs' Historic Winning Streak, Councillor Asfour declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest as 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.

(177)

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. AKTHER

RESOLVED that Council

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1. Congratulates the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs on their outstanding achievement of six consecutive wins in the 2025 NRL season.
2. Acknowledges the Club's ongoing contribution to community pride, youth engagement, and the cultural identity of Canterbury-Bankstown.
3. Commends Head Coach Cameron Ciraldo, the players, and the entire Bulldogs organisation for their dedication, discipline, and leadership on and off the field.
4. Requests the Mayor write to the Bulldogs' Board and coaching staff to express Council's congratulations and support.
5. Investigates opportunities to host an official civic reception if the Bulldogs win the Grand Final for 2025, to recognise the team's achievements and present a formal plaque of appreciation from the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

- CARRIED

CLR ASFOUR TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.39 PM.

ITEM 11.13
(178)

STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. WALTHER

RESOLVED that Council

1. Requests to meet with the Premier Chris Minns and the Treasurer Daniel Mookhey, to discuss potential financial solutions to bridge the funding gap caused by the unfair rate pegging of Council rates.
2. Requests to meet with the Federal Minister for Local Government to discuss subsidy options or alternative financial support mechanisms to alleviate budgetary shortfalls as a result of declining Federal funding to local Government.
3. Prepare a motion for the next Local Government NSW Conference for the NSW Government to establish broader financial strategies to support the local communities amidst the rising cost-of-living crisis.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.14

BIRD AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 162 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

CLR ASFOUR RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.41 PM.

ITEM 11.15 **REVIEW OF PARKING ARRANGEMENTS: BAYVIEW AVENUE, EARLWOOD AND PHILLIPS AVENUE, CANTERBURY**

(179) **CLR. COOREY:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council's traffic team prepare a report for traffic committee seeking the introduction of a 4hr parking time limit (24 hours, seven days a week) on Bayview Avenue Earlwood between Gough Whitlam and Waterworth parks and also Phillips Avenue outside Tasker Park.

- CARRIED

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.53 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.55 PM.

ITEM 11.16 **PUBLIC TOILETS IN WILEY PARK**

(180) **CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. AKTHER**

RESOLVED that Council investigate the provision of public toilets in Wiley Park, located on The Boulevard, including the feasibility of returning the toilets on The Boulevard to operation and consideration of other options.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.17 **IMPROVED VERGE SLASHING ON HENRY LAWSON DRIVE, PADSTOW HEIGHTS, REVESBY HEIGHTS AND PICNIC POINT**

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

RESOLVED that Council

1. Requests for Transport for NSW to urgently conduct slashing and maintenance of the verges along Henry Lawson Drive particularly at Padstow Heights, Revesby Heights (the intersection of The River Road and Henry Lawson Drive), and Picnic Point.
2. Requests for Transport for NSW to develop and implement a maintenance schedule for slashing long grass and weeds at critical locations along Henry

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Lawson Drive, particularly between Padstow Heights, Revesby Heights, and Picnic Point.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.18 **HERO'S HILL MEMORIAL FLAG POLES**
(182) **CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that Council investigates

1. The feasibility and costs of installing one or more flag poles at the Hero's Hill Memorial located in Sandakan Road, Revesby Heights. This should include the option to install a solar powered floor spotlight to illuminate the flag. All outcomes to be considered as part of Council's 2025/26 Operational Plan.
2. Potential grant programs and opportunities to assist with funding, such as The Community War Memorials Fund which closes on 25 June 2025.

- CARRIED

CLR WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.18 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.19 PM.

CLR AKTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.26 PM

ITEM 11.19 **HERITAGE ORDER REQUIRED - ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - CHAPEL ROAD, BANKSTOWN**

MOTION **CLR. COOREY:/CLR. BLOOD**

That Council

1. Adopt the recommendations and findings outlined in the letter sent to the Council supporting the heritage listing of St Paul's Church in central Bankstown by heritage consultants Dr Sue Rosen and Geoff Ashley in August 2023 and those expressed in the Heritage Assessment conducted by 20th century heritage specialist Dr Roy Lumby and by Bankstown historian Dr Sue Rosen of Sue Rosen Associates in 2015.
2. Write urgently to the Heritage Council and Dept of Planning urging immediate heritage listing of St Paul's and its grounds on the basis that

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it is Culturally significant: As stated in the 2016 report's Statement of Significance.

CLRS WALSH AND ZAKHIA STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

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

Against:- Clrs Raffan, Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh OAM, El-Hayek

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 8.27 PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

- LOST

CLR. AKTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.29 PM.

CLR ABU-SAMEN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.29 PM.

ITEM 11.20 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

In accordance with the requirements of section 3.15 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Chief Executive Officer provided an oral response to each of the questions from Councillor Coorey.

CLR RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.30

CLR ABU-SAMEN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.32 PM.

CLR RAFFAN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.34 PM.

CLR. HARIKA RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 8.35 PM.

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(183) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. BLOOD

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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 Item 12.1 in confidential session for the reason indicated:

Item 12.1 Property Matter - Lease of Kiosk at Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood

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 8.36 PM AND REVERTED
BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 8.38 PM.**

**ITEM 12.1
(184)**

**PROPERTY MATTER - LEASE OF KIOSK AT GOUGH WHITLAM PARK, EARLWOOD
CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council agree to grant a five-year lease for the kiosk at Gough Whitlam Park Earlwood to The Trustee for Cross Eatery Unit Trust with an annual rental of \$22,500 (excluding GST).
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise the matter and execute all necessary documents, as required.

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.38 PM.

Minutes confirmed 27 MAY 2025

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Mayor