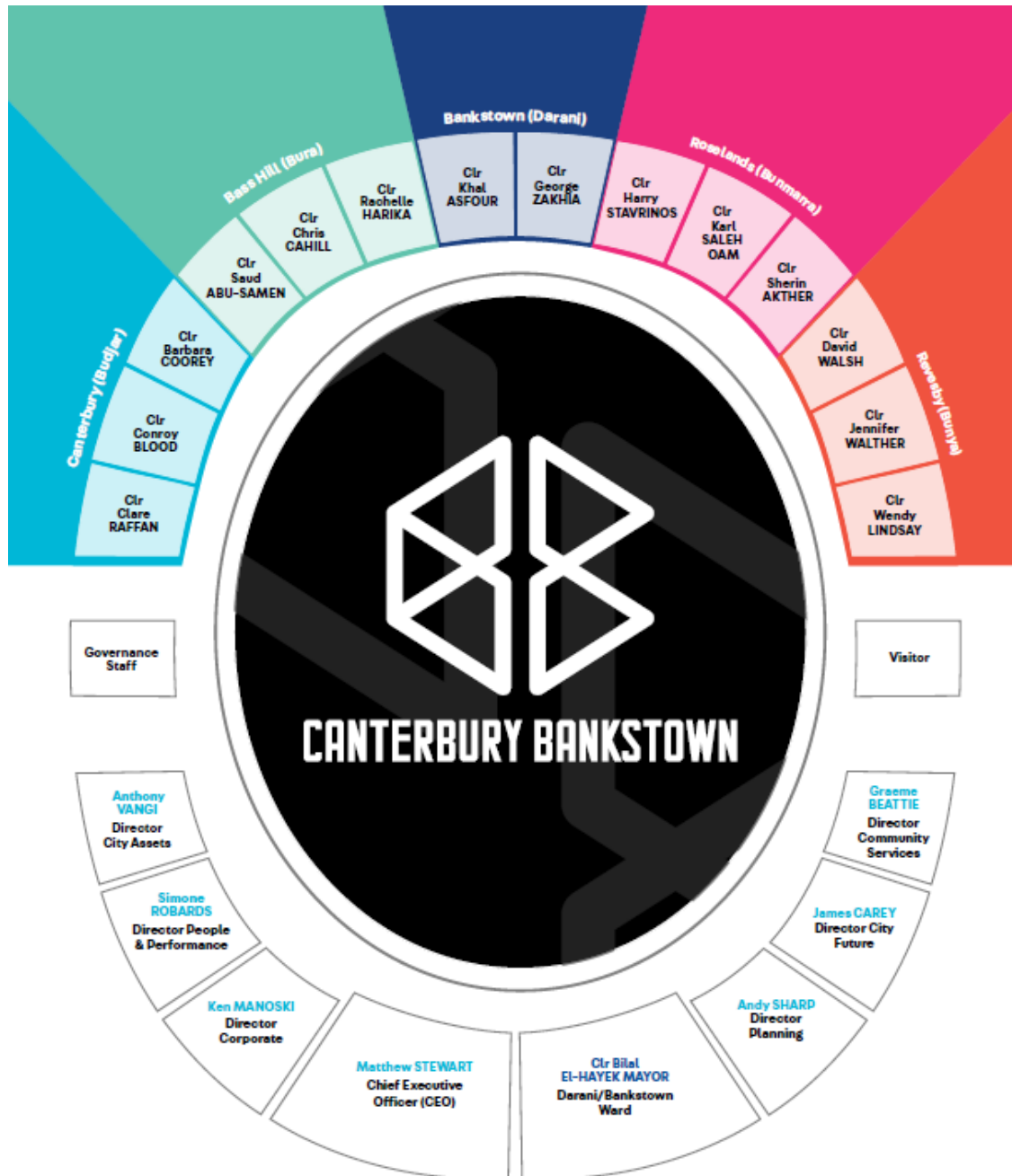




Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting

17 June 2025





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 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The following minutes are submitted for confirmation -

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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

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 50th 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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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.

- CARRIED

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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.

- CARRIED

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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 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.

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Mayor

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4 MAYORAL MINUTES

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 4.1 Kings Birthday Honours List

Councillors,

It's going to take some getting used to but the King's Birthday Honours List, hasn't quite got the same ring to it . . . bearing in mind his late mother, the Queen, reigned for 70 years.

Regardless, the list of recipients this year is just as impressive and acknowledges people from communities and diverse backgrounds across Australia. In total, 830 Australians were recognised for their contributions to their community, science and research, the arts, law, sport and to the service of our country.

On behalf of our City, I'm incredibly proud to congratulate those individuals in our community that have received national honours including:

Mr Elie Akouri, Mr Alan Ashton, Mrs Grace Matts, Mr Jim Ronis, Professor Skye McDonald, Ms Maria Rozgonyi and Mr John McCarthy KC.

Our city is blessed with people from many nations, and it is inspirational when people like Elie Akouri, founder of the Cedars of Lebanon Folkloric Dance group, and Maria Rozgonyi, a leading figure in our Hungarian community receive accolades for their leadership.

As well as the people that make up a great city, it is the many organisations and the unsung people behind them that unifies us. People like Jim Ronis, through his association with sporting bodies, religious organisations, community groups and real estate. . . . and Mrs Grace Matts a teacher that has dedicated her life to various organisations like St Johns Ambulance and the Australian Civil Air Patrol . . .

All recipients contribute in their own special way, none more so that Professor Skye McDonald, for her distinguished service to clinical neuropsychology and to research into social cognition disorders after traumatic brain injury. . . .and Mr John McCarthy KC for his contributions to the law, the church and to sports administration.

Another worthy recipient which I have left until last is local, Mr Alan Ashton. Alan is an outstanding choice and very much deserved. A former teacher, he was elected the youngest Councillor on the former Bankstown Council and served as Deputy Mayor. . . . in fact, he was on Council when the Queen visited our City in 1980. Alan was also the State Member for East Hills and has dedicated his life serving the community.

Councillors, please join with me in acknowledging and recognising this elite group of people who have made a difference and touched the lives of so many people in our City. I have attached a more detailed list of their profiles.

Councillors, I put the Mayoral Minute.

ATTACHMENTS

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1. Profiles

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ITEM 4.2 Road Funding

Councillors,

The foundations of a good education are built on the three Rs. . .Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic. . . .and like education, the three Rs are the fundamental cornerstone of how Councils operate.

I am of course referring to the three areas of Council . . . Roads, Rates and Rubbish . . . which most of you are aware are the three areas we focus much of our resources and attention.

Tonight, my focus is once again on our roads and the funding needed to repair and renew the damage caused to the roads network across our entire city.

There is the usual wear and tear caused by the ever-increasing numbers of cars and heavy vehicles, and of course the plethora of potholes which surface after the inclement weather and constant rain.

I should mention that my beef tonight is separate to the recent damage caused by the 400 plus buses replacing trains because of work on the new Metro line. . . . and as you are aware we are in constructive talks with them to recoup our costs.

By way of background, as of last week, Council has repaired something like 7,000 potholes across our City at a cost in excess of a million dollars. These potholes were either reported by residents, or detected by AI technology, fixed to our assets like street sweepers and garbage trucks.

That 7,000 number does not include any heavy patching, crack and surface sealing, or minor patching.

A recent newspaper article reported that over the past year our Council was ranked in the top five metropolitan Councils for potholes. However, I am pleased to say they did qualify the headlines by also reporting we are one of the largest Councils with over a 1000 km of roads.

Councillors, our staff are working around the clock to maintain our roads, albeit with funding constraints. That's why I propose writing to the Premier to take into account our special circumstances and to call on him to make more funding available, so we can carry out some long-term repairs to our roads network. An investment in our roads is an investment in our city and our residents.

Councillors, I put the Mayoral Minute.

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ITEM 4.3 Local Community Based Donation

Padstow Community Care – Winter Appeal 2025

Padstow Community Care has demonstrated great concern for the financial wellbeing of members of our community and has played a significant role in addressing the practical needs of individuals during times of crisis since 1985. They continue to respond to the changing needs of our community, servicing a population of over 65,000. They have grown into a multifaceted organisation in response to that growth and the diverse needs of our community.

As part of their Annual Winter Appeal 2025, Padstow Community Care provides essential items such as food hampers, blankets, heaters, warm clothing, meals, assistance with utility bills, and advocacy for those facing financial hardship.

Padstow Community Care is seeking Council's support by way of a contribution towards their Winter Appeal event. A donation of \$500 is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council supports a donation of \$500.00 to Padstow Community Care towards their 2025 Winter Appeal.
2. These funds be made available from the Local Community Based Donations Budget.

Councillors, I put the Mayoral Minute.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

6 PLANNING MATTERS

The following item is submitted for consideration -

- 6.1 Punchbowl and Wiley Park Precinct Plan Submission and Alternative Scheme
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ITEM 6.1 **Punchbowl and Wiley Park Precinct Plan Submission and Alternative Scheme to the Transport Oriented Development Program**

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SUMMARY

- This report seeks Council's endorsement to make a submission to the NSW Government's Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Program for Punchbowl and Wiley Park. The submission proposes an alternative scheme to the TOD controls for these areas. The draft Precinct Plan, the Recommended Planning Provisions Report and technical studies as exhibited are attached.
- In February 2024, Council requested that the NSW Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI) collaborate with Council to finalise plans for Belfield, Belmore, Lakemba, Punchbowl and Wiley Park, ensuring an expedited implementation process – rather than applying the proposed low to mid-rise housing and TOD controls.
- In July 2024, the NSW Government released guidelines allowing Councils to propose alternate schemes, provided they deliver equal or greater housing than the TOD controls. In response, Council has prepared a draft Precinct Plan for submission to DPHI, focusing development in well-connected areas with good access to open space and amenities and free from environmental constraints.
- Given the short timeframe set by DPHI to have the draft Precinct Plan submitted by June, Council will not have time to make amendments, however this Council Report includes a list of amendments and actions to be addressed by DPHI during the post-exhibition period.
- Council exhibited its draft Precinct Plan from 7 May to 21 May 2025, receiving 111 unique submissions. Of the written submissions received 49% support Council's alternative approach, 48.5% supported change (being more or less density, or support subject to addressing certain matters such as design or transport), and 2.5% opposed.
- Pending the NSW Government's final decision, Council will need to revise its overall planning framework including the Development Control Plan (DCP) and Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan for Punchbowl and Wiley Park.

RECOMMENDATION That Council -

1. Endorse the submission of Council's draft Precinct Plan for Punchbowl and Wiley Park to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure, including the Precinct Plan, Recommended Planning Provision Report and supporting studies, subject to the 'Proposed amendments and post-exhibition changes' discussed in this report.
2. Write to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requesting that they notify landowners whose properties are affected by changes made after exhibition, should the Department follow through with any changes.
3. Prepare and exhibit the supporting draft Development Control Plan and Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan amendments to guide future development and provide a report to Council following exhibition.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

1. Punchbowl and Wiley Park Precinct Plan an alternative approach to TOD - Council Submission to Punchbowl and Wiley Park TOD Precincts
2. Recommended Planning Provisions Report
3. Technical Studies and Analysis
4. Punchbowl Wiley Park Exhibition Engagement Outcomes Report

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- Council's 2024-25 Operational Plan 'Action 17.2 Place Planning for the City' identifies the preparation of master plans for several centres, including Punchbowl and Wiley Park. In response to the NSW Government's TOD announcement in May 2024, the planning for Punchbowl and Wiley Park has been developed to inform an alternative scheme.
- The preparation and submission of the draft Precinct Plan is consistent with Council's:
 - Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), *Connective City 2036* and the supporting Local Housing Strategy, which identifies Punchbowl and Wiley Park as 'Village Centres', and a focus for housing growth, noting the target for 80 percent of housing growth to be in existing centres.
 - LSPS actions to develop design-led, place-based plans for each centre that are holistic and consider urban design, amenities, community infrastructure, activation and connectivity to and through centres and places.
 - CBCity 2036 Community Strategic Plan as it delivers on Council's vision to be 'liveable' and 'distinctive' and provides for well planned, attractive and sustainable centres to meet the needs and aspirations of the community.
- By adopting a place-based planning approach, the draft Precinct Plan responds more appropriately to Punchbowl and Wiley Park as it enables the delivery of critical community infrastructure including new open spaces, through-site connections, and activated spaces for local jobs and economic growth. The NSW Government-imposed TOD controls would not achieve these outcomes.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- Council's draft Precinct Plan submission proposes an alternative scheme to the NSW Government's TOD controls for the Punchbowl and Wiley Park Village Centres. The NSW Government's approach is to apply standardised controls to allow six storey residential flat buildings within 400 metres of Punchbowl and Wiley Park stations. This is regardless of heritage, environmental constraints or context.
- Council's draft Precinct Plan is based on place-based and design-led planning that considers local needs and aspirations by delivering tangible community benefits. These include new open spaces, improved connections, and support for investment and renewal in both Punchbowl and Wiley Park. The plan also offers a range of housing types within 800 metres of Punchbowl and Wiley Park stations to maximise housing choice while expanding heritage and protecting lower density housing areas. These outcomes are not achievable under the NSW Government's TOD controls.
- Council's alternate plan is based on comprehensive planning and technical analysis and aligns with Council's strategic planning framework, which seeks to accommodate 80 percent of housing growth in well located centres, including Punchbowl and Wiley Park.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- This report outlines Council's submission and alternative scheme to the NSW Government's TOD controls for the Punchbowl and Wiley Park Village Centres. It requests Council's endorsement of this approach, which considers local character, context and constraints, provide for a variety of housing types and delivers new open space and thorough site links.

Background

- In December 2023, the NSW Government released the draft TOD and Low and Mid-Rise Housing (LMRH) controls for selected centres across NSW. In February 2024, Council's submission to the NSW Government's TOD and LMRH Programs requested to collaborate with DPHI on the planning for Punchbowl and Wiley Park.
- The submission asked for sufficient time for Council to undertake its own master planning, rather than applying the blanket TOD and LMRH controls. In response, both village centres were confirmed as 'Tier 2' TOD Precincts in May 2024 on the basis that the precinct planning was completed by June 2025.
- Council has been required to propose an alternative approach that delivers equal or greater housing delivery as the TOD scheme by June 2025. If this deadline is not met, the blanket TOD controls will apply. Council has prepared an alternative scheme to TOD that responds to local constraints and opportunities, such as flooding and heritage.
- The proposed amendments to the planning controls prioritise areas suitable for renewal, particularly those within 400 and 800 metres of the future Punchbowl and Wiley Park Metro stations, areas with good access to open spaces, public transport, shops and services, as well as significant local employment and cultural institutions, schools and places of worship.
- Further work is required to refine public domain planning and built form controls to ensure cohesive, vibrant streetscapes, solar access, and green spaces. This will be addressed through Council's preparation of a new draft DCP for Punchbowl and Wiley Park. There is also a need for Council to make updates to its Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan, to secure the desired outcomes for community infrastructure and open space in Punchbowl and Wiley Park.
- The draft Precinct Plan continues Council's advocacy for orderly growth and development to meet the City's evolving housing and employment needs. Since 2019, Council has implemented a robust planning framework, including the "Connective City 2036" Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), the Housing Strategy, and a master planning program aimed at delivering 50,000 additional homes by 2036. This framework emphasises place-based, transit-oriented development, with a goal of locating 80 percent of new homes within walking distance of centres and transport hubs.

- In contrast, the NSW Government's standard TOD controls focus on fast-tracking development through uniform guidelines, which risks undermining Council's longstanding approach to carefully planned, place-based growth.
- Council's analysis comparing the TOD controls with its alternative scheme indicates that the TOD controls and Low and Mid-Rise Housing¹ reforms would likely deliver around 1,600 additional dwellings, approximately 1,000 in Punchbowl and 600 in Wiley Park. In contrast, Council's alternative scheme, shaped by detailed design analysis, technical studies, and community feedback could deliver approximately 4,000 additional dwellings over the next 20 years, with around 2,500 in Punchbowl and 1,500 in Wiley Park.

Discussion

Objectives

- Propose a place-based alternative scheme to the NSW Government's standardised TOD controls, addressing key issues such as land use, building density, design, affordable housing, infrastructure provision and heritage.
- Provide a framework for further planning, particularly the preparation of amendments to the Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan (DCP) 2023 to guide future development in Punchbowl and Wiley Park.
- Make necessary updates to the Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2023 to ensure the envisioned local infrastructure needed to support change in Punchbowl and Wiley Park can be delivered.

The Precinct Plan

- The Precinct Plan is based on the following key objectives:
 - Accommodate forecasted housing, population and jobs growth.
 - Create a framework for the future height, massing, urban grain, landscaping, setbacks, materials and density that achieves design excellence and beautiful spaces.
 - Ensure that new development contributes positively to the character of the centres and enhances the quality of life.
 - Provide a safe, efficient and well-connected road network for cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles.
 - Protect and enhance the unique, rare and special characteristics of each centre.
 - Contribute to the environmental sustainability of the urban environment and minimise adverse impacts to the natural ecology of the area and climate change.
 - Achieve a suitable transition and separation between buildings.
 - Ensure development can comply with Apartment Design Guide.
 - Improve quality and access to open space.
 - Create vibrant, connected centres with a mix of compatible activities and uses.

¹ The development controls for Low and Mid-Rise Housing (LMRH) came into effect on 28 February 2025, however these controls do not apply in Punchbowl and Wiley Park. While the LMRH does not apply to Punchbowl and Wiley Park, a requirement of developing an alternative approach to TOD was to consider the dwelling numbers if the LMRH controls applied within a 400-800m radius of stations.

- Council's analysis comparing the TOD controls with its alternative scheme indicates that the TOD controls and Low and Mid-Rise Housing¹ reforms would likely deliver around 1,600 additional dwellings, approximately 1,000 in Punchbowl and 600 in Wiley Park. In contrast, Council's alternative scheme, shaped by detailed design analysis, technical studies, and community feedback could deliver approximately 4,000 additional dwellings over the next 20 years, with around 2,500 in Punchbowl and 1,500 in Wiley Park.
- The structure plan is provided in the Alternative Approach to TOD Report at Attachment 1, and extracted below.

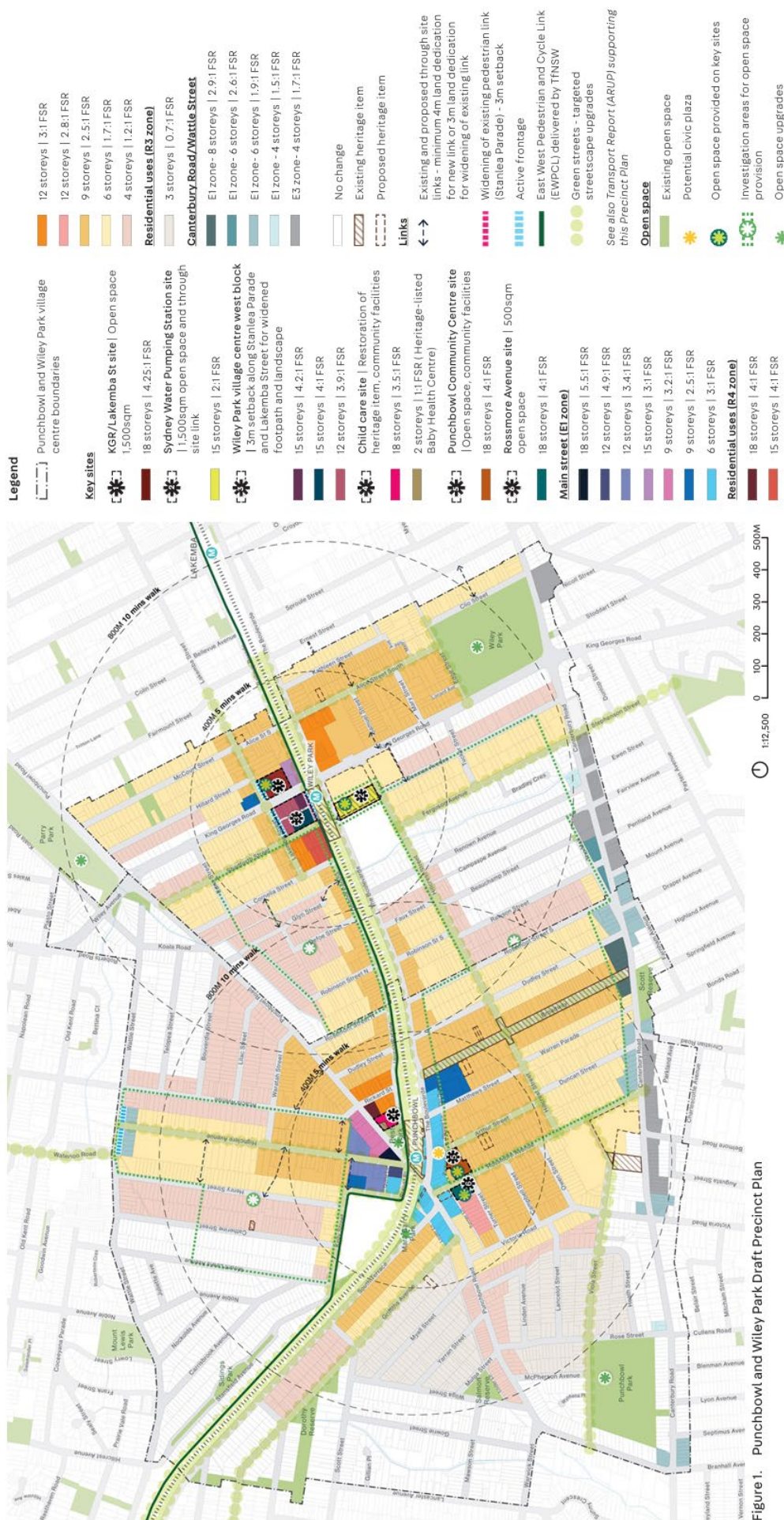


Figure 1 – The Precinct Plan for Council's alternative approach for Punchbowl and Wiley Park.

Key planning changes

Land use

- To support these objectives, the following changes are proposed in Council's alternative approach to land use zoning:
 - Rezone areas of R2 Low Density Residential to R4 High Density Residential along key spines running to the Punchbowl Village Centre including along Highclere Avenue and South Terrace.
 - Rezone areas of R2 Low Density Residential to R3 Medium Density Residential to provide an appropriate transition in areas east of Punchbowl village centre. This will also provide more diverse housing options including the 'missing middle'.
 - Rezone areas of R3 Medium Density Residential to R4 High Density across both precincts to increase housing supply close to transport and services.
 - Introduce a E1 Local Centre zone as an activation focus at the gateway of the precinct from the northern approach at 68-76 Wattle Street, Punchbowl.
 - Retain the existing E1 Local Centre zoned land in Punchbowl to provide employment and services at the centre of these precincts.
 - Propose minor extension of E1 Local Centre zones at 42 Urunga Parade, Punchbowl and Shadforth Street/Lakemba Street, Wiley Park to provide consistent zoning across sites with anticipated future amalgamation.
- Propose no additional growth in areas affected by flooding, steep topography, ingress issues or located further from metro stations.
- Council's alternative approach to TOD controls extends the radius for high-density housing beyond the 400 metres from Punchbowl and Wiley Park stations where appropriate. At the same time, it prohibits development in areas that seeks to maintain a lower-density character or where there are environmental constraints like flooding.
- The prohibition of residential flat buildings in the E1 Local Centre Zone is retained to ensure active, non-residential uses on the ground floor.
- A map of the proposed land use changes is provided as part of the Recommended Planning Provisions Report at Attachment 2.

Minimum lot size and frontage provisions

- The NSW Government's standard TOD controls specify a minimum site frontage of 21 metres. Council's alternative proposal recommends increasing this to 30 metres for buildings up 5-8 storeys and 36 metres for buildings nine storeys or greater. This is to prevent street frontages being dominated by building services, garage entries and driveways, and allows for better street presentation and activation.
- A minimum lot size of 1,200 square metres for development up to 4 storeys, and of 1,500 square metres for development with five or more storeys would also apply to all R4-zoned land within the draft Precinct Plan.

- These provisions are to ensure that the minimum building separation requirements from the Apartment Design Guide (ADG) can be met on sites with taller buildings, allowing for more efficient floorplates and better outcomes for residential amenity, privacy and solar access. It also means that from the street, pedestrians can still see the sky and maximises daylight to streets and public areas.
- These proposed minimum frontage and lot size requirements ensure adequate space for building services, waste management, and landscaping within the frontage. A minimum lot size of 1,200 square metres for development up to 4 storeys, and of 1,500 square metres for development with 5 or more storeys would apply to all R4-zoned lands within the study area to ensure that development is appropriate for the site, can be adequately setback and protects privacy and sunlight to surrounding dwellings and public domain areas.

Building Height

- The Government's standard TOD controls set a uniform maximum building height of 22 to 24 metres within 400 metres of Punchbowl and Wiley Park stations (measured in a straight line).
- Council's alternative approach in the draft Precinct Plan tailors height controls to different areas of growth:
 - Increase building heights in the proposed E1 Local Centre zone generally from 14 metres and 18 metres (existing), up to 62 metres (proposed) in Punchbowl.
 - Increase building heights in the proposed E1 Local Centre zone generally from 27 metres (existing) to up to 52 metres.
 - Increase building heights within the R4 High Density Residential zone, generally from between 8.5 metres and 11.5 metres (existing), to between 23 metres and 62 metres (proposed), with heights generally increasing towards Punchbowl and Wiley Park stations.
 - Increase building heights on key sites up to 62 metres, in part, to allow for the delivery of new publicly accessible open space and on these sites.
- This would allow for building heights of 12 to 18 storeys on select key sites and 6 to 9 storeys around centres and along the metro corridor. The core of the main street in Punchbowl (The Boulevard and Punchbowl Road) is proposed to have a height of 6 storeys – this allows for fine grain scale to be maintained along high streets, similar to other centres (Belmore, Lakemba, Campsie), whilst also maintaining a human scale of development in high pedestrian environments. Despite this, these main street areas will have a higher than typical FSR of 3:1 to encourage turnover, allowing for commercial uses at the ground floor and noting that these developments are often shop top housing.
- Building heights for low and medium density housing on proposed R3 Medium Density Residential to 9 metres and 12 metres, allowing for up to 3 storeys.
- Additionally, rooftop gardens and communal spaces will be encouraged to improve amenity and environmental sustainability as set out in Attachment 2.

Floor Space Ratio (FSR)

- The NSW Government's TOD Program permits a Floor Space Ratio of up to 2.5:1 for all Residential Flat Buildings and Shop Top Housing anywhere within 400 metres of Punchbowl and Wiley Park stations (measured in a straight line).
- The alternative scheme proposes a range of FSR controls, from 0.7:1 to 4:1, which have been designed to suit the proposed building heights and future types of development. This variation allows for more interesting streetscapes and provides a range of housing options and densities.
- Council's alternative approach also includes introducing:
 - A range of densities across the E1 Local Centre zoned land where no FSR currently applies.
 - FSR controls to E1 Local Centre and E3 Productivity Support zoned sites along Canterbury Road.
 - Increased FSR on certain sites capable of residential development in the R4 zone, ranging from 1.2:1 to 2.5:1.
 - Increased FSR on R3 Medium Density Residential sites from 0.5:1 to 0.7:1 to encourage a greater uptake rate of medium density redevelopment.
 - A reduced maximum FSR for development that does not meet minimum lot size requirements to appropriately accommodate the full FSR as mapped.
 - An underground floor space bonus similar to the Bankstown and Campsie Master Plans. This bonus encourages supermarkets, community facilities and entertainment venues to be located underground, allowing street-level areas to be used for more active, dynamic purposes.

Affordable Housing

- The Government's TOD controls propose a 2% affordable housing levy for the Punchbowl and Wiley Park. However, feasibility studies indicate that Council could achieve a 3% levy in these areas if phased in gradually. Council therefore proposes a 3% levy phased in over three years to stimulate delivery of affordable housing stock. Based on the clause inserted into the CBLEP by DPHI following gazettal of controls for Bankstown and Canterbury, the affordable housing rate will apply to new buildings and alterations and additions with a gross floor area of more than 200 sqm.
- Affordable housing delivered under the controls would be either dedicated to Council in perpetuity or an equivalent monetary contribution paid to Council prior to construction commencing.
- Council has requested exemption from the in-fill Affordable Housing bonus currently available under Chapter 2 of the Housing SEPP 2021 in Punchbowl and Wiley Park. This is consistent with the Accelerated Precincts under the TOD Program so as not allow 'doubling-up' of affordable housing bonuses and to deliver more permanent affordable housing. This is detailed in Council's Recommended Planning Provisions Report (refer to Attachment 2).

Key sites approach

- Council's Precinct Plan for Punchbowl and Wiley Park adopts a key sites approach, where uplift is tied to the delivery of community benefits. These sites have been selected due to their proximity to the future Metro stations and main streets, and single land ownership.
- The proposed key sites in the draft Precinct Plan are:
 - Key Site 1 – 280-300 Lakemba Street and 64-70 King Georges Road, Wiley Park.
 - Key Site 2 – 1B Hillcrest Street, Wiley Park (Lot 1 DP 125481).
 - Key Site 3 – 59 and 75-87 King Georges Road, 302-310 Lakemba Street and 1-5 Shadforth Street, Wiley Park.
 - Key Site 4 - 748 Punchbowl Road and 42 Urunga Parade, Punchbowl.
 - Key Site 5 – 40-44A Rossmore Avenue and 9-15 Arthur Street, Punchbowl.
 - Key Site 6 – 9-27 Rossmore Avenue, Punchbowl.
- Key Sites 1, 2, 5 and 6 will be required to provide an appropriate quantum of publicly accessible open space within the site as part of their redevelopment.
- Key Site 3 will be required to dedicate a 3-metre-wide setback to Lakemba Street and to Wiley Park Station for footpath widening, landscaping and outdoor dining.
- Key Site 4 is a Council owned site containing a heritage listed post-war civic building (the former Punchbowl Baby Health Centre) and the Punchbowl Children's Centre. Council will investigate the potential long-term renewal of the site to provide enhanced community facilities and mixed-use development.

Community infrastructure and open space

- Community engagement and technical analysis both identified several infrastructure gaps in Punchbowl and Wiley Park, particularly in open space and connectivity. The key infrastructure improvements proposed in Council's draft Precinct Plan include:
 - New, embellished through site links with a minimum of 4 metres dedication in high-density areas to provide connections between high streets, metro stations, and green spaces.
 - Enhancement of existing through site links with a minimum additional 3 metre dedication in high-density areas to improve connections between high streets, metro stations, and green spaces.
 - Increased setbacks to enhance the public domain and improve landscaping and tree canopy.
 - Embellishment of existing open spaces including Punchbowl Park, Warren Park, Mary Barry Park and Wiley Park.
- Council will also explore potential for shared arrangement of school facilities to maximise access to open space outside of school hours.
- Council requested that the proposed through site links are included in the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2023 (LEP), not the DCP, to ensure that they can be delivered to provide good place-based outcomes, and increased densities can be met with appropriate infrastructure delivery.

Implementing Canterbury Road Review

- Council's alternative approach will reinforce the mixed-use nodes and localities along Canterbury Road to align with the Canterbury Road Review (2018). This will be achieved by removing Additional Permitted Uses for residential and shop top housing that is currently permitted in E3 Productivity Support zoned sites. Employment uses along Canterbury Road will be retained to provide a mix of commercial uses such as showroom retail, bulky goods, food and beverage, allied health and wellbeing uses and mixed business.
- By minimising the provision of high-density housing along Canterbury Road, residential development will be located where there is greater amenity and access to public transport and services. This approach has been applied to other heavily trafficked roads such as King Georges Road where there is poor amenity for residential uses, cyclists and pedestrians and further intensification is likely to impact traffic congestion on already highly busy roads.
- Intensification has also been avoided on sites with environmental constraints including flood prone land, existing storm water culverts, and steep topography.

Options to improve the Punchbowl Road/The Boulevarde intersection

- The existing Punchbowl Road rail overpass impacts movement between the north and south of the centre and creates poor amenity for pedestrians (e.g. narrow footpaths, barriers, poorly lit and ramping).
- Council will work with Transport for NSW to investigate options for a new pedestrian-only bridge over the railway line adjacent to the existing overpass, as well as a pedestrian crossing over Punchbowl Road adjacent to Rest Park in the long term.
- A new pedestrian-only bridge in Punchbowl will provide improved pedestrian connections across the railway corridor. The bridge will be separated from the existing vehicle traffic on the Punchbowl Road overpass, making it safer for pedestrians. The bridge will also improve connections particularly to the north and northwestern parts of Punchbowl. The location and configuration of the bridge is subject to further detailed study and collaboration with Sydney Metro.

Heritage

- While Council's alternative scheme allows for higher density growth, it also seeks to protect heritage in Punchbowl and Wiley Park. Council proposes listing an additional 12 heritage sites of local significance, ensuring the preservation of local character alongside development. No Heritage Conservation Areas are proposed within the study area. At the start of the exhibition of the draft Precinct Plan, Council informed the affected land owners in writing of the potential heritage listing of their properties

Design and sustainability excellence

- Future amendments to the DCP will embed sustainability and design excellence into development guidelines. Additionally, a "Connecting to Country" principle will be incorporated into major projects similar to Chapter 6.2 Bankstown City Centre, requiring advice from Council's design review panel at the development application stage. Design excellence for education and health facilities will also be considered in the DCP, as these projects can significantly impact local character.

Active street frontages

- Council proposes expanding active frontage controls to maximise pedestrian activity around the future Metro stations at certain sites, including:
 - 60-76 Wattle Street, Punchbowl
 - 280-310 Lakemba Street, Wiley Park
 - 1-3 Shadforth Street and 89 King Georges road, Wiley Park.
- Proposed planning control changes under Council's alternate plan are detailed in the Recommended Planning Provisions Report (refer to Attachment 2).

Community Consultation

- Council actively engaged the community early in the precinct planning process for Punchbowl and Wiley Park and conducted a two-week exhibition of the draft Precinct Planplan which was a shorter timeframe than usual in order to meet DPHI's strict deadlines for alternative approaches to the TOD Precincts.

Early Engagement (15 to 28 October 2024)

- This initial engagement focused on gathering community perspectives on what makes Punchbowl and Wiley Park unique, what needs improvement, and ideas for future growth and change.
- The key themes from the community feedback are summarised below, with responses detailing how Council's alternative plan addresses these concerns.

Table 1. Early engagment issues and Council response thourgh the Precinct Plan

What we heard	Implications for draft Precinct Plan
Increased densities and heights, especially around Punchbowl and Wiley Park stations	The intensification proposed in Council's alternative plan (Attachment 1) will strategically prioritise increased heights and densities around the Punchbowl and Wiley Park train stations, consistent with the objectives of the TOD program. Areas of proposed intensification abutting arterial roads (i.e. King Georges Road, Canterbury Road) will be orientated away from these busy movement corridors, including access/ egress arrangements, to provide greater amenity.
Support for low and mid rise development	Lands further from the stations and centres will have lower heights and densities, with gradual transitions to avoid privacy, overshadowing and amenity impacts. Minimum frontage controls and maximum heights and densities will be implemented to ensure development is of an appropriate scale. The forthcoming Development Control Plan for the study area will provide further details and measures on solar access, privacy, landscaping and amenity.

What we heard	Implications for draft Precinct Plan
Renewed village centres	An economic demand study will underpin the Precinct Plan to avoid empty shopfronts by ensuring proposed future commercial uses will be economically feasible. The Precinct Plan will investigate potential for new open spaces and improved streetscape to be delivered through development in both Punchbowl and Wiley Park.
Greater green spaces, amenities and trees	The Precinct Plan will investigate and propose opportunities to increase the number of green and open spaces in the study areas. Planning controls will prioritise setbacks to allow for landscape and tree planting. Through-site links will be proposed throughout the study areas to existing and proposed green and open spaces. Council will investigate increasing tree canopy, the forthcoming Development Control Plan for the study area will provide further details and measures. Council will also continue to collaborate with local schools in the study areas to share their green spaces for public access after school hours and on weekends.
Improved traffic and public transport	The Precinct Plan will advocate for and collaborate with NSW Government agencies for upgrades around key nodes as the Metro upgrades progress concurrently.
Improved active transport	The Precinct Plan will advocate for and collaborate with NSW Government agencies for upgrades around key nodes, including a pedestrian crossing at Punchbowl Road (near Punchbowl station). Council will continue to collaborate with the relevant NSW Government agencies to ensure upgrades to the public domain proposed as a part of the Precinct Plan will be analogous to proposed Metro upgrades.
Waste management	Waste controls will be incorporated into the future Development Control Plan for Punchbowl and Wiley Park to ensure newer developments have appropriate waste servicing.

Community engagement on Council's submission and alternate plan – 7 to 21 May 2025

- Given the tight TOD timeframe, Council held a two-week consultation on the alternative TOD approach. The consultation methods comprised:
 - 14,059 notification letters sent to residents and landowners
 - 18,100 people reached through social media advertisements
 - Three letters sent to Parliamentary Members with constituents in the study area
 - 13 letters sent to landowners of proposed heritage items
 - Posters and hard copies of the Precinct Plan and Recommended Planning Provisions Report made available at Council's customer service centres in Bankstown and Campsie
 - 4,036 views and 1,910 unique visitors to the Have Your Say website during the exhibition period, and
 - 55 calls received via Council's dedicated master planning hotline, staffed by planning officers.
- At total of **111 unique submissions** were received, 97 submissions were made via the Have Your Say webpage, and 23 were submitted by email, with nine of the emailed submissions those being duplicates of the Have Your Say submissions. A summary of the engagement is provided at Attachment 4.
- Submissions were received from Homes NSW and Transport for NSW. Given this is a State TOD precinct, these submissions will be addressed with DPHI.
- Of the written submissions received via the Have Your Say page and by email:
 - 49% appeared to support Council's alternative approach

- 48.5% appeared to support change, albeit with higher or lower density or subject to a number of issues being addressed such as improved design or transport. Within this category:
 - 24.5% advocated for more density
 - 52% advocated for certain issues to be addressed, or lesser density, but supported change and renewal overall
 - 23.5% raised specific matters to be addressed, without commenting on the plan overall (traffic, urban design, accessibility, waste)
- 2.5% of submission outright objected to Council's plan.

Key matters raised in submissions

Table 2 provides an overview of the themes raised in the public submissions received by Council.

Table 2. Key thematic considerations in submissions to public engagement

Theme	What we heard
Density and Local Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for <i>increased</i> density to enable greater development, including in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highclere Avenue - Henry Street - Punchbowl Road (near Defoe Street) - The Boulevarde (near Punchbowl Road and Dudley Street) - South Terrace (near Punchbowl Road) - Myall Street, Griffiths Avenue and Yarran Street - Renown Avenue - Denman Avenue - Lakemba Street (near King Georges Road and McCourt Street) • Support for reduced density in the following areas, due to concerns about the impact on local character, living conditions, environment, transport and/or other infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acacia Avenue - Broadway - Urunga Parade - Canterbury Road • Mixed views on ways to <i>redistribute</i> the proposed density, by either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spreading density more evenly over an 800-1000m radius of the two stations, or - Concentrating density more tightly around the two stations.
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the contribution Council's proposal would make to delivering additional housing, including more diverse and affordable housing, in proximity to transport and other amenities.
Transport and Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the impact of additional housing on traffic congestion, especially on Punchbowl Rd (and its intersection with The Boulevarde and South Terrace), King Georges Rd and Wattle St • Suggestions that new parking would be needed, especially in the Centres, to cater for new residents and visitors • Suggestions for improved bus or active transport connections (e.g. improved south-north bus and active transport routes, improved footpaths, new railway overpasses or underpasses) • Suggestions by some property owners with through-site link development conditions that the requirement was unfair, would impact site security and privacy and/or would limit their development potential.
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that the local population could increase without adequate supporting infrastructure and services, including:

Theme	What we heard
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School capacity and early learning / childcare services - Hospital and medical centre capacity and services - Public open spaces and amenities - Utility capacity and waste management services.
Mixed Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for new mixed-use developments to help activate the local centres and bring employment opportunities, including new cafes, restaurants, shops and services like supermarkets, childcare centres, post offices, medical centres and/or gyms
Environment and Open Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about increased pollution, and any loss of green spaces or deep soil for trees, which provide habitat for local wildlife and help reduce the urban heat island effect. • Support for additional open space (especially green space) for recreation, especially in higher density areas, as well as improvements to the amenities in existing open spaces (e.g. playgrounds, community gardens).
Safety and Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the safety and accessibility of homes, public spaces and connections (e.g. potential increased crime with an increasing population; activating public spaces for passive surveillance; reducing the need to cross busy roads; improving footpaths for people with a disability).

Proposed amendments post-exhibition

- The draft Precinct Plan has not been amended at this stage due to the need to meet NSW Government timeframes. However, it is recommended that the matters in this section be re-considered and changes made prior to issuing to DPHI.
- It is requested that the post exhibition changes include:
 - A review of the proposed through-site links including the number of proposed links, the properties affected, and the height and floor space ratios proposed for these properties, considering whether a further bonus of approximately 0.5:1-1:1 be applied to properties that will be providing through-site links, subject to urban design testing. In some instances, proposed through site links will be removed including the link east of Clio Street, Wiley Park, the link connecting Highclere Avenue and Acacia Street and the proposed link connecting Highclere and Henry Street.
 - Detailed consideration of site and area specific matters, such as:
 - 280–300 Lakemba Street and 64–70 King Georges Road, Wiley Park (identified as key Site 1 in the draft Precinct Plan), considering whether there is opportunity for a modest increase in density to facilitate and enable the delivery of public open space on the site as proposed in the draft Plan.
 - 118-142 Highclere Avenue and various sites along Henry Street, Punchbowl (St Charbel's Site). Removal of the through-site link requirement in order to achieve the proposed density on the site (6 storeys and 1.7:1 FSR in the residential zoned portion of the site), and remove the application of the incentive clause to this site. The zoning would be reviewed to ensure it allows for education and place of worship uses, and retail shops along Wattle Street.
 - Subject to further urban design testing, consider the following locations:
 - Breust Place – clarify FSR mapping and consider appropriateness of proposed increased density based on submission to match;

- Broadway – confirm appropriateness of proposed density and whether density should be reduced between Hillcrest Avenue and Canterbury Road from 9 to 6 storeys based on submissions;
 - Clio Street, area between Griffiths Avenue and Mulga Street, Lakemba Street, Punchbowl Road (from Glyn Street Rosemont Street) – consider whether increased density is appropriate based on submissions.
 - Dudley Street – consider appropriateness of zoning and increased density as well as the anticipated site amalgamation based on submission from Homes NSW.
- Review provision of open space in southern portion of town centre, as set out in the alternative plan, and opportunities to expand open space along Urunga Parade.

Matters raised in submission not supported by Council

- Generally, sites with environmental constraints or where current Council planning policy does not support change, won't be further investigated.
- Further investigation into allowing residential flat buildings in the E3 zone along Canterbury Road will not be pursued. The removal of residential land uses from the E3 zone is a long-standing objective of Council and was examined in detail as part of the Canterbury Road Review.
- The proposed rezoning and uplift along Renown Avenue is not supported due to flooding risks. These sites fall within high flood hazard areas (H5 or H6) and are therefore unsuitable for increased density. Similarly, additional uplift beyond 6 storeys along the western portion of Denman Avenue is not supported, as this area is to provide transition between the no growth area along Renown Avenue and surrounding areas experiencing growth.
- Council does not support further residential intensification along King Georges Road where vehicle access cannot be provided from an alternative street. As a result, Council will not investigate increased density along sections of King Georges Road where secondary vehicle access is not possible, particularly where strata developments are present.
- The proposed uplift for properties in the core of the retail centre in Punchbowl (Punchbowl Road and the Boulevard) was carefully investigated and is not proposed, as Council seeks to retain a consistent 6 storey fine grain commercial street wall/presence along The Boulevard. These sites will have a denser FSR of 3:1 than other areas of similar height, given their location in the centre of Punchbowl, whilst also recognising that the development typology will likely be shop top housing which can be built to boundaries at lower levels to maintain a continuous retail strip.

Options for Consideration

- This report recommends that Council endorse the draft Precinct Plan which is an alternative approach for the Punchbowl and Wiley Park Village Centres.

- While the NSW Government is the decision-making authority for this project, DPHI has acknowledged the substantial work undertaken by Council in developing its submission and alternative plan. In response, DPHI has committed to presenting a comprehensive package of changes to planning controls, following a review of the draft planning and urban design proposal.
- If Council chooses not to support the alternative approach, the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, or their delegate, may take one of the following actions:
 - **Option 1:** Implement the NSW Government’s standard TOD controls for Punchbowl and Wiley Park, which permit six-storey residential flat buildings and shop-top housing within 400 metres of Punchbowl and Wiley Park stations.
 - **Option 2:** Proceed with the implementation of the alternative approach, with or without amendments, as outlined in the attached documentation, regardless of Council’s decision.

Strategic Planning Considerations

- A ‘do nothing’ approach is not viable. The NSW Government has made it clear that it will either implement its standard TOD controls or adopt Council’s alternative approach, which emphasises holistic, place-based and design-led planning. Although Council initially objected to the application of the TOD Program in Punchbowl and Wiley Park, the request was not granted. In response, Council has presented a comprehensive plan that aligns with its strategic objectives and addresses community aspirations for open spaces, commercial revitalisation, and community benefits identified during early engagement.
- The Parliamentary Inquiry into the Development of the TOD Program recently reported its finding and refers to Canterbury Bankstown Council’s submission (reported to Council in February 2024). The Inquiry’s findings highlighted Council’s local planning as an example of *“where nuanced local application of master planned outcomes still preserves the strategic intent of housing delivery but does it in a way that actually builds community in a positive sense”*.
- The Inquiry builds on this approach suggested by Council in its recommendations and supports *“a place-based, master planning approach to developing in areas impacted by the housing reforms. The committee also considered that a place-based approach to planning is necessary to respond to the unique infrastructure and amenity needs of local communities.”*
- Council’s alternate approach demonstrates Council’s capability providing outcomes that improve Punchbowl and Wiley Park, deliver on local needs and aspirations and respond to the unique circumstances of the centre, particularly in terms of existing development, specific environmental constraints such as flooding, connectivity and barriers, heritage and character, as well as providing improved built form outcomes to improve sustainability and green infrastructure delivery.

Recommended Approach

- It is recommended that Council endorse the alternative approach for the Punchbowl and Wiley Park Village Centres, subject to the abovementioned 'Proposed amendments and post-exhibition changes'. Upon endorsement, Council officers will proceed with implementing this approach, including the preparation of a DCP and amendments to Council's Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan. Final implementation will depend on DPHI's decision regarding changes to planning controls.

7 POLICY MATTERS

There were no items submitted for this section at the time the Agenda was compiled.

8 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 8.1	Adoption of CB2036 (Community Strategic Plan), CBCity 2029 (incorporating 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025/26 Operational Plan), Resourcing Strategies (People, Finance and Assets) and the Community Engagement Strategy
AUTHOR	City Future

SUMMARY

- The Local Government Act 1993 (Sect 406) requires all councils to prepare a suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents. At CBCity, these include:
 - Community Strategic Plan for the City (minimum ten-years);
 - Delivery Program for the Council (Council term);
 - Operational Plan for the Council (prepared annually);
 - Resourcing Strategy for Council covering Asset Management (ten-years), Financial Management (ten-years) and People/Workforce (Council term); and
 - Community Engagement Framework, Charter, Policy and Toolkit.
- CBCity's IPR documents were presented to the April 2025 Council meeting for endorsement for exhibition. The documents were placed on public exhibition from 5 May to 1 June 2025.
- This report presents the results of the exhibition, outlines changes that have been made to the documents and presents CBCity's IPR documents for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. In accordance with s402-406 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the revised Integrated Planning and Reporting document CB2036 (Community Strategic Plan), be endorsed.
2. In accordance with s402-406 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council's revised Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including CBCity 2029 (incorporating the 2025-29 Delivery Program and the 2025/26 Operational Plan, Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges), Asset Management Strategy 2025-35; Financial Management Strategy 2025-35; People Strategy 2025-29 and the Community Engagement Strategy (incorporating the Community Engagement Framework, Charter, Policy and Toolkit) be adopted.
3. Council notes its current strong and stable financial performance and financial position, and formally adopts the continuation with its current Financial Strategy and Ten-Year Long-Term Financial Plan path during this term of Council, particularly being no new special rate variation (SRV) increases for any properties throughout the local government area.

4. Those members of the community that provided formal submissions be thanked and advised of Council's responses in this report.
5. In accordance with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1993, Council makes the following Rates and Charges – Former Bankstown City Council:

5.1 Rating Structure

Subject to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, an ordinary rate be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 upon the land value of all rateable land within the former Bankstown City Council categorised as Residential or Business as detailed in the following table and subject to a minimum rate:

Category / Sub-Category	Ad-Valorem Rate	Minimum Rate
Residential – Ordinary	0.00136451	\$1,086.80
Business – Commercial Large	0.00545804	\$1,086.80
Business – Commercial General	0.00409353	\$1,086.80
Business – Industrial Large	0.00545804	\$1,086.80
Business – Industrial General	0.00409353	\$1,086.80
Business – Ordinary	0.00272902	\$1,086.80

The residential and business ad valorem rates in the table above have been adjusted to account for year 5 (2025/26) of the eight-year gradual harmonisation process in order to have one harmonised rating structure for the City by 1 July 2028.

5.1.1 Bankstown Airport

For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply an equivalent ad-valorem rate or minimum charge that applies to the Business – Industrial General sub-category.

5.1.2 Defence Force Housing

For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply an equivalent ad-valorem rate or minimum charge that applies to the Residential – Ordinary category.

5.2 Domestic Waste Management Service Charges

Subject to provision of Sections 496, 501, 502 and 504 of the Local Government Act 1993, annual Domestic Waste Management Charges be made and levied on a pro-rata quarterly basis for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, as follows:

Type of Charge	Short Name	Annual Charge
An Annual Domestic Waste Management Service charge per service for each parcel of Rateable Residential land for which a service is available.	Domestic – Waste Management	\$620.00
Residential Rateable Vacant Land	Domestic Waste Vacant Land	\$172.00
Each additional service in respect of single dwelling premises – all bins	Domestic Waste Extra Service	\$620.00
Each additional service in respect of single dwelling premises – red bin only	Domestic Waste Extra Service	\$362.00
Each additional service in respect of recycling	Extra Recycling Service	\$101.00
Each additional service in respect of greenwaste	Extra Greenwaste Service	\$166.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 240L	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	\$399.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 660L	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	\$1,098.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 1100L	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	\$1,802.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units – recycling 240L	Extra Recycling Service	\$180.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units – recycling 660L	Extra Recycling Service	\$643.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units – recycling 1100L	Extra Recycling Service	\$936.00
Single residential large household service	Domestic Waste Extra Service	\$897.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential unit - single bins	Domestic Waste Extra Service Strata single bin	\$207.00

5.3 Stormwater Management Charges

Council make and levy an annual stormwater management service charge for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 as follows:

Description of Charge	Charge
Annual residential property charge	\$25.00
Annual residential strata property charge	\$12.50
Annual business property charge per 350 square metres or part there-of for non-vacant business land	\$25.00
Annual business property charge per 350 square metres or part there of surface land area for strata business unit (proportioned to each lot based on unit entitlement) not less than \$5.00.	\$25.00
Mixed Developments – see below	

5.3.1 Mixed Developments

- Adopt the dominant Rating category as applied to the parcel of land as determined by the Valuer General and apply to each relevant property; and
- In the event that a mixed development is 50% residential and 50% business, Council will apply a residential stormwater management charge.

5.3.2 Bankstown Airport

- For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply an annual Stormwater Management 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.

5.3.3 Defence Force Housing

- For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply the residential Stormwater Management Charge of \$25.00 per residential property or \$12.50 for each residential strata property.

4.3.4 Exemptions

- Bowling and Golf Clubs - where the dominant use is open space;
- Council-owned land;
- Properties zoned: Open space 6(a); Private Recreation 6(b); and Rural.

5.4 Interest Rate on Overdue Rates & Charges

Subject to the provisions of Section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* the rate of interest charged on overdue rate instalments be set at the maximum rate specified by the Minister for Local Government from time to time. The rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (inclusive) will be 10.50% per annum.

5.5 Voluntary Pensioner Rebate

In addition to the current maximum pensioner rebate of \$250.00 per annum, Council continue to provide a further voluntary rebate, totalling \$40.00 per annum in accordance with Council's 'Rates and Charges, Debt Recovery and Hardship Assistance Policy'.

6. In accordance with the relevant sections of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes the following Rates and Charges – former Canterbury City Council:

6.1 Rating Structure

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Residential – Ordinary	0.00141198	\$1,086.80
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Business – Commercial General	0.00423594	\$1,086.80
Business – Industrial Large	0.00564792	\$1,086.80
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ATTACHMENTS

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1. Submissions Table
2. Changes to IPR Documents During Exhibition
3. CB2036 Community Strategic Plan
4. CBCity 2029 - 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025/26 Operational Plan
5. Asset Management Strategy 2025-35
6. People Strategy 2025-29
7. Community Engagement Framework
8. Community Engagement Charter
9. Community Engagement Policy
10. Community Engagement Toolkit
11. Financial Management Strategy and Long-Term Financial Plan 2025-35

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) framework allows councils to plan holistically in a structured suite of integrated plans that set a vision, goals and strategic actions for the future. It sits at the centre of all Council plans and improvement strategies, and all projects, activities and funding allocations should be directly linked to it.
- The incoming Council must revisit the suite within nine months of the Local Government elections so that it always remains current and relevant for Council and the community.
- This report presents the new suite of documents for public exhibition comprising:
 - **The Community Strategic Plan (CB2036)** - sits at the top of Council's strategic planning hierarchy and is the highest-level plan that a council will prepare. It is prepared on behalf of the community and its purpose is to identify the community's - not Council's - high level priorities and aspirations for the City.
 - **The Delivery Program (CBCity 2029)** - demonstrates how Council will contribute to making CB2036 a reality. It is the primary reference point for all activities undertaken by Council during its term of office, determining what is achievable over the next four years, what the priorities are, and how programs will be scheduled.
 - **The Operational Plan (2025/26)** - expands on the Delivery Program by identifying the specific services and projects that Council will provide during one financial year to implement the Delivery Program. It sets rates, fees and charges, and also provides the detailed budget for the year, setting out the programs and projects that Council will fund.
 - **The Resourcing Strategy (for Assets, Finance and People)** - supports the Delivery Program and Operational Plans by ensuring that the necessary financial, human, and physical resources are available to implement the planned actions.
 - **The Community Engagement Strategy** ensures that residents and stakeholders have a voice in the planning, development, and delivery of services and policies that affect them.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- The IPR suite meets Council's legislative obligations and facilitates informed decisions that align with the community needs and priorities.
- It maintains a focus on long-term strategic outcomes for the City, and through continued review and updating, ensures Council services remain relevant and effective over time.
- The revised IPR suite represents Council's approach to deal with some of the economic and financial pressures expected to be faced by our City, and to ensure that it has the resources – assets, finance and people – with which to respond.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- Communities do not exist in isolation – they are part of a larger natural, social, economic and political environment. Council’s plans and strategies also do not exist in isolation – land use and infrastructure planning support social, environmental and economic outcomes, and vice-versa – they are all connected and must therefore be integrated.
- Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, Councils are required to develop a hierarchy of plans known as the IPR Framework. IPR requires councils to draw their various plans together and understand how they interact. IPR also acknowledges that the City is constantly changing and that decisions made now may have a long lead time before they are realised in the future.
- All documents are based on ongoing and specific community engagement activities to ensure that the IPR documents continues to reflect community and stakeholder priorities and aspirations.

Background

- Council’s IPR Suite is structured around seven Destinations or key themes.
 1. Safe and Strong;
 2. Clean and Green;
 3. Prosperous and Innovative;
 4. Moving and Integrated;
 5. Healthy and Active;
 6. Liveable and Distinctive; and
 7. Leading and Engaged.
- IPR documents must be reviewed regularly to monitor progress towards projected outcomes. This report presents the following IPR documents for adoption:
 - CB2036 – revised community strategic plan for Canterbury Bankstown to 2036;
 - CBCity 2029 incorporating the Delivery Program 2025-29 and 2025/26 Operational Plan, 2025/26 Budget, Revenue Policy, Pricing Policy and 2025/26 Schedule Fees and Charges;
 - 2025-35 Asset Management Strategy;
 - 2025-35 Financial Management Strategy; and
 - 2025-29 People Strategy; and
 - Revised Community Engagement Strategy, incorporating the Community Engagement Framework, Charter, Policy and Toolkit.

Discussion

Exhibition

- The above documents were placed on public exhibition for 28 days from (and inclusive of) 5 May to 1 June 2025. This included:
 - A dedicated Have Your Say page including a survey response option for the documents;

- A budget tool on Have Your Say, allowing residents to submit feedback on areas they would like to see more investment;
 - Notices on relevant Council webpages directing users to Have Your Say;
 - Social media posts on Facebook and Instagram letting people know how to have their say on these important plans for the City;
 - Notices in local ethnic newspapers including El Telegraph, Chinese Herald, and Dan Viet;
 - Posters and leaflets at Customer Service Centres, Library and Knowledge Centres and Leisure and Aquatic Centres directing users to the Have Your Say page;
 - Hard copies of the document at all Library and Knowledge Centres both Customer Service Centres; and
 - Electronic messaging to key networks including community groups, sporting groups, and library and business networks.
- As a result of the exhibition, the Have Your Say page:
 - 2,772 views/ visits;
 - 1,673 unique visitors; and
 - Saw 1,074 downloads of the documents, with top downloads including 26% for CBCity 2029, 24% for CB2036 and 11% for the Financial Management Strategy.

Submissions

- In total 21 submissions were received, nine of these through Have Your Say. A detailed report of each submission and response is provided in Attachment 1.
- Topics covered in submissions were across all destination and included:
 - Safe and Strong – accessibility; specific target groups; mental health; providing safe and resilient community infrastructure; partnerships with other government organisations.
 - Clean and Green – climate change and resilience (including emissions reduction, urban heat, urban forests and recovery from disaster/emergency); food organics and garden organics service; waterways, stormwater and catchment management (including regional catchment partnerships and governance); water sensitive urban design and water quality device inspections and maintenance; managing litter; partnerships with other government organisations.
 - Prosperous and Innovative – enhancing town centres and encouraging nightlife; events and festivals (specifically accessibility).
 - Moving and Integrated – walking and cycling infrastructure and safety (particularly along the Cooks River, Georges River and Sydenham to Bankstown Metro); e-scooter safety and availability; public transport and supporting infrastructure; traffic (particularly Bankstown CBD); traffic calming and road safety (including at Earlwood); road infrastructure and maintenance (including parking); lighting; partnerships with other government organisations; wayfinding.
 - Healthy and Active – encouraging healthy/plant-based eating; equitable access to open space; sportsfield (including drainage, lighting, and amenities); pathways; playgrounds and play spaces (including fitness equipment); park amenities;

partnerships with other government organisations; access to health services/preventative healthcare (including the new Bankstown Hospital); encouraging active lifestyles; partnerships with other government organisations.

- Liveable and Distinctive – quality of development (including healthy and sustainable housing and addressing the Designing With Country Framework); diverse and affordable housing; building and development (including regulation and compliance); accessibility.
- Leading and Engaged – perceived amalgamation impacts; unsubstantiated inequity in spending across the City (some submissions raised concerns over more funding being spent in former Canterbury area; others wanting less funding for Bankstown area).

Changes to IPR documents

- Of the 21 submissions the majority did not result in significant changes to the documents due to:
 - Some matters being outside the responsibility of Council;
 - Items raised have been addressed in other documents/strategies;
 - Some requested changes were inconsistent with the document purpose; and
 - Matters raised have already been included in the document.
- As a result of the consultation, further review of the budget and internal review of the IPR documents, several changes have been made which have been set out in Attachment 2.
- In terms of their exhibition, Councillors should note that no comments were received from the public directly regarding Council's Resourcing Strategies.
- Whilst Council's LTFP has been updated to reflect certain financial adjustments identified through the exhibition period (outlined further in the report). the other Strategies remain consistent with what was exhibited, subject to some minor typographical and grammatical changes made to the documents.

IPR Documents Proposed for Adoption

Community Strategic Plan – CB2036

- Canterbury-Bankstown's Community Strategic Plan CB2036, sits at the top of Council's planning hierarchy and is the highest-level plan that councils prepare on behalf of the community. Its purpose is to identify the community's priorities and aspirations for the future and to provide direction to achieve outcomes. Council, other government and non-government stakeholders in the City and the community themselves are all responsible for implementing the plan.
- As a result of comments received during exhibition and from internal document review, the final Community Strategic Plan – CB2036 proposed for adoption is Attachment 3 to this report.

CBCity 2029 - Delivery Program - 2025-29

- CBCity 2029 incorporates the 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025/26 Operational Plan.
- The Delivery Program examines the important issues facing the Council and outlines the priorities for the Council term to ensure that services continue to meet community expectations in terms of quality and value for money.
- The priorities for the Delivery Program were set following a following a comprehensive review and research process, previously outlined in the report to Council in April 2025.
- As a result of comments received during exhibition and from internal document review, the final CBCity 2029 Delivery Program proposed for adoption is Attachment 4 to this report.

CBCity 2029 - Operational Plan – 2025/26

- CBCity 2029 incorporates the 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025/26 Operational Plan.
- The Operational Plan expands on the Delivery Program by identifying the specific services and projects that Council will provide during one financial year to implement the Delivery Program. It also sets the budget and fees and charges for the coming year.
- The 2025/26 Operational Plan was developed through an extensive six-month planning process that took into account a range of factors, outlined in the report to Council in April 2025.
- For the 2025/26 financial year, the Plan has identified numerous capital renewal and initiative projects including:
 - Progressing the Roberts Park Community Hub and open space enhancements in Greenacre;
 - Progressing designs for Belmore and Lakemba town centres;
 - Building on the progress made in the last 12 months on planning the new Campsie Hub and Panania Library and Knowledge Centre;
 - Designs for new shared pedestrian and cycle bridges at Bayview Avenue, Earlwood; Charles Street, Canterbury; and Karool Avenue, Earlwood;
 - Delivery of projects commenced in 2024/25 including the new Canterbury Leisure and Aquatic Centre; Thurina Park Community Centre, Villawood; new sports amenities buildings at Allum Park, Greenacre and Waterworth Park, Earlwood; and New sports lighting at Memorial Oval, Bankstown;
 - Continuing the creation of five new destination play spaces at Deepwater Park, Milperra; Ewen Park, Hurlstone Park; Lambeth Reserve, Picnic Point; Wiley Park, Wiley Park; and Tasker Park, Canterbury,
 - Continuing with the delivery of new playgrounds at Abbott Park, Chester Hill; Austin Reserve, Picnic Point; Brancourt Reserve, Bankstown; Fairmont Street, Lakemba; Jack Cheshier Reserve, Kingsgrove; Ken McLean Reserve, Belmore; Thomas Street Reserve, Revesby Heights; and Werona Avenue, Punchbowl;

- New playgrounds at Gillman Reserve, Yagoona; Gosling Park, Greenacre; Schofield Reserve, Earlwood;
 - A new pump track at Deepwater Park, new sports lighting at Graf Park, Yagoona; new tennis court surface at Lees Park, Ashbury; new sports amenities at Bill Delauney Reserve, Revesby Heights; and
 - Investing in road and footpath projects including the creation of priority active transport links between East Hill Town Centre and Deepwater Park and upgrade to the path network within Deepwater Park.
- For the 2025/26 financial year, the Plan has identified numerous service improvements and initiatives including:
- Exciting projects to enliven and grow investment including trialling special entertainment precincts in Bankstown and Campsie, and attracting investment into the Bankstown CBD to complement current and future major developments;
 - Delivering projects to grow a vibrant night time economy including marketing and promotional campaigns to attract visitors to key night time centres; and achieving new accreditation for Haldon Street, Lakemba, under the NSW Government's Purple Flag Initiative;
 - Bringing more arts and cultural events to the City including the very popular Bankstown Biennale arts event, and delivering our Major Events program throughout the year;
 - Investing in essential services with a focus on improving the cleanliness of our streets, town centres and parks. This will include:
 - A new scheduled under-pruning program for street trees;
 - A new scheduled pit and drainage cleaning program;
 - An expanded pavement cleaning program in the 31 key centres;
 - An annual deep clean of all paved areas in Council-owned multi-level carpark; and
 - Enhancements to our town centre cleaning services to boast efficiencies and effectiveness.
 - Capitalising on digital innovation opportunities for communications, online booking, and customer requests, and using and investigating use of artificial intelligence (AI) in several service areas including the pre-lodgement phase for development, and to detect road defects and contaminated recycling;
 - Developing and implementing programs that build community pride and ownership in town centres, such as We Like Our Town Centres Litter Free program;
 - Promoting our Mobility Map which identifies accessible amenities, facilities and sites across the City;
 - Providing assistance to job seekers with disability through skills development training and mentoring;
 - Helping our community to understand the problems of urban heat, safe food handling at public events, and of incorrect disposal of batteries;
 - Advocating for good community outcomes on State and regionally significant projects including Sydney Metro Line upgrade (including East West Pedestrian and Cycle Link), and the new Bankstown Hospital development; and
 - Inspiring our people, promoting volunteerism, forming a Youth Advisory Committee, and implementing a new Social Justice Charter.

- As a result of comments received during exhibition and from internal document review, the final CBCity 2029 Operational Plan proposed for adoption is Attachment 4 to this report.

Resourcing Strategy

- The Resourcing Strategy ensures that Council has all of the resources it needs to deliver on its commitment to the community. It comprises a ten-year Asset Management Plan, ten-year Long Term Financial Plan and a three-year Workforce Strategy.

Asset Management Strategy – to 2035

- The Asset Management Strategy (AMS) delineates the methods by which the Council's assets will be enhanced, maintained, rationalised, replaced, or renewed, thereby ensuring the attainment of the necessary service levels aligned with community outcomes. These assets encompass various entities, including roads, water and sewer systems, drainage systems, bridges, footpaths, buildings, recreational facilities, parks, and gardens.
- Furthermore, the AMS identifies critical assets for the Council and conducts a risk assessment to evaluate the implications of potential asset failures. It also specifies the actions required to enhance the Council's asset management capabilities and outlines the projected resource requirements and timelines necessary for implementation.
- There were no changes to this document during the exhibition period.
- The Asset Management Strategy document is Attachment 5 to this report.

People (Workforce) Strategy – to 2029

- The People Strategy 2025–2029 outlines Council's approach to enhancing our workforce to deliver services to our evolving community. This strategy is structured around four key priority areas: Leadership, Culture, Capability, and Performance.
- As a result of internal document review during the exhibition period, the following changes have been made to the People Strategy:
 - Updates to the Diversity and Inclusion section;
 - Addition of a reference to the principles of Council's Social Justice Charter; and
 - Other minor other adjustments including typographical and grammatical changes not impacting the overall direction of the strategy.
- The People Strategy document is Attachment 6 to this report.

Community Engagement Framework, Charter, Policy And Toolkit

- Under Section 402A of the Local Government Act 1993 all councils in NSW are required to develop and implement a Community Engagement (CE) Strategy. Council's CE Strategy is comprised of a CE Policy, CE Framework, CE Toolkit and CE Charter, together

with the Community Participation Plan, which guides development assessment and planning processes.

- The CE Policy, CE Framework and CE Toolkit have all undergone minor revisions in 2025. In addition, a CE Charter has been developed, which outlines the key principles that guide Council's engagement. These principles are timely, open, clear, accessible, responsive and inclusive and have been informed by community feedback during Council's 2023 CE Review.
- No changes were made to the documents as a result of comments received during exhibition or as a result of internal document review.
- The Community Engagement Framework, Charter, Policy and Toolkit documents are Attachments 7, 8, 9 and 10 to this report.

Financial Management Strategy (FMS) and Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) - to 2035

- Council's Financial Management Strategy (FMS) and Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP), sets out the parameters which looks to respond to the ongoing challenges to long term financial sustainability, and manage liabilities for future generations.
- At present, Council's financial position is considered sound – particularly from a cashflow perspective. This is largely attributable to Council's effective method of financial management – particularly its balanced approach to managing its costs, liabilities, and servicing demands.
- Council's LTFP (which includes Council's approved Special Rate Variation (SRV)) foreshadows ongoing long-term financial challenges, particularly in terms of its ability to optimally maintain and replace its infrastructure asset base of around \$6.2B.
- As part of the LTFP, a number of options/scenarios of how Council may approach its long-term financial sustainability issues has been prepared. Not all of these scenarios rely on an additional new SRV or rate adjustment beyond the rate-peg approved by IPART.
- Whilst no specific comment was raised by the public during the exhibition period – both Councillors and the community's recent sentiment regarding no new SRV during this term of Council is quite clear, particularly given the current-cost of living pressures faced by many throughout the community.
- Prior to considering a preferred scenario on how best to address the long-term financial challenge, there is an opportunity for Council to firstly undertake further efficiency and continuous improvements as a means of addressing the significant rise in costs. This includes:
 - Reviewing the level and extent of services currently provided to our community;
 - Continuing to assess and rationalise existing assets, particularly those nearing the end of their useful life; and
 - Exploring the appropriateness/optimal level of pricing for the use/leasing Council facilities.

- Ensuring system and process improvements leveraging greater digital capability for both what we do and how we engage with our community.
- Our ability to find savings, despite the challenges posed by our current rate-peg gap, stands as a testament to the effectiveness of our strategies and the dedication of our team. Through rigorous efficiency reviews, process enhancements, and the strategic incorporation of technology, – particularly during this term of Council – Council will be in a better position to understand the impact of any future scenario chosen. It will also have greater confidence in establishing robust foundation principles and a future funding strategy to address the long-term asset sustainability and enhancing our capacity to meet future community needs.
- On that basis – and subject to agreeing to pursue the above – Council may consider committing to no new special rate variation (SRV) during this term of Council.
- There were no changes as a result of submissions received during the exhibition period. The document was however updated to reflect certain financial adjustments identified during the exhibition period (outlined further in the report).
- The Financial Management Strategy document is Attachment 11 to this report.

POST EXHIBITION - FINANCIAL BUDGET CHANGES

- Throughout the exhibition period, Council's 2025/26 budget has been adjusted to reflect items not known at the time of preparing the draft Budget. The net financial impact of those changes is reflected in the tables and/or information below:

Item	Exhibited Budget \$'000	Revised Budget \$'000	Change \$'000
INCOME			
Rates and Annual Charges	326,914	326,696	(218)
Grants & Contributions - Capital	39,318	45,513	6,195
EXPENDITURE			
Employee Benefits and On-costs	183,475	183,733	257
Borrowing Costs	3,425	3,567	142
NET CHANGE			5,578

By way of summary, some of the more notable changes were made as a result of the following issues:

- Having set the rate in the dollar, Council's proposed Rates income and Domestic Waste Management income has been adjusted to reflect the latest known/expected number of properties throughout the local government area for rating purposes;
- An increase in Capital Grants and Contributions includes an increase to Developer Contributions income of \$2.0M, which are to be externally restricted;

- Other estimated Capital Grants and Contributions to be received amounting to \$4.2M;
- The adjustment to Employment Benefits and on-Costs, which reflect the latest resourcing requirements (Full-Time Equivalent resources) adopted as part of the March quarterly budget revision; and
- Having now fully drawn down its loan facility for the Canterbury Leisure and Aquatic Centre, a net adjustment in borrowing costs/interest to reflect the known amount.

Capital Works (CAPEX)

- Having been advised of a number of additional grants and contributions – Council’s capital works budget has been adjusted to reflect the additional funding and other general adjustments to estimates in finalising its program. Council’s program is as follows:

Item	Exhibited Budget \$'000	Revised Budget \$'000	Changes \$'000
Bridges	100	100	-
Buildings	12,740	14,530	1,790
Carparks	1,500	2,820	1,320
Drainage Conduits	3,370	3,370	-
Water Quality Devices	95	95	-
Waste Management	6,700	8,100	1,400
Town Centres	985	1,021	36
Other Structures	1,000	1,505	505
Open Space	8,415	8,515	100
Park/Street Furniture	470	470	-
Park Lighting	450	450	-
Pathways and Boardwalks	6,305	6,466	161
Road Pavement	23,092	23,237	145
Traffic Management Devices	85	4,724	4,639
Operational Assets	12,979	14,379	1,400
TOTAL CAPEX	78,286	89,782	11,496

- Details of the major changes are as follows:
 - Addition of approximately \$4.2M for grant funded capital projects approved during the exhibition period including \$3.2M received from Transport of NSW under the Active Transport Grants and The Road Safety Grants Programs allocated to various traffic management projects across the LGA, and \$0.9M from the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program for the Campsie Cultural Hub buildings project;
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 - Addition of \$1.4M for the construction of a pedestrian refuge on Henry Lawson Drive at Maxwell Avenue to support safe pedestrian access to the Pump Track at Deepwater Park;

- Addition of \$1.4M for the purchase of domestic garbage plant and \$1.4M to replace aging plant and equipment at Kelso Tip;
 - Addition of approximately \$1.3M for Greenfield Parade Carpark rectification works;
 - Addition of \$0.4M for amenities upgrade at The Crest Soccer building; and
 - Addition of \$0.4M for remediation at the Richard Podmore Dog off leash.
- A number of carryovers from the 2024/25 capital works program are anticipated to be rolled over into the 2025/26 program to enable completion of these important community projects. The current environment - namely current economic conditions - has had an impact on the delivery of Council's program of works. Supply chain issues, resourcing, market conditions and the ability to attract contractors has led to delays with capital projects.
 - A complete summary of Council's 2025/26 Budget and financial statements is attached for Council's information as part of CBCity 2029 (Attachment 4).

Fees and Charges

- As noted, Council has varied certain fees and charges to reflect certain adjustments, particularly statutory fees advised during the exhibition period, administrative/text changes made to the content and formatting, alignment of certain fees and reducing, where appropriate, certain fees applied by Council.
- A summary of the changes is as follows:

Fee or Charge	Exhibited Fee (excl. GST)	Revised/New Fee (excl. GST)	Reason for Change
	\$	\$	
GROUND HIRE - SPORTING FACILITIES / FIELDS CYCLING Dunc Gray Velodrome			
Casual Hire Bike track – Per hour	134.55	-	After considering feedback that Council's proposed fees for casual use were slightly cost prohibitive. These new replacement fees should reduce the risk of deterring new riders and seeks to increase participation and utilisation of the Velodrome.
Replaced with;			
Exclusive Use Cycling Track - small group (Under 6 people) - Per hour	-	90.91	
Exclusive Use Cycling Track - large group (Over 6 people) - Per hour	-	118.18	
BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE WORKSHOPS Workshops/ Master Classes/ Performance/ Special Events			
Child (Age 1 – 5) Hourly Rate	5.91	-	
Child (Age 6 – 10) Hourly Rate	8.64	-	

Fee or Charge	Exhibited Fee (excl. GST)	Revised/New Fee (excl. GST)	Reason for Change
Youth (Age 11 – 15) Hourly Rate	11.50	-	
Adult (Age 16 +) Hourly Rate	14.55	-	
Early Bird (Refer to Explanatory Notes)	-	-	Removed
Replaced with;			
Child (Age 2 – 4) Hourly Rate	-	5.91	Age range updated, nil fee increase.
Child (Age 5 – 8) Hourly Rate	-	8.64	Age range updated, nil fee increase.
Child (Age 9 - 12) Hourly Rate	-	8.64	Additional fee added so age ranges and class sizes are appropriate, nil fee increase.
Youth (Age 12 – 15) Hourly Rate	-	12.50	Additional fee added so age ranges and class sizes are appropriate, minor fee increase.
Adult (Age 18+) Hourly Rate (If a 16 year old is approved to attend a class that is classified for adults with a guardian, then they will be charged adult class rates.)	-	14.55	Age range updated, nil fee increase.
BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES-BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE			
After hours staff fee - Venue Assistant (Per Hour) - Minimum 4 hours	59.09	-	
Replaced with;			
After hours staff fee - Venue Supervisor (Per Hour) - Minimum 4 hours	-	59.09	Description updated, nil fee increase.
LEISURE AND AQUATICS SINGLE ENTRY - SWIM			
Children under 5 years of age (with paying adult)	NIL		
Children between 5 and 17 years of age	5.91		
Replaced with;			
Children 5 years and under (with paying adult)		NIL	To align with our Terms and Condition and Royal Life Saving Society (Annual

Fee or Charge	Exhibited Fee (excl. GST)	Revised/New Fee (excl. GST)	Reason for Change
Child / Student (6 - 17 years)		5.91	Partnership) guidelines around child age of entry across our Leisure and Aquatic facilities. Description updated, nil fee increase.
EVENTS STALL HIRE Non-Local Business			
Per Night Fee to occupy Roadway during Lakemba Nights – Street Stalls (food) in Lakemba Town Centre during Ramadan	600.00		The increase in stall hire fees (aiming for 60 stalls) will help fund the delivery of the proposed 2026 Australia Day event model.
Replaced with; Total fee to occupy Roadway at Lakemba Nights during Ramadan event – Street Stalls (food) in Lakemba Town Centre		13,000	

Explanatory Notes			
	Exhibited	Revised	Reason for Change
EVENTS			
General	-	Given the varied nature of events and stall types, Event Fees are listed as the maximum charge. The Team Leader, Events and Activation, will determine the final fee based on the specific characteristics of each event. Refunds for events that run over two or more days will be at the discretion of Council.	To clarify the fee change and allow for refunds where applicable.

Conclusion

- Council's goal is to provide residents with high quality facilities and services and position the City to best capture future opportunities. Our integrated planning suite ensures sufficient attention is given to strategic decision-making at the local level. It details future direction, significant initiatives and projected budgets to guide progress and measure performance. Each annual operational plan is a further step towards achieving the goals outlined in our long-term plans.
- This report provides for the adoption/endorsement of the following IPR documents.
 - CB2036 – revised community strategic plan for Canterbury Bankstown to 2036;
 - CBCity 2029 incorporating the Delivery Program 2025-29 and 2025/26 Operational Plan, 2025/26 Budget, Revenue Policy, Pricing Policy and 2025/26 Schedule Fees and Charges;
 - 2025-35 Financial Management Strategy;
 - 2025-35 Asset Management Strategy;
 - 2025-29 People Strategy; and
 - Revised Community Engagement Framework, Charter, Policy and Toolkit.

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ITEM 8.2 NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Determination of Mayor and Councillor Fees 2025/26

AUTHOR Corporate

SUMMARY

- Pursuant to Section 241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) determines on an annual basis, the amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors in each category of councils.
- In addition, Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils at least every three years. The Tribunal last undertook a significant review of the categories in 2023 and the next review is due in 2026.
- Sections 248 and 249 of the Act requires councils to fix and pay an annual fee to councillors and mayors from 1 July 2025 based on the Tribunal's determination for the 2025-26 financial year.
- This report outlines the determination made by the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal regarding Mayor and Councillor fees for the financial year 2025/26.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Effective from 1 July 2025, Council continues to apply the maximum fee structures for the Mayor and Councillors, as determined by the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, being:
 - Mayoral Additional Fee \$114,300
 - Councillor Annual Fee \$36,970
2. The current Additional Fee for the Deputy Mayor, being 15% of the Mayors Additional Fee, be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

1. Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Annual Determination Report - 17 April 2025

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

The annual review and determination of Mayor and Councillor fees by the Tribunal are regulatory requirements as set by the *Local Government Act 1993*. Under Section 248 and 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Councils may fix the annual fees in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Tribunal, or otherwise the minimum fee will apply.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

Necessary funds for the Mayor and Councillors fees will be met from Council's 2025/26 Budget.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- The purpose of the report is to advise Council of the determination made by the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal regarding Mayor and Councillor fees for the Financial year 2025/26.

Background

- The *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) requires the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) to report to the Minister for Local Government by 1 May each year on its determination of the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid to mayors, councillors, and chairpersons and members of county councils.
- The Tribunal is also required to review categories of council at least once every three years.
- The Tribunal last undertook a significant review of the categories as part of its 2023 determination when Canterbury-Bankstown Council was recategorized into the new “Metropolitan Major” category in recognition of its provision of significant regional services including major health, education and retail and the size of its population. The categories will next be reviewed in 2026.
- At its June 2024 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to apply the maximum fee structures for the Mayor and Councillors.

Discussion

- On 17 April 2025, in accordance with the *LG Act*, the Tribunal determined the Mayor and Councillor fees for the 2025/26 financial year.
- Councillors will find attached the Tribunal’s report and determination under Section 239 and 241 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- Councillors will note:
 - the Tribunal’s basis to determining the fee structure and information pertaining to categorisation of NSW councils;
 - submissions made with respect to the matter; and
 - the Tribunal’s determination – as it relates to the 2025/26 financial year.
- The Tribunal considered a range of factors in determining the amount to increase minimum and maximum fees payable to councillors and mayors. This included a wide range of economic data such as:
 - Consumer Price Index for the 12 months to December each year
 - Wage Price Index for the 12 months to December each year
 - Full-time average weekly ordinary time earnings for the 12 months to November each year

- NSW Public Sector Salaries increases
 - Local Government State Award increases
 - IPART Rate Peg Base Cost Change
 - Public Service Senior Executive remuneration determinations, by the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal, and
 - State Members of Parliament Basic Salary remuneration determinations by the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal.
- The Tribunal has determined that a 3% increase will apply to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to existing categories.
 - Having regard to the latest determination, the following minimum and maximum fees for 2025/26 for the Mayor and Councillors for the Metropolitan Major category – being the category which Council has been placed in, is shown below.

Description	Minimum \$	Maximum \$
Mayoral Additional Fee	44,840	114,300
Councillor Annual Fee	21,120	36,970

- Currently, Councillors are paid the following annual fee in accordance with the Tribunal's 2024/2025 determination.

Description	Minimum \$	Maximum \$
Mayoral Additional Fee	43,530	110,970
Councillor Annual Fee	20,500	35,890

- The determination will be effective on and from 1 July 2025.
- The Tribunal found that the allocation of most councils into the current categories continued to be appropriate having regard to the 2023 review, the current category model and criteria, and the evidence put forward in the submissions received.
- A copy of the Tribunal's determination is attached (Attachment 1).

Recommended Approach

- Having regard to the broader expectations, workload and accountabilities associated with being both a member of one of the largest governing bodies in the State, whilst also fulfilling your duty to the community as an elected official - it is appropriate for Councillors to be paid the maximum amounts – as determined by the Tribunal.
- Council should also note that it has previously resolved that 15% of the Mayor's additional fees be allocated to the Deputy Mayor for the term of office. This was determined when Council elected the Deputy Mayor in September 2024. On that basis, it is recommended that the current Deputy Mayor fees will remain to reflect Council's determination and Council again consider the matter when electing the deputy mayor in September 2025.

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ITEM 8.3 Property Matter - Ice Skating Club Licence for Part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury

AUTHOR Corporate

SUMMARY

- Council at its meeting on 25 February 2025 resolved to grant a three year licence to the Ice Skating Club (ISC) over part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury – part of Tasker Park for use as a compound site to enable the Club to undertake construction of the new ice skating rink premises.
- A request has now been received from the ISC to extend its licenced area.
- It is recommended that the ISC's request be supported in principle and the proposed amendment to the licence agreement be placed on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council agree in-principle to grant an extension of the licensed area to the Ice Skating Club of NSW for part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury.
2. The other terms of the existing licence agreement remain unchanged.
3. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the proposed additional licence area be publicly exhibited.
4. Following the exhibition process, a further report be provided to Council for its consideration and decision.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

1. Council Meeting 3 December 2024 - Item 7.1 - Property Matter - Ice Skating Club Licence for Part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury
2. Council Meeting 25 February 2025 - Item 8.2 - Property Matter - Ice Skating Club Licence for Part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- Extending the licence area for the land at 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury to the ISC aligns with the objective of Council's Delivery Plan of Safe and Strong and demonstrates Council's commitment to ensuring our buildings meet the community's needs and are well used.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- The report has no direct impact on Council's budget.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- The purpose of the report is to consider a request from the ISC to extend the licensed area for part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury – part of Tasker Park for use as a compound site to enable the Club to undertake construction on the new ice skating rink premises.
- The proposed new licence area will incorporate the adjoining playground facility. See aerial photograph below.
- The ISC has requested that the amended licence agreement be under the same terms and conditions as the existing licence.

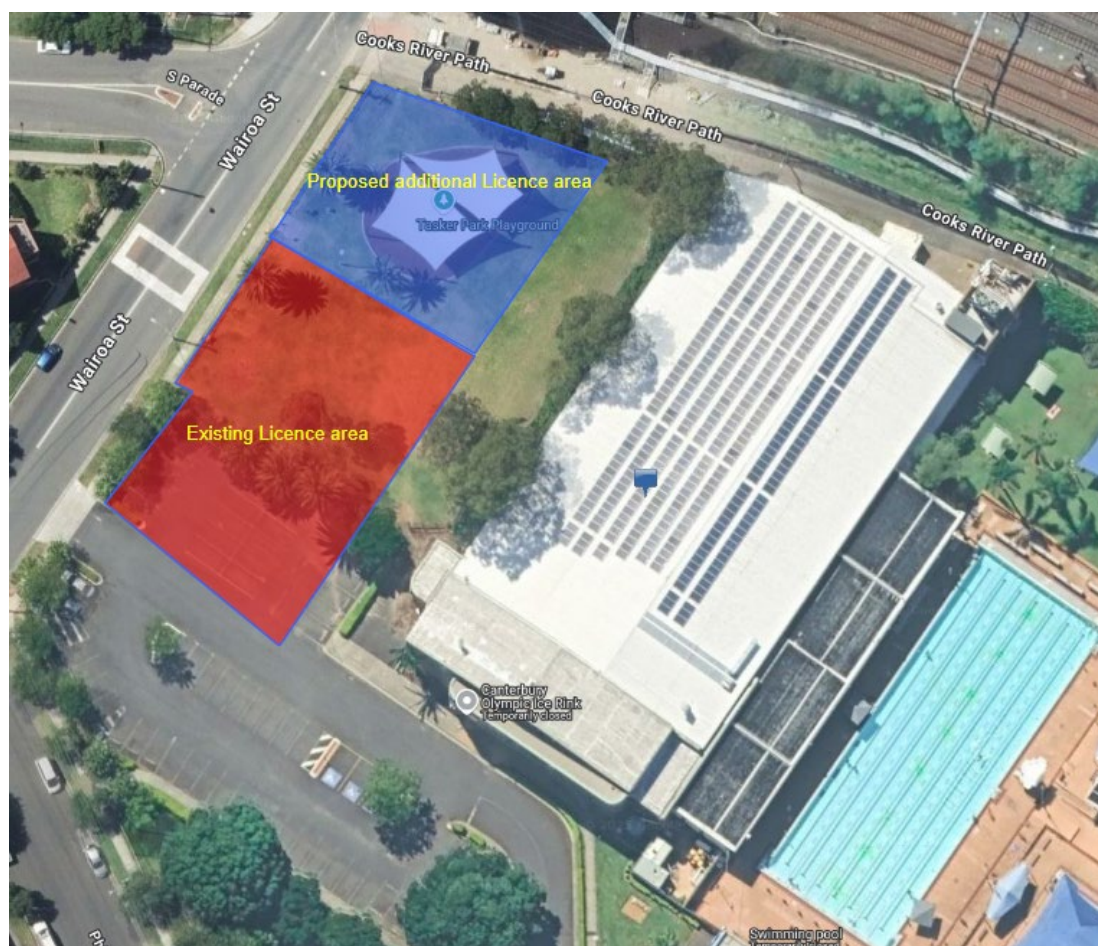


Fig. 1 – Aerial photograph of the site

Background

- The Canterbury Ice Rink has operated from 17A Phillips Avenue, Canterbury for approximately 50 years under various ground leases from Council.
- The Ice Rink closed in August 2022 due to structural issues with its roof and other building maintenance requirements. The ISC was successful in obtaining Westinvest funding to carry out the required works to the building.

- At its Ordinary Meeting in July 2024, Council agreed to grant a new three-year Agreement for Lease (AFL) and a further eighteen-year lease to the ISC for the ice skating rink at 17A Phillips Avenue, Canterbury. The AFL has been entered into with the ISC and their project has commenced.
- The ISC then approached Council requesting a three-year licence over part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury for use as a compound site to allow for the construction of the new ice skating premises. Council approved the licence at its meeting on 25 February 2025.

Discussion

- The ISC has requested an extension to its licensed area to incorporate the adjoining playground area under the current three-year licence agreement for the compound site for the following reasons:
 - It is required to remove some low level contaminated material which was found during pre-DA geotechnical investigations;
 - The additional land will allow greater access for plant, equipment, sheds and storage during all stages of the construction;
 - The additional land should also provide both the Canterbury Leisure and Aquatic Centre (CLAC) and Ice Skating Rink project teams to operate simultaneously without either team unintentionally obstructing construction on each site;
 - A large component of the early works for the Ice Skating rink development involves demolition, excavation, truck movements (deliveries and waste removal), mobile cranes etc. The additional land will allow greater space, access, and control during construction phase; and
 - The ISC have agreed to meet the cost of removing the playground and making good the licensed area at the end of the construction works.
- The proposal to increase the licensed area of the compound site is supported on the following basis:
 - It will assist the ISC to carry out its construction work in a timely manner;
 - It will benefit the construction work for the CLAC by reducing the risk on conflict with the construction work at the ice skating rink;
 - It will have no impact on public use given public access to this area of Tasker Park is limited by the construction work ;
 - Closing the playground during the removal of the low level contaminated materials from the ice skating site will remove the risk of possible public exposure to the materials and ensure the materials are removed safely; and
 - The removal of the playground and make-good of the licensed area by the ISC is of public benefit, as this cost ordinarily would have been met by Council.
- Councillors should also note that Council's adopted Playground and Play space Strategy has identified the Tasker Park playground be upgraded to create a new play space destination (Level 1 Play Space). This is the number one priority for Playgrounds across the City.

- The proposed decommissioning of the current playground that resides on Wairoa Street, will see a new Playground constructed in a different area of Tasker Park closer to the sports fields, adjacent to the new shared user-path and integrated with the CLAC. Construction of the new Playground will be timed to coincide with the end of the CLAC construction and is included in the draft 2025/26 budget.

Recommended Approach

- Given the minor amendment to the existing licence, it is proposed that Council address the change by way of a Deed of Variation.
- Council agree in-principle to grant and extension of the licensed area to the Ice Skating Club of NSW for part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury.
- The other terms of the existing licence agreement remain unchanged.
- In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the proposed licence be publicly exhibited.
- Following the exhibition process, a further report be provided to Council for its consideration and decision.

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ITEM 8.4 Naming of a New Public Road at Riverlands Golf Course Development (56 Prescott Parade, Milperra)

AUTHOR People & Performance

SUMMARY

- Council's consideration of a request from MIRVAC to name the one remaining new road within its Riverlands Golf Course development.
- The proposed names are Weebill, Crispin, Esther or Schwarzel for the Crescent (Road 10) as detailed in this report (see Attachment 1 - Map of the Road Names on Site).
- All road names have been selected in accordance with the Roads Act 1993, the Roads Regulations 2018, NSW Address Policy and User manual (APUM), Council's Naming Policy, and Council's Memorials Policy.
- This report seeks endorsement of the proposed road names and to proceed with a community engagement exercise.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council commences community engagement for the road naming proposal providing four (4) options for a new public road within the residential precinct of the Riverlands Golf Course site, in accordance with Council policies and legislative requirements.
2. The matter is reported back to Council after the community engagement period.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

1. Map of the Proposed Road Names on Site
2. Previous Report to Council - 27 May 2025 Meeting
3. Detailed Context of Selected Proposed Road Names for Road 10

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- This matter is closely aligned to the following destinations in the Council's Delivery Program: SS2 "Make the City safer, more accessible – care for others", SS3 "Value our history and identity", and LE1 "Engage, involve and empower the community to participate in decisions that affect them".

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- The proposed road naming aligns with Council policies, legislation, and the requirements of the Geographical Names Board (GNB).

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- Seek endorsement to commence community engagement on the proposed names for one (1) public road in the original area of Riverland Golf Course, involving Lot 10 DP 731859 (56 Prescott Parade), Lot 1 DP 625013(123 Raleigh Road), Lot 1 DP 813006 (123A Raleigh Road), Lot 232 DP 805826 (80A Auld Avenue), and Lot 22 DP 749985(90 Auld Avenue).

Background

- On 16 June 2022, the NSW Land and Environment Court approved development applications DA-1107/2019 and DA-4/2020. They aimed to redevelop the former Riverlands golf course into 180 residential lots, with MIRVAC communicating plans to eventually seek approval for the construction of 311 dwellings in the area.
- In accordance with the DA requirements Council received the request from MIRVAC to name seven (7) new public roads within its three-stage subdivision of the Riverlands Golf Course development adjoining Prescott Parade and Raleigh Road.
- The proposed naming of the roads was reported to the April 2025 Ordinary Council meeting, and it was resolved to commence the community engagement process in accordance with Council's Naming and Memorial Policies.
- Council commenced community engagement for the road naming proposal of the seven (7) new public roads within the residential precinct of the Riverlands Golf Course site and results were reported to the May 2025 Ordinary Council meeting (Attachment 2 - Previous Report to Council – 27 May 2025 Meeting),
- Council approved the following 6 names: Riverlands Drive, Saloop Road, Luderick Avenue, Connell Way, Satters Way and Striders Avenue, and an application was made to the Geographic Names Board for the naming of the 6 roads as identified in (1), in accordance with the Geographical Names Act 1996.
- It was resolved to investigate and present an alternate name option for Council's consideration followed by a subsequent community engagement process for the 1 remaining public road within the residential precinct of the Riverlands Golf Course site in accordance with Council policies and legislative requirements.

Discussion

- As the Road Authority, Council adheres to the NSW Address Policy and User Manual (APUM), the Roads Act 1993, the Roads Regulations 2018, Council's Naming Policy, and Council's Memorials Policy, which outline the requirements for naming Roads under the care and control of Canterbury-Bankstown Council, in an appropriate and consistent manner.
- Having regard to the requirements of the GNB, Council has assessed the nature of the names to ensure they meet the naming criteria.

- The naming criteria adheres to the place naming principles in Council’s Naming policy and in addition when considering road naming proposals, ensuring public safety and service delivery and uniqueness.
- Councillors’ suggestions and community feedback from the previous consultation and naming process were considered to present alternative options.
- Council acknowledges the importance of recognising and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage in place naming. Indigenous names were included in the original list of proposed names; however, they were not approved by the Geographical Names Board (GNB) due to eligibility requirements (Attachment 2 - Previous Report to Council – 27 May 2025 Meeting).
- This proposal includes the names of significant individuals—such as a midwife, an early settler, and a contributor to the local soldier settlement scheme—who have played important roles in the area's history. It also includes the name of a bird species native to the region. For further background on each name, please refer to Attachment 3 – Detailed Context of Selected Proposed Road Names for Road 10.
- The following names have been put forward for the Road 10 associated with the subdivision:

Road Number	Name	Reason for selection
Road 10	Weebill Crescent	Weebills are some of Australia’s smallest birds, part of Canterbury Bankstown’s ecosystem.
Road 10	Crispin Crescent	Born at East Maitland, May Elizabeth Crispin (Maiden Name: May Elizabeth Francis) was one of thirteen children of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Francis. In 1898, she married Mr. Ernest E. Crispin, who entered the Government service and became the expert at the Milperra Soldiers' Settlement at Bankstown. Largely owing to her enthusiasm and earnest advocacy, the Methodist Church there became a fait accompli.
Road 10	Esther Crescent	Esther (Julian) also known as Esther Abrahams was a Londoner sent to Australia as a convict on the First Fleet and was granted over 500 acres in her own name in the Bankstown District often referred to as the Georges River lands.
Road 10	Schwarzel Crescent	Sarah Ann Schwarzel, affectionately known as Granny Schwarzel, was a pioneering midwife in the East Hills district from the 1890s, earning deep respect for her tireless dedication to maternal care in an era when medical services were scarce.

- Council consulted with the GNB who carried out an assessment and is in support of the proposed names.

Recommended Approach

Subject to Council consideration, it is recommended that:

1. Council commences community engagement for the road naming proposal providing four (4) options for a new public road within the residential precinct of the Riverlands Golf Course site, in accordance with Council policies and legislative requirements.
2. The matter is reported back to Council after the community engagement period.

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ITEM 8.5 Adoption of Draft CBCity Social Justice Charter

AUTHOR **Community Services**

SUMMARY

- The draft CBCity Social Justice Charter (the draft Charter) is the first Social Justice Charter for Canterbury-Bankstown Council. It aims to lead the way in embedding a culture of social justice across our City.
- The draft Charter was placed on public exhibition from 14 April to 5 May 2025. The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the feedback received, the updates proposed for the draft Charter based on community feedback and to present the updated Charter to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the draft Social Justice Charter and consider priority action as part of future Operational Plans.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

1. 2025 CBCity Social Justice Charter
2. 2025 CBCity Social Justice Charter - Submission Table

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- The draft CBCity Social Justice Charter supports the aspirations of the Community Strategic Plan, CBCity 2036 and contributes to the Safe and Strong destination. The draft Charter will also provide a new strategic approach social justice across the whole of Canterbury-Bankstown.
- Council's Operational Plan 2024/25 identifies "Community Development and Capacity Building" as one of the key services Council delivers to the community. The development and adoption of the CBCity Social Justice Charter is listed as a specific action under item 10.4 Social Justice Initiatives.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- There is no immediate financial impact as a result of the report however priority actions should be considered in the preparation of future delivery programs and operational planning budgets.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- The draft Charter will guide Canterbury-Bankstown on the journey to becoming a resilient, socially just and cohesive city, by ensuring human rights, increasing equity, access, inclusion and opportunities for empowerment.
- The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the feedback received on the draft Charter during public exhibition, outline updates proposed based on community feedback and to present the updated Charter to Council for adoption.

Background

- City of Canterbury Bankstown is one of the most diverse cities in Australia we are provided with the opportunity to be leaders in social justice. Given the current climate globally and locally, it's important for Council to be proactive in working towards social justice and improving social cohesion to prevent any community divide and potential conflict.
- The draft Charter has been developed with funding from the NSW Government through the Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government program, facilitated by The Premier's Department.

Discussion

- The draft Charter will guide Canterbury-Bankstown on the journey to becoming a resilient, socially just and cohesive city. The Charter is structured around four social justice principles:
 - Human Rights;
 - Equity;
 - Access and Inclusion; and
 - Empowerment.
- The Charter provides a framework for action to ensure our community members:
 - Have equitable access and the ability to contribute and participate in the social, cultural, economic and civic life of our city;
 - Are part of collective decision making and are empowered to hold Council and each other accountable to deliver on the social justice principles;
 - Are heard, valued and respected for their unique experiences and perspectives and can share these;
 - Can navigate the diversity and complexities of our different perspectives in a mature and empathetic way to build greater understanding and trust; and
 - Can learn from and appreciate the different characteristics, identities, stories and histories that we all bring to the table, which in turn builds connection, a sense of belonging and becomes our strength.

Public exhibition and community engagement process

- The draft Charter was developed following community consultation with nearly 300 community stakeholders and over 240 CBCity staff. Following community consultation, the draft Charter was co-authored by the Social Justice Charter Working Group, made up of diverse community members.
- The draft Charter was placed on public exhibition from 14 April to 5 May 2025 to seek further feedback from the community and stakeholders.
- As part of this process, a number of tools were used to engage with stakeholders including Council's "Have Your Say" page, Facebook and other social media and targeted emails to local community members and organisations. The "Have Your Say" page was viewed by 340 people.
- Five contributions were made through formal submissions on the Have Your Say page, with one direct email submission to compliment a formal submission.

Summary of public submissions

- Submissions were supportive of the Charter's intent but called for stronger, measurable actions and greater inclusion of marginalised groups. There was a clear push for the Charter to lead structural change, not just express values. The key themes emerging from the submissions included;
 - **Inclusivity and Commitment:** Feedback suggested the Charter's language in one section around diversity was too narrow and recommended a stronger commitment to applying its principles across all future Council policies, current and future Councillors, along with a formal declaration from Council and community stakeholders.
 - **Accountability and Representation:** Submissions called for clearer, measurable actions (e.g., KPIs), inclusion of an LGBTQIA+ case study, and an appendix outlining implementation plans to ensure transparency and delivery.
 - **Environmental Justice:** A submission recommended incorporating environmental justice into the Charter, highlighting inequities in the built environment and the need to link social justice with sustainability and urban planning.
 - **LGBTQIA+ Inclusion:** Submissions highlighted the lack of meaningful representation and actions for LGBTQIA+ communities in the Charter, calling for visible inclusion (e.g. Pride events, signage), cultural safety training, tailored case studies, stronger partnerships and attention to intersectional barriers.
 - **Structural and Intersectional Justice:** One detailed submission urged Council to move beyond symbolic gestures by addressing systemic drivers of inequality (e.g., racism, classism), enhancing youth and LGBTQIA+ leadership and committing to institutional accountability frameworks.
 - **Cultural Sensitivity:** One submission raised concern about a cultural misrepresentation in an image used within the document.
- Further detail on each of the submissions can be found in Attachment 2.
- Council would like to acknowledge the detailed contributions received and thank the community for their support and high level of engagement with this project.

Amendments to the Charter

- Several changes have been made to the draft Charter following public exhibition. The Charter has been updated to:
 - Incorporate administrative changes including typographic error corrections, formatting improvements, grammar and clarifications;
 - Reordering of Charter to improve reading flow of document, following feedback received;
 - New additions to highlight systemic injustice, intersectionality and environmental justice, including examples.
 - Improved diagram which better links the Charter to State and Federal legislations and strategies, other Council strategies and plans as well as Council's Purpose and Ambition.
 - Reference to the Local Aboriginal Land Council's for First Nations Cultural protocols
 - Addition of missing "How can we work towards..." sections in principle three and four and improved wording for same section under principle two.
 - Addition of new section focused on implementing, accountability and reporting to address concerns raised in public exhibition submissions;

Next Steps

- The CBCity Social Justice Charter will guide Canterbury-Bankstown on the journey to becoming a resilient, socially just and cohesive city, by ensuring human rights, increasing equity, access, inclusion and opportunities for empowerment.
- The priority works outlined in the draft Charter will be considered as part of future Delivery Programs and Operational Plans to ensure Council continues to support a range of different programs and initiatives to deliver a Safe and Strong City.

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ITEM 8.6 **Cash and Investment Report as at 31 May 2025**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

SUMMARY

- 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.
- This report is to certify that Council's investments are made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Regulation and Council's Investment Policy.
- It is recommended that Council note the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

That -

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

ATTACHMENTS

[Click here for attachment](#)

1. Arlo Advisory Monthly Investment Review May 2025

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- The adoption of the recommendations will ensure that Council meets the legislative requirements regarding Council's investment portfolio as at 31 May 2025.
- The adoption of the recommendations will assist Council meet its Operational and Delivery Plan goals of being Leading and Engaged including the delivery of action 7.3.4 of the Operational Plan.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- Councils total Investment and Cash position was \$609 million at 31 May 2025 with investments earning interest of \$2.4 million for the month which is favourable compared to the budget.
- For the month of May, the total portfolio (excluding cash) provided a solid return of +0.41% (actual), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.34% (actual).
- On an annualised basis, the total portfolio (excluding cash) provided a return of +4.99% per annum, outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +4.12% per annum.
- Overall, Council:
 - Maintains a well-constructed investment portfolio and continues to maximise returns in the current challenging economic environment;
 - Is well diversified across the various horizons; and
 - Has sufficient cash available at all times (typically at least ~5% is held in overnight cash accounts) for ongoing liquidity/operational requirements.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- The purpose of this report is to advise Council of funds invested in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Additionally, the report provides details and certification as required by Section 212(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Background

- Council invests funds which are not required in the short term for any other purpose. These investments are governed by strict legislative requirements and Council's Investment Policy.
- The Responsible Accounting Officer must report to Council monthly details of the funds invested and certify that they have been made in accordance with the legislation and Council policy.

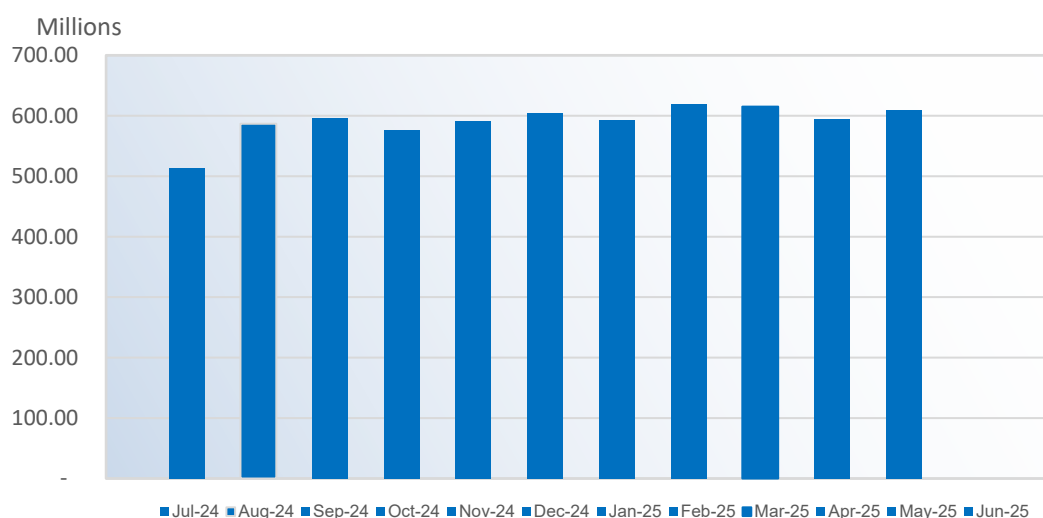
Discussion

- In total, Council's cash and investment holdings as at **31 May 2025** is as follows:

Cash and Investments	\$
Cash at Bank	7,079,795
Deposits at Call	16,395,224
Term Deposits	480,017,588
Floating Rate Notes	67,925,595
Bonds	37,348,118
Total cash and investments	608,766,321

- 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).
- Council Officers closely monitor ongoing cash flow to ensure adequate funding for day-to-day operations and to maintain adequate levels of working capital.
- The following graph outlines Council's closing cash and investment balances from July 2024 to May 2025:

Cash and investments rolling monthly balance 2024-2025



- 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	3.86	100
Working capital funds (0-3 months)	16.97	100
Short term (3-12 months)	34.98	100
Short – medium (1-2 years)	20.23	70
Medium (2-5 years)	23.96	50
Long term (5-10 years)	-	5
Total cash and investments	100%	

Portfolio allocation	
	Actual % of portfolio
Cash at bank	1.16%
Deposits at call	2.69%
Term deposits	78.85%
Floating Rate Notes	11.16%
Bonds	6.14%
Total cash and investments	100%

- A summary of Council's investment interest income earned for the period to 31 May 2025 is as follows:

Interest income	May 2025 \$	Year-to-date May 2025 \$
Budget	2,132,500	23,457,500
Actual interest	2,445,597	25,997,921
Variance	313,097	2,540,421
Variance (%)	14.68%	10.83%

Certification by Responsible Accounting Officer

- In accordance with Section 212(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council's Responsible Accounting Officer certifies that all investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations, and Council's Investment Policy.

9 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 9.1 Adoption of Sports Precinct Plans for Canterbury Park, Croydon Park, Jensen Park and Punchbowl Park

AUTHOR City Future

SUMMARY

- The Sports Facilities Strategic Plan (the Plan), adopted June 2022, provides a framework to guide the provision, maintenance and upgrade of sports facilities across Canterbury-Bankstown.
- The Plan recommended developing site specific precinct plans for a number of locations across the City. Draft Sports Precinct Plans for Canterbury Park, Croydon Park and Punchbowl Park were prepared with clear priorities for Council and the relevant Sporting Clubs at each of the precincts.
- Separately, at the 27 June 2023 Council Meeting it was resolved to update the Masterplan for Jensen Park, Regents Park.
- The draft Sports Precinct Plans were placed on public exhibition from 3 March to 31 March 2025.
- The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the feedback received on the draft Sports Precinct Plans, outline updates proposed for the draft Sports Precinct Plans based on community feedback, and to present the updated Plans to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the draft Sports Precinct Plans for Canterbury Park, Croydon Park, Jensen Park and Punchbowl Park (Attachment 1, 2, 3, 4) and consider priority actions as part of future Operational Plans.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

1. Canterbury Park Precinct Plan
2. Croydon Park Precinct Plan
3. Jensen Park Masterplan
4. Punchbowl Park Precinct Plan
5. Submissions Table Sports Precinct Plans

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- The draft Sports Precinct Plans support the aspirations of the Community Strategic Plan, CBCity 2036, and contributes to the Healthy and Active destination. The draft Plans will also provide a vision and a clear plan with priorities for each precinct.
- The development of the draft Sports Precinct Plans was identified as a high priority action in Council's Sports Facilities Strategic Plan, adopted in 2022. The precinct plans were intended to help maximise the use of green space and improve the experience for current and future sportsground users.
- Council's Operational Plan 2024/25 identifies "Outdoor Recreation" as one of the key services Council delivers to the community. The development and adoption of the draft Sports Precinct Plans for Canterbury Park, Croydon Park and Punchbowl Park is listed as a specific action under item 20.1 Strategic Planning for Outdoor Sporting Facilities.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- There is no immediate financial impact as a result of the report, however priority actions should be considered in the preparation of future delivery programs and operational planning budgets.
- Section 7.11 contributions, grants, and delivery partnerships will also be utilised to deliver on actions outlined in the draft Sports Precinct Plans.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Background

- Council's [Sports Facilities Strategic Plan](#), adopted in 2022, identified the need to develop site specific precinct plans to help maximise the use of green space and improve the experience for current and future sportsground users.
- As part of the 2024-25 Operational Plan, Council commenced strategic planning for the outdoor sporting facilities at the following locations:
 - **Canterbury Park** (including Blick Oval, Campbell Oval and King Street Tennis Courts);
 - **Croydon Park** (including Croydon Park, Lees Park, Croydon Park Netball Courts and Picken Oval); and
 - **Punchbowl Park** (including Punchbowl Park and Punchbowl Park Tennis Courts).
- Separately, following a Notice of Motion from the 27 June 2023, Council has also been working with Bankstown City Lions Football Club to update the Masterplan for Jensen Park.

Discussion

- These precincts are currently used for sporting purposes including football (soccer), cricket, rugby league, netball, athletics and tennis. A small amount of passive space is also available in these parks for general recreational use.
- At each of these locations there is:
 - competing and high demand for the limited open space;
 - significant feedback and requests for upgrades from the local community and sporting groups; and
 - the need for multipurpose open spaces and improved amenity.
- The draft Sports Precinct Plans also include assessment of access to all amenities buildings and clubhouses including the proposed layout of pedestrian, cycle and vehicle entrances, internal roads and carparking.
- The draft Sports Precinct Plans do not specify a timeline for implementation or allocated funding, rather, they represent a vision of what the Council and sporting clubs aim to achieve in the future.

Consultation with the sports clubs

- As part of the development of the draft Sports Precinct Plans, Council hosted workshops for each site, inviting all the stakeholders to gain insight and knowledge into their current experiences and future aspirations. The draft Sports Precinct Plans consider the current and future needs of sports clubs within the context of population increases and trends in sportsground usage, Council's financial capacity, external funding sources, existing priorities and the sustainability of the facilities.

- For the Croydon Park, Punchbowl Park and Canterbury Park Precinct Plans, a total of three face to face workshops (one for each precinct) were held to gain community input and background knowledge from the key stakeholders. The outcome of the consultation is covered in each Sport Precinct Plan.
- Attendance at the workshops included representatives from Council and the following sporting clubs:
 - Canterbury and Western Suburbs Cricket Association (CWSCA);
 - Canterbury District Soccer Football Association (CSDFA);
 - Summer Hill Cricket Club;
 - Inner West Magpies;
 - Ashbury Netball Club;
 - Canterbury Lions Football Club;
 - Canterbury Little Athletics;
 - Canterbury Bankstown District Junior Rugby League (CBDJRL);
 - St Johns Eagles Junior Rugby League FC; and
 - Punchbowl United FC.
- For the Jensen Park update, the consultant met on site with representatives from Council and Bankstown City Lions.

Public exhibition and community engagement process

- The draft Sports Precinct Plans were placed on public exhibition from 3 March to 31 March 2025 to seek further feedback from the community and stakeholders.
- The broader community engagement process utilised a number of tools to engage with stakeholders including Council's "Have Your Say" page, Facebook and other social media, and targeted emails to local community and sporting groups. The "Have Your Say" page was viewed by 376 people.
- Nineteen contributions were made through formal submissions on the Have Your Say page, and two direct email submissions were received.

Summary of public submissions

- Overall, there was a strong level of engagement for the draft Sports Precinct Plans and the approach taken by Council to plan for the future of these precincts. The key themes emerging from the submissions included;
 - A desire to see Canterbury Park more open for public use;
 - Provision of bike parking facilities or infrastructure to encourage active transport;
 - An aspiration on making Campbell Oval an all-weather complaint athletics facility; and
 - Trees to be planted along the Cooks River Cycleway on both sides.
- Further detail on each of the submissions can be found in Attachment 5.
- Council would like to acknowledge the participation of sporting stakeholders during the workshops received and thank the community for their support and high level of engagement with this project.

Amendments to the Sports Precinct Plans

- As a result of the community consultation process a number of changes have been made to the draft Sports Precinct Plans. The Plans have been updated to:
 - Incorporate infrastructure at each site to support active transport access to sporting facilities;
 - Provide additional seating around Picken Oval;
 - Incorporate additional tree planting along pathways and to support broader amenity in the parks; and
 - Include improved connection between the sports fields incorporated in the Croydon Park Sports Precinct Plan to be facilitated by upgrades to the pedestrian crossing point at Brighton Avenue.

Next Steps

- That Council adopts the draft Sport Precinct Plans for Canterbury Park, Croydon Park, Jensen Park and Punchbowl Park.
- The priorities outlined in the draft Sports Precinct Plans will be considered as part of future Delivery Programs and Operational Plans to ensure Council continues to support a range of different programs and initiatives to deliver a Healthy and Active City.

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ITEM 9.2 **Calendar of City Major Events and Activations 2025 - 2028**

AUTHOR **City Future**

SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is to present to Council and seek endorsement of the proposed calendar of City Major Events and Activations for the calendar year 2025 to 2028 (Major Events Calendar).
- The proposed Major Events Calendar also recommends changes to Australia Day, Pets Day Out and Christmas Program
- This will allow for Council to plan ahead to ensure we continue delivering attractions and experiences for residents and promote the city's profile regionally, state-wide, and nationally.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the proposed calendar of City Major Events and Activations 2025 - 2028 as outlined in this report, with budgets to be reflected in the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- Council's Operational Plan states that the purpose of Events and Activations is to deliver a unique, fun and engaging calendar of community events and festivals.
- Major events are highlighted as deliverables in supporting strategies and plans including the Economic Development Strategy 2036 and the Night-Time Economy Action Plan 2021 – 2026.
- The provision of the events program is consistent with the Canterbury-Bankstown Community Strategic Plan, CBCity2028, which sets out the community's aspiration for events to celebrate and promote our local identity.
- The City Events and Activations attracts over 1.65 million people into the City annually.
- In addition, Council delivers a range of Community and Civic Events which support the outcomes set out in the Operational Plan.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- The proposed Major Events Calendar is within the budget put forward as part of the DRAFT 2025/26 Operational Plan.
- Subject to Council adopting the Major Events Calendar, the budgets for each event will be updated to reflect the allocation as set out in the plan.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- To provide Council with the Major City Events and Activation calendar to be held for 2025 – 2028 to allow Council to better plan the events for the next three years.

Background

- Council has a long-standing commitment to supporting a diverse program of vibrant events and cultural activities that enhance community life and attract visitors. These events are highly valued by both residents and visitors for their social and cultural benefits, including opportunities to experience a range of diverse and authentic cuisines and foster cross-cultural engagement.
- At the local level, approximately 25% of residents report attending local events and festivals. More broadly, Destination NSW acknowledges the important role that community events play in supporting the State's visitor economy by attracting local and international attendees, increasing overnight stays, and stimulating local expenditure.
- Overall, events play a critical role in driving tourism, supporting economic growth, and generating employment opportunities across New South Wales.

History of Major events

- Prior to the amalgamation of Canterbury and Bankstown Councils, both local government areas had established a strong tradition of delivering major community events. These events played an important role in celebrating cultural diversity, promoting community participation, and enhancing the social and economic vibrancy of the region.
- Over time, some events have expanded, while others have been discontinued or consolidated to better align with community needs and resourcing.
- Canterbury City Council hosted a number of popular annual events that engaged local residents and celebrated the area's cultural heritage. These included:
 - Australia Day Celebrations
 - Campsie Food Festival
 - Haldon Street Festival
 - Earlwood Village Festival
 - Carols in the Park
- In 2013, the event program was streamlined to focus on three key events, ensuring resources were allocated more effectively while maintaining high community impact.
- Bankstown City Council also maintained a vibrant events calendar over several decades. Notable major events included:
 - Australia Day Celebrations (1989–2015)
 - Lunar New Year Celebrations at Saigon Place (commenced 2007)
 - Seniors Week (commenced 1998)
 - Bankstown Bites Food Festival

- South Terrace (2005–2011)
 - Olympic Parade (since 2012)
 - Bankstown City Christmas Carols at Paul Keating Park (2010–2013)
 - Lighting of the Christmas Tree at BLAKC forecourt (since 2014)
 - Pets Day Out at Vale of Ah (since 2014)
- These events reflected the unique community identity of Bankstown and Canterbury and supported a broad range of social, cultural, and economic outcomes. They also laid the foundation for the integrated events strategy now delivered by the amalgamated City of Canterbury-Bankstown.

Canterbury Bankstown Major Events

- Since the amalgamation, the CBCity Events and Activations Team has continued to deliver a broad and evolving program of major events and community activations. These events reflect the city's diversity, promote community connection, and activate public spaces across the local government area.

Australia Day
• Pool Parties (2017–2018, 2022–2024)
• Twilight Party (2019)
• Combined Twilight and Pool Parties (2020)
• COVID-safe park and pool pop-ups (2021)
Bankstown Lunar New Year Festival
• Ongoing celebration of Lunar New Year, supporting local business and cultural inclusion.
Bankstown Bites Food Festival
• A flagship food and culture event that has grown in popularity and regional appeal.
Carols in the Park and Christmas Activations
• Lighting of the Tree (ongoing)
• Christmas Trees in all wards (2020–2024)
• Christmas Village Markets (2023–2024)
• COVID Christmas activation (2020)
• Santa Pop-ups (2022)
• Christmas Lighting Competition (commenced 2020)
Campsie Lunar Celebrations
• Street Parade (concluded in 2020)
• Campsie Lunar Noodle Markets (2021–2023)
• Lantern Festival (commenced 2024)
Campsie Food Festival
• Final event held in 2018.
Movies Under the Stars
• Outdoor cinema events commenced in 2020.
Pets Day Out
• Held annually until 2019; recommenced in 2024.
Ramadan Activations
• Haldon Street Festival (concluded in 2017)
• Ramadan Nights Lakemba (2019–2024)
• Lakemba Nights (rebranded in 2025)

Other Significant Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Sydney Symphony Orchestra Performance (2022)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>World Village Festival (2016)</i> – concept merged with Harmony Day programming from 2017 onwards

- In addition to major city-run events, the Events and Activations Team plays a critical role in supporting other areas of Council through:
 - Planning and delivery of official civic ceremonies, including facility openings.
 - Providing logistical and strategic support for external event organisers, ranging from community groups to commercial partners.
 - Ensuring alignment of third-party events with Council objectives and community benefit.
- This integrated approach ensures the delivery of high-quality events that enhance the city's cultural life, support economic activation, and foster inclusive community engagement.

Discussion

- The current Major City Events and Activations include:
 - Bankstown Lunar New Year
 - Australia Day
 - Campsie Lantern Festival
 - Lakemba Nights during Ramadan
 - Pets Day Out
 - Bankstown Bites Food Festival
 - Movies Under the Stars
 - Christmas Lighting of the Tree and associated activations
 - Carols in the Park
- In February 2025, Council resolved to undertake a review of the current events program to ensure alignment with community priorities and to better serve the diverse needs of our residents.
- A key focus of this review is to explore opportunities for reintroducing a family-friendly Australia Day festival, inspired by the successful event previously held at Garrison Point.

Review of Australia Day – Background and Proposed Changes

- Prior to the amalgamation in 2016, the former Canterbury and Bankstown City Councils hosted distinct Australia Day celebrations, each reflecting local community identities:

Canterbury City Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2005: Belmore Sports Ground – Family Fun Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2006–2010: Gough Whitlam Park – Citizenship Ceremony and Family Fun Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2011–2014: Australia Day Eve & Day at Canterbury Aquatic & Fitness Centre – Rides, entertainment, and community activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015–2016: Canterbury Aquatic & Fitness Centre – Pool Party and family activities

Bankstown City Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1989–1999: Garrison Point – Large-scale festival with entertainment and fireworks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2000: Velodrome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2001–2015: Garrison Point – Major community festival
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016: Paul Keating Park – Event downsized post-amalgamation

- Following the council merger in 2016, the Australia Day program shifted away from a single large-scale event. The unified approach prioritised smaller, decentralised activations, such as:
 - Community pool parties
 - Roving cultural pop-ups across parks and town centres
- This change was influenced by several key factors:
 - Growing diversity and higher CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) community participation;
 - Increasing number of young families;
 - Budgetary constraints;
 - Changing public sentiment and evolving attitudes toward 26 January.

Proposed Change:

- Following a review of Australia Day events currently undertaken by surrounding councils, along with a review of previous events held in Canterbury Bankstown a reimagined, family-oriented Australia Day celebration is proposed—potentially drawing on elements of the former Garrison Point format—whilst ensuring all programming remains within the existing event budget.
- In the evening, a new event—"**Aussie Party at the Park**"—will be introduced at **Playford Park**, running from 4pm to 9pm. This medium-scale celebration will feature a curated entertainment program, including local performers, creating an inclusive and vibrant community gathering.
- To support this initiative, it is proposed that \$220,000 be reallocated from select existing major event programs. These changes have been carefully considered based on community participation data, event performance, and alignment with Council's broader strategic goals.

Initiative	Adjustment	Rationale
Ramadan Stalls - Increased Fees + Fund Reallocation	\$60,000	Fees for commercial Ramadan stallholders will be modestly increased in line with market demand. General Revenue currently being allocated to Ramadan will be made available to support Australia Day event.
Pets Day Out - Reduce to One Event Per Year	\$40,000	Community feedback and attendance trends show strong engagement. Hosting one consolidated event per year will maintain impact while reducing duplication and operational costs.
Events Partnership - Program Discontinued	\$40,000	This grant-based program supported third-party events however, had variable uptake and limited alignment with strategic cultural programming. Funds will be redirected to support a centrally coordinated and inclusive Australia Day

Initiative	Adjustment	Rationale
		experience. Previous applicants will be able to apply for funding through the community grants.
Pool Parties - Streamlined Delivery	\$80,000	By reducing the number of pool party activities, we still maintain family-friendly summer activities and keep it as part of the Australia Day Program.
TOTAL	\$220,000	Allocated to Australia Day program

- The revised budget reallocation outlined above will enable Council to redesign the Australia Day program to better reflect community expectations and maintain financial sustainability.
- Under the proposed model:
 - **Aussie Pool Parties** will be held at four (4) aquatic centres across the LGA, from 10am to 4pm. While the number of activities will be scaled back to manage costs, the events will continue to offer a safe, family-friendly atmosphere for residents.
 - **"Aussie Party at the Park"** will be held at **Playford Park**, running from 4pm to 9pm. This medium-scale celebration will feature a curated entertainment program, including local performers, creating an inclusive and vibrant community gathering.
- This strategic reallocation of resources ensures Australia Day celebrations are delivered at an appropriate scale, maintain broad community reach, and remain within the approved budget, while safeguarding the integrity and continuity of other major Council events.

Review of Pets Day Out – Background and Proposed Changes

- Since its inception in 2018, Pets Day Out has become a well-loved, family-oriented event that celebrates the relationship between residents and their pets. Delivered as a free community event, it has consistently attracted decent attendance and provided a range of pet-related activities, services, and educational opportunities.

Proposed Change:

- To ensure the ongoing delivery and sustainability of Pets Day Out, the following adjustments are proposed:
 - Transition the event to an annual format (previously delivered more frequently);
 - Rotate the event location each year to different areas of the City to maximise accessibility and community reach;
 - Deliver the event within a revised budget of \$60,000, focusing on a single, high-quality activation that promotes strong local engagement and participation.

These changes will enable Council to maintain the popularity and impact of Pets Day Out while aligning with the broader objectives of equitable access and responsible financial management.

Review of Christmas Program - Background and Proposed Changes

- In 2020, Council expanded its Christmas celebrations with the installation of scale Christmas trees across the five wards to enhance festive spirit in our community. These installations were located in:
 - Chester Hill
 - Greenacre

- Revesby
- Belmore
- Earlwood

Proposed Change:

- To continue delivering a vibrant and inclusive Christmas program within the existing budget envelope, the following adjustments are proposed:
 - **Bankstown CBD:** Retain the existing large Christmas tree and lighting installation.
 - **Campsie CBD:** Introduce a new large Christmas tree to enhance activation and ensure a festive presence in the eastern part of the LGA.
 - **Ward Centres:** Maintain the installation of smaller trees at the following town centres to ensure broad geographic reach and visibility:
 - Chester Hill
 - Revesby
 - Belmore
 - Earlwood
 - Greenacre (*tree may be replaced with alternative decorations subject to review for appropriate decoration options*)
 - **Christmas Village Markets:** Remove from the program noting that separately Council will be undertaking an Expression of Interest for Markets in Paul Keating Park.
 - **Carols in the Park:** No changes proposed; the event will proceed as scheduled, maintaining its status as a key community celebration.
 - **Christmas Lights Competition:** The program will be reviewed to assess its ongoing relevance and identify opportunities for improvement.
- The revised Christmas program preserves Council's commitment to community celebration while adopting a more focused and financially sustainable approach. The inclusion of a new large tree in Campsie and the continuation of installations across other key centres ensures festive cheer is shared equitably across the City.

Calendar of Major Events and Activations (2025–2028)

- The following table outlines the proposed Major Events and Activations program for the 2025–2028 period, incorporating updates aligned with the proposed changes mentioned above.

Event Name	Description	Change proposed	Date	Budget 25/26 (excludes income)
Australia Day Pool Parties + Aussie Party at the Park (Playford Park) (Major Event)	To celebrate Australia Day, there will be four pool parties with BBQs and DJ across the three leisure and aquatic centres	1. Aussie Pool Parties continue in (four (4) locations) 10am – 4pm and 2. An Aussie Party at the Park – Playford Park	Monday 26 January 2026	\$220,000

Event Name	Description	Change proposed	Date	Budget 25/26 (excludes income)
	Birrong Revesby Roselands (Canterbury when it reopens 2026)	from 4pm – 9pm. Consist of local acts, entertainment program and fireworks. Medium size event.		
Bankstown Lunar New Year (Major Festival)	To celebrate the beginning of Lunar New Year celebrations, this large-scale celebration held at Griffith Park will feature cultural performances, lion dancing, food stalls, and family entertainment and activities.	No change	Saturday 7 February 2026	\$107,575
Campsie Lantern Festival (Major Festival)	To mark the conclusion of Lunar New Year celebrations, this event will feature food stalls, themed decorations, lion dance, acoustic local performers, and cultural entertainment and firecracker display.	No Change	Saturday 28 February 2026	\$71,250
Lakemba Nights during Ramadan (Signature Event)	Held during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, this signature event activates the Lakemba Town Centre each evening at Iftar (sunset), when	Continue to review efficiency and effectiveness. Increase in fees	Estimated Thursday 12 February to Sunday 15 March 2026 (TBC)	\$1,219,750

Event Name	Description	Change proposed	Date	Budget 25/26 (excludes income)
	families and friends gather to break their fast. Now recognised as the largest event in the City of Canterbury Bankstown, it attracted over 1 million visitors in 2025 across a 20-day period, showcasing cultural vibrancy, local business engagement, and significant visitor draw.			
Pets Day Out (Activation)	Promotes responsible pet ownership, increases community awareness of animal welfare, and celebrates the important bond between people and their pets through an engaging, family-friendly event.	One annual Activation in May and reduce budget.	May 2026	\$60,000
Bankstown Bites (Major Festival)	One of CBCity's flagship food festivals, welcoming residents from across the LGA and beyond. Held along Olympic Parade, the event features: -Celebrity chef demonstrations -Over 30 diverse food stalls	No Change - continue to grow	Saturday 26 July 2025	\$123,500

Event Name	Description	Change proposed	Date	Budget 25/26 (excludes income)
	<p>-Curated food tours before and during the festival</p> <p>-Live entertainment and children's activities</p> <p>The event continues to attract local residents, food enthusiasts, and visitors from neighbouring LGAs, reinforcing CBCity's cultural vibrancy and culinary appeal.</p>			
Movies under the Stars (Activation)	<p>Held over four Saturdays during spring, Movies Under the Stars offers free, family-friendly entertainment across the LGA. Each event features pre-movie activities for children and families, followed by an outdoor screening of a popular family movie.</p>	No Change	Saturday 11, 18, 25 October and 1 November 2025	\$61,000
Christmas Tree Lighting and Activations (Activation)	<p>The current Christmas program includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas Tree Lighting in Bankstown CBD - Installation of smaller Christmas trees across the five wards 	<p>Christmas Lighting of the Tree in Bankstown CBD.</p> <p>An additional large Christmas tree installation in Campsie CBD.</p> <p>Five smaller trees installations at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chester Hill - Revesby - Belmore 	Thursday 27 November 2025	\$198,500

Event Name	Description	Change proposed	Date	Budget 25/26 (excludes income)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carols in the Park event - Christmas Village Markets - Christmas Lights Competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Earlwood - Greenacre – review decorations <p>Remove Christmas Village Markets.</p> <p>No change to Carols in the Park event.</p> <p>Review Christmas Lights Competition.</p>		
Carols in the Park (Major Event)	Held at Wiley Park, this event features live entertainment, food vendors, a visit from Santa, and a fireworks display to celebrate the festive season.	No change for 2025. However, Council will explore relocating Carols in the Park to Paul Keating Park in 2026, to grow it into a 'Carols in the Domain' model.	Saturday 6 December 2025	\$82,000

- Note: Council has applied for a \$350,000 grant Open Streets from TfNSW to deliver a festival in Earlwood in September over the next three years. If successful, this will need to be added to the above Events calendar.

Other Events

- In addition to the Major Events listed above, Council also undertakes and delivers a range of smaller 'Community Events' including:
 - Domestic Violence summit;
 - Interfaith forum;
 - Youth and Children's event;
 - Harmony Day;
 - NAIDOC Week;
 - Bankstown Biennale;
 - CB Evolve.
- Council also hosts a range of 'Civic Events' including:
 - Citizenship ceremonies;
 - Remembrance Day services;
 - Official openings of facilities/capital projects;
 - Celebrations and recognition of events or people;
 - Mayors Sleepout;

- Council Iftar Dinner;
- Council Christmas recognition for community leaders.

Ongoing review of events and activations

- Continuous evaluation and innovation are integral to the delivery of Council's Major Events and Activations program. This ensures an optimal mix and number of events that effectively engage residents and attract visitors throughout the LGA.
- Post-event evaluations and regular program reviews are conducted to maintain relevance, ensure value for money, and provide a robust evidence base. This approach supports informed decision-making to enhance successful initiatives and strengthens opportunities for securing additional funding through sponsorships and grants.

Service and Operational Matters - 17 June 2025

ITEM 9.3 Review of Council Participation in Catchment Management Committees

AUTHOR City Future

SUMMARY

- The Canterbury-Bankstown local government area contains three river catchments, the Cooks, Georges and Duck River, a sub-catchment of the Parramatta River.
- Following the Council Resolution 22nd November 2016 Canterbury Bankstown Council has been an active financial member of each catchment group representing our three catchments since the 2016-2017 financial year.
- This Report seeks to confirm Council's ongoing Membership commitment to the three Catchment Groups and associated Committees in the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council continue as a financial member of all three (3) catchment groups; the Cooks River Alliance, Georges Riverkeeper and Parramatta River Catchment Group, contributing membership and program fees as calculated annually for the next four years.
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) 2025-2029 Cooks River Alliance (Canterbury Bankstown) and any future MOUs from the other Catchment Committees.
3. Council continue to provide the role of host the Cooks River Alliance as defined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) 2025-2029 Cooks River Alliance (Canterbury Bankstown).

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

1. MOU Cooks River Alliance 2025-2029 Canterbury Bankstown Council

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- The commitment to our catchment committees links to Canterbury-Bankstown's Community Strategic Plan (CBCity2036) under the Clean and Green destination - delivering “a cool, clean and sustainable city with healthy waterways and natural areas”.
- Council's Delivery Program and 2024-25 Operational Plan includes specific initiatives under 28.1 to:
 - Continue to prepare the Parramatta River Masterplan and Greater Sydney Harbour Catchment Management Program with the Parramatta River Catchment Group.
 - Continue to prepare the Cooks River Catchment Coastal Management Program with the Cooks River Alliance.
 - Continue to prepare the Georges River Catchment Coastal Management Program with the Georges Riverkeeper.
- In addition, Council's Catchment and Waterways Strategic Plan 2025 includes an action for:
 - Development of the Catchment Management Plans for the Cooks River and Georges River which provides Council opportunities for infrastructure funding.
- Commitment to the Catchment Groups provides support for a range of community led initiatives and Groups including:
 - The Mudcrabs
 - Cooks River Valley Association,
 - Bankstown Bushland Society,
 - The River Canoe Club of NSW

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- Funding for all committees has been included in the DRAFT 2025/26 Operational Plan as set out below:

Committee	2025/26 Fee
Parramatta River Catchment Group	\$11,297.00
Georges River Keeper	\$94,846.27
Cooks River Alliance	\$172,666.75

- The Coastal Management Program (CMP) for both the Georges River and the Cooks River will provide council with opportunities to seek funding for infrastructure programs through the NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Grants program.
- The Cooks River Alliance has been successful in receiving funds through the Federal and State Government for waterway health projects in the LGA of a total of \$10mil.
- As host of the Cooks River Alliance Council receives a \$10,000 reimbursement per year to the host Council to cover costs, accommodation for three to five staff and all administration and on-costs associated with their employment.

- The updated MOU seeks to increase this to an annual reimbursement of \$12,000 per Anum increasing annually with CPI.

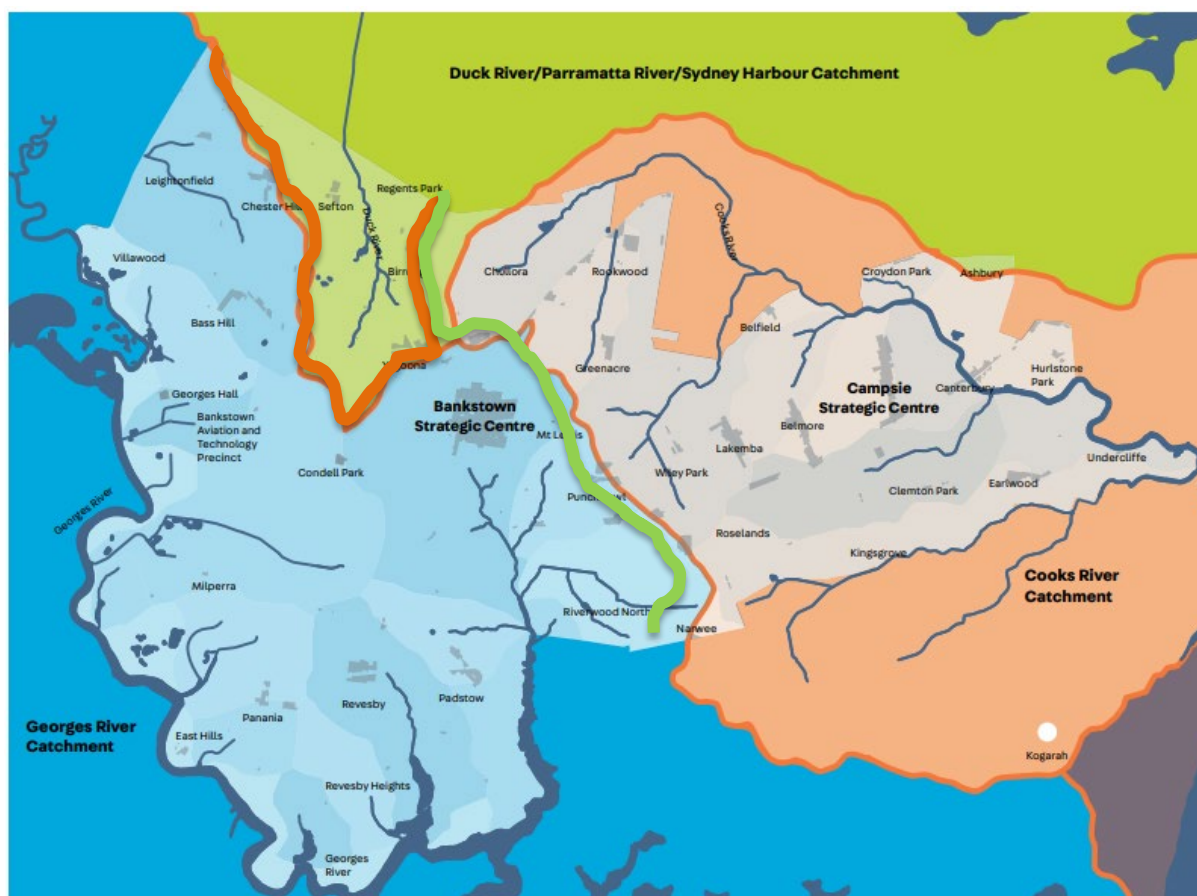
DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- This Report seeks to confirm Council's ongoing Membership Commitment to the three Catchment Groups and associated Committees in the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area.
- The Cooks River Alliance has updated the MOU held with Member Councils and is seeking commitment from Council through signing the four year MOU 2025-2029. Signing the Cooks River Alliance MOU for Council would also confirm continued hosting for the Cooks River Alliance and ensuring the continued participation in the Cooks River Alliance and Council to continue its current role as "Host".

Background

- The Canterbury-Bankstown local government area contains three river catchments, the Cooks, Georges and Duck River, a sub-catchment of the Parramatta River. Several major sub-catchments of the Georges River are represented in the local government area, including but not limited to the Salt Pan Creek and Prospect Creek sub-catchments. Catchment boundaries are defined in the below image.



- Prior to Council amalgamation, the former Bankstown City Council was a financial member of the Parramatta River Catchment Group, the Georges Riverkeeper (formerly the Georges River Combined Councils Committee) and the Cooks River Alliance. The former Canterbury City Council was only a member of the Cooks River Alliance due to

almost all the former local government area being situated in the Cooks River catchment.

- Following amalgamation of the two councils an analysis was undertaken to review the ongoing membership and financial support of each catchment group as well as their respective benefits.
- Following the Council Resolution 22nd November 2016 Canterbury Bankstown Council has been an active financial member of each catchment group representing our three catchments since the 2016-2017 financial year.
- Continued commitment to supporting the catchment groups is enshrined in council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (Connective City 2036), Community Strategic Plan and associated Delivery Program and Operational Plans under section 28 (Waterways and Stormwater), being categorised as mandatory (council is legally required to deliver).
- Council membership and participation in catchment committees is intended to assist in the delivery of several important projects and programs, notably the catchment group's development of respective Coastal Management Programs (CMP's) for each catchment.
- Council contributes to each catchment group with a combination of elected representatives and staff. Elected representatives sit in identified positions on committees, while staff in the Environmental Sustainability team contribute regular expertise and involvement in projects affecting the local government area and regional catchment, defined in further detail below.
- In addition, Canterbury Bankstown Council has been the host Council for the Cooks River Alliance since 2017.
- Councillors participate in a number of external committees and bodies to work with our community partners to achieve the best local outcomes and enhance the quality of life for people living and working in CBCity. Council's elected representatives and voting delegates to the three catchment committees are as follows:

Cooks River Alliance	Parramatta River Catchment Group	Georges River Combined Councils Committee
Clr Raffan	Clr Abu-Samen	Clr Walsh

Parramatta River Catchment Group

- Although proportionally the smallest catchment area in the local government area at 8% of the total area, membership to the Parramatta River Catchment Group is nonetheless important, as impacts from this local government area inevitably affect the downstream catchment system.
- The Parramatta River Catchment Group and City of Canterbury Bankstown representatives have made considerable progress on several projects and programs in recent years, including:

- **Catchment Mapping and Riverbank Naturalisation project**, helping identify areas of waterways with previously unmapped hazards and prioritising and funding streambank naturalisation sites, including parts of Duck River within and beyond the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area.
- **Stormwater Compliance and Education project**, part of the greater Parramatta River Estuary Masterplan and supported by funding from the NSW Government. This project is creating educational resources for builders and developers and distributing them throughout the catchment.
- **Get the Site Right program**, coordinated by the Parramatta River catchment group twice annually with regular participation from council's Regulatory Services and Environmental Sustainability teams.
- **Parramatta River Estuary Masterplan**, the overarching document which forms part of the Coastal Management Program (CMP), enabling all member councils future access to grant funding through the NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Grants program.

Georges Riverkeeper

- Encompassing 61% of the local government area is the Georges River catchment.
- Canterbury-Bankstown local government area is located in what is identified by Georges Riverkeeper as the 'mid-estuary', located between the upper estuary comprising fresher water towards Liverpool and the lower estuary comprising saltier water towards Botany Bay.
- The mid-estuary includes the major tributaries of Prospect Creek, Salt Pan Creek and Little Salt Pan Creek, all of which regularly record water quality in the poorer ranges of C to E, using Georges Riverkeeper's annual river health report card scoring system.
- Georges Riverkeeper's monitoring program attributes stormwater from urban and industrial areas as the major cause of reduced water quality grades, as rainfall causes stormwater to wash pollutants and sediment into the mid-estuary.
- Because almost all these major tributaries are entirely in Canterbury-Bankstown local government area, continued cooperation in managing stormwater and reducing litter are imperative to improving water quality, making council's membership vital.
- Georges Riverkeeper and council representatives have made considerable progress on several projects and programs, including:
 - **Catchment Actions Program**, an ongoing partnership between member councils, Corrective Services NSW and led by Georges Riverkeeper. The program removes more than 100 tonnes of litter from the Georges River catchment, with at least 40 tonnes coming from Canterbury-Bankstown local government area alone.
 - **River Health Monitoring Program**, performing regular water quality analysis and producing annual report cards of estuary health. These report cards inform efforts for water quality improvement and riparian restoration and revegetation.
 - **Stormwater Education Program (new)**, collating education and design guides for best-practice stormwater management, including installation and maintenance of stormwater quality improvement devices such as Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs).

- **Get the Site Right Program**, leading a multi-council approach to education, proactive inspections and enforcement of non-compliant development sites throughout the catchment.
- **Georges River Coastal Management Program (CMP)**, development of a high-level strategy including hazard assessments and mitigation options for long-term coordinated management of the catchment, as well as enabling future access to flood mitigation grants.
- **Georges River Litter Prevention Strategy**, providing a catchment-wide strategy for litter prevention and working with member councils separate litter strategies and prevention programs.
- **Continued successful sourcing of grant funding and associated projects**, including a recent successful grant for riparian restoration and revegetation through the Commonwealth Urban Rivers and Catchments Program. The Riverkeeper have also indicated that due to a recent staffing increase, they will continue to seek and source future grant funded projects.

Cooks River Alliance

- Thirty one percent (31%) of the Cooks catchment is contained within Canterbury-Bankstown local government area with much of the upper reaches of the river now lined with concrete and administered by Sydney Water.
- The Cooks River begins within the local government area at Yagoona and flows eastward towards Botany Bay. The Cooks River is one of, if not the most artificially modified and urbanised river system in Australia, with many jurisdictional challenges associated with competing and unclear ownership of surrounding assets, including the historic and degrading steel sheet piling lining much of the waterway.
- The Cooks River Alliance is unique in achieving membership support in that it drafts memorandums of understanding (Attachment 1) seeking signed commitments from each member council every four years.
- Cooks River Alliance and council representatives have made considerable progress on several projects and programs, including:
 - **Wurridjal Festival**, an annual educational festival attracting community members to the river to learn, appreciate and help the river and its catchment. This has been expanded with a recent marketing campaign called 'Our Backyard River'
 - **Cooks River Catchment Coastal Management Program**, continued rolling out of the high-level strategy, transitioning from being significantly behind schedule in 2021 to further ahead of schedule than other CMP's in the state.
 - **Attracting over \$11 million in grant funding for the catchment**, including grants for a new masterplan, as well as State and Commonwealth grants for litter prevention, Aboriginal Landcare staffing, addressing pollution incidents, and constructing a new artificial urban wetland.
 - **Coordinating advocacy from member councils to the NSW Government**, in particular for remediation of failing steel sheet piling affecting most member councils.

Cooks River Alliance host

- The arrangement with the Cooks River Alliance and Canterbury Bankstown Council differs from the other member Councils as Canterbury Bankstown Council provides the role of “Host” to the Alliance.
- This arrangement has been in place since 2017 and provides a \$10,000 reimbursement per year to the host Council to cover costs, accommodation for three to five staff and all administration and on-costs associated with their employment.
- The updated MOU seeks to increase this to an annual reimbursement of \$12,000 per Annum increasing annually with CPI.

Recommended Approach

- It is recommended that Council continue its membership of all three (3) catchment groups; the Cooks River Alliance, Georges Riverkeeper and Parramatta River Catchment Group.
- Funding has been included in the draft 2025/26 Operational Plan and will be considered as part of future budgets.
- If council agrees to continue its membership, it is proposed that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) 2025-2029 Cooks River Alliance (Canterbury Bankstown) and any future MOUs from the other Catchment Committees.
- In addition, it is proposed that Council continue to provide the role of host the Cooks River Alliance as defined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) 2025-2029 Cooks River Alliance (Canterbury Bankstown).

10 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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ITEM 10.1 **Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2025**

AUTHOR **City Assets**

SUMMARY

- Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Local Traffic Committee meetings held on 10 June 2025.
- 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

1. Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes | 10 June 2025

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- As an important part of our implementation of the Traffic Committee actions, the report contributes to Moving and Integrated destination set out in the Community Strategic Plan, CBCity 2036, where we are an accessible city with great local destination and many options to get there.

STRATEGIC 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.

11 NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 11.1 **Status of Previous Notices of Motion - June 2025**

AUTHOR **Chief Executive Officer**

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](#)

1. Status of Previous Notices of Motion
2. Outgoing Correspondence
3. Incoming Correspondence

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ITEM 11.2 Upgrade of Wiley Park – Recreation and Theatre Facilities

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

“That Council:

1. Investigates opportunities to upgrade the recreational facilities within Wiley Park, including shaded seating, picnic and BBQ areas, and other family-friendly amenities.
2. Includes in the investigation the upgrade of the outdoor theatre space, considering improvements to seating, lighting, landscaping, and its use as a community cultural venue.
3. Explores relevant funding opportunities to support the delivery of these upgrades.
4. Engages with local residents and park users, particularly those living in nearby apartment blocks, to ensure community needs and ideas are incorporated into the planning process.”

BACKGROUND

Wiley Park is a vital open space for residents living in high-density housing in the surrounding area. The park is frequently used for family gatherings, outdoor activities, and cultural events. However, some facilities are outdated or underused. Upgrading the recreational and theatre spaces will help increase accessibility, encourage inclusive use, and foster stronger community connection.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

At this time, the motion seeks an investigation and funding options, with no direct financial impact.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There is no financial impact of the motion as written.

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ITEM 11.3 Chullora Train Station

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

“That Council write to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon. John Graham MP requesting that the State Government investigate the possibility of establishing a passenger train station at Chullora to enhance public transport connectivity to the area.”

BACKGROUND

My family has lived in Greenacre for over 45 years, during which time we’ve witnessed significant population growth. The street where I once lived originally had 32 houses; today, it has grown to more than 50, largely due to the construction of duplexes.

Given this expansion, there is a growing need to improve public transport services into Greenacre, particularly through the inclusion of heavy rail. A freight line already passes through Chullora, and I believe the Minister should investigate the possibility of constructing a passenger train station at this location to better service this part of our city.



FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications for Council arising from this motion as written.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There are no financial implications for Council arising from this motion as written.

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ITEM 11.4 Honouring Billy "The Kid" Dib

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

“That Council recognises and honours the achievements of two times world featherweight champion, and role model, Billy the kid Dib by :

1. Hosting an evening at the Bryan Brown Theatre in his honour, which will also raise awareness about mental health, bullying and resilience.
2. Purchase his latest book, “Boys Can Cry” which is based on his life for our nine libraries and knowledge centres.
3. Promote the event on Council’s social media and corporate platforms.”

BACKGROUND

The life story of Billy “the kid” Dib is both inspirational and aspirational. He is undoubtedly a great Australian that has achieved success at the highest levels while at the same time remaining very much grounded and a role model and mentor to young people across the world.

He is a true champion winning the IBF world featherweight title twice, the second occasion coming after a courageous comeback after he was stricken with cancer.

When he retired from the ring his record read 56 fights, for 48 wins, 6 losses and 2 no contests.

Billy’s life story is the stuff Hollywood movies are made about. He was destined for greatness from the day he was born and his tenacity for survival evident as he battled the first six months in an incubator with Asthma. A condition that he would endure during his childhood.

At 12 years of age he took up boxing to fight both his asthma and the constant torment of the bullies at school.

There were many highs and lows in his life including missing out on representing Australia at the Olympics and the greatest blow of all losing the love of his life and soulmate, Sara, to cancer. He has since remarried with a son.

A true champion that is held in high esteem by millions of fans, sports people and leaders around the world. He now dedicates his life to mentoring young men and teaching resilience. His latest book “Boys Can Cry” is based on his life story and is very much about mental health and overcoming life’s obstacles.

His philosophy is quite simple, when you are on the canvas and down for the count there is always a loving hand ready to reach out and pick you up.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

I anticipate the financial impact of hosting this important event will be limited to hiring the facility and some minor associated costs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

Subject to Council’s endorsement, the cost of hiring the facility and purchasing the books will be in the order of approx. \$2500. This can be funded from Council’s Grants and Sponsorship Policy Funds.

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ITEM 11.5 Cooling Down on our Hottest Days

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

“That Council:

1. Acknowledges the impact of climate change on urban heat levels;
2. Acknowledges the detrimental effect of high urban heat, including emotional distress, increased risks of heatstroke, and decreased productivity;
3. Acknowledges the ongoing cost of energy crisis, which makes cooling homes more and more unaffordable;
4. Acknowledges that poor building standards has an ongoing impact on the cost of cooling home;
5. Tables a report, before the August meeting, exploring the feasibility of:
 - a. Expanding the operational hours of Council's libraries on days that exceed 30 Degrees Celsius
 - b. Expanding the operational hours of Council's Aquatic centres on days that exceed 30 Degrees Celsius
 - c. Waiving the entry fee on Council's Aquatic centres on days that exceed 30 degrees Celsius.”

BACKGROUND

With the ongoing climate crisis, Australians are facing more and more days in sweltering 30-degree-plus heat. Many of our homes are not insulated to keep out the heat, so to manage, residents need to seek out a cooler environment. However, the ongoing cost of energy crisis means that using air conditioning can be very expensive for many families. For the many Canterbury-Bankstown residents, who have to work from home, the library is often the only place they can complete work in a cool environment.

And for the many families looking after their kids over the summer school holiday period, outside of shopping malls, swimming pools, and libraries are often the only place to cool down.

Additionally, we have huge amounts heat-retaining concrete and bitumen in our urbanised LGA and relatively lack low tree canopy cover, which is another major contributors to local heat islands.

Opening swimming pools and libraries later can allow families to cool down without harming their energy bill. Waiving the pool entry fee will also reduce barriers to people going to the pool.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact of receiving a report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There is no financial impact of the motion as written.

Notice of Motions & Questions With Notice - 17 June 2025

ITEM 11.6 Recognition of Elie Akouri OAM - 2025 King's Birthday Honours

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

“That Council:

1. Formally recognises and congratulates Mr Elie Akouri OAM on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia as part of the 2025 King’s Birthday Honours.
2. Acknowledges Mr Akouri OAM outstanding contribution to the Lebanese community and to multicultural arts, particularly through the preservation and celebration of Lebanese heritage, traditional dance, theatre and costume.
3. Requests Council write to Mr Akouri OAM, congratulating him on his recognition and presenting a certificate of appreciation for his longstanding contribution to our local community.”

BACKGROUND

Over the King’s Birthday long weekend, Mr Elie Akouri OAM was recognised in the 2025 King’s Birthday Honours List and awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to the Lebanese community and to the arts.

Mr Akouri has dedicated decades of his life to preserving and sharing the beauty of Lebanese culture through traditional dance, theatre, and costumes. He is a proud and passionate cultural leader who has kept our rich Lebanese heritage alive, not just for those who lived it, but for the generations born here in Australia.

Through his work, he tells our story - one of resilience, celebration and pride - waving both the Australian and Lebanese flags with honour. He transports audiences “back home” to Lebanon through music, movement, and colour, and has been a vital part of our multicultural story here in Canterbury Bankstown.

On a personal note, I was one of the many students who had the privilege of learning Lebanese folklore and dance from Mr Akouri at school. His influence has left a lasting imprint on my identity and pride in my heritage - and I know I am one of many who feel this way.

What makes Mr Akouri's work even more powerful is that it reaches young people who may not speak Arabic or know our traditions firsthand, helping them reconnect with their roots. Through dance and performance, he has kept Lebanese culture alive for thousands of young Lebanese Australians and brought communities together through the arts. His OAM is not just a personal honour - it is a moment of pride for our whole Lebanese Australian community.

I ask Council to formally recognise his achievements and thank him for his extraordinary contribution.

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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There were no items submitted for this section at the time the Agenda was compiled.