

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 17 JUNE 2025

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

APOLOGIES Councillor Saleh OAM

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.57 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:
(226) **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

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

- CARRIED

SECTION 2:
(227) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
CLR. WALSH:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2025 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 6.1 – Punchbowl and Wiley Park Precinct Plan Submission and Alternative Scheme to the Transport Oriented Development Program, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he has a close association with owners of property in the precinct and as such he will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or consideration of the matter.

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In respect to Item 6.1 – Punchbowl and Wiley Park Precinct Plan Submission and Alternative Scheme to the Transport Oriented Development Program, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her employer owns property in the precinct and as such she will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or consideration of the matter.

In respect to Item 6.1 – Punchbowl and Wiley Park Precinct Plan Submission and Alternative Scheme to the Transport Oriented Development Program, Councillor Zakhia declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he owns properties in the precinct and as such he will vacate the chamber taking no part in debate or consideration of the matter.

In respect to Item 6.1 – Punchbowl and Wiley Park Precinct Plan Submission and Alternative Scheme to the Transport Oriented Development Program, Councillor Abu-Samen declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he owns a property in the precinct and as such he will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or consideration of the matter.

In respect to Item 11.4 – Honouring Billy “The Kid” Dib, Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he knows Mr Dib and as a matter of precaution he will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or consideration of the matter.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 KINGS BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

(228) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 ROAD FUNDING

(229) CLR. EL-HAYEK

CLR RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.06 PM.

RESOLVED that Council write 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.

- CARRIED

CLR RAFFAN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.08 PM.

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ITEM 4.3 LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATION

(230) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

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.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

(231) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 8.6, 9.3, 10.1 and 11.2.
2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.
3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.6 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2025

(232) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED 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.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 9.3 REVIEW OF COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

(233) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED 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).

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.1 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2025

(234) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

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

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.2 UPGRADE OF WILEY PARK – RECREATION AND THEATRE FACILITIES

(235) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED 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.

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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.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 PUNCHBOWL AND WILEY PARK PRECINCT PLAN SUBMISSION AND ALTERNATIVE SCHEME TO THE TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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In respect to Item 6.1 – Punchbowl and Wiley Park Precinct Plan Submission and Alternative Scheme to the Transport Oriented Development Program, Councillor Abu-Samen declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he owns a property in the precinct and as such he vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or consideration of the matter.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLRS WALTHER, ZAKHIA AND ABU-SAMEN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.13 PM.

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

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One nomination was received for Councillor Cahill.

COUNCILLOR CAHILL WAS ELECTED CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR CAHILL ASSUMED THE CHAIR AT 7.14 PM.

COUNCILLOR AKTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.36 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.38 PM.

MOTION

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. WALSH

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.

AMENDMENT

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. COOREY

That Council

1. Endorse the submission of NSW State Government Transport Oriented Development Program for Punchbowl and Wiley Park to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure.
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.

For:-

Against:-

Councillors Lindsay, Coorey and Stavrinos

Councillors Blood, Raffan, Walsh, Harika, Asfour, Akther and Cahill

THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST.

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CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. WALSH

RESOLVED that Council

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- CARRIED

For:- Councillors Raffan, Walsh, Harika, Asfour, Akther and Cahill

Against:- Councillors Blood, Stavrinou, Coorey and Lindsay

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.53 PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

CLRS WALTHER, ZAKHIA AND ABU-SAMEN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.53 PM.

SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS

Nil

SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.53 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.54 PM.

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

(237) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that

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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	0.0013645 1	\$1,086.80
Business – Commercial Large	0.0054580 4	\$1,086.80
Business – Commercial General	0.0040935 3	\$1,086.80
Business – Industrial Large	0.0054580 4	\$1,086.80

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Business – Industrial General	0.0040935 3	\$1,086.80
Business – Ordinary	0.0027290 2	\$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

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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

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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.

5.3.4 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

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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:

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Business – Commercial Large	0.00564792	\$1,086.80
Business – Commercial General	0.00423594	\$1,086.80
Business – Industrial Large	0.00564792	\$1,086.80
Business – Industrial General	0.00423594	\$1,086.80
Business – Ordinary	0.00282396	\$1,086.80

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6.1.1 Defence Force Housing

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Properties categorised as Business (with or without residential accommodation)	Waste Management – Business	\$620.00
Properties categorised as Business (with or without residential accommodation) – Non Rateable	Waste Management – Business	\$620.00

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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

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6.3.1 Mixed Developments

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ITEM 8.2 **NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - DETERMINATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR FEES 2025/26**

(238) **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. WALTHER**

RESOLVED 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.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3 **PROPERTY MATTER - ICE SKATING CLUB LICENCE FOR PART OF 17 PHILLIPS AVENUE, CANTERBURY**

(239) **CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED 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.
5. Staff investigate active and engaging future uses for this proposed additional lease area for after all works have been completed.

- CARRIED

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

(240) CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED 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 be reported back to Council after the community engagement period.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.5 ADOPTION OF DRAFT CBCITY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHARTER

(241) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the draft Social Justice Charter and consider priority action as part of future Operational Plans.
2. The working group charter and membership be approved by Council and any social justice implementation plan be reported to Council for its consideration after being finalised.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.6 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2025

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 232 ON PAGE THREE OF THESE MINUTES.

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SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 9.1 ADOPTION OF SPORTS PRECINCT PLANS FOR CANTERBURY PARK, CROYDON PARK, JENSEN PARK AND PUNCHBOWL PARK

(242) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED 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.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.2 CALENDAR OF CITY MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVATIONS 2025 - 2028

(243) CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED 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.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.3 REVIEW OF COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 233 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 10.1 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2025

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 234 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

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SECTION 11: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 11.1 STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - JUNE 2025
(244) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.2 UPGRADE OF WILEY PARK – RECREATION AND THEATRE FACILITIES

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 235 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.3 CHULLORA TRAIN STATION
(245) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED 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.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4 HONOURING BILLY "THE KID" DIB

In respect to Item 11.4 – Honouring Billy “The Kid” Dib, Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he knows Mr Dib and as a matter of precaution he vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or consideration of the matter.

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

The following nominations were received:

Clr Walsh
Clr Stavrinos

An open ballot was conducted (show of hands) which resulted as follows:

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Councillor Walsh – 7 votes
Councillor Stavrinou – 6 votes

COUNCILLOR WALSH WAS ELECTED CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR WALSH ASSUMED THE CHAIR AT 8.23 PM.

(246)

CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that

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.

- CARRIED

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.25 PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

ITEM 11.5
MOTION

COOLING DOWN ON OUR HOTTEST DAYS

CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. COOREY

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

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c. Waiving the entry fee on Council's Aquatic centres on days that exceed 30 degrees Celsius.

6. Take into consideration its obligations under the NSW Local Government State Award and the real impact on staff workload and personal lives.

CLR. COOREY TEMPORARILY VACTED THE CHAMBER AT 8.30 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.32 PM.

AMENDMENT

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

That Council:

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5. Take into consideration its obligations under the NSW Local Government State Award and the real impact on staff workload and personal lives.

- LOST

CLRS ZAKHIA AND STAVRINOS STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

Clrs Abu-Samen, Zakhia, Stavrinis, Walther and Lindsay

For:-

Clrs Raffan, Blood, Walsh, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Akther, Coorey and El-Hayek

Against:-

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CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. COOREY

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- CARRIED

ITEM 11.6
(248)

RECOGNITION OF ELIE AKOURI OAM - 2025 KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS
CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED 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.

- CARRIED

SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.36 PM.

Minutes confirmed 22 JULY 2025

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Mayor