

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 26 AUGUST 2025**

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

**APOLOGIES** Councillor Raffan

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.26 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**

**(273) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. STAVRINIS**

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Cllr Clare Raffan due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**(274) CLR. STAVRINIS:/CLR. WALTHER**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 July 2025 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, 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 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, 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.

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In respect to Item 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, 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 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, 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 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, 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 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, Councillor Harika declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the football club. Councillor Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 6.3 – Riverwood Estate Development Control Plan (Stage 1) – Post Exhibition, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that a relative is a tenant who rents in the estate. Councillor Blood advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 6.4 – Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given the owner of a property affected by the Planning Proposal made a reportable donation to his election campaign and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.4 – Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given the owner of a property affected by the Planning Proposal made a reportable donation to his election campaign and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 8.4 – 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his association with a number of the applicants for community grants and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Lindsay declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to her association with Bankstown Auburn Community Radio who are one of the applicants for community grants and as such she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that her employer has

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a working relationship with a number of the applicants for community grants and as such she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given that he is a board member of the Riverwood Community Centre which is one of the applicants for community grants and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Zakhia declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his association with a number of the applicants for community grants and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his association with a number of the applicants for community grants and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Harika declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that she is a patron of the Bahayra Association who are an applicant for the Community Grants. However as a precaution she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Cahill declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given that Creating Links, of which he is a board member of, is an applicant for the Program and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Stavrinou declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to a number of the applicants for community grants being known to him. Councillor Stavrinou advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to the Australian Rohingya Women's Development Organisation, who have applied for community grants, being known to him. Councillor Blood advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 12.3 – Property Matter – Lease to Riverwood Community Centre Ltd – 151 Belmore Road North, Riverwood, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given that he is a board member of the Riverwood Community Centre which is subject of the report and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.

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**SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 4.1                      CBCITY LAUREATE**  
**(275)                        CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council's Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee work with organisations like Bankstown Poetry Slam to come up with a shortlist of people to serve as CBCity Laureate.

- CARRIED

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.31 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.33 PM.

**ITEM 4.2                      FATHER CHRIS RILEY**  
**(276)                        CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Ambassador for Youth Off The Streets, Mr Tony Stewart be presented with a posthumous Mayoral Certificate of Recognition.

- CARRIED

Council observed a minutes silence in memory of Father Chris Riley.

**ITEM 4.3                      ANGELMAN SYNDROME**  
**(277)                        CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council purchase a table of 10, at a cost of \$2500, to Fast Australia's Gala Dinner in October, with all funds raised going towards the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.4                      NIGHTLIFE HUBS**  
**(278)                        CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council identify possible streets in the city which have businesses interested in working together to set up new night precincts.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 4.5**                      **WEST TERRACE CARPARK**  
**(279)**                        **CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.6**                      **SUPPORTING THE BULLDOGS AND BLUE AND WHITE DAY**

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In respect to Item 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, 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 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, 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 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, 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 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, 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 remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 4.6 – Supporting the Bulldogs Blue and White Day, Councillor Harika declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the football club. Councillor Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she remained in the Chamber.

**(280)**                        **CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

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**MATTER OF URGENCY**

**(281)**

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

RESOLVED that urgency be permitted for Item 12.5 – Property Matter: Proposed Acquisition of Property in Belmore to be considered.

The Mayor ruled that the matter is one of great urgency that requires a decision prior to the next scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 5:**

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**

**(282)**

**CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 8.3, 8.5, 9.1, 9.2, 10.1, 10.2, 11.1 and 12.4.
2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.
3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.3**

**CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

**(283)**

**CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 July 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 8.5**  
**(284)**

**EV CHARGING PLAN**

**CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Notes the feedback received during the community engagement period for the Electric Vehicle Charging Action Plan.
2. Endorse the Electric Vehicle Charging Action Plan (Attachment 1).

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.1**  
**(285)**

**REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ON TITLE NUMBERED 4, 1 AT 842 HUME HWY, BASS HILL**

**CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council consents to the extinguishment of the restriction numbered 4, 1 on Lot 12 in DP 872771 for 842 Hume Hwy, Bass Hill on the terms outlined in the report.
2. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer sign all documentation, as required.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.2**  
**(286)**

**COOLING DOWN ON OUR HOTTEST DAYS**

**CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes the high-level feasibility report into:
  - the possible extension of operational hours of its Leisure and Aquatic Centres and Libraries on days when the temperature exceeds 30+ degrees Celsius,
  - Free entry into Leisure and Aquatic Centres on these days, and
  - Obligations under the NSW Local Government State Award and impacts on staff.

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2. A briefing be provided to Councillors to further explore possible recommendations.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.1**                      **MINUTES OF THE FIRST PEOPLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2025**

**(287)**                      **CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council advocate on behalf of the First Nations Cultural Hub and Resource Centre and consider a suitable alternate venue for the Hub.
2. The minutes of the First Peoples Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 July 2025 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.2**                      **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2025**

**(288)**                      **CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 12 August 2025, be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

**(289)**                      **CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED



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**ITEM 12.4**  
**(290)**                      **PERFORMANCE REVIEW - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**CLR. SALEH OAM:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council receive and note the Confidential Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Panel's Report, prepared by the Facilitator SINC Solutions Pty Ltd, for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
2. Council notes the Chief Executive Officer's ongoing outstanding performance for the review period as determined by the panel, and he was 'highly effective' in each of the four (4) Strategic Outcome/Topic areas and the five (5) Value Alignment criteria.
3. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer complete the Performance Agreement for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 with a focus on the items detailed in the 'CEO Performance Plan 2025 to 2026'.
4. The Mayor be delegated the authority to finalise and sign all documentation as required.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 6:                      PLANNING MATTERS**

**ITEM 6.1**  
**(291)**                      **HERITAGE GRANT FUND**  
**CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Endorse the recommendations as provided in Attachment 1 and grants be allocated in accordance with Council's Heritage Incentives Policy.
2. Notify its decision to owners who submitted applications.

- CARRIED

**For:-**                      Clrs Blood, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Zakhia, Stavrinis, Saleh OAM, Akther, Walther, Lindsay And El-Hayek

**Against:-**                      Clrs Walsh, Abu-Samen and Coorey

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- ITEM 6.2**                      **ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN - PLANNING PROPOSAL POST EXHIBITION (PP-2024-536)**
- (292)**                      **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. ASFOUR**
- RESOLVED that
1. Council submits the planning proposal PP-2024-536 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation as set out in this report.
  2. Council endorse the reclassification of 75A, 75B and 75C Marco Avenue, Revesby from 'Community' to 'Operational' land.
  3. Council adopt the proposed CBDPC amendments as outlined in Attachment 2, to apply to development applications lodged on or after gazettal of the LEP and publication of the DCP on Council's website.
  4. Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor and administrative changes during the Department's finalisation process.

- CARRIED

**For:-**                      Clrs Walsh, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh OAM, Akther and El-Hayek

**Against:-**              Clrs Blood, Abu-Samen, Zakhia, Stavrinos, Coorey, Walther and Lindsay

THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK EXERCISED HIS CASTING VOTE AND VOTED FOR THE MOTION.

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.14 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A FIRST WARNING AT 7.18 PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

- ITEM 6.3**                      **RIVERWOOD ESTATE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (STAGE 1) - POST EXHIBITION**
- In respect to Item 6.3 – Riverwood Estate Development Control Plan (Stage 1) – Post Exhibition, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that a relative is a tenant who rents in the estate. Councillor Blood advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.
- (293)**                      **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. CAHILL**
- RESOLVED that Council
1. Adopt the amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023, as outlined in Attachment 2.

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2. Apply the amendments to the CB DCP 2023 to applications lodged on or after the date the amendments come into effect, being within 14 days of the minutes of this meeting being published.

- CARRIED

**For:-** Clrs Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Stavrinis, Saleh OAM, Akther and El-Hayek

**Against:-** Clrs Blood, Zakhia, Coorey, Walther and Lindsay

CLR ABU-SAMEN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.22 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.25 PM.

**ITEM 6.4                      PLANNING PROPOSAL – SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCTS**

In respect to Item 6.4 – Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given the owner of a property affected by the Planning Proposal made a reportable donation to his election campaign and as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.4 – Planning Proposal – Special Entertainment Precincts, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given the owner of a property affected by the Planning Proposal made a reportable donation to his election campaign and as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLR ASFOUR TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.33 PM.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR CLR SALEH OAM ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

**(294)                      CLR. STAVRINIS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that

1. The planning proposal to amend the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2023, as provided in Attachment 1, proceed to Gateway and exhibition.
2. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make necessary changes to the planning proposal and maps to ensure consistency with the Gateway determination and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's mapping guideline prior to the exhibition.

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3. The planning proposal be reported to Council following the exhibition.
4. Council prepare and exhibit a precinct management plan and draft amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023 to support the planning proposal, and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.
5. Council seek authority from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to be the plan making Authority under delegation of section 3.36(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

- CARRIED

CLR WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.39 PM.

**For:-** Clrs Blood, Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Zakhia, Stavrinou, Akther, Coorey, Lindsay And Saleh OAM

**Against:-** Nil

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.40 PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

CLRS ASFOUR AND WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.40 PM.

**SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.1 PROPERTY MATTER - ICE SKATING CLUB LICENCE FOR PART OF 17 PHILLIPS AVENUE, CANTERBURY**

**(295) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council agree to grant approval for the extended area by way of a Deed of Variation to the current three-year licence to the Ice Skating Club of NSW Co-operative Limited (ISC) for part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury.
2. The Chief Executive Officer to finalise the matter with the ISC and be authorised to sign all documentation, as required.

- CARRIED

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CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.41 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.43 PM.

**ITEM 8.2                      QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE 2024/25 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET TO 30 JUNE 2025**

**(296)                      CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Note the quarterly review of the 2024/25 Operational Plan and 2022-25 Delivery Program, for the quarter 1 April to 30 June 2025.
2. Adopt the June 2025 Quarterly Budget Review as outlined in this report.
3. Authorise the budget variations and organisational resources for the June 2025 Quarter - as outlined in Attachment 3 and this report, respectively.
4. Authorise the carryover of budgets to complete certain capital and operating projects - including capital grant income - commenced throughout the 2024/25 financial year, as outlined in the report.
5. Adopt the budget adjustments for grants awarded to Council during this quarter - as outlined in the report - and that the variations be reflected in the September 2025 Quarterly Budget Review for 2025/26, accordingly.
6. Apply all rates and charges written off during the year to its rating databases in satisfying its obligation under the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, as outlined in Table 4 of the report.
7. Note the write-off of sundry debts for the 2024/25 financial year, as outlined in Table 5 of the report.
8. Notes the attached report on the provision of expenses and facilities to the Mayor and Councillors, for the period 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 – as outlined in Attachment 4.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 8.3                      CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 283 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 8.4                      2025-2026 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**

In respect to Item 8.4 – 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his association with a number of the applicants for community grants.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Lindsay declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to her association with Bankstown Auburn Community Radio who are one of the applicants for community grants.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that her employer has a working relationship with a number of the applicants for community grants.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given that he is a board member of the Riverwood Community Centre which is one of the applicants for community grants.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Zakhia declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his association with a number of the applicants for community grants.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his association with a number of the applicants for community grants.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Harika declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that she is a patron of the Bahayra Association who are an applicant for the Community Grants.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Cahill declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given that Creating Links, of which he is a board member of, is an applicant for the Program.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Stavrinou declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to a number of the applicants for community grants being known to him.

In respect of Item 8.4 - 2025-2026 Community Grants Program, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to the Australian Rohingya Women's Development Organisation, who have applied for community grants, being known to him.

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**(297) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that given the lack of a quorum, in accordance with Section 4.34 and 5.12 of Council's Code of Conduct, Council agree to delegate the consideration and determination of the allocation of Council's 2025-2026 Community Grants Program to the Chief Executive Officer.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.5 EV CHARGING PLAN**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 284 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

**SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

**ITEM 9.1 REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ON TITLE NUMBERED 4, 1 AT 842 HUME HWY, BASS HILL**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 285 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 9.2 COOLING DOWN ON OUR HOTTEST DAYS**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 286 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

**SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM 10.1 MINUTES OF THE FIRST PEOPLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 287 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

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**ITEM 10.2**                      **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 288 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

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

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

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 289 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 11.2**                      **REMEMBERING COL JOYE**  
**(298)**                              **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Pays tribute to the late Australian Music legend Col Joye, who was born and raised in East Hills, and brought joy to millions of people worldwide.
2. Considers appropriate options on how we can best recognise his achievements and contributions to both the music industry and to our City.
3. Further considers an appropriate way to honour his late father George Jacobsen who was a key activist in achieving the Georges River National Park.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.3**                      **TAX EXEMPTION**  
**CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

That Council write to the Federal Treasurer of Australia, the Hon. Dr Jim Chalmers MP requesting that changes be made to tax law to allow the Councillor Allowance paid to Councillors to be exempt from Income Tax.

- LOST



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CLRS STAVRINOS AND ABU-SAMEN STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

**For:-** Clrs Abu-Samen, Zakhia, Stavrinis, Walther And Lindsay

**Against:-** Clrs Blood, Walsh, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh OAM, Akther, Coorey and El-Hayek

**ITEM 11.4**  
**(299)**

**NEW GREENER DEVELOPMENTS - TREE PLANTING REQUIREMENTS**  
**CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Review its planning rules to ensure all new single dwellings and dual occupancies include at least two canopy trees, with additional trees required on larger blocks. These rules should also require planted trees to be maintained for at least three years to help them establish.
2. Review and update Council's Development Control Plan to make tree planting requirements clearer, more effective, and at least match the standards in the Low to Mid Rise Housing SEPP.
3. Write to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces calling for:
  - a) Enforcement of mandatory tree planting for all new dwellings and dual occupancies approved as Complying Development under the Housing Code.
  - b) Stronger tree planting rules for Low to Mid Rise Housing, including maintenance measures to ensure trees survive and contribute to urban canopy targets.
  - c) Consistent standards across the State that support local tree canopy strategies and urban greening goals.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.5**  
**(300)**

**AN ENDURING MEMORIAL TO COL JOYE**  
**CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that Council investigate options to name a community asset within the East Hills area after Col Joye as an enduring memorial and reminder of our social history.

- CARRIED

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CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.06 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.07 PM.

**ITEM 11.6**  
**(301)**

**RECOGNISING 40 YEARS OF PADSTOW COMMUNITY CARE**

**CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Formally recognises the 40th anniversary of Padstow Community Care and congratulates them on four decades of outstanding service to our local community.
2. Acknowledges the vital support services Padstow Community Care has provided since its establishment, particularly for vulnerable, isolated, and older residents across the Canterbury-Bankstown area.
3. Writes a letter of congratulations and appreciation to the organisation, its Board, staff, and volunteers, recognising the enormous contribution they have made to improving the wellbeing and quality of life for local residents.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.7**  
**(302)**

**INVESTIGATE GAS BAN IN CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**

**CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that a report to Council be prepared investigating whether the Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan can be amended to further apply requirements for all-electric buildings across the City.

- CARRIED

CLRS STAVRINOS AND ABU-SAMEN STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

**For:-**

Clrs Blood, Walsh, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Saleh OAM, Akther and El-Hayek

**Against:-**

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

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**ITEM 11.8                      COMPREHENSIVE CONCEPT DESIGN REPORT**

**CLR. COOREY:/CLR STAVRINOS**

That Council prepare and present to Councillors an urgent comprehensive report on the proposed concept design developed by Studio Hollenstein, Principal Design Consultant, in relation to the expanded scope endorsed under Item 10.3 (26 March 2024) for the “Campsie Civic Precinct”.

The report is to include:

- A draft Civic Precinct plan with proposed building heights, floor space ratios (FSRs), and zonings.
- The projected social, cultural, and financial dividends of redeveloping the entire precinct.
- Identification of any special locality characteristics that will be influenced by redevelopment.
- The impacts and opportunities of redeveloping the balance of the Civic Precinct.
- A full business case for the redevelopment of the Campsie Civic Precinct.
- An indicative project timeline.

- LOST

**ITEM 11.9                      DEMOLITION CONTINGENCY AND SERVICES TRANSITION**

**CLR. COOREY:/CLR BLOOD**

That Council:

1. Resolve not to demolish the existing Campsie Civic Chamber site until such time as a Development Application (DA) for the Campsie Cultural Hub has been lodged, publicly exhibited, and approved, in order to ensure continuity of civic services and avoid the creation of an inactive or vacant site within the Civic Precinct.
2. Prior to any demolition or relocation of services currently provided at the Beamish Street Civic Centre Chamber Site, prepare and publicly exhibit a detailed plan for transitional service arrangements (including the Campsie Baby & Early Childhood Centre) and alternative locations. This plan should be open for community comment and feedback before implementation.

- LOST

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**ITEM 11.10**                      **INTEGRATED PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

**CLR. COOREY:/CLR LINDSAY**

That Council initiate a transparent and competitive procurement process covering both:

- (a) demolition of existing structures, and
- (b) construction of the new Campsie Cultural Hub,

The objective is minimising the time gap between demolition and commencement of construction, thereby ensuring timely project delivery and maintaining Council services with minimal disruption.

- LOST

**ITEM 11.11**                      **FUNDING AND FLOOR SPACE ALLOCATION REPORT**

**CLR. COOREY:/CLR BLOOD**

That Council prepare and provide to Councillors an urgent detailed report on funding and design allocations for the Campsie Cultural Hub, including:

- Confirmed funding sources and financial commitments.
- Exact floor space allocations for each key component (e.g. meeting places, music hub, staff offices, Council Chamber, and community facilities).
- Details of the proposed refurbishment of the Orion Centre.
- Planned public domain improvements.

- LOST

**ITEM 11.12**                      **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

In accordance with the requirements of section 3.15 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Director City Future provided an oral response to each of the questions from Councillor Coorey.

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**SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**(303) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

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, 12.3 and 12.5 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 12.1 Property Matter: Proposed Acquisition of Property in Campsie

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

Item 12.2 Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) Update

*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 12.3 Property Matter - Lease to Riverwood Community Centre Ltd - 151 Belmore Road North, Riverwood

*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 12.4 Performance Review - Chief Executive Officer

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

Item 12.5 Property Matter: Proposed Acquisition of Property in Belmore

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

- CARRIED

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**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 8.41 PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 9.05 PM.**

**ITEM 12.1**  
**(304)**                      **PROPERTY MATTER: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN CAMPSIE**  
**CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL**

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

- CARRIED

CLR AKTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.45 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.47 PM.

**ITEM 12.2**  
**(305)**                      **SPECIAL BROADCASTING SERVICE (SBS) UPDATE**  
**CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. Council prepare and submit an RFP for the SBS Western Sydney Production Hub as outlined in the report.
2. Council does not proceed with the BREa Public Benefit Offer impacting part of the lot of the former Bankstown Library Site at 62 The Mall, Bankstown.
3. Subject to 1 and 2 above, Council agrees to other proposed next steps as outlined in the Report, and
4. Further reports be provided on these matters, as required.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 12.3**  
**(306)**                      **PROPERTY MATTER - LEASE TO RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD - 151 BELMORE ROAD NORTH, RIVERWOOD**

In respect to Item 12.3 – Property Matter – Lease to Riverwood Community Centre Ltd – 151 Belmore Road North, Riverwood, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given that he is a board member of the Riverwood Community Centre which is subject of the report and as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.

CLR SALEH OAM TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.54 PM.

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

RESOLVED that

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1. Council agrees in-principle to grant 10+5+5 Year Agreement to the Riverwood Community Centre LTD for 151 Belmore Road North, Riverwood NSW 2210.
2. Council publicly exhibits the proposed lease in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, as outlined in the report.
3. At the conclusion of the public exhibition period, a further report be provided to Council for its consideration and decision.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 12.4                      PERFORMANCE REVIEW - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 290 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 12.5                      PROPERTY MATTER: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN BELMORE**

CLR SALEH OAM RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.00 PM.

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

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

- CARRIED

CLR ASFOUR TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.02 PM AND RETURNED AT 9.03 PM.

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

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.06 PM.**

Minutes confirmed 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

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Mayor