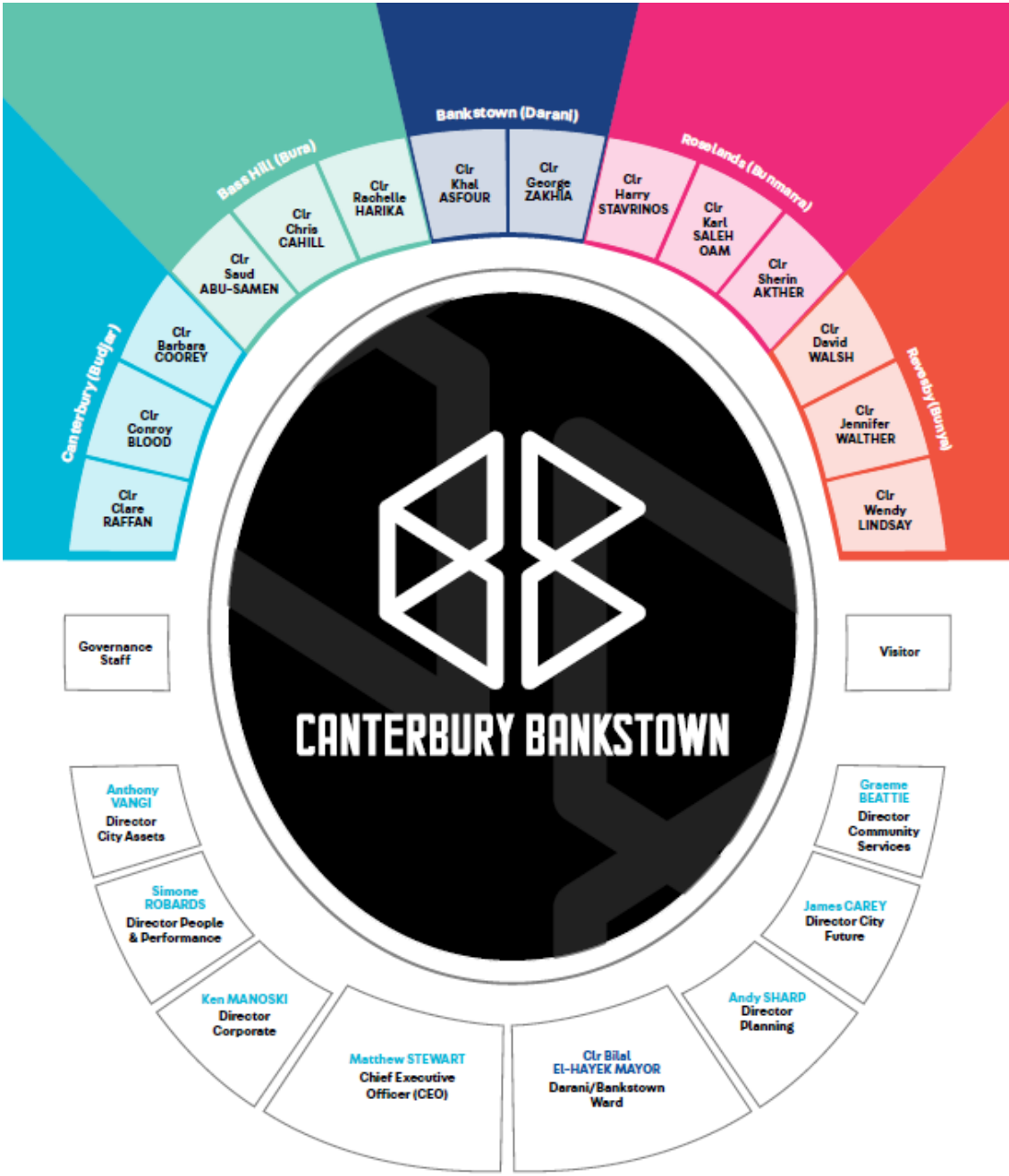




Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting

2 December 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,
Saleh OAM, Stavrinis, Walsh, Walther, Zakhia

APOLOGIES Councillor Raffan

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.00 PM.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

SECTION 1: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(371)

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. WALTHER

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

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(372)

CLR. WALSH:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 October 2025 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 8.4 – Proposed Lease – Riverwood Community Centre, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a board member of the Riverwood Community Centre 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 COBAR CONDOLENCES

(373) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council honour Holly Clarke and Ambrose McMullen and send its condolences and support to Cobar's Mayor Jarrod Marsden and the entire community.

- CARRIED

Council observed a minutes silence in memory of Holly Clarke and Ambrose McMullen.

ITEM 4.2 MUDCRABS INVITATION

(374) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

(375) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 6.1, 6.2, 8.5, 9.1, 9.2, 11.1, 11.4, 11.5, 12.1 and 12.2.
2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.
3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 6.1 **REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR, PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS, THE STATUS OF CURRENT PLANNING PROPOSALS AND HOUSING DELIVERY AUTHORITY DECLARED STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

(376) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 6.2 **TICKETLESS PARKING LEGISLATION**

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

RESOLVED that Council

1. Note the legislative changes to parking enforcement requirements effective from 1 July 2025.
2. Note the operational and financial impacts associated with the implementation of these changes.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.5 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2025**

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

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 October 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 **REMOVAL OF EASEMENT AT 149 ORCHARD ROAD, CHESTER HILL**
(379) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. Council consents to the extinguishment of the easement J431416, being “Easement for Drainage 3.05 Wide within 81/1282378” for 149 Orchard Road, Chester Hill.
2. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer sign all documentation, as required, under the common seal of Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.2 **WSIG PROGRAM UPDATE**
(380) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the WSIG Project Update be received and noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.1 **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - NOVEMBER 2025**
(381) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4 **RECOGNISING TONY STEWART MP**
(382) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council:

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1. Formally recognise the contribution of former Member for Bankstown and Lakemba, Tony Stewart MP, by naming the rail underpass area at Bankstown (between North and South Terrace) the 'Tony Stewart Underpass'.
2. Undertake appropriate treatment at the location to improve the look and feel of the walkway for pedestrians, including rebranding and renewing all signage and plaques.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.5
(383)

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Investigates the feasibility of hosting a special community celebration at Lakemba library to mark International Mother Language Day on 21 February each year.
2. Explores partnerships with local schools, community organisations, and cultural associations to promote linguistic diversity and cultural harmony in the City of Canterbury Bankstown.
3. Considers options for incorporating performances, exhibitions, and educational activities that recognise the significance of preserving mother languages within our multicultural community.
4. Prepares a report outlining the logistics, potential funding sources, and stakeholder engagement required to deliver the event successfully.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.1
(384)

PROPERTY MATTER: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN WILEY PARK

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

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

- CARRIED

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ITEM 12.2 **PROPOSED COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF STORMWATER DRAINAGE EASEMENT BY TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES**

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

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes that Transport for NSW intends to compulsory acquire a stormwater drainage easement over Council land at 256a Henry Lawson Drive, Bankstown Aerodrome.
2. Council agrees to the recommended approach in dealing with the matter, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: **PLANNING MATTERS**

ITEM 6.1 **REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR, PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS, THE STATUS OF CURRENT PLANNING PROPOSALS AND HOUSING DELIVERY AUTHORITY DECLARED STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 376 ON PAGE THREE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 6.2 **TICKETLESS PARKING LEGISLATION**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 377 ON PAGE THREE OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 7: **POLICY MATTERS**

Nil

SECTION 8: **GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

ITEM 8.1 **2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT**

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

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RESOLVED that the 2024/25 Annual Report be endorsed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2 **QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE 2025/26 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

(387) **CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Note the quarterly review of the 2025/26 Operational Plan, for the quarter 1 July to 30 September 2025.
2. Adopt the September 2025 Quarterly Budget Review as outlined in this report.
3. Adopt the quarterly review of the 2025/26 Budget to 30 September 2025, including proposed budget variations [Attachment 2 (Annexure I & N)] - as outlined in this report.
4. Endorse the adjustment to Council's full-time equivalent employee resources, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3 **2024/25 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS**

MS KAREN TAYLOR FROM AUDIT NSW ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

CLR SALEH OAM TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.17 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.20 PM.

(388) **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes the 2024/25 Annual Financial Reports and Auditors Reports.
2. In accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

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- a. Council notes the submissions received to date and will refer them to Council's External Auditor for their consideration;
- b. Council refer any subsequent submissions received regarding Council's Audited Financial Reports or the Auditors Report to Council's External Auditor for their consideration; and
- c. A further report be prepared to consider any further submissions received, if required.

- CARRIED

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.23 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.24 PM.

ITEM 8.4

PROPOSED LEASE - RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

In respect to Item 8.4 – Proposed Lease – Riverwood Community Centre, Councillor Saleh OAM declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a board member of the Riverwood Community Centre and as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.

(389)

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that

1. Council enter into a 20 year lease with Riverwood Community Centre Ltd to operate the Riverwood Community Centre at 151 Belmore Rd North, Riverwood. After 20 years, there will be a 12 month holdover, culminating in 21 years.
2. The Chief Executive Officer to finalise the matter with Riverwood Community Centre and be delegated authority to sign all documentation, as required.

- CARRIED

CLR SALEH OAM TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.40 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.46 PM.

ITEM 8.5

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2025

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 378 ON PAGE THREE OF THESE MINUTES.

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SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 9.1 REMOVAL OF EASEMENT AT 149 ORCHARD ROAD, CHESTER HILL

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 379 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 9.2 WSIG PROGRAM UPDATE

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 380 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

SECTION 11: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 11.1 STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - NOVEMBER 2025

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 381 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.2 LOCAL HERO ALI HABIB

(390) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. Council acknowledges Yagoona local Ali Habib for his selfless commitment, fundraising efforts and volunteering, and for enriching the lives of thousands of people in our city.
2. A Mayoral Certificate of Recognition be presented to Ali Habib.

- CARRIED

CLR ABU-SAMEN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.50 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.51 PM.

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ITEM 11.3 **OPPOSING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT 161 WATERLOO ROAD, GREENACRE**

(391) **CLR. COOREY:/CLR. LINDSAY**

That Council opposes the installation of a new mobile phone base station at 161 Waterloo Road, Greenacre, due to adverse amenity impacts and congratulates council staff on providing a submission opposing the tower at this location.

- CARRIED

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6.58 PM FOR THE COUNCILLORS TO REVIEW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE MATTER PROVIDED BY THE DIRECTOR PLANNING.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED AT 7.01 PM.

ITEM 11.4 **RECOGNISING TONY STEWART MP**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 382 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.5 **INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 383 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.6 **INVESTIGATION INTO IMPACTS OF BOM CHANGES TO REAL-TIME FLOOD MONITORING DATA**

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

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes the Bureau of Meteorology's decision to discontinue its free real-time flood monitoring tool ('Enviromon') previously available to councils and emergency services and that external users (including local government) will now face new licensing or cost arrangements, potentially reducing monitoring frequency and increasing risk.

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2. Recognises that timely, accessible and accurate flood data is critical to community safety, emergency preparedness, and effective flood risk management.
3. Investigates the potential impacts of this change on Council's flood monitoring and management systems, tools and data, including cost, licensing, update frequency, data accessibility, and resilience with the results of the investigation be provided to Council's Flood Risk Management Committee and also the Local Emergency Management Committee (where the SES is a member and the Combat Agency for flooding in our City).
4. Writes to the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, the Federal Minister for Emergency Management and Local Government, and Local Government NSW, advocating for the continued provision of free, real-time flood monitoring data to local councils and emergency services.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.7
(393)

LOCAL AUTHOR KATRINA TSAFTAROPOULOS
CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Recognises and congratulates local author Katrina Tsafaropoulos for the publication of her children's book Raindrops and Dreams, which aims to support children impacted by domestic violence.
2. Acknowledges the importance of resources that help families and children navigate difficult circumstances and promote conversations about safety and wellbeing.
3. Shares Katrina's contact details and book with the Canterbury Bankstown Domestic Violence Liaison Committee.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.8
(394)

ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER FOR CHILDREN IN PARKS
CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that:

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1. A review of water bubblers be undertaken to identify whether there are currently enough water bubblers (drinking fountains) in our parks to provide easy access for children and families;
2. The installation of water bubblers be considered and included (where appropriate) as a standard feature in new park developments, as well as in the renewal or upgrade of existing parks;
3. Council investigates opportunities to partner with local businesses to sponsor or donate water bubblers, with recognition through appropriate signage displaying the business name or logo;
4. Council encourages and works with local sports clubs and community groups using Council facilities to promote the 'Drink Water' message and healthy hydration practices;
5. Council notes recent water testing results, which confirm that our local water supply is safe and healthy for daily consumption.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.9 **APPRECIATION FOR MOHAMMAD ABU TABANJAH**
(395) **CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that:

1. Council recognise and express our appreciation to Mohammad Abu Tabanjah, a dedicated journalist with *Addustour*, one of the largest and most respected newspapers in Jordan, for his reporting of the activities and achievements of Australians of Jordanian background.
2. A Mayoral Certificate of Recognition be presented to Mohammad Abu Tabanjah.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.10 **NO STOPPING SIGN REVIEW AT SPENCE STREET AND CORNER THE RIVER ROAD,**
REVESBY
(396) **CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. WALTHER**

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RESOLVED that Council investigate the merits of moving the No Stopping Sign on the North Side of Spence Street and corner of The River Road, Revesby.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.11 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

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

SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

ITEM 12.1 PROPERTY MATTER: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN WILEY PARK

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 384 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 12.2 PROPOSED COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF STORMWATER DRAINAGE EASEMENT BY TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 385 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.31 PM

Minutes confirmed 2 DECEMBER 2025

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Mayor

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

4 MAYORAL MINUTES

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 4.1 Christmas Message 2025

Councillors,

It's that time of the year again when most families are planning their Christmas and New Year.. .from last minute shopping, attending Christmas Parties, organising Christmas Day family luncheons or booking their holiday getaways.

It's very much a time for children, and the children at heart, to embrace the festive season and hope all their wishes will be fulfilled.

It is also a time for many people across our city to practise and express their religious beliefs, and a time we remember those that are homeless, or the many families that are struggling financially and can't afford to buy presents, put up fancy trees or put enough food on the table. . .

As in previous years, Council celebrates with our community, our City is coming to life, businesses and residents are decorating their premises, including one resident who once again has decked out their Roselands home with more than 120,000 lights.

We have installed Christmas trees across all our wards and erected banners and lights at selected locations. . .and of course the lighting of the huge tree at Paul Keating Park last week was memorable with children gathering to hear carols and meet Santa.

One of my favourite family events is the Carols by Candlelight at Wiley Park this Saturday and I'm told by staff there will be a great lineup of talent and entertainment for all ages.

And a reminder that you can still donate to my Mayoral Christmas food drive, all food will go towards bringing some cheer to local families.

Councillors, in the lead up to Christmas, I thank you for the year that was and wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas to all our staff, and the residents of this great City, I trust you enjoy the holiday period. Whether it is celebrating with family, or friends, enjoy and embrace your time together.

Once again, from my family to all of you. Merry Christmas and a very Happy and prosperous New Year

Councillors, I put the Mayoral Minute.

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ITEM 4.2 Local Community Based Donations

In accordance with Clause 5.1.5 of Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Policy, the following community-based organisations have approached Council for financial assistance:

Padstow Community Care – Christmas Appeal 2025

Padstow Community Care has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the wellbeing of our community since 1985, providing practical support to individuals and families during times of hardship. They continue to respond to the changing needs of a population of over 65,000, offering dignity and hope to those most vulnerable.

Their Annual Christmas Appeal ensures that no family goes without a meal or a gift during the festive season. This year's request highlights the growing demand for assistance due to cost-of-living pressures and the organisation's efforts to deliver food hampers, toys for children, festive meals, and help with essential bills. Padstow Community Care emphasises that these contributions bring joy and relief to households who would otherwise struggle during Christmas.

Padstow Community Care play a vital role in strengthening community resilience. Continuing this support for the Christmas Appeal aligns with Council's commitment to social inclusion and care for those in need.

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

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council supports a donation of \$500.00 to Padstow Community Care towards their 2025 Christmas 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

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

7 POLICY MATTERS

The following item is submitted for consideration -

7.1 Local Orders and Approvals Policies

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ITEM 7.1 Local Orders and Approvals Policies

AUTHOR **Corporate**

SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the submissions received and to seek Council's endorsement of the local policies.
- On 16 September 2025 Council resolved as follows:
 1. *Council endorse the following draft local policies for the purpose of public exhibition:*
 - *Commercial Use of Footways Local Approvals Policy*
 - *Hoarding and Scaffolding Local Approvals Policy*
 - *Local Orders Policy and Schedule*
 - *Markets Local Approvals Policy*
 - *Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy*
 - *Street Parklet Program Local Approvals Policy*
 - *Waste in Public Places Local Approvals Policy*
 2. *A further report be submitted to Council, following the conclusion of the public exhibition period.*
- The *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (the Act) requires that local policies must be publicly exhibited for 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the policies.
- The public exhibition of these local policies has now concluded. No amendments to the policies are recommended following the consultation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the following local policies and associated guidelines:

- Commercial Use of Footways Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
- Hoarding and Scaffolding Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
- Local Orders Policy and Schedule
- Markets Local Approvals Policy
- Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy
- Street Parklet Program Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
- Waste in Public Places Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines

ATTACHMENTS

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1. Draft Commercial Use of Footways Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
2. Draft Hoardings and Scaffolding Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
3. Draft Local Orders Policy and Schedule
4. Draft Markets Local Approvals Policy
5. Draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy
6. Draft Street Parklet Program Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
7. Draft Waste in Public Places Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
8. Report to Council 16 September 2025 Local Orders and Approvals Policies

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- The review and public exhibition of Council’s local policies within 12 months of the declaration of the Poll for the 2024 Local Government ordinary election is a requirement under the Act.
- Consideration of the local policies subject of this report ensures Council abides by good governance practices and meets its legislative obligations.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- The legislated review and public exhibition of local policies ensures Council is compliant with the Act in the delivery of associated strategic imperatives outlined in the Strategic Planning Framework, Community Strategic Plan 2036, Delivery Program 2025-09 and Operational Plan 2025-26.
- The local policies subject of this report provide our community the assurance that relevant policies and practices are in place to ensure that Council meets its obligations under the Act.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- The purpose of the report is to advise Council of the outcome of the public exhibition of the draft local policies and associated guidelines and to seek Council's endorsement of the documents.

Background

- Council is required to review and publicly exhibit its local policies within 12 months of the declaration of the poll for the last Council ordinary election in accordance with Section 165 of the Act.
- On 16 September 2025 Council resolved to endorse the draft local policies and to place them on public exhibition as required by the Act.

Discussion

- Local Approvals Policies
 - Local approvals policies are a requirement under Section 68 of the Act for councils to control low-impact activities requiring approval, or for which approval is exempt.
 - The policies specify which activities need an application, what the approval conditions are, and which low-impact activities are exempt from requiring approval.
 - Council's existing local policies have been reviewed and public exhibited in accordance with the Act, and it is recommended that no amendments be made to the policies.
- Detailed information on the purpose of each of the local approvals policies the subject of this report was provided in the report (attached) to the Council meeting on 16 September 2025.

Public Exhibition

- The local policies and their associated guidelines were placed on public exhibition through Council's Community Engagement "Have Your Say" (HYS) platform.
- In accordance with requirements of the Act, engagement for each local policy ran for 28 days with submissions invited for a period of 42 days - commencing September 2025 and concluding in November 2025.
- Further details of the public exhibition for each local policy are provided below.

Key outcomes from community consultation

Commercial Use of Footways Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines			
<i>Total Visitors to HYS Page</i>	<i>Total Survey Responses & Submissions</i>	<i>General Feedback</i>	<i>Council Response</i>
110	1	General feedback suggested changes to the Policy relating to accessibility and vision impairment.	Recommend no changes to the Policy at this time, however, further consultation will be undertaken to determine whether changes are required.

Hoarding and Scaffolding Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines			
<i>Total Visitors to HYS Page</i>	<i>Total Survey Responses & Submissions</i>	<i>General Feedback</i>	<i>Council Response</i>
42	2	One submission supported the Policy and the other noted that AS 4687:2022 <i>Temporary Fencing and Hoardings</i> and AS/NZS 4576-1995 <i>Guidelines for Scaffolding</i> provide a practical standard and the Policy is unnecessary.	The Policy applies to temporary structures erected on, adjacent to, or above Council-owned land. Approvals for these structures are provided by Council in accordance with the Policy and required under s68 and s94 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> and s138 and s139 of the <i>Roads Act 1993</i> . Recommend no changes to Policy.

Local Orders Policy and Schedule			
<i>Total Visitors to HYS Page</i>	<i>Total Survey Responses & Submissions</i>	<i>General Feedback</i>	<i>Council Response</i>
132	1	The Policy should mandate that owners must have their cats desexed.	Council does not have the authority to mandate the desexing of cats – such a mandate can only be made via amendment to the <i>Companion Animals Act 1998 (NSW)</i> . Recommend no changes to Policy.

Markets Local Approvals Policy

<i>Total Visitors to HYS Page</i>	<i>Total Survey Responses & Submissions</i>	<i>General Feedback</i>	<i>Council Response</i>
103	1	The submission indicated that the continuation of the Policy was sensible.	Recommend no changes to Policy.

Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy

<i>Total Visitors to HYS Page</i>	<i>Total Survey Responses & Submissions</i>	<i>General Feedback</i>	<i>Council Response</i>
136	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two out of the four submissions were supportive of the Policy noting that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Policy was restrictive but served its purpose if it resulted in more food trucks in the area • the Application Fee should be refundable in cases on financial hardship or illness. 2. One submission noted that food trucks create further demand for car parking and that mobile food vending vehicle operators should ensure their customer's rubbish is removed. 3. One submission noted that the Policy should ensure the approval sticker is clearly visible. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted. 2. Car parking in the local government area is not within the scope of the Policy. Section 5.12 of the Policy provides that mobile food vending vehicle operators are responsible for the management of waste throughout operation. 3. Section 5.1 of the Policy already provides that the approval sticker must be attached and displayed on the approved vehicle in a location clearly visible to the customers whilst in operation. <p>Recommend no changes to Policy.</p>

Street Parklet Program Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines

Total Visitors to HYS Page	Total Survey Responses & Submissions	General Feedback	Council Response
142	8	<p>1. Six out of the eight submissions were supportive of the Policy noting the commercial and community benefits of activating kerbside spaces. Of these submissions other comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplifying design, implementation and regulatory requirements to increase take up by businesses • making street parklets a permanent feature • aligning fees with the Commercial Use of Footpaths schedule of fees so vendors only pay for space used for seating. • Clarification in the Guidelines regarding license renewal and proposed changes to parklet structure. <p>2. One submission was supportive of the goal of creating vibrant streetscape and noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • street parklets could reduce the aesthetic quality of the local area if not designed and maintained to a high standard • the loss of parking spaces due to parklets is a significant concern • Council should provide alternative solutions for EV charging, like off-street stations, to support sustainability without sacrificing parking. <p>3. One submission noted that street parking restrictions were required in certain pockets of Greenacre.</p>	<p>1. Noted with administrative amendment made in Guidelines to Section 2.7 to make clear that, in accordance with the Policy, any proposed changes in the parklet structure from that previously approved must be provided to Council by an applicant seeking renewal of Street Parklet License Agreement.</p> <p>2. Council actively enforces compliance to ensure parklets are maintained as per the conditions prescribed in the Policy to safeguard community safety and amenity.</p> <p>3. Noted and out of scope for comment.</p> <p>Recommend no changes to Policy.</p>

Waste in Public Spaces Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines

Total Visitors to HYS Page	Total Survey Responses & Submissions	General Feedback	Council Response
155	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy is adequate for the safe secure removal of waste, but enforcement is difficult. 2. Council should provide more anti-littering and anti-dumping signage in community languages. 3. Council should provide litter and dumping patrols issuing fines. 4. Council application fees (for households to hire a skip bin and have it on the road on the road) should be removed. This only adds time and cost to household having a clean-up. It should be no cost. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted 2. Signage and information in community languages are developed and provided where an assessment indicates a likely positive benefit. 3. Council's Clean City Officers and Rangers are proactive in investigating illegal dumping and issuing warnings or fines as appropriate. 4. The application process and fee ensure all skip bins on roadways are labelled, insured and safe. Council provides each household with two pre-booked Bulky Waste Clean-up services each year (up to 3 cubic meters each). <p>Recommend no changes to Policy.</p>

Recommended Approach

- That Council note the submissions received and adopt the following local policies and their associated guidelines:
 - Commercial Use of Footways Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
 - Hoarding and Scaffolding Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
 - Local Orders Policy and Schedule
 - Markets Local Approvals Policy
 - Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy
 - Street Parklet Program Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines
 - Waste in Public Places Local Approvals Policy and Guidelines

8 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

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ITEM 8.1 **Code of Conduct Complaints Report**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

SUMMARY

- Council is required annually to complete and submit relevant Code of Conduct complaints statistics for the reporting period between 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 to the Office of Local Government.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

1. Code of Conduct Complaints Report

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- Endorsement of the report will satisfy Council's requirements under the Code of Conduct to provide the Office of Local Government with statistics on Code of Conduct complaints.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- The report has no impact on:
 - Council's Annual Budget and Long term financial plan;
 - Workforce Strategy; and
 - Asset Management Strategy.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- In accordance with Council's Code of Conduct, Council is required annually to complete and submit relevant Code of Conduct complaints statistics to the Office of Local Government. The reporting period is 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.
- Council carries out an assessment of all formal complaints received throughout the year, as they relate to Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer.

Background

- Where necessary, Council's procedures require certain complaints to be independently assessed (e.g., referred to a Conduct Reviewer) and relevant action taken, as determined/required.
- The Return is required to report on Code of Conduct complaints relating to Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer.
- Attached is the required annual return for the preceding reporting period. There were three complaints received during the reporting period, with three complaints finalised, in accordance with relevant procedures.
- The return will be forwarded to the Office of Local Government as required.

Recommended Approach

- Given this is a statutory requirement, the report is being presented to Council to satisfy its obligation and for its information.

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ITEM 8.2 **Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2025**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the public exhibition process and to seek Council's endorsement for the draft COMP.
- At its meeting on 16 September 2025 Council resolved that the Draft Code of Meeting Practice (COMP) be placed on exhibition for a period of at least 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft COMP.
- The public exhibition closed on 13 November 2025. No submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Draft Code of Meeting Practice as outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

1. Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2025
2. Draft Updated Notice of Motion Template

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- The Draft COMP is aligned with the *Leading and Engaged* destination of the CBCity 2036 Community Strategic Plan.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- Adoption of the Draft COMP ensures Council abides by good governance practices and meets its legislative obligations.
- The adoption of this policy ensures that decisions are made in a way that is open and accountable, meetings are well organised, effectively run and skilfully chaired.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- To seek Council's adoption of the COMP.

Background

- The requirement for Councils in NSW to adopt a COMP is prescribed under section 360 of the Act and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation)*.
- The Office of Local Government (OLG) recently issued its new Model COMP. The COMP must come into effect for council meetings held after January 2026.
- Council must adopt a COMP that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the 2025 Model COMP issued by OLG.
- Under Section 361 of the Act, before adopting a new COMP, Council was required to exhibit its Draft COMP for 28 days and to provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the Draft COMP.

Discussion

Public Exhibition

- At its meeting on 16 September 2025 Council resolved that the Draft Code of Meeting Practice (COMP) be placed on exhibition for a period of at least 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft COMP.
- The draft COMP was placed on public exhibition on Council's Have Your Say website from 2 October 2025 to 13 November 2025.
- Council's Draft Policy was viewed by fifty-one (51) people; however, no submissions were received.

Council's Draft COMP

- The numbering in Council's draft COMP is consistent with the numbering in the OLG's Model Code. Where a section of the Model Code does not apply to Council, the words "Not Applicable" have been inserted into Council's Code. For example, section 11.4 of the Model Code relates to voting at a meeting of Joint Organisations. As this requirement does not apply to Council, our COMP shows section 11.4 as not applicable.
- The current Model COMP does not include rules for Public Forums, which were included in the previous version of the Model Code.
- Therefore, our draft COMP includes rules for the Public Forum that are provided in Attachment A to the COMP. These rules are consistent with the previous Model Code and our current rules for Public Forums.

- The OLG have indicated that they will issue guidelines for the operation of Public Forums at some time in the future. When the guidelines are released, Council proposes to carry out a review of its rules for Public Forums.

Recommended Approach

- It is recommended that Council adopts the Draft Code of Meeting Practice with the suggested minor amendments.

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ITEM 8.3 **Property Matter - Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

SUMMARY

- On 4 April 2025, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure approved the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (the Bulldogs) State Significant Development (SSD) application (SSD 69627466) to construct a Centre of Excellence (CoE) at Belmore Oval.
- To facilitate construction, the Bulldogs are required to enter into a construction compound site licence agreement with Council to use 1C and part of 1D Leylands Parade for the approved construction work zone as outlined in the Stamped Plans for SSD 69627466.
- Council at its meeting on 28 October 2025 agreed in-principle to grant a construction compound site licence for the approved construction work zone to the Bulldogs, and to publicly exhibit the draft licence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.
- The report informs Council of the outcome of the exhibition period for the proposed licence area with the Bulldogs.
- The report proposes that Council enter into the licence agreement with the Bulldogs for the construction compound site as outlined in the report.
- Council also note the Minister for Local Government's approval for the 30-year term for the lease to the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs for Belmore Oval and the Centre of Excellence (CoE) and that Council finalise the matter.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council agree to grant approval for the construction compound site licence to the Bulldogs for Lot 12 and part Lot 13 DP1159726, located at 1C and part 1D Leylands Parade, Belmore.
2. The Chief Executive Officer to finalise the licence agreement for the compound construction site with the Bulldogs and be authorised to sign all documentation, as required.
3. Council notes the Minister for Local Government's consent to the proposed lease and formally grant the Bulldogs a 30-year lease for Belmore Oval, as outlined in the report.

4. The Chief Executive Officer to finalise the 30-year lease with the Bulldogs and be authorised to sign all documentation, as required.

ATTACHMENTS

[Click here for attachments](#)

1. Report to 27 May 2025 Ordinary Meeting - Item 9.4 - Property Matter - Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence
2. Report to 28 October 2025 Ordinary Meeting - Item 8.4 - Property Matter - Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs Centre of Excellence
3. Letter from The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- Council's Community Strategic Plan, CBCity 2036, supports a vision for Canterbury-Bankstown to be 'Healthy and Active'.
- Council's Operational Plan identifies The Centre of Excellence (CoE) proposal and our role in supporting the development.
- The CoE will provide a unique facility that brings together a mix of community and high-performance elements intended to foster excellence in Rugby League at all levels of the participation pathway.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- The report has no direct impact on Council's budget. The Bulldogs secured \$40 million in funding from the NSW Government, with an additional \$10 million committed from their own resources for the construction of the CoE.
- The CoE proposal has been subjected to the State Significant Development approval pathway as it has an estimated capital investment value of \$50 million. On 4 April 2025, the Director Key Sites and TOD Assessments, under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and section 4.38 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* granted consent to the development application subject to conditions.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

The purpose of the report is for Council to:

- Consider the submissions received regarding the request from the Bulldogs for a licence area over Lot 12 and part Lot 13 DP1159726, located at 1C and part 1D Leylands Parade, Belmore – Belmore Sports Ground for use as a compound site to enable the Bulldogs to undertake construction of the CoE premises.
- Note the Minister for Local Government’s decision to grant the Bulldogs a 30-year lease for Belmore Oval, at 1C Leylands Parade and 3B Edison Lane, Belmore, and that Council now formally grant the HoA/lease to the Bulldogs for the 30-year term.

Background

- At its Ordinary Meeting on 28 October 2025, Council agreed in-principle to grant a Licence to the Bulldogs for Lot 12 and part Lot 13 DP1159726, located at 1C and part 1D Leylands Parade, Belmore – Belmore Oval, subject to public exhibition.
- Two submissions were received in response to the public exhibition and these submissions are addressed below.

Discussion

Construction Compound Site Licence Agreement

- Public Exhibition
 - Public exhibition for the proposed licence took place from 29 October 2025 to 26 November 2025 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.
- The public exhibition consisted of the following:
 - A notice of the proposed licence was placed on the front of the property facing the street;
 - A notice was placed on Council’s “Have Your Say” digital engagement website; and
 - Letters to adjoining neighbours were distributed;
- The “Have Your Say” page had 201 website visitors with 2 submissions received of which one is in support of the proposal and the other suggesting some play equipment be installed as set out in the table below:

Comment	Council Response
A playground area for the kids. So kids can play swings, monkey bar and play on scooters.	Noted. The licence agreement is for use of land as a compound site and does not address possible facilities to be included in the new Centre of Excellence facility.

I think it's a great idea for this to happen to help local areas and facilities for the teams and bring more locals to that area.	Noted.
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- Plan of Management

- The proposed use of the land aligns with the core objectives identified in the adopted Generic Plan of Management and Council's long-term strategy for the site.

Heads of Agreement/Lease

- At its meeting on 27 May 2025, Council resolved to endorse the HoA/lease, subject to the Minister approving a lease term of 30 years.
- The Minister has now approved the HoA/lease term of 30 years, and it is proposed that Council formally grant the lease to the Bulldogs for a 30-year term.
- Importantly, the Minister has stated that the new lease is conditional upon:
 - The lease being entered into by Council and the Bulldogs by 30 November 2027;
 - That upon entering into the new 30-year lease, the current leases and licence applying to the land will terminate. Should there be any delay in meeting this commencement date, Council may make a fresh application for consent to grant a lease at Belmore Oval.
 - Council notify the Office of Local Government once the new lease has been entered into.
- On that basis, it is recommended that Council now finalise the process and grant a new lease to the Bulldogs, on the conditions set out by the Minister.

Recommended Approach

It is recommended that:

- Given there are no submissions that object to Council entering into a licence agreement with the Bulldogs for the proposed licence area, Council grant the licence to the Bulldogs for Lot 12 and part Lot 13 DP1159726, located at 1C and part 1D Leylands Parade, Belmore as detailed in the report.
- Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the matter with the Bulldogs and to sign all documentation, as required.
- Council notes the Minister for Local Government's consent to the proposed lease and formally grant the Bulldogs a 30-year lease for Belmore Oval, as outlined in the report.

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ITEM 8.4 **Road Naming - Link Road between Keys Parade and Auld Avenue**

AUTHOR **People & Performance**

SUMMARY

- Council's consideration of a request from Transport for NSW to name a new "link" road between Keys Parade and Auld Avenue as part of Henry Lawson Drive Upgrade Stage 1B project (see Attachment 1 - Layout of the Site)
- The proposed naming of the road was reported to the October 2025 Ordinary Council meeting, and it resolved to commence the community engagement process in accordance with Council's Naming and Memorial Policies (Attachment 2 - Previous Report to Council - 28 October 2025 Meeting).
- This report provides feedback on the outcome of the Community engagement process for [Road Naming - Link Road Between Keys Parade And Auld Avenue, Milperra](https://haveyoursay.cbccity.nsw.gov.au/road-naming-link-road-between-keys-parade-and-auld-avenue-milperra) (<https://haveyoursay.cbccity.nsw.gov.au/road-naming-link-road-between-keys-parade-and-auld-avenue-milperra>).
- This report seeks endorsement of the proposed road name supported by community and proceeding with submitting the final proposal to the Geographical Names Board (GNB) for gazettal.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council approves the name Beckett Road for the naming of the new road and;
2. An application be made to the Geographic Names Board for the naming of the road in accordance with the Geographical Names Act 1996.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

1. Layout of the Site
2. Previous Report to Council - 28 October 2025 Meeting
3. Community Engagement Submission Table

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).
- There are funds available in the 2025/26 operational budget for the installation of road signage.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- Report on the outcome of the Community engagement process for [Road Naming - Link Road Between Keys Parade And Auld Avenue, Milperra](https://haveyoursay.cbccity.nsw.gov.au/road-naming-link-road-between-keys-parade-and-auld-avenue-milperra) (<https://haveyoursay.cbccity.nsw.gov.au/road-naming-link-road-between-keys-parade-and-auld-avenue-milperra>).
- Seek approval on submitting proposed name for the new "link" road connecting Auld Avenue to the Riverlands development via Keys Parade to the GNB for Gazettal.

Background

- As reported to the October 2025 Ordinary Council meeting, Transport for NSW proposed the construction of a new "link" road connecting Auld Avenue to the Riverlands development via Keys Parade and requested to name new public road (see Attachment 2).
- The "link" road would allow vehicles to access the traffic lights at the Flower Power intersection, enabling safe right-turn movements in and out of the precinct.
- Following Council's endorsement at the October 2025 Ordinary Council meeting, a community engagement process was undertaken.

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 Council, in an appropriate and consistent manner.
- Council consulted with the GNB who carried out an assessment and is in support of the proposed names in terms of meeting the naming criteria to ensure public safety and service delivery and uniqueness.
- The proposed naming of the "link" road was reported to the October 2025 Ordinary Council meeting, and it was resolved to commence the community engagement process in accordance with Council's Naming and Memorial Policies (see Attachment 2).

Community engagement process

- As part of the community engagement process, several tools were used to engage with stakeholders, including Council's "Have Your Say" page and a targeted flyers drop to local residents.
- There were **99 visits** recorded on the Have Your Say webpage. This engagement translated into **15 contributions** by **15 individual contributors** on the webpage. Among the 15 contributors, 14 included additional comments.

- Contributors were asked to indicate their preferences among the shortlisted names. The process allowed participants to rank their preferences from highest to lowest, not just select a single option. This means each contributor could express a first, second, third, etc., preference among the options.
- The aggregate scores for Beckett Road and Dillow Road were identical (2.87 each), indicating a tie when considering all ranked preferences.
- Despite the tie in aggregate scores, a greater number of contributors selected “Beckett Road” as their first preference - 9 for Beckett Road and 3 for Dillow Road. Therefore, support for Beckett Road was considered a stronger indicator of community support.
- Final road naming ranking when accounting for preferences:
 1. Beckett
 2. Dillow
 3. Gulagn
 4. Weebill

A summary of the feedback received is as follows (Refer to Attachment 3 – Community Engagement submission table):

- One contribution that supported Beckett Road stated that it fits well with other road names in the area.
- One contribution that supported Beckett Road stated that it is a great initiative.
- Four contributions that supported Beckett Road stated their preference in naming after people who significantly contributed to the area.
- Two Contributions that supported Beckett Road stated that the name reflects Milperra’s tradition of naming streets after World War I participants and battles, encouraging continuation of this practice.
- One Contribution that supported Beckett Road stated that the name pays tribute to women whose efforts are often forgotten.
- Two contributions that supported Dillow Road stated the importance of honouring earlier generations who endured significant events such as the World Wars and the Great Depression.
- One contribution that supported Dillow Road stated that Rupert Dillow’s heroic story deserves to be honoured and remembered.
- Two contributions that supported Gulagn Road stated the importance of retaining Aboriginal names to preserve heritage, make the country unique and pay tribute to traditional owners and custodians of the land.
- One contribution that supported Weebill Road commented on road design and suggested a longer merge lane near Henry Lawson Drive for safety.

- Based on strong community support for the advertised name options, it is recommended that the “link” road connecting Auld Avenue to the Riverlands development via Keys Parade be named **Beckett Road**, which received the highest level of public endorsement.

Recommended Approach

Subject to Council consideration, it is recommended that:

1. Council approves the name **Beckett Road** for the “link” road connecting Auld Avenue to the Riverlands development via Keys Parade.
2. An application be made to the Geographic Names Board for the naming of the road in accordance with the Geographical Names Act 1996.

9 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 9.1 **Information Report on Religious and Cultural Events**

AUTHOR **Chief Executive Officer**

SUMMARY

- At its Ordinary Meeting of 29 April 2025, Council resolved several matters including a request to bring back a report as to the number of religious and cultural events that will be celebrated and the costs associated with producing banners for all these celebrations and observances.
- At its Ordinary Meeting of 18 November 2025, Council also to resolved Investigate the feasibility of hosting a special community celebration at Lakemba library to mark International Mother Language Day on 21 February each year and to prepare a report outlining the logistics, potential funding sources, and stakeholder engagement required to deliver the event successfully.
- Both resolutions deal with how Council is to honour and celebrate the traditions and contributions of our many cultural groups during major religious and cultural observances.
- This report also explores information relating to the above resolutions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information within the report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- Religious and cultural observances through events and banners may be considered consistent with the Canterbury-Bankstown Community Strategic Plan (CSP), CBCity2036, which sets out the community's aspiration to celebrate and promote our local identity.
- Religious and cultural observances through events and banners aligns with the CSP destination '*Safe and Strong – A proud inclusive community that unites, celebrates and cares*'. A key priority within the Delivery Program and Operational Plan is to deliver initiatives that generate a strong sense of pride with the community and for their City.
- Council demonstrates its commitment to our multicultural, vibrant and diverse community through the acknowledgment of religious and culturally significant events and continuing to utilise Council's communications channels as a cost-effective method to celebrate significant events with our community as resolved by Council.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- This report does not recommend any additional religious and cultural events, rather it provides some background information as requested. Therefore, there is no immediate financial impact from this report as written.
- Should Council prefer a different option then it should be carefully considered as part of its future budget considerations in the development of its Operational Plan and annual budget process.
- Alternatively, a detailed resourcing plan could be brought forward in a Notice of Motion seeking Council defer other library programs or events to replace them with this new event and that Council consider that on its merits.

DETAILED INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

- At the Ordinary Meeting of 29 April 2025, it was resolved that Council:
 1. *Display Easter banners at the Council building during the Easter period to acknowledge and recognise Easter as a significant religious and cultural celebration for members of the Christian faith within our community.*
 2. *Note that the City of Canterbury Bankstown is one of the most diverse and multi-faith communities in Australia and continues to honour and celebrate the traditions and contributions of all its faith and cultural groups.*
 3. *Consider similar symbolic acknowledgements during major religious and cultural observances of other communities, as part of Council's ongoing commitment to inclusion, harmony, and multicultural and multi-faith recognition.*
 4. *As part of this motion, bring back a report as to the number of religious and cultural events that will be celebrated and the costs associated with producing banners for all these celebrations.*
- Points 1 and 2 of the above resolution were carried out. This report provides information relating to points 3 and 4 of that resolution.
- At the Ordinary Meeting of 18 November 2025, it was resolved that Council:
 1. *Investigates the feasibility of hosting a special community celebration at Lakemba library to mark International Mother Language Day on 21 February each year.*
 2. *Explores partnerships with local schools, community organisations, and cultural associations to promote linguistic diversity and cultural harmony in the City of Canterbury-Bankstown.*
 3. *Considers options for incorporating performances, exhibitions, and educational activities that recognise the significance of preserving mother languages within our multicultural community.*
 4. *Prepares a report outlining the logistics, potential funding sources, and stakeholder engagement required to deliver the event successfully.*
- This report also explores information relating to the above resolutions.

REPORT

Religious and cultural observances

Cultural Ancestry and Religious Affiliation

- The City of Canterbury Bankstown is home to around 400,000 people who hail from more than 130 countries and practice over 40 different religions.
- In relation to the number of religious and cultural events that are generally celebrated, the Department of Home Affairs publishes a Calendar of Cultural and Religious Dates, which includes over 200 separate dates (<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about->

[us/our-portfolios/multicultural-affairs/about-multicultural-affairs/calendar-of-cultural-and-religious-dates](https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/our-portfolios/multicultural-affairs/about-multicultural-affairs/calendar-of-cultural-and-religious-dates)).

- The official Days of Religious Significance 2025 calendar published by Multicultural NSW lists over 180 separate dates and observances across different faiths and traditions (<https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/days-of-religious-significance/>).
- In addition to the above there would be several thousand other cultural, religious, national, and special-interest observances worldwide. Listing every single one would be an impractical undertaking.

Religious and cultural observances by Council

- Due to the significant number of religious and cultural events as shown above it is not feasible to recognise, promote or hold events for all of these. Similarly, it is not possible to provide a cost of banners for all such events due to the unknown number.
- Council has a limited number of religious and cultural recognitions agreed by resolutions of Council either in reports or Notices of Motions at Council Meetings or as part of Council's Operational Plan.
- In June 2025 Council adopted the 2025/2026 Operational Plan which sets out the range of services, community outcomes and budgets associated with delivering services, programs and projects through Arts and Culture, Childcare and Youth Support, Communications and Engagement, Community Development and Capacity Building, Community Gathering, Library and Knowledge, and Seniors support.
- All of these deliver outcomes related to promoting harmony and inclusiveness, fostering improved community wellbeing and valuing our shared history and identity.
- The Operational Plan also articulates our commitment to delivering specific services and community outcomes such as major events program, community grants, partnerships, programs and activities held at our Library and Knowledge Centres as well as community partnerships with community services.
- On 17 June 2025 Council also adopted the calendar of City Events and Activations for 2025 to 2028.
- The following are examples of cultural and religious programs either delivered or proposed to be delivered this financial year, through the above services and events: Australia Day; Lunar New Year; Ramadan; ANZAC Day; Easter; Orthodox Easter; Greek Independence Day; Oxi Day; Moon Festival; Lebanese Independence Day; Remembrance Day; Bengali New Year; Dashain Festival; South Asian Community Day; Diwali; St Patrick's Day; Indonesia's Independence Day; Christmas and New Year's Day and various other cultures featured in the Library's Let's Go program.
- These events ranged from small activities such as raising and lowering a flag on one day at no cost, simple banners that are reused multiple years, through to large scale major events such as Ramadan and Australia Day.

- Council has already committed funding to achieve the priority outcomes through its services and projects in the Delivery Plan and Operational Budget.
- In addition, Council's Community Grants Program provides financial support to assist local community-based organisations and include a category specifically for events. In 2025, 25 Event grants were awarded, totalling \$125,000 many of which support and promote different cultural activities.
- Council also provides other community partnerships and support to deliver events and activities for our multicultural community, such as the Nepalese group driving celebrations for the Dashain Festival.
- The type and level of inclusivity Council observes is a matter for Councillors to decide in setting the projects adopted as part of its annual budget process and adopted in its Operational Plan. Outside of the Operational Plan Council may consider emerging issues on an ad hoc basis provided it is able to reallocate existing resources (both staffing and finances) from other tasks.

Recommended next steps

- That this information be noted and considered in the preparation of Council 2025/26 Operational Plan.

Feasibility of hosting a special community celebration at Lakemba library to mark International Mother Language Day on 21 February each year

Previous similar events

- International Mother Language Day is an annual observance on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. It celebrates the importance of mother languages for cultural identity and heritage, and it aims to preserve endangered languages. The day was inspired by the 1952 language movement in Bangladesh, where students were killed while protesting for the right to speak Bangla, and was proclaimed by UNESCO in 1999
- At the 26 March 2019 Ordinary Meeting Council supported a Community Group to self-fund the design and delivery of a mother language monument in Peel Park, Belmore.
- Since being constructed, local community groups have subsequently organised their own gatherings to celebrate International Mother Language Day at the site. These events have been peaceful and carried out without the involvement of Council, other than to confirm a park booking.

Community Celebration

- As noted above, the local community already undertake their own recognition and celebration of the event. However, as per the November 2025 resolution, the feasibility of hosting a community celebration at Lakemba library to mark International Mother Language Day was undertaken including the logistics, potential funding sources, and stakeholder engagement required.

- While the resolution proposed the event at Lakemba Library, other options were considered ranging from large-scale community events to small-scale acknowledgement.
- In summary the options assessed were:

Option	Description	Estimated Cost	Council Role
1. Full Community Event	Performances, exhibitions, food stalls	\$10,000–\$20,000	Council fully manages
2. Community Run Event – Grant Funded	Community-led event; in open space or venue, short duration with food, speeches and entertainment	\$5,000 approx.	A community organisation can apply for Grants, including through Council’s Community Grants Program
3. Community Run Event – Fee Waiver	Community-led event; Council provides venue	\$1,000 approx.	Approve fee waiver via resolution
4. Simple Acknowledgement	One-hour formal recognition	\$2,000–\$4,000	Council organises
5. Library-Based Promotion	Displays, multilingual story time (similar to ‘Let’s go Italian’)	\$2,000	Council integrates into library program

- The logistics, potential funding sources, and stakeholder engagement required to deliver a successful event is briefly explored below.

Service and Resourcing Implications

- Organising large-scale events, as outlined in Option 1, would require a significant allocation of staff resources and a substantial budget. Delivering such events involves detailed planning, coordination, and execution, which places considerable demands on Council personnel and finances. This level of commitment would necessitate the reprioritisation or scaling back of other existing events to accommodate the additional workload associated with these events. Ramadan timing in 2026 and 2027 also limits the availability of relevant event and library staff to take on the workload for additional events in this period.
- If Council was to run an event, Option 5 is preferred involving library-based activities where an initiative similar to the ‘Let’s go Italian’ program could be developed. However, it is essential that any such activity be carefully integrated into Council’s annual budget and operational planning process. This is particularly important given that library staff are already fully committed to delivering existing, adopted programs. Proper planning and resource allocation would be required to avoid overburdening staff and to ensure the successful implementation of any new library-based initiatives.

- Option 2 presents a more sustainable approach, where a community organisation takes the lead in developing a comprehensive plan for the event and seeks Grant Funding from all three levels of Government, including Council through the Community Grants Program. By empowering community organisations to drive the event, the burden on Council resources is reduced, and there is greater potential to foster community ownership and engagement. Additionally, securing external funding can help ensure the event's viability and longevity without placing undue strain on Council's operational budget.

Community Consultation

- The November 2025 Resolution included a request to explore partnerships with local schools, community organisations, and cultural associations. This would be different depending on the Option selected. As noted above, the preferred option is for any event to be community led, thereby empowering and fostering community ownership and engagement.

Recommended next steps

- That interested Community Organisations/Groups continue to organise their own observances at the mother language monument in Peel Park, Belmore.
- That Council guide any interested Community Organisations/Groups to apply for Grant Funding to support them growing and evolving any such event, including the broader community engagement.
- Should Council prefer a different option then it should be carefully considered as part of its future budget considerations in the development of its operational plan, or a detailed resourcing plan could be brought forward in a Notice of Motion seeking Council defer other library programs or events to replace them with this new event and that Council consider that on its merits.

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ITEM 9.2 **Faster Assessments Incentive Program - Fast Tracking Playgrounds and Play Spaces in Canterbury-Bankstown**

AUTHOR **City Future**

SUMMARY

- The NSW Government has announced the Faster Assessments Incentive Program, an evidence-based, competitive grant program that rewards medium and high growth councils for reducing and maintaining low average development assessment timeframes.
- The purpose of this report is to recommend for endorsement a program of playground and play space projects for Council's consideration for submission to the Faster Assessments Incentive Program through the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
- The identified projects (one per Ward) have been identified as priorities in Council's adopted Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan.
- DPHI is expected to make an announcement regarding each council's eligibility for funding shortly - it has been recommended that councils obtain any required endorsements before the end of year. The endorsement of this report allows staff to be prepared to take advantage of the opportunity, even if it becomes available between the December and February Council meetings.
- Securing this grant would enable Council to accelerate delivery of the selected projects, bringing forward infrastructure that supports housing growth and delivers improved community outcomes sooner.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council endorse the list of proposed playgrounds and play space projects, to be submitted for consideration for funding under the Faster Assessments Incentive Program.
2. Delegate authority to the CEO to finalise and submit an application for grant funding once Council's eligibility is confirmed by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- The delivery of playgrounds and play spaces supports Healthy and Active outcomes, with Healthy and Active being one of seven destinations in Canterbury-Bankstown's Community Strategic Plan (CB2036).
- In Council's Delivery Program (part of CBCity 2029), "Continuing to invest in, advocating for and identifying additional funding for playgrounds and play experiences" is identified as a priority.
- The shortlisted projects have been selected with consideration to the grant's key criteria - project readiness and deliverability. As such, most of the proposed projects are already included in CBCity 2029, Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan, as part of the proposed four-year program of works. These projects are scheduled for delivery across various years of the program.
- For projects not currently listed in the Delivery Program, planning and preparatory work has already commenced, enabling these projects to be expedited if funding is secured. This ensures alignment with Council's strategic objectives and responsiveness to emerging infrastructure needs.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- Council's Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan guides the future provision, development and management of playgrounds and play spaces, including addressing gaps in supply of playgrounds and play spaces and achieving a good spread of quality and unique play experiences across the city.
- The shortlisted projects have been selected based on their alignment with Council's strategies and plans outlined above and in the body of the report, particularly those that support housing growth.
- If Council is successful in securing grant funding, the funding allocation will be reflected in the capital works budget for the relevant projects. This will ensure the projects are delivered within the grant's required timeframe, by 30 June 2029.
- The funding received will go towards the design and delivery cost of the project, with any potential shortfall to be covered by Developer Contributions, as outlined in the Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Purpose

- The purpose of this report is to recommend for endorsement a program of playgrounds and play spaces for renewal and construction across the city as the basis for an application for grant funding under the NSW DPHI's Faster Assessments Incentive Program.

Background

- The Faster Assessments Incentive Program is a competitive grant initiative administered by the NSW DPHI. It is designed to reward medium and high-growth councils that reduce and maintain low average development assessment (DA) timeframes.
- The grant provides funding for projects that support new housing such as roads, open space, walking and cycling paths, and social infrastructure.
- The program was announced in August 2025, with up to \$67 million available in Round One. This is part of a broader \$200 million commitment over three years/rounds, funded through the Restart NSW Fund. The Round One program offers up to \$3 million in funding to eligible councils to support infrastructure that enables new housing. This can only be one project nomination per eligible council – while the project may have multiple sites, it must focus on one common objective/ service.
- Eligible councils are those with housing targets above 1,000 dwellings during the Housing Accord period (2024–2029), and that have performed well against the benchmark set for average DA determination times (this is set at whichever is the lesser of the council's previous financial year average determination time or a time of less than 115 days between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025). Council's average determination time for 2024/25 was calculated at 88 days.
- The announcement of successful councils for Round One was anticipated earlier this year, however it has not yet occurred and is now expected shortly. As CBCity meets the above criteria, eligibility is expected to be confirmed.
- The grant prioritises projects that demonstrate strong alignment with three key criteria: servicing new homes, strategic merit, and deliverability. Projects must be completed by 30 June 2029 and must be ready to proceed or require only top-up funding to commence.
- Following the announcement of eligible councils, successful applicants will be invited to submit one project/ program of works for funding. The submission period is expected to run from late 2025 to early 2026, with funding agreements finalised by mid-2026.
- This report outlines five shortlisted sites (to be submitted as a single program), selected to ensure an equitable spread across the LGA and considered against the grant's key criteria of servicing new homes, strategic merit, project readiness and deliverability, as outlined in the grant guidelines.

Discussion

- The below projects are recommended for application for funding under the Faster Assessments Incentive Program. These projects were selected based on their alignment with the grant’s key criteria: servicing anticipated housing growth, strategic alignment, and deliverability, as well as their geographic spread across the LGA. The selection process also considered project readiness and their inclusion in Council’s Delivery Program or potential to be expedited.

Project	Ward	Estimated total cost	Grant funding	Estimated Co-contributions (\$7.11)
Griffith Park	Bankstown	\$500,000	\$500,000	As required
O’Neill Park	Bass Hill	\$500,000	\$500,000	As required
Duke Street Reserve	Canterbury	\$500,000	\$500,000	As required
Newland Reserve	Revesby	\$700,000	\$500,000	\$200,000
Terry Lamb Reserve	Roselands	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

- Griffith Park, Bankstown (Darani) Ward: Adjacent to the planned new Community Centre, this play space is part of a plan to transform an underutilised area into a vibrant, accessible, and high-quality public space that enhances liveability and supports future housing growth and major infrastructure investment (Metro, Hospital) in the Bankstown CBD and surrounds. The Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan identifies the need to replace, increase the scope (all abilities) and increase the play level of this playground from a level 3 to level 2.
- O’Neill Park, Bass Hill (Bura) Ward: This project will replace the tired, aging equipment at O’Neill Park, providing an improved play experience for the growing local community. Council’s Housing Strategy and Local Strategic Planning Statement identify key areas of Yagoona (namely the commercial centres) for additional housing growth. Outside of these areas, suburban Yagoona continues to be one of the City’s best performers for low rise development, namely renewal of older housing stock into newer duplexes and development of secondary dwellings (granny flats). Although the replacement playground will be maintained at a level 2 playspace in line with the Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan, the play experience will be enhanced to meet the needs and demand of the growing community. This is the only project not currently in Council’s adopted budget – if successful in grant funding, this project will be brought into the program.
- Duke Street Reserve, Canterbury (Budjar) Ward: This brand-new play space will be constructed on land purchased using Developer Contributions. This space was identified in the Campsie Masterplan and the Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan as a key missing open space to complement the provision of open space in Campsie, helping to support this significant centre as it grows and transforms.
- Newland Reserve, Revesby (Bunya) Ward: The locality will see significant change and growth as the result of 'Riverlands' residential estate that will facilitate approximately 180 new residential allotments. Although the replacement playground will be maintained at a level 2 playspace in line with the Playgrounds

and Play Spaces Strategic Plan, the play experience will be enhanced to meet the needs and demand of the growing community.

- Terry Lamb Reserve, Roselands (Bunmarra) Ward: A new level 1 destination playground on the western side of Reserve will replace the existing playground, as identified in the Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan (including lifting the play level from 2 to 1 and provision for different ages and abilities) and the Belmore Sport and Recreation Precinct Masterplan. This project will provide high-quality recreational infrastructure for local families and children, transforming the reserve into a vibrant and inclusive community space. Belmore is identified as a key precinct under the NSW State Government Transport Orientated Development Program to facilitate more housing near metro and rail stations.

NEXT STEPS

- Once these projects have been endorsed, Council will proceed to submit the application to the Faster Assessments Incentive Program, subject to eligibility confirmation and the opening of the funding round.
- Should the grant application be successful, these playgrounds will receive \$3 million in funding through the Faster Assessments Incentive Program, to be allocated as per the table above. Additional funding will be contributed from Council's Development Contributions (s7.11), and the funds will be reflected future budget reviews or the 2026/27 Operational Plan, depending on the timing of funding announcements.

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ITEM 10.1 **Minutes of the First Peoples Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 November 2025**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

SUMMARY

- Council resolved to establish its Advisory Committees on 3 December 2024.
- The purpose of this report is to consider the minutes of the First Peoples Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 November 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the First Peoples Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 November 2025 be endorsed.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

1. Minutes of the First Peoples Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 November 2025

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- Advisory Committees contribute to the 'Leading & Engaged' destination in the CBCity 2036 Community Strategic Plan, and Service 12 in the current Operational Plan - 'Community represented advisory committees'.
- Council has adopted Guidelines and Charters for the operation of Advisory Committees.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- Advisory Committees do not have the power to incur expenditure or to bind Council but may recommend actions or initiatives to Council.

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ITEM 10.2 **Minutes of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2025**

AUTHOR **Corporate**

SUMMARY

- Council resolved to establish its Advisory Committees on 3 December 2024.
- The purpose of this report is to consider the minutes of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 November 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 November 2025 be endorsed.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

1. Minutes of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 November 2025

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- Advisory Committees contribute to the 'Leading & Engaged' destination in the CBCity 2036 Community Strategic Plan, and Service 12 in the current Operational Plan - 'Community represented Advisory Committees'.
- Council has adopted Guidelines and Charters for the operation of Advisory Committees.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

- Advisory Committees do not have the power to incur expenditure or to bind Council but may recommend actions or initiatives to Council.

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ITEM 10.3 **Minutes of the Local Transport Forum held on 25 November 2025**

AUTHOR **City Assets**

SUMMARY

- Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Local Transport Forum held on 25 November 2025.
- The Local Transport Forum 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 Local Transport Forum are in line with the objectives of the Local Transport Forum and with established practices and procedures.

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Local Transport Forum held on 25 November 2025, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

1. Local Transport Forum Minutes | 26 November 2025

INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ALIGNMENT

- As an important part of our implementation of the Local Transport Forum 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 Local Transport Forum 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

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ITEM 11.1 **Status of Previous Notices of Motion - December 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 Sports Forum

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

“That Council facilitates a Sports Forum for sporting associations and clubs across the local government area that utilise Council-managed open spaces.”

BACKGROUND

To be healthy and active is an aspiration of our community. At Council, our role is to provide quality facilities and create opportunities for the community to participate in sport and recreation at a grassroots level.

As our City continues to grow, it's essential that we plan for changing patterns in sports participation to meet both current and future needs. Council's [Sports Facilities Strategic Plan](#) was developed to guide the planning and delivery of sporting infrastructure upgrades.

Equally, our local sporting clubs, community volunteers, not-for-profit organisations, schools and for-profit organisations are integral to the thriving sporting culture and play an important role in contributing to the community's health and wellbeing.

To strengthen these connections, Council has the opportunity to bring together all the sporting associations and local clubs across the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA for a dedicated Sports Forum. The event will provide an opportunity to network, collaborate, and build stronger relationships, while also increasing awareness and understanding of Council's open space management, policies, procedures, and related initiatives. We anticipate hosting this forum in early 2026 as clubs begin planning for the upcoming sporting season.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

I have spoken with the CEO who advised that the proposed forum could be accommodated within the resources of the Operational Plan for engaging with and supporting active sports and sporting organisations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

As part of its ongoing management of all open-spaces, Council regularly engages with and supports the various sporting organisations, associations and clubs to ensure the effective

management of uses across all sporting parks and venues throughout the local government area. Additional avenues and/or opportunities - such as this proposed forum – which would further strengthen Council’s engagement, gathering and sharing information and importantly identifying ways to further support our sporting groups - would ideally align with Council’s community objectives for our sporting services function.

Council’s open space and community engagement budgets do accommodate a general allowance aimed at pursuing similar objectives, particularly engaging with our sporting associations and clubs at the start of each season. That said, current available funding can be reviewed and/or reorganised to undertake the forum, as proposed in this motion. On that basis, the motion – as written - would not present any additional financial impact for Council.

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ITEM 11.3 Responsibilities of Pet Ownership

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

“That Council bring back a report on running an education campaign aimed at pet ownership and the costs/responsibilities of having pets in particular cats and dogs.”

BACKGROUND

I'm constantly seeing a number of posts on social media pages about the number of abandoned cats/dogs right across our City. It's important that as a council we try to reduce the number of cats/dogs which are being dumped by irresponsible owners who don't want to take ownership or responsibility for their pets.

As a council I believe that education is an important element in reducing the number of abandoned pets and if we can communicate to our residents what is involved when adopting a pet, then I feel we can reduce the number of dumped pets right across our City.

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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ITEM 11.4 Planning for H5 Avian Influenza and other Biosecurity Risks

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

“That Council:

1. Notes the devastating impact that H5 Avian Influenza has had on bird populations, particularly in North America.
2. Notes that H5 has been frequently found in migratory birds which often fly into Australia.
3. Notes that H5 has been found in the external Australian territory of Heard Island.
4. Notes that H5 has been commonly found in Wetland birds.
5. Notes the vital importance that Wetland birds play in the nutrient cycles and food webs of Canterbury-Bankstown’s Wetlands including Wolli Creek, Goolay’yari, Salt Pan Creek, and the Georges River, as well as their cultural and spiritual importance to First Nations peoples.
6. Prepares a report which examines the feasibility of responding to potential future Avian Influenza outbreaks, or other biosecurity threats including by:
 - a. Training staff to identify infected birds, and the processes to report, or remove them.
 - b. Educating residents who live near Wetlands, or keep birds on their property about how to identify and report infected birds.
 - c. Developing a Biosecurity strategy.”

BACKGROUND

H5 Avian influenza has been spreading rapidly across much of the planet’s bird population, particularly in America. It has devastated livestock chicken populations, as well as wetland bird populations. It has even been detected, and tragically caused fatalities in animals which consume birds, like seals, and in rare cases, humans.

Given that migratory birds which frequently travel into Australia have been commonly found to carry the virus, it is a question of when, not if, the virus will arrive on our shores. Given the devastating impact the virus could potentially have on our local wetland, and broader bird

population, it is important to have a strategy in place to identify infected birds and limit its spread.

Avian influenza is not the only biosecurity risk we could be faced by. Other parts of this country have been devastated by fire ant colonies, and Polyphagous shot-hole borer. Having a broader Biosecurity strategy would give Council the ability to quickly respond to biosecurity risks and prevent or limit their ecological harms.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The motion seeks a report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There are no financial impacts of the motion as written.

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ITEM 11.5 Advocating for Safe, Clean and Inclusive Public Toilets

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

“That Council:

1. Welcomes the tabling of NSW Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 8 Report No. 4: Public Toilets, which recognises that access to safe, clean, and inclusive public toilets is essential to public health, sanitation, human rights, and participation in community life.
2. Acknowledges that Council operates hundreds of public toilets that provide vital services to residents, visitors and local businesses, and that the standards of these facilities play an important role in community health, accessibility, and local economic activity.
3. Notes the impact of inadequate toilet facilities on a wide range of people, including those with disability or chronic medical conditions, parents and carers, people experiencing homelessness, and people who are gender diverse, and that improved facilities would help continue to position Canterbury-Bankstown as a destination LGA for food tourism, and urban bushland.
4. Notes that the recommendations of the report align with Canterbury-Bankstown Council's Social Justice Charter, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, as well as the Safe and Strong, Prosperous and Innovative, and Healthy and Active Objectives in our Community Strategic Plan.
5. Writes to the Members for Canterbury, Bankstown, East Hills, Oatley, Strathfield, Auburn and Summer Hill, the Minister for Health, and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, urging the NSW Government to accept and implement the recommendations of the Inquiry in full.
6. Prepares a report, providing advice to Councillors on:
 - a. The number of Council-owned public toilets in Canterbury-Bankstown
 - b. The number of town centres within Canterbury-Bankstown which do not have a Council owned toilet or a universal access toilet
 - c. Progress towards implementing objective 2.8 of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan, and the additional resourcing necessary to meet this objective.”

BACKGROUND

The NSW Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 8 tabled Report No. 4: Public Toilets in October 2025, following extensive consultation with local government, health experts, disability advocates, and community organisations.

The Inquiry, chaired by Greens MLC Dr Amanda Cohn, delivered 22 recommendations for a comprehensive overhaul of how public toilets are planned, designed, funded and maintained across NSW.

The report found that access to safe, clean and inclusive public toilets is a fundamental issue of public health, sanitation, human rights and community participation, particularly affecting people with disabilities, chronic health conditions, parents and carers, people who menstruate, transgender and gender-diverse people, and those experiencing homelessness.

The Inquiry emphasised that inadequate toilet access limits community participation, restricts mobility, and increases social isolation for vulnerable groups.

Recommendations call for the NSW Government to mandate design and operational standards within the Public Health Act 2010, including universal design principles, all-gender single-use cubicles, accessibility, 24-hour access where appropriate, and the provision of soap, toilet paper, hand dryers and menstrual products.

Councils are key providers of public toilet infrastructure, but the Inquiry found they often lack dedicated funding and consistent design standards.

Councils supporting the Inquiry's recommendations would ensure greater consistency, safety, and accessibility of public toilets statewide, backed by clear regulatory guidance and funding.

The Public Toilets Report:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/inquiries/3071/Report%20No.%204%20-%20Portfolio%20Committee%20No.%208%20-%20Customer%20Service%20-%20Public%20toilets.pdf>

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The motion seeks advocacy and an information report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There is no financial impact of the motion as written.

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ITEM 11.6 Request for Government Collaboration with Sydney Water on Naturalisation Planning for Cooks River

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

“That Council call on the NSW Government to work with Sydney Water to prepare a costed plan for naturalising a priority section of the concrete channel in the Cooks River. This plan should inform the Cooks River Catchment Management Plan (CMP) and would identify feasible design options, estimated costs, staging, and opportunities for ecological, social, and cultural benefits.”

BACKGROUND

I have long pushed for action on dealing with the Sheet Metal Piling on the Cooks River and have been encouraged by more recent discussions with the State Government considering possible design and costing for their improvement. However, we should not forget that large sections of the Cooks River remain lined with concrete channels installed in the mid-20th century to manage flooding and urban runoff. While these structures have served their purpose for drainage, they have significantly impacted the river’s ecological health and community amenity. Sydney Water has acknowledged, in principle, the opportunity to consider naturalisation when these assets reach the end of their life. This position is strongly supported by Council and the community.

However, many of these channels may have fifty or more years of remaining life. Waiting until the end of life means missing a generational opportunity to create a living river. A compelling example of what is possible can be seen in Seoul, South Korea, where the Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project transformed a six-kilometre section of river that had been buried under a freeway into a vibrant green corridor. The outcomes were remarkable: urban temperatures dropped by up to six degrees, biodiversity flourished and land values rose near the restored river. This example demonstrates that creative thinking can deliver ecological and social transformation. Options could include partial removal of concrete, terraced banks with native vegetation and habitat zones.

Developing a costed plan is essential to understand what could be achieved and the investment required. Early planning for what is required to replace these sections will allow us to secure funding, partnerships, and community support. A costed plan will also provide the evidence base needed to inform the CMP and future investment decisions. This is an opportunity to create a river that is not only functional but also a thriving natural asset for future generations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As I am calling on Sydney Water and the NSW Government to work together on the design and costing this does not have a financial impact on Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT

There is no financial impact of the motion as written.

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ITEM 11.7 Keeping our Waterways Safe

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

“That Council support Maritime, NSW Police and Noble Toyota by sharing and promoting their joint water safety initiative this Summer, focused on jet ski handling.”

BACKGROUND

In Canterbury Bankstown we are blessed to have the beautiful Georges River flowing through our City. From the early days of our First Nations People to today it has been a life blood for our land and draws people in to connect with it and enjoy it, especially families.

Of course over recent years there has been an explosion in Jet Ski's on our waterways and while the majority of licenced riders do the right thing, there are some that behave in a way that make it unsafe for them, unsafe for others and uncomfortable for families both on the water and on the shore.

Maritime, the NSW Police Marine Command and Noble Toyota want all of us to be able to enjoy the water safely and peacefully. Nobody wants Government to have to come down and ban Personal Water Craft from the Georges River and surrounds, and so we need to educate licensed operators on what good looks like and what the consequence of continued poor behaviour is.

I am advised that the education campaign will try to reach as many different users as possible, from youth, to young adults to the older riders. The campaign will also reach out to parents of licenced riders to let them know about the rules and the safety measures that are available, such as speed limiting keys and other life saving measures.

And for those who flout the law, Police recently launched Summer Foreshore, a targeted blitz at those doing the wrong thing on our waterways, in particular jet-ski operators. The blitz follows 17 boating related deaths in the past 12 months, including the death of 15-year-old Mitchell Irvine, who lost his life in a jet ski accident on the Georges River in July.

This is a great initiative, but only if as many people as possible get to see and hear it, and so I enthusiastically support Council promoting this important message.

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.

12 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

12.1 Direct Negotiation with Mirvac for Shared Pathway Extension

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

Confidentiality

Councillors and staff are reminded of their obligations in respect to the need for confidentiality and not disclose or otherwise misuse the information which is about to be discussed, failure to do so could result in a reference to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and/or result in a prosecution in accordance with Sec. 664 of the Act for which the maximum penalty is \$5,500.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides that Council may, by resolution, close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of matters as listed in that section, or for any matter that arises during the course of business during the meeting that should be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Act.

Council's Agenda for this meeting contains reports that meet the criteria specified in Section 10A(2) of the Act. To consider these reports in confidential session, Council can adopt the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Item 12.1 in confidential session for the reason indicated:

Item 12.1 Direct Negotiation with Mirvac for Shared Pathway Extension

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.