

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 19 MAY 2026

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

PRESENT BY AUDIO

VISUAL LINK: Councillor Asfour

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 7.21 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.

CLRS BLOOD AND HARIKA ENTERED THE CHAMBER AT 7.22 PM.

COUNCILLOR ATTENDING REMOTELY

(540)

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that: Councillor Asfour be allowed to attend and participate in the ordinary meeting of council being held 19 May 2026 via audio-visual link.

- CARRIED

SECTION 1: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(541)

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 April 2026 be adopted with a minor amendment to correct the record of voting for Item 11.12.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 6.1 – Campsie Town Centre Planning Proposal and Draft Development Control Plan – Post Exhibition Report, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his relationship with a person within the Masterplan area that is subject of the report and as such he will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.1 – Campsie Town Centre Planning Proposal and Draft Development Control Plan – Post Exhibition Report, Cllr Raffan declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her principal place of residence falls within the area that is the subject of the Campsie Town Centre Planning Proposal and as such she will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect to Item 6.1 – Campsie Town Centre Planning Proposal and Draft Development Control Plan – Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Walther declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her working relationship with persons affected by the matter and as such she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the Canterbury-Bankstown Football Club. Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Councillor Zakhia declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the Canterbury-Bankstown Football Club. Councillor Zakhia advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the Canterbury-Bankstown Football Club. Councillor Blood advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Councillor Harika declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the Canterbury-Bankstown Football Club. Councillor Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Councillor Asfour declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the Canterbury-Bankstown Football Club. Councillor Asfour advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

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In respect to Item 9.1 – Greenacre Community Place Precinct Proposed Indoor Sports Facility, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given my close working relationship with the proponent and as such he will vacate the Chamber taking not part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 9.1 – Greenacre Community Place Precinct Proposed Indoor Sports Facility, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her employer has a working relationship with the proponent and as such she will vacate the Chamber taking not part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 9.4 – Live Streaming FIFA 2026, Councillor Walther declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given Council’s ongoing working relationship with the Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce as mentioned in the report, who employs a relative of hers and as such she will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 11.9 – Changing Parking Rate for Places of Public Worship, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with an entity which may be affected by this matter and as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

In respect to Item 11.9 – Changing Parking Rate for Places of Public Worship, Councillor Harika declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given an entity which may be affected by this matter supported her election campaign and as such she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

In respect to Item 11.9 – Changing Parking Rate for Places of Public Worship, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given a board member previously donated to his election campaign and as such he will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 11.9 – Changing Parking Rate for Places of Public Worship, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her working relationship with an entity which may be affected by this matter and as such she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 CHARLOTTE'S WISH GALA DINNER
(542) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council support Kids Help Line by purchasing a table of 10 (\$2200) to the Charlotte’s Wish Gala Dinner on Saturday 29 August. All funds raised will go

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towards ensuring their work continues and every call to the 24/7 Help Line is answered.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 **REFUGEE WEEK 2026**
(543) **CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council support the planned candlelight vigil at the Vietnamese Boat People Monument in Saigon Plaza, Bankstown.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

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

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 9.5, 9.6, 10.1, 11.1, 11.2, 11.4, 11.7 and 11.11.
2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.
3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.5 **CLEAN CITY ACTION PLAN 2026-2028 (DETAILED ACTION PLAN)**
(545) **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council receive and note the Clean City Action Plan 2026-2028.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.6 **PLANNING FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA**
(546) **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council receive and note the report.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.1 **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 12 MAY 2026**
(547) **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Local Transport Forum held on 12 May 2026, be adopted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.1 **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - MAY 2026**
(548) **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.2 **PALESTINIAN AMBASSADOR**
(549) **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Writes to newly- appointed Ambassador of the State of Palestine to Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, and the Pacific, Dr Amjad Abu El- Jezz congratulating him on his appointment, and acknowledging on behalf of our community, the importance of reinstating this diplomatic role.
2. Host a small Mayoral reception in his honour to be held in the Council Chambers, to be funded from Councils grants and sponsorship fund.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4 **LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE GREENWAY**
(550) **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council:

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SECTION 6: PLANNING MATTERS

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLRS RAFFAN AND WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.37 PM.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR CLR HARIKA ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

ITEM 6.1 CAMPSIE TOWN CENTRE PLANNING PROPOSAL AND DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN - POST EXHIBITION REPORT

In respect to Item 6.1 – Campsie Town Centre Planning Proposal and Draft Development Control Plan – Post Exhibition Report, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his relationship with a person within the Masterplan area that is subject of the report and as such he vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.1 – Campsie Town Centre Planning Proposal and Draft Development Control Plan – Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Raffan declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of Interest given her principal place of residence falls within the area that is the subject of the Campsie Town Centre Planning Proposal and as such she vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect to Item 6.1 – Campsie Town Centre Planning Proposal and Draft Development Control Plan – Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Walther declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her working relationship with persons affected by the matter and as such she vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

(553) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2023 to implement the Planning Proposal, as outlined in this report, including reclassification of land. It is noted that heritage matters are addressed separately at Recommendation 5.
2. Council adopt the amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023, Chapter 6.3 Campsie Town Centre, as provided in Attachment 1. The Chapter 6.3 Campsie Town Centre Development Control Plan will be updated as required to reflect the final LEP Amendments prior to being published on Council's website.
3. Amendments to Chapter 6.3 Campsie Town Centre will apply to development applications lodged on or after the gazettal of amendments to Council's LEP

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Against:-

Nil

CLR ABU-SAMEN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.56 PM.

ITEM 6.3
(555)

PLANNING PROPOSAL – 64 HOMER STREET, EARLWOOD
CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. The planning proposal to amend the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2023, as provided in Attachment 1, proceed to Gateway and exhibition.
2. The planning proposal be reported to Council after the exhibition.
3. Council seek authority from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to exercise the delegation in relation to plan making functions under section 3.36(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

- CARRIED

For:-

Clrs Raffan, Blood, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Zakhia, Stavrinis, Saleh, Akther, Coorey, Walther, Lindsay and El-Hayek

Against:-

Clr Walsh

ITEM 6.4
(556)

SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT STATEWIDE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN
CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. BLOOD

RESOLVED that Council endorse the submission on the Draft Statewide Community Participation Plan provided in Attachment 1.

- CARRIED

For:-

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

Against:-

Nil

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ITEM 6.5 **REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR, PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS, AND THE STATUS OF CURRENT PLANNING PROPOSALS**

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- CARRIED

CLR. STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.04 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.06 PM.

SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS

Nil

SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 PROPOSED SUBSTATION, EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR AUSGRID AS PART OF THE BULLDOGS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE DEVELOPMENT

In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Councillor Zakhia declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Zakhia advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Blood advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Councillor Harika declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a member of the football club. Councillor Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she remained in the Chamber.

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In respect to Item 8.1 – Proposed Substation, Easement and Right-of-Way for Ausgrid as part of the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence Development, Councillor Asfour declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a member of the football club. Councillor Asfour advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

(558)

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. SALEH

RESOLVED that

1. Council make an application to the Minister for Local Government under the provisions of section 47(5)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 for consent to grant the proposed easements over the community land for the construction of an Ausgrid substation, the establishment of a right of way over Lots 12 and 13 DP1159726 located at 1C and 1D Leylands Parade, Belmore and an easement over part of Lot 13 DP1159726, for the provision of electricity to the Bulldogs Centre of Excellence building, as outlined in the report.
2. Once the Minister advises Council on its application to grant consent to these easements, the matter be reported back to Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2

PROPERTY MATTER - ACQUISITION BY TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES TO ACCESS COMMUNITY CLASSIFIED COUNCIL LAND

(559)

CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Agrees to the recommended approach in dealing with the matter, as outlined in the report.
2. Write to the Minister for Transport and Transport for New South Wales to reiterate the concerns of Councillors in the Revesby ward regarding the traffic implications on these particular roads.
3. Write to Transport for New South Wales and request they consider undertaking an updated traffic study, noting that the pump track has now opened and is quite popular, and to reassess whether sufficient justification now exists for such a study.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.3 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2026**
(560) **CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 April 2026 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.4 **CBCITY DISABILITY ACTION PLAN 2026-2030**
(561) **CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Endorses the draft CBCity Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030.
2. Makes an amendment to page 12 of the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 by amending point 5 contained in the table to include the new Playground at Lambeth Reserve as it was delivered with access and inclusion features.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLR WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.16 PM.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR CLR HARIKA ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

ITEM 9.1 GREENACRE COMMUNITY PLACE PRECINCT - PROPOSED INDOOR SPORT FACILITY

In respect to Item 9.1 – Greenacre Community Place Precinct Proposed Indoor Sports Facility, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given my close working relationship with the proponent and as such he vacated the Chamber taking not part in debate or decision on the matter.

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In respect to Item 9.1 – Greenacre Community Place Precinct Proposed Indoor Sports Facility, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her employer has a working relationship with the proponent and as such she vacated the Chamber taking not part in debate or decision on the matter.

(562)

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. BLOOD

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with *Section 400L of the Local Government Act 1993*, Council enters into a *Public Private Partnership* with the United Muslims Association (UMA) to deliver, manage and operate an indoor recreation facility including associated public infrastructure as outlined in the report within the GCP Precinct.
2. Council seeks the approval of the OLG to utilise the previous completed Expression of Interest (Eoi) process that identified the UMA as the preferred respondent to satisfy the Eoi component of the *OLG PPP Guidelines*.
4. Council's application be resubmitted to the OLG with the necessary administrative amendments requesting an initial assessment of the UMA proposal to determine whether it can proceed as a PPP project in accordance with the *OLG PPP Guidelines*.
4. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) be delegated to carry out the required due diligence, assess all legal requirements and the negotiation process regarding the matter - as outlined in the report.
5. Further reports on this matter be provided to Council as required.

- CARRIED

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.17 PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

CLR WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.17 PM.

ITEM 9.2

CAMPSIE HUB UPDATE

(563)

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. BLOOD

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes the progress of the Campsie Hub and the updated design that will form part of the Development Application and detailed documentation for construction.

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2. Council proceed with the next steps for the Campsie Hub, as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.15 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, THE MAYOR EXPELLED CLR. COOREY FROM THE MEETING FOR CONTINUED ACTS OF DISORDER UNDER SECTION 15.10(G) OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE.

CLR. COOREY REFUSED TO LEAVE THE MEETING.

THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8.26 PM AND ASKED CLR. COOREY TO COMPLY WITH HIS RULING.

THE MAYOR REOPENED THE MEETING AT 8.36 PM.

CLR WALSH WAS NOT PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER .

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, THE MAYOR ADVISED CLR. COOREY THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REASONABLE DIRECTION TO LEAVE THE MEETING IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 660 OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT* CARRYING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF 20 PENALTY UNITS EQUALLING \$2,200.00.

THE MAYOR ASKED CLR. COOREY TO VACATE THE CHAMBER UNDER CLAUSE 15.15 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE.

CLR WALSH RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.36 PM.

CLR. COOREY LEFT THE MEETING AT 8.36 PM.

ITEM 9.3

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET OWNERSHIP

(564)

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. WALSH

RESOLVED that

1. Note the increasing trend in animal-related complaints and dog attack incidents across the City and the growing scale of companion animal management.
2. Endorse the delivery of a targeted Responsible Pet Ownership education campaign for 2026/27, using a combination of digital engagement, multilingual materials and community outreach to improve awareness of the financial and legal responsibilities of owning cats and dogs.

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3. Receive a report back within 12 months on the outcomes of the campaign, including measurable metrics in community awareness, compliance and incident trends.
4. Write to the Minister for Local Government in relation to changes to the Companion Animals Act to ensure there is no cost shifting coming to councils and request funding and changes to the Act to facilitate a Council program for desexing of cats.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.4 **LIVE STREAMING FIFA 2026**

In respect to Item 9.4 – Live Streaming FIFA 2026, Councillor Walther declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given Council's ongoing working relationship with the Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce as mentioned in the report, who employs a relative of hers and as such she vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

CLRS WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.02 PM.

CLR ZAKHIA RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 9.02 PM.

(565) **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorses the delivery of a live site to screen Australia vs Turkey at the FIFA World Cup match on Sunday 14 June at 2.00pm at Playford Park.
2. A further live screening occur on Tuesday 7 July (match 94) at the same or another venue, subject to the Socceroos progressing to Round 16 and being allocated to this date.

- CARRIED

CLR WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.02 PM.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

(566) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended and Item 11.8 be dealt with now.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 11.8 **BANKSTOWN CITY NETBALL ASSOCIATION - CELEBRATING 65 YEARS**
(567) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Acknowledge and congratulate the Bankstown City Netball Association on the celebration of its 65th anniversary in 2026.
2. Recognise the Association's long-standing contribution to community sport, women and girls' participation, volunteerism and social connection within the City of Canterbury Bankstown.
3. Present a Certificate of Appreciation to the Association in recognition.

- CARRIED

(568) **RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**
CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that Standing Orders be resumed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.5 **CLEAN CITY ACTION PLAN 2026-2028 (DETAILED ACTION PLAN)**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 545 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 9.6 **PLANNING FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 546 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

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SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ITEM 10.1 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 12 MAY 2026**
THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 547 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 11: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

- ITEM 11.1 STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - MAY 2026**
THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 548 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

- ITEM 11.2 PALESTINIAN AMBASSADOR**
THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 549 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

- ITEM 11.3 JUST BECAUSE YOUR FEELINGS ARE VALID, DOESN'T MEAN YOUR BEHAVIOUR IS (569) CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS**
RESOLVED that Council conduct a Councillor Workshop to re-iterate the importance of compliance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, including expectations relating to meeting conduct, procedural requirements, respectful debate and the role of the Chair, and that the Office of Local Government be invited to participate in that workshop.

- CARRIED

- ITEM 11.4 LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE GREENWAY**
THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 550 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

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ITEM 11.5 **VALE HEATHER GOODALL**

CLR. WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.14 PM AND RETURNED AT 9.16 PM.

(570) **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. BLOOD**

RESOLVED that Council offers its condolences to the family and loved ones of Heather Goodall and that a report be brought back to Council considering how best to commemorate Heather Goodall for her contributions to our City's heritage and advocacy over many years.

- CARRIED

Council observed a minutes silence in memory of Heather Goodall.

ITEM 11.6 **PARKING AROUND TODS AND METRO STATIONS**

(571) **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council write to the relevant Ministers expressing concern of the impacts that the new Metro stations and the designated transport orientated development will have on surrounding streets in terms of limited parking for existing residents to seek that the NSW Government:

- a) Modifies its TfNSW parking permit regulations and guidelines for resident parking permits to remove barriers and make it easier for council to implement
- b) Implements a commuter carpark building program to accommodate and support people being able to get to and use the new Metro. I support Active Transport but that will not cater for the demand, people will drive and they need to park without impacting our places and centres around metro stations.

- CARRIED

CLR. BLOOD REQUESTED THAT HIS NAME BE RECORDED AS VOTING AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

ITEM 11.7 **STRATHFIELD COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE COOKS RIVER ALLIANCE**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 551 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

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ITEM 11.8

BANKSTOWN CITY NETBALL ASSOCIATION - CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 567 ON PAGE SIXTEEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.9

CHANGING THE PARKING RATES FOR PLACES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

In respect to Item 11.9 – Changing Parking Rate for Places of Public Worship, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with an entity which may be affected by this matter and as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

In respect to Item 11.9 – Changing Parking Rate for Places of Public Worship, Councillor Harika declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given an entity which may be affected by this matter supported her election campaign and as such she vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

In respect to Item 11.9 – Changing Parking Rate for Places of Public Worship, Councillor Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given a board member previously donated to his election campaign and as such he vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 11.9 – Changing Parking Rate for Places of Public Worship, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her working relationship with an entity which may be affected by this matter and as such she vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLRS HARIKA, ASFOUR AND WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.26 PM

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

COUNCILLOR RAFFAN WAS ELECTED CHAIRPERSON.

COUNCILLOR RAFFAN ASSUMED THE CHAIR AT 9.27 PM.

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.34 PM AND RETURNED AT 9.36 PM.

(572)

CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. WALSH

RESOLVED that Council prepare and exhibit a proposed amendment to its DCP to modify the Parking Rates required for Places of Public Worship in its Employment Zones (E1, E2, E3, E4) and Mixed Use zones (MU1) to 1 space for 20m² of the assembly area (or a rate based on a parking study, if the applicant is seeking a

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reduced parking provision) and report the matter back to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition for Council's consideration.

- CARRIED

CLRS LINDSAY AND STAVRINOS REQUESTED THAT THEIR NAMES BE RECORDED AS VOTING AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

For:- Clrs Blood, Walsh, Abu-Samen, Cahill, Saleh, Akther and Raffan

Against:- Clrs Stavrinis and Lindsay

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.44 PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

CLRS HARIKA, ASFOUR AND WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.44 PM.

ITEM 11.10 LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING CAMPAIGN.

(573) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. WALTHER

RESOLVED that Council

1. Acknowledges all the work Council staff are currently doing to reduce residents deliberately dumping waste on streets, in parks or near bins.
2. Trial an education campaign called "Love where you Live" to bring back community pride and respect where they live to address the issue of people littering and dumping on our streets and neighbourhood.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.11 VALE EDWARD ROOKE

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 552 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.12 LAMBETH RESERVE PARKING AND AMENITIES UPGRADES

(574) CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that Council:

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1. Investigate opportunities to improve parking capacity and access at Lambeth Reserve, following the completion of the upgraded play space, including consideration of additional parking provisions;
2. Investigate upgrades to existing amenities at Lambeth Reserve, including public toilets, picnic facilities, shade and seating areas, to better meet the increased demand generated by the upgraded playspace;
3. Prepare a report to Council outlining:
 - a) feasible options for additional parking and access improvements;
 - b) opportunities for upgraded amenities, seating and passive recreation areas;
 - c) any funding opportunities, including grant programs, available to support these improvements; and
 - d) indicative costs and delivery timeframes for the proposed works.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.13 REDUCING GAMBLING HARM IN OUR LGA

MOTION CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. STAVRINOS

That Council:

1. Notes that gambling losses within the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA are the highest in the state and far exceed several councils with comparable populations.
2. Acknowledges that while councils cannot fix gambling, numerous councils have begun introducing measures to minimise gambling harm, such as Lane Cove Council, Fairfield Council, and Northern Beaches Council.
3. Organises a Councillor Workshop, presenting to councillors, the range of policy levers available to council to minimise gambling harm within the LGA.
4. Invites expert external stakeholders like the Alliance for Gambling Reform to present at the Workshop.

AMENDMENT CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. CAHILL

That –

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1. Council writes to NSW Liquor and Gaming requesting that they lead and deliver targeted workshops, seminars and educational programs within Canterbury-Bankstown Council.
2. Any initiative be appropriately funded and delivered by the State Government, without imposing any financial burden on Council.

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

AMENDMENT

CLR. ASFOUR:

That Council –

1. Notes that gambling losses within the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA are the highest in the state and far exceed several councils with comparable populations.
2. Acknowledges that while councils cannot fix gambling, numerous councils have begun introducing measures to minimise gambling harm, such as Lane Cove Council, Fairfield Council, and Northern Beaches Council.
3. Organises a Councillor Workshop, presenting to councillors, the range of policy levers available to council to minimise gambling harm within the LGA.

THE AMENDMENT WAS ACCEPTED BY CLR BLOOD.

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

(575)

CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Notes that gambling losses within the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA are the highest in the state and far exceed several councils with comparable populations.
2. Acknowledges that while councils cannot fix gambling, numerous councils have begun introducing measures to minimise gambling harm, such as Lane Cove Council, Fairfield Council, and Northern Beaches Council.
3. Organises a Councillor Workshop, presenting to councillors, the range of policy levers available to council to minimise gambling harm within the LGA.

- CARRIED

SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

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THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.04 PM

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Mayor