

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Blacktown City Council held on 24 July 2024.

BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL

MEETING NO. 998

MINUTES of the **ORDINARY MEETING** of **BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL** held in the Chambers on Wednesday, 24 July 2024. The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6.36pm.

PRESENT: Councillor B.W. Bunting (Mayor), and Councillors J.G. Diaz, C.J. Quilkey, M. Singh, M.P. Stubbley, K. Kaur, J.A. Griffiths, A.V. Green, S.K. Benjamin, K.V. Collins, P.P. Camilleri, B.J Fitzgerald, and L. Chettipally.

OFFICERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: Messrs. Robinson, Rogers, Tsakalos, Belz and Conroy, and Ms. Parkes. Mesdames Knight and Riddle, Executive Minute Secretaries.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor then read the following:

Firstly, I acknowledge that the Darug people were the original custodians of the land on which we meet today.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and acknowledge the Aboriginal people for their custodianship of this land.

We will work together for a united city that respects this land and values the contribution to our community and culture of all people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

MULTI-FAITH PRAYER

The Mayor then invited Assistant Minister Robbie Hayes from the Blacktown Anglican Church to conduct the prayer.

APPLICATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

It be noted that the Chief Executive Officer advised that there were no applications for Councillors to attend tonight's Committee meetings via audio-visual link.

APOLOGIES

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Singh)

That the apologies tendered on behalf of Cr Israel, be received and leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED 16529

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Collins)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting of 24 July 2024, copies were circulated to each member on 19 July 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED 16530

A full copy of the business paper dealt with at this meeting is attached to these Minutes.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

PROCEDURAL MOTION (Cr Quilkey/Cr Griffiths)

That Standing Orders be suspended to bring forward Orders of the Day to present the Tertiary Scholarships. **CARRIED** (at 6.38pm). 16531

ORDERS OF THE DAY

2024 Tertiary Scholarship Awards F24/39

The Mayor welcomed to the Chambers a number of residents who are the recipients of the 2024 Blacktown City Tertiary Scholarship award for outstanding academic performance.

Council received over 120 applications, and 24 students were short-listed for an interview with our independent judging panel on the basis of their academic achievements.

There is no doubt that Council's scheme to assist residents in their pursuit of a tertiary education is well founded, as demonstrated by the quality of the recipients present this evening.

The diversity of courses undertaken by the recipients will serve the Blacktown Community well in the future, when our recipients have concluded their studies and are able to put the knowledge obtained through their studies into practice in their working lives in our City.

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked the members of the Tertiary Scholarship Committee, Ms Anne- Marie Kestle, Dr Bill Palmer, Mr Neville Weber and Ms Colleen Mitchell for their invaluable assistance and professionalism throughout the process. You have given up so much of your time to ensure that this program continues to be a success and I thank you for joining us here this evening.

Following the final round of interviews last month, several recipients have joined us here today who have been successful in securing a Blacktown City Tertiary Scholarship.

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The Mayor said we are proud to present one of our students Jasmine James-Howard from Rouse Hill, is undertaking a Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine) and Doctor of Medicine at Western Sydney University with the Anne Aquilina Scholarship. This scholarship named after previous Mayoress Anne Aquilina recognises students studying in the health field as Anne Aquilina was one of Blacktown City's most recognised physiotherapists.

The recipient of our inaugural First Nations scholarship is Bilal Shah from Rooty Hill is studying Bachelor of Science at the University of Sydney.

The other 12 Scholarships are presented to:

- Madylyn Attard from Blacktown, studying a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Professional Accounting at Macquarie University.
- Sunaina Bakshi from Schofields, studying Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws at the University of Sydney.
- Aatish Budhwani from Parklea, studying Law and Commerce at the University of Sydney.
- Aryellah Dal Broi from Stanhope Gardens, studying a Bachelor of Education (Secondary) at the University of Notre Dame.
- Belinda Ellard from Doonside, studying a Diploma Community Services at Wetherall Park TAFE.
- Iris Fok from Glenwood, studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Sydney.
- Arsh Gupta from Colebee, studying a bachelor's in computing science (Honours) at the University of Technology Sydney.
- Ari Laaksonen from Kings Langley, studying Bachelor of Construction Management Advanced (Honours) at Western Sydney University.
- Kashish Madhani from Quakers Hill, studying a Bachelor of Law at the Australian Catholic University.
- Taylah Scutts from Glenwood, studying a Masters of Public Health (Research) at Macquarie University.
- Shahim Shabbir from Mt Druitt, studying Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Sydney.
- Christopher Sidaros from Stanhope Gardens, studying a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)/Master of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Sydney.
- Demi Spiteri from Schofields, studying Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) at the Australian Catholic University.

The Mayor then invited the recipients to come forward and receive their scholarships and certificates.

Acclamation followed.

It be noted that Cr Chettipally arrived at 6.42pm.

It be noted that Cr Green arrived at 6.46pm.

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RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

PROCEDURAL MOTION (Cr Quilkey/Cr Griffiths)

That the business of the Ordinary Meeting be resumed. **CARRIED** (at 6.48pm). 16532

MAYORAL MINUTES

AD440031 - Mayoral Minute No. 729 - Key to the City of Blacktown Nomination - The late Tony Bleasdale OAM and former Mayoress Nina Bleasdale F18/4

Tonight, it is my privilege and honour to nominate the late Tony Bleasdale OAM and Mrs Nina Bleasdale to be awarded Blacktown City's highest honour, The Key to the City of Blacktown.

On the 3rd of May, 2024, the City of Blacktown and Western Sydney lost a great friend, supporter and advocate; in our beloved former Mayor Tony Bleasdale OAM.

For over 50 years, Tony was supported and encouraged by his wife Nina in a true partnership that was built and nurtured on enduring love and respect.

Tony Bleasdale's untimely passing brought an outpouring of grief, support and sympathy.

From the Premier and his Cabinet Ministers to church leaders, leaders in business, industry and community organisations to thousands of people on social media, on radio, on the streets and in condolence books, everyone had a good word or memory, of Tony.

Tony Bleasdale grew from a boy who arrived in Sydney from war-torn Liverpool in England, leaving his family behind, to become a leader in Western Sydney in business, politics and community service.

From brickie's labourer to union official, to executive positions in the building industry, to business owner, to long-time Councillor and to the summit of his public service as Mayor of the great City of Blacktown.

He touched thousands of lives. But what stood out was Tony's boundless enthusiasm and support for the people and communities of Blacktown City.

Tony's proudest and strongest love was for Nina and his family. Tony and Nina were inseparable. They travelled the world. They raised their family of two sons and two daughters in Shalvey.

Tony Bleasdale and Nina Bleasdale's commitment to a large number of charities was legendary and was echoed in the invitation to Tony's funeral.

The Bleasdale family requested that instead of flowers, donations should be made to charities including Grace's Place, Harman Foundation, The Charlie Teo Foundation and the Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation.

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In 2010, Tony was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his support of charitable organisations and contribution to local government.

Nina Bleasdale led Council's Mayoress' Christmas Gift Appeal and was a strong supporter of Council's Women's Forums and International Women's Days activities.

Councillor Tony Bleasdale represented Ward 5 from 1996 to 1999 and then from 2004 until his untimely death. He served as Deputy Mayor from 2016 until he was elected Mayor in October 2019.

During a long and distinguished Council career he helped deliver many vital projects and improvements including; the Australian Catholic University's Blacktown campus, the Warrick Lane redevelopment, the Blacktown Exercise and Sports Technology Hub, and the Blacktown Animal Rehoming Centre.

Mayor Tony Bleasdale led Blacktown City through the COVID pandemic and was central to securing the Walker Corporation-led Blacktown Quarter project.

Tony Bleasdale's passionate advocacy for First Nations people and for multiculturalism was always strongly supported by Nina in her role as Mayoress.

Tony and Nina Bleasdale were held in high regard in corporate and political circles, but their greatest public pleasure came when they were mixing with the people "on the ground" in Blacktown City.

This Council remains committed to Mayor Bleasdale's shared vision of an inclusive, prosperous and sustainable Blacktown City.

MOTION (Cr Bunting/Cr Quilkey)

1. Council receives and notes the content of Mayoral Minute No. 729.
2. Councillors endorse the proposal to award the Key to the City to former Mayor Tony Bleasdale and former Mayoress Nina Bleasdale.

Crs Quilkey, Singh, Camilleri, Collins, Stuble, Diaz, Fitzgerald, Chettipally, Kaur, Griffiths, Green and Benjamin, endorsed the Key to the City being awarded to the late Tony Bleasdale OAM and Mrs Nina Bleasdale.

The Councillors expressed their sentiments to the Bleasdale family and spoke fondly of their long associations of Tony. They thanked the family for sharing the video displayed prior to the meeting and said that Tony was a passionate, dedicated peoples' man and a hard worker who lived a life of service for Blacktown City. He was a wonderful family man who will always be remembered. He was a dear friend and colleague.

Nina and Tony were a team who worked endlessly for Blacktown, and they acknowledged their affection and appreciation for all that Tony and Nina have done over their years of service.

This Mayoral Minute is magnificent for a wonderful family. Tony's legacy and vision will carry on. He was a man with honesty, integrity and a very proud man. He is dearly missed, and because of him we will all never walk alone.

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The Mayor then invited Ed Husic MP and Edmond Atalla to come forward and say a few words.

Mr Ed Husic MP expressed his condolences to the Bleasdale family. He said Tony had always done the right thing for the community. He has made the City a better place and we will be able to see parts of the City that he has touched. He was so full of life, love and care. He truly loved his family.

This Mayoral Minute is very fitting for a person that gave this City great love and admiration.

Mr Edmond Atalla MP thanked the Chamber for being able to say a few words on the bestowing of the Key to the City for the late Tony and Nina. He said Tony was a good friend and there would not be a week that they did not communicate with each other. He was a very compassionate person and always treated everyone with respect. He was taken too soon. We will miss him greatly.

He then thanked Nina for her service to Blacktown City and thanked the family for sharing Tony with us. Tony was a very visionary person and his legacy will ensure that we always look around and remember his vision for this City.

He said Blacktown is the best City in the world and Tony helped put Blacktown on the map as one of the most vibrant and successful cities.

The Mayor then invited Nick Bleasdale to come forward and speak on behalf of the family.

Nick then read out the following poem on behalf of the family called "The Man in the Arena" written by President Theodore Roosevelt:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

At the conclusion of the Poem, he then acknowledged the Mayor and Mayoress and said that it was very important that he acknowledges everyone because his dad always wanted everyone to know that they were important.

He further acknowledged Deputy Mayor Cr Quilkey, Crs Diaz, Singh, Griffiths, Kaur, Stubley, Benjamin, Collins, Green, Camilleri, Fitzgerald, Israel and Chettipally, Kerry Robinson, Bill Tsakalos, Paul Belz, Vanessa Parkes, Peter Conroy, Wayne Rogers and all Executive staff, Kevin Poilly, Naomi Wood, Marianne Cassar, Robert Grieve, Colin Henderson, Tak Hatanaka, Lillian Knight who was here the first night when dad spoke, Melissa Riddle, Tanya Bigeni, Tania Buxton, Nicole Castillo, Breeghan Treloar, Nicole Thomas, Ron Moore, Glennys James, Busco, Peter Filmer, Leighton Farrell and many more, thank you.

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He said Tony had always told him that it was important to mention everyone and to let them know that they were always in his thoughts.

To the Members of Parliament present tonight, Edmond Atalla he loved you and Ed Husic he admired you and he knew the adversity that you had to overcome to get to where you are today and he also thanked Gary Winfred for his loyalty and friendship to his father.

Concluding, he said his mother was his father's strength and he would not have been able to be a great leader that he was without her. They both maintained the highest of integrity and devotion to this wonderful City of Blacktown.

Receiving the Key to the City is one of Tony's proudest achievements for our family, for his dedication and service over the last 50 years.

He then thanked the Chamber.

The Mayor then presented Nina and the Bleasdale family with the Key to the City.

Acclamation followed.

THE MOTION was, on being put to the meeting, declared **CARRIED**. 16533

AD440032 - Mayoral Minute No. 730 - Vale Bill McNamara OAM 59-1-1/2

Last month we learned of the sad passing of Bill McNamara OAM.

Bill was a giant of the construction industry and a great friend of Blacktown City and our Council.

He grew up in Riverstone and lived there with wife Pat before founding the McNamara Group in the 1950s.

Under Bill's leadership, the group built many landmarks of Blacktown City and Western Sydney.

Westpoint Blacktown, Riverstone Marketown, Mount Druitt High School, Blacktown Aquatic Centre and Riverstone Schofields Memorial Club are places that continue to be enjoyed by many.

Further afield, the McNamara Group was responsible for the Riverside Theatres at Parramatta, the JA Fleming Stand at Rosehill Racecourse, as well as parts of the Royal Australian Air Force Base at Richmond.

All of these projects have played important roles in providing the social, cultural and economic fabric of our community.

Councillors, Bill was far more than a builder and a businessman.

He loved his local area and was active in helping the region thrive.

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At the grassroots level, Bill played, coached and served on the committee of Riverstone Rugby League Club.

His contributions to the Riverstone Bowling and RSL clubs earned him life membership.

In 1985, Bill was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his community work.

He used his business acumen to benefit the Economic Development Board of Greater Western Sydney, where he was Chair for 4 years.

We are grateful for his expertise at Blacktown Venue Management, where he served 14 years as a Director.

These endeavours helped earn Bill the Blacktown Corporate Citizen of the Year award in 2017.

And only 2 years ago Bill was awarded the Key to Blacktown City.

Councillors, Bill McNamara leaves an incredible legacy and I offer my sympathies to Pat and the wider family.

I ask you accept this motion and join me in paying tribute to a truly exceptional individual.

MOTION (Cr Bunting/Cr Quilkey)

1. Council receive and note the content of Mayoral Minute No. 730.
2. Council observe one minute's silence as a show of respect.

All present in the Chamber rose and observed a minute's silence in memory and honour of Bill McNamara.

Crs Quilkey, Collins and Griffiths paid tribute to Bill's career and contribution to the Blacktown City. They thanked the McNamara family for allowing Bill to play a major role in the City and said that he will be remembered for everything he has done and built in our society today.

Vale Bill McNamara.

THE MOTION was, on being put to the meeting, declared **CARRIED**. 16534

PUBLIC FORUM (F16/2418)

1. Ms. M. Sultana
Re: Requesting a flood free bridge be built over Bells Creek on Grange Avenue, Marsden Park to provide safe access during heavy rainfall for the residents and motorists
2. Ms. S. Gullapalli
Re: Conditions of the roads in the West Schofields Precinct in particular Carnarvon Road, Grange Avenue, Angus Road and Durham Road, inaccessible bus stops on Carnarvon Road (4) and Schofields Road (2) and traffic accidents at corner of Carnarvon Avenue and Grange Avenue Schofields

3. Ms. S. Kalia
Re: The aqua aerobic fee structure for seniors at Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope
4. Ms. J. Perkins
Re: The aqua aerobic fee structure for seniors at Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope

PETITIONS

A. Petition regarding health and safety concerns on Osborne Road, Marayong 362078

Cr Griffiths presented a petition containing 15 signatures of local residents, regarding health and safety concerns on Osborne Road, Marayong.

The petitioners stated that they wish to bring to Council's attention a serious issue that has been affecting the community's health, safety, and wellbeing involving 35 Osborne Road.

The issues the residents are facing are:

- Noise disturbance involving frequent incidents of fighting and screaming late at night causing distress and disruptions to the community.
- Improper waste disposal due to the occupants of 35 Osborne Road placing their rubbish on a regular basis outside neighbouring houses creating an unsightly and unhygienic environment.
- Parking violations which is the most critical issue. The parking of their staff and visitors' cars in front of local residents' houses. These vehicles are often parked too close to driveways and even directly on them, obstructing access and visibility. This poses a serious risk, especially for families with special needs children and elderly parents who require easy access to their properties. The residents are quite often required to park far away from their homes and the obstruction of views increases the risk of accidents.

The residents have attempted to address these issues directly with the occupants of 35 Osborne Road but their efforts have been met with aggression and threats. Council's urgent intervention to address these pressing concerns is requested, in particular, the proposal to implement a "Residents Only Parking" policy in front of their houses.

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Kaur)

1. The petition be received.
2. The matters raised in the petition be investigated.
3. The Head Petitioners be advised of Council's actions. **CARRIED** 16535

B. Petition requesting implementation of a flood free bridge over Bells Creek, Grange Avenue, Marsden Park 6-8-624

Cr Fitzgerald presented a petition containing 981 signatures of local residents, regarding their request for Council to build a flood free bridge over Bells Creek Grange Avenue, Marsden Park.

The petitioners urged Council to build a bridge accommodating safe access over Bells Creek Grange Avenue, Marsden Park to provide access during heavy rainfall and flooding.

MOTION (Cr Fitzgerald/Cr Griffiths)

1. The petition be received.
2. The matters raised in the petition be investigated.
3. The Head Petitioners be advised of Council's actions. **CARRIED** 16536

C. Petition regarding consideration of amending the aqua aerobics membership fees for seniors at Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope 88-75-5/8

Cr Quilkey presented a petition containing 37 signatures of local residents, regarding their request for Council to amend the membership fees for seniors to allow them to participate in aqua aerobics at Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope.

The petitioners stated the current membership fee to access aqua aerobics as a Gold Class Member is \$756 per year. This fee is likely to be increased by another 8% effective 1 July 2024.

Due to complex health issues many of the senior participants in aqua aerobics are unable to utilise the other facilities currently offered by the Centre even though it is included in their membership fee.

The petitioners have requested that Council consider the ongoing high cost of living and their limited usage of all of the facilities and investigate amending the current fee schedule to include a fee specifically for aqua aerobics under the Aqua Fee schedule.

MOTION (Cr Quilkey/Cr Singh)

1. The petition be received.
2. The matters raised in the petition be investigated.
3. The Head Petitioners be advised of Council's actions. **CARRIED** 16537

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

ORD11.1

CA440022 - Local Traffic Committee minutes - meeting 552 F24/412

MOTION (Cr Quilkey/Cr Collins)

Council receives the minutes and adopts the recommendations of Local Traffic Committee Meeting No.552 held on 2 July 2024, with exception of 1.3. **CARRIED** 16538

1.3 Chester Street, Blacktown – parking issues RD207-04

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Green)

1. The installation of hash lines on either side of the driveway of 2-4 Chester Street, Blacktown, be approved.
 2. Our Community Law Enforcement team be advised of Council's decision.
 3. This matter be reviewed in 6 months' time to investigate further measures, if required.
- CARRIED** 16539

ORD11.2

CS440125 - Revision of Council's 2024 meeting schedule 53-9-8/10

MOTION (Cr Kaur/Cr Collins)

Approve the revised meetings schedule as at attachment 1 to this report. **CARRIED** 16540

ORD11.3

CS440118 - Delegations during the election period F22/610

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Quilkey)

1. From the 14 September 2024 until the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 9 October 2024, Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the powers, authorities, duties and functions of Council other than those reserved to the Council itself by Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. Any decision made by the Chief Executive Officer under this delegation will be reported to the first meeting of the new Council. **CARRIED** 16541

ORD11.4

CS440123 - Financial assistance for the Carols at The Ponds event 44-672-1/2

MOTION (Cr Singh/Cr Quilkey)

1. Approve a donation of \$3,850 from the Ward 1 Councillor Contingency Fund to assist Rotary Club of The Ponds for the provision of event logistics.
2. Waive the venue hire fee and bond for Jonas Bradley Reserve. **CARRIED** 16542

ORD11.5

CL440109 - Financial assistance to Navodaya Sydney Inc. 44-672-1/2

MOTION (Cr Benjamin/Cr Quilkey)

1. Approve financial assistance of \$2,000 to Navodaya Sydney Inc. for its event on 3 August 2024.
2. Fund the contribution from Ward 3 Councillor contingency funds. **CARRIED** 16543

ORD11.6

CL440110 - Financial assistance for the 2024 Elevated Culture Festival 44-672-1/2

MOTION (Cr Fitzgerald/Cr Griffiths)

1. Approve \$3,000 financial assistance to the organiser of the Elevated Culture Festival to assist with costs of ground hire, stage, stage cover, sound equipment and seating.
 2. Approve a fee waiver of \$1,055 for the hire of Federation Forest.
 3. Fund the assistance equally from the Wards' four and five Councillor contingency funds.
- CARRIED** 16544

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Premier's Riverstone Community Cabinet Meeting F20/1191

Cr Quilkey reported that on Tuesday 23 July 2024, he attended the very first meeting of the Cabinet in a community meeting held at Riverstone Memorial Club. There were several Cabinet Ministers present such as the Premier of NSW – The Hon. Chris Minns MP, Minister for Education and Learning – The Hon. Pru Car MP, Minister for Transport – The Hon. Jo Haylen MP and Minister for Roads – The Hon. John Graham MLC.

He said he met with The Hon. Jo Haylen MP and her Chief of Staff to impress upon them the need for transport infrastructure, the problems of the transport infrastructure in Riverstone electorate and the wider Blacktown electorate and the proposed bus only roadway at Daniels Road which Council really wants to be a road for all traffic. Ms Haylan was very receptive.

Concluding, he said that other important issues needing assistance regarding the City were able to be raised with other Ministers present. The whole session was moderated by the Member for Riverstone – Mr Warren Kirby MP after we had met with the Ministers. Community organisations were able to meet with Ministers of their interest for example the President of the RSL Sub-branch at Riverstone was able to meet with the Minister of Veterans Affairs – The Hon. Matt Keogh MP.

There was an Answer and Question Session that lasted over an hour where Mr Minns led answering questions from the floor, and he said he was quite impressed with the fact that he had so much knowledge at his finger tips for a wide range of issues that confront the government in Blacktown City and the wider community.

This Community Cabinet meeting was a success.

Cr Bunting added that he spoke to Ms Haylen about the extension of the Metro from Tallawong to St Marys in which she was very receptive of and advised that she has money in the budget for the planning of the extension and we pushed the point of making sure the extension goes through Mount Druitt. We had a chance to speak to the Minister for Planning – The Hon. Paul Scully MP and Minister for Local Government – The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP. It was a very good day out.

2024 National General Assembly in Canberra F24/336

Cr Green reported that he attended the National General Assembly in Canberra in July and it was a very impressive networking opportunity with excellent speakers including the Representative of the Opposition who spoke very well.

The topics of the presentations were quite amazing in particular the one about financial sustainability and assets infrastructure. It was interesting how it was said if we got the money we needed it would add \$7billion to our GDP because we control 20% of the infrastructure and it is lagging behind. He advised that he gave a copy of the report to one of the Shadow Ministers when he visited Parliament House.

Concluding, Cr Green advised there were over 160 Motions of great interest passed and one of the biggest issues coming up in Federal Elections will be to lobby for appropriate financial assistance through the FAG Grants to Local Government.

Cr Griffiths reported that she also attended the National General Assembly. There was a really good delegation and it is a great opportunity to lobby Ministers around what they can provide for our City. As Cr Green said there were some really good fantastic topics in particular, Local Government Infrastructure performances and Steve Verity delivered this topic. Some of the topics discussed were:

- the national state of the assets
- many Councils across Australia are struggling financially across
- Councils are good with money.

These topics came out of their survey results.

Continuing, during the course of the National General Assembly announcements were made in relation to the Commonwealth Grants under Stream One of its \$1.5B Housing Support Program.

Eighty projects across Australia received funding to support master planning and development projects to promote housing supply and residential development that is accessible, affordable and sustainable.

A grant of \$1.5M was awarded to Blacktown City Council for housing capacity studies and planning strategies around its train stations.

The Blacktown project will initially involve capacity analysis to:

- Understand current train movements and available commuter capacity along the T1 Richmond Line between Emu Plains, Richmond and the CBD
- Estimate the likely additional capacity created along the T1 line as a result of the opening of the West Metro between Westmead and the CBD.

Based on the outcomes of the analysis, plans will be developed to take advantage of the identified commuter capacity on the T1 line – this could be staged over time as the new West Metro line comes on stream.

Initially it is anticipated that the planning will focus on the feasibility of increasing development opportunities and densities around:

- Seven Hills and Toongabbie – an area already well serviced by public transport, with significant areas of existing open space and comprising considerable State Government and private land holdings well positioned for re-development
- Schofields – where the T1 Richmond line will intersect with the North South Metro connecting Western Sydney Airport with Emu Plains and the CBD via Macquarie University and Chatswood
- Rooty Hill
- Mt Druitt
- Marsden Park.

Concluding, Cr Griffiths said the presenters were really good and the panel discussions, in particular, Artificial Intelligence. The presentation by Steve Verity's presentation was about things that this Council has talked about in regard to asset renewal process, backlog getting

longer and having the capacity to keep up with that and it has been noted across the whole of Australia.

Cr Camilleri reported that he also had the honour and pleasure of attending the National General Assembly. He said there was a great presenter Simon Kuestemacher, Director and Co-Founder, Demographics Group, who is a Statistician who finds a way to really hype up the crowd. He said the growing differences between the generations, and he went through a statistical basis what the makeup is and from a non-statistical basis the drivers behind each of the generations. He urged the Chamber to look him up on YouTube as the way he presents is very passionate. He is so knowledgeable about being able to present the future, translating from numbers to what we actually need to bring back to Council amongst other things. He had a particular focus on councils and some of those were about funds, money and the growing difference in needs of our workforce. As we go through the generations, the baby boomers finish retiring and you will get more millennial through the ranks, the different drivers and the different ways to manage them. He said we would be well pressed to continue the management training to understand the drivers of these intergenerational upcoming workforce.

Concluding, Cr Camilleri said he enjoyed the Conference as it was very worthwhile.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Chamber that he and the Director Corporate Services have met with Simon Kuestemacher and they have secured him to present at the Councillors' Workshop in November.

Cr Benjamin reported that he also attended the Conference and said he was fascinated to observe the debate between electricity and gas. The Inner West Council submitted a Motion trying to shut down gas. He said he and Cr Griffiths have common ground on this topic and the choice should be made by the people rather than the government shutting down gas. This Motion was lost.

Blacktown's Motion regarding more trees to mitigate the greenhouse gas and the concerns of the future and the predicted climate projection be included in the National Construction Code. As the construction is happening we need to take into the account the impact on the climate into the future and undertake appropriate modification including the methods of delivery which need to be seriously considered.

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Benjamin)

That the Reports from Delegates be received. **CARRIED** 16545

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

In accordance with Council's policy, the Mayor declared an adjournment of the Ordinary Meeting for 15 minutes. (at 8.36pm)

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared that the Ordinary Meeting of Council be resumed to continue the business of Council. (at 8.55pm)

POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE REPORTS - MEETING HELD 10 JULY 2024 -
(PS4.1 to PS4.6 and PS4.1A to PS4.7A)

MOTION (Cr Collins/Cr Singh)

That the contents of the report be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of the Committee meeting, the decisions made by virtue of the authority delegated to the Committee under Section 355 be noted and the recommendations, with the exception of PS4.1, PS4.3,

PS4.4 and PS4.5 be adopted, and it being noted that PS4.1A to PS4.7A inclusive would be dealt with in Committee of the Whole. **CARRIED** 16546

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, HISTORICAL & ASSETS COMMITTEE REPORTS – MEETING HELD 10 JULY 2024 (PD4.1 to PD4.7 and PD4.1A and PD4.2A)

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Collins)

That the contents of the report be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of the Committee meeting, noting that there were decisions made by virtue of the authority delegated to the Committee under Section 355 be noted and the recommendations, with the exception of PD4.2, PD4.3, PD4.4, PD4.5 and PD4.7, be adopted, it being noted that PD4.2, PD4.3 and PD4.4 require a Division to be recorded, and it being noted that PD4.1A and PD4.2A would be dealt with in Committee of the Whole. **CARRIED** 16547

FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORTS - MEETING HELD 10 JULY 2024 (FR4.1 to FR4.3 and FR4.1A to FR4.9A)

MOTION (Cr Fitzgerald/Cr Quilkey)

That the contents of the report be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of the Committee meeting, the decisions made by virtue of the authority delegated to the Committee under Section 355 be noted and the recommendations be adopted, and it being noted that FR4.1A to FR4.9A inclusive would be dealt with in Committee of the Whole. **CARRIED** 16548

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORTS - MEETING HELD 10 JULY 2024 (CS4.1 to CS4.16 and CS4.1A to CS4.3A)

MOTION (Cr Singh/Cr Kaur)

That the contents of the report be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of the Committee meeting, the decisions made by virtue of the authority delegated to the Committee under Section 355 be noted and the recommendations, with the exception of CS4.1, be adopted and it being noted that CS4.1A to CS4.3A inclusive would be dealt with in Committee of the Whole. **CARRIED** 16549

POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE'S REPORT – ITEMS EXCEPTED

PS4.1

CS440099 - Blacktown Showground Precinct Draft Plan of Management F23/839

MOTION (Cr Quilkey/Cr Singh)

1. Endorse the categorisation of the land within the Blacktown Showground Precinct as 'general community use' and 'park' in line with the plan at attachment 2.
2. Approve the draft Plan of Management for the Blacktown Showground Precinct at attachment 3 of this report and, following finalisation of the Native Title Manager's report, forward it to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 seeking approval for exhibition.
3. Notify the landowner represented by the Crown Lands agency within the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure of the draft Plan of management prior to exhibition. **CARRIED** 16550

PS4.3

CL440084 - Draft Electric vehicle charging infrastructure policy F19/548

MOTION (Cr Camilleri/Cr Diaz)

Adopt the draft Electric vehicle charging infrastructure policy (attachment 1) and standard (attachment 2). **CARRIED** 16551

PS4.4

CS440101 - Local Government NSW annual conference 2024 F24/205

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Singh)

1. The Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors (or their nominees) be authorised to attend the Local Government NSW annual conference at Tamworth from 17 to 19 November 2024.
2. Those persons authorised to attend the conference do so on the basis that all registration fees, accommodation and travelling expenses be met by Council for the conference, in keeping with our policy
3. The Mayor nominate voting delegates for the 2024 Local Government NSW annual conference.
4. A further report be provided in due course regarding motions to be submitted to the conference.
5. That Council book at least 10 rooms in the same accommodation. **CARRIED** 16552

PS4.5

CS440107 - May 2024 Performance and investment report F13/1508, 2-13-2/12

MOTION (Cr Green/Cr Camilleri)

Note the monthly performance update and investment report as of 31 May 2024. **CARRIED** 16553

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, HISTORICAL & ASSETS COMMITTEE – ITEMS EXCEPTED

PD4.2

PD440028 - Post Exhibition Planning Proposal to reclassify land at Orcam Lane, Rooty Hill LEP-23-0006

MOTION (Cr Collins/Cr Griffiths)

1. Adopt the Planning Proposal to amend *Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015* to reclassify Lot 201 DP592610, Council-owned land at Orcam Lane, Rooty Hill to operational land and extinguish the public car parking public interest.
2. Request approval of the Governor of NSW to extinguish the public car parking public interest in the land.
3. Forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to make the Plan.

THE MOTION was, on being put to the meeting, declared **CARRIED**. 16554

COUNCIL DIVISION:

Supported: Cr Quilkey, Cr Singh, Cr Kaur, Cr Griffiths, Cr Benjamin, Cr Collins,
Cr Fitzgerald & Cr Bunting
Opposed: Cr Diaz, Cr Stublely, Cr Green, Cr Camilleri & Cr Chettipally
Absent: Cr Israel

PD4.3

PD440032 - Planning Proposal - Kalunga Lane, Rooty Hill LEP-24-0005

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Collins)

That this matter be deferred. **CARRIED** 16555

COUNCIL DIVISION:

Supported: Cr Diaz, Cr Quilkey, Cr Singh, Cr Stublely, Cr Kaur, Cr Griffiths, Cr Green,
Cr Benjamin, Cr Collins, Cr Camilleri, Cr Fitzgerald, Cr Chettipally & Cr Bunting
Absent: Cr Israel

PD4.4

PD440033 - Planning Proposal - Hobart Street, Riverstone LEP-23-0007

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Collins)

1. Forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to request a Gateway Determination.
2. Publicly exhibit the Planning Proposal in line with the Gateway Determination.
3. Note a further report will be presented to Council following public exhibition of the Planning Proposal. **CARRIED** 16556

COUNCIL DIVISION:

Supported: Cr Diaz, Cr Quilkey, Cr Singh, Cr Stublely, Cr Kaur, Cr Griffiths, Cr Green,
Cr Benjamin, Cr Collins, Cr Camilleri, Cr Fitzgerald, Cr Chettipally & Cr Bunting
Absent: Cr Israel

PD4.5

CA440013 - Beautification of roundabouts in 5 Wards 7-1702-1

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Collins)

1. A category be included into the Cities Garden Competition.
2. Management to suggest for Councillors' approval, 3 prominent locations in each Ward where small scale beautification projects could be conducted.
3. The locations in paragraph 2. to include roundabouts, provided staff carrying out the works can safely be undertaken.
4. A staff competition be held for suggestions and designs for the beautification projects.
5. The beautification projects be funded from funds received from the Office of State Revenue from fines imposed on persons responsible for the unlawful erection of real estate signage, variable message boards and the like, across the City.
6. The winning entries to receive a Certificate and appropriate acknowledgement at the City's Garden Competition as well as an invitation. **CARRIED** 16557

PD4.7

CA440016 - Attendance at 2024 IAA Transportation F20/738

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Collins)

1. Authorise Director City Assets and the Manager City Fleet to attend IAA Transportation and Scania and Volvo trucks in Stockholm.
2. Note that travel, accommodation, and other expenses will be met under Council policy.

THE MOTION was, on being put to the meeting, declared **CARRIED**. 16558

A Division having been called for was recorded as follows:

COUNCIL DIVISION:

Supported: Cr Quilkey, Cr Singh, Cr Kaur, Cr Griffiths, Cr Benjamin, Cr Collins,
Cr Fitzgerald & Cr Bunting
Opposed: Cr Diaz, Cr Stuble, Cr Green, Cr Camilleri & Cr Chettipally
Absent: Cr Israel

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – ITEMS EXCEPTED

CS4.1

CL440085 - Responding to climate change policy and strategy update 2024 F19/548

MOTION (Cr Camilleri/Cr Green)

1. Note the 2023/24 update and endorse the ongoing program of actions as set out at attachment 1.
2. Commit to a 30% reduction in our greenhouse gas emissions by 2030/31 compared to our baseline year 2020/21, without relying on carbon offsets.
3. Adopt the amended Responding to climate change policy (attachment 2). **CARRIED** 16559

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ORD14.1

AD440030 - Questions with Notice answered from Ordinary Meeting of 26 June 2024

That the Questions with Notice arising from the Ordinary Meeting of 26 June 2024, were noted.

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

- F16/726-09
- Cr Diaz:** Thank you Mr Mayor. In the Reports from Delegates, what really should be put in there, because the reports today, they are not delegates of the Council, why are we talking about that? I have tolerated other times and I have seen that they are reporting useful information, but is it proper? I want a definition, so that in the future we may know exactly what we have to report in the Chamber.
Chief Executive Officer: In short there is no definition of what a delegate is, that is causing its own problems in another place. It has been the practice of this Council that Councillors talk about those events that they go to outside of Council, outside of the Chamber. There is not a strict definition of what a delegate is or what a delegate might report on.
- R822-03
- Cr Quilkey:** Yes, Mr Mayor, I would like to call for a report on the cost of building or completing work on a sloped roof for the batting cage at Peel Reserve which is run by Schofields Scorpions baseball club. They tell me they have \$10,000 themselves to do it, but they are unsure of whether they own the batting cage or whether Council owns the batting cage, in which case we would not need a report, we could just do it. As I do not know who owns the batting cage, I call for a report into constructing a sloped roof at Peel Reserve on the batting cage for Schofields Scorpions.
Mayor: Thank you Councillor.
- 88-75-5/8
- Cr Stublely:** Thank you Mr Mayor, we heard tonight about a couple of people about the aqua aerobics. Could we get some information about any possibilities of anything we might be able to do there?
Mayor: Of course, will do. Thank you.
- 88-75-5/8
- Cr Griffiths:** Yes, Mr Mayor, I also had the question about the aqua aerobics and seeing whether there is an ability to provide another fee structure for them.
Mayor: Thank you Councillor.

F14/2532

Cr Green:

Thank you Mr Mayor. I attended the state community cabinet of the state cabinet of New South Wales yesterday and I was very interested in some of the responses. There were some very interesting questions about workers compensation, etc. There was also some local planning issues raised, one of the interesting ones was the issue about the masterplan for Riverstone. I know the CEO was there. Can we get some sort of analysis of what the Premier said because he more or less said nothing is going to happen until you have got duplicated rail there, which I found rather interesting. I would like an explanation of how he was responding to that question and whether it has any implications for the master planning for Riverstone. The masterplan now, what Council is doing it in association with the state government or is the state government doing it?

Mayor: I will let the CEO respond to that.

CEO: I might be able to simply close this off Mr Mayor. The masterplan work which is being done, if it is being done right at this moment, is by the state government according to the local member, Mr Warren Kirby MP. The comment the Premier made in relation to the lifting of the railway line and duplication of the railway line was in relation to the plan for Garfield Road through Riverstone. To the best of our knowledge, there was some work being done on that by Transport for NSW, but we, to the best of my knowledge, have not been involved at this stage.

Cr Green: Obviously that will affect any masterplan, that has always been an issue there.

Mayor: Sorry Councillor, second question Councillor?

Cr Green: Thank you Mr Mayor for that.

R739-06

Cr Benjamin:

Thank you Mr Mayor, I have got two questions. The first has got two components. I want to know the current status of Denis Winston Reserve, as you may be aware, there is a property belong to the Department of Education that was sold and it has been a concern by a number of residents around the place. What is the current status and how could Council potentially buy it and convert that into bushland for the community?

I would also like to know as part of the first question, the Harper bushland on Reservoir Road, the size of the land and what Council is thinking for the future. In addition to that, there is a residential property, 162 Reservoir Road, I'm not too sure whether this is part of the big picture or not. A report on both of those would be appreciated.

Cr Benjamin:

My second question is about seeking a report on funding the 10th Sanatan World Cup Sports and Cultural Incorporated, they are having a major event on September 26 to 29 September 2024, using our own Blacktown International Sports Park. It's a world event, they are expecting 20,000 people attending that over the period of those days. They have asked for some support from Council and would like a report be brought down for that purpose.

Mayor: Thank you Councillor.

Cr Camilleri:

Thank you Mr Mayor. If I could just add a little bit to the Aqua Aerobics questions. I have raised this before, but not as a formal question, so I might do that now. In Blacktown for most of our facilities and fees we have pensioner rates, but there is a large portion within Blacktown who are not pensioners and that was obvious in tonight's discussion. I think if we could incorporate something, whether we can do something for seniors. So, for holders of seniors cards, so they might be self-funded retirees, they might be other people who are over a certain age and not eligible for a pension for whatever reason.

The reason I say that is that we always talk about the fitness, we always talk about the movement, it is a well-known fact that the more we get people moving, the better the quality of life they have, the longer they will live. The better quality of life they have, the less burden they actually are on our hospital systems, etc.

I call for that to be considered as part of that overall discussion, so that we are not just looking at one specific problem that was raised. I would rather if we looked and tried to see a more holistic approach. I see a big benefit in that if we look at pools, the attendance might be after school or afternoons during the school year. Where seniors would be more likely to go during the day and after their morning walk and so on. It would promote attendance in our dead periods in some of our facilities. I think it not only increases the patronage, it will still give us some revenue in dead periods. I think it is something that is worthy of consideration. If I could ask for that to be added to that report. Thank you, Mr Mayor.

Mayor: Thank you Councillor.

F17/702

Cr Fitzgerald:

Yes, Mr Mayor, I have two quick questions. In relation to the ongoing project for defibrillators in Council buildings, can I please get an update going forward to where that project is?

The second question, this may have already been answered at a previous Council meeting, in relation to the installation of solar panels on some of our sporting utilities roofs. Whether that would offset the cost for floodlighting back to the clubs so that they will pay less for the use of floodlighting, whether that would be beneficial. Obviously, it would be beneficial to those people to hire the clubs and fields by paying less, but would it be beneficial to Council in general?

Mayor: Would probably need a battery to go with it.

F19/2120

Cr Chettipally:

Thank you Mr Mayor. I have got two questions. I'm not having any prejudices to anybody, staff or Councillors, but my question is in regard to the carbon emissions report that has been submitted. Can I ask for a detailed report of who, when, where, why and all of that, like what was the purpose of going there, what were the outcomes for us. Like another budget and how we were able to substantiate that. In terms of the carbon emissions for travel overseas, could be staff or Councillors, in detail.

F15/490

Cr Chettipally:

Question two is when I first started with this particular Council in 2021, I was given a report that we had close to 1,000 parklands and reserves. What I have noticed in a period of time, within 2 years and 7 months, is that we have dropped down to 850 parklands and reserves. I'm just going to touch base with what Cr Susai Benjamin OAM has raised, so when you are raising the report, can I get a report on what happened to the 150 parklands and reserves. Have we put them up for sale for a reason or what happened to them? If I can get a report from 2021 to 2024, how many parklands and reserves we had and what is the existence of them. Thank you, Mr Mayor.

Mayor: I might ask the CEO to make a quick comment.

CEO: I would not want anyone that is listening to think that somehow magically staff 150 parks during the term of Council. First thing I would like to say is that only Councillors can vote to sell land, secondly Cr Chettipally, the number of reserves includes those that have not been created yet. We have reserve numbers on land which is zoned for acquisition in lots of pockets across the north west growth area, so sometimes we talk about the number of reserves that we have and sometimes we talk about a reserve number and the reserve number could miss out on a hundred that we have not actually bought yet. We can give you a report that reconciles that.

SUBMISSIONS AND ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED COUNCIL (9:58pm)

ORD17.1**AD440030 - Submissions by members of the public regarding confidential items for debate**

The Mayor asked the Chief Executive Officer if he had any written representations from the members of the public seeking to remove the Confidentiality of the reports listed in the Committee of the Whole Agenda.

When advised in the negative by the Chief Executive Officer, the Mayor then addressed the Public Gallery and asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make submissions pursuant to Section 10A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended, seeking the lifting of the Confidentiality tag of the reports listed in the Committee of the Whole Agenda.

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Collins)

1. That Council adjourn into closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
2. That pursuant to Section 10A(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of Section 10A as set out in the Confidential reports.
3. That the correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by Section 11 of the Local Government Act 1993. **CARRIED** 16560

ORDER OF BUSINESS RESUMED (at 10.19pm)**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INDEX**

Exclusion of Press and Public

Confidential Reports from Officers**ORD5.1A****CS440116 - Confidential - Proposed acquisition of Lot 9 in DP 1272763, 60 Glengarrie Road, Marsden Park AQ-1237**

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of Lot 9 in DP 1272763, 60 Glengarrie Road, Marsden Park for the purpose of public recreation in accordance with paragraph 4 under the Key reasons section of this report.
2. All documents necessary to finalise this matter be completed by the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate.

Confidential Recommendations from Policy & Strategy Committee**PS4.1A**

PD440030 - Confidential - Briefing on Transport Oriented Development (TOD) at Kellyville and Bella Vista by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure F24/879

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Note the information in this report.
2. Thank the representatives from the Department of Planning, Housing and infrastructure for their presentation.

PS4.2A

CL440080 - Confidential - Presentation - C16/2023 Supply and delivery bins, kitchen caddies and compostable liners tender F23/1280

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

Defer report for 2 weeks, until the next Ordinary Meeting on 7 August 2024.

PS4.3A

PD440036 - Confidential - Marsden Park North and West Schofields Release Areas Potential Uses F17/2264

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Mayor provides a copy of the Atlas Economics' Marsden Park Strategic Centre Land Use Appraisal 2024 (Attachment 1) to the Minister for Planning and the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and requests a meeting as soon as practicable.
2. The Mayor and Management advocate for employment uses in lieu of the previously proposed residential uses in the Marsden Park North and West Schofields Precinct.

COUNCIL DIVISION:

Supported: Cr Diaz, Cr Quilkey, Cr Singh, Cr Stubbley, Cr Kaur, Cr Griffiths, Cr Green,
Cr Benjamin, Cr Collins, Cr Camilleri, Cr Fitzgerald, Cr Chettipally & Cr Bunting
Absent: Cr Israel

PS4.4A

CT440038 - Confidential - Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants program – Mount Druitt Swimming Centre - Project Requirement Brief F23/1504-08

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Endorse the draft Project requirements brief for the Mount Druitt Swimming Centre project.
2. Endorse the draft Operations management plan for the Mount Druitt Swimming Centre project.
3. Endorse the draft Asset renewal and maintenance plan for the Mount Druitt Swimming Centre project.
4. Endorse the proposed reduced scope and note that approval will be sought from the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program Management Office.

PS4.5A

CT440037 - Confidential - Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants program – Blacktown Aquatic Centre - Project Requirement Brief F23/1504-08

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Endorse the draft Project requirements brief for the Blacktown Aquatic Centre project.
2. Endorse the draft Operations management plan for the Blacktown Aquatic Centre project.
3. Endorse the draft Asset renewal and maintenance plan for the Blacktown Aquatic Centre project.
4. Endorse the proposal reduced scope and note that approval will sought from the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program Management Office.

PS4.6A

CA440018 - Confidential - Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program – Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre – variation F23/1507-07

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

Endorse the proposal to amend the project scope for the Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre (as set out at 1d), noting that approval will be sought from the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grant Program Management Office.

PS4.7A**CA440017 - Confidential - Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program - Chifley Park variation F23/1510**

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

Endorse the proposed relocation of the half basketball court proposed from Chifley Park to Ashley Brown Reserve, Northcott Road, Lalor Park NSW, noting that approval will be sought from the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grant Program Management Office.

Confidential Recommendations from the Planning, Development, Historical & Assets Committee**PD4.1A****CA440020 - Confidential - C10/2024 - Natural areas management C24/795**

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

Award Contract C10/2024 – Natural areas maintenance and management to the following panel of contractors for a fixed 3-year term with 2 x 1-year extension options:

- Dragonfly Environment Pty Ltd
- Toolijooa Bush Regeneration
- Symbiota Ecology Pty Ltd t/as Apunga Ecological Management
- Total Earth Care Pty Ltd
- Waratah Eco Works
- The National Trust of Australia NSW

PD4.2A**CA440021 - Confidential - C16/2026 – Graffiti removal and cleaning services F24/1124**

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

Award contact C16/2024 – Graffiti removal and cleaning services to NT Barnes Pty Ltd T/A Wundaguard for a 3-year fixed term with 2 x 1-year extension options.

Confidential Recommendations from the Finance & Resources Committee

FR4.1A

CT440033 - Confidential - Blacktown Quarter (BBSI) - monthly update no.32 as at 31 May 2024 F18/972-02

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

Council note the attached Blacktown Quarter (Blacktown Brain and Spinal Institute) monthly update no.32 as at 31 May 2024.

FR4.2A

CT440036 - Confidential - Transformational Projects Program - as at 31 May 2024 F17/1394, F22/625-04

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Note the attached Tranche 1 - Transformational Projects Program - monthly update no.64 as at 31 May 2024.
2. Note the attached Tranche 2 - Western Sydney Infrastructure Grant Program - monthly update no.4 as at 31 May 2024.

FR4.3A

CS440005 - Confidential - Proposed disposal of surplus road reserve, Boundary Road, Tallawong RD62-07

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the sale of proposed lot 21 Boundary Road, Tallawong, being a surplus parcel of road reserve land, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Key reasons section of this report.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, or his delegate, complete all necessary documents to finalise this matter.

FR4.4A

CS440106 - Confidential - Proposed sale of land at Mount Street, Mount Druitt - part lot 24 and lot 25 DP 250595 and part lot 52 DP 1161933 F24/933

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

That this matter be deferred for consideration of other options, so that Council can be sure of purposeful consideration and deliberation and due diligence can be given, so we can all make an informed decision on the sale of this land and identify other alternative options.

FR4.5A

CS440093 - Confidential - Proposed acquisition of lot 3009 in DP 1272401 and part lot 3007 in DP 1272401 South Street Basin and Hollinsworth Road extension lands, Marsden Park R260-03

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council proceed with the acquisition of proposed Lot 3009 in DP1272401, part Lot 3007 in DP1272401, South Street and Hollinsworth Road, Marsden Park for drainage basin and road extension lands, in accordance with paragraph 3 under the Key reasons section of this report.
2. Council proceed with the payment of compensation for the section of Hollinsworth Road dedicated as public road in DP1272401 in accordance with paragraph 3 under the Key reasons section of this report.
3. All documents necessary to finalise this matter be completed by the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate.

FR4.6A

CS440094 - Confidential - Proposed acquisition of part Lot 552 in DP 1279032, Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek F20/1513, AQ-1097, F20/1541, AQ-1098.

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council proceed with the proposed acquisition of part Lot 552 in DP 1279032, Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek.
2. All documents necessary to finalise this matter be completed by the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate.

FR4.7A

CS440095 - Confidential - Proposed compulsory acquisition at Blacktown - Common Property in SP 13502 AQ-1209

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the common property in SP 13502, being 2-16 Alpha Street, Blacktown for the purpose of public recreation, in accordance with paragraph 5 under the Key reasons of this report.
2. All documents necessary to finalise this matter be completed by the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate.
3. In accordance with Section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, advertising be undertaken of the intention to classify the land as 'operational' in accordance with Section 31 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. A further report will be presented to Council if any submissions are received.

FR4.8A

CS440103 - Confidential - Proposed acquisition of part Lot 350 in DP 1235315 - 35 Oak Street, Tallawong AQ-1168

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that

would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council proceed with the acquisition of part Lot 350 in Deposited Plan 1235315, 35 Oak Street, Tallawong to facilitate the road widening, in accordance with paragraph 3 under the Key reasons section of this report.
2. All documents necessary to finalise this matter be completed by the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate.

FR4.9A

CS440108 - Confidential - Proposed acquisition of Lot E in DP 417174, 79 Allawah Street, Blacktown AQ-1226

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council proceed with the acquisition of Lot E in DP 417174, 79 Allawah Street, Blacktown, in accordance with paragraph 3 under the Key reasons section of this report.
2. All documents necessary to finalise this matter be completed by the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate.

Confidential Recommendations from the Community Services Committee

CS4.1A

CL440086 - Confidential – Tender C5/2024 – Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton replacement of indoor stadium floor F24/524

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Award Contract C5/2024 to Aura Sports for the Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton – Stadium floor replacement for a fixed lump sum price of \$559,819 (inclusive of GST)
2. Authorise the Director City Living to execute the contract.

CS4.2A

CL440088 - Confidential - Rooty Hill Leisure Centre – Expression of interest for Operational License F24/524

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council reject the 2 Expression of interest submissions and explore the potential for Council to directly operate the venue.
2. The existing Licensee be advised that the holding over period noted in the current license will apply until at least 30 June 2025.
3. A further report be submitted to Council which contemplates Council directly operating the venue rather than awarding a License to a third party.
4. The proponents of the 2 compliant submissions be advised of Council's decision.

CS4.3A

CL440095 - Confidential - Tender C2/2024 - soft beverage and coffee products for Key Venues aquatic and leisure centres F23/1830

Confidential Reason Section 10A(2)(d) – It is recommended that this matter be Confidential under Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as amended as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Appoint Coca-Cola Europacific Partners Australia Pty Ltd under Contract C2/2024 – Provision of Soft Beverage (parts 1 and 2) for soft beverage product supply, fridges and vending for a term of 3 years, plus 2 x 1 year optional extensions.
2. Authorise Manager Key Venues to execute contract.

Public Submission re Confidential Items

The Mayor then addressed those present, noting that there are no members of the public present and said that he had been advised by the Chief Executive Officer that details of the decisions will be made to the public upon request in accordance with the resolutions made.

MOTION (Cr Griffiths/Cr Benjamin)

That the Committee of the Whole Agenda and Confidential Recommendations from Reports from Officers, Confidential Recommendations from Policy & Strategy Committee, Confidential Recommendations from Planning, Development, Historical & Assets, Confidential Recommendations from Finance & Resources Committee and Confidential Recommendations from Community Services Committee, be received and the decisions (Minute Nos. 8995 and 8996) be noted and the recommendations (Minute Nos. 8997 to 9007 inclusive) be adopted.

CARRIED 16561

This concluded business and the meeting then closed at 10.20pm.

CONFIRMED on the 7th day of August 2024.