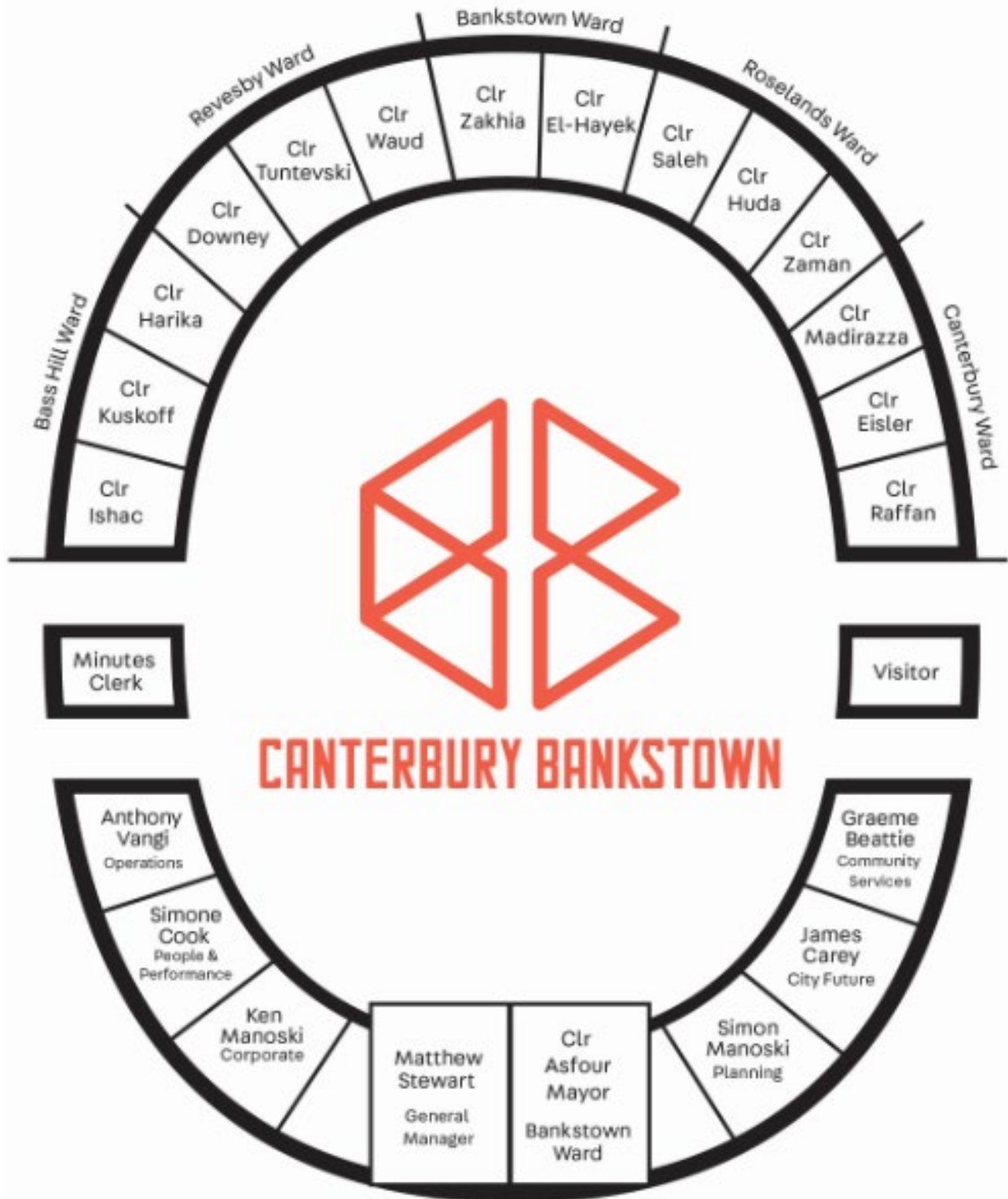




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24 March 2020

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## **1            CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The following minutes are submitted for confirmation -

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- 1.2    Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council of 17 March 2020 ..... 19



**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour  
Councillors Kuskoff, El-Hayek, Ishac, Raffan, Zakhia, Waud, Downey, Eisler,  
Huda, Zaman, Saleh, Madirazza, Harika, Tuntevski

**APOLOGIES** There were no apologies.

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.02 P.M.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

THE MAYOR, ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) AND THE EORA PEOPLES, AND PAID RESPECT TO THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE AND THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT.

**REF: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**(844) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 December 2019 be adopted.

- CARRIED

CLR KUSKOFF ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AT 6.03 PM.

**SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

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

In respect of Item 5.2 – Canterbury Bankstown Consolidated Local Environmental Plan, Clr Kuskoff declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as he has an interest in a property which is the subject of this report and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 5.2 – Canterbury Bankstown Consolidated Local Environmental Plan, Clr Zakhia declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as he has an interest in a property which is the subject of this report and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

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In respect of Item 5.2 – Canterbury Bankstown Consolidated Local Environmental Plan, Clr El-Hayek declared a significant Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as a reportable donation was made to his election campaign and the donor has an interest in a property which is the subject of this report and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 5.2 – Canterbury Bankstown Consolidated Local Environmental Plan, Clr Tuntevski declared a significant Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as a reportable donation was made to his election campaign and the donor has an interest in a property which is the subject of this report. Clr Tuntevski also declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as he has an interest in a property which is the subject of this report and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 5.2 – Canterbury Bankstown Consolidated Local Environmental Plan, Clr Downey declared a significant Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as a reportable donation was made to her election campaign and the donor has an interest in a property which is the subject of this report and indicated she would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 5.2 – Canterbury Bankstown Consolidated Local Environmental Plan, Clr Asfour declared a significant Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as a reportable donation was made to his election campaign and the donor has an interest in a property which is the subject of this report and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 5.2 – Canterbury Bankstown Consolidated Local Environmental Plan, Clr Harika declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as she is the Director of an entity which has an interest in a property which is the subject of this report and indicated she would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

**SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES**

CLR ISHAC ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AT 6.10 PM.

**ITEM 4.1 VALE DOUG SHEDDEN AND ALEX FULCHER MBE OAM**  
**(845) CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Mayoral Minute be received.

Council observed a minutes silence in memory of Doug Shedden and Alex Fulcher MBE OAM.

- CARRIED



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

In respect of Item 5.2 – Canterbury Bankstown Consolidated Local Environmental Plan, Cllr Ishac declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as a relative has an interest in a property which is the subject of this report and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

**ITEM 4.2                      CAMPSIE-BURWOOD TRANSPORT LINK**

**(846)                      CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council contribute up to \$15,000 to a joint feasibility study, to be funded from Council's Transport Network Program budget.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.3                      BUSHFIRE RELIEF INITIATIVE - GO SPEND SEND**

**(847)                      CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council endorses the launch of the Go Spend Send Bushfire relief initiative that encourages the Canterbury Bankstown Community and local businesses to visit bushfire impacted areas and spend money by way of a day trip with family and friends or hosting business meetings or events in the areas.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.4                      FAREWELLING FR APOSTOLOS TRIFYLLIS**

**(848)                      CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Mayoral Minute be received.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 4.5**  
**(849)**                      **LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**  
**CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the request from The Good Samaritan Aid Society (GSAS) through one of their programs "Food Angel" to fund 10 Hampers through a \$300 donation.
2. Council support the request from the State Emergency Services (SES) and waive the full fee of \$202 relating to the Flood Rescue Development Workshops for SES volunteers held on 15 December 2019 at Monash Reserve, East Hills.
3. Council support the request from Parkrun to waive the fees associated with the use of the Field of Dreams Reserve and St Mary Mackillop Reserve for their weekly runs until June 2020 and the Christmas Day event. The amount requested equates to \$2,925 for both reserves.
4. Council support the request from the Zonta Club of Sydney West to sponsor the "Young Men Standing Strong Against Domestic Violence Award" in the amount of \$2,000, which will be presented at the International Women's Day Breakfast.
5. Council support the request from the Pink Stump Day organisers, which raises funds for the McGrath Foundation, to waive the Bankstown Memorial Oval hires fees, amounting to \$2,785.20.
6. These funds to be made available from Council's Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 5:                      PLANNING MATTERS**

**ITEM 5.1**  
**(850)**                      **EMPLOYMENT LANDS, HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES**  
**CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the Draft Canterbury Bankstown Housing Strategy (Attachment A) for public exhibition for 28 days.

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2. Council refer the Draft Canterbury Bankstown Housing Strategy to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for endorsement during the exhibition period.
3. Council endorse the Draft Canterbury Bankstown Employment Lands Strategy (Attachment B) for public exhibition for 28 days.
4. Council endorse the Draft Canterbury Bankstown Affordable Housing Strategy (Attachment C) for public exhibition for 28 days.
5. Council endorse the Draft Planning Agreement Policy amendments to reflect the draft Affordable Housing Strategy (Attachment E).
6. The Draft Strategies be amended as required to respond to matters arising from the Gateway Determination for the draft Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan, or to address feedback from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.
7. A further report be submitted to Council following the exhibition period.

- CARRIED

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MATTER OF URGENCY – LACK OF QUORUM**

**(851)**

**CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that urgency be permitted having regard to Section 4.34 of the Code of Conduct which allows Councillors to participate in a decision in respect of Item 5.2 to delegate consideration of a matter to another body.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 5.2**

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN CONSOLIDATED LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN**

**(852)**

**CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that given the nature and number of disclosures of interest, and the lack of quorum, Council delegate to the Local Planning Panel its statutory function(s) in considering and voting and determining the Minister's Gateway Determination with request to the proposed Canterbury Bankstown LEP.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 5.3**                      **REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR, AND PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS**

**(853)**                      **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. MADIRAZZA**  
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 6:**                      **POLICY MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 7:**                      **GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 7.1**                      **REVIEW OF THE 2019/20 OPERATIONAL PLAN, DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-21, AND BUDGET TO DECEMBER 2019**

**(854)**                      **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. DOWNEY**  
RESOLVED that Council note the quarterly review of its 2019/20 Operational Plan to 31 December 2019 and adopt the December 2019 Quarterly Budget Review as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 7.2**                      **MATTERS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY 12 DECEMBER 2019 TO 24 FEBRUARY 2020**

**(855)**                      **CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ZAMAN**  
RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 7.3**                      **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019 & 31 JANUARY 2020**  
**(856)**                              **CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI**

RESOLVED that

1.     The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 December 2019 and 31 January 2020 be received and noted.
2.     The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 8:**                      **SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.1**                      **CHILD FRIENDLY CITY ACTION PLAN**  
**(857)**                              **CLR. EISLER:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council adopt the Child Friendly City Action Plan and begin implementing the priority actions.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 9:**                      **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM 9.1**                      **MINUTES OF THE PROSPERITY & INNOVATION REFERENCE GROUPS MEETINGS**  
**(858)**                              **CLR. WAUD:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Prosperity & Innovation Reference Groups meetings be endorsed.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 9.2**                      **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2020**  
**(859)**                        **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. WAUD**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 February 2020, be adopted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 10:**              **NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**ITEM 10.1**                      **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**  
**(860)**                        **CLR. KUSKOFF:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

**MATTER ARISING – CLR RAFFAN**

In respect of the response received from the NSW Government Planning, Industry & Environment on 17 December 2019, Clr Raffan requested that Council again write to the NSW Government demanding that they clearly identify the appropriate agency responsible for the sheet metal piling and to identify how and when their future removal and river bank rehabilitation will be managed.

**ITEM 10.2**                      **CONDOLENCE MOTION - ABDALLAH AND SAKR FAMILIES**  
**(861)**                        **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council extends to the families and friends of Antony, Angelina and Sienna Abdallah and Veronique Sakr its deepest and heartfelt condolences for your loss.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.3**  
**(862)**

**THANK YOU - BUSHFIRE RESPONSE**

**CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. ZAMAN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council acknowledge and thanks the many community groups that supported NSW communities through the humanitarian response.
2. Council presents certificates of appreciation to the local community groups that responded to the humanitarian relief associated with the Black Summer Bushfire Crisis.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.4**  
**(863)**

**RESOURCING THE GEORGES RIVER NATIONAL PARK**

**CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI**

RESOLVED that Council write to the Minister for the Environment, asking the Minister to clarify what, if any, measures will be taken by the National Parks and Wildlife Service to prevent the ignition and spread of fires in the Georges River National Park.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.5**  
**(864)**

**FLOOD DEPTH MARKERS**

**CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that Council, in light of the recent floods undertake the appropriate process in reviewing the adequacy of existing flood depth markers and the need for any additional markers on Council's local road network.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.6**                      **POLICING DURING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**  
**(865)**                              **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council meets with the Bankstown Local Area Command, to understand its resourcing needs, to enable greater targeting of anti-social behaviour on public holidays.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.7**                      **CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN MONOPOLY EDITION**

CLR EISLER TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.15 PM AND RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 7.17 PM.

**(866)**                              **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that Council:

1.     Develop a Canterbury Bankstown Monopoly edition to celebrate, promote and support pride in our City;
2.     Seek community input to select important local landmarks, places, spaces and institutions; and
3.     Promote the Canterbury Bankstown Monopoly edition board game.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.8**                      **WE SAY NO TO RACISM**

**(867)**                              **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council promotes the message of inclusivity through its established communication channels, especially to support our Chinese community and all businesses that have been affected by the Coronavirus outbreak.

- CARRIED



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**ITEM 10.9**  
**(868)**                      **RESTORE THE INNER WEST LINE**  
**CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that Council writes to the NSW Government in support of the restoration of the Inner West Line.

- CARRIED

CLR KUSKOFF RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.23 PM.

**SECTION 11:**                      **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**(869)**                      **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 11.1 , and 11.2 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 Property Matter - Waterloo Road Greenacre

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

Item 11.2 Property Matter - 85 Carlingford Street, Sefton

*This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.*

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 7.23 PM AND REVERTED  
BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.32 PM.**

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**ITEM 11.1**  
**(870)**

**PROPERTY MATTER - WATERLOO ROAD GREENACRE**  
**CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. MADIRAZZA**

RESOLVED that Council agree to the proposed approach regarding the matter, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.2**  
**(871)**

**PROPERTY MATTER - 85 CARLINGFORD STREET, SEFTON**  
**CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council agree to the proposed approach regarding the matter, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.33 P.M.**

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Mayor

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
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**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 17 MARCH 2020**

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour  
Councillors Kuskoff, El-Hayek, Raffan, Downey, Eisler, Saleh, Madirazza, Harika,  
Tuntevski

**APOLOGIES** Nil

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

THE MAYOR, ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) AND THE EORA PEOPLES, AND PAID RESPECT TO THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE AND THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**(872) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clrs Ishac, Zakhia, Huda, Zaman and Waud due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 1: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 1.1 MINISTERS' AWARDS FOR WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

His Worship the Mayor advised that Council has received advice that the 2020 Minister Awards Ceremony for Women in Local Government scheduled for the 24 March 2020 has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

As there was no longer a requirement to consider this matter, the Mayoral Minute was withdrawn and the Mayor declared the meeting closed.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.03 PM**

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Mayor

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## **2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**



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





## **4 MAYORAL MINUTES**

The following items are submitted for consideration -

4.1	CBCity Cares Relief Package to Address Coronavirus	27
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4.3	Off the Floor Campaign	35
4.4	Local Community Based Donations	37



### ITEM 4.1                      CBCity Cares Relief Package to Address Coronavirus

Unprecedented times call for unprecedented action.

Already we have had to make difficult decisions to protect our community from the spread of Coronavirus. While some Council services are being appropriately suspended, it is imperative that we continue to deliver our critical Council services such as collecting our rubbish bins, fixing our roads, maintaining our parks and delivering Meals on Wheels. These decisions are being made to ensure we are protecting our staff, our community, our family, and our loved ones, while also providing core social infrastructure and support to those that need it.

But there is so much more that we can do. To provide further relief and support to our residents and businesses I am proposing that, as a matter of urgency, Council implement my **CBCity Cares Relief Package** as set out below. I also ask the General Manager to establish a separate Coronavirus Budget, bringing this to the next Council Meeting quantifying and reconciling our CBCity Cares Relief Package for the community.

1. As a result of the closure, or suspension of any Council facility or service, that Council will hold fees and charges in credit or provide refunds for Not for Profits, casual hirers or those with genuine cases of hardship. Examples of this include Council's Learn to Swim Program, children ninja playgroup and gym memberships. Where users are cancelling their use of facilities owing to appropriate social distancing and Coronavirus, such as meeting rooms, sporting fields or community halls, Council will similarly hold a credit or provide a refund.
2. To support small businesses we will waive footway dining fees for 6 months and allow businesses to defer payments for mandatory food and fire inspections for 6 months with no interest to apply. As part of the Coronavirus budget I also ask the General Manager to identify any other fees and charges that could be waived, or deferred, to assist our community and small businesses.
3. We recognise that sales, attraction of customers, and cash flow will be a pressing issue for small businesses in the coming weeks and months, as people practice social distancing. In order to deliver additional direct support to businesses, I propose that Council allocate \$250,000 to set up a **Smart City-Smart Business Grant** to assist businesses develop or improve their e-commerce capabilities and online marketing. These Smart City Smart-Business grants will be made available through a streamlined application process and will offer dollar for dollar funding up to a maximum of \$2,000, to businesses with a turnover below \$5M. Activities supported will include developing an online marketplace, social media marketing, and website development.
4. Some community organisations that have received Community Grant funding from Council, may no longer be able deliver their events or activities. Therefore, I am recommending that Council extend the delivery and acquittal timeframe by 12 months in order to allow these events, activities and programs to proceed when things improve.

5. In relation to Council rates, it is important to recognise that these funds pay for the very core essential services needed to keep this city safe and functioning. Council already has a compassionate Rates Hardship Policy in place that deals with those that may find it difficult to pay. During these more challenging times, I am requesting the General Manager to review this policy in light of the significant pressures that may lie ahead. This report will focus on providing temporary relief to those in need and will be presented to the next Council meeting.

In the coming months, rate notices will need to be sent out and we are working on some clear messaging to ensure those in genuine hardship can be assisted through this difficult time.

6. In relation to the legislative framework for rating, and applicable interest to deferred rates set by the NSW Government, I urge the Premier to make special provision in the next round of stimulus funding. This funding should assist those in genuine circumstances of hardship, avoid legislative interest on deferred rates and also cover part rate “discounts” for those in need. Notwithstanding our review of our Rates Hardship Policy reveal what more Council and the NSW Government can do.
7. We recognise it is not just our residents that will be under pressure, but many of our businesses who provide the milk, the clothes or the places for our community to celebrate. Whilst Council acknowledges the financial support that both the Federal and State Governments are providing our communities, more focus needs to be placed on protecting our small business, our clubs, non-for-profits and our large workforce of casuals. With an excess of 4000 small businesses and one of the largest casual workforces throughout the state, our local government area will be one of the hardest hit. I call on the State Government to implement a tax stimulus, including reviewing areas such as Land Tax to ensure they stay afloat and continue to employ our residents in the workforce. It is also vitally important that there are stimulus and tax relief measures in place for businesses to reinvest in people and goods as this pandemic eases, for without them many businesses will simply never recover and the jobs for our residents will forever disappear.
8. We have all seen the chaotic scenes in our supermarkets of people fighting over toilet paper and the long queues snaking onto footpaths. While Council cannot control this behaviour, or the supply of goods, we also don’t want to be an impediment to shops getting much needed deliveries. We initiated and introduced flexible truck delivery times and lobbied the NSW Government to change their planning restrictions, allowing 24 hour truck deliveries. They have now done this. While this may cause some minor disruption it will allow supermarket shelves to be stocked quicker and residents to get access to the goods they need. I can assure residents when this crisis is over, I will seek to have the previous restrictions reinstated.
9. While I know our community is concerned about the implications of the Coronavirus, I also know our staff and Councillors are equally concerned about the impact on them. That is why we have put in place measures to protect their own health and wellbeing. Measures include putting in place strict social distancing measures at our offices and Council chambers and the halting of all non essential travel, training and face to face meetings. Any costs associated with these activities that have been cancelled that can not be recovered will be covered by Council and reflected in the Budget.

10. Last week we deployed technology to enable our community to make and maintain appointments to meet with Council staff and for those appointments to be held electronically. Of course, we have many citizens without access to such technology. As a result we have set up an area within Council where they can use our technology to electronically engage with Council officers. With the recent decision to close all of our Libraries, it is important that we still provide some level of service. Therefore, I am proposing we set up a 'Click and Collect' library book service to supplement our regular e-library. In addition, it is recognised some of our community do not have access to the internet or computers. While Libraries will be closed, I am proposing that a booking arrangement is put in place to allow for restricted access to computer and internet facilities. Our community need to know that where they have essential business to conduct with us, we are open and able to engage with them safely.
11. I recognise this is an unsettling period for staff, especially those in casual positions. I recognise that closing our aquatics facilities has an impact on our regular Learn to Swim casual staff and lifeguards. Therefore, I am proposing that these staff who are unable to perform their shift as a result of the pool closure, will still be paid their forward rostered hours until the end of term one this year.
12. I also propose that if a staff member (including regular casual staff) is unable to work because they must self-isolate, we will pay up to two weeks special leave based on their forward rostered hours (less any Federal Government payment to which they may be entitled).
13. But there is more we can do to support our casual staff. I have recently made contact with community organisations, including those providing care and services for the elderly and disabled and who are in desperate need of casual support workers. Tonight, I am asking the General Manager to contact organisations in the City who may benefit from the skills of our casual staff, many of whom have transferable skills and the necessary compliance checks. Similarly we will reach out to businesses in our City that find themselves needing to reduce their workforce, we will connect their great staff to the support organisations and businesses that have high short term needs through this crisis.
14. Council has also commenced training and redeploying staff, including casuals, to assist in other core service areas of Council. This will ensure we maintain, and in some instances increase, essential services such as city cleaning, waste collection and customer service. These measures will provide a flexible workforce in the event Council staff are hit with Coronavirus. We want to do everything in our control to ensure minimal disruption to services.
15. While there is a significant amount of uncertainty over how long this will last, what we do know is that we will need to continue to respond and implement new measures. Not only Council, but the broader community can take a more active role in supporting and caring for the vulnerable and most in need in our community. This is not just the elderly or frail. The shift workers who can't get to the shops for supplies, or the parent who needs some assistance with childcare, the neighbour who needs a lift to the shops, or simply someone to make a phone call to see if you are alright. It is easy to forget that some people don't have a family, or a network of friends to support them.

In order to prepare for this, I am instigating our **Community Cares Initiative**. This will initially commence with a call to the community to see who can volunteer to help others and to those who may need some form of assistance. I propose that Council use a range of communication channels, from direct mail to residents through to our traditional media and social media. Council has secured the use of a hotline 13CORONA which we intend to initially use to obtain the above information.

16. As I mentioned before, our priority is the health and wellbeing of our community. To address this, Council has already immediately responded by increasing our cleaning regime in our streets and community buildings. This is not about sterilizing all parts of the city, but providing reassurance and emphasising the importance of good hygiene. While physical health is important, equally important is the mental health and wellbeing of our community. I am requesting the General Manager set up a **Keep Connected Program** to explore ways to keep our community socially connected and engaged during this time when social distancing is in place. In particular I want to explore the opportunity for Council to host Facebook Live Events. This will connect the community but also fund local creative arts and performers who have been severely hit by the important and necessary social distancing measures.
17. Looking ahead, Council has a Plan in place to ensure our essential services continue to be delivered. Measures have been put in place to ensure that critical staff can work remotely or from home. Staff are also being redirected to key service areas. For example, Council truck drivers are learning how to operate our waste trucks. Of course I ask that our community have compassion and patience as we deploy this important measure seeing some of the staff who collect litter and cut the grass move from those nice to have services to the essential, we need, services of picking up bins, taking calls and delivering meals on wheels. I will not apologise for prioritising our meals on wheels customers being fed over cutting residential front lawns.
18. As one of the most diverse communities in Australia, I am fully aware of the challenges with getting the message out to our community. I understand the disappointment many have in the loss of our cultural events that bind us together. With changes impacting on all corners of our community I will be working closely with the ethnic media to ensure the message gets through to as many people as possible. I also understand that now is a difficult time to engage with our community on other matters affecting the City. Therefore, I am requesting the General Manager review all non-essential exhibitions and public engagement. I have also written to the Minister of Planning and Public Open Space seeking an extension of 12 months to the LEP process. This will allow us to engage with the community in the genuine manner we had proposed before the virus outbreak.

All of the above actions come at a cost. While it is not possible to predict how much it will be at this time I foreshadow that there will be at least a \$5 Million impact on our budget to deliver this **CBCity Cares Relief Package** however I am sure you will agree that this CBCity Cares Relief Package is critically important.

It is also important that we understand the implications and have the information to guide future decisions, therefore the General Manager will bring forward a separate Coronavirus Budget capturing all of these costs to Council. This will assist with any future call for financial assistance from the NSW Government if and when needed. This Quarterly Budget Review will be presented at the next meeting of Council to validate our CBCity Cares Relief Package and

Council's Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan will also need to take into consideration any future predicted costs. The General Manager will also review Council's Grants and Sponsorship Policy together with the Rates and Financial Hardship Policy, particularly with the view to be able to address the need to financially assist our community during cases of emergencies and/or necessity, such as these times.

Over the coming days and weeks we will continue to review and implement measures to ensure we continue to deliver our critical services. I am sure this CBCity Cares Relief Package will only be the first of many changes we must bring in to manage this situation. However, I feel as a Council we have the responsibility and obligation to show leadership and implement measures to get us through this.

One last measure that I want to ensure we support is that we record all the wonderful innovation, community goodwill and partnerships that come out of this. During times of hardship and crisis humans find a way to survive and I am seeing the best of humanity and the best of our Canterbury Bankstown citizens. We should never forget the best of us and ensure that we celebrate this and ensure we become a better community, and definitely a better Council after this time passes.

Finally, I wish to thank the staff and the community for rallying together to ensure that we do this with care, compassion and support of each other.

I move the above and seek Council's support on the matter.





### ITEM 4.2

### Supporting Bushfire Affected Communities

While the rains may have brought relief to these bush fire affected communities, the reconstruction and healing has only just begun. Now more than ever, with much of the attention and focus on dealing with the immediate coronavirus pandemic, we can't forget the need to provide support to these communities.

Last month I was proud to announce the launch of Go Spend Send to encourage the Canterbury-Bankstown community to GO to fire impacted areas, SPEND money and time there, then SEND us a photo of the trip. While we work through our own challenges with the Coronavirus, we can't forget our commitment to these communities. There will be a time when we will be looking to take holidays again and our fire affected communities will be welcoming us with open arms.

To lead this campaign, I recently visited and stayed in the Shoalhaven region with my family where I was shocked at the devastation that has been brought on these communities. However, I was also inspired at the amazing resilience of the residents and shop keepers I met. From Melinda and Hohepa from Kotahi Tourism, who continue to take visitors on tours of the unique Conjola Lake, despite the sad loss of houses in the surrounding area, or Martin who runs one of the local shops in Milton who is continuing to provide fresh produce to the community, despite his own personal losses from the fires. Talking to them about their challenges, but also their hopes for the future, reconfirms my commitment to supporting those in need.

I am proud to say several of our staff have commenced assisting other councils such as Tenterfield and Eurobodalla. Several Council staff have also undertaken volunteer work with the RFS and SES and of course within our staff we have volunteer firefighters who spent much of their Christmas break defending and protecting their own community. To ensure that this much needed support continues I am requesting Council once again reaffirms its support of this approach and that the General Manager continues to provide the necessary staff time and equipment as appropriate and in consideration of operational requirements.



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### ITEM 4.3                      Off the Floor Campaign

Right now in NSW, people with a disability travelling through our State are by far and away forced to use inaccessible toilet facilities. In some situations, this means that they must lie on the floor of public toilets. This is not good enough, for anyone, anywhere.

Across the thousands of kilometres of regional highways and motorways, there are only 13 fully accessible adult changing facilities, most of which are in towns and very few at service centres on our highways. Generally, the funding for these falls outside of what is possible by councils, leaving the State Government as the tier which can bring about change.

Recently, a Wagga Wagga City Councillor, Cllr Dan Hayes, launched a campaign and petition for bringing about action in response to this. The campaign, #OffTheFloor, seeks to see appropriate facilities provided on our highway network.

For \$100,000, a fully accessible toilet with hoists and adult lay down change facilities can be provided. Placed strategically around the State, the presence of these facilities would mean that people with a disability and their carers can travel around the state with their dignity and comfort intact.

We have recently obtained such a mobile facility and I know firsthand what a positive impact it has had on making our events accessible and inclusive. I am proposing to write to the NSW Government, requesting they fund the establishment and operation of adult laydown change facilities along NSW highways and that there be a requirement within the relevant Code or planning instrument which requires adult laydown change facilities to be incorporated into major highway service centres.

We have done our bit, now it is time for the State Government to do theirs.



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### **ITEM 4.4                      Local Community Based Donations**

The following community based organisations have approached Council for financial assistance.

#### **St Saviours Anglican Church Cemetery**

St Saviour's Anglican Church in Punchbowl has requested assistance in maintaining their Cemetery, which is a significant historical site in our local community. It is a local significant heritage item, listed under the Canterbury LEP 2012, has more than 200 grave plots and contains the remains of members of a number of Punchbowl's founding families.

In light of the significance of the site, I recommend that Council support St Saviours Anglican Church Cemetery through a one off maintenance visit of a maximum value of \$550 and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.

#### **Community Support Services**

Community Support Services (CSS) are an Australian registered non-for-profit who, through their programs "Village Therapy" and "Sewing Therapy" provide support to those in the local community that are in need the most. Support is offered by means of food hampers and group therapy providing social contact, valuable life skills and support on all levels to improve their day to day lives.

CSS has asked for financial assistance of \$3,000 to enable them to continue to provide support to vulnerable families in the local community.

Accordingly, I recommend that Council support Community Support Services through a \$3,000 donation.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

I propose that Council provide the financial assistance as outlined above and that these funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.



## **5 PLANNING MATTERS**

The following item is submitted for consideration -

5.1 Planning Proposal and Planning Agreement for 5-9 Croydon Street, Lakemba 41





### **ITEM 5.1                      Planning Proposal and Planning Agreement for 5-9 Croydon Street, Lakemba**

**AUTHOR                      Planning**

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

This report summarises feedback received from the exhibition of a planning proposal and planning agreement applying to land at 5-9 Croydon Street, Lakemba and recommends next steps.

At its September 2018 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to adopt a planning proposal for finalisation at 5-9 Croydon Street Lakemba. Finalisation of the planning proposal was reliant on a laneway being dedicated to Council through a site-specific clause being included in the Canterbury Local Environmental Plan (CLEP) 2012.

In August 2019 the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (the Department) indicated that it does not support the inclusion of a site-specific clause to deliver the laneway and requires the planning proposal to be amended and re-exhibited. The Department also required the planning proposal to be updated to include a satisfactory arrangements for contributions to State public infrastructure under the draft Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy to facilitate an agreement between the developer and state government about funding state infrastructure. An altered Gateway was issued by the Department to reflect these requirements. This decision from the Department also required the preparation and exhibition of a planning agreement to deliver the laneway.

At its Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 November 2019, Council resolved to exhibit amendments to the planning proposal and draft Planning Agreement for land at 5-9 Croydon Street, Lakemba.

Council exhibited the planning proposal and planning agreement from 19 December 2019 to 5 February 2020 consistent with the Gateway Determination. During this period, ten submissions were received and considered.

It is recommended that Council adopt the planning proposal (as exhibited) and execute the draft planning agreement to ensure delivery of the laneway.

#### **ISSUE**

At its Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 November 2019, Council resolved to exhibit amendments to the planning proposal and draft Planning Agreement for land at 5-9 Croydon Street, Lakemba.

A total of ten submissions were received during the public exhibition period. Eight from local residents, a submission made on behalf of the land owner and a submission from Transport NSW.

The matters raised in the submissions, including the amended position requested by the owner have been considered, and no further amendments are recommended as a result of the submissions.

## **RECOMMENDATION** That -

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1. Council adopt the planning proposal as shown in Attachment A and it be referred to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for finalisation.
2. The exhibited draft planning agreement for 5-9 Croydon Street, Lakemba as shown in Attachment B be endorsed and the necessary steps taken to execute the relevant document.
3. The General Manager be given delegation to make minor mapping or wording changes to the planning agreement, so long as these do not alter its intent or substance.

## **ATTACHMENTS** [click here for attachment\(s\)](#)

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- A. Planning Proposal
- B. Planning Agreement
- C. Transport NSW submission
- D. Local resident submission
- E. Proponent submission

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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This report proposes no change to Council Policies.

The final stage of this process would result in planning and development controls changing for this site.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is no financial impact to Council associated with the proposed change to planning controls for this site.

The dedication of land, design and construction of laneway will be met by the developer consistent with Council's Voluntary Planning Agreement policy.

No offset from payment of Section 7.11 development contributions is to be provided.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The proposal relies on the laneway to provide vehicle access into the site and provide adequate road width to enable service vehicles to circulate and for pedestrian access. The proposed land dedication by the developer will also increase permeability through this site to Jubilee Reserve and will result in a broader public benefit.

Council exhibited the planning proposal and planning agreement from 19 December 2019 to 5 February 2020 consistent with the Gateway Determination. During this period, ten submissions were received and considered.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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### Introduction

This report discusses the public exhibition of a planning proposal and planning agreement relating to land at 5-9 Croydon Street, Lakemba.

The site is located at 5-9 Croydon Street, Lakemba (Figure 1) and is currently vacant. It is located in proximity to both Lakemba Station and the Lakemba business zone. The site has an area of 6,848 square metres and is one of the larger single land holdings in the town centre.

**Figure 1. Subject site**



The planning proposal seeks to amend the height of buildings and floor space ratio (FSR) controls for this site with the following amendments:

- Increase in the maximum height of buildings from 18m to part 18m, 24m and 33m.
- Increase in the FSR from 1.6:1 to 2:1.

The amendments will allow the site to be redeveloped for high density residential development consistent with its R4 High Density Residential zoning.

## **Public exhibition**

The planning proposal (Attachment A) and draft planning agreement (Attachment B) were placed on extended public exhibition from 17 December to 5 February 2020. The public exhibition was extended due to the Christmas/New year holiday period.

The exhibition process included:

- Displays at the Campsie and Customer Service Centre and the Council website.
- Public notices in the local newspapers.
- Notification letters to property owners affected by changes to the proposed rezoning.
- Notification letter to public authorities – Transport NSW and Department of Education.

## **Public Exhibition responses**

A total of ten submissions were received during the public exhibition period. Eight individual residents, one submission from Transport NSW and a submission made on behalf of the land owner.

## **Public Authority Submission**

A submission was received from Transport NSW who advises that it raises no objection in-principle to the planning proposal.

It further advises that Council should consider the inclusion of appropriate maximum parking rates for the subject site in its DCP or LEP given the proximity of the site to the train station as this would aid and encourage the use of public transport.

### *Comment:*

No change to the planning proposal is required.

### *Reason:*

Transport NSW comments are noted. Parking rates are currently contained in Council's DCP and minimum rates are applied. Appropriate parking rates for this development will be applied and considered at the development application stage. Consideration of applying maximum parking rates in Council's LEP and DCP would need to be investigated at a broader strategic level and should not be imposed on a site to site specific nature.

A copy of Transport NSW submission is shown in attachment C.

## **Local Resident Submissions**

The submissions from residents raised the following issues, many of these issues were previously raised in the first exhibition:

*Issue 1: Traffic, Parking and laneway*

Submissions raised concerns about congestion and lack of on street parking capacity. There were both support and objection to the proposed laneway. Concerns were raised that the width of the laneway may not be able to support the proposed development and a submission expressed support for the laneway to service the development site.

*Comment:*

No change to the planning proposal is required.

*Reason:*

The increase in density is expected to result in an incremental increase in traffic levels and parking demand within the context of overall traffic growth in the Lakemba area. A traffic study will be required to be submitted with any future development application on the site. Traffic related matters can be appropriately dealt with at the development application stage and any necessary mitigation strategies included within conditions of consent. The scale of the planning proposal is of insufficient scale to warrant an individual traffic study at the planning proposal stage.

Council's engineers have reviewed the proposed laneway and considers it to be satisfactory in relation to servicing the site.

Support for the laneway is noted.

*Issue 2: Overdevelopment, impact on social and transport infrastructure*

Concerns were raised on the increased density and whether there will be adequate school and transport infrastructure to support the proposal.

*Comment:*

No change to the planning proposal is required.

*Reason:*

The Gateway Determination recommended consultation with the Department of Education as increasing the density on the site, as sought by the planning proposal, is likely to increase demand for educational services in Lakemba. The Department of Education was consulted as required in the Gateway and no response was received in relation to the proposal.

In relation to impact on transport infrastructure, the site is well serviced by public transport and the proposal does not generate any apparent need to upgrade or improve public infrastructure, however a laneway is required to support the development and how it will integrate with the surrounding area. Transport for NSW advised that it raises no objection in-principle to the planning proposal.

*Issue 3: Increase height and impact on sunlight access to buildings to the south*

The submission objects to the proposed height and impact of overshadowing to the residential dwellings to the south.

*Comment:*

No change to the planning proposal is required.

*Reason:*

The building heights have been designed to minimise the potential increase in overshadowing on existing apartments and ensure that overshadowing is restricted to within the acceptable standards outlined in the Apartment Design Guide (ADG). This has been the subject of extensive testing and analysis by independent specialist urban designers to ensure the impact of future development at the site does not unreasonably impact on adjoining residents and sites.

A copy of the local resident submission is shown in attachment D.

**Landowner Submission**

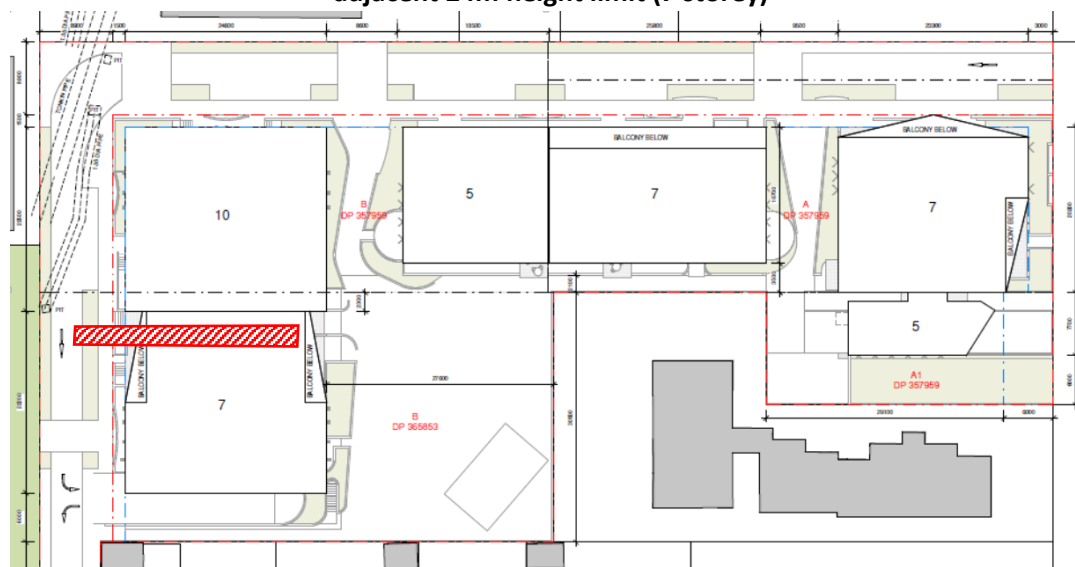
A submission was received on behalf of the owners seeking an amendment to extend the 33m height control 2.3m to the south (this area was exhibited as a maximum 24m). A copy of this submission is shown in attachment E.

The submission provides the following reasons in support of the amendment:

- *A development proposal has been prepared comprising three residential flat buildings across the site with a total GFA of 12,716m<sup>2</sup> (2:1).*
- *The development has attempted to be fully compliant with the intent of the proposed floor space ratio control (2:1) and maximum building height (18m, 24m & 33m) including for lift overruns and roof structures. However a small variation has arisen due to the increased design resolution being applied to the site and without exception results in no significant additional impacts and a better design outcome for the site.*
- *This includes a small technical height exceedance of the 10 storey component of building C.*
- *The vast majority of the building located within the 33m height control complies, however a small portion extends 2.3m into the adjacent 24m height limit, exceeding the height limit in this location. This portion represents only a very small component of the total GFA, being 126m<sup>2</sup> or 0.9%. It effects only 1.9% of the total site area.*
- *The area where the 33m height limit is proposed to apply was established prior to the requirement for a through site connection, which is now required to be a vehicle access under the DCP. As a result, the potential footprint for a 10 storey building has been significantly reduced from 1072m<sup>2</sup> to 553m<sup>2</sup>. The proposed 10 storey building component is much smaller than the total area where the 33m height control is identified. On this basis the development is considered to be consistent with the built form intent of the proposed height of buildings control.*
- *The exceedance of the 24m height limit will not result in any significant increased environmental impacts. Visually, the building bulk would not have any significant additional impact being such a minor increase and being consistent with the built form intent of the height control.*



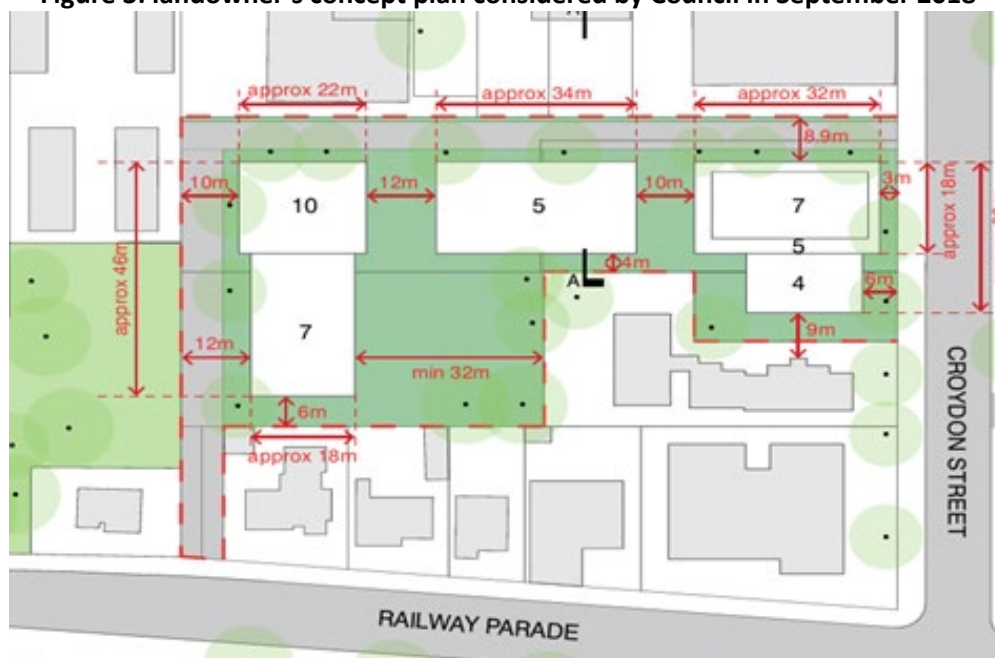
**Figure 2: Plan showing the area (highlighted) where the 33m (10 storey) height extends into the adjacent 24m height limit (7 storey)**



**Comment:**

The proponent's justification for the height amendment is due to the reduced building footprint resulting from the required laneway. This proposition is not supported as the concept plans (Figure 3) provided by the landowner shows a development scheme incorporating the laneway. This concept plan was considered and supported by Council in September 2018. In addition, the proposed latest amendment to building heights would increase the extent of overshadowing on Jubilee Reserve. On this basis the proposed change is not supported.

**Figure 3: landowner's concept plan considered by Council in September 2018**



The proposal has advanced through two public exhibitions (November 2016 and December 2019) a thorough assessment process where the proponent's submissions were considered in detail and in part adopted and is now ready for finalisation and making. During the 2016 public exhibition Council supported a request by the landowner to amend the height boundary affecting the western portion of the site (the 33m and 24m zones) to a width of 35m from the



western boundary of the site. Further amendments to the height are not warranted and would further delay the process.

The Gateway Determination requires the Plan to be made by April 2020. The proposed further increase to the height may trigger the need for re-exhibition and this may further delay the process and not meet the April 2020 timeframe required in the Gateway. Given the length of time the proposal has been with Council (since 2014) it is now appropriate to make the Plan.

Maps below show the amendments to the height from initial exhibition (Figure 4) to final endorsed heights for exhibition (Figure 5) and what the proponent has now sought (Figure 6).

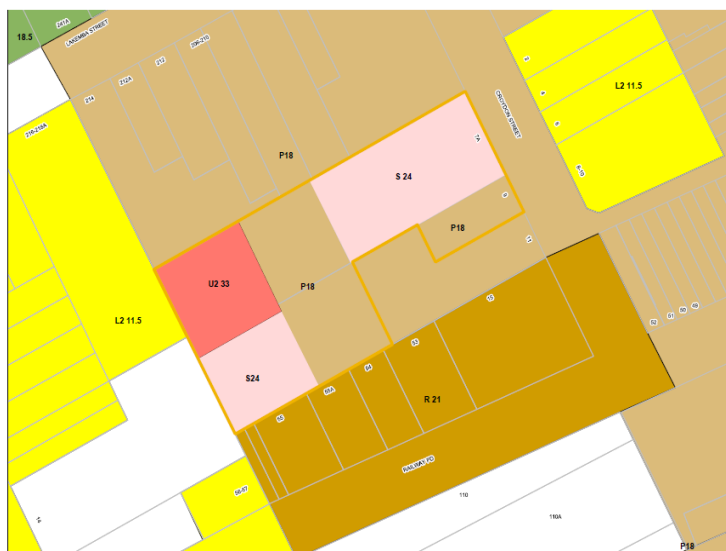
**Figure 4: Exhibited Height of Building Map 2016**



**Figure 5 Council endorsed Height of Building Map following November 2016 public exhibition**



**Figure 6 Proposed extension to Height of Building Map now sought by proponent**



*Reason:*

No change to the planning proposal is warranted due to the following considerations:

- The proposed amendments to the heights show increased overshadowing impact on the adjoining Jubilee Reserve and this is not considered appropriate.
- An extension to the height was previously supported during the first round of public exhibition as a result of the landowner submission.
- The proposed amendment would trigger the need for a third round of exhibition.

**CONCLUSION**

The analysis of the key issues raised the submissions finds that the planning proposal should proceed as exhibited to next steps.

**NEXT STEPS**

Should Council decide to endorse the planning proposal and planning agreement for finalisation, the next steps would be:

- The General Manager be given delegation to execute the planning agreement to deliver the laneway.
- The Planning Proposal be sent to the Department for finalisation.
- To inform submitters of Council's decision.

## **6        POLICY MATTERS**

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



## **7            GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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### ITEM 7.1 Stronger Communities Fund - Quarterly Progress Report

**AUTHOR** City Future

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

This Stronger Communities Fund (SCF) was established by the NSW Government to provide newly merged Councils with funding to kick start the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services. The City of Canterbury Bankstown was allocated \$10 million in funding. Councils were required to consult with their community to allocate the SCF through two programs:

- A Community Grants Program – Allocating up to \$1 million in grants of up to \$50,000 to incorporated not-for-profit community groups, for projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities; and
- A Major Projects Program – Allocating all remaining funding to larger scale priority infrastructure and services projects that deliver long term economic and social benefits to communities.

As required under the SCF Guidelines, an Assessment Panel was established to assess and recommend projects for funding. The Panel was made up of the Mayor or delegate, State Members of Parliament, a representative from DPC, and an independent probity advisor.

The December 2019 quarterly update report noted that a number of the Major Projects have revealed significant intricacies since Council first endorsed the projects for delivery. Subsequent to this, Council resolved to submit a variation request to the Office of Local Government seeking an extension of time to deliver the remaining major projects and an adjustment to project budgets. This was submitted in December 2019 and at the time of preparing this report, Council is awaiting notification on the outcome of the variation request.

#### **ISSUE**

In accordance with SCF Guidelines developed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Council is required to provide quarterly progress reports to an Ordinary Council meeting on the expenditure and outcomes of the SCF. This report covers the period December 2019 – February 2020.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the progress report of the implementation of projects funded through the Stronger Communities Fund.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[click here for attachment](#)

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- A. SCF Community Grants Report - March 2020



## **POLICY IMPACT**

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This report has been prepared in accordance with SCF Guidelines developed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All funding provided to Council through the SCF has been allocated and/or committed to projects through the Community Grants Program and Major Projects Program. These commitments have been reflected in Council's adopted budget. Pending the outcome of Council's variation request, budgets will be reallocated accordingly.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The delivery of programs and projects funded under the SCF will deliver social, cultural, economic or environmental benefits to the community. The Major Projects will result in the delivery of new or improved infrastructure or services to the community. Community engagement was compulsory, and close to 11,000 residents had their say on the big ideas or their priorities for the City.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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In line with the Stronger Community Fund (SCF) Guidelines, Council is required to table progress reports at least quarterly to an Ordinary Council Meeting on the expenditure and outcomes of the SCF. In addition, Council must also provide six monthly reports each year by 31 July and 31 January to the Office of Local Government (OLG) on those projects selected for funding, delivery progress and expenditure to date.

This report provides an update for the period December 2019 – February 2020.

### Community Grants Program

Following the guidelines issued by the DPC, and a community workshop and application process, projects funded under the SCF Community Grants Program were endorsed at the December 2016 Council meeting. A ceremony was held to recognise the recipients of the Community Grants, where a total of \$987,546 was presented to 27 different community groups.

Twenty-six of the projects funded under this Program have been completed. The attached report (Attachment A) provides an update and outlines the key outcomes for each of the projects. One end of project report is yet to be submitted.

### Major Projects Program - Stage 1

In December 2016, Council endorsed four high priority projects totalling \$3.6 million for funding under the Major Projects Program. Work has been progressing on the delivery of these projects, with two of these projects delivered to date.

An update on the status of Stage 1 projects is as follows:

Project	Progress
Regional Sports Framework – Multipurpose synthetic surface at Jensen Park	This project is complete and was officially opened on 23 February 2019. Final Project Report has been submitted to OLG.
All Abilities Playground – Bankstown City Gardens Stage 2	This project is complete and was officially opened on 28 September 2018. Final Project Report has been submitted to OLG.
Regional Cycleway Connection – Canterbury Road Underpass	Design is 100% complete and approved by stakeholders, including Sydney Water, RMS and the Office of Environment and Heritage.  As outlined in the December 2019 Council report, in its variation request to the OLG, Council has proposed to reallocate the SCF grant funding from this project. Further to this, Council was notified by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in late February it was successful in receiving \$2.492M in funding under the TfNSW Walking and Cycling grants program for this project. This funding, in conjunction with a financial contribution from Council, will enable the upgrade of this important active transport connection for the community.

Wiley Park Parkland upgrade and renewal	The Wiley Park Open Space Masterplan was adopted by Council in June 2019. The Wiley Park Ponds upgrade is the first priority action coming out of the Masterplan. The design brief for the project is expected to be issued for tender shortly.
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## Major Projects Program – Stage 2

Stage 2 projects under the Major Projects Program were endorsed by Council at the March 2018 meeting where the remaining \$5.4 million in SCF funding was allocated for the below projects. Progress on these projects is outlined below:

Project	Progress
Changing Places portable facility for community events	The Marveloo portable adult change facility was launched at last year's Wiley Park Christmas Carols event and also utilised at Council's Australia Day celebrations. Upcoming usage is also planned for Ramadan and Bankstown Bites. The Marveloo amenity has been registered with the Changing Places organisation and applications have been already been received to utilise Marveloo at events outside of Canterbury-Bankstown (e.g. Vivid).
Community Engagement vehicle	Vehicle purchased and the official launch was held in 2018. A supplier has engaged for modifications to vehicle to improve useability and these works will be completed this financial year.
Cooks River interactive litter capture device	Work has commenced on the community interaction element of the program with a draft Communications Strategy developed. Recommended propriety products have been provided to stakeholders to ensure products are feasible.
Enhanced play experience at Greenacre	Survey, scoping and research complete. Council has engaged Lead Design Consultants to commence the design process and has undertaken initial engagement to help inform the design.
Parry Park upgrade and renewal	Council has engaged Lead Design Consultants to commence the design of the playground upgrade. Council has also undertaken initial engagement to help inform the design.
Red Chair Movement	Project components ordered and construction drawings prepared. Installation of the new infrastructure at Panania and Riverwood Libraries is scheduled to commence this month.

Project	Progress
Smart Cities, kick start of the City's journey	<p>Projects from Council's internal Smart Tank innovation challenge program are currently being implemented with widespread consultation across the organisation.</p> <p>Council has developed an internal data catalogue nearing completion, the next phase of this work is due to commence next quarter and will see Council develop an open data roadmap. Other projects included under the program are the spatial data collection initiative, Safe TV Schools, Smart Parking and more, with work expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2020.</p>
Solar Farm	<p>Stage 1 works including preliminary geotechnical report, revenue models and financing options are completed. As part of Stage 2 works, a PCG was formed and a consultant has been engaged to develop design tender specifications. Tender specifications have been drafted for an Expression of Interest and expected to be released this financial year.</p>
Implementation of Sports Facilities Strategy - Recreation Initiatives	<p>This project has been listed for implementation as part of Council's Capital Works Program. Sites have been identified and investigations commenced. Preliminary sites being considered may include Wagener Oval and Kelso North.</p>

## Conclusion

The existing SCF Funding Agreement notes that the Funding Period ends on 30 March 2020. As noted previously, Council submitted a request for variation to the OLG in December 2019. The variation proposes an extension to the original funding agreement until 30 June 2021 and an adjustment to project budgets.

Council are currently awaiting notification on the outcome of the variation. It is understood that there significant delays with the assessment and notification of variation applications. Until the outcome of Council's request is known, work will continue on planning and progressing the Major Projects funded under the SCF.

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### **ITEM 7.2                      Australian Local Government Association- Annual Conference Consideration of Motions**

**AUTHOR                      Office of General Manager**

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

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The National General Assembly was scheduled from 14-17 June 2020 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.

The annual event is the largest national conference for Local Government held in Australia and a key policy making event for the local government sector. It provides an opportunity for Council to influence the national policy agenda.

In light of the Federal Government's decision to ban non-essential gatherings of more than 100 people at indoor venues, and that the ban will be in place for up to six months, the ALGA Board decided to cancel the 2020 National General Assembly.

Motions are still being accepted and close for submission on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Given debate cannot take place, the ALGA Board will consider the motions at the June Board meeting.

There is also an opportunity for the motions to be heard at the 2020 Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held in Hobart in November. General issues of concern can be raised at this forum.

#### **ISSUE**

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For Council to consider the submission of motions.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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That Council endorse the draft motions as detailed in the report.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Nil

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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The submission of motions provides an important opportunity for Council to continue its advocacy on issues impacting local government and our community.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is nil financial impact.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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Motions presented for consideration by Council have been formed with the benefit of the City's community as a leading priority.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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### Motions

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is inviting submissions of motions for consideration at the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) 2020. The theme of the NGA is partnerships and working together for our communities. The motions are to be centred on the following six issues:

- The rise of Asia;
- Technological change;
- Climate change and environment;
- Demographics;
- Trust; and
- Social cohesion.

To be eligible and considered for inclusion in the NGA Business Paper and then motions debated on the floor of the NGA, motions are required to be in accordance with the following criteria, as determined by the ALGA:

- Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
- Not be focussed on a specific location or region – unless the project has national implications. Provide details on why the motion has strategic importance and should be discussed at a national conference;
- Be consistent with the themes of the NGA;
- Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state or territory local government association;
- Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;
- Propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to do something;
- Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

Motion should be submitted to ALGA no later than **midnight, 27 March 2020**.

The following motions are proposed for endorsement and submission to the National General Assembly.

### Issue: Trust

#### Proposed Motion 1

*That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to extend a Statutory Government (copyright) licence to local government authorities in respect of planning functions, as is the case with State and Federal Governments.*

*If local government is to play the role of facilitator of public participation in the development application and planning proposal process, then by extension, the reproduction of documents and their availability online is a must.*

### **National Objective**

Councils across Australia are bound by the *Copyright Act 1968* (Cth) when considering the release of plans and other documents subject to copyright provisions.

These documents cannot be released without the approval of the copyright owner. This causes frustration to interested parties requesting copies to assess any impacts the proposed development may have on their property.

To ensure equity amongst all tiers of government and enhance trust in local government, it is imperative that a copyright licence be provided to Councils to ensure that copies of these documents can be made publicly available and online when lodged with the public authority.

The recent NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal decision of *Sandy v Kiama Municipal Council* [2019] NSWCATAD 49 (Councils that place development applications online breach s36 of the *Copyright Act 1968*), illustrates the challenges experienced by Councils of balancing the demands of GIPA applications and respect for copyright, particularly in the context of releasing planning-related material.

The impact on Councils across Australia from challenges such as reputational risks, lagging behind other tiers of government on open data/data sharing ethos, and lack of uniformity across governments. A collective governmental approach is therefore required to the public release of planning-related information.

### **Summary of key argument**

Diminishing trust and confidence in government as an institution has had a cascading effect on the local government sector. Paying attention to community needs and expectations and working in the community's best interest has become paramount in renewing trust in government and achieving positive community outcomes.

There is an expectation that Council will be open and transparent in its dealings and interactions with the community, including with information pertaining to development applications and planning proposals. This, however, has presented local Councils with a unique challenge particularly when considering the role of Copyright laws in the governance of information sharing.

Copyright in Australia is governed by the *Copyright Act 1968* (Cth) and local government authorities must adhere to statutory obligations when assessing GIPA requests related to the release of information on development applications and planning proposals.

The inherent risks to Council may include:

- exposure to possible legal action by the copyright holder, property owner or interested party;



- Reputation issues in relation to transparency and openness in government;
- Lagging behind other tiers of government in terms of open data, data sharing objectives; and
- Lack of uniformity (inconsistency across the local government sector).

The great benefits to Council if granted a statutory government (copyright) licence to act in the same capacity as the Federal and State Governments is that residents will have access to planning information online. This will enable them to review planning documents and make more informed decisions.

The *Sandy v Kiama Municipal Council* [2019] NSWCATAD 49 decision serves to highlight the importance of providing Councils with the necessary tools to navigate this space and increase community trust in local government.

### **Issue: Climate change environment**

#### **Proposed Motion 2**

*That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to recognise the Climate Emergency in Australia that has been acknowledged by 94 Councils to date and provide leadership and funding opportunities to assist Councils in meeting their greenhouse gas emission targets through effective mitigation and adaptation strategies.*

#### **National Objective**

Australia is experiencing continued catastrophic weather events that are having a significant environmental, financial and social impact on the community. Prolonged periods of drought, storms and flooding and the unprecedented 2019/20 Australian bushfires, have attributed to a changing climate. Scientists have warned that a hotter, drier climate would contribute to Australia's bushfires becoming more frequent and more intense.

Acknowledging the Climate Emergency at a Federal level ensures that climate change is recognised as a key policy issue on a national platform. It also demonstrates the Federal Government's continued commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28% from 612 MtCO<sub>2</sub>-e to 441 MtCO<sub>2</sub>, where Australia ratified the Paris Agreement in 2016.

A climate change national agenda that sets measurable targets, can assist the local government sector with planning for future growth, creating a more resilient community and adapting to climate change. Transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy, investing in electric vehicle infrastructure, reducing resource use and waste going to landfill, can assist to meet their emissions targets.

Through Federal funding and grant opportunities, Councils can develop strategies to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt and build resilience to current and future climate risks to create liveable cities for the future.

### **Summary of key argument**

Australia is experiencing continued growth and demands for additional services and facilities for our community is putting further pressure on our natural environment, communities and climate. This growth presents an opportunity for the Federal Government to support and provide funding to Councils to lead their community by reducing carbon emissions and building resilience in the community and adaptability to climate change.

Australia is one of the highest contributors of greenhouse gas emissions per capita, largely because of its reliance on coal-fired power. These emissions increase pressure and costs at the local level, directly impacting on emergency services, roads and infrastructure, placing a huge financial burden on local Councils.

Leadership and committed action is therefore required to assist in mitigating the impacts of climate change on the community, businesses, the natural environment and future generations. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions can assist in lowering Council's operating costs, reducing pressure on assets and infrastructure and improving the health and well-being of the community.

Having a clear national climate policy position provides scope for Council to address climate issues at a local level. It can also provide funding opportunities that assist Councils in meeting their greenhouse gas emissions targets and assist communities to increase resilience through adapting to a changing climate.

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## Governance and Administration Matters - 24 March 2020

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### ITEM 7.3                      Interface Agreement Negotiations

**AUTHOR**                      City Future

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

In December 2018, Sydney Metro obtained Planning Approval for the delivery and operations of the Sydenham to Bankstown component of the City and Southwest Metro project (Metro Southwest) – the conversion of the existing T3 Sydney Rail Line to a Metro Line from Sydenham to Bankstown stations.

At the April 2019 Council meeting, Council resolved that the General Manager negotiate appropriate terms of an interface agreement with Sydney Metro and bring the detailed agreement back to Council for consideration.

#### **ISSUES**

As noted in the previous report (Attachment A) Sydney Metro proposed the development of an Interface Agreement. An Interface Agreement is a document that sets out processes and interactions between the Metro Team and contractors and Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council not enter into an Interface Agreement with Sydney Metro.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**                      [click here for attachment](#)

A.     Council Report - 30 April 2019

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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There are no policy impacts.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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By not entering into an interface agreement Council will save legal costs and resources can be directed to other projects.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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Council will consider Metro works on their merits advocating for highest quality outcomes for the community and Council's assets in the long term. These will be considered on a case by case basis instead of via a predetermined agreement. It is considered that Council can provide more useful input to proposals when they are at a more developed milestone instead of forecasting responses before they occur which is what would be required as part of the Interface Agreement.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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### 1. Interface agreement

A properly populated Interface Agreement is a document that sets out the process and interaction between the Metro Team and contractors and Council. It outlines the manner for consultation and communication during the project to simplify and fast track approval processes. This is subject to a clear understanding of the scope of works prior to entering into such agreement.

At the April 2019 Council meeting, Council resolved that the General Manager negotiate appropriate terms of an interface agreement with Sydney Metro and bring the detailed agreement back to Council for consideration.

Council subsequently met with Sydney Metro to negotiate appropriate terms of an interface agreement and to determine the direct benefits to Council of entering into such an agreement.

The following issues were identified;

- a) Interface Agreements were only beneficial when plans/designs were sufficiently progressed to be included in the agreement. As detailed designs have not been sufficiently prepared by Sydney Metro it is difficult to formalise any outcomes in an agreement.
- b) It was previously identified the possibility of payment for a staff member in Council to manage interface issues. Following discussions with Sydney Metro this was no longer considered to be a likely outcome.

Ultimately, the Interface Agreement is only of benefit for Council if there is some certainty to Council regarding the works Sydney Metro will perform on Council land and an arrangement can be entered regarding the ownership and maintenance of the assets in the future. Since Sydney Metro do not have the detail necessary to enter into such an arrangement, Council is better served by relying upon its current statutory processes under the Roads Act 1993/Local Government Act 1993 in terms of managing Sydney Metro works on Council land.

It was concluded that entering into an interface agreement would provide few if any direct benefits to Council.



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### **ITEM 7.4                      Property Matter- Proposed New Lease to Belmore Bowling and Recreation Club of Premises at 1a, 1b and 1c Leylands Parade Belmore**

**AUTHOR                      Corporate**

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

The Mayor and General Manager resolved on 16 January 2020 under delegated Authority during Council recess period from 12 December 2019 to 24 February 2020 to undertake a public exhibition process for a new three year lease with Belmore Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd. This was endorsed by Council at its meeting on 25 February 2020.

In summary:

- A Heads of Agreement (HOA), outlining Council's proposed terms and conditions and suggested approach to determining the matter was entered into between Belmore Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd and Council;
- The agreed lease term to apply was set for a period of three years;
- Council proceeded to publicly exhibit the proposed lease in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. At the conclusion of the exhibition process, no submissions were received on the proposal.

In finalising the process, Council is now required to formally consider and resolve whether to grant the lease to Belmore Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd, based on the agreed terms.

### **ISSUE**

To consider granting a new three year lease of Council's land at 1a, 1b and 1c Leylands Parade Belmore (1/1040210 and 20&21/1161968), to Belmore Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd, following the recent public exhibition of the proposed lease.

### **RECOMMENDATION    That -**

1. The granting of a new three year lease in line with the heads of Agreement be authorised.
2. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign all relevant documentation, including affixing the Common Seal of Council, as required.

### **ATTACHMENTS                      [click here for attachment](#)**

- A. HOA Belmore Bowling Club

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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The recommended action is consistent with Council's longer term objectives for the precinct.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The recommended action retains the level of rental for the site currently being paid by the Club.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The recommended action will bring about a continuation of the social-gathering, sporting and recreational services the Club has continually provided to the community for a period of more than 70 years.



## **DETAILED INFORMATION**

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Council for many decades has leased its land at 1a, 1b and 1c Leylands Parade Belmore to the Belmore Bowling and Recreation Club. The Club, as well as providing lawn bowls facilities for its members and the public, also provides facilities serving as a meeting place for the local community, function centre and a venue for undertaking public recreational activities.

The Club's current lease expires 17 April 2020 and it has requested from Council a new lease of the premises.

Following the request, an "in-principle" Heads of Agreement (of lease terms and conditions) was developed with, and agreed to by, the Club. A copy of that agreement is attached.

Council undertook an exhibition of the proposed new three year lease to the Club. During this exhibition period, no submissions were received.

### **Next Steps**

Having completed the required statutory requirements, as stipulated in the Local Government Act 1993, it is now proposed that the Mayor and the General Manager be authorised to sign all relevant documentation in entering the lease, as detailed in this report.



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## Governance and Administration Matters - 24 March 2020

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### ITEM 7.5                      Cash and Investment Report as at 29 February 2020

**AUTHOR**                      Corporate

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

In accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Responsible Accounting Officer must provide the council with a written report each month, which sets out the details of all money that council has invested under section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council's investments are managed in accordance with Council's investment policy. The report below provides a consolidated summary of Council's total cash investments.

#### **ISSUE**

This report details Council's cash and investments as at 29 of February 2020.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** That -

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 29 of February 2020 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**                      [click here for attachment](#)

- A. CPG Research & Advisory Feb 20 Monthly Investment Report

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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Council's investments are maintained in accordance with legislative requirements and its Cash and Investment Policy.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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Interest earned for this period has been reflected in Council's financial operating result for this financial year. Council's annual budget will be reviewed, having regard to Council's actual returns, as required.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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There is no impact on the community, the environment and the reputation of Canterbury Bankstown.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

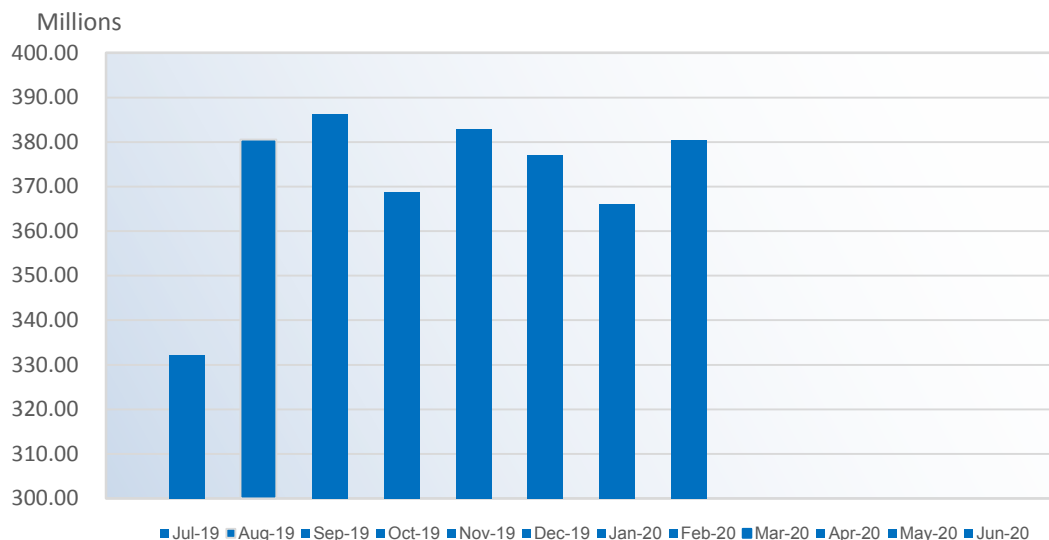
### Cash and Investment Summary – as at 29 February 2020

In total, Council's Cash and Investments holdings as at 29 February 2020 is as follows:

Cash and Investments	\$
Cash at Bank	4,617,162
Deposits at Call	29,100,369
Term Deposits	277,921,000
Floating Rate Notes	68,843,102
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>380,481,633</b>

Council's level of cash and investments varies from month to month, particularly given the timing of Council's rates and collection cycle, its operations and carrying out its capital works program. The following graph outlines Council's closing cash and investment balances from July 2019 to June 2020.

Cash and Investment Rolling Monthly Balance 2019-2020



A summary of Council's investment interest income earned for the period to 29 February 2020 is as follows:

Interest Income	Feb 2020 \$	Year-to-date Feb 2020 \$
Budget	740,000	5,920,000
Actual Interest	646,371	5,884,641
Variance	(93,629)	(35,359)
Variance (%)	(12.65%)	(0.60)

Council is also required to ensure that its portfolio has an appropriate level of diversification and maturity profile. This is to ensure that funds are available when required and where possible to minimise any re-investment risk.

The tables below outline Council's portfolio by maturity limits and investment type:

<b>Maturity Profile</b>		
	<b>Actual % of Portfolio</b>	<b>Policy Limits %</b>
<b>Cash</b>	9	100
<b>Working Capital Funds (0-3 months)</b>	8	100
<b>Short Term (3-12 months)</b>	29	100
<b>Short – Medium (1-2 years)</b>	21	70
<b>Medium (2-5 years)</b>	33	50
<b>Long Term (5-10 years)</b>	0	5
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	100%	

<b>Portfolio Allocation</b>	
	<b>Actual % of Portfolio</b>
<b>Cash at Bank</b>	1.2
<b>Deposits at Call</b>	7.6
<b>Term Deposits</b>	73.1
<b>Floating Rate Notes</b>	18.1
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	100%

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## **Governance and Administration Matters - 24 March 2020**

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**ITEM 7.6**                      **Information Update - 30-34 Padstow Parade and Faraday Road, Padstow**

**AUTHOR**                      **Planning**

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

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At Council's Ordinary Meeting on 10 December 2019, Council resolved to be provided with an update report on the Planning Proposal for 30-34 Padstow Parade and 10 Faraday Road, Padstow.

### **ISSUE**

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That Council is provided an update on the progress of a Planning Proposal for 30-34 Padstow Parade and 10 Faraday Road, Padstow.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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That the information be noted.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Nil

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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As this is an update report, there is no policy impact.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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As this is an update report, there are no financial impacts.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The application incorporates affordable housing, which aligns with the Local Strategic Planning Statement and will deliver much needed housing to low income households.

Should a Gateway Determination be issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Investment supporting the Planning Proposal, the proposal would be publicly exhibited.



## DETAILED INFORMATION

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### Planning Proposal

An application for a planning proposal was lodged with Council for the subject site on 23 May 2019. The land is owned by NSW Land and Housing Corporation whom have entered into a commercial arrangement with the applicant to deliver a mixed-use development that is proposed to accommodate:

- 15 social housing units
- 52 private market units
- 1050 square metres of commercial floorspace

To achieve this, the proposal seeks to:

- rezone the site from R4 High Density Residential zone to B2 Local Centre zone
- increase the height control from 13 metres (4 storeys) to 23 metres (six storeys), and
- increase the floor space ratio from 0.6:1 to 2.5:1.

In pre-lodgement discussions, the applicant initially proposed development up to eight storeys, however the application was submitted at a reduced height equivalent to six storeys. The proposed height and density for the site equates to that proposed under Council's Local Area Plan for Padstow.

A community housing provider would likely manage the affordable housing units with the social housing units being directly managed by NSW Land and Housing Corporation. An image of the envisaged development has been included below, however, should planning and development rules be amended for this site, a development application would need to be submitted and assessed which may result in a change to the building design and layout.

The Planning Proposal remains under assessment and has yet to be considered by Council on whether it should be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for Gateway approval.



## **Relationship between Planning Proposal and Canterbury Bankstown LEP 2020**

On 20 February 2020, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment issued a Gateway approval that enables Council to proceed to exhibition with its consolidated LEP.

On 4 March 2020 the Canterbury Bankstown Local Planning Panel noted the contents of the Gateway and resolved to progress the Canterbury Bankstown LEP 2020 (consolidated LEP) to exhibition. The LEP is currently on exhibition until 24 April 2020.

Consistent with Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement and Draft Housing Strategy (also on exhibition to 24 April 2020) changes to planning rules reflected in current land use strategies, including Local Area Plans, have been incorporated into the consolidated LEP.

As this planning proposal is consistent with the South East Local Area Plan, the changes to planning rules sought by the applicant through the Planning Proposal process (identified above) are now reflected in the consolidated LEP on exhibition.

Subsequent to the exhibition period, the consolidated LEP and any amendments would be considered by Council or its delegate, and if supported, would be forwarded to the Department for finalisation.

Should the planning and development rules for the subject site be amended as part of the consolidated LEP, the Planning Proposal as submitted by Land and Housing Corporation will no longer need to be progressed.

## **8 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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## Service and Operational Matters - 24 March 2020

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### **ITEM 8.1                      Abolishment of Library Overdue Fees**

**AUTHOR                      Community Services**

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the community feedback received during the exhibition period on the proposed abolishment of Library Overdue Fees.

#### **ISSUE**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 October 2019, Council resolved to exhibit in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 an amendment to the fees and charges regarding the proposed abolishment of Library Overdue Fees. The matter was also to be reported back to Council at the end of the exhibition period from Tuesday 29 October until Tuesday 26 November 2019.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council abolish Library Overdue fees for the Canterbury Bankstown Library Service.

#### **ATTACHMENTS                      [click here for attachment](#)**

A.     Submissions Table

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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Public Libraries generally offer free membership, free attendance at programs and events, free borrowing of physical and online resources and free access to public computers.

While the community is encouraged to avail themselves of freely available resources, the threat of accumulating overdue fees intended as an incentive for the prompt return of materials for future use by other members can have the opposite effect. It can actually discourage those in the community who could most benefit from library services from visiting our libraries as they may have an overdue fee. It should be noted that there can be some valid reasons for members not returning items on time, such as lack of transport, illness or having to care for others and members should not be punished for it.

Overdue Library fees are today regarded as being a barrier to access, with an increasing number of Public Libraries abolishing overdue fees to encourage increased usage and attendance at library activities.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The abolishment of overdue Library Fees would not severely impact the Library Service as overdue fees do not make up a meaningful source of income for Canterbury Bankstown Library Service. In 2017/18, \$8,000 was collected in overdue Library Fees with the cost for staff to collect the fees more than likely to have exceeded the amount collected.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The public exhibition period allowed the community to provide feedback on the proposal. Generally, from this feedback received the community is in support of the proposal.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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### Feedback and Changes

The public exhibition of the Abolishment of Library Overdue Fees proposal was held from 29 October 2019 to 26 November 2019. During this period Council's Library Service in partnership with its Community Engagement Team the proposal was shared with:

- Local residents
- Library users
- CBCity Arts and Culture Reference Group
- CBCity Residents Panel
- NSW Public Libraries Association
- Community Development network

### Reach of Engagement

- 172 people viewed the Have Your Say exhibition page.
- The proposal was displayed at libraries and customer service centres for 28 days.
- 11 people downloaded the proposal.
- 33 written submissions were received.

### Summary of Submissions

33 people completed the online submissions form and responded as to whether they support or oppose the proposal:

- Yes: 25 (76%)
- Yes, partially: 5 (15%)
- No: 3 (9%)

### Overall Sentiment

Submissions were overall supportive of the proposal. A minority of responses expressed concern that a lack of consequences may see books returned even later and questioned the policy for lost books.

Of the concerns raised, the Library Service currently has procedures in place to deal with these issues, however, this valuable feedback highlights the need to work closely with the community to communicate future consequences if they keep items overdue in the future. Accordingly, no changes are recommended to the proposal.





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## Service and Operational Matters - 24 March 2020

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### ITEM 8.2

### Proposed Road Closure - Terrace Lane Bankstown

### AUTHOR

Operations

### PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to commence the process for the closure of Terrace Lane as a Public Road.

Following a review, it was found that Council's interest is best served by discontinuing retention of Terrace Lane as a dedicated public road and to that end, it is recommended that Council take the required steps, as prescribed by the Roads Act 1993, to formally close Terrace Lane, Bankstown. This will:

- enable the consolidation of the land in the road with the adjoining Council-owned land
- regularise the presence of Council structures erected so as to partly stand on the road.

### ISSUE

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The section of road reserve proposed for permanent road closure is considered surplus to Council's road network requirements, therefore Council approval is sought to commence the road closure assessment process under Division 3 of the *Roads Act 1993* (NSW) (Roads Act) as outlined in this report.

### RECOMMENDATION That -

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1. The process of road closure under Division 3 of the *Roads Act 1993* (NSW) be undertaken with respect to Terrace Lane Bankstown.
2. The matter be reported to Council following the public notification for consideration.

### ATTACHMENTS

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Nil

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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There will be no direct policy impact arising from this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All costs associated with the road closure application, subsequent consolidation, and Council's legal and surveying costs can be accommodated within Council's Operational Budget.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The proposed closure will not impact on the community and the land will continue to be available for use by the public using the existing facilities. A Right of Way will be provided to allow access to the abutting private properties and the Bankstown Railway Station.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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### Background

A review of Council's open space area has highlighted an inconsistency in land zoning along the open space frontage of North Terrace near Bankstown Railway Station.

This land comprises of:

- Land known as 70, 74, 80 and 80A North Terrace, Bankstown (approx. area 1,845sqm) (Refer to diagram below). These lots are under Council ownership as freehold land zoned B4
- Land above is surrounded by Road Reserve, known as Terrace Lane Bankstown (dedicated as a Public Road on 18 April 1929; approx. area 555sqm)

The section of land together with the road reserve is currently used as a pedestrian thoroughfare between Bankstown Railway Station and North Terrace / Fetherstone Street. It is paved and contains gardens and lawn maintained by Council. Property owners of 121, 122, 123, 124, 126 and 129 Bankstown City Plaza, use part of Terrace Lane as pedestrian access to the rear of their premises.

Closing of the road reserve and subsequent consolidation of the adjoining Lots into one Lot will provide clarity to Council in terms of zoning and the land will continue to be available for use by the public. Rights of Way will be required to allow access to abutting private properties and the Bankstown Railway Station. The closure will also help provide a more-ready solution to problems with anti-social, nefarious behaviours of people near the rear of the shops and with regularising the presence of a number of structures, including the steps to Bankstown Railway Station constructed so as to partly stand on the Lane.

A plan of the section of Terrace Lane road reserve which is the subject of the permanent road closure application is shown below (red outline).



The following plan shows the single lot after subsequent proposed consolidation of the Terrace Lane road reserve and the adjoining lots (blue outline).



### Community Consultation and Notification of the Proposal

Under section 38B of the Roads Act notification of the proposal to close a Council public road must be published in a local newspaper, be given to all owners of land adjoining the road, and all notifiable authorities as prescribed by the Regulations.

The notice must identify the road that is proposed to be closed and must state that any person is entitled to make submissions to the Council with respect to the closing of the road and must indicate the manner in which and the period (being at least 28 days) within which, any such submission should be made.

Following the public notification period the matter will be reported to Council for formal approval of the closure and the consolidation of the closed road reserve with the adjoining Council owned land known as 70, 74, 80 and 80A North Terrace, Bankstown.

If consent is granted to the proposed road closure, staff will complete the road closure assessment process under Division 3 of the Roads Act 1993 and by notice published in the Government Gazette, to formally close the public road reserve. The closed road will be consolidated with Council's adjoining parcels of land and therefore freehold land zoned B4.

## **9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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## Committee Reports - 24 March 2020

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**ITEM 9.1**                      **Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 March 2020**

**AUTHOR**                      **Corporate**

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

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Council resolved to establish its Advisory Committees and Reference Groups on 24 October 2017.

Attached are the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 March 2020.

### **ISSUE**

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Endorsement of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 March 2020, be endorsed.

### **ATTACHMENTS**                      [click here for attachment](#)

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- A.     Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 March 2020

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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The Advisory Committees are based on the key themes that form the basis to delivering Council's Community Strategic Plan. Advisory Committees and Reference Groups have specific Terms of Reference, as well as Guidelines and Rules for their operation.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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In accordance with the Council's Guidelines and Rules, the Advisory Committee does not have the power to incur expenditure or to bind Council but may recommend action and initiatives to Council.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The Advisory Committees with the support of the Reference Groups provide Council with advice for the ongoing management of vital services to our community and information for our integrated planning and reporting framework.



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## Committee Reports - 24 March 2020

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**ITEM 9.2**                      **Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2020**

**AUTHOR**                      **Operations**

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

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Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 March 2020.

The Committee have been constituted to advise and make recommendations in relation to traffic activities. It has, however, no delegated authority and cannot bind Council.

The recommendations of the Committee is in line with the objectives of the Committee and with established practices and procedures.

### **ISSUE**

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Recommendations of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 March 2020, be adopted.

### **ATTACHMENTS**                      [click here for attachment](#)

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- A.     Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2020

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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This matter has no policy implications to Council.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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Potential costs arising out of recommendations of the Traffic Committees are detailed in future Works Programs for Roadworks/Traffic Facilities.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The recommendations will improve road safety for the community whilst minimising the adverse impacts on residential amenity. Community consultations have been carried out where required.

## **10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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## Notice of Motions & Questions With Notice - 24 March 2020

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**ITEM 10.1**                      **Notice of Motions**

**AUTHOR**                      **Office of the General Manager**

### **ISSUE**

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The attached schedule provides information to questions raised at Council's previous meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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That the information be noted.

### **ATTACHMENTS**                      [click here for attachment\(s\)](#)

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- A.     Notice of Motions Status Table
- B.     Correspondence sent in relation to Notice of Motions



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## Notice of Motions & Questions With Notice - 24 March 2020

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### ITEM 10.2                      Superannuation for Councillors

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

“That:

1. Council make a submission to the Office of Local Government in support of the option that would see the Local Government Act amended to make it compulsory for councils to pay an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee in addition to councillor and mayoral fees; and
2. All Councillors are encouraged to similarly make a submission to the Office of Local Government.”

### BACKGROUND

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There are many barriers to participation in our democratic processes for women and those of a younger age. A significant one is the absence of superannuation payments to councillors which often means that a decision to stand for council means a reduction in one's superannuation balance with ongoing impacts to retirement and quality of life.

I am very pleased, however, to see that the NSW Office of Local Government is looking at this issue and have recently released a discussion paper on whether councillors should receive superannuation payments. This is an opportunity to dismantle one of the key barriers to participation in councils and I strongly urge that Council makes a submission in support of compulsory super payments in addition to councillor and mayoral fees, and that all Councillors similarly provide a submission to the discussion paper.

We have until 8 May to contribute to this important reform.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT

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Council will make a submission to the Office of Local Government. There is also an opportunity for Councillors to provide a separate submission.

Councillors can obtain more information by visiting [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au).

There are no cost implications arising from the proposed motion, as written.





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### **ITEM 10.3            Price Gouging**

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

“That Council writes to the NSW Department of Fair Trading and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission requesting action be taken immediately to protect consumer rights during periods of crisis.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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The impact of COVID-19 is being felt by consumers and businesses across Australia.

More and more reports of gouging have been reported across the nation. While price gouging is not illegal it is deeply unethical. Council should do as much possible ensure our Community is not affected by those attempting to profiteer off the public health crisis.

More and more reports of gouging have been reported in media across the nation. Locally I have personally seen a packet of toilet paper with price tag of \$75. This cannot continue; the Government must step in to protect our most vulnerable and ensure they can access affordable essential consumer items such as toilet paper.

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT**

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Council is not immune from the effects of price gouging. Recently we were informed by our supplier of toilet paper that the price was to increase to triple the previous price paid. Council will write to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and the NSW Government requesting that this issue be addressed as a priority.



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### **ITEM 10.4                      Return and Earn Revesby Woolworths**

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

“Council write to Tomra-Cleanaway, the operator of the NSW Government’s Return & Earn scheme, requesting they take appropriate measures to ensure the carpark and surrounding areas at the Marco Avenue Revesby reverse vending machine are sufficiently maintained.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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Since the installation of the NSW Government's Return and Earn deposit container at the Revesby Woolworths Carpark located in Marco Avenue, I have received numerous complaints and read negative comments about the accumulation of rubbish, bottles and the general poor upkeep of the site.

The Return and Earn scheme commenced on 1 December 2017, and whilst I welcome this important litter reduction initiative, you would expect that all the problems associated with the scheme like dumped rubbish and bottles and the poor upkeep of the site would be resolved. Unfortunately, they haven’t been.

More often than not, litter is strewn around the carpark and its surrounds, the footpath around the Return and Earn container is dirty, smelly and sticky underfoot. It’s not only unsightly, it also attracts vermin and pests which may have a negative impact on nearby small business. It’s apparent by the complaints and the comments that I’ve seen that the carpark does not meet community expectations. I’m unaware of the specific arrangements between the landowner and Tomra-Cleanaway, but given it is Tomra-Cleanaway’s service, surely it must be their responsibility to maintain their site in a neat and tidy state.

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT**

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There are no costs implications arising from the proposed motion, as written.



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### **ITEM 10.5                      Volunteering with Emergency Services**

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

“That Council, through its established communication channels, promotes the pathways available to volunteer with the NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW State Emergency Service.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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We have all seen the images of the tragic and devastating fires from across NSW; they are images none of us are ever likely to forget. And as terrifying as they are, they have resulted in a groundswell of interest within our community about how they can participate with volunteer-based emergency services.

As I have been out in the community, I have seen the widespread desire to help, to be a part of the wonderful organisations that serve us. But there is uncertainty about what people can do and how they can become involved.

We have now not only experienced fires in our own City in Georges Hall and Riverwood, but also flooding, which has historically posed the greatest risk.

I am asking that Council works with the NSW RFS and SES to promote, through our existing communication channels, the various pathways to volunteering with these wonderful organisations.

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT**

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There are no costs implications arising from the proposed motion, as written.



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### **ITEM 10.6                      Suspending Fees and Charges**

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

“That Canterbury Bankstown council consider suspending fees and charges for sporting and community organisations who have suspended or cancelled activities due to the Coronavirus pandemic until such public gathering restrictions are lifted.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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Many sporting and community organisations have paid council in advance for hiring of Council facilities including sporting grounds but are now in a position where they have had to suspend or cancel these activities and are unable to recoup these costs.

Reducing the financial burden on local sporting and community groups would allow them to restart their activities once the restrictions are lifted.

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT**

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Council is considering a range of measures to ease the economic impacts of Coronavirus on our local clubs and organisations and small and medium enterprises.

This will be incorporated into the next quarterly budget review and draft 2020/21 budget.





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### **ITEM 10.7                      Speed Calming Measures**

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

“That Canterbury Bankstown Council investigate and trial cost effective speed calming measures.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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Speed humps are an effective but costly means of reducing speeds on a particular street, but can be an inconvenience to locals who have to use the road regularly.

Speed humps also tend to move traffic volumes and speeding motorists to nearby streets. Line markings, speed limits painted on the road, LED signs directing drivers to slow down are a few alternatives which could be trialled by conducting speed and traffic counts before implementation and continue to monitor traffic and speeds after the measures have been implemented.

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT**

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This can be investigated as part of the current Operation Plan (OP Ref 4.1.2) and reported to a future Local Traffic Committee meeting.



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### **ITEM 10.8                      Community Planting in Parks**

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

“That Council considers a mechanism that allows the community to carry out indigenous plantings on council land in order to increase biodiversity.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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The Community is seeking to improve Biodiversity in local parks by planting indigenous native plants.

There is currently no formal process which interested community members can identify possible sites for increasing biodiversity and approach council for approval. I would like to see that Council considers a formal process to allow this to happen.

Planting trees in Council open areas is in keeping with CBC Climate Emergency declaration of 2019. It will sequester carbon and help reduce urban heating, benefitting all residents. Involving the community in planting projects will help engage local people with their open spaces and create a greater sense of connectedness. If a structured process is established whereby community individuals and groups can participate in strategic plantings, this will cut costs for Council in the long run.

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT**

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Council can look to include indigenous plantings as part of the Community Gardens Policy and Guidelines that are currently in development.



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### ITEM 10.9 Duplex Development in Narrow Streets

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

“That Council:

1. Provides an update to Councillors on its progress into the review of planning controls for dual occupancies in narrow streets as per the actions in Connective City 2036.
2. The update is to specifically outline how streets under 8m are being investigated and how we plan to define narrow streets.
3. This update be provided to Councillors before September 2020.”

### BACKGROUND

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The Connective City 2036 proposes a review of our planning controls for dual occupancies and has the following statements:

*“There is significant capacity for dual occupancy and secondary dwellings across the City, however this type of development is not suitable for all areas.”*

And

*“In identified special character areas and localities with narrow streets, the controls and permissibility applying to dual occupancies will be reconsidered. Potential controls to be tested include wider frontages and larger minimum lot size requirements. Both Councillors and Council Officers would be well aware of the associated problems that exist as a result of the increasing level of Duplex development in our narrow streets.”*

I began formally requesting Council to investigate and suggest solutions to these problems and existing resident concerns in 2012.

Since that date I have formally requested this again a further four times.

Those same problems and community concerns of existing residents in narrow streets that I first reported in 2012 still exist.

The only difference now is, they have grown much greater!!

I am pleased that we have an adopted position to have a hard look at this and that is why I am so keen to receive a timely update on how this is progressing and what we are doing.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT**

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An update can be provided.

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### **ITEM 10.10      World's Greatest Shave**

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

“Council donates \$1,500 to the Leukaemia Foundation considering participation in the World’s Greatest Shave will be significantly impacted by social distancing resulting from COVID-19.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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Every year, more than 15,000 Australians will be newly diagnosed with blood cancer such as leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. This is equivalent to 41 people every day or one person every 36 minutes. These cancers and their related disorders can develop in anyone, of any age, at any time.

Research is always progressing, but for the more than 110,000 Australians currently living with a blood cancer, the prognosis is one that usually involved aggressive and long treatment. For our fellow Australians in rural and regional areas, it often involves extended time away from home, or relocating altogether. And even then, blood cancer will claim more lives than breast cancer or melanoma.

This year the World’s Greatest Shave will celebrate its coming of age as it turns 22 years old. I understand staff across our organisation will not be shaving or colouring their hair this year, owing to social distancing requirements but they will be fundraising from their own pockets. The least we can do is to also support the Leukaemia Foundation in this difficult time.

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT**

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Costs incurred as a result of the proposed motion can be funded from Council’s Community Grants and Donation program.





## **11        CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

### **11.1   T03-20 Ready Mix Concrete**

# **General Manager's Statement**

## **Confidentiality**

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

## **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

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

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Item 11.1 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 T03-20 Ready Mix Concrete

*This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*