

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 25 AUGUST 2020**

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour  
Councillors El-Hayek, Ishac, Zakhia, Waud, Downey, Saleh, Madirazza, Harika,  
Tuntevski

**PRESENT BY AUDIO**  
**VISUAL LINK:** Councillors Kuskoff, Huda, Raffan, Eisler

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.05 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**  
**(1030)** **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2020 be adopted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 2:** **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
Nil

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

In respect of Item 4.3 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr El-Hayek declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to his working association with Human Appeal Australia and he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 6.1 – Community Gardens and Nature Strip Gardens Policy, Clr Saleh declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to her working association with Riverwood Community Centre who operate a community garden and she would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

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In respect of Item 11.5 – Voyager Point Footbridge, Cllr Tuntevski indicated that should the item be considered following a resolution of urgency he would declare a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to his employment with Liverpool City Council and he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

**SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 4.1 CONDOLENCES TO LEBANON**  
**(1031) CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council write to the Lebanese Ambassador in Australia, on behalf of our community, and offer our condolences and support to the people of Lebanon who like the symbolic Cedar Tree have shown strength and resilience through yet another tragic chapter in their history.

- CARRIED

COUNCIL OBSERVED A MINUTES SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE LEBANON DISASTER.

**ITEM 4.2 PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**(1032) CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that I

1. Council note the submission forwarded to the chairperson of the public accountability committee.
2. Council support the Mayors request to appear on behalf of council at the Inquiry into the Integrity, Efficacy and Value for Money of NSW Government Grant Programs.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 4.3 LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

In respect of item 4.3 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr El-Hayek declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to his working association with Human Appeal Australia and he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

CLR EL HAYEK TEMPORARILY LEFT THE MEETING AT 6.16PM AND RETURNED AT 6.17PM.

**(1033) CLR. ASFOUR**

1. RESOLVED that Council support Human Appeal Australia’s Lebanon Emergency Appeal through a \$2,000 donation.
2. Council support the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the efforts of Councillor George Zakhia through a \$2,000 donation.
3. Council support the request from the VCA with the installation of a plaque through a \$2,000 donation.
4. These funds to be made available from Council’s Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS**

**ITEM 5.1 APPLICATION TO AMEND BANKSTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2015: 167 HUME HIGHWAY, GREENACRE**

**(1034) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. WAUD**

RESOLVED that

1. Council prepare and submit a planning proposal to seek a Gateway Determination for the following amendments to Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015:
  - (a) Permit a minimum floor space ratio of up to 0.3:1 for non-residential purposes within a maximum FSR for the whole site of up to 1.3:1.
  - (b) Permit a maximum building height of 20 metres (six storeys), 17 metres (five storeys), and 11 metres (three storeys).
  - (c) Rezone part of 167 Hume Highway, Greenacre from Zone B6 Enterprise Corridor to Zone RE1 Public Recreation.



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**SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS**

**ITEM 6.1 COMMUNITY GARDENS AND NATURE STRIP GARDENS POLICY**

In respect of Item 6.1 – Community Gardens and Nature Strip Gardens Policy, Clr Saleh declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to her working association with Riverwood Community Centre who operate a community garden and she would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

CLR SALEH TEMPORARILY LEFT THE MEETING AT 6.20PM AND RETURNED AT 6.22PM

**(1036) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the Nature Strip Gardens Policy and Community Gardens Policy and both policies to be placed on public exhibition.
2. A further report be submitted Council following public exhibition.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 6.2 REVOCATION OF COUNCIL POLICIES**

**(1037) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council revokes the former Council policies as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 7.1 REVIEW OF THE 2019/20 OPERATIONAL PLAN, DELIVERY PROGRAM AND BUDGET TO 30 JUNE 2020**

**(1038) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. WAUD**

RESOLVED that

1. The quarterly review of the 2019/20 Operational Plan and six-monthly review of the Delivery Program to 30 June 2020 be noted, and the June 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Budget as outlined in this report be adopted.





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**SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.1 PAUL KEATING PARK 2020-2040 MASTERPLAN**  
**(1043) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the Paul Keating Park 2020-2040 Draft Masterplan for public exhibition, with a further report back to Council following exhibition.
2. Council submit an application under the Public Spaces Legacy Program to enable the delivery of Stage 1 of the Paul Keating Park Masterplan, the significant city-shaping unique playspace for Bankstown Central Business District.
3. Council write to the Honourable Paul Keating, seeking his feedback on the Masterplan and support for our vision for Paul Keating Park.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.2 REVIEW OF STREET TREE REMOVAL - 172 NORTHAM AVENUE, BANKSTOWN**  
**MOTION CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. HARIKA**

Having considered the matter Council agrees to the removal of the *Lophostemon conertus* (Brush Box tree) outside 172 Northam Avenue Bankstown.

**AMENDMENT CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

That the matter be deferred so Council Officers can consider the possibility of directional pruning and what effect that will have on the tree species, if any, and provide a further report to Council.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.**

**(1044) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred so Council Officers can consider the possibility of directional pruning and what effect that will have on the tree species, if any, and provide a further report to Council.

- CARRIED



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**SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM 9.1 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2020**  
**(1045) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI**

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

- CARRIED

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

**(1046) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of the Notice of Motions and Questions with Notice with the exception of Items 10.8.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.1 NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**(1047) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.2 COMMEMORATIVE CEDAR TREES**

**(1048) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council plants a pair of Cedar trees in two appropriate locations across the City, in memoriam to those who were killed, and the many hundreds of thousands impacted by the explosion in Beirut.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.3**  
**(1049)**

**SUPPORTING BEIRUT**

**CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Writes to the Prime Minister and NSW Premier, thanking their respective Governments for the contribution of aid, support and empathy toward Lebanese people both in Lebanon and here in Australia, and
2. In writing to the Prime Minister, requests that the Federal Government, on behalf of the largest Arabic-speaking community in Australia, establishes a national fundraising appeal "Aussies for Lebanon" to raise money for food, clothing, shelter and emergency relief, and in doing so, make the necessary arrangements so donations are tax deductible.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.4**  
**(1050)**

**FACE MASKS**

**CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council encourage the wearing of face masks during the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the NSW Chief Medical Officer's advice, as an additional safety measure to keep our community safe and protect local jobs and our economy by making the City of Canterbury-Bankstown a Covid Safe City.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.5**  
**(1051)**

**BANKSTOWN BUNKER**

**CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council writes to the NSW and Federal Governments, seeking the restoration and promotion of the former Air Defence Head Quarters site, known as the Bankstown Bunker, as a site of State and National significance.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.6**  
**(1052)**

**MANAGING FOOTPATHS**  
**CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council investigate and provide a briefing on pedestrian accidents that have occurred over the last 18 months on both local street and shopping village footpaths, with the briefing to indicate the number of those incidents reported, their causes and the action taken by Council to help ensure that these accidents are less likely to occur again.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.7**  
**(1053)**

**NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION**  
**CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council promotes the National Breast Cancer Foundation and their Road to 2030: zero deaths from breast cancer by 2030.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.8**  
**MOTION**

**1 DONOVAN STREET REVESBY HEIGHTS**  
**CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

That Council write to the NSW Government, requesting the Sydney Region Development Fund acquire 1 Donovan Street Revesby Heights for the purpose of creating more open space in the City.

**AMENDMENT**

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

That Council once again write to the NSW Government, requesting the Sydney Region Development Fund acquire 1 Donovan Street Revesby Heights for the purpose of creating more open space in the City.

**CLR ZAKHIA:/ CLR ISHAC ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENT AS THE MOTION.**

**(1054)**

**CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council once again write to the NSW Government, requesting the Sydney Region Development Fund acquire 1 Donovan Street Revesby Heights for the purpose of creating more open space in the City.

- CARRIED

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**SECTION 11: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**(1055) MATTER OF URGENCY**  
**CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that urgency be permitted and Item 11.5 be considered in confidential session.

- CARRIED

**(1056) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

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, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 Revesby Commuter Carpark

*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 - 17 Wangee Road, Lakemba

*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 11.3 T75-20 Canterbury Town Centre Stage 2 - Intersection Upgrade and Underpass Construction

*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.*

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Item 11.4 Organisational Structure

*This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals.*

Item 11.5 Voyager Point Footbridge

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

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 6.53 PM AND  
REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.02 PM.**

**ITEM 11.1**                    **REVESBY COMMUTER CARPARK**  
**(1057)**                    **CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that the General Manager be delegated to finalise negotiations of the matter as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.2**                    **PROPERTY MATTER - 17 WANGEE ROAD, LAKEMBA**  
**(1058)**                    **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. MADIRAZZA**

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

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.3**                    **T75-20 CANTERBURY TOWN CENTRE STAGE 2 - INTERSECTION UPGRADE AND**  
**(1059)**                    **UNDERPASS CONSTRUCTION**  
**CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. EISLER**

RESOLVED that

1. Council accepts the tender received from Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd for an amount of \$8,960,906.20 (excluding GST) for T75-20 Canterbury Town Centre Stage 2.
2. The General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council's resolution, as required.

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3. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.4 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

**(1060) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.5 VOYAGER POINT FOOTBRIDGE**

In respect of Item 11.5 – Voyager Point Footbridge, Clr Tuntevski declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to his employment with Liverpool City Council and he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

CLR TUNTEVSKI TEMPORARILY LEFT THE MEETING AT 6.55PM AND RETURNED AT 7.02PM.

**(1061) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC**

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

- CARRIED

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.03 P.M**

Minutes confirmed 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

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Mayor