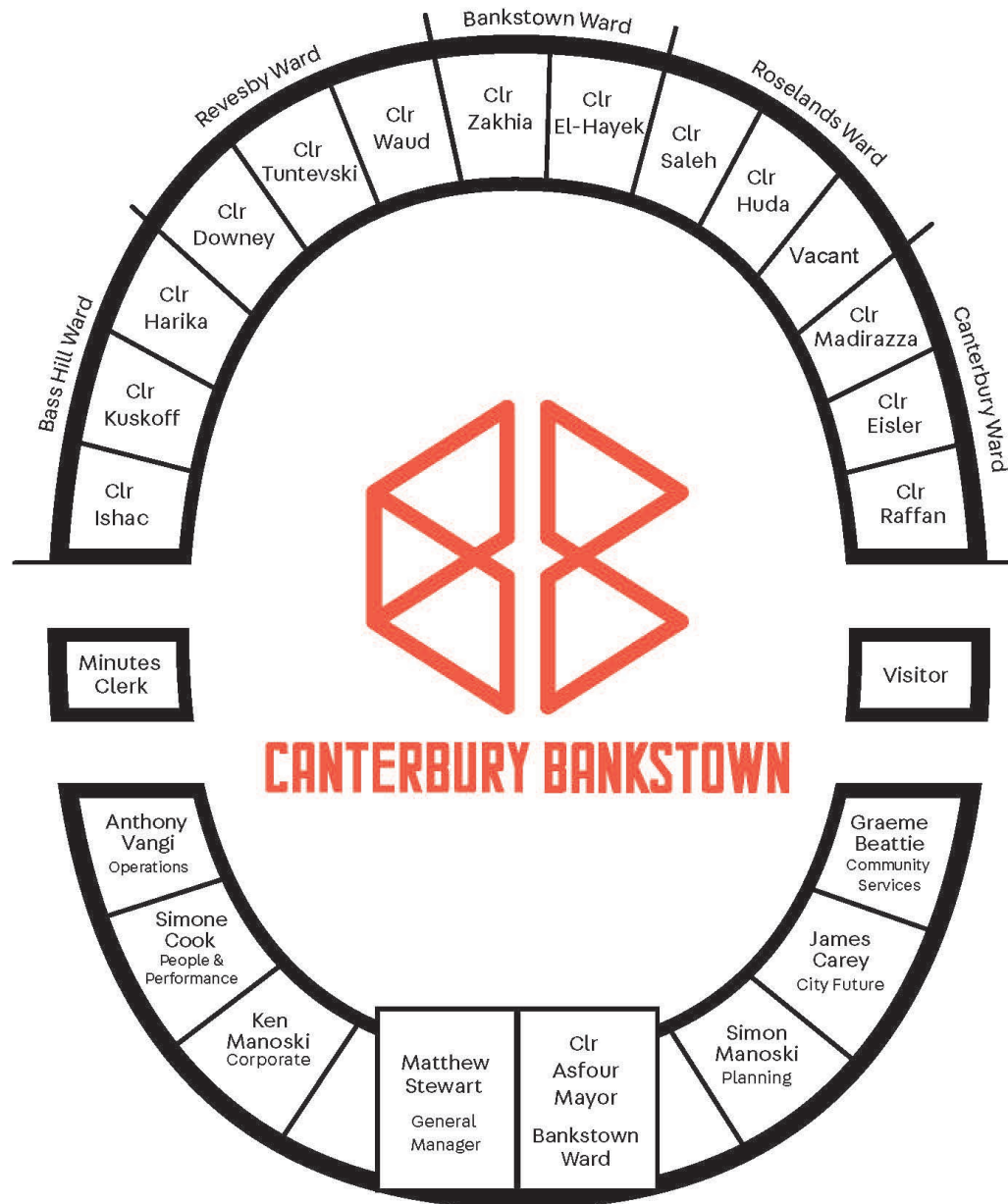




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27 October 2020

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

The following minutes are submitted for confirmation -

- 1.1    Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 22 September 2020..... 7
- 1.2    Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council of 28 September 2020.....25



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

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

**APOLOGIES** Councillor Tuntevski

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.03 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.

**REF: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**(1062) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 August 2020 be adopted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**(1063) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. HUDA**

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

- CARRIED

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

In respect of Item 4.4 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr El-Hayek declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to his employers relationship with Community Support Services Incorporated and he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

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**SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 4.1 SCRAPPING FEES**  
**(1064) CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that due to the impact of COVID-19 Council waive field hire fees and charges in the amount of \$261,920 that are owed by organisations for the 2020 winter season.

The following table lists fees and charges to be waived:

Organisation	Fee Waiver	Organisation	Fee Waiver
Bankstown District Amateur Football Association	\$ 96,730.00	Bankstown District Baseball Association	\$ 1,777.00
Canterbury District Soccer Football Association	\$ 50,052.50	NSW Churches Football Association	\$ 1,755.00
Canterbury Bankstown District Junior Rugby League	\$ 25,793.50	Bankstown Sports Baseball Club	\$ 1,661.00
Bankstown Berries Football Club	\$ 10,729.50	St George Junior Rugby League Inc	\$ 1,555.50
Bankstown City Football Club (Lions)	\$ 23,905.00	Kids on Bikes	\$ 1,204.00
Bankstown City Netball Association	\$ 5,652.00	Waratah Masters Cycling Club	\$ 1,204.00
Bankstown Sports Athletics Club	\$ 5,360.50	Bankstown Sports Junior AFL	\$ 1,120.50
Georges River Softball Association	\$ 4,700.00	Bankstown Sports Hockey Club	\$ 1,120.50
Bankstown Sports Cycling Club	\$ 4,257.00	Western Suburbs Junior AFL	\$ 1,120.50
Canterbury Oztag Association	\$ 4,190.00	East Hills Oztag Association	\$ 1,047.50
Sydney Junior Winter Cricket	\$ 3,714.50	Canterbury Touch Football Association	\$ 838.00



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Sydney Morning Cricket Association	\$ 3,172.50	AFL/ NSW/ACT	\$ 684.00
Lidcombe Auburn Cycling Club	\$ 2,408.00	St George Baseball Association	\$ 631.00
Bankstown Touch Association	\$ 2,320.00	Woodstock Runners	\$ 557.00
Sydney Olympic Football Club	\$ 2,115.50	Ashbury Netball Club	\$ 544.00

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.2                      TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS**

**(1065)                      CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council support the initiative to engage with business community and restaurant owners about what, if any, changes are needed to assist them with their recovery from Covid 19.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.3                      ARTS, CULTURE & ECOLOGY**

**(1066)                      CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council appoint Mr Costa Georgiadis as an ambassador and patron of the Bankstown Arts Centre.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.4                      LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

In respect of Item 4.4 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr El-Hayek declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to his employers relationship with Community Support Services Incorporated and he vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate.

CLR EL HAYEK TEMPORARILY LEFT THE MEETING AT 6.15 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.16 PM.

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**(1067)**

**CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that –

1. Council support the request from Steps of Hope through a \$2,370 contribution, comprising of a \$2,000 donation and fee waiver of \$370.00 for the use of Bass Hill Car Park and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.
2. Council support the request from Community Support Services through a \$300 donation.
3. These funds to be made available from Council's Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 5:**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

**(1068)**

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

RESOLVED that permission be granted to those people who have made the necessary application to address Council for five minutes.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 5.1**

**APPLICATION TO AMEND BANKSTOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2015: 1  
LEICESTER STREET, CHESTER HILL (CHESTER SQUARE)**

MRS TANIA MIHAILUK (MEMBER FOR BANKSTOWN) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

CLR. DOWNEY TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 6.22 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.24 PM.

**(1069)**

**CLR. HUDA:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that an extension of two minutes be given to Mrs Mihailuk to address Council.

- CARRIED.

MR ISSA ELKORDI (RESIDENT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

MR. GARY ROSER (RESIDENT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

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**(1070)**

**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that an extension of two minutes be given to Mr Roser to address Council.

- CARRIED.

MR. AARON SUTHERLAND (TOWN PLANNER FOR THE APPLICANT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

MR. ROYDON NG (RESIDENT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

MR. NICHOLAS TURNER (ARCHITECT FOR THE APPLICANT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

CLR. EL-HAYEK TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.30 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.32 PM.

**MOTION**

**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. HUDA**

That –

1. Council prepare and submit a planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to seek a Gateway Determination for amendments to Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015 as follows:
  - a. Permit a range of maximum building heights of up to 62m
  - b. Permit a maximum Floor Space Ratio of up to 4.53:1
  - c. Require a site specific design excellence clause
  - d. The provision of affordable housing and public benefits set out in the planning agreement
2. Council seek authority from the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment to exercise the delegation in relation to the plan making functions under Section 3.36(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
3. Subject to the issue of a Gateway Determination, and before the proposal is exhibited:
  - a. Council negotiate a more substantial public benefit offer with the proponent as outlined in this report and in light of the intensity of development proposed. This should include a contribution to the broader strategic planning review for Chester Hill, supply of up to 15% of dwellings within the development for affordable housing, and contributions to further local infrastructure.
  - b. A design excellence clause be applied that ensures any redevelopment is of high quality.
  - c. A public domain plan be prepared for Chester Hill to identify the required works and cost the embellishment of Waldron Road, Frost Lane and Charles Place. This will include investigation of the feasibility

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of the proposed expansion of Charles Place and associated land acquisition costs and cost recovery mechanisms available to council.

- d. A site-specific DCP be prepared to further define the form of the development and development controls as outlined in this report which may result in a reduction to the maximum height and FSR of the proposal. This will include further analysis on urban design and architectural form including additional north/south and east/west connectivity within and surrounding sites.
  - e. The applicant to undertake further traffic, economic, architectural and urban design work as outlined in this report.
  - f. Council negotiate a financial contribution from the proponent for the provision of accessibility lifts at Chester Hill railway station, and that Transport for NSW be engaged with respect to taking that contribution and providing accessibility lifts at Chester Hill station and the outcome of these negotiations are to be brought back to Council in the next steps.
4. After the planning proposal has been exhibited, a report be provided to Council outlining submissions received and the applicant's response to the issues raised in this report.

**AMENDMENT**

**CLR. KUSKOFF:/CLR. DOWNEY**

The matter be deferred until the four recommendations made by the Local Planning Panel on 17 August 2020 are completely finalised before the matter is brought back to Council for consideration.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST.**

AT THIS STAGE CLR RAFFAN REQUESTED THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 3.g. Council undertake additional community and stakeholder engagement post Gateway but prior to additional studies being prepared and that the outcomes of this consultation be used to inform the additional studies prior to formal public exhibition as required by the Gateway.

CLR ISHAC AND CLR HUDA ACCEPTED CLR RAFFAN'S AMENDMENT BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION.

AT THIS STAGE CLR SALEH REQUESTED THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 3.h. Council ensures that local Community Support organisations (such as Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre and others) be specifically engaged as a stakeholder group as part of the early additional consultation.

CLR ISHAC AND CLR HUDA ACCEPTED CLR SALEH'S AMENDMENT BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION.

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AT THIS STAGE CLR ZAKHIA REQUESTED THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 3.i. That Council's exhibition notifications are available in the top 5 languages for our City on Councils website and that this notification provide detailed information on the proposal including the key changes to planning rules and how to access more information and assistance in any language.

CLR ISHAC AND CLR HUDA ACCEPTED CLR ZAKHIA'S AMENDMENT BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION.

AT THIS STAGE HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR REQUESTED THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 3.j. Council negotiate and enter into a local content agreement with the proponent to ensure local jobs and training of local residents is delivered and local firms selected during the construction of the proposal and that this agreement be entered into prior to any work being undertaken on the site.
- 3.k. Council establish a community voice panel (comprising a random selection process to establish a panel representative of the community) to be independently chaired and funded by the proponent. The panel is to operate post Gateway to provide feedback and input into the studies to be completed in the next steps.

CLR ISHAC AND CLR HUDA ACCEPTED CLR ASFOUR'S AMENDMENT BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION.

**(1071)**

**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. HUDA**

RESOLVED that

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- 2. Council seek authority from the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment to exercise the delegation in relation to the plan making functions under Section 3.36(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

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  - b. A design excellence clause be applied that ensures any redevelopment is of high quality.
  - c. A public domain plan be prepared for Chester Hill to identify the required works and cost the embellishment of Waldron Road, Frost Lane and Charles Place. This will include investigation of the feasibility of the proposed expansion of Charles Place and associated land acquisition costs and cost recovery mechanisms available to council.
  - d. A site-specific DCP be prepared to further define the form of the development and development controls as outlined in this report which may result in a reduction to the maximum height and FSR of the proposal. This will include further analysis on urban design and architectural form including additional north/south and east/west connectivity within and surrounding sites.
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  - f. Council negotiate a financial contribution from the proponent for the provision of accessibility lifts at Chester Hill railway station, and that Transport for NSW be engaged with respect to taking that contribution and providing accessibility lifts at Chester Hill station and the outcome of these negotiations are to be brought back to Council in the next steps.
  - g. Council undertake additional community and stakeholder engagement post Gateway but prior to additional studies being prepared and that the outcomes of this consultation be used to inform the additional studies prior to formal public exhibition as required by the Gateway.
  - h. Council ensures that local Community Support organisations (such as Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre and others) be specifically engaged as a stakeholder group as part of the early additional consultation.
  - i. That Council's exhibition notifications are available in the top 5 languages for our City on Councils website and that this notification provide detailed information on the proposal including the key changes to planning rules and how to access more information and assistance in any language.
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- k. Council establish a community voice panel (comprising a random selection process to establish a panel representative of the community) to be independently chaired and funded by the proponent. The panel is to operate post Gateway to provide feedback and input into the studies to be completed in the next steps.
- 4. After the planning proposal has been exhibited, a report be provided to Council outlining submissions received and the applicant's response to the issues raised in this report.

- CARRIED

**For:-** Clrs Asfour, Eisler, Huda, Ishac, Madirazza, Raffan, Saleh, Waud and Zakhia

**Against:-** Clrs Downey, El-Hayek, Harika and Kuskoff

**SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**(1072) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of the Governance and Administration Matters, Service and Operational Matters, Committee Reports and Notices of Motions.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 7.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW - ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS**

**(1073) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

- 1. Council endorse the draft motions as detailed in the report.
- 2. The Mayor be delegated authority to nominate voting delegates for the 2020 LGNSW Conference.

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- CARRIED

**ITEM 7.2**                      **STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**  
**(1074)**                        **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council note the progress of the implementation of projects funded through the Stronger Communities Fund.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 7.3**                      **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020**  
**(1075)**                        **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1.     The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 August 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**                      **RELEASE OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND CREATION OF A NEW DRAINAGE**  
**(1076)**                        **EASEMENT FOR 246 MILLER ROAD, VILLAWOOD**  
**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1.     Council consents to the release of the 3.05m drainage easement and creation of a new 4.0 m wide drainage easement at 246 Miller Road, Villawood.
2.     The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign all relevant documentation, under the common seal of council, as required.



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- CARRIED

**SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM 9.1 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**(1077) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 8 September 2020, be adopted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.2 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**  
**ON 12 AUGUST 2020**  
**(1078) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 12 August 2020, be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

**ITEM 10.1 NOTICE OF MOTIONS**  
**(1079) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.2**  
**(1080)**

**YOUTH WEEK APRIL 2021**  
**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council considers incorporating, as part of its Youth Week 2021 activities, support for parents supporting young people with mental health challenges following COVID-19.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.3**  
**(1081)**

**CANTERBURY HOSPITAL**  
**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council continues to support the local Canterbury Hospital Redevelopment Campaign by supporting the recent Canterbury Hospital petition launched by local State representatives Sophie Cotsis MP, Member for Canterbury, Jihad Dib MP, Member for Lakemba, and Jo Haylen MP, Member for Summer Hill.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.4**  
**(1082)**

**UNREGISTERED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES**  
**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council, through Council's established communication channels, informs the community of the best methods to report abandoned vehicles throughout our City.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.5**  
**(1083)**

**SWOOPING MAGPIES**  
**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council investigates the most appropriate way of alerting residents and users of public places, including parks, playgrounds, sporting fields and cycleways, to the presence of reported swooping magpies.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.1**                      **PROMOTING CBCITY AS A DESTINATION**  
**(1084)**                        **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council investigate the development of a promotional campaign that encourages those that live outside our City to come and experience the unique diversity of our many cultures, food, town centres and attractions.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.7**                      **COMMUNITY WELLBEING**  
**(1085)**                        **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council promotes the importance of mental wellbeing and the local services available to support our community in improving their mental wellbeing, specifically in response to and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.8**                      **SCHOOL ZONE MAINTENANCE SHORTFALL**  
**(1086)**                        **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council write to the Minister for Transport, requesting an urgent review of the condition of school zone signage and line marking and detail of how school zone signage and line marking is to be maintained for schools in our LGA.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.9**                      **FITZPATRICK PARK - GEORGES RIVER NATIONAL PARK**  
**(1087)**                        **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council writes to the NSW Government, seeking advice on the current status of the bush regeneration activities being undertaken in Fitzpatrick Park in the Georges River National Park, particularly when they are expected to be completed and how weeds and invasive species are to be managed throughout the duration of the regeneration activities.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.10**  
**(1088)**

**BILL DELAUNEY RESERVE**  
**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council support St Christopher's Junior Rugby League Club in their quest for a new club house at Bill Delauney Reserve and advocate to the State and Federal Government for funding to enable the delivery of this much needed new infrastructure.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.11**  
**(1089)**

**STAMPING OUT RACISM IN LOCAL SPORTS**  
**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council promotes a "Harmony in Sport" campaign, rejecting racism of all types and kinds in sport.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.12**  
**(1090)**

**CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council assist the campaign to stop Adani's Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project by:

1. Writing to companies that are both on The Adani List and that also currently have contracts with Council, asking for their position on Adani's Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail, and encouraging these companies to rule out working on Adani's Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project.
2. Calling on the NSW Government to develop and introduce purchasing guidelines to provide consistent direction to councils across the state on reflecting ethical criteria in their procurement practices.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.13**                      **ENCOURAGING NATIVE INSECTS IN URBAN AREAS**  
**(1091)**                              **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council investigates utilising one of the Streets as Shared Spaces installations to communicate the importance of native plants, bees and butterflies in the urban environment.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.14**                      **SANDAKAN ROAD - COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE**  
**(1092)**                              **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the General Manager investigate the making and placement of a "Sandakan" commemorative plaque for the Hero's Hill War Memorial located at Sandakan Road, Revesby Heights.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.15**                      **KENNEDY ST & FERNDAL RD ROUND-A-BOUT**  
**(1093)**                              **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council investigate the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Kennedy Street and Ferndale Road, Panania.

- CARRIED

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

**(1094)**                              **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, 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:

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Item 11.1 T01-20 Tender for Tree Pruning Services

*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.*

Item 11.2 RFP01-21 - Placement and Management of Clothing Bins on Council Land

*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.*

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 8.30 PM AND  
REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 8.31 PM.**

**ITEM 11.1**  
**(1095)**

**T01-20 TENDER FOR TREE PRUNING SERVICES**

**CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. HUDA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council accepts the tenders received from the following four companies to make up the Tree Pruning Service Panel for an initial term of three years, with the option to extend for two one-year periods subject to satisfactory performance of the contractors and approval under the delegation of the General Manager:
  - Treeserve Pty Ltd
  - Sydney Arbor Trees Pty. Limited
  - Waratah Lawncare And Garden Management Pty Ltd
  - B J's Tipper Hire Pty Ltd
2. The General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Councils resolution, as required.
3. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 11.2**                      **RFP01-21 - PLACEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF CLOTHING BINS ON COUNCIL LAND**

**(1096)**                         **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. WAUD**

RESOLVED that

1. Council accepts the proposal received from Youthsafe for a period of up to two years.
2. The General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council's resolution, as required.
3. Council notifies the unsuccessful proponents in writing and thank them for their proposals.

- CARRIED

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.32 PM**

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

**PRESENT BY AUDIO**  
**VISUAL LINK:** Councillors Kuskoff, Ishac, Zakhia, Waud, Huda, Eisler, Madirazza

**APOLOGIES** Councillor Tuntevski

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.05 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**

**(1097)**

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

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

- CARRIED

**SECTION 1: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 1.1**

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

**(1098)**

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

RESOLVED that

1. Council elect a Deputy Mayor for period September 2020 to September 2021.
2. The fee for the Deputy Mayor be set at 20% of the Mayoral fee per annum for the term of office.
3. In accordance with Section 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the General Manager, as the Returning Officer be requested to administer the Election of the Deputy Mayor.

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4. In the event that there be more than one (1) nomination the method of voting be open voting.

- CARRIED

The Returning Officer called for nominations in writing for the office of Deputy Mayor for the period September 2020 to September 2021.

The following nominations were received:-

CLR MADIRAZZA  
CLR HARIKA

**AN OPEN BALLOT WAS CONDUCTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

CLR MADIRAZZA	5 VOTES
CLR HARIKA	8 VOTES

**THE RETURNING OFFICER THEN DECLARED CLR HARIKA ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 2021.**

CLR KUSKOFF RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 6.15 PM.

CLR WAUD TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 6.20 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.27 PM.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.30 PM.**

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Mayor

## **2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**



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



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### ITEM 4.1                      Womens Refuge

Domestic Violence is never an easy subject to talk about.

But it's a sad reality there's not a day goes by without hearing of a woman being killed or assaulted at the hands of their partner.

It is true men are also victims of domestic violence, but the majority of cases relate to women.

Community support groups tell me the cases we hear about are the ones that are reported but there are many, many others who suffer abuse in silence. Fear of speaking out, fear of family shame, fear of lack of financial support and fear of the unknown consequences.

Here at Canterbury Bankstown, Linking Hearts, operated by the Muslim Women's Association at Lakemba holds the State Funded contract for DV services. They provide domestic violence and homelessness support to women and their families.

They are not alone, there are many other organisations that partner with them to assist with safe and supported crisis accommodation, rehousing and support with complex needs. But despite all this Linking Hearts operates one 'safe haven' accommodation unit.

Councillors, we need to do more.

In 1975, the first women's refuge was opened in Bankstown. It was named the Betsy Women's refuge after one of the three local pioneering women who helped fund it using their housekeeping money.

Council also played its part initially granting \$15,000 a year to assist. And when dozens of families were being turned away each week, Council decided to gift a block of land at Hillcrest Ave Greenacre, so another safe refuge could be built. Sadly, the Betsy Women's refuge shut its doors in 2003.

Tonight, I propose Council opens discussions with the Revesby Workers Club who have set aside a "safe house" for a local group Women's Shelter which will be used to accommodate up to six women and their families. My understanding is the Club will need to carry out extensive renovations, some hundreds of thousands of dollars to upgrade the property. I resolve we explore opportunities with the club to seek State and Federal Government grants.

I also propose donations from the next Mayoral Ball, whenever that will be, go towards the costs of running the shelter.



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### ITEM 4.2                      Australia Day Honours

It's hard to believe, but it is that time of the year again when we call on people to nominate someone, they believe has made a real difference in the community. And never has it been more important than following this most difficult year.

Selfless local heroes who don't seek recognition, or fame but deserve our gratitude and thanks in our Australia Day honours list.

People from all walks of life who do what they do out of a commitment to the community and love for others.

Carers of the elderly and the disabled, volunteers, community leaders, mentors and role models. Someone who makes a real difference in your life, or the life of others.

It's your chance to acknowledge and recognise them and I encourage you all to make the effort and nominate those that are deserving.

The award categories include

- Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Volunteer of the Year; and
- Community Organisation of the Year
- Jack Munday Environment and Heritage Award

Councillors, tonight I propose we go out to the community seeking nominations for those categories and our newest category, The Jack Munday Environment and Heritage Award.

If you recall, Council resolved to establish the award in honour of the late Jack Munday, an environmental warrior long before it became fashionable. He was the father of the green bans and was instrumental in saving homes at the historic Rocks, Centennial Park and Kings Cross.

The awards will be announced at the Australia Day Ceremony when a group of residents will also proudly become Australian Citizens.

Nominations will open soon, and all details will be available on Council's website. In all that this year has brought, I look forward to the joy of reviewing the stories of these unsung heroes and indeed of the day itself.



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### ITEM 4.3                      Parking Passes

We all know and acknowledge the great work our frontline health workers have done in ensuring the community gets the best possible care during the pandemic. But as restrictions slowly start to ease, we must remember that these doctors, nurses, and many others are still working around the clock for us.

The virus is still active and remains a threat to us all. We have played a small part in helping healthcare workers by allowing them to park in timed zones around Canterbury and Bankstown-Lidcombe hospitals for their entire shift without incurring a fine. This gesture has been overwhelmingly received by all concerned. But these parking passes are due to expire on 31 October 2020.

So tonight, Councillors, I propose we extend the period of the current parking passes by six months until 31 March 2021. While things are looking positive and restrictions are beginning to once again ease, the reality is while many of us be feeling this release, our healthcare workers have a long road ahead.

I also intend to write to the General Managers of both hospitals, inform them of our decision and thank them and their staff for their service to the community.

I want them to know they haven't been forgotten and we appreciate all they do.



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### **ITEM 4.4                      Boomtown Summit**

As the shackles and restrictions are slowly being eased, it is very clear that the recovery of our economy post COVID will rely on jobs, jobs and more jobs. And the key to fast jobs creation will be a focus on infrastructure projects.

We have an opportunity to participate and play a significant role in a Road to Recovery summit which will be held at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour on Wednesday, 9 December 2020.

Aptly named Boomtown, the summit's focus will be on how Western Sydney can lead the economic bounce back and create the opportunities and jobs needed for our community.

Prominent speakers and industry leaders, including the Transport and Planning Ministers will tackle and explore initiatives needed to spark a resurgence. From the future transport strategies and infrastructure projects, sustainability agendas to health and education opportunities, all will be open for discussion.

This summit will provide an opportunity for our City to play a major role alongside key decision makers and to also present some of the key projects which we need vital funding to get off the ground. To play a role, Council will need to sponsor the event at a cost of \$20,000.

Councillors, tonight I propose we get behind this summit and join others to sponsor this initiative which will undoubtedly and deservedly, elevate our City, create exposure, create opportunities and give us a loud voice at the table. And let's drive the Road to Recovery here to Canterbury Bankstown.





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### ITEM 4.5

### Oz Harvest

I'm going to kick off my next Mayoral Minute with this slogan: **"Because Love has no expiry date"**. We should pause and think about that for a minute and think how true that is of life.

That slogan is actually from OZ Harvests latest promotional campaign to get people thinking about donating, or indeed reaching out for a helping hand. Like another of their campaigns, "Stop the Rot" . . . this one certainly resonated with me, as I'm sure it does with you.

For those of you not familiar with OZ Harvest, it was founded in 2004 and is Australia's leading food rescue organisation. Its main aim is to collect quality excess food from businesses like Woolworths, Coles and Farmers Fresh and others and to deliver them to the many needy charitable organisations across the country. It survives on donations and the goodwill of thousands of volunteers and organisations.

In fact, they have delivered more than 120 million meals to something like 1300 charities and in doing so, saved some 44 tonnes of food being dumped.

Councillors we need to support organisations like OZ Harvest as they support many charitable groups in our City.

We have received a request from them to operate their hamper/food support at the Lakemba Senior Citizens Centre every Tuesday from 8am to 3pm from November 3<sup>rd</sup> until June 1<sup>st</sup> next year.

They have chosen the Lakemba location as their newest venue as they have identified a real need for this service in our community.

So tonight, I am proposing that Council waives the hire cost of the hall which amounts to \$2,929.50 for the 31 weeks. A small investment for Council that will make a huge difference for those in need in our City.



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### ITEM 4.6

### Housing Numbers

A lot has been said and written about housing targets, not only in our LGA but across all Councils.

And I don't blame residents for feeling confused as they are constantly receiving misinformation in their letter boxes from politician's intent on scoring some cheap political points. They should know better and I'm calling them out for being Wrong, Reckless and Reluctant.

Wrong in the information they are spreading. Reckless in spreading it. Reluctant to pull back, for whatever reason.

Councillors, I note, and I'm sure most of you would also have been following with much interest, the goings on between the Ku-ring-gai Council and the Minister for Planning Rob Stokes. The Liberal Mayor has taken exception to the housing targets set by her own party and has moved not to implement them.

This has prompted a swift response from the Planning Minister warning the Council, and indeed all other councils, that if they don't want to lead planning for growth at a local level, it will simply mean the Government will need to take more direct action.

Mr Stokes told Ku-ring-gai Council that if they don't want to take on that responsibility, they are welcome to ask the Government to do the work for them.

I will now table a copy of the letter from Mr Stokes to the Ku-ring-gai Mayor.

Councillors, this isn't about playing politics or grandstanding but about setting the record straight about the housing targets and Council's role in implementing what the NSW Government has determined for our LGA.

Our Council should be proud of the work it has achieved in this space and more importantly acknowledge that it is because of this work, we have ensured the community has had a say in planning matters. It is true we were set unreasonable targets but through consultation with several stakeholders and the community we managed to convince the Government to reduce the targets and landed some 10,000 dwellings fewer than was expected.

That meant we controlled the planning process and gave our community a greater say.

Tonight, I propose that Council continues its campaign to inform residents about our housing strategy and tackles any misinformation or mistruths about planning that are being spread throughout the community.



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### ITEM 4.7

### Stronger Communities Fund

Tonight, I wish to again raise a matter of significant concern and injustice, not only for our community, but for many communities across the state. I refer of course to the Stronger Communities Fund – Tied Grants Program. I made a commitment to residents to pursue the injustice of our City missing out on millions of dollars in grants under the Stronger Communities Fund scheme.

Our City was rorted, and I have made my position clear through media appearances, writing to the NSW Government, calling on the Auditor General and the ICAC to investigate and more recently giving evidence before an upper house inquiry.

But justice is yet to be served!

As you will recall, I raised this issue in my Minute to the August 2020 Ordinary meeting.

We have sought advice from one of this country's brightest legal minds, Brett Walker SC, and have now had some initial discussions on the possibility of challenging this enormous injustice.

There is an appetite to challenge this and an opportunity, I believe, to draw a line in the sand, set a precedent and hold this Government to account.

Of course, it is not appropriate to disclose the substance of the legal advice received to date for reasons of legal professional privilege. Having said that, it is my understanding that it is arguable that the Stronger Communities Fund has involved the illegal expenditure of public moneys.

Whilst a legal challenge will not result in the refund of any monies spent to date or an order requiring the Government to pay money to Council, what is perhaps of greater importance is that a successful challenge would require the Government to reconsider its appropriation and spending practices in future and thereby avoid this injustice ever happening again.

But this is not just about our community and the injustice they have suffered; this is about all of NSW and while we're still awaiting final written advice and an estimate of costs to take legal action, what will be of great assistance is unity of the sector in addressing this.

So tonight, I propose we write to aggrieved councils, those who missed out on vital funding, and LGNSW, with the intention of gaining their support and financial assistance to pursue the matter, collectively, so we can fight for all our communities.

Further I propose we resolve that the General manager report back to Council on the written legal advice, once received, the likely financial commitment to pursue legal action and the willingness of other councils or the wider industry to support us, ultimately for the purpose of making the decision to proceed or not.

We need to exhaust all avenues to uphold the integrity of grants schemes and to ensure that justice is delivered.

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### **ITEM 4.8                      Local Community Based Donations**

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

#### **Zia Forum Australia**

Zia Forum Australia an incorporated entity aim to support the Bangladesh community and their social activities. They have asked for financial assistance to run their Women Mindful and Relaxation Program which will be held at Parry Park Hall on the 14th of November 2020.

I recommend that Council support Zia Forum Australia through a \$1,000 donation, and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.

#### **Mirath in Mind**

Mirath, a not-for-profit organisation established in 2010 to promote and keep alive the cultural legacies of the arts, heritage and culture of the Arab and Lebanese communities in Australia.

The Mirath in Mind will be staging a mini concert event entitled "Beirut mon Amour" which translates to "Beirut my beloved" and will officially mark their 10th Anniversary with aim of broadcasting via live stream through TV channels other social media outlets.

I recommend that Council support Mirath through a \$1,000 donation, and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.

#### **Lebanese Muslim Association (LMA)**

During September the Lebanese Muslim Association held several special congregational prayer events throughout the month at the Lakemba Mosque.

This saw a significant increase in visitation and support for the Lakemba Mosque. The use of Parry Park for overflowing car parking allows the Mosque to safely manage this increased demand and minimise, so far as is possible, the impact on the surrounding community.

I recommend that Council support the LMA by waiving the fees for the use of Parry Park associated with overflow carparking of \$310, and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.

## **Padstow Community Care**

Padstow Community Care are committed to helping the most vulnerable in our communities. Many are struggling with everyday financial needs, emotional and mental health concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic issues that have followed. Community Care is raising funds to assist the community through their annual Spring Fundraiser.

This year there will be three teams raising funds for the Padstow Community Care Recreational Spring Fundraiser comprising of dedicated cyclists, runners and swimmers, most of whom are from the Canterbury Bankstown area all using their skills to help raise much needed funds for those in need in our local community.

Accordingly, I recommend that Council support Padstow Community Care with a \$500 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 Belfield Small Village Master Plan - Pilot Project	51
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### **ITEM 5.1                      Belfield Small Village Master Plan - Pilot Project**

**AUTHOR                      Planning**

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

Canterbury Bankstown is made up of 34 centres, ranging from small village centres such as Belfield right through to our two strategic centres, the Bankstown City Centre and Campsie Town Centre. The current master planning program largely focuses on the city's larger centres and those likely to experience significant change over the coming years.

However, it is important the city also considers its smaller centres, that may not necessarily be experiencing significant drivers for change, but do present an opportunity and need for renewal and revitalisation to support the needs and expectations of the community.

The purpose of the Belfield Small Village Master Plan is to act as a pilot project for undertaking the master planning of Canterbury Bankstown's small centres to concurrently deliver them alongside the existing and evolving program of Master Planning for larger centres across the City.

#### **ISSUE**

Due to committed Government, institutional and private sector investment in our centres being largely focused around the centres between Canterbury and Bankstown along the planned Sydney Metro South West alignment, particularly in the city's two strategic centres of Bankstown and Campsie, the existing program of Master Planning is focused on Bankstown, Campsie, Belmore, Lakemba, Canterbury, Punchbowl and Wiley Park between 2020 and 2023.

Under the existing master planning program however, a number of smaller centres across the City, will not be master planned for at least 3-5 years or more. Given the renewed shift in local activity brought about by COVID-19, it is important that social activity and economic revitalisation opportunities be delivered across the city, including in our smaller centres. Social activation and economic revitalisation and renewal provides the opportunity to reactivate these centres and provide more local business, investment and employment opportunities, whilst ensuring all of our community have access to a range of great places.

Belfield has been identified as an appropriate centre for this pilot program, given the opportunity it presents to facilitate activation of the main street, contribute to a greater diversity of housing, consider opportunities for improved public places and spaces and general enhancement to the amenity of the small village centre to meet the needs and expectations of the community and provide new business and investment opportunities.

## **RECOMMENDATION** That -

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1. Council endorses the undertaking of the Belfield Small Village Centre Master Plan as a Pilot Project as outlined in this report.
2. Council note that as part of the master planning process for Belfield, targeted engagement with the local residents and businesses in the form of community voice panels (or similar) will be undertaken to inform the master plan.
3. Council support the allocation of resources to deliver the pilot masterplan for Belfield as outlined in this report which will also be reported through the budget quarterly review process.
4. Council considers the implementation of a small centres master planning program and resourcing implications upon completion of the pilot project.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Nil

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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*Connective City 2036*, Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement, supported by Council's Housing and Employment Lands Studies, identifies the need and includes a number of actions, to master plan centres across the city in order to facilitate revitalisation, employment and housing across the city, with a large focus on centres.

Furthermore, both *Connective City 2036* and *CBCity 2028*, support renewal of Canterbury Bankstown's centres to make them more liveable, distinctive and sustainable places.

This project is consistent with Council's policy position to focus renewal, investment and improvement across the City's centres.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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This project will require commitment of additional resources to manage and fund the development of the Belfield Small Village Centre Master Plan. The following additional resources will be required:

- A temporary full time Urban Renewal Specialist role to oversee the project for 18 months.
- The commitment of funding to include at least the following:
  - Traffic and transport analysis
  - Community infrastructure needs analysis
  - Urban design
  - Community engagement

It is estimated that this work and resourcing will require approximately \$500,000 in funding.

Based on Council support for progressing the pilot masterplan for Belfield, the request for additional funds will be incorporated through the relevant budget quarterly review process.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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Council's 34 centres each have an important role to play in servicing the day to day needs of the community. Smaller centres provide a range of daily services and amenities, and can also be destinations for dining, specialist retail and other services. They also provide affordable places to establish and test small business propositions and contribute to the livelihood and attractiveness of their catchments.

Belfield is a centre with opportunity for further activation, and to improve the provision of public space and amenity through appropriate levels of renewal and investment. Improvements to this centre will support a more liveable and sustainable locality and improve the overall attractiveness of Belfield for the local community.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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### Overview of the pilot program for master planning of small centres

It is proposed to initiate a pilot program for master planning of small centres across Canterbury Bankstown. The current program of master planning focuses on centres experiencing government, institutional and private sector investment including Bankstown, Campsie, Belmore, Lakemba, Canterbury, Punchbowl and Wiley Park. These master plans will be delivered between 2020 and 2023, meaning that smaller centres are unlikely to be master planned until 2024 and beyond.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a renewed interest and expectation on the performance of local centres of all sizes, including our smaller centres, largely driven by convenience and accessibility. COVID-19 is likely to present a lasting legacy of communities spending more time using their local centres. This pilot program presents an opportunity for facilitating renewal, investment and improved place outcomes in our smaller centres which are serving the day to day needs of their community and provide a place for small business to be established and thrive.

In this regard, given the increasing demand being placed on our local centres it is only appropriate that planning is undertaken to improve their functionality and amenity and that core elements such as public domain and local services and facilities are reviewed to best meet local needs.

The pilot program will provide a test case for establishing a concurrent program of small centres master planning to run alongside the existing master planning program for larger centres.

The program will include:

- Community engagement targeted to local residents and businesses to understand expectations, needs and aspirations for each centre;
- Undertaking appropriate technical studies such as traffic and transport analysis, community infrastructure needs assessment, urban design analysis;
- Preparation of an urban design master plan and subsequent Planning Proposal for each centre;
- Updates to Council's infrastructure contributions planning to align infrastructure funding and delivery to anticipated growth.

It is anticipated each Master Plan and Planning Proposal will be developed over approximately 12-18 months, followed by a Gateway process with the NSW Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment, formal exhibition and implementation.

### Belfield Small Village Centre

Belfield is identified as a small village centre within *Connective City 2036*. Small village centres largely meet the day to day needs of the community living in the surrounding suburbs.

Belfield is largely a main-street centre which straddles the Canterbury Bankstown – Strathfield Local Government Area boundary. The small village centre is shown outlined in Figure 1 below.

North of Punchbowl Road/Georges River Road, there has been a number of recent and current residential flat building developments.

The centre provides a mix of convenience retail, local dining and other services and amenities, however lacks the provision of quality public or civic space. A master plan for this centre would allow the assessment of its role in terms of its retail and services, and identification of opportunities to enhance the centre's business and housing offering to create a more dynamic and liveable place.



**Figure 1. Belfield Small Village Centre**

It is proposed that a draft Master Plan and Planning Proposal be prepared through this program for consideration by Council and include the following technical studies and specialist input:

- Traffic and transport analysis
- Community infrastructure needs analysis
- Urban design
- Community engagement

This project will be managed by a temporary full time Urban Renewal Specialist, to be appointed by Council for 18 months.

## **Next steps**

The next steps in relation the Belfield Small Village Centre Master Plan and this Pilot Program include:

1. An urban renewal specialist to be appointed to oversee the program.
2. Technical specialists to be appointed to undertake analysis and studies to inform the Master Plan.
3. A draft master plan and planning proposal to be prepared for consideration by Council for submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment for Gateway Determination, followed by formal exhibition.
4. Upon completion of the draft master plan, Council to also consider an ongoing program for the master planning of small centres across the City.



## **6            POLICY MATTERS**

The following item is submitted for consideration -

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| 6.1    Community Gardens Policy and Nature Strip Gardens Policy | 59 |
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### **ITEM 6.1                      Community Gardens Policy and Nature Strip Gardens Policy**

**AUTHOR                      City Future**

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary/overview of the community feedback received on the draft Community Gardens Policy and Guidelines and the Nature Strip Gardens Policy and Guidelines, and to present the draft policies and guidelines for adoption.

#### **ISSUE**

At the Ordinary Meeting on 25 August 2020, Council resolved to place the draft Community Gardens Policy and Guidelines and the draft Nature Strip Gardens Policy and on public exhibition and that a further report be brought to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period, considering submission received.

The Draft policies and guidelines were placed on public exhibition on 1 September to 28 September 2020 for a period of 28 days. A total of 23 submissions were received during this period, resulting in an amendment to the Nature Strip Gardens Policy. All comments were reviewed and addressed, as outlined in the Detailed Information section of the report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the Nature Strip Gardens Policy and Community Gardens Policy and their associated guidelines.

#### **ATTACHMENTS                      [Click here for attachments](#)**

- A.     DRAFT-Nature Strip Gardens Policy
- B.     DRAFT-Guidelines for Establishing a Nature Strip Garden
- C.     DRAFT-Community Gardens Policy
- D.     DRAFT-Guidelines for Establishing Community Gardens
- E.     Community Gardens and Nature Strip Gardens Policies Public Exhibition & Community Feedback

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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The adoption of the draft policies and guidelines will provide an aligned approach to the establishment and management of resident-led garden and planting activities on Council owned and/or controlled land. The Nature Strip Gardens Policy would also supersede the former Canterbury Council policy.

The draft policies and guidelines would sit alongside Council's Nature Strip Mowing Policy and Commercial Use of Footways Policy and Guidelines.

The policies will not be applied retrospectively. All existing community and nature strip gardens must continue to adhere to their current formal approvals.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is no direct financial impact as a result of these policies.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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The Nature Strip Gardens and Community Gardens Policies provide the community with the opportunity to create green spaces in and around the places they live. For many residents, there is limited opportunity to grow plants for food or to engage in the identified health benefits of gardening. For these residents, nature strip or community gardens come with physical and mental health benefits including greater community engagement.

The key findings of the community feedback were that:

- *There was significant support for increased greening and native plantings across the city, it was felt that nature strip gardens could help achieve this; and*
- *Many felt the policies would allow for food to be grown more easily; one felt that this also should be replicated in Council maintained open space.*

The adoption of these Policies and Guidelines will also assist Canterbury Bankstown in combatting the impacts of climate change through the cooling effects of greater plant coverage.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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### Exhibition

The Draft Policies and Guidelines were on public exhibition from 1 September to 28 September 2020. The project was placed on the 'Have Your Say' webpage for the duration of the exhibition to both inform the community of the project and offer a chance to provide feedback. Notification was also provided in the local papers.

### Exhibition Results

Over the course of the public exhibition period, a total of 23 submissions were received. The results of the 'Have Your Say' engagement component included:

- 524 visits to the page;
- 23 completed surveys; and
- 38 uses of the quick poll function

Of the submissions received, two were relevant to review in relation to the policy position. Of these two submissions, one required a change to the Nature Strip Gardens Policy. This change was made to Section 5.2 of the draft Nature Strip Policy. The details are as follows:

- *"In the event a property with an approved nature strip garden is sold, then it is identified that responsibility to maintain the nature strip garden is not automatically transferred to the new owner(s)"*

All other submissions were reviewed and considered. No further amendments are proposed to the policies or guidelines.

Overall, all respondents supported the policies.

### Next Steps

Having considered the submissions, it is proposed that Council adopts the Nature Strip Gardens Policy and Guidelines and the Community Gardens Policy and Guidelines, and that these documents be made available on Council's Policy Register, and other relevant digital and printed forms.



## **7            GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

The following items are submitted for consideration -

7.1	Disclosure of Interest Returns 2019/20	65
7.2	Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 2020	69





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### ITEM 7.1                      Disclosure of Interest Returns 2019/20

**AUTHOR**                      Corporate

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Clause 4.21 of Councils Code of Conduct all Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged with the General Manager must be tabled at the first meeting of Council held after the last day for lodgement (30 September 2020).

#### **ISSUE**

Disclosure of Interest Returns of Councillors, Canterbury Bankstown Local Planning Panel (CBLPP) members and designated persons for 2019/20 are tabled for Council's notation.

Exceptions relate to officers who are on leave and will be followed up on their return.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the tabling of the Disclosure of interest Returns for 2019/20 be noted.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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This matter addresses Councils requirements under the Code of Conduct.

In accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and Regulations, Pecuniary Interest returns of Councillors and designated persons are open access information.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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This matter has no direct financial impact upon Councils adopted budget.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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This report demonstrates transparency in Local Government and ensures Council is accountable to the community and meets legislative requirements.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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Councillors and designated staff members are required to lodge a completed Disclosure of Interest Return form in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Conduct. Council's Code of Conduct sets out the following requirements for lodgement, registering and tabling the Returns:

- A councillor or designated person must make and lodge with the general manager a return in the form set out in schedule 2 of the Code of Conduct, disclosing the councillor's or designated person's interests as specified in schedule 1 of the Code:
  - (a) within 3 months after becoming a councillor or designated person,
  - (b) annually within three months of 30 June of each year, and
  - (c) on the councillor or designated person becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose that has not been previously disclosed in a lodged return
- A person must not make and lodge a return that the person knows or ought reasonably to know is false or misleading in a material particular
- The general manager must keep a register of returns required to be made and lodged with the general manager
- The register of returns must be tabled at a council meeting after the returns are lodged.
- Information contained in returns to be made publicly available.

Members of the Local Planning Panel are also required to lodge Disclosure of Interest returns in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Local Planning Panel members.

All Councillors, Local Planning Panel members and designated staff, with the exception of those staff members on leave, have lodged their Returns as required. The Register of Returns is tabled in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Conduct.



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### ITEM 7.2                      Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 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 30 September 2020.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**    That -

1.     The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 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.     Imperium Markets September 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

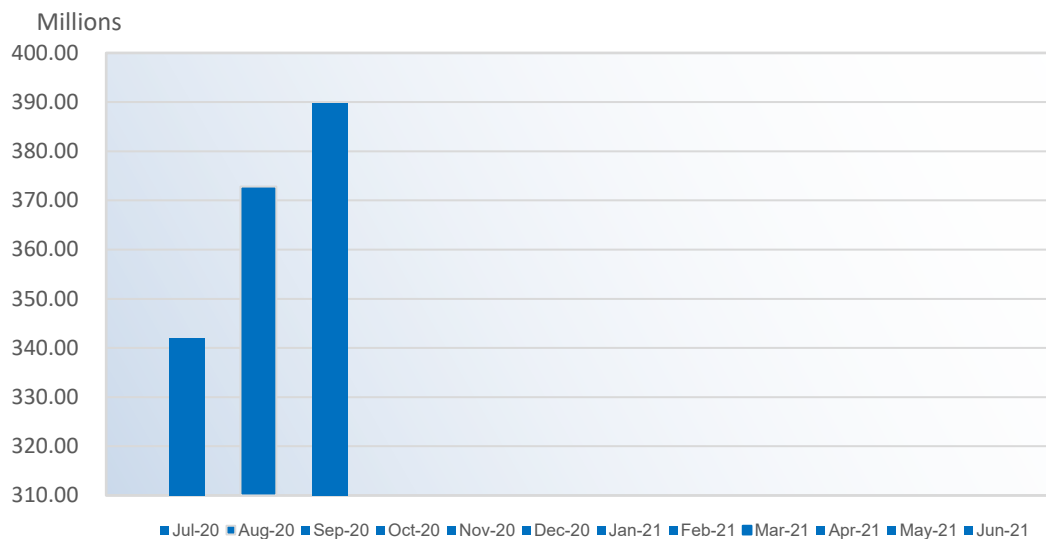
### Cash and Investment Summary – as at 30 September 2020

In total, Council's Cash and Investments holdings as at 30 September 2020 is as follows:

Cash and Investments	\$
Cash at Bank	8,457,670
Deposits at Call	58,571,045
Term Deposits	254,921,000
Floating Rate Notes	63,887,285
Bonds	4,000,000
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>389,837,000</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 2020 to June 2021.

Cash and Investment Rolling Monthly Balance 2020-2021



A summary of Council's investment interest income earned for the period to 30 September 2020 is as follows:

Interest Income	Sept 2020 \$	Year-to-date Sept 2020 \$
Budget	547,500	1,642,500
Actual Interest	510,105	1,600,618
Variance	(37,395)	(41,882)
Variance (%)	(6.83)	(2.55)

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>	17.2	100
<b>Working Capital Funds (0-3 months)</b>	6.3	100
<b>Short Term (3-12 months)</b>	20.5	100
<b>Short – Medium (1-2 years)</b>	22.0	70
<b>Medium (2-5 years)</b>	33.2	50
<b>Long Term (5-10 years)</b>	0.8	5
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	100%	

<b>Portfolio Allocation</b>	
	<b>Actual % of Portfolio</b>
<b>Cash at Bank</b>	2.2
<b>Deposits at Call</b>	15.00
<b>Term Deposits</b>	65.4
<b>Floating Rate Notes</b>	16.4
<b>Bonds</b>	1.00
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	100%



## **8 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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**ITEM 8.1**                      **Jack Munday/Green Bans Park**

**AUTHOR**                      **City Future**

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

This report outlines the recommended park to be named after Jack Munday as resolved by Council in May 2020. It also identifies the opportunity to undertake community consultation on this naming, along with the future design of the space.

### **ISSUE**

In May 2020 Council resolved to investigate a suitable park or green space, preferably in or near Croydon Park to be renamed Jack Munday/Green Bans Park.

Following a review of possible sites, 15 Close Street Canterbury was identified as a possible location. While the site is to be temporarily used by Sydney Metro as a compound site, it represents an ideal tribute to Mr Munday in the future. This provides an opportunity to not only undertake community consultation on the proposed naming, but more broadly and its future design for when it returns to Council's ownership.

### **RECOMMENDATION** That -

1. Council undertake community consultation on the proposal to name the future Park at 15 Close Street the 'Jack Munday Park'.
2. Council undertake community consultation to seek input into the future design for the community space at 15 Close Street.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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The proposed naming of 15 Close Street as 'Jack Munday Park' is consistent with Council's Naming Policy.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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This report does not directly have a financial impact. Any future design of 15 Close Street will be considered as part of a future Operational Plan budget process.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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15 Close Street will be used as a compound site until 2024 by Sydney Metro. On the completion of the works the site will be returned to Council. This provides an opportunity to convert the space into a functional Park. The proposal to name the site 'Jack Munday Park' is appropriate due to the history of the site, from the early proposal by the former Canterbury Council to redevelop the site as residential towers, to this Council's recent decision to now protect it as future open space. Community feedback will be sought on this proposed naming.

## DETAILED INFORMATION

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### Background

Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 May 2020 the following in honour of the life and contribution made by Jack Munday AO:

1. *Investigates a suitable park or green space, preferably in or near Croydon Park to be renamed Jack Munday/Green Bans Park, supported by photo and history signage at the location*

Jack Munday lived in the Canterbury region for the past 40 years. He spent more than three decades fighting for preservation and urban heritage and calling for the environment to be given a higher agenda. He came to prominence during the 1970s for leading the famous green bans, a successful campaign to protect the built and natural environment of Sydney from excessive and inappropriate development. Munday was the Patron of the Historic Houses Association of Australia, Chairman of The Historical Houses Trust, honoured in the 2000 Australia Day awards appointed an officer in the Order of Australia (AO).

### REPORT

As a result of the above resolution Council staff undertook a review of possible un-named open space in the area including:

1. 12 Riverside Road Croydon Park
2. Rose Garden, Corner Brighton Ave and Albert Rd, Croydon Park
3. Garden, intersection of Leith/Roslyn/Hay Streets Croydon Park
4. 15 Close Street, Canterbury – Old Canterbury Bowling Club

Based on the above review it was considered the most fitting site is 15 Close Street, Canterbury.

15 Close Street has had a long history which has significant correlation to the work of Jack Munday. The site was previously used by the community as a bowling club until 2013 when it ceased operation.

The community has long held concerns about Council's intention for the future land since the former Canterbury Council started exploring options for its redevelopment in 2010. These concerns intensified in 2014 when the former Canterbury Council submitted a planning proposal to rezone the land from RE1 Public Recreation to R4 High Density Residential in order to allow over 300 apartments to be built on the site, up to 8 storeys high.

As a result of the amalgamation, this development never proceeded however ongoing misinformation in the community resulted in a Mayoral Minute in November 2017 where it was made clear that the site was critical in the supply of necessary open space for the area. In December 2019 Council adopted the Local Strategic Planning Statement, Connective City 2036, which identified the importance of the site in providing much needed open space in a town centre.

In May 2020 Council resolved that the site would not be sold or redeveloped, and that this site would be retained as open space. Following further assessment, the site was incorporated as part of the current city-wide planning proposal and is now with the Department of Planning for making as public space once again.

Based on the above history, it is fitting that 15 Close Street be named after Jack Munday due to the protection of the site from development and converting back to community open space by this Council.

### **Community Consultation**

It is proposed that community consultation be undertaken on the proposed naming of the site to 'Jack Munday Park'.

Council's Naming Policy notes that Council *"requires the consent of the immediate family for names commemorating a person unless the name is of a historical person that lived in the distant past."* Informal discussions have been had with the family of Jack Munday regarding the proposed site. Subject to this report, formal confirmation will be undertaken as part of the above consultation.

It is to be noted that any new open space will not be until Sydney Metro hand back the site to Council on the completion of the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro, as part of their compulsory acquisition of the site. This is not anticipated to be until 2024. Despite this, it is appropriate to engage with the community to inform a future design of the space so that Council is ready when the land returns to Council.

To commence the process, it is proposed that the following community engagement activities be undertaken:

- Letter box drop – advising of upcoming engagement activities/ directing interested community to HYS to register and follow (digital reached facilitated via social media).
- Onsite pop up engagement session:
  - Visioning exercise for future use of the site
  - Feedback on the proposed naming
- Have Your Say website
- Social Media posts

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### ITEM 8.2                      Review of Street Tree Removal - 172 Northam Avenue, Bankstown

**AUTHOR**                      Office of General Manager

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

To consider Council's retention of the *Lophostemon confertus* (Brush Box) outside 172 Northam Ave Bankstown, following Council's previous consideration of the matter, where it:

*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.*

This report is in response to that resolution.

### **ISSUE**

There has been representation for the removal of the tree located on the footpath outside 172 Northam Avenue, Bankstown, owing to the presence of debris, specifically nuts/fruit and these presenting as a nuisance to the elderly occupant of the same address.

This matter was reported to the 25 August 2020 Ordinary Meeting, in line with Council's TMO appeal process, following repeated determinations that there are no legitimate grounds for its removal. The issue of directional pruning was raised at that time and this has now been investigated.

Further, additional measures have been explored to address the primary concern of the nuts causing a risk to the resident at 172 Northam Avenue.

### **RECOMMENDATION** That Council -

1. Notes the report on the street tree at 172 Northam Avenue, Bankstown including the measures implemented to address the fruit and nut fall from the street tree and the arborist's advice.
2. Retains the healthy *Lophostemon conertus* (Brush Box) outside 172 Northam Avenue Bankstown.
3. MoW volunteers continue to monitor path conditions, brush if safe to do so and advise Council staff of any concerns.

### **ATTACHMENTS**                      [Click here for attachments](#)

- A. Report to 25 August 2020 Ordinary Meeting
- B. Arborist's Report - Addendum

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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There are no policy impacts arising from determining this matter.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial impacts arising from determining this matter.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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As initially noted, the tree is part of a wider street-scape planting of Box Brush, contributing to the overall urban canopy. Following a second inspection, it was further noted by the independent arborist that the tree in question is perhaps the most healthy and valuable tree in the street.

Its retention contributes to the well-known benefits of the presence of trees in the urban landscape: mitigation of the urban heat island effect, reduced energy use by adjoining properties because of shading, improved air quality, carbon sequestration, participation in the local ecosystem and the streetscape's aesthetic.



## DETAILED INFORMATION

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Councillors would recall that in August 2020, Council considered whether or not to retain or remove the brushbox street tree outside 172 Northam Ave, Bankstown, following representation on behalf of the resident, calling for its removal and Council repeatedly finding there were no legitimate reasons under the Tree Preservation Order to remove the tree. At that meeting, Council resolved to defer the matter for the purpose of further investigating directional pruning.

Following the deferral of the matter, Council engaged an independent arborist to review the option of undertaking directional pruning to achieve the desired elimination, or at least a significant reduction of nut drop on the internal footpath of 172 Northam Avenue.

The arborist concluded that to achieve the desired outcome, at least 40-50% of the canopy would require removal through the lopping of a number of terminal branches. It is the arborist's opinion, however, that this would only achieve a short-term reduction as the stress response, by this particular species of tree, would be to increase fruit and thus nut production.

Additionally, the epicormic stress shoots that would be produced, would also be an undesirable outcome and accordingly such action is unsupported by the relevant Australian Standard.

In addition to directional pruning, sterilisation of the tree was also considered, however this option has been dismissed due to its questionable efficacy and largely unknown impact of the chemicals administered in the process, which have been known to harm bees and other important pollinating insects.

Since initially being reported to Council in August, Council's Meals on Wheels (MoW) volunteers, who visit the elderly resident on a daily basis during the week to deliver meals, have been monitoring the level of fruit and nut drop and clearing the paths if required to manage the risk to both the resident and the MoW volunteer. Additionally, the level of leaf litter in the road reserve has been monitored and addressed where required.

The paths, both internal and public, have been inspected on several occasions following this approach, and on every occasion have presented clean and free of tree debris. Meals on Wheels volunteers will continue to monitor the condition of the paths and sweep them if there are any concerns.



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### ITEM 8.3                      T42-20 CARES Facility in Bass Hill

**AUTHOR**                      **Community Services**

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

To provide an update on the tender process for the provision of cycling and road safety services from the facility.

#### **ISSUE**

On 9 July 2019 Council advertised a request for tender seeking suitably qualified and experienced Not for Profit Incorporated Respondents for the;

- (1) Licence of the Cycling and Road Education facility, located at Walshaw Reserve, Bass Hill;
- (2) Provision of cycling and road safety education services from the facility; and
- (3) Additional youth and community services may be offered from the facility if they are compatible with the nature of the site.

No submissions were received. Given Council's expectations to continue to provide the cycling and road education programs two days per week, the option to open the process to also include commercial organisations was considered. Therefore, a further tender was then advertised on 5 November 2019 with the same criteria however was open to commercial organisations. Again, no submissions were received. This report is to look at options for the future management of the facility.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** That -

1. Council notes that no tenders were received to operate the CARES Facility in Bass Hill.
2. Council endorse a trial for this outdoor space to be promoted as a hireable facility for the public for a 12-month period.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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The tender process has been carried out in accordance with Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Procurement Policy.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is no financial impact. As the trial will not have fees charged for the hire of the facility, a specific bond applicable for any hire of the CARES Facility has been adopted as part of Council's 20/21 Fees and Charges.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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Given a tender process was conducted twice with no submissions received, and that this is a purpose-built facility to cater to young cyclists, the proposal is to trial hiring out the CARES facility to the public at no cost. To manage this trial, the facility will remain closed to the public and will only be available for private community hire therefore the hirer will have exclusive access to the facility. This will require a hire application and a bond to be paid.

As COVID-19 restrictions have eased, Council may start this trial. Currently outdoor gatherings can have up to 20 people so this 12-month trial will now commence from November 2020.

## **DETAILED INFORMATION**

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Given a tender process was conducted twice with no submissions received, and that this is a purpose-built facility to cater to young cyclists, the proposal is to trial hiring out the CARES facility to the public at no cost. The use of the facility will provide the hirer with access to the majority of amenities located within, specifically the BBQ, toilet facilities, outdoor seating, cycling track and children's playground. This facility would highly suit children's birthday parties and family gatherings.

Signage will be placed there to inform the general public that the facility can be booked and what the process is. Further that use of the site is for only those people included under any booking not the general public. Outside of bookings the site will remain locked.

As COVID-19 restrictions have eased, Council may start this trial. Currently outdoor gatherings can have up to 20 people so this 12-month trial will now commence from November 2020.



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### **ITEM 8.4                      Summer Series of Major Events amid Covid**

**AUTHOR                      City Future**

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

COVID has dramatically affected many of Council's services and activities, in particular our events program. Events including Ramadan Nights and Bankstown Bites have already been cancelled for 2020. Based on the current Government restrictions a review has been undertaken of the current events program over summer and what activities are appropriate. As a result of this review it is proposed that large scale events not deemed essential to continue to be put on hold. Where possible alternative smaller activities will be undertaken.

#### **ISSUE**

Current Government restrictions dictate that we will not be able to celebrate as we have done in the past. At this stage outdoor gatherings are limited to 30 people and major events are limited to 500 people, suitably distanced, seated, and with a Covid Plan and processes in place which have been signed off by NSW Health. It is also difficult to predict what further restrictions or changes may occur or if there will be further waves of Covid.

Within this context, a decision is required on the next phase of major events over the summer 20/21 period. This includes Christmas celebrations (carols), Lunar New Year and Australia Day.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council supports the proposed changes to the Summer Series of Events as outlined in this report.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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There is no policy impact from this report. Any activity that does go ahead will need to ensure that COVID safe measures are in place for each program.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The current events budget is being reallocated to support the alternative ways of engaging the community such as through the use of CBTv and the various online activities being promoted. Funds will also be redistributed to support the smaller activities as outlined in this report.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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Based on the current Government restrictions Canterbury Bankstown residents will be impacted by the loss of major events, however this is being done as part of the broader social benefit of protecting the health and safety of our community and limiting the potential for spread of any virus outbreaks.



## DETAILED INFORMATION

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COVID has dramatically affected many of Council's services and activities, in particular our events program. Council has already had to postpone and cancel many of our major events including Ramadan Nights and Bankstown Bites. Despite this the team have been busily implementing different ways of engaging the community (such as CBTv).

With the next series of events normally occurring over the summer period a decision is required if, and how, these can be managed in a COVID safe way. Based on the current Government restrictions a review has been undertaken of the current events program and what activities might be appropriate.

Most major events take an average of three months to plan, recruit talent, promote and seek the relevant approvals. Therefore, a decision is required well before an event date is set.

A priority consideration is the need to make decisions within the confines of current restrictions to ensure we safeguard the health of our community as best we can, and not risk any instances of COVID spread within Canterbury Bankstown. Currently the restrictions relevant to events include:

- outdoor gatherings limited to 30 people
- major events are limited to 500 people, suitably distanced, seated, and with a Covid Plan and processes in place which have been signed off by NSW Health.

While these are the current controls, there are significant risks in proceeding with organising some of these events as the Government restrictions may change or there may be further waves or hot spots of COVID.

It is important to recognize that we are a Government Authority and therefore there are higher expectations placed on us to protect the health and wellbeing of our community. While there is currently a positive trajectory in terms of cases of COVID, as a leader we must not lead to complacency. At the same time our community want us to do all we can in a safe way.

The Events Team have consulted with a number of other Councils as to their plans for their summer events. These other Councils include, Inner West, Fairfield, Liverpool, Parramatta, and Burwood. Each of these councils have either cancelled all their major events, or have significantly scaled them back based on current Government restrictions.

As a result of this review it was determined that large scale events (such as Carols and Australia Day) are not deemed as being essential and therefore should not be held. In general, large scale events are proposed to be replaced with alternative informal activities, managed under COVID guidelines, within centres where appropriate.

In addition, a review of our Christmas decorations program has been undertaken as part of our ongoing review and improvement, within the limited funds available.

## Proposed Summer Series Events Program:

Event Name	Normal Council Practice	Proposal for 2020
<b>Wiley Park Carols</b>	Carols event with entertainment and food. Fireworks to end event. Well attended by residents.	Event not to proceed. While a 500 max outdoor activity is allowed it is not possible to control/manage entry or ticket this event. Alternative indoor controlled environment considered not conducive to Carols.  Utilise local musicians to walk through town centres singing Carols.
<b>Padstow Carols</b>	Carols event in Playford Park.  Well attended by local residents	Padstow Rotary are aware of the current government restrictions and are seeking direction from Council.  As above, we are advising their normal Carols should not proceed.  They may join us to support the use of local musicians to walk through town centres singing Carols.
<b>Bankstown and Campsie Xmas Decorations</b>	BANKSTOWN: Erect Council's large Christmas Tree and small Christmas lighting display  Lighting of the tree promoted as an event for anyone to come along to, and where TAP participants also perform to a seated audience inside.  CAMPSIE: Small Christmas lighting decoration	BANKSTOWN: Erect Council's large Christmas Tree and small Christmas lighting display <b>NEW:</b> more prominent sites to erect the Christmas Tree in Paul Keating Park  <b>NEW:</b> Additional lighting of Library façade if possible  Lighting of the Tree invitation only. Restrict numbers to 30 people, including Councillors, and live stream the event.  CAMPSIE: <b>NEW</b> - 6 metre Christmas Tree, lights and decorations to be erected in Campsie Centre.
<b>Christmas Decorations Grant for Business</b>	\$50,000 made available to local businesses to encourage them to decorate their shop fronts.  Very low take up in the past – only two businesses took up last year.	<b>NEW:</b> Erection of 5 metre Christmas Trees in key centres across 5 Wards. <u>Proposed sites:</u> Belmore – Roselands ward Revesby – Revesby ward Chester Hill – Bass Hill ward Earlwood – Canterbury ward Greenacre – Bankstown ward

<b>Movies Under the Stars</b>	<p>3 dates in January in parks across the LGA.</p> <p>Promoted widely and well attended by residents.</p>	<p>Event not to proceed.</p> <p>Due to social distancing requirements number of attendees would be restricted to limited number</p>
<b>Lunar New Year</b>	<p>Large scale event in Saigon Place with stalls and entertainment</p> <p>Smaller scale (2 hr) event in Campsie.</p>	<p>Event not to proceed.</p> <p>Investigate possible unadvertised Lion Dance along the street, subject to ability to manage crowds</p>
<b>Australia Day Pool Parties</b>	<p>3 pool parties with BBQs across different venues.</p> <p>Well attended by residents.</p>	<p>Event not to proceed.</p> <p>Due to likelihood of pools having ongoing restrictions in numbers, and already being well utilized, there is a high risk of the facility being over capacity and not meeting COVID requirements (note this is a key challenge for all Local government pools as we head into summer)</p>
<b>Australia Day Concert</b>	<p>Event, music and entertainment at Belmore Sports Ground. Fireworks to conclude.</p> <p>Well attended by residents.</p>	<p>Event not to proceed.</p> <p>Only would be a concert/music event with no activities or rides. Would not be a major attractant to families.</p> <p>Investigate alternative promotion of Australia Day to be undertaken</p>
<b>Australia Day Awards and Citizenship</b>	<p>Event with over 200 people with buffet food</p>	<p>Scaled back seated event with tight COVID controls and no catering. Plan to be developed.</p>



## **9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following item is submitted for consideration -

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## Committee Reports - 27 October 2020

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**ITEM 9.1**                      **Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2020**

**AUTHOR**                      **Operations**

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

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Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 13 October 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 are 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 13 October 2020, be adopted.

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

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A.     Minutes of the Traffic Committee held on 13 October 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**

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## Notice of Motions & Questions With Notice - 27 October 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 attachments](#)

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- A.    Notice of Motions Status Update
- B.    Correspondence sent in relation to Notice of Motions
- C.    Correspondence received in relation to Notice of Motions



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## Notice of Motions & Questions With Notice - 27 October 2020

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### ITEM 10.2

### Movember

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

“That Council supports Movember during the month of November to raise awareness of men’s health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention, including a \$100 donation for each Councillor and \$50 for each staff member growing a ‘mo’ for Movember.”

### BACKGROUND

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Since 2003, Movember has funded more than 1,250 men’s health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up men’s health research and transforming the way health services reach and support men. By 2030, they aim to reduce the number of men dying prematurely by 25%.

The Movember Foundation has run events in November to raise awareness and funds for men’s health issues. It’s known that men tend to have poorer health outcomes due to their reluctance to seek treatment, and statistically will die 4.5 years earlier than women. I understand this year, staff will get involved in Movember with a number of staff ‘Growing Their Mo’.

As leaders of our community, I am firmly of the belief that this is an important cause we should highlight and support, accordingly I move that for each Councillor or staff member growing a ‘mo’ for the Movember fundraiser, Council donate \$100 for each Councillor and \$50 for each staff member.

### GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

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Council staff have previously supported this worthy cause and I would anticipate approximately 20 staff members participating.



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### ITEM 10.3                      Population Planning and Public Spaces

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

“That Council

1. Write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Minister Rob Stokes MP seeking an urgent review of population projections to 2040 and that these revised projections be used to trigger a review of the District Plans across metropolitan Sydney.
2. Investigate the possible impact of COVID on the future of jobs and the need for commercial space in our centres to inform the future review of our Employment Lands Strategy.”

### BACKGROUND

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I am so proud that as a City we are ahead of the curve as we plan for the creation of great centres and attractive spaces. In particular I appreciate there has already been a lot of work done, especially for our two major centres, Bankstown and Campsie.

But I see a growing issue that COVID will force us to rethink how we plan for future residents, how we house them and where they work. Already, through my amendment to the LSPS, we will be reviewing our Plans in half the time the NSW Government has set out, but given the pace of change I am fearing not even this timeframe is soon enough.

Only last month, the Commonwealth Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure said that our population growth over the coming period will be the lowest since World War 1 arising from lower fertility rates and reduction in immigration. A report from KPMG has gone further to state that if there is no COVID-19 vaccine for two years, Australia's population will be 1 million less than the baseline projection prepared by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

There is something fundamentally wrong here and the Government is sitting idle on the sidelines. We need the assumptions and forecasts as set out by the Government and upon which we are basing our future, to be reviewed now.

The last few months of living with COVID have made me realise the greater importance of living locally and the critical importance of having a safe, clean and vibrant local environment. This time has also brought about new patterns such as remote working, greater reliance on outdoor activity and supercharging the era of technology and e-commerce.

While it is still unclear how much of this will become the new way of operating, it is likely that the short-term demand for permanent office space in the Central CBD will shrink and what we have come to know as the head office will have a very different meaning, perhaps a more decentralised approach. Whatever the outcome, the localism movement is only gaining pace and the community is right to demand more. More open space, more housing choice, more local transport solutions, more services and facilities.

Now is our chance to rethink the future of our centres, such as Campsie, as the new central co-working hub surrounded by great open spaces and active transport options.

I am aware that the plans we are preparing are cutting edge but we are bound by the Government's overarching plan. If the population numbers are no longer accurate and staying local is the way of the future, it makes sense for the NSW Government to review planning and spending priorities now.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT**

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There are no financial implications as a result of the proposed motion, as written.



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### **ITEM 10.4                      School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

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

“That Council investigates incorporating school-based apprenticeships and traineeships into its annual trainee, apprenticeship and graduate program.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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For many of our residents, an apprenticeship or traineeship was their start in life. It was where they learnt their trade or their business, with many moving on to own small businesses and contribute in so many ways to their local community. I understand that over the years, these opportunities have diminished. Many of the public-sector based apprenticeships and traineeships have disappeared, as have many corporation-based ones.

I am pleased that Council, however, has a trainee, apprenticeship and graduate program giving to our youth what is often their first opportunity to step into their career.

In recent years, an additional pathway has been established, bridging the gap between secondary and vocational education and training: school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

These combine school, paid work and training as students commence their apprenticeship or traineeship whilst still completing their HSC.

Now, more than ever, we need to be aware of the challenges that will be facing our young people and the need to diversify the pathways available to our young people. To achieve this, I'd like to see school-based apprenticeships and traineeships incorporated into Council's trainee, apprenticeship and graduate program.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT**

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Council has a trainee, apprentice and graduate program (TAG Program), which also now includes cadets. We have a single intake annually and are presently advertising for the January 2021 intake.

Planning for the 2022 intake will commence in mid-2021 and this can be incorporated into that planning task. Accordingly, there are no cost implications arising from the proposed motion, as written.

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### **ITEM 10.5 Highland Avenue, Bankstown**

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

“That Council reports to the Local Traffic Committee possible options to address resident concerns about on-street parking in Highland Avenue, Bankstown.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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Many years ago, Highland Avenue, Bankstown, was narrowed to become a 7m wide carriageway. At that time concrete parking pads were installed on the nature strip as a trial.

With increased car ownership and increasing housing density, demand for parking has also been increasing and is now well beyond the capacity of parking. This has seen a lot of frustration by residents unable to find a parking space, or suffering with illegal parking on the street.

I am seeking Highland Ave be investigated for options to address on-street parking and this be reported back to the Local Traffic Committee.

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT**

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



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### **ITEM 10.6          Senior Safety**

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

“That Council:

1. Writes to the Australian Governments, seeking greater promotion and awareness of the safety of seniors, including elder abuse and encourage community members to be aware of and report suspected cases of elder abuse to protect and improve the safety and well-being of our elders, and
2. Promotes, through its own communication channels, awareness of Senior Safety.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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Elder abuse is real, it is damaging and it something that we must eliminate.

In my role, I have seen the impacts of unsafe environments for seniors, including elder abuse and I have recently seen an increase in the incidence of this class of abuse within our community. I don't imagine it is an issue isolated to our LGA; it is one that is seen across the State and across the nation.

Although there is no sound reporting of elder abuse, experts estimate that it is something inflicted on between 2% and 14% of elders in Australia in any one year. Most often, it is inflicted by a family member of a younger generation and statistically, mothers and grandmothers are the most likely to suffer this abuse.

It is also most likely to take the form of financial abuse, which leaves no scars and no other physical signs. Because of this it often goes unnoticed and undetected.

That is why I am calling for the Australian Government to do more to raise awareness of this important issue, to alert the community to it and how to report suspected cases.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT**

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Council can utilise its existing communication channels to raise awareness of Senior Safety. Accordingly, there are no cost implications arising from the proposed motion, as written.



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### **ITEM 10.7                      Davies Road, Padstow**

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

“That Council writes to Transport for NSW, requesting that Davies Road, Padstow, between Watson Road and the Alford's Point Bridge be widened.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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Increasingly, I am hearing community concerns at congestion on Davies Road, Padstow and with the improvements that are slated for Stacey Street, and an increased population in the district, these issues are going to become worse.

As we are seeing with Stacey Street at the moment, there is a real need to increase the capacity of Davies Road through widening of the road. I understand that current daily traffic volumes are high enough to warrant the attention of TfNSW and accordingly, I am seeking Council to write to TfNSW requesting Davies Road be widened.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT**

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





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### **ITEM 10.8                      International Day Against Violence Against Women**

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

“That Council promotes, in support of International Day Against Violence Against Women, the importance of preventing men’s violence against women.”

### **BACKGROUND**

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November ordinarily would see our community coming together in a show of solidarity and support to end men’s violence against women and for the International Day Against Violence Against Women; this year of course, these won’t be possible. And yet, as we have seen in the statistics, the mission of preventing men’s violence against women has never been more important.

In the absence of these community events, I am seeking Council to broadcast this message to our community, highlighting the importance of preventing men’s violence against women.

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT**

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Council can utilise its existing communication channels to broadcast this important message. Accordingly, there are no cost implications arising from the proposed motion, as written.



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### ITEM 10.9                      Neighbour Day 2021

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

“That Council, as part of the national Neighbour Day in March 2021, considers a media campaign, including social media, highlighting the year’s theme of “Every day is Neighbour Day” and how this can support the creation of connections within our community.”

### BACKGROUND

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The last Sunday of March is National Neighbour Day and in previous years, this has passed without much fanfare or attention. But given the isolation and loss of community connection resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is now more important than ever that we celebrate this National Day, that we acknowledge the importance of neighbourly connections and we leverage it to begin to restore those connections that have been stretched or lost as a result of the pandemic.

The theme for next year is “Every day is Neighbour Day” and that goes to the heart of why neighbourly connections are so important. From whipping the mower over your elderly neighbour’s nature strip, to taking out their heavy green waste bin to having a cuppa and a chin wag or lending a cup of sugar, “neighbourliness” has never been more important.

I am seeking Council consider incorporating this theme in a media campaign to align with National Neighbour Day in March 2021, to support reconnections and new connections within our community.

### GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

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Council can utilise its existing media and communication channels, and alignment with other community development programs as may be suitable, to promote the message of National Neighbour Day 2021. Accordingly there are no financial implications resulting from the proposed motion, as written.



## **11        CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

11.1 Property Matter - 13 Carlingford Street, Regents Park

11.2 Property Matter - 131 Biloela Street, Villawood

11.3 T24-21 Request for Tender Lead Consultant (Design) Canterbury and Max Parker  
Leisure & Aquatic Centres

11.4 Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrade - The Appian Way, Bankstown

# **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 Items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

#### Item 11.1 Property Matter - 13 Carlingford Street, Regents Park

*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.*

#### Item 11.2 Property Matter - 131 Biloela Street, Villawood

*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.*

#### Item 11.3 T24-21 Request for Tender Lead Consultant (Design) Canterbury and Max Parker Leisure & Aquatic Centres

*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.*

#### Item 11.4 Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrade - The Appian Way, Bankstown

*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.*