CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN

MINUTES OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ON 16 JUNE 2026

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

APOLOGIES Councillors Stavrinos and Zakhia

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.17 PM.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
THE MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND, WATER AND SKIES OF WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) PEOPLE AND PAID RESPECT TO DARUG CULTURAL HERITAGE, BELIEFS AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND. THE MAYOR ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED FIRST PEOPLES' CONTINUING IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

RESOLVED that

1. Standing Orders be suspended and Item 8.1 be dealt with now.

2. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.1 **DISALLOWANCE OF 2025 MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

(577) **CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council Resolution Number 415 – *Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2025* – is hereby rescinded.

2. Council notes that *Council's Code of Meeting Practice* – adopted at its Ordinary Meeting on 22 October 2024 – is reinstated.

3. The recording of Council's Ordinary Council Meetings to be conducted in accordance section 236(2)(a) of the *Local Government Regulation (NSW) 2021*,

being that the recording is to be made available at the same time as the meeting is taking place.

- CARRIED

SECTION 1: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(578) CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Councillors Stavrinos and Zakhia due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(579) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. WALTHER

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 May 2026 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 4.3 – Entrepreneurs Pitch Night Support, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that whilst he is a student at the UNSW and a Board Member of the independent Student Association at the UNSW, the Association is independent of the UNSW. Councillor Blood advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber during debate.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 KINGS BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

(580) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 **LEBANESE FILM FESTIVAL**

(581) **CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the Lebanese Film Festival by waiving the fees of approximately $2,500 associated with hiring the Bryan Brown Theatre to host their event.

2. The funding should be made available from the Grants and Sponsorship fund.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.3 **ENTREPRENEURS PITCH NIGHT SUPPORT**

In respect to Item 4.3 – Entrepreneurs Pitch Night Support, Councillor Blood declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that whilst he is a student at the UNSW and a Board Member of the independent Student Association at the UNSW, the Association is independent of the UNSW. Councillor Blood advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber during debate.

(582) **CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the University of NSW (UNSW) by waiving the fees of $5000 associated with hiring the Bryan Brown Function Centre which will host the Pitch Night workshop and practice session, and UNSW Pitch Night South-West finale on 30 July.

2. The funding should be made available from the Grants and Sponsorships fund.

- CARRIED

CLRS COOREY AND BLOOD REQUESTED THAT THEIR NAMES BE RECORDED AS VOTING AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

ITEM 4.4 **LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

(583) **CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council supports the fee waiver of costs associated with the Gala Day event of the Chester Hill Hornets Junior Rugby League Football on 13 June 2026 including the provision of one-off additional bins, valued at $507.80 (inc GST).

2. Council supports a partial fee waiver of $500 towards the hire of Bryan Brown Theatre by the Australia Arab Institute for Culture and Ideas on 13 June 2026.

3. Council supports a donation of $500 to Padstow Community Care towards their 2026 Winter Appeal.

4. These funds be made available from the Local Community Based Donations Budget.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

(584) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 7.1, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 10.1, 11.1, 11.2 and 11.4.

2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.

3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.1 ADOPTION OF THE REVIEWED NAMING POLICY

(585) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that Council adopts the reviewed Naming Policy, as provided in Attachment 1.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - DETERMINATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR FEES 2026/27

(586) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. Effective from 1 July 2026, Council continues to apply the maximum fee structures for the Mayor and Councillors, including a 3.7% increase from 2025/26 as determined by the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal being:

   - Mayoral Additional Fee $118,530
   - Councillor Annual Fee $38,340

2. The current Additional Fee for the Deputy Mayor, being 15% of the Mayors Additional Fee, be confirmed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.4 **82 BRIGHTON AVENUE, CROYDON PARK - GRANT FUNDING AND BUILDING UPGRADE**

(587) **CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. Council note the confirmation of funding from the NSW Government to support the upgrade of the Council-owned premises at 82 Brighton Avenue, Croydon Park.

2. Council proceeds with the next steps, as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.5 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2026**

(588) **CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 May 2026 be received and noted.

2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.1 **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 9 JUNE 2026**

(589) **CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Local Transport Forum held on 9 June 2026, be adopted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.1 **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - JUNE 2026**

(590) **CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.2 **LIVESTREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

(591) **CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that Council publicly exhibits amendments to its Code of Meeting Practice to re-introduce Live Webcasting of Public Gallery Forums and Meetings.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4 **BANKSTOWN BASKETBALL 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

(592) **CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that Council recognise the 50th Anniversary of the Bankstown Basketball Stadium at Condell Park and acknowledges the ongoing support and patronage of the facility by the Bankstown Basketball Association, particularly our mighty Bankstown Bruins.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 HERITAGE GRANT FUND 2026–2027

(593) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopts the recommendations as provided in Attachment 1 and grants be allocated in accordance with Council's Heritage Incentives Policy.

2. All affected homeowners are notified of the outcome of their application.

- CARRIED

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

Against:- Clr Walsh

SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 ADOPTION OF THE REVIEWED NAMING POLICY

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 585 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 DISALLOWANCE OF 2025 MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 577 ON PAGE ONE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.2 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - ADOPTION OF CBCITY 2029 INCORPORATING REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2025-29 AND 2026/27 OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND REVISED RESOURCING STRATEGIES FOR ASSETS AND FINANCE

(594) **CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with s402-406 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council's revised Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, including CBCity 2029 (incorporating the revised 2025-29 Delivery Program and the 2026/27 Operational Plan, Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges), Asset Management Strategy 2026-36; and Financial Management Strategy 2026-36 be adopted.

2. Council notes its current strong and stable financial performance and financial position, and formally adopts the continuation with its current Financial Strategy and Ten-Year Long-Term Financial Plan path during this term of Council, particularly being no new special rate variation (SRV) increases for any properties throughout the local government area.

3. Those members of the community that provided formal submissions be thanked and advised of Council's responses in this report.

4. In accordance with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1993, Council makes the following Rates and Charges – Former Bankstown City Council:

4.1 Rating Structure

Subject to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, an ordinary rate be made and levied for the rating year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 upon the land value of all rateable land within the former Bankstown City Council categorised as Residential or Business as detailed in the following table and subject to a minimum rate:

Category / Sub-Category	Ad-Valorem Rate	Minimum Rate
Residential – Ordinary	0.00142809	$1,131.36
Business – Commercial Large	0.00571236	$1,131.36
Business – Commercial General	0.00428427	$1,131.36
Business – Industrial Large	0.00571236	$1,131.36
Business – Industrial General	0.00428427	$1,131.36
Business – Ordinary	0.00285618	$1,131.36

The residential and business ad valorem rates in the table above have been adjusted to account for year six (6) (2026/27) of the eight-year gradual harmonisation process in order to have one harmonised rating structure for the City by 1 July 2028.

4.1.1 Bankstown Airport

For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply an equivalent ad-valorem rate or minimum charge that applies to the Business – Industrial General sub-category.

4.1.2 Defence Force Housing

For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply an equivalent ad-valorem rate or minimum charge that applies to the Residential – Ordinary category.

4.2 Domestic Waste Management Service Charges

Subject to provision of Sections 496, 501, 502 and 504 of the Local Government Act 1993, annual Domestic Waste Management Charges be made and levied on a pro-rata quarterly basis for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, as follows:

Type of Charge	Short Name	Annual Charge
An Annual Domestic Waste Management Service charge per service for each parcel of Rateable Residential land for which a service is available.	Domestic – Waste Management	$645.00
Residential Rateable Vacant Land	Domestic Waste Vacant Land	$179.00
Each additional service in respect of single dwelling premises – all bins	Domestic Waste Extra Service	$645.00
Each additional service in respect of single dwelling premises – red bin only	Domestic Waste Extra Service	$377.00
Each additional service in respect of recycling	Extra Recycling Service	$105.00
Each additional service in respect of greenwaste	Extra Greenwaste Service	$173.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 240L	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	$416.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 660L	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	$1,143.00

Each additional service in respect of multi residential units - 1100L	Domestic Waste Extra Strata Service	$1,876.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units – recycling 240L	Extra Recycling Service	$188.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units – recycling 660L	Extra Recycling Service	$669.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential units – recycling 1100L	Extra Recycling Service	$974.00
Single residential large household service	Domestic Waste Extra Service	$934.00
Each additional service in respect of multi residential unit - single bins	Domestic Waste Extra Service Strata single bin	$216.00

4.3 Stormwater Management Charges

Council make and levy an annual stormwater management service charge for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 as follows:

Description of Charge	Charge
Annual residential property charge	$25.00
Annual residential strata property charge	$12.50
Annual business property charge per 350 square metres or part there-of for non-vacant business land	$25.00
Annual business property charge per 350 square metres or part there of surface land area for strata business unit (proportioned to each lot based on unit entitlement) not less than $5.00.	$25.00
Mixed Developments – see below	

4.3.1 Mixed Developments

- Adopt the dominant Rating category as applied to the parcel of land as determined by the Valuer General and apply to each relevant property; and

- In the event that a mixed development is 50% residential and 50% business, Council will apply a residential stormwater management charge.

4.3.2 Bankstown Airport

- For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply an annual Stormwater Management Charge of $25.00 per property plus an additional $25.00 for each 350 square metres or part of 350 square metres by which the area of the parcel of land exceeds 350 square metres.

4.3.3 Defence Force Housing

For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply the residential Stormwater Management Charge of $25.00 per residential property or $12.50 for each residential strata property.

4.3.4 Exemptions

- Bowling and Golf Clubs - where the dominant use is open space;
- Council-owned land;
- Properties zoned: Open space 6(a); Private Recreation 6(b); and Rural.

4.4 Interest Rate on Overdue Rates & Charges

Subject to the provisions of Section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* the rate of interest charged on overdue rate instalments be set at the maximum rate specified by the Minister for Local Government from time to time. The rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 (inclusive) will be 9.50% per annum.

4.5 Voluntary Pensioner Rebate

In addition to the current maximum pensioner rebate of $250.00 per annum, Council continue to provide a further voluntary rebate, totalling $40.00 per annum in accordance with Council's 'Rates and Charges, Debt Recovery and Hardship Assistance Policy'.

5. In accordance with the relevant sections of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes the following Rates and Charges – former Canterbury City Council:

5.1 Rating Structure

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Residential – Ordinary	0.00146063	$1,131.36
Business – Commercial Large	0.00584252	$1,131.36
Business – Commercial General	0.00438189	$1,131.36
Business – Commercial General Belmore	0.00328642	$1,131.36
Business – Industrial Large	0.00584252	$1,131.36
Business – Industrial General	0.00438189	$1,131.36
Business – Ordinary	0.00292126	$1,131.36

The residential and business ad valorem rates in the table above have been adjusted to account for year six (6) (2026/27) of the eight-year gradual harmonisation process in order to have one harmonised rating structure for the City by 1 July 2028.

5.1.1 Defence Force Housing

For properties where an ex-gratia payment in lieu of rates is applicable, Council will apply an equivalent ad-valorem rate or minimum charge that applies to the Residential – Ordinary category.

5.2 Domestic Waste Management Service Charges

Subject to the provisions of Sections 496, 501, 502 and 504 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, annual Domestic and Non-Domestic Waste Management Charges be made and levied on a pro-rata quarterly basis for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, as follows:

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Properties categorised as Business (with or without residential accommodation)	Waste Management – Business	$645.00
Properties categorised as Business (with or without residential accommodation) – Non Rateable	Waste Management – Business	$645.00

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5.5 Voluntary Pensioner Rebate

In addition to the current maximum pensioner rebate of $250.00 per annum, Council continue to provide a further voluntary rebate, totalling $40.00 per annum, in accordance with Council's 'Rates and Charges, Debt Recovery and Hardship Assistance Policy.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - DETERMINATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR FEES 2026/27

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 586 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.4 82 BRIGHTON AVENUE, CROYDON PARK - GRANT FUNDING AND BUILDING UPGRADE

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 587 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.5 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2026**

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 588 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 9: **SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

Nil

SECTION 10: **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ITEM 10.1 **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 9 JUNE 2026**

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 589 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 11: **NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

ITEM 11.1 **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - JUNE 2026**

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 590 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.2 **LIVESTREAMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 591 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.3 **TRIPOLI AND MENA ASSOCIATION**

(595) **CLR. SALEH:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that Council acknowledges the community-based Tripoli and Mena Association, congratulates them on their milestone 50-year Anniversary of

supporting the welfare needs of Arabic-speaking people in our community and presents them with a certificate of recognition.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4 **BANKSTOWN BASKETBALL 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 592 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.5 **CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE AGAINST A CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN LOCAL ON THE GLOBAL SUMUD FLOTILLA**

MOTION **CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. RAFFAN**

That Council:

1. Notes that Ethan Floyd, a Wiradjuri, Ngiyampaa and Wailwan man, currently living in Earlwood was aboard the Global Sumud Flotilla seeking to deliver life saving food and aid to Gaza.

2. Notes that in breach of International Law, Ethan was detained at gunpoint by an Israeli Warship in International waters off the Coast of Cyprus.

3. Notes that Ethan suffered violent assault, including being punched, dragged along the ground, and forced into a painful submission position for over 48 hours.

4. Notes that Australian women, and women from other countries suffered sexual assault under detainment.

5. Notes that Gaza continues to suffer a man made famine, with shortages of food and medical aid due to Israeli blockades of trade routes.

6. Notes that the state of Israel continues to bomb Palestinian villages, increase illegal occupations through settlements and continues to plan for a “Greater Israel” which would occupy all of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

7. Writes to the Minister for Foreign Affairs demanding that the Australian Government:
   a. Apologise to the Flotilla attendees for failing to ensure their safety

b. Expel the Israeli Ambassador
c. Sanctions Netanyahu and his war cabinet
d. End the two way arms trade with Israel

AMENDMENT **CLR. ASFOUR:**

That Council:

1. Notes that Ethan Floyd, a Wiradjuri, Ngiyampaa and Wailwan man, currently living in Earlwood was aboard the Global Sumud Flotilla seeking to deliver life saving food and aid to Gaza.

2. Notes that in breach of International Law, Ethan was detained at gunpoint by an Israeli Warship in International waters off the Coast of Cyprus.

3. Notes that Ethan suffered violent assault, including being punched, dragged along the ground, and forced into a painful submission position for over 48 hours.

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5. Notes that Gaza continues to suffer a man made famine, with shortages of food and medical aid due to Israeli blockades of trade routes.

6. Notes that the state of Israel continues to bomb Palestinian villages, increase illegal occupations through settlements and continues to plan for a "Greater Israel" which would occupy all of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

CLR BLOOD DID NOT ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT.

(596) **CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Notes that Ethan Floyd, a Wiradjuri, Ngiyampaa and Wailwan man, currently living in Earlwood was aboard the Global Sumud Flotilla seeking to deliver life saving food and aid to Gaza.

2. Notes that in breach of International Law, Ethan was detained at gunpoint by an Israeli Warship in International waters off the Coast of Cyprus.

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- CARRIED

ITEM 11.6 **GIVE US OUR METROWAY AND SHOW SOME ACCOUNTABILITY**

MOTION **CLR BLOOD**

That Council:

1. Notes that the original consent requirements which enabled Sydney Metro to rip up, rebuild, privatise and get rid of the train drivers on the existing T3 Train Line required Sydney Metro to deliver an active transport link then known as EWPCL within 1 year of Sydney Metros Opening date.

2. Notes that the now named MetroWay is now scheduled to open 2 years after the South West Metro.

3. Notes that works to replace the existing train line commenced 1 year late, and the construction time for Sydney Metro doubled.

4. Notes that Sydney Metro has engaged in a disinformation campaign, claiming "industrial action" has delayed the opening of the metro, rather than take accountability and acknowledge that their initial Emergency Plans and Emergency Exit Doors significantly failed to comply with standards, and that the state government, although very late into development, forced them to comply with standards.

5. Notes that the extended delays have caused a significant increase in potholes along councils roads due to the increasing number of private vehicles and replacement buses.

6. Notes that the extended delays have increased commute times for residents, and decreased productivity, causing significant disadvantage.

7. Notes that the metro is only marginally faster for commuters coming to Central from Canterbury and will be slower than the old express services at Campsie and Marrickville.

8. Writes to the Department of Transport, and the Minister for Transport requesting:
   a. Information as to why they failed to ensure that Sydney Metros Emergency Plans and Emergency Door Plans were compliant much earlier than they did.
   b. They ensure that the MetroWay is delivered within a year of the Metros opening date.
   c. Free metro trips for commuters commencing or ending trips between Bankstown and Sydenham for 6 months to compensate for the major delays with metro construction.

9. Writes to the Department of Planning requesting:
   a. How they are planning to ensure the new developments under their Transport Oriented Development Scheme and Housing Development Authority won't significantly increase parking and traffic in the 12 months prior to the delivery of the MetroWay.
   b. That they reinstate the previous condition of consent ensuring Sydney Metro delivers the MetroWay within 1 year of Sydney Metro Opening.

- THERE BEING NO SECONDER THE MOTION LAPSED

ITEM 11.7 **THE NAPPY COLLECTIVE**

(597) **CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Investigate opportunities for Canterbury Bankstown Council to support and participate in The Nappy Collective's "Clean Bums for Little Ones" campaign;

2. Investigate the feasibility of establishing nappy collection points at suitable Council facilities, including but not limited to Bankstown Customer Service Centre and Campsie Library;

3. Investigate opportunities to promote the campaign through Council's communication channels and community networks;

4. Liaise with The Nappy Collective regarding partnership opportunities and operational requirements; and

5. Prepare a report to Council outlining, but not limited to:
   a) potential collection point locations;
   b) resource and operational implications;
   c) partnership opportunities with The Nappy Collective; and
   d) recommendations for Council's future participation in the campaign.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.8 **ACCESSIBLE AND TIMED PARKING IN REVESBY**

(598) **CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. WALTHER**

RESOLVED that as part of the ongoing community engagement, detailed design and delivery of the Revesby High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) Project, that Council:

1. Investigates the feasibility of providing additional accessible on-street parking spaces near Service NSW on Marco Avenue.

2. Minimises any changes to existing timed parking limits within the town centre.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.9 **BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE – STATE GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN ARTS INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Write to the NSW Minister for the Arts seeking State Government investment to support the expansion and upgrade of Bankstown Arts Centre, including:
   a. Increased and purpose-built gallery space, including a climate-controlled gallery
   b. Refurbishment of the Black Box Theatre
   c. Development of dedicated artist residency spaces in and around the Centre
   d. Create the space to host biennale and other regionally significant creative events

2. Advocate for Bankstown Arts Centre to be considered for participation in relevant State and Commonwealth cultural infrastructure and program funding opportunities, including initiatives such as Sharing the National Collection.

3. Note the strategic importance of Bankstown Arts Centre as a key cultural asset supporting creative industries, community engagement, and cultural tourism in Western Sydney.

- CARRIED

SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

(600) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. SALEH

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 12.1 and 12.2 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 12.1 SSROC T2025-16 Sustainable Pavements - Road Construction Material and Related 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 12.2 Property Report - 5-7 West Terrace, 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.

- CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 7.16 PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.55 PM.

CLR HARIKA WAS NOT PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER AT 7.16 PM.

ITEM 12.1 SSROC T2025-16 SUSTAINABLE PAVEMENTS - ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL AND RELATED SERVICES

(601) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that

1. Council accepts the SSROC recommended panel of contractors for Sustainable Pavements – Road Construction Material and Related Services, on a non-exclusive basis, for an initial contract period of five (5) years with an option to extend for a further two (2) years (1+1), subject to satisfactory performance and SSROC approval.

2. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council's resolution, as required.

- CARRIED

CLR HARIKA RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.19 PM.

ITEM 12.2 **PROPERTY REPORT - 5-7 WEST TERRACE, BANKSTOWN**

CLR RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.49 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.51 PM.

(602) **CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes that the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has served a proposed acquisition of land offer, and associated Offer of compensation, in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act to compulsory acquire 5-7 West Terrace, Bankstown.

2. Council write to DPHI stating that Council is willing to forgo the offer of compensation in exchange for DPHI building a new car park (a minimum 190 spaces) and open space on the site.

3. The CEO be delegated to negotiate and finalise the matter as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55 PM.

Minutes confirmed 28 JULY 2026

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Mayor