

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 28 APRIL 2026

PRESENT: Mayor, Councillor El-Hayek
Councillors Akther, Asfour, Blood, Cahill, Coorey, Harika, Lindsay, Saleh,
Stavrinos, Walsh, Walther, Zakhia

APOLOGIES Councillors Abu-Samen and Raffan

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.00 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.

SECTION 1: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(500)

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Councillors Abu-Samen and Raffan due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(501)

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. WALSH

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 March 2026 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 8.5 – Proposed Licence Agreement for Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA), Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a patron of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA). Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

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In respect to Item 8.5 – Proposed Licence Agreement for Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA), Clr Harika declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a patron of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA). Clr Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she will remain in the Chamber.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 MAYOR'S 24 HOUR CHALLENGE

(502) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS

(503) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council supports the fee waiver for the use of Graham Thomas Oval for \$376.00 (inc GST).
2. These funds be made available from the Local Community Based Donations Budget.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.3 COUNCILLOR ETIQUETTE

(504) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

(505) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

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- (iii) A Minimum Ordinary Business Rate of \$1,131.36 for each parcel of rateable land in the City categorised as Business.
- (iv) Consistent with its adopted Business Sub-Category Structure for Local Centres, Council apply the relevant provisions of the Business – Commercial General sub-category, implemented progressively over a four-year period, for all applicable business properties within the Belmore Local Centre, as outlined in the Operational Plan.
- (v) Annual charges from Domestic Waste collection be set at \$645.00 for all Residential properties.
- (vi) Annual charges from Trade Waste collection be set at \$645.00 for all Business properties in the former City of Canterbury.
- (vii) The maximum mandatory pensioner rebate of \$250.00 per annum. In addition, Council continue to provide a further voluntary rebate, which equates to \$40.00 per annum in accordance with Council's 'Rates and Charges Debt Recovery and Hardship Assistance Policy'.
- (viii) Annual Charges for Stormwater Management Services as follows:
 - **Residential Properties**
 - Annual Residential Charge of \$25.00 per property.
 - Annual Residential Strata Charge of \$12.50 per property.
 - **Business Properties**
 - Annual 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. Annual Business Strata Charge of \$25 for each 350 square metres or part there of subject to a minimum amount of \$5 per strata.
 - **Mixed Development**
 - Adopt the dominant Rating category as applied to the parcel of land as determined by the Valuer General and apply to each relevant property.
 - In the event that a mixed development is 50% residential and 50% business, Council will apply a residential charge.

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- **Exemptions**

In addition to the exemptions stipulated in the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the following exemptions will also apply in managing the service:

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

4. A maximum rate of interest on overdue rates and charges as specified by the Minister for Local Government be applied.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026**
(507) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 March 2026 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.6 **PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR DUNC GRAY VELODROME - PUBLIC**
(508) **EXHIBITION RESULTS**
CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Council enter into a Licence Agreement with AusCycling for an initial term of five (5) years with a term option of a further five (5) years.

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ITEM 8.9 **PROPERTY MATTER - RUSE PARK, BANKSTOWN**
(511) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Grant approval for the placement of a positive covenant on the Title of one of Council's public reserves known as Ruse Park which is located at 84 Stacey Street, Bankstown, Lot 3 DP309969.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and execute all documentation, as required.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.1 **TOD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM - BANKSTOWN TOD PRECINCT**
(512) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the list of proposed projects for submission under the TOD Community Infrastructure Program; and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit grant applications in accordance with program requirements.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.3 **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25**
(513) **MARCH 2026**
CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 March 2026 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.4 **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 14 APRIL 2026**
(514) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Local Transport Forum held on 14 April 2026, be adopted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.1 **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - APRIL 2026**
(515) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.5 **FIFA WORLD CUP 2026**
(516) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that:

1. Council investigates the feasibility of hosting live sites to screen relevant Australian matches during the 2026 FIFA World Cup if Australia.
2. The report should consider the most appropriate game/s to live screen subject to the date (weekends vs school days) and time (noting some may not be suitable due to the time-difference).
3. Based on the above, consider venue options, any licencing requirements, interest from local Football stakeholders partnering with Council to provide support and promotion and all costs associated with screening the game/s.
4. A report back to Council at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 26 May 2026.

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ITEM 11.7
(517)

MARKETS AT BELMORE

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council write to Sydney Metro to request they hold a Market and Fun Day at Terry Lamb Reserve Belmore once the Metro has been completed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.9
(518)

NSW COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Prepare and submit a formal response to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure regarding the proposed Statewide Community Participation Plan, raising concerns including:
 - a) The expansion of development types exempt from public notification and exhibition;
 - b) Reduced opportunities for community input prior to development approval; and
 - c) The impact of standardised exhibition timeframes on meaningful community participation;
2. Advocate for the retention of strong local notification requirements and appropriate exhibition periods that reflect the scale, nature and impact of development within Canterbury Bankstown;
3. Note the submission at the next Council meeting; and
4. Write to Local Government NSW seeking sector-wide advocacy on the proposed changes.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.10
(519)

ENCOURAGING BUSKERS AND STREET ENTERTAINERS TO CBCITY

CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

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RESOLVED that Council develop and implement policies and strategies that would facilitate the attraction of buskers and street entertainers to suitable locations in our city.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.11 **ELECTRIFY THE COUNCIL FLEET**
(520) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that given the heightened present and likely ongoing cost of fuel, that Council considers accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles in its vehicle fleet.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.13 **INCREASING THE USE OF INDIGENOUS AND NATIVE PROVENANCE VEGETATION**
(521) **IN COUNCIL PROJECTS**
CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Undertake a review of all policy levers, such as procurement frameworks, and planning instruments available to Council, seeking to increase the percentage and diversity of indigenous and native provenance ground cover, shrubs, and trees installed across the Local Government Area.
2. This review considers vegetation planted by:
 - a. Council staff and works programs;
 - b. Council contractors and suppliers; and
 - c. External stakeholders operating within the LGA, like major infrastructure providers such as Sydney Metro and other State agencies.
3. The review seeks to identify opportunities to:
 - a. Strengthen requirements for indigenous and locally native species in Council-led projects, including streetscapes, parks, and capital works;
 - b. Reduce monocultures whilst planting vegetation which visually compliments existing vegetation;
 - c. Embed minimum targets or benchmarks for native provenance planting in relevant policies, guidelines, and development controls;
 - d. Improve procurement specifications and contractor performance standards to prioritise biodiversity outcomes;

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- e. Encourage or require external stakeholders to align with Council's biodiversity and urban ecology objectives; and
- f. Support increased species diversity to enhance habitat value, climate resilience, and urban canopy outcomes.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.14 **ROAD SAFETY AT THE CLISSOLD PARADE AND BEAMISH STREET, CAMPSIE INTERSECTION**

(522) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Directs the relevant department to undertake a Road Safety Audit of the T-intersection at Clissold Parade and Beamish Street, Campsie, following the recent vehicle incident.
2. Identifies potential traffic calming measures or physical protection (such as safety bollards) to improve the safety of pedestrians and the integrity of local shopfronts at this location.
3. Requests a report be brought back to Council within three months, detailing the findings of the safety audit and outlining any recommended works or potential grant funding opportunities.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: **PLANNING MATTERS**

ITEM 6.1 **PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR 81A - 89 ROSEDALE AVENUE, GREENACRE AND 47A GIBSON AVENUE, PADSTOW (RZ-2-2025)**

(523) **CLR. WALSH:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. Council submits the Planning Proposal for 81A – 89 Rosedale Avenue, Greenacre and 48A Gibson Avenue, Padstow to amend the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2023 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway determination.

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2. Subject to the issue of a Gateway determination, Council exhibits the planning proposal, and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Cahill, El-Hayek, Harika, Zakhia, Stavrinou, Akther, Walther, Lindsay, Walsh and Saleh

Against:- Clrs Coorey and Blood

CLR COOREY REQUESTED THAT HER NAME BE RECORDED AS VOTING AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT COMMUNITY FACILITIES POLICY (CFP)

(524) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. Adopt the Community Facilities Policy, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. Revoke the former Bankstown Community Facilities Policy following adoption of the new Policy.
3. Endorse the commencement of negotiations for new licence and lease agreements with existing holders following the adoption of the Community Facilities Policy; and
4. Public exhibition will be undertaken where required under the *Local Government Act 1993*, with a further report presented to Council outlining the outcomes of the exhibition of each proposed lease or licence agreement.

- CARRIED

CLR COOREY REQUESTED THAT HER NAME BE RECORDED AS VOTING AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

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SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE 2025/26 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET TO 31 MARCH 2026

(525) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Council note the quarterly review of the 2025/26 Operational Plan, for the period 1 January to 31 March 2026.
2. Council adopt the quarterly review of the 2025/26 Budget to 31 March 2026, including proposed budget variations [Attachment 2 (Annexure I and N)] - as outlined in this report.
3. Council allocate Ward Funds as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

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

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 506 ON PAGE THREE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.3 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 507 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.4 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT TO 2026 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(526) CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. The 2026 Schedule of Council Meetings be amended – whereby the May 2026 Ordinary Council meeting be rescheduled from Tuesday 26 May 2026 to Tuesday 19 May 2026.

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2. Council agrees to the temporary administrative changes, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.5 **PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR BANKSTOWN DISTRICT AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (BDAFA)**

In respect to Item 8.5 – Proposed Licence Agreement for Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA), Mayor El-Hayek declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a patron of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA). Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 8.5 – Proposed Licence Agreement for Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA), Clr Harika declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is a patron of the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA). Clr Harika advised it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she remained in the Chamber.

(527) **CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. Agree to offer Bankstown District Amateur Football Association (BDAFA) a Licence Agreement of 15 years, comprising of a 10-year initial term and 5-year term option, for the New Amenities Building at Padstow Park.
2. Upon expiry of the current licence for the synthetic field and associated amenities, resolve to negotiate a new Licence Agreement with BDAFA for an initial term of five (5) years with a further five (5) year option.
3. Publicly exhibit the proposed Licence Agreements in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
4. Report the outcomes of the public exhibition back to Council for consideration prior to final execution of the Licence Agreements.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.6 **PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR DUNC GRAY VELODROME - PUBLIC EXHIBITION RESULTS**

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THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 508 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.7 **PROPOSED ELECTRICITY EASEMENT FOR AUSGRID AS PART OF THE ICE SKATING CLUB DEVELOPMENT**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 509 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.8 **PROPOSED ELECTRICITY EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR AUSGRID AS PART OF THE CANTERBURY LEISURE AND AQUATIC CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 510 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.9 **PROPERTY MATTER - RUSE PARK, BANKSTOWN**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 511 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 9.1 **TOD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM - BANKSTOWN TOD PRECINCT**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 512 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 9.2 **E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS (E-MICROMOBILITY) - DRAFT SUBMISSION TO THE NSW GOVERNMENT'S DRAFT REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE**

(528) **CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the draft submission to the proposed Micromobility Vehicle Sharing Services schemes reforms provided in Attachment 1.

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2. Council strongly opposes the proposed role out until such time as there is greater clarity on the regulations and guidance material.
3. That the following matters be included in the final submission:
 - a. Council's position is that any changes must have no financial impact on councils, and;
 - b. Councils should get a greater share of the revenue from providers, and
 - c. Councils should be allowed to introduce new annual fees for operators where on road parking is proposed (similar to Car share) to cover the cost of infrastructure provision and operation.

- CARRIED

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

SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 10.1 MINUTES OF THE FIRST PEOPLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2026

(529) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that the minutes of the First Peoples Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 March 2026 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 18 MARCH 2026

(530) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. The recommendations contained in the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 18 March 2026, be adopted; and
2. The contents of the ARIC's annual report to Council for 2025 be noted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.3 **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2026**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 513 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 10.4 **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 14 APRIL 2026**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 514 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

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

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

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 515 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.2 **UNLOCKING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS**

(531) **CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council follow up the Hon Ron Hoenig MP – Minister for Local Government on our request to consider giving Council’s greater flexibility to spend developer contributions on infrastructure essential to support future development including renewal of critical infrastructure like roads and footpaths in areas of increased growth as mandated by the NSW Government, or provide an alternate solution to allow Council’s to properly fund maintenance.

- CARRIED

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

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.06 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.07 PM.

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ITEM 11.3 UPGRADING THE DEEPWATER PARK PATH NETWORK

(532) CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. WALTHER

RESOLVED that Council note the ongoing planning and design of improvements to the shared path network within Deepwater Park, Milperra, and continue progressing this work so upgrades are delivered in a timely way to support pedestrian and cyclist movement, and to improve overall connectivity and accessibility throughout the park.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4 CELEBRATING FATHER BOULOS KERBAJ'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(533) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. COOREY

RESOLVED that Council acknowledges one of our cities longest serving religious leaders, Father Boulos Kerbaj, of the St Charbel's Maronite Church, for his dedication to faith and community, and wish him many happy returns as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.5 FIFA WORLD CUP 2026

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 516 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.6 TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAY PATROL COMMAND FOR CAMPSIE LAC

(534) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. SALEH

RESOLVED that Council write to the NSW Police Minister the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP requesting that a Traffic & Highway Patrol Command be based at the Campsie LAC to address the concerns of residents relating to speeding and hooning occurring within the LAC.

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

CLR WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.15 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.18 PM.

CLR LINDSAY TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.17 PM.

ITEM 11.7 MARKETS AT BELMORE

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 517 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

**ITEM 11.8 SUPPORT FOR THE LEBANESE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE CANTERBURY
BANKSTOWN AREA AND ABROAD**

(535) CLR. SALEH:/CLR. AKTHER

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Acknowledges the distress experienced by members of our local Lebanese community because of the current war in Lebanon, and the ongoing emotional impact this conflict is having on residents within Canterbury-Bankstown by expressing its support and solidarity with affected residents, consistent with Council's commitment to social cohesion and community wellbeing.
2. Call on the Australian Federal Government to continue working with international partners and allies to advocate for a permanent ceasefire in Lebanon and to demand a stop to all killing and destruction.
3. Acknowledges the Australian Government's recent \$5 million humanitarian contribution to support those affected in Lebanon and write to Foreign Minister Penny Wong in supporting an ongoing and increased assistance to the people of Lebanon.
4. Display the Lebanon flag outside Council Chambers in Bankstown on Friday, 8th May for 10 days, marking one month since one of the deadliest days that Lebanon has witnessed where Israel unleashed its most intense assault on Lebanon launching 100 airstrikes in 10 minutes that resulted in over 250 civilians killed and more than 1,165 wounded.
 - a. That the flag display on day 1 be acknowledged with a small no cost flag raising ceremony
5. Recognises and acknowledges the efforts of all emergency services on the ground and to the Australian Embassy in Beirut, including our appreciation to

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Ambassador Tom Wilson, for supporting humanitarian initiatives on the ground and his immediate support and solidarity with the Lebanese community which included him donating blood to Red Cross Lebanon in support of those affected.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.9 NSW COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 518 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.10 ENCOURAGING BUSKERS AND STREET ENTERTAINERS TO CBCITY

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 519 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.11 ELECTRIFY THE COUNCIL FLEET

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 520 ON PAGE TEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.12 ADDRESSING ILLEGAL CONCRETING

MOTION CLR. BLOOD:/CLR COOREY

That Council:

1. Notes and acknowledges the work of a local resident who compiled a detailed list of properties within Georges Hall that appear to involve illegal concreting and non-compliance with Council's Development Control Plan (DCP) and the NSW Government's State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) requirements relating to limits on hard surfaces, and landscaping.
2. Recognises the adverse impacts of illegal concreting, such increased urban heat, reduced rainwater absorption and increased runoff into our waterways and groundwater, and increased stormwater management costs.

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3. Provide a report to Council on the feasibility of introducing measures to strengthen compliance and enforcement in relation to illegal concreting, including but not limited to:
 - a. Using aerial imagery and mapping technologies to identify potential breaches;
 - b. A targeted inspection program covering both Complying Development Certificates (CDC) and Council-approved developments;
 - c. Streamlining reporting and response processes for alleged non-compliance for the public ;
 - d. Increasing public educations and comms campaigns on the environmental and health risks from excessive concreting.
4. Requests that a report be provided to Council within 3 months.

- LOST

CLRS BLOOD AND STAVRINOS STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

For:- Clrs Blood and Stavrinou

Against:- Clrs Walsh, Cahill, Harika, Asfour, Zakhia, Saleh, Akther, Coorey, Walther, Lindsay and El-Hayek

ITEM 11.13 INCREASING THE USE OF INDIGENOUS AND NATIVE PROVENANCE VEGETATION IN COUNCIL PROJECTS

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 521 ON PAGE TEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.14 ROAD SAFETY AT THE CLISSOLD PARADE AND BEAMISH STREET, CAMPSIE INTERSECTION

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 522 ON PAGE ELEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.15 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

In accordance with the requirements of section 3.14 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Chief Executive Officer provided an oral response to each of the questions from Councillor Blood.

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CLR HARIKA TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.37 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.39 PM.

CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.40 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.45 PM.

CLR LINDSAY RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.47 PM.

SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

(536) CLR. COOREY:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

That, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 12.1 Property Matter - Proposed Acquisition of property in Campsie

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

Item 12.2 Property Matter - Campsie Library and Knowledge Centre Unsolicited Proposal

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 12.3 The River Road (Marco Avenue and Sphinx Avenue) Intersection Upgrade (RRIU) Project

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 7.47 PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 8.13 PM.

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ITEM 12.1 **PROPERTY MATTER - PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN CAMPSIE**
(537) **CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with *Section 377(1)(h)* of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council agree to purchase the identified property in Campsie in accordance with the approach as outlined in the report.
2. Further reports be provided to Council on this matter as required.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.2 **PROPERTY MATTER - CAMPSIE LIBRARY AND KNOWLEDGE CENTRE UNSOLICITED**
(538) **PROPOSAL**
CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that

1. Progress the USP for the Campsie Library and Knowledge Centre to Stage 2, as outlined in this report.
2. Invites the Proponent to submit further information addressing the matters set out in this report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.3 **THE RIVER ROAD (MARCO AVENUE AND SPHINX AVENUE) INTERSECTION**
(539) **UPGRADE (RRIU) PROJECT**
CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Agrees with the proposed intersection works as set out in this report
2. Adopts the Suggested Approach regarding the project, as outlined in the report

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.14 PM.

Minutes confirmed 26 MAY 2026

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Mayor