

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

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

APOLOGIES Councillors Akther, Harika, Walther, Zakhia

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.23 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

(603)

CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Councillors Akther, Harika, Walther and Zakhia due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(604)

CLR. WALSH:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 June 2026 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 4.7 – Restoring Council Funding, Councillor Asfour declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given his role as Vice President Metropolitan/Urban, Local Government NSW and a non-significant non-pecuniary interest given he is a member of the United Services Union, as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

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In respect to Item 4.7 – Restoring Council Funding, Councillor Raffan declared a pecuniary interest given her role as Director, Metropolitan/Urban, Local Government New South Wales and non-significant non-pecuniary interest given she is a member of the United Services Union, as such she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 8.1 – Naming Proposal - Karl Saleh OAM, Councillor Saleh declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given the matter concerns a relative, as such he will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 8.3 – Proposed Licence Agreement for Allum Park – Public Exhibition Report, Mayor El-Hayek declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given a relative plays soccer with the Club. Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 8.4 – Proposed Licence Agreement for Padstow Park – Public Exhibition Report, 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.

In respect to Item 11.10 – Development Control Plan Amendment to Manage Amplified Sound at Places of Worship, Mayor El-Hayek declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with an entity which may be affected by this matter, as such he will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

In respect to Item 11.10 – Development Control Plan Amendment to Manage Amplified Sound at Places of Worship, Councillor Asfour declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with an entity which may be affected by this matter, as such he will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

(605) CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. Standing Orders be suspended and Items 4.8 and then 4.7 be dealt with now.
2. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 4.8
(606) **VALE REGINALD CHARD OAM**
CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council to investigate installing a tribute in the memory of Reginald Chard OAM at Dick Payten Reserve, Villawood

- CARRIED

COUNCIL OBSERVED A MINUTE SILENCE IN MEMORY OF REGINALD CHARD OAM.

ITEM 4.7 **RESTORING COUNCIL FUNDING**

In respect to Item 4.7 – Restoring Council Funding, Councillor Asfour declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given his role as Vice President Metropolitan/Urban, Local Government NSW and a non-significant non-pecuniary interest given he is a member of the United Services Union, as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 4.7 – Restoring Council Funding, Councillor Raffan declared a pecuniary interest given her role as Director, Metropolitan/Urban, Local Government New South Wales and non-significant non-pecuniary interest given she is a member of the United Services Union, as such she vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

CLRS ASFOUR AND RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.33 PM.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.1
(608) **COLIN MYERS RETIREMENT**
CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

CLRS ASFOUR AND RAFFAN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.33 PM.

CLR COOREY TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.41 PM.

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.42 PM.

ITEM 4.2
(609) **LEBANESE EMIGRANT STATUE**
CLR. EL-HAYEK

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RESOLVED that

1. A statue of the Lebanese Emigrant, also known as “El Emigrante” be located at Northcote Park Greenacre, adjacent to the recently planted Cedar Tree, and an appropriate ceremony be held to mark the unveiling.
2. Costs of the monument to be met by the World Lebanese Cultural Union.
3. Council investigate a suitable location and plant another Cedar Tree to mark Lebanon Independence Day on 22 November and an appropriate event ceremony be held to celebrate the occasion.

- CARRIED

CLR BLOOD RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.43 PM.

CLR COOREY RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.44 PM.

ITEM 4.3
(610)

E-BIKE CRACKDOWN

CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council

1. Write to the NSW Police Minister Yasmin Catley, calling for increased covert operations and targeted blitzes across our LGA, to nab offenders and to seize and crush non-complying e-bikes and request consideration of imposing requirements around registration and compulsory insurance for e-bikes.
2. Write to the Attorney General requesting that laws regarding e-bikes be strengthened.

- CARRIED

CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.45 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.47 PM.

CLR COOREY TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.48 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.52 PM.

ITEM 4.4
(611)

VANDALISM: TOUGH LOVE

CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council write to the Premier and Attorney General calling on a review of sentencing laws, and to consider increased penalties for first-time offenders,

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and introducing community service orders which require those found guilty to serve at least 100 hours working with Council staff cleaning and picking litter at parks and town centres

2. The NSW Government rolls out an education campaign in our schools, which includes raising awareness about this growing trend and the impacts on the community.
3. Council have increased security and Regulatory Service during school holidays around Council parks.

- CARRIED

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

ITEM 4.5
(612) **CEDARS RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP**
CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council support the Lebanese Cedars Rugby League Football Association by waiving fees at Thurina Park, The Terry Lamb Complex and Maclean Reserve at a total amount of \$5096.90.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.6
(613) **LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**
CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council supports a donation of \$500 to House of Sadaqa towards their 2026 Winter Plunge Appeal.
2. Council supports a donation of \$500 to Probus South Pacific Limited towards the launch of their Probus Yagoona Club.
3. These funds be made available from the Local Community Based Donations Budget.

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ITEM 4.7 RESTORING COUNCIL FUNDING

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 607 ON PAGE THREE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 4.8 VALE REGINALD CHARD OAM

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 606 ON PAGE THREE OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

(614) CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 7.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 9.2, 9.4, 9.6, 10.2, 11.1, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.16, 12.1.
2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.
3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.1 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

(615) CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Having regard to the Local Government (General) Amendment (Meetings) Regulation 2026, Council notes the relevant changes to its Code of Meeting Practice.
2. Council, in principle, endorses the Draft Code of Meeting Practice and proceed to publicly exhibit the proposed changes, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.
3. A further report be submitted to Council, following the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Councillors consideration.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.2
(616) **NAMING PROPOSAL - GRANT LEE**
CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Endorse the name Grant Lee for the public plaza within the northern section of Nugent Park.
2. Proceeds with the next steps as outlined in this report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3
(617) **PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR ALLUM PARK - PUBLIC EXHIBITION REPORT**
CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

In respect to Item 8.3 – Proposed Licence Agreement for Allum Park – Public Exhibition Report, Mayor El-Hayek declared non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given a relative plays soccer with the Club. Mayor El-Hayek advised it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

RESOLVED that

1. Council makes an application to the Minister for Local Government under the provisions of section 47(5)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for consent to grant a licence agreement to Greenacre Eagles for the management and operation of its activities from the Clubroom located within the Allum Park Clubhouse, 9A Karuah Street, Greenacre.
2. Once the Minister advises Council on its application to grant consent to Greenacre Eagles the matter will be reported back to Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.4
PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR PADSTOW PARK - PUBLIC EXHIBITION REPORT

In respect to Item 8.4 – Proposed Licence Agreement for Padstow Park – Public Exhibition Report, 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.

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(618) CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Council makes an application to the Minister for Local Government under the provisions of section 47(5)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for consent to grant a licence agreement to BDAFA for a term of fifteen (15) years comprising of a 10-year initial term and a five-year option for the management of the Padstow Park New Amenities Building.
2. Council makes an application to the Minister for Local Government for consent to grant a separate license agreement for the synthetic filed and associated amenities for an initial term of five (5) years with an additional five (5) year option term.
3. Once the Minister advises Council on its applications to grant consents to BDAFA the matter will be reported back to Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.6 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT REPORT - INTERSECTION OF BEAMISH STREET AND CLISSOLD PARADE CAMPSIE

(619) CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council note the findings of the Road Safety Audit undertaken for the intersection of Beamish Street and Clissold Parade, Campsie and subsequent actions as detailed in the report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.7 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

(620) CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 June 2026 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be noted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.8 **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT TO 2026 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**
(621) **CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. The 2026 Schedule of Council Meetings be amended – whereby the September 2026 Ordinary Council meeting be rescheduled from Tuesday 22 September 2026 to Tuesday 15 September 2026.
2. Council agrees to the temporary administrative change, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.2 **WSIG PROGRAM UPDATE**
(622) **CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the WSIG Project Update be received and noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.4 **BETTER OPEN SPACES PROGRAM**
(623) **CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. Endorse the lists of proposed playground and sports field lighting upgrades, as outlined in this report, for submission under Round One of the Better Open Spaces Program.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit an application for grant funding.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.6 **SSROC EOI & TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY INCLUSIVE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY**
(624) **CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

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RESOLVED that

1. Council agree to participate in SSROC's electricity tender - *Program for Energy and Environmental Risk Solutions 4* (PEERS 4), as outlined in the report.
2. The CEO be delegated to consider and enter into a suitable contract, for the supply of electricity, as recommended by SSROC and its independent energy advisor.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
30 JUNE 2026**

(625)

CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. The recommendations contained in the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 30 June 2026, be adopted; and
2. Council notes the revised Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Charter.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.1

STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - JULY 2026

(626)

CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.3

BLUE GREEN COMMITTEE

(627)

CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council writes to the Chair of the Blue-Green Grid Committee asking for clarification on:

1. How councils and catchment bodies will be consulted on future blue-green grid projects and land acquisitions?

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2. What criteria will be used to prioritise future blue-green grid corridors, land acquisitions and open space projects?
3. How Council can work with the Committee to improve open space, active transport and environmental outcomes in CBCity?

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4
(628)

COOKS RIVER EMERGENCY WATER QUALITY TESTING
CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that:

1. Council supports the Cooks River Alliance Secretariat and participating councils to develop and implement agreed protocols for the coordination, funding, and delivery of emergency water quality testing across the catchment.
2. The Cooks River Alliance report back to member councils the details of any suggested program and proposed next steps.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.5
(629)

NSW GOVERNMENT ASBESTOS PROGRAM
CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Writes to the NSW Government seeking further information on the proposed free household asbestos collection trial announced as part of the NSW Asbestos Plan of Action, including eligibility criteria, implementation timeframes, the role of local councils, opportunities for Canterbury-Bankstown Council to participate in and support the program; and any community education initiatives.
2. Expresses Council's interest in being considered for participation in the proposed household asbestos collection trial.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 11.16 ACTIVE TRANSPORT INFORMATION

(630) CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council provides an information report detailing information about all current and future planned, and construction ready, Active transport works across the LGA over the next 2 years.

- CARRIED

ITEM 12.1 CUSTOMER REQUEST REPORTING APPROACH

(631) *This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with section 10A(2) 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 proposed to conduct) business.*

CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council agree to implement the recommended approach, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR 11 HARP STREET, 5 AND 11A ELIZABETH STREET CAMPSIE - OUTCOMES OF FACILITATED ENGAGEMENT (PP-2024-1399)

CLR ABU-SAMEN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.14 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.17 PM.

MOTION CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. WALSH

That

1. Council acknowledges the Council resolution at its meeting dated 19 May 2026.
2. Council notes the outcomes of the facilitated engagement sessions held with the community in accordance with the 19 May 2026 resolution.

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3. Council submits the planning proposal (PP-2024-1399) to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation as set out in this report.
4. Council endorses the draft site-specific Development Control Plan as shown in Attachment 2, with minor revisions to strengthen existing controls, and that it be brought into effect once the LEP amendment is gazetted and published on the NSW Legislation website.
5. Council endorses the draft Planning Agreement as provided in Attachment 3 and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of Council, including any other administrative changes that does not alter the intent

AMENDMENT

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. RAFFAN

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5. Endorses the draft Planning Agreement as provided in Attachment 3 and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of Council, including any other administrative changes that does not alter the intent.
6. When a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) is submitted to the NSW Government, Council request that it impose a Condition of Consent requiring the developer to:
 - a) Provide a minimum of two weeks' notice prior to the commencement of any construction works
 - b) Notify all neighbouring properties in writing (via letterbox drop or post or nominated email) of the proposed works
 - c) Nominate a dedicated Community Liaison Officer as a single point of contact for residents
 - d) Maintain a process of registering, responding to and reporting on complaints throughout the construction period

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- e) Put in place noise abatement measures and offer accommodation to affected residents in close proximity to the site.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND BECAME THE MOTION.

(632)

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that

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2. Notes the outcomes of the facilitated engagement sessions held with the community in accordance with the 19 May 2026 resolution.
3. Submits the planning proposal (PP-2024-1399) to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation as set out in this report.
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5. Endorses the draft Planning Agreement as provided in Attachment 3 and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of Council, including any other administrative changes that does not alter the intent.
6. When a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) is submitted to the NSW Government, Council request that it impose a Condition of Consent requiring the developer to:
 - a) Provide a minimum of two weeks' notice prior to the commencement of any construction works
 - b) Notify all neighbouring properties in writing (via letterbox drop or post or nominated email) of the proposed works
 - c) Nominate a dedicated Community Liaison Officer as a single point of contact for residents
 - d) Maintain a process of registering, responding to and reporting on complaints throughout the construction period
 - e) Put in place noise abatement measures and offer accommodation to affected residents in close proximity to the site.

For:- Clrs Abu-Samen, Asfour, Cahill, Coorey, El-Hayek, Lindsay, Raffan, Saleh, Stavrinos and Walsh

Against:- Clr Blood

- CARRIED

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ITEM 6.2 **PLANNING PROPOSAL TO RECLASSIFY COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT 15 & 25 GREENFIELD PARADE, BANKSTOWN**
CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.51 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.54 PM.

MOTION **CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. WALSH**

That

1. Council submits the Planning Proposal for 15 and 25 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown to amend the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2023 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway determination.
2. Subject to the issue of a Gateway determination, Council exhibits the planning proposal, holds a public hearing, and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition and public hearing.

AMENDMENT **CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR COOREY**

That Council not dispose of, sell or redevelop the subject land until equivalent or greater commuter and public parking capacity is delivered within the Bankstown CBD to ensure that there is no net loss of parking available to metro users, local businesses and the wider community.

For:- Clrs Abu-Samen, Coorey, Lindsay and Stavrinis

Against:- Clrs Asfour, Blood, Cahill, El-Hayek, Raffan, Saleh and Walsh

THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST.

(633) **CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. WALSH**

RESOLVED that

1. Council submits the Planning Proposal for 15 and 25 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown to amend the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2023 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway determination.
2. Subject to the issue of a Gateway determination, Council exhibits the planning proposal, holds a public hearing, and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition and public hearing.

For:- Clrs Asfour, Blood, Cahill, El-Hayek, Raffan, Saleh and Walsh

Against:- Clrs Abu-Samen, Coorey, Lindsay and Stavrinis

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CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.51 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.54 PM.

CLR BLOOD TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.55 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.57 PM.

SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 615 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 NAMING PROPOSAL - KARL SALEH OAM

In respect to Item 8.1 – Naming Proposal - Karl Saleh OAM, Councillor Saleh declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given the matter concerns a relative, as such he vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

CLRS SALEH, RAFFAN AND WALSH TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.58 PM.

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

RESOLVED that

1. In principle endorse the proposed naming the area surrounding the Riverwood Wetlands the 'Saleh Recreation Area' acknowledging Karl Saleh OAM's contribution to the local community, subject to the outcome of a public exhibition process.
2. Note that a further report outlining the outcomes of the public exhibition will be presented to Council for final consideration and approval.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.2 NAMING PROPOSAL - GRANT LEE

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 616 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.3 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR ALLUM PARK - PUBLIC EXHIBITION REPORT

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 617 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.4 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR PADSTOW PARK - PUBLIC EXHIBITION REPORT

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 618 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.5 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENTS FOR WATERWORTH PARK SPORTS AMENITIES BUILDING - PUBLIC EXHIBITION REPORT

(635) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. Council enter into separate Licence Agreements with Canterbury Touch Football Association and Cooks River Titans Football Club for the Waterworth Park Sports Amenities Building for a term of five (5) years.
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate, finalise and execute all necessary documentation associated with the Licence Agreements.

- CARRIED

CLR SALEH RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.00 PM.

CLR RAFFAN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.01 PM.

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**ITEM 8.6 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT REPORT - INTERSECTION OF BEAMISH STREET AND
CLISSOLD PARADE CAMPSIE**

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 619 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.7 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 620 ON PAGE EIGHT OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.8 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT TO 2026 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 621 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 9.1 TOY LIBRARY REPORT
(636) CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that

1. The information in this report be noted.
2. The provision of a Pilot Toy Library Service not to proceed until such time as Council identifies appropriate funding and resources as part of its quarterly review or 2027/28 Operational Planning processes.

- CARRIED

CLR WALSH RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.04 PM.

ITEM 9.2 WSIG PROGRAM UPDATE

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 622 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

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ITEM 9.3 SYDNEY METRO SOUTHWEST ACTIVE TRANSPORT INITIATIVES

CLR ASFOUR TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.08 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.10 PM.

MOTION CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ABU-SAMEN

That

1. The information in this report be noted.
2. A further report be prepared on the proposed shared bike parking bays, including the outcomes of TfNSW's engagement and the final locations.
3. Council continue to advocate to Sydney Metro and the NSW Government against the transfer of ongoing maintenance and asset management responsibilities for the MetroWay to Council.

AMENDMENT CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. COOREY

That

1. The information in this report be noted.
2. A further report be prepared on the proposed shared bike and e-scooter parking bays, including the outcomes of TfNSW's engagement and the final locations.
3. Council continue to advocate to Sydney Metro and the NSW Government against the transfer of ongoing maintenance and asset management responsibilities for the MetroWay to Council.
4. Council request an update from Sydney Metro and the NSW Government on any new additional car parking spaces planned for Belmore Railway Station, including expected timing, noting that we would like these spaces as a matter of priority.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND BECAME THE MOTION.

(637) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. COOREY

RESOLVED that

1. The information in this report be noted.

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2. A further report be prepared on the proposed shared bike and e-scooters parking bays, including the outcomes of TfNSW's engagement and the final locations.
3. Council continue to advocate to Sydney Metro and the NSW Government against the transfer of ongoing maintenance and asset management responsibilities for the MetroWay to Council.
4. Council request an update from Sydney Metro and the NSW Government on any new additional car parking spaces planned for Belmore Railway Station including expected timing, noting that we would like these spaces as a matter of priority.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.4 BETTER OPEN SPACES PROGRAM

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 623 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 9.5 LAKEMBA NIGHTS DURING RAMADAN 2026/2027

(638) CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. SALEH

RESOLVED that

1. Endorse the delivery of Lakemba Nights during Ramadan 2027 from Thursday 11 February to Sunday 7 March 2027.
2. Proceed with the next steps as outlined in this report to support the planning and delivery of Lakemba Nights during Ramadan 2027.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.6 SSROC EOI & TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY INCLUSIVE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 624 ON PAGE NINE OF THESE MINUTES.

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SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ITEM 10.1 MINUTES OF THE FIRST PEOPLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE INFORMAL MEETING
HELD ON 24 JUNE 2026**

(639) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes that there was no quorum at the First Peoples Advisory Committee informal meeting held on 24 June 2026.
2. The items discussed at the meeting to be referred back to the next meeting of the First Peoples Advisory Committee.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.2 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
30 JUNE 2026**

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 625 ON PAGE TEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 10.3 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 14 JULY 2026

(640) CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. STAVRINOS

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

- CARRIED

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SECTION 11: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 11.1 STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - JULY 2026

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 626 ON PAGE TEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.2 BACK TO BELMORE
(641) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Congratulate Back to Belmore Inc. on reaching its 20th anniversary as an incorporated association in August 2026.
2. Acknowledge the Group's long-standing advocacy for Belmore Sports Ground through the presentation of a Certificate of Recognition.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.3 BLUE GREEN COMMITTEE

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 627 ON PAGE TEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.4 COOKS RIVER EMERGENCY WATER QUALITY TESTING

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 628 ON PAGE ELEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.5 NSW GOVERNMENT ASBESTOS PROGRAM

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 629 ON PAGE ELEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

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ITEM 11.6
(642)

VALE JILL BARBER OAM

CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Acknowledge with sadness the passing of Jill Barber OAM, former Deputy Mayor of Bankstown Council and respected community leader.
2. Recognise and record its appreciation of Jill Barber OAM's significant contribution to local government, the business community and the people of Bankstown over many decades.
3. Convey Council's sincere condolences to Jill Barber OAM's family, friends and all those whose lives were touched by her service and community leadership.
4. Observe a minute's silence in recognition of her life and service.

- CARRIED

COUNCIL OBSERVED A MINUTE SILENCE IN MEMORY OF JILL BARBER OAM.

ITEM 11.7
(643)

EAST HILLS BULLDOGS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

CLR. LINDSAY:/CLR. WALSH

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Acknowledge and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the East Hills Bulldogs, recognising their outstanding and longstanding contribution to sport and community life within Canterbury-Bankstown.
2. Formally congratulate the Club on reaching this significant milestone and recognise the dedication of past and present players, volunteers, committee members and families who have built the Club across generations.
3. Write to the East Hills Bulldogs extending Council's congratulations and best wishes for their continued success into the future.

- CARRIED

CLR STAVRINOS TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.28 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.29 PM.

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ITEM 11.8
(644)

SHARED E-BIKES

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. SALEH

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Reaffirm its expectation that shared bike operators actively manage their fleets and promptly address issues relating to parking compliance, public safety and amenity impacts across the City.
2. Write to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon. John Graham MP requesting an update on the Micromobility Vehicle Sharing Services scheme reforms, specifically around requirements for bike parking in order to reduce public liability and pollution issues created by these Bikes.
3. A report be prepared for the August Council Meeting with an update on E-Micromobility across the City and Lime Operations.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.9

SUPPORTING THE RINGING OF OUR CHURCH BELLS

CLR RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 8.53 PM AND RETURNED AT 8.55 PM.

MOTION

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. SALEH

That Council supports and acknowledges the rights of churches to ring their bells in accordance with our planning laws, while being respectful of the community and its values.

AMENDMENT

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. COOREY

That Council supports and acknowledges the right of churches to ring their bells in accordance with our planning laws subject to appropriate controls for designated special religious or cultural occasions.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

CLRS STAVRINOS AND COOREY STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

For:-

Clrs Coorey, Lindsay and Stavrinos

Against:-

Clrs Abu-Samen, Asfour, Blood, Cahill, El-Hayek, Raffan, Saleh and Walsh

THE DIVISION WAS LOST AND THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS PUT.

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CLRS STAVRINOS AND COOREY STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

(645)

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. SALEH

RESOLVED that Council supports and acknowledges the rights of churches to ring their bells in accordance with our planning laws, while being respectful of the community and its values.

For:-

Clrs Abu-Samen, Asfour, Blood, Cahill, El-Hayek, Raffan, Saleh and Walsh

Against:-

Clrs Coorey, Lindsay and Stavrinos

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.10

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENT TO MANAGE AMPLIFIED SOUND AT PLACES OF WORSHIP

In respect to Item 11.10 – Development Control Plan Amendment to Manage Amplified Sound at Places of Worship, Mayor El-Hayek declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with an entity which may be affected by this matter, as such he vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision of the matter.

In respect to Item 11.10 – Development Control Plan Amendment to Manage Amplified Sound at Places of Worship, Councillor Asfour declared a pecuniary conflict of interest given his working relationship with an entity which may be affected by this matter, as such he vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLR ASFOUR TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.02 PM.

The Chief Executive Officer conducted an election for Chairperson in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

COUNCILLOR RAFFAN WAS ELECTED CHAIRPERSON.

COUNCILLOR RAFFAN ASSUMED THE CHAIR AT 9.03 PM.

CLR. COOREY:/CLR. STAVRINOS

That Council:

1. Prepares and publicly exhibits draft amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023 to regulate externally amplified sound at places of worship;

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2. Includes provisions to prohibit routine use of externally amplified sound, except for designated special religious or cultural occasions, subject to appropriate controls.

CLRS COOREY AND STAVRINOS STOOD FOR A DIVISION.

For:- Clrs Coorey , Lindsay and Stavrinos

Against:- Clrs Abu-Samen, Blood, Cahill, Raffan, Saleh and Walsh

- LOST

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.26 PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

CLR ASFOUR RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.26 PM.

ITEM 11.11

BELMORE PCYC

(646)

CLR. COOREY:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council write to the CEO of PCYC NSW to seek information as to the future of the Belmore PCYC site in Burwood Road Belmore and express the following concerns and seeking information on the following:

- a) The closure of the PCYC in Belmore has caused disruption to the youth services of the area.
- b) What improvements are required to restore the site for the retention of youth services desperately needed in the area and what funding is available to the PCYC for these improvements.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.12

RELOCATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE FORMER BELMORE RSL COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

CLR ABU-SAMEN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 9.28 PM AND RETURNED AT 9.31 PM.

MOTION

CLR. COOREY:/CLR STAVRINOS

That Council:

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1. Formally contact the Campsie RSL Sub-Branch to ascertain the current status and future plans for the commemorative plaques and ANZAC Honour Rolls retrieved from the former Belmore RSL site.
2. Investigate appropriate public sites within the Belmore area for the permanent relocation and re-installation of these historic memorials, ensuring they remain in the community to which they were originally dedicated.
3. Specifically investigate the suitability of Tobruk Avenue in Belmore—such as the landscaped reserve areas near Belmore Station—as a priority location for a new memorial housing these plaques.
4. Prepare a report back to the elected body outlining the outcomes of discussions with Campsie RSL, the feasibility of the Tobruk Avenue site, and any associated costs or required works to establish the memorial.

AMENDMENT

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. CAHILL

That

1. Council formally contact the Campsie RSL Sub-Branch to ascertain the current status and future plans for the commemorative plaques and ANZAC Honour Rolls retrieved from the former Belmore RSL site.
2. Councillors be informed of the outcome of the discussions with Campsie RSL.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND BECAME THE MOTION.

(647)

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. Council formally contact the Campsie RSL Sub-Branch to ascertain the current status and future plans for the commemorative plaques and ANZAC Honour Rolls retrieved from the former Belmore RSL site.
2. Councillors be informed of the outcome of the discussions with Campsie RSL.

- CARRIED

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

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.15 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A FIRST WARNING AT 9.36 PM TO COUNCILLOR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

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ITEM 11.13
(648)

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CANTERBURY LAC AS HIGHWAY PATROL
CLR. COOREY:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred pending a workshop with Campsie and Burwood Police Local Area Commands.

- CARRIED

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

CLR RAFFAN RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 9.48 PM.

ITEM 11.14
(649)

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF CANTERBURY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
CLR. COOREY:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Acknowledges the upcoming centenary of Canterbury South Public School and formally congratulates the school community on 100 years of delivering local public education.
2. Undertakes an assessment of Council records, to a reasonable standard, to identify historical documents relating to Canterbury South Public School—including development applications and archival documentation from the former Canterbury Council—to be provided as a contribution or loaned contribution to the school's 'Memorabilia Museum' prior to their centenary celebrations on 22 August 2026.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.15
MOTION

STOP THE ARNCLIFFE DATA CENTRE
CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. STAVRINOS

That Council:

1. Notes that there is a data centre proposed adjacent to the Cooks River on the site of the former Kogarah Golf Course in very near geographical proximity to Waterworth Park in Earlwood.

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2. Notes that Data centres consume huge quantities of energy and water and which will likely drive up energy and water bills for residents in nearby suburbs like Earlwood, Hurlstone Park and Canterbury.
3. Notes that data centres create 24/7 loud humming drone noises, and significantly increase light pollution which will impact on residential amenity and impact wildlife in the ecological corridors surrounding the site including the Cooks River corridor, and the flying fox colony in Turrella Reserve Earlwood.
4. Notes that a coalition of energy and environmental groups including the clean energy council, electrical trades union, and climate energy finance have stated that the existing environmental protection provisions for energy and water use for data centre development are insufficient.
5. Notes that the Cooks River Alliance, Cooks River Valley Association, Wolli Creek Preservation Society, Canterbury Bankstown Climate Action Network and Canterbury-Bankstown Council all made submissions to the SSD portal either opposing or requesting significant amendments to the proposal.
6. Notes that data centres increases pollution from of chemicals like PFAS into groundwater, worsening soil quality and reducing the health of surrounding rivers.
7. Notes there is an ongoing State and Federal Parliamentary Inquiry which have heard significant amounts of evidence demonstrating the environmental and social amenity harms of data centres.
8. Writes to the Federal Member for Barton, Mrs Ashvini Ambihapahar, and the Federal Ministers for Environment and Water, and for Climate Change and Energy calling for a moratorium on data centre developments.
9. Writes to the Member for Rockdale, Mr Steve Kamper, the Minister for Planning, and the Minister for Environment requesting that the proposal for a data centre at the site of the former Kogarah Golf Course be rejected.

AMENDMENT

CLR.STAVRINOS:/CLR COOREY

That Council:

1. Notes that there is a data centre proposed adjacent to the Cooks River on the site of the former Kogarah Golf Course in very near geographical proximity to Waterworth Park in Earlwood.
2. Notes that Data centres consume huge quantities of energy and water and which will likely drive up energy and water bills for residents in nearby suburbs like Earlwood, Hurlstone Park and Canterbury.

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4. Notes that a coalition of energy and environmental groups including the clean energy council, electrical trades union, and climate energy finance have stated that the existing environmental protection provisions for energy and water use for data centre development are insufficient.
5. Notes that the Cooks River Alliance, Cooks River Valley Association, Wolli Creek Preservation Society, Canterbury Bankstown Climate Action Network and Canterbury-Bankstown Council all made submissions to the SSD portal either opposing or requesting significant amendments to the proposal.
6. Notes that data centres increases pollution from of chemicals like PFAS into groundwater, worsening soil quality and reducing the health of surrounding rivers.
7. Notes there is an ongoing State and Federal Parliamentary Inquiry which have heard significant amounts of evidence demonstrating the environmental and social amenity harms of data centres.
8. Writes to the Member for Rockdale, Mr Steve Kamper, the Minister for Planning, and the Minister for Environment requesting that the proposal for a data centre at the site of the former Kogarah Golf Course be rejected.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND BECAME THE MOTION.

(650)

CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. COOREY

RESOLVED that

1. Notes that there is a data centre proposed adjacent to the Cooks River on the site of the former Kogarah Golf Course in very near geographical proximity to Waterworth Park in Earlwood.
2. Notes that Data centres consume huge quantities of energy and water and which will likely drive up energy and water bills for residents in nearby suburbs like Earlwood, Hurlstone Park and Canterbury.
3. Notes that data centres create 24/7 loud humming drone noises, and significantly increase light pollution which will impact on residential amenity and impact wildlife in the ecological corridors surrounding the site including the Cooks River corridor, and the flying fox colony in Turrella Reserve Earlwood.

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4. Notes that a coalition of energy and environmental groups including the clean energy council, electrical trades union, and climate energy finance have stated that the existing environmental protection provisions for energy and water use for data centre development are insufficient.
5. Notes that the Cooks River Alliance, Cooks River Valley Association, Wolli Creek Preservation Society, Canterbury Bankstown Climate Action Network and Canterbury-Bankstown Council all made submissions to the SSD portal either opposing or requesting significant amendments to the proposal.
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8. Writes to the Member for Rockdale, Mr Steve Kamper, the Minister for Planning, and the Minister for Environment requesting that the proposal for a data centre at the site of the former Kogarah Golf Course be rejected.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.16 ACTIVE TRANSPORT INFORMATION

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 630 ON PAGE TWELVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.17 QUESTIONS - COUNCILLOR COOREY

In accordance with the requirements of section 3.15 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the Chief Executive Officer provided an oral response to each of the questions from Councillor Coorey.

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SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

ITEM 12.1 CUSTOMER REQUEST REPORTING APPROACH

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 631 ON PAGE TWELVE OF THESE MINUTES.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.09 PM.

Minutes confirmed 25 AUGUST 2026

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Mayor