



## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2024

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor Ned Mannoun arrived at 2.17pm

Councillor Ammoun

Councillor Goodman

Councillor Dr Green

Councillor Hadid OAM

Councillor Harle

Councillor Kaliyanda

Councillor Karnib (online)

Councillor Macnaught

Councillor Rhodes

Hon John Ajaka, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support

Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle

Mr Mark Hannan, Acting Director Planning & Compliance

Ms Michelle Mcilvenny, Director Customer Experience & Business Performance

Mr Shayne Mallard, Director City Futures

Mr Jason Breton, Director Operations

Mr David Galpin, General Counsel, Manager Governance, Legal and Procurement

Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer

Mr Charles Wiafe, Principal Transport Planner

Ms M'Leigh Brunetta, Civic and Executive Services Lead

Ms Melissa Wray, Councillor Executive and Support Officer

Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services

The meeting was opened by Deputy Mayor Macnaught and commenced at 2.05pm.

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**STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING  
OF MEETING**

The Deputy Mayor reminded everyone that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice (other than the Public Forum Section), the meeting is being livestreamed.



**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Clr Harle declared an interest in the following item:

**Item:**       **CONF 03** – Legal Expenses

Clr Harle remained in the Chambers during the duration of this meeting.

Mayor Mannoun declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

**Item:**       **PLAN 01** - Street Naming - Prestons

**Reason:**   As a private citizen he previously provided advice to the owner. The advice was a long time ago and Mayor Mannoun has no relationship with the owner.

Mayor Mannoun left the Chambers for the duration of this item.

Mayor Mannoun declared a non-pecuniary but significant interest in the following item due to content of report.

**Item:**       **CONF 03** – Legal Expenses

Mayor Mannoun retired from the meeting prior to this item and was not in the Chambers for the duration of this item.

Clr Ammoun raised a Motion of Urgency in regards to Grove Street, Casula due to community safety. Deputy Mayor Macnaught ruled the matter as urgent, however suggested that Council hear from the public forum speakers first, who are also speaking on this item and that the item be dealt with after that. Council agreed, to ensure community feedback was heard prior to making a formal decision on the matter.

Mayor Mannoun arrived at the meeting at 2.17pm and became the Chairperson.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Presentation – items not on agenda**

1. **Mr Michael Russell** addressed Council on the following item:

**Council’s failure to act in providing safe pedestrian access to Casula Railway Station for pedestrians both mobile and disability access.**

Mayor Mannoun granted a two minute extension to Mr Russell.

2. **Ms Susie Kneipp** addressed Council on the following item:

**Residents issue with Grove Street, Casula.**

Mayor Mannoun granted a two minute extension to Ms Kneipp.

3. **Mr Daniel Kneipp** addressed Council on the following item:

**Grove Street Casula Concerns.**

4. **Mr Michael Russell** addressed Council on the following item:

**Request to close Grove St Casula at the Hume Highway end due to safety issues.**

5. **Dr Criss Moore** addressed Council on the following issue:

**Casula Community Group and Grove Street.**

**Representation – items on agenda**

NIL.



**MOTION OF URGENCY**

Clr Harle requested Mayor Mannoun consider a Motion of Urgency with regards to Casula Railway Access.

Clr Harle stated it was urgent as the issue has been ongoing for a number of years and has been delayed. He requests a report on the viability of implementing pedestrian access to the western side of the Casula Railway Station via Carrol Park and adjoining streets.

Mayor Mannoun ruled the matter as not urgent and therefore this item was not dealt with at this meeting. Mayor Mannoun suggested a meeting onsite with Clr Harle and the Director Operations.



**MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM:** MAYOR 01  
**SUBJECT:** Business Excellence – Local Government Medal for our ‘Experience the World’ events.  
**REPORT OF:** Mayor Ned Mannoun

Liverpool City Council recently received the ‘2024 Business Excellence – Local Government Medal’, for our ‘Experience the World’ events. The award recognises the outstanding achievements of an amazing team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in curating the events. A special thank you must go to Tina Bono, our Director of Community and Lifestyle, and the incredible Clara McGuirk.

In 2023, Council launched, ‘Experience the World’: a series of seven major cultural events that celebrate Liverpool’s diversity. Liverpool is the face of multicultural Australia with 43.2 per cent of our residents born overseas. We took it upon ourselves to share our story, through food, festivities, and storytelling.

There has been considerable positive community feedback about the Experience the World events. The events are a fun and welcoming outlet for people close to home, improving our quality of life. People have voted with their feet with almost 900,000 people having attended the events. With over 75,000 people attending Most Blessed Nights last weekend – we are on track to surpass 1 million visits.

The ‘Experience the World’ events are now a staple within our community. It is hard to believe that they have only been running for just over one year. The blueprint and legacy set in 2023 for the ‘Experience the World’ series will last for a long time to come.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Thanks the Premier of NSW, Chris Minns, for awarding Liverpool City Council with the ‘2024 Business Excellence – Local Government Medal’ for our ‘Experience the World’ Events; and
2. Thanks all participants that have made ‘Experience the World’ in Liverpool such a success, including local residents, business owners, performers, multicultural and multifaith leaders, Council staff, Councillors and the NSW Government.





**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**ITEM:** MAYOR 02  
**SUBJECT:** Acknowledgment of George Street as a Growing Little India and Proposed "Little India Liverpool – Sari Street"  
**REPORT OF:** Mayor Ned Mannoun

Over the course of the last three decades, George Street in Liverpool has evolved into a prominent Indian fashion and culinary destination. This transformation has made George Street a sought-after high street destination, drawing in fashion enthusiasts and food aficionados from across the world.

George Street's emergence as a Little India or Sari Street exemplifies the vibrancy and multiculturalism that defines Liverpool. It stands as a testament to our commitment to fostering diverse and inclusive spaces within our city, offering residents and visitors a glimpse into the rich tapestry of diverse cultures that enrich our community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

In light of the burgeoning reputation of George Street as Sari Street, Little India, I propose:

That Council:

- (a) Supports the establishment of the precinct "Little India Liverpool - Sari Street" to position George Street as a destination of choice with a unique food, fashion, and cultural offering to deliver economic, cultural, and marketing benefits to local businesses and the City of Liverpool.
- (b) Develops a marketing plan to assess, brand and promote "Little India Liverpool - Sari Street" as a vibrant cultural precinct, identifying opportunities to enhance its appeal and attract visitors.
- (c) Engage an appropriate person to provide a design language for facade upgrades, street furniture, and plantings to amplify the uniqueness of the street and shops.
- (d) Undertakes a Community Consultation Process supporting initiatives in this Mayoral Minute
- (e) Provides \$100k in the 24/25 budget for this initiative.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**

That the recommendation be adopted.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**ITEM NO:** CEO 01  
**FILE NO:** 087008.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Elected Officials Local Government - Long Service Awards

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That Council congratulates elected members for the Long Service achievement and notes this report.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.





**Vote against:** Clr Green\*

**\*Note:** Clr Green did not vote for or against the motion. Therefore, in accordance with Clause 11.4 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice (as shown below), she is recorded as voting against the motion:

*"A councillor who is present at a meeting of the council but who fails to vote on a motion put to the meeting is taken to have voted against the motion."*

**Note:** Clr Kaliyanda had retired from the meeting and did not vote on this item.









**COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE REPORTS**

**ITEM NO:** COM 01  
**FILE NO:** 017593.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2024-2028

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Rhodes**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2024 – 2028 to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and
2. Receive a post-exhibition report on the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2024 – 2028 incorporating community feedback or, if no significant feedback is received, direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to adopt the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2024 – 2028 on behalf of Council.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.







**CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE & BUSINESS PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

**ITEM NO:** CEBP 01  
**FILE NO:** 084734.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Enterprise Risk Management Policy

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Green**

That the Enterprise Risk Management Policy be approved.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.



**ITEM NO:** OPER 02  
**FILE NO:** 056951.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Civic Place Car Park - Fees and Charges

**COUNCIL DECISION:**

**Motion:** **Moved: Clr Rhodes** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council:

1. Give public notice of the proposed schedule of parking fees for Civic Place car park
2. Consider Westfields pricing range as shown below:

<b>Schedule of fees</b>	<b>Rate</b>
<b>Hours</b>	
0-2 hrs	Free
2 – 2.5 hrs	Free
2.5 – 3 hrs	Free
3 – 3.5 hrs	\$6.00 (down from \$15.00)
3.5 – 4 hrs	\$12.00 (down from \$20.00)
4- 4.5 hrs	\$15.00 (down from \$30.00)
4.5 – 5 hrs	\$20.00 (down from \$40.00)
5 hrs +	\$30.00 (down from \$50.00)
Overnight fee (per day)	\$50.00 (down from \$60.00)

3. Review pricing, and report back to Council after 12 months of operation on usage, visitation times and review costs for future use.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.





















**RECESS**

Mayor Mannoun called a recess of meeting at 4.24pm.

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

The meeting resumed in Open Session at 4.43pm with all Councillors present.

Note Cllr Kaliyanda had retired from the meeting earlier.

**PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

Nil.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEM NO:** NOM 01  
**FILE NO:** 084161.2024  
**SUBJECT:** That Council Reinstate the Liverpool City Council Opportunity Scholarship

**BACKGROUND**

As recent as 2023 Liverpool City Council was committed to supporting local Liverpool students from low socio-economic backgrounds with scholarships to undertake studies at the University of Wollongong at the Liverpool Campus.

The Liverpool Council scholarships are still advertised on the internet.

The scholarship information can be found at

<https://scholarships.uow.edu.au/scholarships/search?scholarship=1181>

And still reads as;

**2023 Liverpool City Council Opportunity Scholarship**

**Community/Equity**

Liverpool City Council is committed to supporting local students in need from the Liverpool Local Government Area

(<https://www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/council/The-Liverpool-Area/maps-of-liverpool>) who are studying at the UOW South Western Sydney campus to achieve their education aspirations.

These three (3) \$5000 scholarships, available for future and current SWS students in their first, second or third year of study in 2023.

These scholarships aim to inspire local students to use their acquired expertise to give back to the local region, and are for students who have demonstrated need, such as financial or social disadvantage, and recognises those who have been involved in activities which add value to the community. There are a range of criteria that are looked at in determining this need such as low income, family background, living in a rural or isolated region, having a permanent disability, being a recent migrant from a non-English speaking country, a first in family university attendee and Indigenous Australians.

Applicants must provide a one page outline of their involvement in the community and how a scholarship will assist with your career ambitions.

The promotion ends with this false ray of hope.

**Information for 2024 applicants will be available soon.**

The Council scholarships are the lifeline we extend to those who are otherwise without hope.

Imagine how they must feel upon reading the current Council promotion, only to ring the University to be told that despite the worsening economic situation Liverpool has now stopped its scholarship funding and despite the information saying the dates for 2024 will be available soon...that is not the case.

Liverpool's most in need from our low socio-economic areas are in need of financial assistance now, more than ever.

Now is not the time to withdraw our support for those most in need.

I call upon all Councillors to support the reinstatement of the Liverpool Council Opportunity scholarships.

**NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Clr Rhodes)**

That Council:

1. Reinstates the Liverpool Council Opportunity Scholarships with the University of Wollongong; and
2. Makes funds available from general revenue for three (3) \$5000 scholarships, available for future and current SWS students in their first, second or third year of study in 2024.



**ITEM NO:** NOM 02  
**FILE NO:** 084771.2024  
**SUBJECT:** ANZAC Community Display

## **BACKGROUND**

Kelli and Steve Hill, residents of Wattle Grove, have conducted an ANZAC Day Dawn Service and memorabilia display at their home in Wattle Grove for several years now. The event is a fundraiser, with all proceeds raised going to a nominated charity.

Over the last few years, Kelli, Steve and their family have been putting on incredible displays of military uniforms and other history/artefacts on their street in Baileyana Court, Wattle Grove. I met them a couple of years ago when I went to view the displays at her house on Anzac Day. The engagement from people across the area is huge, and there is a steady stream of people who visit on Anzac Day to see the displays and have a chat.

Kelli says the community support for their event has grown over the past few years. "What started out as a small local gathering to commemorate ANZAC Day during lockdowns has now grown into a full day with hundreds of people. We have a lot of kids come along, and it's quite multicultural now with people new to the area coming to see what it's all about".

This year, Kelli has advised that they are hoping to put on a bigger and better display hoped to book Wattle Grove Community Centre for a few days to showcase the collection. Last year they had 450 people turn up for the Dawn service alone. So having a bigger space would be ideal. However, due to logistical and cost issues, this was not possible.

Steve also usually attends the local schools with a smaller display, so this would incorporate both events into one. In November 2022 they were given a Community Recognition Award from NSW Parliament, thanking them for their efforts and were also previously recognised by Moorebank Sporties.

If they do not receive some financial support to organise this display, our broader community will miss out.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION (Submitted by Cllr Kaliyanda)**

That Council:

1. Allocate \$1,000 towards the 2024 ANZAC Day display at Baileyana Court, Wattle Grove;
2. Work with Kelli and Steve Hill to organise a more sustainable process for providing Council support for this initiative going forward; and
3. Consider how best our local community can engage with this display.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**

**Moved: Clr Green**

**Seconded: Clr Harle**

That Council:

1. Allocate \$1,000 to Kelli and Steve Hill towards the 2024 ANZAC Day display at Baileyana Court, Wattle Grove; and
2. At a future Council workshop (in the next three months), Council explore the inclusion to the Grants Policy to accommodate urgent grant allocations up to \$1,000 for examples like this.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Clr Rhodes requested she be recorded as voting against the motion due to compliance and legal responsibilities to ensure community safety at all community events.









**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.12pm.**

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 24 April 2024

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 March 2024. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Chairperson