



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2024**

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**PRESENT:**

- Mayor Ned Mannoun
- Councillor Adjei
- Councillor Ammoun
- Councillor Dr Green
- Councillor Harle
- Councillor Harte
- Councillor Ibrahim
- Councillor Karnib
- Councillor Macnaught
- Councillor Monaghan
- Councillor Ristevski
- Mr Farooq Portelli, Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle
- Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning and Compliance
- Ms Michelle Mcilvenny, Director Customer & Business Performance
- Mr Shayne Mallard, Director City Futures
- Mr Peter Scicluna, Acting Director Operations
- Mr David Galpin, Acting Director Corporate Support
- Ms Suzanne Kendall, Acting General Counsel, Manager Governance, Legal & Procurement
- Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr Dan Riley, Manager Development Engineering
- Mr Mark Hannan, Manager Strategic Planning
- Mr Luke Oste, Coordinator Strategic Planning
- Mr Ariz Ashraf, Coordinator City Design and Public Domain
- Mr John Milicic, Manager Property Service
- Ms Jacqueline Newsome, Acting Manager Civic and Executive Services
- Ms Katrina Harvey, Councillor Executive and Support Officer
- Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services (minutes)

The meeting commenced at 2.03pm.

**STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING OF MEETING**

The Mayor read the following:

“In accordance with clause 5.34 of Council’s Code of Meeting Practice, I inform the persons attending this meeting that:

- (a) the meeting is being recorded, livestreamed and made publicly available on the council’s website, and
- (b) persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.”

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY, PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND AFFIRMATION**

The Acknowledgement of Country, Affirmation and Prayer was read by Reverend Richard Mills from Denham Court Anglican Church.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The National Anthem was played at the meeting.

**COUNCILLORS ATTENDING REMOTELY**

NIL.

**APOLOGIES**

NIL.

**CONDOLENCES**

NIL.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Motion:**    **Moved: Clr Dr Green**                          **Seconded: Clr Adjei**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 November 2024 (adjourned) and Ordinary Meeting held on 26 November 2024 (reconvened meeting) be confirmed as a true record of the meetings.

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Clr Harte declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

**Item:**            COM 03 - Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship Report.

**Reason:**      Clr Harte has had business dealings with a Director of an organisation of a proposed grant recipient.

Clr Harte left the Chamber for the duration of this item.

Clr Adjei declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the following item:

**Item:**            NOM 02 – Liverpool Olympic

**Reason:**      Clr Adjei’s sons play for the club and he knows one of the coaches.

Clr Adjei left the Chamber for the duration of the item.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Presentation – items not on agenda**

NIL.

**Representation – items on agenda**

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

**Item: COM 01 – Report Back to Council: Edmondson Park Residents Advisory Group and Edmondson Park - Parks Status.**

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

That a three minute extension of time be given to Mr Andjelkovic.

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

2. **Mr Joe Habib** addressed Council on the following item:

**Item: CONF 03 – Compulsory Acquisition of 155 Fourth Avenue, Austral for open space and drainage purposes.**

3. **Mr Spiros Missiakos** addressed Council on the following item:

**Item: NOM 02 – Liverpool Olympic and Hoxton Park Reserve.**

### **MAYORAL MINUTES**

1. Liverpool2050
2. Stage 2 – Liverpool Civic Place
3. Warren Serviceway Passes

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**ITEM:** MAYOR 01  
**SUBJECT:** Liverpool2050  
**REPORT OF:** Mayor Ned Mannoun  
**DATE:** 10 December 2024

Liverpool is on a journey with an exciting and unlimited future before us. Our journey commenced before European settlement when the First Nations people of the Dharug (Darug) and Tharawal (Dharawal) nations met here on the bend of the Tucoerah (or Toggerai / Tuggerah) river we now call the Georges River. They met to trade and exchange stories and culture. Many years into the future colonial Governor Macquarie marked this bend in the river for an inland port taking timber and agricultural produce downstream to Sydney town.

Today the City of Liverpool with nearly 250,000 residents still hold those long-held aspirations for the city. Our community is young, they are becoming more educated, and they are ambitious for their future.

Liverpool has emerged as the capital city of South West Sydney, complementing not rivalling our sister capital city of Parramatta.

We are the freight, logistics and transport capital of Western Sydney, a University City and a city of renown for medical and health innovation through the Liverpool Innovation Precinct. Liverpool stands on the precipice of national economic and cultural significance but only if we seize the opportunities and as a council show strategic longer-term vision beyond each electoral cycle.

I ask the question: where is Liverpool heading into the future and how will we get there? Council has the power to shape the city's destiny and its people.

Ten years ago, Council shared a vision to become a University City. Only on Friday, we announced the historic investment the University of Wollongong has made with us here at Liverpool Civic Place to expand the educational offering to our community. That parallels Western Sydney University who continue to provide key education in our city for which we are grateful. Tomorrow we will sign an MOU with Notre Dame University offering to open a student hub alongside the MOU with UNSW. That vision ten years ago has shaped our city and provided life-changing opportunities for our community.

I ask the question: 'What does our community want to see Liverpool become by 2050?'

The year 2050 seems a long way away but the 8 babies born at Liverpool hospital each day will be 25 in 2050. That is one short generation away. Global cities around the world and here in Sydney like the cities of Sydney and Parramatta are developing and adopting longer-term strategic visions that sit above and broadly inform their Community Strategic Plans.

Leading corporations are also adopting 2050-style strategic plans shaping and guiding their organisations' future. If we want to see change in 2050, we need to act now.

With the fast-paced changes we witness every day, the population growth we are experiencing and the potential for our city from the new airport, it is timely for Liverpool City Council to chart a strategic path for the future.

To be frank Council, I think we all share some disappointment that the promised benefits for Liverpool from the new airport and Bradfield, have not been fulfilled.

A clear community driven Liverpool2050 strategic document can help address this as we negotiate the opportunities and investments from stakeholders including government, businesses and overseas investors. Liverpool2050 will give a stronger voice to our community and cement Council as the leading voice for this region.

As part of the current Community Strategic Plan programme, I propose that the Council develop an overarching Liverpool2050 strategy to answer the following question about our future:

*'What sort of City do you want Liverpool to be by 2050?'*

The Liverpool2050 strategy should address the key areas of:

- Economy and Future Industry
- Global investment
- Environment and sustainability
- Arts and Culture
- First Nations and multiculturalism
- Social cohesion and our people
- Equal opportunity for all communities
- Housing and urban centres
- Transport and connectivity
- Innovations and research
- Sustainable development goals

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Incorporates an overarching long-term strategic plan called Liverpool2050 as part of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) process.
2. Ensures that the development of the plan utilising the CSP process asks the community and stakeholders the key question: 'What sort of City do you want Liverpool to be in 2050?'
3. Endorses a report on Liverpool2050 to come back to Council by February 2025.

**COUNCIL DECISION:**

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

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**ITEM NO:** MAYOR 02  
**SUBJECT:** Warren Serviceway Passes  
**REPORT:** Mayor Ned Mannoun  
**DATE:** 10 December 2024

Council plays a vital role in fostering community engagement and supporting the invaluable work of our local not-for-profit organisations. Today, I bring forward an initiative to assist two organisations situated near the Warren Serviceway Car Park: the Community 89.3 2GLF Radio station and the Liverpool Historical Society.

Both organisations contribute to the cultural and social fabric of Liverpool. Despite their critical contributions, these organisations often operate on limited budgets, with many of their members volunteering their time and resources. Parking costs can present an unnecessary burden on their staff and volunteers, potentially detracting from their ability to focus on delivering essential services and programs.

To address this, I propose that Council investigate the feasibility of providing a limited number of free parking passes for use in the Warren Serviceway Car Park by these two organisations. Such a measure would not only ease the financial strain but also serve as a tangible acknowledgment of their vital role in our community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Requests the CEO to prepare a report examining the feasibility of providing free parking passes for the Community Radio station and the Liverpool Historical Society for use in the Warren Serviceway Car Park.
2. Include in the report:
  - o The number of passes required to support the organisations effectively;
  - o Potential financial implications for Council; and
  - o Any other relevant considerations.
3. Consider the report at a future Council meeting.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

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

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.



**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**ITEM NO:** MAYOR 03  
**SUBJECT:** Stage 2 – Liverpool Civic Place  
**REPORT:** Mayor Ned Mannoun  
**DATE:** 10 December 2024

Liverpool Civic Place is a cornerstone of our city’s ambitious vision to transform into a thriving, modern destination. 10 years in the making, stage 1 of this visionary project has now been delivered, culminating in the signing of a lease with the University of Wollongong for Council’s building. It not only completes the first stage but also solidifies Liverpool’s standing as a **University City**, placing us firmly on the map as a hub for education, innovation, and opportunity.

It is now time to turn our attention to Stage 2 – an essential next step in realizing the full potential of Liverpool Civic Place. This stage involves our collaboration with Built to bring the neighbouring commercial building to life.

Built has indicated that they are anticipating commencing on-site in mid-2025. Council should do whatever it can to facilitate this, to bring a crane back into the sky and the economical benefits that such a project brings to Liverpool.

This project is a "shot in the arm" for Liverpool which will help to bring back construction activity to energise our local economy.

As Councillors, it is our duty to champion transformative projects like this, which have the power to uplift our community, create jobs, and foster opportunities for generations to come.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Reiterates its support for the progression of Stage 2 of Liverpool Civic Place in partnership with Built, focusing on delivering a commercial building that includes commercial space and other key precinct components.
2. Authorises and delegates authority to the Acting CEO to progress, facilitate and encourage a commercial rather than a residential development on the site.

**COUNCIL DECISION:**

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

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.



Mayor Mannoun left the Chamber at 2.33pm and Clr Harle, as the Deputy Mayor, became the Chairperson.

**ITEM NO:** PLAN 02  
**FILE NO:** 357264.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Liverpool Local Traffic Committee - Committee Charter Update

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**                                      **Moved: Clr Harle**                                      **Seconded: Clr Harte**

That Council:

1. Adopts the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee Charter (November 2024) as indicated in Attachment 1.1; and
2. Direct the CEO to create a register tracking recommendations from the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee with updates on the status and timeline of each project which is presented quarterly to a Governance Committee meeting.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**Mayor Mannoun returned to the Chamber at 2.35pm and resumed as the Chairperson.**

**ITEM NO:** PLAN 03

**FILE NO:** 355010.2024

**SUBJECT:** Implementing a Minimum Lot Size for Dual Occupancies in the R2 Zone

This item was deferred to later in the meeting so that the updated recommendation can be displayed on the screen at the meeting for Councillors.

**ITEM NO:** PLAN 04  
**FILE NO:** 361074.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Planning Proposal - Heritage Listing for Lot 17 Leacocks Lane, Casula

**COUNCIL DECISION**

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

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this Report.
2. Receives and notes the advice of the Liverpool Local Planning Panel.
3. Endorses the Council-initiated Planning Proposal to amend Schedule 5 of the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 to include Lot 17 Leacocks Lane, Casula ("Mt Omei") as an item of local heritage significance.
4. Delegates to the CEO (or delegate) to make any typographical or other editing amendments to the planning proposal if required.
5. Forwards the Council-initiated Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) pursuant to Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, seeking a Gateway determination, with a request that Council be authorised as the local plan making authority.
6. Subject to Gateway determination, undertakes public exhibition and community consultation in accordance with the conditions of the Gateway determination and the Liverpool Community Participation Plan (CPP); and
7. Receives a further Report on the outcomes of public exhibition and community consultation.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**ITEM NO:** PLAN 05  
**FILE NO:** 382197.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Status of Planning Agreements Under Negotiation

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**                                **Moved: Clr Macnaught        Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this Report; and
2. Supports the quarterly reporting of progress to Council via Governance Committee on Planning Agreements both under negotiation and executed.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**ITEM NO:** PLAN 06  
**FILE NO:** 385361.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Financial Status of Council's Contributions Plans

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Clr Ammoun** **Seconded: Clr Adjei**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report;
2. Direct the Acting CEO that this is tabled at a Governance / Briefing Session in 2025 to discuss further; and
3. Has as a standing item on the Governance Committee Agenda a report on contributions and that this item is also raised with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.



**COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE REPORTS**

**ITEM NO:** COM 01  
**FILE NO:** 364509.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Report back to Council: Edmondson Park Residents Advisory Group

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council adopts Option 2.

***Option 2***

*Establishes an Edmondson Park Residents Advisory Group and refer to the Terms of Reference to implement the Group.*

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

**Division (for the motion moved by Mayor Mannoun):**

**Vote for:** Mayor Mannoun, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Harte and Clr Macnaught.

**Vote against:** Clr Dr Green, Clr Harle, Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, Clr Monaghan and Clr Ristevski.

**Foreshadowed motion:** **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council adopts Option 1:

***Option 1***

*Considers the existing community engagement platforms and utilise these to promote consultation with the Edmondson Park community, regarding the development and delivery of parks in Edmondson Park, through these channels.*

The Foreshadowed Motion (moved by Clr Ristevski) then became the motion and on being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

Clr Adjei left the Chamber at 3:03pm.

**ITEM NO:** COM 02  
**FILE NO:** 366995.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Annual Contribution to South West Sydney Academy of Sport (SWSAS)

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Clr Monaghan** **Seconded: Clr Harte**

That this item be deferred pending an answer to the question of why Liverpool contributes a higher amount than other similar Councils e.g. Campbelltown and Wollondilly.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Note: Clr Adjei was not in the Chamber when this item was voted on.

Clr Harte left the Chamber at 3:06pm.

Clr Adjei returned to the Chamber at 3:07pm.

**ITEM NO:** COM 03

**FILE NO:** 379677.2024

**SUBJECT:** Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship Report

## COUNCIL DECISION

**Motion:** **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$15,280** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grant Program** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
PCYC Liverpool	PCYC Liverpool School Holiday Program	\$10,000
AASHA Australia Foundation	Liverpool Multicultural Hub	\$5,280

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$14,950** (GST exclusive) under the **Sustainable Environment Grants Program** for the following project:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
SCRAP (School Communities Recycling All Paper) Ltd	Toil 4 Soil	\$5,000
Planting Seeds	B&B Highway	\$5,000
Georges River Environmental Centre	Hungry Hippos are Healthy Chippos	\$4,950

3. Direct the Acting CEO for a report to come to the earliest Governance Committee meeting for a review of the Policy, the report to also include the determined size of a company that would have to commit to a co-contribution.

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

**Division** (for the motion moved by Clr Ristevski)

**Vote for:** Clr Harle, Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, Clr Monaghan and Clr Ristevski.

**Vote against:** Mayor Mannoun, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Green\* and Clr Macnaught.

The motion moved by Clr Ristevski was lost on the Mayor's casting vote.

\*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 Harte was not in the Chamber when this item was voted on.

**Foreshadowed motion: Moved: Clr Macnaught Seconded: Clr Dr Green**

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$23,880** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grant Program** for the following projects:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
PCYC Liverpool	PCYC Liverpool School Holiday Program	\$10,000
AASHA Australia Foundation	Liverpool Multicultural Hub	\$5,280
Scalabrini Village Ltd	Live Easy Hubs	\$8,600

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$19,950** (GST exclusive) under the **Sustainable Environment Grants Program** for the following project:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Thomas Hassall Anglican College	Sparkle Club	\$5,000
SCRAP (School Communities Recycling All Paper) Ltd	Toil 4 Soil	\$5,000
Planting Seeds	B&B Highway	\$5,000
Georges River Environmental Centre	Hungry Hippos are Healthy Chippos	\$4,950

3. That the Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship Policy come to a Governance Committee meeting for review and discussion in 2025.

On being put to the meeting the Foreshadowed motion (moved by Clr Macnaught) became the motion and on being put to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

**Vote for:** Mayor Mannoun, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Green, Clr Harle, Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, Clr Macnaught and Clr Monaghan.

**Vote against:** Clr Ristevski.

Note: Clr Harte was not in the Chamber when this item was voted on.

Clr Harte returned to the Chambers at 3:33pm.

**MOTION OF URGENCY**

**ITEM NO: MOU 01**  
**SUBJECT: Luddenham Show**

**Deputy Mayor Harle requested Mayor Mannoun accept a Motion of Urgency with regards to the Luddenham Show.**

He stated the basis of urgency as follows:

The Luddenham show is being delivered on the first weekend in March 2025 (1-2 March 2025). Event organisers are finalising the show schedule for 2025 that is dependent on financial contributions from Council and other sponsors.

The deadline for event organisers to finalise all necessary arrangements including supply agreement and printed promotional material is imminent. If Council waits for a report to be presented to the February 2025 meeting, it will miss the deadlines for inclusion in marketing material, programs etc, and will also impact on the ability of organisers to finalise arrangement for the event

In accordance with Clause 9.3 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Mayor Mannoun ruled the above matter as urgent and as such it was dealt with at this meeting as shown below:

**Background**

Luddenham show is an annual event delivered at Luddenham Showground. The event attracts several thousand attendees across its two days and is the only significant local event delivered in Councils to support the rural communities in Liverpool.

The resolution proposes that Council continues its financial commitment from 2024 to ensure that the event is able to continue.

It should also be noted that this is a sponsorship agreement not a donation and as such Liverpool will be acknowledged as a sponsor across all print and digital media.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the value of the Luddenham Show in servicing the regional communities within the Liverpool LGA; and
2. Supports the request for sponsorship from the Luddenham Show for the value of \$6000 (ex GST) to come from Council's Community Grants and Donations Program.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**    **Moved: Clr Harle**    **Seconded: Clr Monaghan**

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**RECESS**

Mayor Mannoun called a recess of meeting at 3.39pm.

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 4.08pm in open session with all Councillors present.

**MOTION TO BRING ITEMS FORWARD**

**Motion:**    **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**    **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That items **PLAN 03** – Implementing a Minimum Lot Size for Dual Occupancies in the R2 Zone and **CONF 03** - Compulsory Acquisition of 155 Fourth Avenue, Austral for open space and drainage purposes be brought forward and dealt with now.

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

**ITEM NO:**     PLAN 03  
**FILE NO:**     355010.2024  
**SUBJECT:**     Implementing a Minimum Lot Size for Dual Occupancies in the R2 Zone

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**    **Moved: Clr Ammoun**    **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council:

1.       Notes the formal correspondence received from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure at Attachment 2 regarding the nomination of a minimum lot size for Dual Occupancies in the R2 Low Density Residential zone;

2. Endorses the draft submission at Attachment 3 for a proposed minimum lot size requirement of 600m<sup>2</sup> and a minimum lot width varying between 15 metres and 20 metres subject to further council consideration for Dual Occupancies in the R2 Low Density Residential zone of the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008 and also subject to the following changes made to the draft submission;
  - a. Double the minimum lot size for dual occupancies where the current minimum lot size for subdivision is greater than 300m<sup>2</sup>;
3. Forwards the submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure; and
4. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to amend the draft submission for any typographical and other minor errors / amendments if required.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.



**ITEM NO:** CONF 03  
**FILE NO:** 387223.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Compulsory Acquisition of 155 Fourth Avenue, Austral for open space and drainage purposes

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Clr Harle** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council:

1. Authorises the acquisition by compulsory process of Lot 4 in Deposited Plan 236726, 155 Fourth Avenue, Austral pursuant to Section 187 of the Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for open space and drainage purposes.
2. Delegates authority to, and directs the CEO or delegate, to proceed with making the necessary application to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor of NSW in accordance with Section 187 of the Local Government Act 1993 to obtain approval to give a proposed acquisition notice to the landowners of Lot 4 in Deposited Plan 236726, 155 Fourth Avenue, Austral and commence compulsory acquisition of the land required for open space and drainage under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
3. Delegates authority to, and directs the CEO or delegate, to take all necessary actions to proceed with and complete the compulsory acquisition of Lot 4 in Deposited Plan 236726, 155 Fourth Avenue, Austral in accordance with the applicable legislation, including the serving or publishing of any other documentation or notice.
4. Delegates authority to, and directs the CEO or delegate, to continue negotiations with the landowners of Lot 4 in Deposited Plan 236726, 155 Fourth Avenue, Austral and/or their representative to acquire the land for open space and drainage by agreement and enter into any such agreement without having to submit a further report to Council for approval, provided the agreement is consistent with legal and valuation advice.
5. Authorises payment of compensation as determined by the Valuer-General, if accepted by the landowners, plus statutory interest in accordance with Section 49 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
6. If the landowners commence proceedings in the Land and Environment Court (Court), authorises:

- (i) Payment to the landowners of 90% of the compensation as determined by the Valuer-General pursuant to Section 68(2)(a) of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms compensation) Act 1991, or if that payment is not accepted by the landowners, payment of that amount into trust pursuant to Section 68(2)(b) of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
  - (ii) Payment of compensation in accordance with an Order of the Court or any settlement of the proceedings agreed to by the CEO or delegate after considering advice from Council's legal advisors.
7. Upon acquisition, classifies Lot 4 in Deposited Plan 236726, 155 Fourth Avenue, Austral as "Operational" land in accordance with Section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.
8. Keeps confidential the information contained in this report pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as this information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and
9. Authorises the CEO or delegate to execute all documents necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**ITEM NO:** CORP 01  
**FILE NO:** 332305.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Revoking of Internal Ombudsman Policy

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**                                      **Moved: Clr Harle**                                      **Seconded: Clr Dr Green**

That Council revoke the Internal Ombudsman Policy.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**ITEM NO:** CORP 02  
**FILE NO:** 394815.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Public inquiry update

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**                                   **Moved: Clr Harte**                                   **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council note the contents of the report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**CITY FUTURES REPORTS**

**ITEM NO:** CFD 01  
**FILE NO:** 365016.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Ireland Park Masterplan Update

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**    **Moved: Clr Harle**    **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Master Plan for public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and
2. Delegates to the CEO the finalisation of the draft Master Plan if no submissions are received during the public exhibition period or receive a further report outlining details of the submissions received after the conclusion of the public exhibition period.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**ITEM NO:** CFD 02  
**FILE NO:** 365781.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Craik Park - Final Master Plan and Draft Plan of Management

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**                                 **Moved: Clr Harle**                         **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council:

1. Adopts the Final Master Plan for Craik Park, Austral.
2. Endorses the draft Plan of Management for the purpose of submitting it to Crown Lands for approval for public exhibition, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) for a minimum period of 42 days from the date of public notice.
3. Delegates the authority to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make any necessary minor amendments to the draft Plan of Management, prior to Crown land submission and exhibition.
4. Acknowledges that Council will receive a further report following the public exhibition period, which will outline public comment received for the same Plan of Management; and
5. Considers the Native Title advice provided in connection with the Plan of Management.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**ITEM NO:** CFD 03  
**FILE NO:** 374484.2024  
**SUBJECT:** How to expedite the delivery of parks in Austral and Edmondson Park

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Clr Ammoun** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

That Council receives and notes this report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Harte left the Chamber at 4:32pm.  
Clr Harte returned to the Chamber at 04:34pm.  
Clr Ibrahim left the Chamber at 4:34pm.  
Clr Ibrahim returned to the Chamber at 4:41pm.  
Clr Macnaught left the Chamber at 4:45pm.  
Clr Macnaught returned to the Chamber at 4:47pm.

**ITEM NO:** CFD 04  
**FILE NO:** 373294.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Tree Management Framework (Tree Policy, Tree Management Strategy, and Tree Management Technical Guidelines)

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Clr Dr Green** **Seconded: Clr Monaghan**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this Report;
2. Adopts the final Tree Management Framework documents (Tree Policy, Tree Management Strategy and Tree Management Technical Guidelines); and
3. Direct the Acting CEO for a report to come back to a Council meeting in February or March 2025 that includes a flow chart.

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



**ITEM NO:** CFD 05  
**FILE NO:** 389334.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Community Engagement Strategy 2024

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**                      **Moved: Clr Dr Green**              **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council adopt the Community Engagement Strategy 2024.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**OPERATIONS REPORTS****ITEM NO:** OPER 01**FILE NO:** 389966.2024**SUBJECT:** Draft Plan of Management for Light Horse Park**COUNCIL DECISION****Motion:****Moved: Clr Ammoun****Seconded: Clr Harte**

That Council:

1. Acknowledges that landowners (Crown Land, TAHE and TFNSW) have received the Draft Plan of Management on or before 3 December 2024, for any provisions that may properly be required, as per Section 39 of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. Endorse the Draft Plan of Management for the purpose of placing it on public exhibition, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) for a minimum period of 42 days from the date of public notice.
3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make any necessary minor amendments to the Draft Plan of Management, prior to exhibition or subsequent amendments sought by the other notified landowners.
4. Acknowledges that Council will receive a further report following the public exhibition period, that will outline the public comments and landowners' comments received in relation to the Draft Plan of Management.

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

Clr Monaghan left the Chamber at 5:00pm.  
Clr Monaghan returned to the Chamber at 5:03pm.

**ITEM NO:** OPER 02  
**FILE NO:** 390933.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Koalas on Heathcote Road

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**                                      **Moved: Clr Dr Green**                      **Seconded: Clr Harte**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this report;
2. Develop a Koala Management Plan that is consistent with the SEPP State Environmental Planning Policy (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019 and the NSW Koala Strategy (2022) that supports a range of conservation actions to provide more habitat for koalas, support local community action, improve koala health and safety and build the knowledge to improve koala conservation; and
3. Investigate a funding source and report back to Council.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Harte left the Chamber at 5:12pm.  
Clr Harte returned to the Chambers at 5:14pm.  
Clr Macnaught left the Chambers at 5:15pm.

**ITEM NO:** OPER 03  
**FILE NO:** 396283.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Streetsweeper Operations

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the recommendation for LCC Staff to undertake a gap analysis, financial assessment and develop a plan to resource street sweeper operations over the next 5 years.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**                               **Moved: Clr Ristevski**               **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council:

1. Endorse the recommendation for LCC Staff to undertake a gap analysis, financial assessment and develop a plan to resource street sweeper operations and other front line maintenance services over the next 5 years and report back to Council as part of the 2025/26 budget preparations.
  
2. The report should also outline if the machines are being used to full capacity and how many staff are trained to use this equipment.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Macnaught returned to the Chamber at 5:18pm.

**ITEM NO:** OPER 04  
**FILE NO:** 402020.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Neighbourhood Areas Reinstatement

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Mayor Mannoun** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council defer this item to be discussed at a Governance Committee meeting in 2025 and to be part of the 2025/26 budget process.

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

**MOVED AS A WHOLE**

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

That **CTTE 01** - Minutes of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 November 2024, **CTTE 02** - Minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee held 7 November 2024, **CTTE 03** - Minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee Meeting held on 29 October 2024 and **CTTE 04** - Minutes of the Liverpool Local Traffic Committee held 06 November 2024

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM NO:** CTTE 01

**FILE NO:** 382428.2024

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 November 2024

**COUNCIL DECISION**

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

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting held on 7 November 2024; and
2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes.

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

**ITEM NO:** CTTE 02  
**FILE NO:** 386807.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee held 7 November 2024

**COUNCIL DECISION**

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

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes held on 7 November 2024.

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

**ITEM NO:** CTTE 03  
**FILE NO:** 386890.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee Meeting held on 29 October 2024

**COUNCIL DECISION**

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

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Tourism and CBD Committee Meeting held on 29 October 2024
- 2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes

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





Deputy Mayor Harle returned to the Chamber at 5.43pm.

**QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**ITEM NO:** QWN 01  
**FILE NO:** 394567.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Question with Notice - Clr Harte - Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre

Please address the following:

- 1) The net operating result for Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (excluding Bellbird Restaurant) during:
  - a. 2018/2019 FY?
  - b. 2019/2020 FY?
  - c. 2020/2021 FY?
  - d. 2021/2022 FY?
  - e. 2022/2023 FY?
  - f. 2023/2024 FY?
  
- 2) What are the net operating result projections for Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (excluding Bellbird Restaurant) for:
  - a. 2024/2025 FY?
  - b. 2025/2026 FY?
  
- 3) The net operating result of Bellbird Restaurant during:
  - a. 2018/2019 FY?
  - b. 2019/2020 FY?
  - c. 2020/2021 FY?
  - d. 2021/2022 FY?
  - e. 2022/2023 FY?
  - f. 2023/2024 FY?
  
- 4) A breakdown of revenue streams for Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre for:
  - a. 2018/2019 FY?
  - b. 2019/2020 FY?
  - c. 2020/2021 FY?

- d. 2021/2022 FY?
  - e. 2022/2023 FY?
  - f. 2023/2024 FY?
- 5) A breakdown of expenses for Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre for:
- a. 2018/2019 FY?
  - b. 2019/2020 FY?
  - c. 2020/2021 FY?
  - d. 2021/2022 FY?
  - e. 2022/2023 FY?
  - f. 2023/2024 FY?
- 6) The number of visitors to Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (excluding Bellbird Restaurant) during:
- a. 2018/2019 FY?
  - b. 2019/2020 FY?
  - c. 2020/2021 FY?
  - d. 2021/2022 FY?
  - e. 2022/2023 FY?
  - f. 2023/2024 FY?
- 7) The number of visitors to Bellbird Restaurant during:
- a. 2018/2019 FY?
  - b. 2019/2020 FY?
  - c. 2020/2021 FY?
  - d. 2021/2022 FY?
  - e. 2022/2023 FY?
  - f. 2023/2024 FY?
- 8) The age demographic breakdown of visitors to Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre during:
- a. 2018/2019 FY?
  - b. 2019/2020 FY?
  - c. 2020/2021 FY?
  - d. 2021/2022 FY?
  - e. 2022/2023 FY?
  - f. 2023/2024 FY?

- 9) The cost of each event or exhibition and the corresponding funding source for each, that is, internal Council funding or external government funding and/or sponsorship.

## **Responses (provided by Community & Lifestyle)**

### **Background and context**

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (CPAC) is undergoing a strategic transformation to better engage the broader Liverpool community and increase visitation. Despite its strong reputation within the arts sector, local awareness of CPAC and its connection to Liverpool City Council has remained limited. Visitation at the Centre has fluctuated across the years which is evidenced below. In response, CPAC is shifting its programming to resonate more deeply with community interests and foster stronger local engagement.

This revised approach will expand the Centre's offerings beyond traditional visual arts, incorporating a wide range of creative disciplines and interactive experiences. New workshops will include programs for children and youth, along with hands-on classes in mixed media, fashion, photography, digital arts, and gastronomy. Large-scale events will amplify the Centre's visibility, while regular activations—such as the *Powerhouse Artisan & Growers Markets*—will provide a platform for local artists and food producers, integrating community talent into the Centre's programming.

In addition to these community-focused efforts, revenue-generating strategies will strengthen outcomes for venue hire and foster partnerships with key institutions like the *Sydney Film Festival* and *Sydney Festival*. A broader range of offerings from Bellbird restaurant will further enhance visitor experiences. This strategy is guided by community feedback gathered through surveys and feedback forms, ensuring that programming reflects local interests and needs.

CPAC will also enhance its live programming by introducing more regular music performances, film screenings, and cultural events. These initiatives will build on the success of the *Experience the World* festival series, creating synergies across Liverpool's cultural landscape.

Due to the growing success of Experience the World, and the integration of the Major Events team within the refined Cultural Venues & Events unit, there is greater prospects to deliver cohesive, culturally enriching experiences across the LGA. This consolidation will enable more strategic coordination of programming and marketing, further strengthening the connection between CPAC and the wider community.

CPAC aims to position itself as a key cultural destination, offering programming that celebrates the diversity of Liverpool's population while aligning with broader state and federal cultural policies that emphasise access to the arts and capacity building in the creative industries. As part of this transformation, CPAC will also undergo infrastructure improvements to create a more accessible and engaging space, making it a vibrant hub for creativity and community connection.

- 1) The net operating result for Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (excluding Bellbird Restaurant) during:

Financial Year	Net Operating Costs ex. Bellbird
2018/2019	\$3,919,986
2019/2020	\$3,440,448
2020/2021	\$3,375,190
2021/2022	\$4,115,486
2022/2023	\$2,178,779
2023/2024	\$2,645,940

- 2) What are the net operating result projections for Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (excluding Bellbird Restaurant) for:

Financial Year	Net Operating Costs/Bellbird
2024/2025	\$2,979,966
2025/2026	Budget development to occur from Jan 2025

It should be noted that throughout 2024/2025 a scaling in of more venue hireable spaces will be offered. The net result for casual hire is above forecast position as of Q1 2024/2025 budget performance.

- 3) The net operating result of Bellbird Restaurant during:

Financial Year	Net Operating Costs/Bellbird	Notes
2018/2019	\$100,819	Establishment period
2019/2020	\$16,223	
2020/2021	\$88,399	Covid impacts
2021/2022	\$113,497	Covid impacts
2022/2023	\$14,982	
2023/2024	\$3,267	
2024/2025	Tracking above projected quarter	Result of expanded offerings, catering income across new venues.

- 4) A breakdown of revenue streams for Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre:

Financial Year	Ticketing	Venue Hire	Grants	TOTAL
2018/2019	\$215,162	\$200,942	\$300,840	\$725,445
2019/2020	\$140,333	\$164,279	\$330,443	\$635,055
2020/2021	\$192,775	\$104,757	\$250,000	\$547,532
2021/2022	\$183,930	\$111,282	\$106,411	\$401,083
2022/2023	\$191,132	\$260,779	\$485,036	\$936,947
2023/2024	\$378,515	\$392,393	\$190,930	\$961,839

**5) A breakdown of expenses for Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>2018/2019</b>	\$4,645,431	
<b>2019/2020</b>	\$4,075,503	
<b>2020/2021</b>	\$3,922,721	Reduced revenue for COVID
<b>2021/2022</b>	\$4,516,569	Reduced revenue for COVID
<b>2022/2023</b>	\$3,115,726	
<b>2023/2024</b>	\$3,607,778	

**6) The number of visitors to Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (excluding Bellbird Restaurant):**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>2018/2019</b>	69,422	
<b>2019/2020</b>	52,796	
<b>2020/2021</b>	31,964	Covid impacts
<b>2021/2022</b>	22,728	Covid impacts
<b>2022/2023</b>	46,700	
<b>2023/2024</b>	56,305	

Visitation data has historically been captured through manual headcounts for walk-ins or via theatre ticketing. For large-scale events without ticketing, attendance estimates, and manual counts were previously relied upon, potentially impacting accuracy. However, for FY2024/25, digital door counters are being installed, and there are plans to incorporate cellular capture technology for major events at Casula Powerhouse.

As the centre embeds the new strategic vision noting above the visitation numbers for FY2024/25 are already exceeding projections, largely due to the success of the 'Winter Blast' event, which attracted 16,000 visitors in a single weekend. As a destination venue with little transient foot traffic, events like Winter Blast highlight the venue's potential to host successful recurring activations, with dwell times exceeding those of its CBD counterpart. Additionally, the Powerhouse Markets have been drawing close to 1,000 visitors weekly since their launch in November.

With the expansion of new programming, regular events, and a wider array of offerings through Bellbird—including Bottomless Sunday packages, Friday night dining, foreign film screenings, school holiday programming and high-quality exhibitions—CPAC is positioning itself as a vibrant hub for the local community.

### 7) The number of visitors to Bellbird Restaurant during

Financial Year	Visitors	Notes
2018/2019	14,156	
2019/2020	15,806	
2020/2021	13,466	Covid impacts
2021/2022	12,831	Covid impacts
2022/2023	18,964	
2023/2024	21,779	

The data provided is indicative, as the restaurant initially employed manual attendance-recording processes. Additionally, walk-in customers may not have been fully accounted for during busy periods. For consistency and comparison, the figures presented are based on an average spend of \$40 per head across the financial year earnings.

Key details:

- The restaurant operates an average of 48 weeks per year, with closures over the Christmas and New Year period.
- The figures include the COVID-affected years: in 2020, the restaurant was closed for approximately 5 months, and in 2021, it was closed for approximately 4 months.
- Repairs to the Koori Floor public artwork in the Centres Turbine Hall also impacted operations, resulting in a 4-week closure whilst the restoration took place.

Bellbird's programming has begun expanding its offerings across several key time periods, enhancing the overall visitor experience at Casula Powerhouse. These new initiatives include:

- Bottomless Sunday Packages: Launched to attract Sunday crowds these packages encouraging longer dwell times and return visits for a younger demographic.
- Friday Dining: due to interest from existing patrons and observations of dense housing in proximity to Casula Powerhouse, a Friday night bar & live music scene is set to commence in 2025 as a pilot program, again aimed at a younger commuter demographic.
- Collaborative Events and Activations: complementary programming that aligns with exhibitions, film screenings, and theatre events to create themed dining offerings for a holistic experience.
- Family dining: improved kid's menus, children's cooking workshops and improved access from the restaurant to outdoor areas and the playground for both children and pet-friendly dining experiences.

By strategically broadening its offerings, Bellbird is not only increasing its appeal as a dining destination but also supporting CPAC's vision of becoming a central hub of activity for the

local community. This alignment with CPAC’s wider programming helps to drive consistent visitation throughout the week and reinforces the venue’s role as a cultural and social destination.

**8) The age demographic breakdown of visitors to Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre during:**

Currently, we do not formally capture age demographic data at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre.

However, based on observations, our audience is primarily an older demographic, typically aged 40-70, with a predominance of female visitors.

While family attendance has been increasing, most of our visitors have historically fallen within this older age group, a trend that reflects the previous programming focus and is consistent with patterns observed at other art centers.

Moving forward, we are committed to broadening our appeal to attract a more diverse audience, particularly younger individuals aged 20-40 and young families. This is a key priority, as it better aligns with the demographic makeup of the broader Liverpool LGA.

Expanding our offerings to engage these groups is essential for fostering inclusivity and community relevance.

Several new initiatives are already underway to support this shift, including interactive family exhibitions and engaging events that provide immersive and hands-on experiences designed to captivate younger visitors and families.

- Interactive exhibitions such as the current ‘From Kuntsilo with Love’ sustainable interactive sculptures, permanent digital installation ‘Power Play’ by JuniorMajor and the upcoming ‘Kingdom of Kindness’ exhibition to be installed in April 2025 which is aimed at a younger audience.
- Progressive installation of long-term children’s activations and makers spaces in the Upper Turbine gallery area.
- School holiday programming such as creative workshops, crafting and dance/drama/skills camps.

Further, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is looking to expand its programming to include more broad-appeal comedy and live music shows aimed at capturing a younger audience.

Recognising the need to engage individuals aged 20-40, these types of performances are designed to position CPAC as a dynamic local attraction that offers diverse entertainment options for the wider community.

These performances, featuring a mix of popular comedians and emerging talent, along with



live music across a wide variety of genres. Currently, we are looking at nostalgic and revival fare for the millennial market, as well as a variety of musical theatre & established comedians. Together with Friday night bar & live music, the Centre aims to design a program intended to position CPAC as a local entertainment destination on par with what you'd find in Sydney CBD or Parramatta within a short distance from our community, attracting new audiences of younger adults and families.

9) **The cost of each event or exhibition and the corresponding funding source for each, that is, internal Council funding or external government funding and/or sponsorship.**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Exhibition Budget excl. Grant</b>	<b>Exhibition Grants</b>	<b>Programming Budget (Events/Theatre)</b>	<b>Events Grants</b>	<b>Funding Body</b>
<b>2018/2019</b>	\$328,383	\$250,000	\$336,508	\$250,000	Create NSW
<b>2019/2020</b>	\$185,455	\$277,589	\$315,215	\$277,589	Create NSW
<b>2020/2021</b>	\$270,351	\$250,000	\$116,620	\$250,000	Create NSW
<b>2021/2022</b>	\$242,552	0	\$204,691	\$106,411	DPIE
<b>2022/2023</b>	\$440,348	\$226,496	\$334,886	\$80,400	Create NSW TfNSW
<b>2023/2024</b>	\$400,871	\$38,978	\$633,912	\$151,953	Create NSW <a href="#">Dept. Creative Industries</a>

Please note, this excludes staffing costs.

The programming budget at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is comparatively conservative, which presents challenges in delivering the variety and scale of events we aspire to provide.

One of the significant challenges we face is the cost of simply opening the doors to the Centre. Operating expenses, including utilities, maintenance, and basic infrastructure, form a considerable portion of the budget. Additionally, staffing costs—from front-of-house and technical support to programming — are crucial but also add substantial expenditure.

These operational costs are essential to maintain a safe, welcoming, and fully functional venue, but they also limit programming capabilities, and to establish this new direction we are forging partnerships, leveraging existing supplier relationships, working strategically with our current resources and spaces and utilising in-house marketing expertise to ensure we can effectively promote the centre's offerings.

Moving forward, balancing operational costs with innovative programming and enhancing revenue streams remains a key focus to ensure the sustainability and growth of Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre.

**ITEM NO:** QWN 02  
**FILE NO:** 394568.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Question with Notice - Clr Harte - Council Facility Patronage

For each of the following council facilities:

- Yellamundie Library (or old Liverpool Library up until its closure)
- Moorebank Library
- Green Valley Library
- Miller Library
- Casula Library
- Carnes Hill Library
- Liverpool Regional Museum

Please address the following:

- 1) Advise the number of visitors that attended each facility (broken down by facility) for:
  - a. 2018/2019 FY?
  - b. 2019/2020 FY?
  - c. 2020/2021 FY?
  - d. 2021/2022 FY?
  - e. 2022/2023 FY?
  - f. 2023/2024 FY?
  
- 2) Provide a breakdown of reason for visit to each facility (broken down by facility)?
  
- 3) Provide detailed operational cost breakdown for each facility (broken down by facility) for:
  - a. 2018/2019 FY?
  - b. 2019/2020 FY?
  - c. 2020/2021 FY?
  - d. 2021/2022 FY?
  - e. 2022/2023 FY?
  - f. 2023/2024 FY?

### **Responses (provided by Community & Lifestyle)**

#### **Background and context**

In 2023 Liverpool City Council determined to review the Council's Library Service in accordance with the IP&R framework to understand the current operations and determine if those operations would meet the changing needs of the community in the future.

Jan Richards consulting was engaged to carry out this review.

The review was focused on three areas:

- \* Benchmarking of Liverpool services against comparable services;
- \* Reviewing the current service delivery model across the Liverpool Library network; and
- \* Considering alternative service delivery models and their application in Liverpool.

Service Reviews provide the opportunity to undertake a whole of organisation, systemic look at the way in which services are delivered. They provide the opportunity to identify improvements in efficiency and effectiveness whilst ensuring that services are meeting the needs of the Community.

Establishing a review process builds the capacity of both staff and the Community to think critically and systematically about current and future service needs. It also leads to innovation in service provision and helps build a culture of continuous improvement within Council.

Local Governments are under increasing financial pressure, and there is often a widening gap between revenue and expenditure. At the same time, they are expected to be environmentally and socially responsible and provide a wide range of quality services.

The Library Service Review supported the Council to clarify the needs of its community and use an evidence-based approach to assess how efficiently and effectively it is meeting those needs.

In undertaking this process, Council strategically can determine and make broader decisions whether changes need to be made to the provision of the Library Services to include benefits to all stakeholders whilst being financially sustainable.

The report delivered a range of recommendations covering short-term and long-term strategic and operational improvements. This included a focus on customer priorities and utilising new technology and service models for a library service to meet the growing needs of the community.

It should be noted that a broader analysis of recommendations is now being explored through the delivery of business and feasibility studies which will then form part of wider community engagement and reports back to the Council. This will include potential diversification of delivery models outside of the traditional branch delivery.

In doing this, this will enable a more detailed examination of the recommendations noted below providing Council with a better understanding of costings associated with each recommendation, funding strategies and a more granular insight into how to best implement these initiatives with a broader aim to deliver a service that is more responsive, relevant and customer focused for Liverpool.

These include but not limited to:

- More convenient ways for the community to use the library including the potential delivery of a commuter bus service;
- Installing after hours returns at libraries;
- Installing after hours pick-ups;
- New mobile van/ trailer for events and outreach;
- Investigating 24hr opening at some libraries;
- Investigating Library kiosks at train stations and shopping centres;
- Increasing our online collections & service; and
- Making it easy to access loans through enhancement of Library app.

The report was presented and accepted at the June 2024 Governance Committee; however, a copy of the review is attached for reference.

In providing statistics on Library provision, reference should also be made to the NSW Public Library Statistics. Every NSW public library is required to provide detailed statistics as part of the NSW Government subsidy. These provide an important comparison for NSW Public Libraries, with services reviewed against cohorts of similar LGAs.

[Public library statistics | Public Library Services | State Library of New South Wales](#)

The statistics provided below provide a broad snapshot but are best viewed in context with the above information.

**1) Advise the number of visitors that attended each facility (broken down by facility) for:**

- a. 2018/2019 FY?
- b. 2019/2020 FY?
- c. 2020/2021 FY?
- d. 2021/2022 FY?
- e. 2022/2023 FY?
- f. 2023/2024 FY?

	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
Carnes Hill	164,569	122,762	135,442	70,427	150,184	164,065
Casula	62,910	47,437	31,920	26,972	29,342	48,066
Green Valley	48,055	45,378	29,342	19,346	25,679	51,558
Liverpool	192,581	247,406	211,581	114,466	128,991	256,821
Miller	43,317	32,431	12,540	11,457	10,582	26,399
Moorebank	64,083	55,255	48,967	28,575	34,395	69,526
Museum	3918	3253	1845	1315	5,991	17,571
Total physical visits	<b>579,433</b>	<b>553,922</b>	<b>471,637</b>	<b>271,558</b>	<b>385,164</b>	<b>634,006</b>

While physical visitation data is captured above, online and digital engagement represents a significant and growing way the library is used by the community. These figures have been included as below:

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Digital visits	254471	283744	406,705	350,279	576,597	749,776
Combined Physical & Digital	<b>833,904</b>	<b>837,666</b>	<b>878,342</b>	<b>621,837</b>	<b>961,761</b>	<b>1,383,782</b>

It should be noted that the period 2020 to 2022 were impacted by Covid. Impact levels were similar to other libraries, and Liverpool recovered at a faster rate than similar libraries.

## 2) Provide a breakdown of reason for visit to each facility (broken down by facility)?

Each library provides a wide range of services including:

- Access to library collections in a range of formats and languages;
- Access to public computers, printing and WFI;
- Programs across all target groups, including early literacy, digital literacy, seniors, CALD, youth and STEM;
- Heritage research and study; and
- Study and work spaces, including bookable study rooms.

More broadly Liverpool Council libraries are also recognised for the role in social connection and well-being which are not identified above.

A breakdown of provisions is tabled below which includes delivery and visitation data.

### Programs

Early literacy for preschoolers	Book clubs and Author talks
Homework help and HSC workshops	School holiday events
Stem and robotics classes for all ages	Citizenship preparation courses.

Over 1950 programs were delivered for our community with over 35,000 attendees.

### Diversity Programming

Books & Newspapers in 20+ languages	Multicultural programs including Social Board games
Community Exhibitions	Multicultural story time.
Technology help in community languages	Tech savvy seniors' classes in multiple community languages

Collectively over 900,000 loans were executed

### Spaces to work, learn and play

Free computers	Staff available to help with technology and research.
Wi-Fi and printing services	Meet friends or find a quiet spot.

### Liverpool Regional Museum is visited for a number of activities:

- Permanent and temporary exhibitions that focus on Liverpool's unique stories. Where the community is reflected and acknowledged;
- Programs across target groups, including children, families and seniors;
- Tourism programs for visitors for both Museum and Collingwood House; and
- Family History research and a base for Liverpool Genealogy society.

To highlight the current location of the museum has been identified as a barrier to increased visitation. The current site is disconnected from Liverpool CBD with poor public transport. It has low foot traffic past the site, with most people travelling past it by car with no recognition that it is a museum. There are limited opportunities for spontaneous visits to the museum or connection to other activities within the Liverpool CBD. In addition, the site lacks any supporting amenities such as a cafe or Kiosk limiting the holistic community experience.

Relocation options are being considered and will be brought to Council for further consideration.

### 3) Provide detailed operational cost breakdown for each facility (broken down by facility) for:

- 2018/2019 FY?
- 2019/2020 FY?
- 2020/2021 FY?
- 2021/2022 FY?
- 2022/2023 FY?
- 2023/2024 FY?

The operational cost of Library and Museum services is complex in development. The figures below highlight a pro rata approach to various items such as: -

- Online Services;
- Technology;
- Collections and
- Professional Services

While figures have been allocated to each Service Branch as a shared cost of service. If Council decides on closure of any service, the pro-rata amount may not fully be realised. This can be evidenced in items such as E-books, staffing, that is currently shared across multiple locations and major contracts which are population based not service based.

Any realised savings will need further financial analysis.

Capital cost associated with Library Collections are within the allocation under, Library Management, Networking, and Information Services costs as are building maintenance costs.

Additional capital building renewal projects are part of the Operations team Capex budget.

### **Library Services Net Cost of Services**

<b>Library</b>	<b>2018-19 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2019-20 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2020-21 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2021-22 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2022-23 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2023-24 Annual Actual</b>
City Library	3,010,927	2,204,756	2,391,606	2,641,354	2,809,893	4,048,713
Moorebank Library	764,810	706,236	829,515	675,870	722,244	732,953
Miller Library	433,693	327,775	416,413	578,486	452,831	338,983
Casula Library	1,067,885	840,366	1,095,508	810,312	768,346	738,357
Green Valley Library	722,760	640,288	879,944	790,531	848,513	734,680
Carnes Hill Library	2,905,886	2,887,444	2,437,744	2,136,508	2,190,404	2,268,225
<b>Total Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>8,905,961</b>	<b>7,606,866</b>	<b>8,050,729</b>	<b>7,633,060</b>	<b>7,792,232</b>	<b>8,861,911</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>200,496</b>	<b>123,343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,536</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Net Cost of Services Detailed Report

City Library	2018-19 Annual Actual	2019-20 Annual Actual	2020-21 Annual Actual	2021-22 Annual Actual	2022-23 Annual Actual	2023-24 Annual Actual
<b>Income</b>	<b>307,763</b>	<b>293,220</b>	<b>271,388</b>	<b>244,938</b>	<b>327,453</b>	<b>387,989</b>
Grants & Contributions	50,591	53,000	27,050	0	0	0
Other Revenues	44,054	34,982	27,441	13,875	39,620	37,349
User Charges & Charges	14,285	8,298	1,442	628	6,611	5,318
Share in subsidies and revenue	198,833	196,940	215,455	230,435	281,221	345,322
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>3,318,690</b>	<b>2,497,976</b>	<b>2,662,994</b>	<b>2,886,292</b>	<b>3,137,346</b>	<b>4,436,703</b>
Employee benefits and on-costs	5,463	1,363	916	0	960	0
Operating Costs	405,490	346,770	396,963	409,011	353,208	413,343
Depreciation	423,778	356,761	461,269	576,672	721,939	1,280,020
Share in Library Mgt, Networking, Information Costs	2,483,960	1,793,083	1,803,846	1,900,609	2,061,239	2,743,340
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>3,010,927</b>	<b>2,204,756</b>	<b>2,391,606</b>	<b>2,641,354</b>	<b>2,809,893</b>	<b>4,048,713</b>

<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>196,311</b>	<b>70,561</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,536</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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Moorebank Library	2018-19 Annual Actual	2019-20 Annual Actual	2020-21 Annual Actual	2021-22 Annual Actual	2022-23 Annual Actual	2023-24 Annual Actual
<b>Income</b>	<b>59,590</b>	<b>76,165</b>	<b>77,998</b>	<b>60,870</b>	<b>77,850</b>	<b>74,034</b>
Grants & Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues	6,851	5,684	2,604	2,382	4,095	8,180
User Charges & Charges	5,246	4,784	665	242	1,472	3,339
Share in subsidies and revenue	47,494	65,697	74,729	58,246	72,284	62,515
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>824,400</b>	<b>782,401</b>	<b>907,513</b>	<b>736,740</b>	<b>800,095</b>	<b>806,987</b>
Employee benefits and on-costs	206,222	159,836	241,969	221,919	250,842	289,336
Operating Costs	24,856	24,416	39,890	34,411	19,440	21,015
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Share in Library Mgt, Networking, Information Costs	593,322	598,150	625,654	480,410	529,813	496,637
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>764,810</b>	<b>706,236</b>	<b>829,515</b>	<b>675,870</b>	<b>722,244</b>	<b>732,953</b>

<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>52,781</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 December 2024 and confirmed on Wednesday, 5 February 2025

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Chairperson



<b>Miller Library</b>	<b>2018-19 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2019-20 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2020-21 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2021-22 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2022-23 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2023-24 Annual Actual</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>35,641</b>	<b>35,123</b>	<b>40,443</b>	<b>51,825</b>	<b>53,147</b>	<b>37,575</b>
Grants & Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues	7,374	5,910	2,845	1,952	7,508	8,396
User Charges & Charges	1,201	843	84	20	318	267
Share in subsidies and revenue	27,067	28,371	37,514	49,854	45,321	28,912
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>469,334</b>	<b>362,898</b>	<b>456,856</b>	<b>630,312</b>	<b>505,978</b>	<b>376,557</b>
Employee benefits and on-costs	58,176	31,348	72,968	136,134	89,279	57,714
Operating Costs	70,913	71,135	67,710	80,944	82,525	87,161
Depreciation	2,103	2,108	2,103	2,044	1,993	1,993
Share in Library Mgt, Networking, Information Costs	338,142	258,306	314,075	411,190	332,181	229,689
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>433,693</b>	<b>327,775</b>	<b>416,413</b>	<b>578,486</b>	<b>452,831</b>	<b>338,983</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>2,909</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Casula Library</b>	<b>2018-19 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2019-20 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2020-21 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2021-22 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2022-23 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2023-24 Annual Actual</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>75,967</b>	<b>83,089</b>	<b>105,134</b>	<b>72,638</b>	<b>82,215</b>	<b>71,575</b>
Grants & Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues	6,952	6,806	6,000	2,636	4,312	6,943
User Charges & Charges	2,812	3,545	442	170	1,005	1,656
Share in subsidies and revenue	66,204	72,738	98,692	69,832	76,898	62,976
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>1,143,852</b>	<b>923,455</b>	<b>1,200,642</b>	<b>882,949</b>	<b>850,561</b>	<b>809,932</b>
Employee benefits and on-costs	213,475	145,475	246,458	192,090	211,584	248,178
Operating Costs	43,075	54,236	66,934	52,438	40,976	25,519
Depreciation	60,240	61,487	60,974	62,449	34,369	35,937
Share in Library Mgt, Networking, Information Costs	827,062	662,257	826,276	575,972	563,632	500,298
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>1,067,885</b>	<b>840,366</b>	<b>1,095,508</b>	<b>810,312</b>	<b>768,346</b>	<b>738,357</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Green Valley Library</b>	<b>2018-19 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2019-20 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2020-21 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2021-22 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2022-23 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2023-24 Annual Actual</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>58,538</b>	<b>64,794</b>	<b>84,169</b>	<b>71,746</b>	<b>91,200</b>	<b>72,426</b>
Grants & Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues	10,739	7,500	4,523	3,564	5,589	8,823
User Charges & Charges	2,992	1,874	373	55	689	941
Share in subsidies and revenue	44,808	55,420	79,272	68,128	84,921	62,662
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>781,298</b>	<b>705,082</b>	<b>964,113</b>	<b>862,277</b>	<b>939,713</b>	<b>807,106</b>
Employee benefits and on-costs	183,865	171,736	255,946	270,307	278,609	281,774
Operating Costs	35,799	27,428	43,148	28,728	37,334	26,309
Depreciation	1,867	1,334	1,330	1,330	1,330	1,217
Share in Library Mgt, Networking, Information Costs	559,767	504,584	663,689	561,912	622,439	497,807
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>722,760</b>	<b>640,288</b>	<b>879,944</b>	<b>790,531</b>	<b>848,513</b>	<b>734,680</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Carnes Hill Library</b>	<b>2018-19 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2019-20 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2020-21 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2021-22 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2022-23 Annual Actual</b>	<b>2023-24 Annual Actual</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>210,775</b>	<b>274,259</b>	<b>239,297</b>	<b>195,749</b>	<b>235,065</b>	<b>216,409</b>
Grants & Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues	18,798	15,669	17,932	10,718	10,105	15,809
User Charges & Charges	11,826	8,667	1,753	908	5,739	7,138
Share in subsidies and revenue	180,151	249,923	219,612	184,123	219,221	193,461
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>3,116,661</b>	<b>3,161,703</b>	<b>2,677,041</b>	<b>2,332,257</b>	<b>2,425,469</b>	<b>2,484,634</b>
Employee benefits and on-costs	533,055	579,369	487,320	487,108	610,554	736,860
Operating Costs	112,570	85,041	130,123	105,560	101,071	97,519
Depreciation	220,470	221,819	220,953	220,953	107,040	113,344
Share in Library Mgt, Networking, Information Costs	2,250,566	2,275,474	1,838,645	1,518,636	1,606,804	1,536,911
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>2,905,886</b>	<b>2,887,444</b>	<b>2,437,744</b>	<b>2,136,508</b>	<b>2,190,404</b>	<b>2,268,225</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**ITEM NO:** COM 04  
**FILE NO:** 401985.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Policy Review - Code of Meeting Practice

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Monaghan** **Seconded: Cllr Karnib**

That this matter be deferred to allow General Counsel to review the following proposed changes and brief Councillors prior to bringing back to Council.

**Proposed Amendments to the following clauses of the draft Code of Meeting Practice:**

- Amend clause 3.2 to read:  
The Council shall meet at 6:00pm at a place of its choosing for ordinary meetings.
  
- Amend clause 3.3 to read:  
If the Mayor receives a request in writing, signed by at least two (2) councillors, the Mayor must call an extraordinary meeting of the council to be held as soon as practicable, but in any event, no more than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the request at 6:00pm at Civic Place. The Mayor can be one of the two councillors requesting the meeting.
  
- Amend clause 3.7 to read:  
The CEO must send to each councillor, at least seven (7) days before each meeting of the council, a notice specifying the time, date and place at which the meeting is to be held, and the business to be considered at the meeting.
  
- Amend clause 3.17 to read:  
The CEO must cause the agenda for a meeting of:
  - a) the council to be prepared and distributed to Councillors a full week prior to the meeting.
  - b) Any Committee to be prepared as soon as practicable before the meeting.
  
- Insert a new clause which would be 3.18 to follow 3.17 as follows:  
3.18 No additional agenda items to be provided after the day specified in clause 3.17.
  
- Clause 8.2 the general order of business for an ordinary meeting of the council shall be:  
01 through to 09 remain the same as per the draft Code of Meeting Practice

- 10 Public forum
- 11 Petitions
- 12 Mayoral minute(s)
- 13 Notices of motion/Questions with notice
- 14 Rescission motions
- 15 Reports to council
- 16 Reports of committees
- 17 Confidential matters
- 18 Conclusion of the meeting

- Amend clause 9.6 to read:  
Subject to clause 9.9, if the Mayor is the chairperson at a meeting of the council, the Mayor may, by minute signed by the Mayor, put to the meeting with no less than three (3) business days notice, any matter or topic that is within the jurisdiction of the council, or of which the council has official knowledge.
  
- Amend clause 18.3 to read:  
If the business of the meeting is unfinished after five (5) hours since its commencement, the chairperson must either:
  - a) defer consideration of the remaining items of business on the agenda to the next ordinary meeting of council; or
  - b) adjourn the meeting to a 6:00pm meeting on a date and place determined by the council prior to the meeting being declared closed.

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

**Division called:**

**Vote for:** Clr Green, Clr Harle, Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, Clr Monaghan and Clr Ristevski.

**Vote against:** Mayor Mannoun, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Harte and Clr Macnaught.



Clr Karnib returned to the Chamber at 6:28pm.  
Clr Harte returned to the Chamber at 6:28pm.

**PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

**Clr Dr Green made the following presentation regarding Work Ready Graduation**

**Councillor Presentation December 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 2024.**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December I had the great pleasure to attend Autism Advisory and Support Services Work Ready Graduation.

The event was a testament to the achievement of graduate students who had worked hard in achieving the goal to complete a TAFE course, building the skills and confidence to take the next step of employment with the support of families and a cohort of wonderful TAFE teachers and AASS staff.

On behalf of AASS I would like to share with you the following:

***Somewhere Nice – a nice place to be!***

*Somewhere Nice is a purpose-driven social enterprise Opportunity Shop and Café in Railway Street dedicated to forging a brighter future for young Australians with disabilities. Autism Advisory and Support Service established this shop in October 2023.*

*Our core mission revolves around reinvesting our profits to generate employment and training opportunities specifically tailored for people with disabilities.*

*When Council chose to support us through their Matching Grant program, they were directly contributing to the growth of a more inclusive Liverpool community, and fostering a better future for everyone involved.*

*Our ultimate vision is to empower individuals with disabilities and pave the way towards a more equitable and compassionate society. We firmly believe that establishing inclusive workplaces is the cornerstone of achieving such a future. By creating an environment where people with disabilities can develop their skills and pursue fulfilling careers, we aim to dismantle barriers and promote greater inclusivity across all aspects of life.*

*Since opening in October 2023, Work Prep Connect has seen 17 students successfully complete the program, with at least 4 students enrolling in further tertiary education at TAFE and others volunteering in a variety of outlets.*

*Three students have volunteered to help at Somewhere Nice to gain more work experience while they look for mainstream paid employment.*

*As a result of the success of this program, Tafe will be offering a certificate 1 in retail from 2025, with the work prep connect program acting as a foundational program.*

*The Liverpool Council matching grant we received earlier this year has been integral in assisting us to grow Somewhere Nice and provide the best supports possible for our students learning work skills. I would like to thank Liverpool Council for their support and offer this testimonial as an example of the positive tangible impact Council has in the community by supporting community organisations such as Autism Advisory and Support Service.*

*Together, we can build a society that embraces diversity and ensures equal opportunities for all.*

*Thank you!!!!*

*From AASS*

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEM NO:** NOM 01  
**FILE NO:** 392537.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Lebanon Foreign Aid

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

That Council:

- 1. Write to the Federal Government congratulating them on their recent aid of \$2 million in humanitarian assistance to support civilians in Lebanon, impacted by the escalation of conflict.

This brings the Australian Government’s total package of humanitarian assistance to the Middle East to \$84.5 million since 7 October 2023.

In the same letter Council to apologise to the Federal Government for not giving them this recognition at the recent Council meeting which they deserved acknowledgement for.

- 2. Write to the New South Wales Government requesting that they match the \$20,000 grant Council has given with that money to be reimbursed to Liverpool Council and to be put back towards the community grants budget for availability to local organisations.

This is consistent with the Mayor’s comments in the Australian newspaper on 8 December 2023 that local government has no role in international affairs.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**                                 **Moved: Clr Ristevski**                 **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council:

- 1. Write to the Federal Government congratulating them on their recent aid of \$12 million in humanitarian assistance to support civilians in Lebanon, impacted by the escalation of conflict.
  
- 2. Given the budget constraints, write to the New South Wales Government requesting that they reimburse the \$20,000 grant Council has given with that money to be put back towards the community grants budget for availability to local organisations.

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



Prior to discussion of NOM 02 – Liverpool Olympic, Cllr Adjei declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in NOM 02 Liverpool Olympic as his sons play for the soccer club and he also knows one of the coaches.

Cllr Adjei left the Chamber at 6:37pm.

**ITEM NO:** NOM 02  
**FILE NO:** 396650.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Liverpool Olympic

**Background**

Liverpool Olympic is one of the most viable and self-sustaining community sports clubs within the LGA. From their base at Hoxton Park Reserve, Liverpool Olympic services more than 865 players in its grassroots Soccer program and further delivers both an adaptive and inclusive sports program for people with disability. The club delivers programs specifically to encourage active participation by women and girls from all cultures.

I propose to move:

**NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)**

That Council:

1. Recognises the role that Liverpool Olympic plays in delivering grassroots sports programs for the Liverpool community; and
2. Instruct the Acting CEO or delegate to seek opportunities to enter into a partnership agreement that supports the continued growth of Liverpool Olympic, not limited to infrastructure development opportunities throughout their membership catchment.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Ristevski** **Seconded: Cllr Karnib**

That Council:

1. Recognises the role that Liverpool Olympic plays in delivering grassroots sports programs for the Liverpool community; and
2. Continue working with the Liverpool Olympic to explore opportunities of expansion.

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

Clr Adjei returned to the Chambers at 6:45pm.

**ITEM NO:** NOM 03  
**FILE NO:** 400581.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Land Acquisitions and Detention Basins

### **Background**

Edmondson Park was rezoned for urban development in 2008. Over the years it has been transforming into a vibrant suburb housing a mix of residential and retail options. In 2015 the first passenger train arrived at the train station courtesy of the State Government.

Austral was rezoned for urban development in 2013. Like Edmondson Park, Austral is transforming from rural to a mix of residential, retail and industrial development.

A common factor between the two suburbs is the number of temporary detention basins and the lack of open space for the community to enjoy.

My understanding is that these temporary basins cannot be removed until such time Council acquires the land required and constructs the permanent basins as indicated in the relevant contribution plans.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Clr Harte)**

Direct the A/CEO to:

1. Provide a detailed report of outstanding land acquisitions in Edmondson Park.
2. Provide a detailed report of outstanding land acquisitions in Austral.
3. Ensure both reports include the following details on any active property acquisition:
  - a. The date of first contact with the landowner.
  - b. What reports have been obtained in relation to the property.
  - c. What negotiations have taken place.
  - d. Estimated value or value as determined by valuation if obtained at time of first offer/ contract compared to current estimated value or value if updated valuation has been obtained.
4. Provide a report for the above listed suburbs outlining the increase in land value since the inception of the relevant contribution plans.
5. Provide a report on land listed for acquisition in Bradfield and Badgerys Creek.
6. Provide these reports to the first ordinary Council meeting in 2025 only keeping confidential information pursuant to any provisions in the Local Government Act.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**

**Moved: Clr Harte**

**Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

Direct the A/CEO to:

1. Provide a detailed report of outstanding land acquisitions in Edmondson Park.
2. Provide a detailed report of outstanding land acquisitions in Austral.
3. Ensure both reports include the following details on any active property acquisition:
  - a. The date of first contact with the landowner.
  - b. What reports have been obtained in relation to the property.
  - c. What negotiations have taken place.
  - d. Estimated value or value as determined by valuation if obtained at time of first offer/ contract compared to current estimated value or value if updated valuation has been obtained.
4. Provide a report for the above listed suburbs outlining the increase in land value since the inception of the relevant contribution plans.
5. Provide a report on land listed for acquisition in Bradfield and Badgerys Creek.
6. Provide these reports to the 26 February 2025 Council meeting only keeping confidential information pursuant to any provisions in the Local Government Act.
7. Report which properties are referred to under the compulsory acquisitions in the Land and Environment Court and to tailor it in one specific spot.

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

Clr Monaghan left the Chamber at 6:49pm.  
Clr Monaghan returned to the Chamber at 6:49pm.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**ITEM NO:** CONF 01  
**FILE NO:** 348746.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Rate Modelling and Liverpool Civic Place Valuation

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**           **Moved: Clr Ristevski**                   **Seconded: Clr Harte**

That this item be deferred to the end of the meeting

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

**ITEM NO:** CONF 02  
**FILE NO:** 384758.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Edmondson Ave Upgrade

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Clr Monaghan** **Seconded: Clr Harte**

That Council:

1. Endorse the option of using the remaining available funding to acquire the land needed for the full road widening corridor along Edmondson Ave (stages 1 and 2).
2. Request the CEO or delegate to progress any amendments required to the existing funding agreements to enable the grants to be used for land acquisition.
3. Note that alternative funding opportunities will be explored for delivering the upgrade of Edmondson Avenue.

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

**TEM NO:** CONF 03  
**FILE NO:** 387223.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Compulsory Acquisition of 155 Fourth Avenue, Austral for open space and drainage purposes

This item was dealt with earlier in the Council meeting.





**ITEM NO:** CONF 06  
**FILE NO:** 404211.2024  
**SUBJECT:** Report on Council's Financial Position

During discussion of this item, Mayor Mannoun then ruled that the Council meeting for 10 December 2024 will need to be adjourned as the time was now 7.00pm.

In accordance with Clause 18.2(b) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice (as shown below) Mayor Mannoun then ruled that this meeting be adjourned to reconvene on Thursday 12 December 2024 at 5.15pm in the Liverpool Civic Tower Council Chamber.

*Clause 18.2 If the business of the meeting is unfinished after five hours since its commencement, the chairperson must either:*

- (a) defer consideration of the remaining items of business on the agenda to the next ordinary meeting of the council, or*
- (b) adjourn the meeting to a time, date and place fixed by the chairperson prior to the meeting being declared closed.*

CONF 06- Report on Council's Financial Position and CONF 01 – Rate Modelling and Liverpool Civic Place Valuation were deferred, to be dealt with at the reconvened meeting to be held Thursday 12 December 2024 at 5.15pm.



**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7.00PM TO BE RECONVENED 12 DECEMBER 2024 AT 5.15PM AT LIVERPOOL CIVIC TOWER COUNCIL CHAMBER.**

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 5 February 2025

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 December 2024. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Chairperson