



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2025

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 Jason Breton, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support

Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle

Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning & Compliance

Ms Michelle Mcilvenny, Director Customer Experience & Business Performance

Mr Shayne Mallard, Director City Futures

Mr Peter Scicluna, Acting Director Operations

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

Mr Earl Paradeza, Acting Chief Financial Officer

Mr John Hanlon, Chief Information Officer

Mr David Grasso, Rates Coordinator

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

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm

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 prayer of the Council was read by Father Paul Monkerud from All Saints Parish.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played at the meeting.

COUNCILLORS ATTENDING REMOTELY

NIL.

APOLOGIES

NIL.

CONDOLENCES

Mr Ron Hughes

ITEM NO: COND 01

SUBJECT: Condolence Motion - Mr Ron Hughes (read by Mayor Mannoun)

It is with a heavy heart that I acknowledge the passing of Ron Hughes on 31 December 2024. Ron was a dedicated and respected member of Liverpool's sporting community, serving on the Liverpool City Council Sports Committee for 26 years and contributing immensely to football in our region.

Ron devoted over 27 years to the Liverpool Rangers Football Club, holding roles such as Publicity Officer and Club Registrar. He also served on the SDSFA committee for 26 years and held key positions with the Liverpool District Women's Soccer Committee and Liverpool Sports Committee. His efforts extended to Football NSW, where he served as delegate, board member, and Secretary.

Ron championed inclusivity in football, supporting participation from culturally diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds. He also captured countless junior games as an official photographer, generously sharing these moments with families.

His contributions earned him Life Memberships with SDSFA and Liverpool Rangers, a State Award from Football NSW, and the prestigious George Churchward Medal in 2012.

Ron Hughes will be remembered as a passionate advocate for football and a pillar of our community. On behalf of Council, I extend heartfelt condolences to the Hughes family.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Acknowledge Ron Hughes' outstanding contributions to sport in Liverpool;
2. Extend condolences to the Hughes family; and
3. Explore appropriate ways to commemorate his legacy.

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.

A one minute silence was then observed for Mr Hughes.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2024 and 12 December 2024 be confirmed as a true record of those meetings.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Item: NOM 10 - Opposing the Use of the Media Department for the Personal Benefit of the Mayor.

Reason: The motion in the Mayor’s opinion is targeted at him. The motion in the Mayor’s opinion should have been dealt with via another process. The motion mentions the Mayor.

Mayor Mannoun left the Chamber for this item once he made the declaration.

PUBLIC FORUM

Presentation – items not on agenda

1. **Mr Michael Byrne**, President of East Liverpool Progress Association addressed Council on the following item:
Item: Planning Policy for East Liverpool.

Mayor Mannoun granted a three-minute extension of time be given to Mr Byrne.

2. **Ms Tracey Lynch** addressed Council on the following item:
Item: Social media and Liverpool City Council.

Mayor Mannoun granted a three-minute extension of time be given to Ms Lynch.

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Chairperson

Representation – items on agenda

3. **Ms Rose Koch** addressed Council on the following item:

Item: NOM 09 – Addressing Rubbish, Trolleys and Safety Concerns in our CBD and Suburban Streets.

4. **Mr Brendan (BJ) Gregory** addressed Council on the following item:

Item: NOM 02 - Importance of Flying the Australian Flag on All Council Buildings and NOM 03 – National Anthem at Council meetings.

Mayor Mannoun granted a three-minute extension to Mr Gregory.

5. **Ms Karress Rhodes** addressed Council on the following item:

Item: CFD 01 – Recommendation for Dissolving Intermodal Precinct Committee.

Mayor Mannoun granted a three-minute extension to Ms Rhodes.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR 01
SUBJECT: 2025 Australia Day Honours
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun
DATE: 5 February 2025

It is with pride that I acknowledge Ms. Pamela Anne Valentine of Liverpool, who has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day 2025 Honours List for her outstanding service to our community.

Ms. Valentine has made invaluable contributions through her volunteer work with the City of Liverpool and District Historical Society and the Liverpool Genealogy Society. Her dedication has helped preserve and promote our city's rich heritage, fostering a deeper understanding of Liverpool's history among residents and visitors alike.

Beyond historical preservation, Ms. Valentine has played a key role in community events, educational initiatives, and collaborative projects, strengthening Liverpool's cultural fabric. Her generosity, leadership, and tireless commitment to community service are an inspiration to us all.

On behalf of Liverpool City Council, I extend our congratulations and deepest appreciation to Ms. Valentine for her extraordinary contributions and well-deserved recognition.

I move that Council formally recognises and congratulates Ms. Pamela Anne Valentine for her Australia Day 2025 honour.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council acknowledges the achievements of Ms. Pamela Anne Valentine and congratulates her on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Ms Valentine was then presented with a certificate of appreciation by Mayor Mannoun on behalf of Liverpool City Council.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR 02
SUBJECT: Acting CEO Performance Review for 2024
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun
DATE: 5 February 2025

This item was dealt with later in the meeting pursuant to Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Council deems that the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Mayoral Minute is regarding personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

MOTION OF URGENCY

ITEM: MOU 01
SUBJECT: Sikh Games
MOTION OF: Councillor Dr Betty Green
DATE: 5 February 2025

Clr Dr Green requested Mayor Mannoun accept a Motion of Urgency with regards to the Sikh Games.

She stated the basis of urgency as follows:

Basis of Urgency

This event is only 72 days away.

Event organisers are finalising the program schedule for this event that is expected to attract up to 3000 participants and 30,000 spectators.

The deadline for sponsorship of this event is imminent. If Council is to defer this item, the window to support the event will close.

The event organisers need to finalise all necessary arrangements including supply agreement and printed promotional material is imminent. The sponsorship of this event will mean that Council is afforded the opportunity to have its logos etc placed on promotional material and have opportunities to speak about the Liverpool community at key events.

If Council waits for a report to be presented to the 26 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 arrangements for the event.

Source of Funding

Council has an amount of \$30,000 available in its Sports Donations and Subsidies program. Proposal is to draw on these available funds.

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

Mayor Mannoun left the Chamber at 6.45pm and Clr Harle, as the Deputy Mayor, became the Chairperson.

Mayor Mannoun returned to the Chamber at 6.50pm and resumed as Chairperson.

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the value of the Sikh Games as a valuable event to connect the Sikh community across Western Sydney;
- 2. Supports the request for sponsorship from The Australian Sikh Games for the estimated value split of \$8,000 cash and \$22,000 in-kind (ex GST) to come from Sports Donations and Contributions program.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

MOTION TO BRING ITEMS FORWARD:

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

That the following items be brought forward and dealt with now:

QWN 01 - Question with Notice - Clr Harle - Residents of Edmondson Park and the badly deteriorated pavement section of Jardine Drive, **QWN 02** - Question with Notice - Clr Harle - Abandoned Shopping Trolleys, **NOM 01** - Commemorative Plaque for Enes Beslagic, **NOM 02** - Importance of Flying the Australian Flag on All Council Buildings, **NOM 03** - National Anthem at Council Meetings, **NOM 04** - Installation of Christmas Lights along Macquarie Street Trees, **NOM 05** - Legal fees and Expenses with regards to Public Inquiry, **NOM 06** - Proposal to Offer a 5% Discount for Full Payment of Council Rates, **NOM 07** Minimum Unrestricted Cash Reserves, **NOM 08** - Initiative to relocate the Chipping Norton Stakes from Randwick to Warwick Farm Racecourse, **NOM 09** - Addressing Rubbish, Trolleys, and Safety Concerns in Our CBD and Suburban Streets, **NOM 10** - Opposing the Use of the Media Department for the Personal Benefit of the Mayor, **NOM 11** - Food Insecurity Audit and Report, **NOM 12** - Review of Illegal Dumping, **NOM 13** - Appreciation for the Casula Powerhouse Staff and Budget Considerations, **NOM 14** - Proposal to Reduce Printing and Distribution of Liverpool Life Newsletter.

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

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NO: QWN 01
FILE NO: 014249.2025
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Harle - Residents of Edmondson Park and the badly deteriorated pavement section of Jardine Drive.

Background:

Many residents of Edmondson Park have asked when the badly deteriorated pavement section of Jardine Drive between Wakeling Drive and Diamond Hill Circuit is likely to be upgraded?

I understand that the developers of the area are responsible for progressively upgrading the road as the area is developed and have done so in relevant sections. I also understand that this area is composed of fragmented ownership and hence development.

Currently, the road surface section referred to above, is primarily a series of patches on patches with no footpath, an irregular ground surface, and limited space between the road edge and the chain wire fencing. The latter was erected to prevent high volumes of illegal dumping.

However, its present condition causes major safety issues as pedestrians are forced onto the road pavement, due to the patched surface, and presents tripping hazards, particularly for School Children using the road to walk to nearby St Francis Catholic School.

Edmondson Park Estate development has progressed rapidly over the past decade and Council would have and continues to collect substantial developer contributions hence the following questions.

Approximately, how much money has Council received from Developer Contributions to date, and what percentage is that of the total expected once development has reached around 80% of overall development for the area?

As of December 2024, the total contributions received amount is \$127.9 million. The percentage of the total expected contributions will be available following the current reform of the Liverpool Contribution Plan 2008 – Edmondson Park.

1. Has Council spent any of the collected developer contributions for this area and what specifically were they spent on so far?

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 10 December 2024, a Report (Item – PLAN 06) was tabled presenting the financial status of Council’s Contributions Plans.

The Report showed that as of October 2024, contributions collected under the *Liverpool Contributions Plan 2008 – Edmondson Park* totalled \$127,976,245, of which \$98,253,482 has been spent on infrastructure and land acquisition within the Edmondson Park Precinct.

- 2. As noted above, sections of Jardine Drive are in very poor condition and poses significant pedestrian safety issues between Wakeling Drive and Diamond Hill Circuit.
 - o Who is primarily responsible for upgrading this section of Jardine Drive?
 - Council is responsible as this section is a local road not immediately adjoining any developer lots.
 - o A similar section, between Rynan Ave and Talana Hill Road was upgraded. Who carried out those works?
 - A developer has undertaken a half road construction in accordance with their DA Conditions of Consent.
 - o Can Council investigate and take appropriate remedial action ASAP to allow a safe pedestrian space along this undeveloped section of road, which is also subject to flooding?
 - Council has engaged a consultant to design the section of road pavement of Jardine Drive between Rynan Ave and Wakeling Drive. This includes the upgrade of the existing culvert near Wakeling Drive, the drainage network along Jardine Drive in this section, kerb and gutter and footpaths.

Currently the design is 80% complete.

The project cost has not been finalised, however it is anticipated to be over \$5,000,000.00. Currently S7.11 contributions have \$600k allocated, which is only sufficient to complete the design and some minor patching work as a temporary measure.

Future delivery of the road will be subject to ongoing developer contributions and/or Council allocation of funds.

Accordingly, there is insufficient resourcing to provide a safe pedestrian space.

Clr Adjei left the Chamber at 6:53pm.

Clr Harte left the Chamber at 6.53pm.

Clr Harte returned to the Chamber at 6.55pm.

Note: Deputy Mayor Harle requested that this item be taken to the next Governance Committee Meeting to discuss the issues there.

ITEM NO: QWN 02
FILE NO: 020306.2025
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Harle - Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

Background:

Abandoned Shopping trolleys. The State Government has introduced stricter laws regarding abandoned property, as per link below.

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/about-councils/laws-and-regulations/public-spaces-unattended-property-act-2021/>

Please address the following:

- 1. Since these laws were introduced in November 2022, what changes has Council implemented to reduce the number of abandoned shopping trolleys in the Liverpool LGA?**

Refer below – Response.

- 2. Have these changes been incorporated into Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 Part 1, Subsection 28?**

Liverpool Development Control Plan 2008 Part 1, Subsection 28 does not reference legislation but rather has general requirements regarding the management of shopping trolleys. Refer below for Appendix 1.

- a. Can Council enforce shopping trolley owners displaying suitable signage that states “shopping trolleys must not be taken beyond the boundaries of the shopping centre”, as per its DCP?**

If it is a condition of consent imposed on a Development Application.

- 3. Have any abandoned shopping trolleys owners been issued penalties under the new regulations?**

Not at this stage.

- 4. Does Liverpool City Council display on its website and media information the penalties that apply to abandoned and unattended property?**

Not at this stage.

Introduction

Abandoned shopping trolleys have increasingly become a public nuisance within our community. These trolleys often attract rubbish and contribute to unsightly and unsafe environments. In response to ongoing concerns raised by residents and community stakeholders, the Council has reassessed its current practices for managing this issue. This report outlines the current measures in place, evaluates their effectiveness, and introduces a new procedure to address the problem more effectively.

Shopping trolleys are classified as Class 2 items under the Public Spaces Unattended Property Act.

The Regulation states:

Before taking possession of a class 1 item or a class 2 item under the Act, section 25(1)(b)(i) or (ii)—

(a) the authorised officer must give written notice in accordance with this section that the authorised officer believes the item is unattended, and

(b) the notice must specify a time and date at which, if the authorised officer believes the item is unattended, the authorised officer may take possession of the item, and

(c) the specified time and date must be after the end of the minimum notice period, and

(d) the authorised officer must believe the item is unattended at the specified time and date.

Applicable fines are:

- \$660 per trolley (individuals).
- \$1,320 per trolley (corporations).

Higher fines for clusters of trolleys.

For the Act, section 33(2)(f), a record of property taken possession of must include the following information—

(a) the cost of taking possession of, storing, returning, destroying or disposing of, including selling, the property.

N.B: Regarding storage and fees payable on collection, Council Officers will need to ensure to keep '**Records of property**' for any actions taken by LCC.

Council must Identify and notify operators of unattended or obstructive trolleys with details of the issue and location.

- 3-hour timeframe: For trolleys causing an obstruction or safety risk (except 11 pm–7 am).
- 4-day timeframe: For trolleys left in one place for more than 7 days.

The regulation states:

Before taking possession of a class 1 item or a class 2 item under the Act, section 25(1)(b)(i) or (ii)—

(a) the authorised officer must give written notice in accordance with this section that the authorised officer believes the item is unattended, and

(b) the notice must specify a time and date at which, if the authorised officer believes the item is unattended, the authorised officer may take possession of the item, and

(c) the specified time and date must be after the end of the minimum notice period, and

(d) the authorised officer must believe the item is unattended at the specified time and date.

The regulation deals with each item individually.

The above process must be followed regardless of whether the intent is to take possession or issue a fine failing the collection of the trolley by the owner.

Response

Current Measures

The Council currently utilises a service called Trolley Tracker, which enables community members and Council Officers to report abandoned trolleys. Through this system, retailers receive notifications to retrieve their trolleys promptly. While this service was initially effective, recent evaluations indicate a significant decline in its effectiveness, with an increasing number of trolleys remaining uncollected for extended periods.

Issues Identified

- Retailers are not consistently retrieving reported trolleys in a timely manner.
- Abandoned trolleys are contributing to litter and creating hazards in public spaces.
- There is insufficient accountability for retailers to ensure their trolleys remain within their premises.

New Procedure

To address these challenges, the Council's Enforcement Officers have developed a revised approach:

1. Retailer Education:

Enforcement Officers will conduct visits to supermarkets and other retailers to provide educational documents. These materials will inform retailers of their obligations under relevant legislation in New South Wales (NSW) and outline the penalties for non-compliance.

2. Notice and Compliance:

Retailers will be issued a formal notice requiring the collection of any abandoned trolley within three (3) days of notification. Failure to comply will result in fines and the imposition of collection charges.

3. Increased Accountability:

Retailers will be encouraged to implement measures to prevent trolleys from leaving their premises. This could include physical barriers, coin-lock systems, geofencing or employing staff to monitor trolley use.

4. Goals of the New Procedure

The primary aim of this new procedure is to ensure retailers take proactive steps to prevent trolleys from being abandoned. By holding retailers accountable, the Council seeks to:

- Reduce the number of abandoned trolleys in public spaces.
- Minimise associated nuisances, including rubbish accumulation.
- Encourage retailers to maintain responsibility for their trolleys and contribute to a cleaner, safer community.

Conclusion

The Council is committed to addressing the issue of abandoned shopping trolleys through a combination of education, enforcement, and retailer accountability. The new procedure reflects our dedication to maintaining clean and safe public spaces for all residents. We will monitor the effectiveness of these measures and continue to engage with retailers and the community to ensure lasting improvements.

Note: Deputy Mayor Harle has requested that this item be tabled at a future Governance Committee meeting.

Clr Adjei returned to the Chamber at 6.57pm.

28. Shopping Trolleys

Applies to

This section applies to any development that will provide shopping trolleys for customers.

Background

Abandoned shopping trolleys are a major problem throughout the Liverpool LGA as they tend to end up in streets, parks and waterbodies.

Objectives

To minimise the abandonment of shopping trolleys.

Controls

1. A management plan is required for all businesses that offer the use of trolleys to their customers. At a minimum the management plan must contain the following elements:
 - A list of contacts for the store/premises (including phone numbers).
 - A statement verifying that trolley management will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant consent (the consent is to be attached as an addendum once issued).
 - Methods for identifying shopping trolleys that belong to a specific business (e.g. serial numbers, company logo, tracking device etc.).
 - A schedule for the daily collection of abandoned shopping trolleys, including details of trolley collection routes.
 - Details of a trolley containment system which restricts the removal of trolleys from the premises.
 - Measures to ensure that any trolleys reported as posing a risk or nuisance, are collected immediately upon notification (this may require an “after hours” collection service).
 - A register of all trolleys that have been reported or collected (including instances where the trolley was not found at the reported location).
 - Methods for warning customers about the consequences of abandoning or removing trolleys from the premises.
 - A site plan of the premises showing the location of trolley bays and exit points.

Note:

Council must be notified of any updates to the plan of management.

2. A trolley containment system must be provided for businesses with 20 or more trolleys. Such examples include:
 - Coin/token operated system with refund
 - Trolleys with wheel locks activated by a radio signal or magnetic strip
 - Radio signal transmitters on trolleys

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM NO: NOM 01
FILE NO: 408957.2024
SUBJECT: Commemorative Plaque for Enes Beslagic

Background

Enes Beslagic's decision to perform in Liverpool not only enriches our local cultural landscape but also elevates Liverpool's profile on an international stage. By honoring him with this plaque, we express our gratitude and commitment to fostering a thriving arts community.

This motion celebrates our partnership with the arts and the positive recognition it brings to Liverpool.

I ask that Liverpool City Council award a commemorative plaque to Enes Beslagic, the world-renowned Bosnian actor, in recognition of his decision to choose Liverpool's Casula Performing Arts Centre (CPAC) as the venue for his upcoming performance in February 2025. This gesture will serve as a token of our appreciation for his contributions to the arts and acknowledge the international publicity this event will bring to Liverpool.

The plaque will be presented on behalf of all Liverpool City Councillors by Councillor Peter Ristevski, who has been invited by the event organisers to attend the performance. This presentation will highlight Liverpool's support for the arts and promote Liverpool as a vibrant cultural hub.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Liverpool City Council:

1. Approve the creation and presentation of a commemorative plaque to Enes Beslagic.
2. Confirm the attendance of Councillor Peter Ristevski at the performance for the purpose of the presentation.
3. Allocate necessary resources for the creation of the plaque.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Ristevski

Seconded: Cllr Karnib

That Liverpool City Council:

1. Approve the creation and presentation of a commemorative plaque to Enes Beslagic.
2. Allocate necessary resources for the creation of the plaque.
3. The Mayor to present the plaque, however if he is unavailable for Deputy Mayor Harle to present the plaque. If the Mayor or Deputy Mayor Harle are unable to attend for Cllr Ristevski to present the plaque.
4. Confirm all Councillors are invited to the event.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for the motion.

Clr Monaghan left the Chamber at 7:21pm.
Clr Monaghan returned to the Chamber at 7:23pm.

Point of order raised by Clr Ristevski
Point of order raised by Clr Macnaught
Point of order raised by Clr Macnaught
Point of order raised by Clr Ammoun

ITEM NO: NOM 02
FILE NO: 409709.2024
SUBJECT: Importance of Flying the Australian Flag on All Council Buildings

Background

Flying the Australian flag on all council buildings is a simple yet powerful way to promote national pride and unity within our community. By taking this step, we can reinforce our commitment to celebrating our Australian identity and values:-

1. National Identity:
The Australian flag represents our country's history, values, and diversity. Flying it on council buildings will foster a sense of belonging and national pride within the community.
2. Civic Engagement:
Displaying the flag prominently encourages civic engagement and community spirit, reminding residents of their shared identity and responsibilities as Australians.
3. Cultural Significance:
The flag is a vital part of our national heritage, symbolising the rights and freedoms enjoyed by all Australians. Its visibility in public spaces reinforces the importance of these values.
4. Funding Support:
To ensure the successful implementation of this initiative, it is essential to seek federal government funding. This support will help cover the costs associated with the procurement and installation of flags and flagpoles on council buildings.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Clr Ristevski)

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the significance of the Australian flag as a symbol of national pride and unity and resolves to fly the Australian flag on all council buildings;

2. Write to the Federal Government to seek funding to support this important initiative;
3. Direct the Acting CEO that a report to come back to the next council meeting on the cost of installing a flagpole on every council building to determine a funding source; and
4. Direct the Acting CEO that a report to come back to the next council meeting for the cost to install a significant flagpole with a very large Australian flag to sit on top of the new library on Scott Street.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Ristevski

Seconded: Cllr Harle

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the significance of the Australian flag as a symbol of national pride and unity;
2. Write to the Federal and State Government to seek funding to support this important initiative once a report has been received on the cost;
3. Direct the Acting CEO that a report to come back to the April council meeting on the cost of installing flagpoles and all associated cost of flying the three official flags on every appropriate council building, including appropriately sized flagpoles with the three official flags being, the Australian Flag, the Indigenous Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag, including operational protocol costs; and
4. Direct the Acting CEO to identify a funding source including grants from Federal and State Government.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

MOTION OF URGENCY

ITEM: MOU 01
SUBJECT: Closure of Community Justice Centres
MOTION OF: Councillor Richard Ammoun
DATE: 5 February 2025

Clr Ammoun requested Mayor Mannoun accept a Motion of Urgency with regards to the Closure of Community Justice Centres.

He stated the basis of urgency as follows:

The closure of Community Justice Centres (CJCs) affects the Liverpool Community. The community and Liverpool Council were not consulted on the proposed closures. The closures will take effect as of the 30th June 2025. There are a lot of families in the Liverpool LGA that depend on these services adding to the cost of legal fees. Clr Ammoun wants to advocate as soon as possible against the closures.

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:

It is with deep concern that I bring to your attention the recent confirmation by the NSW Attorney General regarding the planned closure of all Community Justice Centres (CJCs) across the state, effective from 30 June 2025. This decision, made without consultation with councils or their communities, poses significant risks to social cohesion and access to justice.

Since their establishment, CJCs have played an invaluable role in providing free and effective mediation services to individuals and communities. Whether resolving neighbourhood disputes, small debts, or minor community conflicts, CJCs have successfully helped countless residents avoid the time, expense, and stress of formal legal proceedings.

The proposed closure will have several detrimental impacts, including:

Reduced Community Harmony: With increasing urban density, particularly in areas like Liverpool, access to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms is essential to maintaining positive neighbourly relations.

Increased Legal Costs: Without CJCs, individuals may be forced into formal legal processes, which are both costly and time-consuming.

Strained Judicial Resources: The likely rise in court cases will further burden an already stretched judicial system, delaying justice for all.

ITEM NO: NOM 03
FILE NO: 409640.2024
SUBJECT: National Anthem at Council Meetings

Background

The singing of the national anthem serves as a powerful reminder of our shared values, history, and commitment to our local community. It is an opportunity to foster a sense of unity, pride, and belonging among residents and Councillors alike. Incorporating this practice into our Council meetings not only honours our nation but also strengthens the bonds within our community.

Rationale:

1. Fostering Community Spirit:

Singing the national anthem together can enhance a sense of belonging and collective identity among community members, encouraging active participation in local governance.

2. Promoting Civic Engagement:

By encouraging local schools to join in singing, we can cultivate a culture of civic engagement and pride, motivating more individuals to participate in local affairs.

3. Enhancing Meeting Atmosphere:

The anthem can set a positive tone for Council meetings, fostering respect and decorum, and reminding us of our responsibilities to our constituents.

4. Encouraging Inclusivity:

This initiative can also promote inclusivity by inviting diverse community members to share a common experience that transcends individual differences.

I urge my fellow Council members to support this motion, as it represents a step toward reinforcing community spirit and enhancing our collective commitment to serving our residents. Let us come together to celebrate our nation and our community at the start of each meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council recognises and promotes the importance of community spirit and participation in the singing of the national anthem at Council meetings by inviting local schools on a rotating basis to sing the national anthem at each council meeting.

Point of Order raised by Clr Ammoun

Clr Ibrahim left the Chambers at 7:47pm.
Clr Ibrahim returned to the Chamber at 7:52pm.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council recognises and promotes the importance of community spirit and participation in the singing of the national anthem at Council meetings and appropriate Council events by inviting local schools on a rotating basis to sing the national anthem when possible.

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 7.53pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed in open council at 8.17pm with all Councillors present.

ITEM NO: NOM 04
FILE NO: 409796.2024
SUBJECT: Installation of Christmas Lights along Macquarie Street Trees

Background

It is essential to recognise the significance of Christmas for many residents in our community, particularly the majority who identify as Christians. Christmas is a time of joy, togetherness, and celebration, and the visual spectacle of festive lights plays a vital role in fostering that spirit.

Recent observations have shown that last year's Christmas decorations fell short of expectations. The absence of vibrant lights along Macquarie Street contributed to a lacklustre holiday atmosphere, which did not reflect the community's festive spirit. This year, we have an opportunity to rectify this by reinstating a bright and welcoming display that will uplift the community's mood and encourage participation in holiday events.

Benefits:

1. Community Engagement:

Illuminating Macquarie Street with Christmas lights will draw residents and visitors, creating a sense of community and encouraging local businesses during the holiday season.

2. Cultural Significance:

For many, Christmas is a cherished holiday. Displaying lights is a way to honour this tradition and celebrate our community's values.

3. Aesthetic Appeal:

Beautifully decorated streets enhance the overall appearance of our city, making it more inviting and enjoyable for everyone.

Let us come together to create a festive environment that reflects the joy of the season and fosters community spirit.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That:

1. Council consider for the 2025/26 budget, the installation of Christmas lights on the trees along Macquarie Street in order to enhance our community's celebration of Christmas.
2. The funding source to come from the Most Blessed Nights festival which costs ratepayers \$400,000.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Ristevski** **Seconded: Cllr Harle**

That Council consider for the 2025/26 budget, the installation of Christmas lights on the trees along Macquarie Street in order to enhance our community's celebration of Christmas.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: NOM 05
FILE NO: 419384.2024
SUBJECT: Legal fees and Expenses with regards to Public Inquiry

Background

With Liverpool Council having just generated a \$11 million loss in its recent audited financial statements and current unrestricted cash reserves sitting at near zero, as Councillors we have a fiduciary duty to ensure that ratepayers money is used to its maximum benefit for the community.

The recent court case against the New South Wales government to prevent the public inquiry into Liverpool Council has not been the best usage of ratepayers' money and as such I propose the following:-

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council agree:

1. A report be given at the earliest possible Council meeting so that ratepayers are aware of the total legal fees and expenses and staff time in terms of dollars. The same report to also include the NSW Government legal fees that ratepayers will need to pay for losing the case.
2. Council's legal team seek advice whether these legal fees can be recovered personally from the Councillors that voted in favour of taking legal action against the New South Wales Government. This report to be tabled at the earliest possible Council meeting.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council defer this item to a future Council meeting.

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

ITEM NO: NOM 06
FILE NO: 427509.2024
SUBJECT: Proposal to Offer a 5% Discount for Full Payment of Council Rates

Background

1. Encouragement of Timely Payments:

Offering a discount serves as an incentive for ratepayers to fulfill their obligations promptly, improving cash flow for the Council.

2. Financial Benefits:

A discount could potentially reduce administrative costs associated with managing instalment payments and late fees.

3. Community Support:

This initiative aligns with the Council's commitment to support residents, particularly in times of financial strain.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council approves the implementation of a 5% discount on annual council rates for ratepayers who pay their rates in full by the due date, rather than opting for instalment payments.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Ristevski** **Seconded: Cllr Macnaught**

That Council defer this item to a future Governance Committee meeting for further discussion.

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

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Chairperson

ITEM NO: NOM 07
FILE NO: 430334.2024
SUBJECT: Minimum Unrestricted Cash Reserves

Background

In light of the current financial challenges facing the Council, it is imperative that we adopt best practices to safeguard our financial stability. Maintaining a minimum level of unrestricted cash reserves will not only provide a safety net during unexpected financial downturns but also ensure that future Councils are equipped to manage their finances responsibly.

Rationale:

- 1. Financial Stability:** A minimum cash reserve will help prevent future financial crises by providing a buffer against unforeseen expenses and revenue shortfalls.
- 2. Best Practice:** Establishing this policy aligns with best practices recommended by financial governance and other Councils that have successfully managed their finances.
- 3. Public Confidence:** Demonstrating sound financial management will strengthen public trust in the council's ability to govern effectively and make prudent fiscal decisions.
- 4. Long-term Planning:** This policy will encourage strategic financial planning and responsible budgeting, ensuring that we can meet both current and future community needs without compromising our financial integrity.

By adopting this motion, Liverpool Council can take a proactive step toward ensuring financial resilience and accountability.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Liverpool City Council:

1. Establishes a policy to maintain a minimum of \$25 million in unrestricted cash reserves.
2. Directs the finance department to implement and monitor compliance with this minimum cash reserve requirement moving forward and to put a freeze on any discretionary spending that will put the unrestricted cash reserves below \$25 million.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Ristevski

Seconded: Cllr Karnib

That Council:

1. Establishes a benchmark of maintaining a minimum of \$25 million in unrestricted cash reserves.
2. Directs the Acting CEO to implement and monitor compliance with this minimum cash reserve requirement moving forward; and
3. Receive the reserve balance with the monthly Investment Report.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: NOM 08
FILE NO: 003609.2025
SUBJECT: Initiative to relocate the Chipping Norton Stakes from Randwick to Warwick Farm Racecourse

Background

The Chipping Norton Stakes is a prestigious horse racing event traditionally held at Warwick Farm Racecourse. By moving this event back to Liverpool on a Saturday, we can attract a larger audience, increase participation from local businesses, and promote tourism in the Liverpool area.

This strategic change will not only benefit racegoers but also local vendors, restaurants, and hotels.

Rationale:

1. Economic Benefits:

Hosting the Chipping Norton Stakes at Warwick Farm on a Saturday will provide a significant boost to the local economy, increasing foot traffic and supporting small businesses.

2. Community Engagement:

The event will foster a sense of community and pride, encouraging local residents to participate and celebrate this iconic sporting occasion.

3. Promotion of Horse Racing:

Bringing this event back to Liverpool will enhance the profile of horse racing within the region, attracting more visitors and participants.

4. Logistical Advantages:

A Saturday event allows for better attendance and engagement from the community, making it more accessible for families and racing enthusiasts.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council:

1. Council supports the initiative to relocate the Chipping Norton Stakes from Randwick to Warwick Farm Racecourse on a Saturday, revitalising the event and enhancing community engagement in Liverpool.
2. Council engage with relevant stakeholders, including the Australian Turf Club and local businesses, to explore the feasibility of this proposal.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Clr Ristevski

Seconded: Clr Harte

That Council:

1. Supports the initiative to relocate the Verry Ellegant Stakes and other Group One races run from Warwick Farm Racecourse, on a Saturday, revitalising the event and enhancing community engagement in Liverpool.
2. Engage with relevant stakeholders, including the Australian Turf Club (ATC) and local businesses, to explore the feasibility of this proposal.
3. Call on the ATC to upgrade Warwick Farm Racecourse regardless of the sale of Rosehill Racecourse.
4. Write to Racing NSW and the ATC to consider holding a race meeting on New Years Eve at Warwick Farm Racecourse.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Ammoun left the Chamber at 9:04pm.

Clr Ammoun returned to the Chamber at 9:06pm.

Clr Harte left the Chamber at 9.08pm
 Clr Harte returned to the Chamber at 9.10pm.
 Clr Macnaught left the Chambers at 9:13pm.
 Clr Macnaught returned to the Chambers at 9:16pm.
 Clr Monaghan left the Chamber at 9:17pm.
 Clr Monaghan returned to the Chamber at 9:19pm.

ITEM NO: NOM 09
FILE NO: 003872.2025
SUBJECT: Addressing Rubbish, Trolleys, and Safety Concerns in Our CBD and Suburban Streets

Background

Council needs to take immediate action to address the ongoing issues of rubbish and shopping trolleys being dumped in the Central Business District (CBD) and suburban streets, as well as the critical health and safety concern posed by discarded needles in parks and toilets, particularly in Bigge Park.

The cleanliness and safety of our community spaces are paramount. Recently, there has been an alarming increase in the amount of rubbish and shopping trolleys left abandoned in public areas. Additionally, the presence of needles in our parks and public toilets, especially in Bigge Park, poses a significant health risk to residents, children, and visitors.

These issues not only tarnish the reputation of our city but also compromise public safety and well-being.

Conclusion:

By implementing these solutions, we can create a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment for all residents and visitors to Liverpool.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Clr Ristevski)

That Council:

1. *Increase Waste Management Services:*
 Implement a regular clean-up schedule for high-traffic areas in the CBD and suburban streets that are known hotspots. This could involve the deployment of additional street cleaning crews and the use of volunteers from local community groups.
2. *Public Education Campaign:*
 Launch an awareness campaign to educate residents and businesses about the importance of proper waste disposal. This could include signage in key areas and information distributed through local media.

3. *Enhanced Surveillance and Reporting:*
Install surveillance cameras in hotspots where rubbish and trolleys are frequently dumped. Encourage community members to report incidents of illegal dumping through a dedicated hotline or app.
4. *Collaboration with Local Businesses:*
Work with local retailers to establish a trolley return initiative, incentivising customers to return trolleys to their designated areas. This could include signage and potential rewards for compliance.
5. Lobby the State Government to relocate the Methadone clinics in Liverpool to other LGAs as Liverpool has done its time and fair share in this space.
6. *Community Engagement:*
Organize community clean-up days to foster a sense of ownership and responsibility for our public spaces. Engage schools, local organisations, and residents to participate in these initiatives.
7. Allocate necessary funding to implement these initiatives effectively by redirecting funds from City Futures and Community and Lifestyle.
8. Report back to the Council within three months on the progress of these actions.
9. Establish a taskforce to be made up of three Councillors, a representative of the United Services Union and Director Operations that meet every month to address the ever-growing list of rubbish issues of our LGA.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Ristevski

Seconded: Cllr Karnib

The Council directs the Acting CEO to prepare a Charter for a committee by including the points below that would deal with the city presentation and maintenance and refer back to Council. This committee is to be open to the public.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Points

1. *Increase Waste Management Services:*

Implement a regular clean-up schedule for high-traffic areas in the CBD and suburban streets that are known hotspots. This could involve the deployment of additional street cleaning crews and the use of volunteers from local community groups.

2. *Public Education Campaign:*

Launch an awareness campaign to educate residents and businesses about the importance of proper waste disposal. This could include signage in key areas and information distributed through local media.

3. *Enhanced Surveillance and Reporting:*

Install surveillance cameras in hotspots where rubbish and trolleys are frequently dumped. Encourage community members to report incidents of illegal dumping through a dedicated hotline or app.

4. *Collaboration with Local Businesses:*

Work with local retailers to establish a trolley return initiative, incentivising customers to return trolleys to their designated areas. This could include signage and potential rewards for compliance.

5. *Community Engagement:*

Organize community clean-up days to foster a sense of ownership and responsibility for our public spaces. Engage schools, local organisations, and residents to participate in these initiatives.

6. Allocate necessary funding to implement these initiatives effectively by redirecting funds from City Futures and Community and Lifestyle.

7. Report back to the Council within three months on the progress of these actions.

8. Establish a taskforce to be made up of Councillors Deputy Mayor Harle, Councillor Karnib and Councillor Ristevski together with a representative from the United Services Union and the director of Council operations that meets every month at 6pm to address the ever-growing list of rubbish issues of our LGA. That meeting is to be open to the public.

ITEM NO: NOM 10
FILE NO: 012953.2025
SUBJECT: Opposing the Use of the Media Department for the Personal Benefit of the Mayor

Background

The purpose of this motion is to address the inappropriate use of the Media Department for the personal benefit of the Mayor.

The media department of Liverpool Council is a vital resource intended to serve the public interest by promoting community engagement and effective communication between the Council and its constituents. It is imperative that this department operates within the framework of its intended purpose, free from any personal or political biases.

Reasons for the Motion:

1. Misuse of Public Resources:

The media department's resources, including personnel and funding, should be utilised for council-related activities that benefit the community as a whole, not for personal promotions or political agendas.

2. Ethical Standards:

The integrity of the Council is paramount. Allowing the media department to be used for personal gain undermines the ethical standards expected from public officials and erodes public trust in local government.

3. Equitable Communication:

All Councillors and their constituents should have equal access to media resources. Preferential treatment for the Mayor could lead to perceptions of bias and inequality, damaging the Council's reputation.

4. Public Accountability:

The council must remain accountable to its residents. Using the media department for personal benefit detracts from the Council's commitment to accountability in governance.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council formally adopts a policy that prohibits the use of the Media Department for personal use by the Mayor or any council members. This policy should ensure that all communications and media resources focus on council activities that serve the public interest rather than personal interests.

Point of order raised by Clr Harte.

Mayor Mannoun and Deputy Mayor Harle left the Chamber at 9.23pm.

The meeting was paused.

Deputy Mayor Harle returned to the Chamber at 9.25pm and assumed as Chairperson in Mayor Mannoun's absence.

Clr Karnib left the Chamber at 9:26pm.

Clr Karnib returned to the Chamber at 9:27pm.

During discussion Mayor Mannoun declared a non pecuniary, less than significant interest in this matter and left the Chamber for the remainder of this item.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That the recommendation be adopted.

There was no Secunder for this motion and therefore this item lapsed.

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Harle called a recess of meeting at 9.31pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed by Mayor Mannoun as Chairperson, at 9.47pm in open session with all Councillors present.

ITEM NO: NOM 11
FILE NO: 018158.2025
SUBJECT: Food Insecurity Audit and Report

Background

Food security refers to the assurance that all individuals consistently have access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food necessary for a healthy and active life. The issue of food insecurity within communities is increasingly complex, influenced by various factors including economic instability, health challenges, and housing insecurity.

According to the SWSLHD publication South West Sydney: Our Health (2019), the most recent data on food insecurity in South West Sydney indicated that 8.6% of those surveyed experienced food insecurity. Food insecurity can impact individuals, households, and communities, potentially leading to health issues, particularly affecting children, the elderly, and those with chronic diseases. Additionally, the stress and anxiety related to uncertainty about food access can affect mental health and well-being.

Numerous organisations, charities and community groups and churches are currently providing meals to many individuals and families across the LGA with reports to Council that demand for these services is increasing. To gain a better understanding of the current problem of food insecurity Council is well placed as a coordinating body to lead a collaborative effort that would build better understanding of the drivers and experiences of food insecurity in our city and improve current approaches and interventions to meet the needs of vulnerable families and individuals.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Clr Dr Green)

That Council:

1. Provide a report on the agencies, organisations, churches and community groups currently providing food relief in Liverpool.
2. Consult with experts in research, health and food insecurity to better understand the contributing factors at our local level and to inform and improve responses.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: NOM 12
FILE NO: 018194.2025
SUBJECT: Review of Illegal Dumping

Background

Illegal dumping in Liverpool's residential areas, CBD, and rural regions remains a persistent issue that generates numerous resident complaints. Despite the Council's significant investment in surveillance cameras at identified hotspots, the disposal of rubbish and household items on roadsides and residential verges continues to account for a substantial number of complaints received through Customer Service as well as directly from Councillors.

This problem is multifaceted and thus necessitates a comprehensive problem-solving approach to better understand the underlying causes of illegal dumping. Notably, a broad-based review presents an opportunity for the Council to explore various possibilities, initiatives, and practical solutions that can further bolster and expand the Council's commitment to a circular economy.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Dr Green)

That Council:

1. Provide a report on illegal dumping that includes:
 - a. all aspects of Council's response including
 - i. Customer Service data
 - ii. Type of rubbish/goods collected
 - iii. Location
 - iv. Cost to Council
 - b. Possible solutions
2. Report to be provided for presentation at April Governance Committee Meeting.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Provide a report on illegal dumping that includes:
 - a. all aspects of Council's response including
 - i. Customer Service data
 - ii. Type of rubbish/goods collected
 - iii. Location
 - iv. Cost to Council
 - b. Possible solutions
 - c. Include in this review, statistics around the uptake of Council's household clean up service and whether or not, in that investigation, there's a better way for Liverpool Council to offer that service to the Liverpool LGA.
2. Report to be provided for presentation at the April Governance Committee Meeting and thereafter on a monthly basis.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: NOM 13
FILE NO: 019362.2025
SUBJECT: Appreciation for the Casula Powerhouse Staff and Budget Considerations

Background

To ensure that our cultural venues are well-maintained, which is essential for continuing to offer high-quality events and experiences to our community and making Liverpool a destination city.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council:

1. Acknowledges and thank the dedicated staff at Casula Powerhouse for their outstanding efforts in organising the recent Taste of Spain event. Their hard work and commitment to bringing diverse cultural experiences and enhance the vibrancy of Liverpool and foster a greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures.
2. Encourage the staff at Casula Powerhouse to continue their excellent work in organising similar events in the future. These initiatives promote Liverpool as a destination to visit.
3. Council to prioritise and include funding in the upcoming budget for necessary repairs at the Casula Powerhouse that are currently unfunded and pressing such as:
 - i. Replace four air-conditioning chillers \$850,000 **(Not funded – CAPEX 25/26 Request)**
 - ii. Repair the awning at the Ceramics Studio \$58,000 **(Not funded – CAPEX 25/26 Request)**
 - iii. Repair the Smokestack \$950,000 **(Not funded – CAPEX 25/26 Request)**
 - iv. Evaporator for the Bar Fridge at CPAC. \$1,500 **(Funded by CPAC Operational Budget)**

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Acknowledges and thank the dedicated staff at Casula Powerhouse for their outstanding efforts in organising the recent Taste of Spain event. Their hard work and commitment to bringing diverse cultural experiences and enhance the vibrancy of Liverpool and foster a greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures.

2. Encourage the staff at Casula Powerhouse to continue their excellent work in organising similar events in the future. These initiatives promote Liverpool as a destination to visit.

3. Council to consider funding in the upcoming budget for necessary repairs at the Casula Powerhouse that are currently unfunded and pressing such as:
 - i. Replace four air-conditioning chillers \$850,000 **(Not funded – CAPEX 25/26 Request)**
 - ii. Repair the awning at the Ceramics Studio \$58,000 **(Not funded – CAPEX 25/26 Request)**
 - iii. Repair the Smokestack \$950,000 **(Not funded – CAPEX 25/26 Request)**
 - iv. Evaporator for the Bar Fridge at CPAC. \$1,500 **(Funded by CPAC Operational Budget)**

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Ammoun raised a point of order.
Clr Harte left the Chamber at 10:05pm.
Clr Harte returned to the Chamber at 10:06pm.

ITEM NO: NOM 14
FILE NO: 021411.2025
SUBJECT: Proposal to Reduce Printing and Distribution of Liverpool Life Newsletter

Background

In recent years, there has been a significant shift in how residents consume information. Most community members now rely on social media platforms, such as the Council's Facebook page, for updates and announcements. This change in communication preferences suggests that the traditional printed newsletter may no longer be the most effective method for reaching our residents.

The proposed reduction in the frequency of the Liverpool Life newsletter will not only align our communication strategy with contemporary practices but will also yield substantial financial savings. The estimated annual savings of \$68,310 can be effectively reallocated to improve frontline services, especially in maintaining the cleanliness of our streets, parks, and public spaces.

Benefits:

Cost Savings:

By reducing the newsletter's printing and distribution, the Council can save significant funds, which can be better spent on essential services.

Environmental Impact:

Less printing contributes to sustainability efforts, reducing paper waste and the Council's overall carbon footprint.

Enhanced Service Delivery:

Redirecting funds to frontline services will directly benefit the community by improving the quality of public spaces, enhancing the overall liveability of Liverpool.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council:

1. Reduce the printing and distribution of the Liverpool Life newsletter from its current frequency to twice a year.
2. Redirect the savings of \$68,310 from this reduction into frontline services, particularly focusing on maintaining and enhancing the cleanliness of our city.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

- 1. Reduce the printing and distribution of the Liverpool Life newsletter from its current frequency to twice a year.
- 2. Redirect the savings from this reduction into frontline services, in the form of directly employed council staff, particularly focusing on maintaining and enhancing the cleanliness of our city.

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

Division called (for the motion moved by Clr Ristevski):

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

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

***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.”

Foreshadowed motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council continue to produce and distribute the Liverpool Life Newsletter in its current frequency.

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

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR 02
SUBJECT: Acting CEO Performance Review for 2024
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun
DATE: 5 February 2025

RECOMMENDATION

1. That under Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Council deems that the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and is therefore confidential.
2. That Council notes the Mayoral Minute and endorses the findings and recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Panel on the Acting Chief Executive Officer's performance for the period ending December 2024.
3. That Council endorses the Panel's recommendations for the Acting Chief Executive Officer's priorities in the 2025 review period.

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.

PLANNING & COMPLIANCE REPORTS

ITEM NO: PLAN 01
FILE NO: 369752.2024
SUBJECT: Street Naming - Edmondson Park

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Ammoun**

1. Supports the list of future street names – namely Brigadier, Cerebus, Creswell, Dixie, Duntroon, Ensign, Foxtrot, Hampstead, Hardman, India, Irwin, Keswick, Kuttabal, Lancer, Latchford, Major, Naval, Oscar, Slouch, Timor, Vanguard and Waterhen – to be used to inform development of new subdivisions proposed for Edmondson Park;
2. Publicly exhibits the names in accordance with Council’s Naming Convention Policy, for a period of 28 days;
3. Following public exhibition, forwards the proposed street names to the NSW Geographical Names Board seeking formal approval;
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the process of gazettal, if there are no objections received during public exhibition.

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

ITEM NO: PLAN 02
FILE NO: 414812.2024
SUBJECT: Street Naming - East Leppington

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Supports the list of future street names – namely Determination, Gallant, Honour, Respect, Virtuous and Vow – to be used to inform development of new subdivisions proposed for East Leppington;
2. Publicly exhibits the names in accordance with Council’s Naming Convention Policy, for a period of 28 days;
3. Following public exhibition, forwards the proposed street names to the NSW Geographical Names Board seeking formal approval;
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the process of gazettal, if there are no objections received during public exhibition.

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: 008478.2025
SUBJECT: Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship Report

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$14,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grant Program** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) Incorporated	Women Conference – International Women’s Day 2025	\$5,000
Iraqi Australian University Graduates Forum Incorporated	Australia Day 2025	\$9,000

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Monaghan left the Chamber at 10.29pm
Clr Monaghan returned to the Chamber at 10:32pm.

CORPORATE SUPPORT REPORTS

ITEM NO: CORP 01
FILE NO: 430236.2024
SUBJECT: Annual Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics Report

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harte** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Receive the Complaints Statistics Report; and
2. Note that the Complaints Statistics Report has been submitted to the Office of Local Government.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for the motion.

ITEM NO: CORP 03
FILE NO: 011431.2025
SUBJECT: Public inquiry

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Clr Harle**

That this item be moved to the end of the meeting.

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

This item was dealt with as the last item of this meeting.

ITEM NO: CORP 04
FILE NO: 014040.2025
SUBJECT: Legal Affairs

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harte** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council:

1. Continues to provide quarterly reports to Councillors for consideration in confidential session; and
2. Publicly report the information that does not waive legal professional privilege.

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: 006502.2025
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Dissolving Intermodal Precinct Committee

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Monaghan** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council defer this item.

On being put to the meeting the motion (moved by Clr Monaghan) was declared CARRIED and the Foreshadowed motion (moved by Clr Dr Green therefore lapsed).

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

That Council defer this item to a Governance Committee meeting for a further report to be prepared to create a more comprehensive economic strategic development committee to consider these and other broader economic issues and opportunities for Liverpool.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

ITEM NO: OPER 01
FILE NO: 008072.2025
SUBJECT: How to Expedite the Upgrade of Edmondson and Fourth Avenue in Austral

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That this item be deferred to the next Council meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM NO: CTTE 01
FILE NO: 001540.2025
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Liverpool Sports Committee meeting held 4 December 2024

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Monaghan**

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Liverpool Sports Committee meeting held on 4 December 2024.

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

ITEM NO: CTTE 02
FILE NO: 006357.2025
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on 28 January 2025

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on 28 January 2025; and
2. Endorse the recommendations in the Minutes.

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

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS

NIL.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO: CONF 01

FILE NO: 348746.2024

SUBJECT: Rate Modelling and Liverpool Civic Place Valuation

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion:

Moved: Cllr Harte

Seconded: Cllr Macnaught

That Council defer this item.

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

ITEM NO: CONF 02
FILE NO: 424149.2024
SUBJECT: Proposed Purchase of Lot 9 Section 3 DP 2756 Boyd St Austral for Public Recreation and Drainage purposes.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Purchase Lot 9 Section 3 DP 2756, 2 Boyd St Austral being land identified for contribution items Local Park 5 (LP5), Basin 8 (B8) and drainage channel (CHN8) for the price and terms outlined in this report.
2. Upon settlement classifies the subject land as operational in accordance with Local Government Act 1993.
3. Authorises the A/CEO or their delegate to execute any document, under power of Attorney necessary to give effect to this decision.
4. Keeps confidential this report pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 as this information would if disclosed a commercial advantage on as person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposed to conduct) business with.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Clr Macnaught left the Chamber at 10.48pm.
 Clr Macnaught returned to the Chamber at 10.51pm.

ITEM NO: CONF 03
FILE NO: 013980.2025
SUBJECT: Exemption to Tender - Internet and Data Centre Services

CONF 03 – Exemption to Tender – Internet and Data Centre Services was dealt with later in the meeting in Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of *s10A(2)(d i) of the 1993 Local Government Act* because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

ITEM NO: CONF 04
FILE NO: 012906.2025
SUBJECT: Acquisition of 422 Bringelly Road Austral

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Monaghan Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council:

1. Enter a contract with Transport NSW to purchase Lot 2 DP 1203671, Austral for the price and terms as outlined in this report.
2. Upon settlement of the land, to have it classified as Operational Land.
3. Keeps confidential 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 Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business with.
4. Authorises the CEO or delegate to execute any documents necessary to give effect to this decision.

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

ITEM NO: CONF 03
FILE NO: 013980.2025
SUBJECT: Exemption to Tender - Internet and Data Centre Services

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Monaghan** **Seconded Cllr Harte**

That Council move into closed session pursuant to the provisions of *s10A(2)(d i) of the 1993 Local Government Act* because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

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

CLOSED SESSION

Council moved into Closed Session at 10.51pm.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Approves, for the purpose of the tendering requirements under s.55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, the engagement of TPG Telecom Limited for up to 24 months as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders because of the following extenuating circumstances:
 - TPG Telecom Limited is currently providing internet and data centre services to council.
 - Pursuing a short-term contract with a new vendor would likely result in substantial implementation costs.
 - If the contract is not extended with the current provider there may be operational disruption for the business.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer 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.

OPEN SESSION

Motion: **Moved Cllr Macnaught Seconded Cllr Adjei**

That Council move into Open Session,

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

The meeting moved into Open Session at 10.54pm.

Mayor Mannoun then read the resolution for CONF 03 - Exemption to Tender - Internet and Data Centre Services as shown above that was resolved in Closed Session.

ITEM NO: CORP 03
FILE NO: 011431.2025
SUBJECT: Public inquiry

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council defer this item to the next Council meeting.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.55pm.

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 26 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 5 February 2025. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.