



## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2026

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### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Ned Mannoun  
Deputy Mayor Harle  
Councillor Adjei  
Councillor Ammoun  
Councillor Harte  
Deputy Mayor Harle  
Councillor Macnaught  
Mr Jason Breton, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support  
Ms Clara McGuirk, Acting Director Community & Lifestyle  
Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning & Compliance  
Mr Peter Scicluna, Director Operations  
Mr David Galpin, General Counsel  
Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms M'Leigh Brunetta, Manager Civic and Executive Services  
Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services  
Ms Katrina Harvey, Councillor Executive and Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 4.06pm.

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### **STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING OF MEETING**

The Mayor read the following:

"In accordance with clause 5.37 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, I inform the persons attending this meeting that:

- (a) the meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on the council's website, and
- (b) persons attending the meeting should

refrain from making any defamatory statements.

In relation to clause 4.3 – The provisions of this code requiring the livestreaming of meetings also apply to public forums.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY, PRAYER OF COUNCIL AND AFFIRMATION

The prayer of the Council was read by Pastor Dennis Monteleone from Living Grace Christian Church.

## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played at the meeting.

**APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS**

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

That Councillor Ristevski be noted as an apology for this meeting.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (PREVIOUS MEETING)**

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

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2025 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting, subject to the following amendment:

### Item COM 03 – Council Meeting Calendar Dates 2026-2028

On page 37 of the Council Agenda for 4 February 2026, the minutes note that Cllr Ristevski retired from the meeting prior to consideration of this item and did not participate in the vote. This is to be amended to reflect that Cllr Ristevski had not left the meeting and did participate in the vote.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

*Note: Clr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Clrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

**Item:** COM 03 – Council Grants Donations and Sponsorship Report

**Reason:** Clr Harte advised he works with the daughter of one recipient organisation and also knows a Director of another recipient organisation.

Councillor Clr Harte remained in the Chamber for the duration of this item.

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

**Item:** PD 01 – Amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts – Western Parkland City) 2021 – 495 Fourth Avenue, Austral.

**Reason:** Mayor Mannoun's children attend the school located across the road from the property.

Mayor Mannoun remained in the Chamber for the duration of this item.

## PETITIONS

Nil.

## MAYORAL MINUTES

Resignation of Clr Dr Betty Green, Deputy Mayor

Condolence Motion – Dame Marie Bashir

Appreciation of Service - Gerry Knights, South West Sydney Academy of Sport (SWSAS)

## MAYORAL MINUTE

**ITEM NO:** MAYOR 01

**SUBJECT:** Resignation of Cllr Dr Betty Green

**DATE:** 4 February 2026

I wish to formally acknowledge the resignation of Councillor Dr Betty Green, Deputy Mayor of Liverpool City Council due to health reasons.

Councillor Dr Green was elected to Council in 2021 and was elected Deputy Mayor in September 2025. During her time on Council, Dr Green demonstrated a strong commitment to fairness, equity and social justice, and made a valuable contribution to the civic life of Liverpool.

As both a Councillor and private citizen, Dr Green has made – and I am sure will continue to make - a lasting contribution to the Liverpool community through her strong advocacy for fairness, inclusion and social justice.

Throughout her term as Councillor, she worked closely with community groups, elders, women’s organisations and multicultural networks, always emphasising listening, collaboration and practical outcomes.

Dr Green championed initiatives such as the Social Inclusion Masterplan, the Koala Management Plan and projects that amplified women’s voices, including the Giving Voice Exhibition marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Liverpool Women’s Health Centre.

Her engagement with grassroots organisations and local leaders reflected a genuine commitment to supporting vulnerable communities and recognising local achievement.

Dr Green’s community-focused approach helped strengthen trust, participation and social cohesion across Liverpool.

On behalf of Council, I acknowledge and thank Councillor Dr Green for her dedicated service to the residents of Liverpool and her contribution as Deputy Mayor. I am sure that every member of this Council extends their best wishes to Dr Green and her family, and wishes her well in her future endeavours.



## MAYORAL MINUTE

**ITEM NO:** MAYOR 02

**SUBJECT:** Condolence Motion for Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO

**DATE:** 4 February 2026

I wish to place on record the profound condolences of Liverpool City Council on the passing of Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, former Governor of New South Wales, and to acknowledge her extraordinary life of service to our State and nation.

Dame Marie Bashir was a pioneer in every sense of the word. As the first woman appointed Governor of New South Wales, she broke barriers with grace and distinction, redefining the role through her intellect, compassion and unwavering commitment to public service. Her tenure was marked not only by constitutional leadership, but by a deep humanity that resonated with communities across New South Wales.

Before and beyond her vice-regal service, Dame Marie was an eminent academic, psychiatrist and advocate for mental health reform, education and social justice. Her lifelong dedication to improving the lives of others, particularly the most vulnerable, set a standard for ethical leadership and public responsibility. She championed the importance of education as a driver of opportunity, equity and social cohesion, values that strongly align with those held by the Liverpool community.

Dame Marie's contribution extended far beyond titles and offices held. She was widely admired for her humility, warmth and capacity to connect with people from all walks of life. Her leadership inspired generations of Australians, particularly women, to pursue lives of service, learning and civic engagement.

On behalf of Liverpool City Council and the residents we represent, I extend our deepest sympathy to Dame Marie Bashir's family, friends and colleagues. We honour her remarkable legacy and acknowledge the enduring impact of her life's work on New South Wales.

May she rest in peace, and may her example continue to guide those who serve our community and our State.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the Mayoral Minute; and
2. Authorises the Mayor to write a letter of condolence to the Bashir family on behalf of Council.

**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.

*Note: Clr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Clrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

## MAYORAL MINUTE

**ITEM NO:** MAYOR 03

**SUBJECT:** Retirement of Mr Gerry Knights

**DATE:** 4 February 2026

I wish to place on record Council's recognition of the retirement of Mr Gerry Knights, whose career spanning nearly four decades has made a profound and lasting contribution to community sport, athlete development and leadership across South West Sydney, including the Liverpool region.

Mr Knights retires following an exceptional period of service to the South West Sydney Academy of Sport (SWSAS), where he served as Chief Executive Officer for close to 20 years. During this time, he guided the Academy through significant growth, supporting more than 5,000 young athletes across multiple sports. His leadership ensured that talented athletes from South West Sydney had access to elite coaching, education and pathways to state and national representation.

Equally significant has been Mr Knights' influence on the sport sector itself. Many coaches, administrators and sports professionals began their careers under his mentorship, creating a legacy that continues to strengthen community and high-performance sport.

Prior to joining the Academy, Mr Knights spent 20 years with Campbelltown City Council as Manager of Healthy Lifestyles, where he championed community health and recreation initiatives. He played a pivotal role in establishing the steering committee in 1994 that ultimately led to the creation of the South West Sydney Academy of Sport in 1997, and later served on its Board before becoming CEO in 2006.

At a state level, Mr Knights served as Deputy Chairperson of Regional Academies of Sport (NSW) Inc., contributing to governance and strategic planning for a network of 11 academies supporting more than 2,000 athletes annually. In his most recent role, he oversaw important reforms strengthening collaboration between academies and local councils.

His service has been recognised through multiple lifetime achievement awards, and he has also distinguished himself as a Masters Hockey player representing Australia and NSW.

On behalf of Liverpool City Council, I thank Mr Knights for his decades of service and dedication to young people, community wellbeing and sport.



**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Council receives and notes this Mayoral Minute.
2. Mr Gerry Knights be awarded a Citation of Service.
3. The Mayor be authorised to write to Mr Knights conveying Council's thanks and best wishes on his retirement.

**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.

*Note: Cllr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Cllrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

## RESCISSION MOTIONS

NIL.

## MATTER OF URGENCY

*Mayor Mannoun advised, as foreshowed earlier, that there was an urgent CEO Report, **item CEO 02** relating to the resignation of Cllr Dr Betty Green, Deputy Mayor.*

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

That item CEO 02 – Resignation of Cllr Dr Betty Green be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

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

Mayor Mannoun advised that the report was urgent and sought that it be considered as a matter of urgency without notice due to the resignation of the Councillor and Deputy Mayor which created a casual vacancy in civic office and requires a decision prior to the next Council meeting.

The report is deemed urgent due to the Act stipulation that a by-election must be conducted no later than three months after a vacancy occurs. As Councillor Dr Green tendered her resignation effective 30 January, this created statutory timeframes that must be met.

Cllr Harte moved and Cllr Macnaught seconded the proposed motion (as shown below):

### Proposed Motion

That Council:

1. Notes the resignation of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Dr Betty Green and formally thanks her for her service as a Councillor.
2. Agrees pursuant to section 296(2) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) that an election arrangement is to be entered into for the Electoral Commissioner to administer the upcoming Liverpool City Council by-election to fill the casual vacancy occurring by reason of the resignation of Dr Betty Green; and such electoral arrangement will be entered into by contract between the Electoral Commissioner and the Council.
3. Writes to the Minister and the NSW Electoral Commissioner requesting that the by-election be held as soon as possible.
4. Notes that formal notification of the resignation will be given to the NSW Electoral Commissioner, and the Electoral Commissioner will fix the date for the by-election.

5. Agrees that the cost of the by-election should be allocated from general funds.
6. Elects a Deputy Mayor at this Council meeting following the procedure outlined in the report.
7. Authorises the CEO or delegate to take all steps necessary to give effect to these resolutions, including entry into a formal agreement with the NSW Electoral Commissioner.

Mayor Mannoun confirmed that he was satisfied on the matter of the timing of the election and the requirements necessary to conduct it. He further stated that he was satisfied as to the importance and necessity of a Deputy Mayor, and that the matter was urgent and should be dealt with at this meeting and not dealt with at the next Council meeting.

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

That this matter be dealt with as a matter of urgency at this Council meeting.

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

Councillors voted unanimously on this motion.

*Note: Clr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Clrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

Item CEO 02 – Resignation of Clr Dr Betty Green was then dealt with as shown below:

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**ITEM NO:** CEO 02

**FILE NO:** 026495.2026

**SUBJECT:** Resignation of Clr Dr Betty Green

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

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

That Council:

1. Notes the resignation of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Dr Betty Green and formally thanks her for her service as a Councillor.
2. Agrees pursuant to section 296(2) and (4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

that an election arrangement is to be entered into for the Electoral Commissioner to administer the upcoming Liverpool City Council by-election to fill the casual vacancy occurring by reason of the resignation of Dr Betty Green; and such electoral arrangement will be entered into by contract between the Electoral Commissioner and the Council.

3. Writes to the Minister and the NSW Electoral Commissioner requesting that the by-election be held as soon as possible.
4. Notes that formal notification of the resignation will be given to the NSW Electoral Commissioner, and the Electoral Commissioner will fix the date for the by-election.
5. Agrees that the cost of the by-election should be allocated from general funds.
6. Elects a Deputy Mayor at this Council meeting following the procedure outlined in the report.
7. Authorises the CEO or delegate to take all steps necessary to give effect to these resolutions, including entry into a formal agreement with the NSW Electoral Commissioner.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

*Note: Cllr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Cllrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

## NOMINATIONS

Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Harte and Cllr Macnaught nominated Cllr Harle, and Cllr Harle accepted the nomination.

Mayor Mannoun then asked if there were any further nominations. As no other nominations were received, Councillor Harle was elected Deputy Mayor.

## COUNCIL DECISION

**Motion:**                      **Moved: Cllr Harte**                      **Seconded: Cllr Macnaught**

1. Councillor Harle be declared the Deputy Mayor of Liverpool City Council for the term 4 February 2026 to September 2026; and
2. Council's Register of Delegations be amended accordingly.





**ITEM NO:** PD 02  
**FILE NO:** 304333.2025  
**SUBJECT:** Draft Planning Agreement - Edmondson Park Precincts 3, 5 and 9 - VPA 45

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this Report;
2. Endorses the public exhibition of the Draft Planning Agreement (**Attachment 1**) and Draft Explanatory Notes (**Attachment 2**) for Precincts 3, 5 and 9 in Edmondson Park (VPA-45) for a minimum of 28 days in accordance with Section 7.5(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*;
3. Should submissions be received during the exhibition period, receives a Post-Exhibition Report at a future Ordinary Meeting of Council for Council consideration;
4. Should no submissions be received during the exhibition period, delegates to the CEO the authority to execute the Planning Agreement for Precincts 3, 5 and 9 in Edmondson Park (VPA-45) on behalf of Council in the form that was publicly exhibited or with minor administrative amendments; and
5. Once adopted, that Council write to the community of Edmondson Park to inform them of the adoption of both Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) so that they are aware of the progress of their community facilities.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

*Note: Cllr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Cllrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

**Motion:**                      **Moved: Cllr Macnaught**                      **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

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

1. Notes that assessment of the Unsolicited Proposal for Woodward Park has concluded and the Unsolicited Proposal will not progress.
2. Notes that the Draft Woodward Park Masterplan is currently on Public Exhibition, suggesting several uses for the Woodward Park Precinct, with a report due back to Council by March 2026.
3. Agrees to conduct an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to invite proposals for Woodward Park.
4. Notes that a further report will be presented to Council outlining the responses to the EOI prior to conducting future processes for an agreement for development of Woodward Park.
5. Reaffirm the support for Woodward Park as an entertainment precinct by committing to hold New Years Eve and Australia Day celebrations in Woodward Park.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

*Note: Clr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.  
Clrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*



**ITEM NO:** COM 02  
**FILE NO:** 435521.2025  
**SUBJECT:** Draft Memorials Policy

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Deputy Mayor Harle** **Seconded: Cllr Macnaught**

That consideration of this item be deferred to allow it to be referred to the Civic Advisory Committee for their comments, after which it be returned to Council for further consideration.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

*Note: Cllr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Cllrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

**ITEM NO:** COM 03  
**FILE NO:** 002377.2026  
**SUBJECT:** Council Grants Donations and Sponsorship Report

## COUNCIL DECISION

**Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$15,145** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grant Program** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Hymiana Mandaean Social Group Incorporated	Connecting With New Environment 2026 Program	\$5,145
AASHA Australia Foundation	Rhythm is Life Community Fitness Program 2026	\$10,000

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$20,000** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Sponsorship** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
SCRAP (School Communities Recycling All Paper) Ltd	Toil4Soil Part 2	\$10,000
Association For Community Development Incorporated	Ramadan Shopping Festival 2026	\$10,000

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







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

1. Receives and notes the Minutes of the Liverpool Sports Committee meeting held on 3 December 2025;
2. Recognises and thanks Committee members for volunteering to participate in the Liverpool Sports Committee; and
3. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to disburse the Sporting Grants and Donations in accordance with the recommendations of the Liverpool Sports Committee.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026 and confirmed on Wednesday, 25 February 2026

Chairperson



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

*Note: Clr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.  
Clrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

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

*Note: Clr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.  
Clrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*



- NOM 01 - Notice of Motion - Overseas Travel and Compliance with Council Policy;
- NOM 02 - Notice of Motion - Fixing the Niland Way Parking and Traffic Crisis; and
- NOM 03 - Notice of Motion - Macquarie Street Mall One-Way Vehicle Access and On-Street Parking Options to Revive Retail.

## NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

**NOTICE OF MOTION – submitted by Councillor Ristevski**

1. Notes the Liverpool City Council Civic Expenses and Facilities Policy.
2. Notes that clause 4.10.3 of the Policy states:  
“Overseas travel must be approved by a meeting of the full Council prior to a Councillor undertaking a trip. Travel must be approved on an individual trip basis.”
3. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to provide a full written report to the March 2026 Council meeting setting out:
  - a. Whether any request for overseas travel approval has been submitted;
  - b. Whether any business papers or costings have been prepared for Council consideration; and
  - c. Whether any overseas trip is required to be disclosed in Council's Annual Report under section 428(2)(e) of the Local Government Act.
4. Request the CEO to identify any breaches of the Civic Expenses and Facilities Policy arising from the unauthorised travel and outline corrective actions required to ensure future compliance by all councillors, including the Mayor.
5. Requests that Council receive legal advice on the governance implications of

unauthorised overseas travel by an elected representative and what remedies or sanctions are available under the Local Government Act and the Code of Conduct.

6. Requires that the CEO develop a strengthened compliance framework for all councillor travel including a register of requests, approvals, business cases, costs, and outcomes with quarterly reporting to Council.
7. Confirms that future overseas travel will not be reimbursed or supported by Council unless approved strictly in accordance with clause 4.10.3 of the Civic Expenses and Facilities Policy.

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

This item was deferred to the 25 February 2026 Council meeting.

**ITEM NO:** NOM 02  
**FILE NO:** 421457.2025  
**SUBJECT:** Notice of Motion - Fixing the Niland Way Parking and Traffic Crisis

## **BACKGROUND**

A 43-place childcare centre with only 8 on-site car parking spaces has been approved within the quiet residential street of Niland Way, Casula. The road is narrow, street parking is prohibited, and the surrounding residents have long warned that the traffic impacts will make the area unsafe for families, children, and local motorists.

Council received 127 written objections from residents, all raising concerns about traffic congestion, safety hazards, overshadowing of local amenity, and Council's obligation to protect residential streets from inappropriate development.

Council entered into consent orders.

Residents now face the consequences of increased traffic volumes, increased vehicle movements, and long-term parking challenges.

Council has a duty to protect their safety, quality of life, and the character of their neighbourhoods.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION – submitted by Councillor Ristevski**

That Council:

1. Establish a Niland Way Traffic and Parking Task Force comprising:
  - Councillor Peter Ristevski as Chair
  - Relevant Council traffic officers
  - Representatives from the Traffic Committee
  - At least four residents of Niland Way selected through an expression of interest process
2. Task the group with identifying immediate, short-term and long-term solutions to mitigate safety risks and traffic congestion resulting from the childcare centre approval. This must include but not be limited to:
  - Traffic calming devices
  - Time-limited parking
  - Resident-only parking zones
  - School-zone style drop-off safety controls
  - Road widening feasibility

- One-way conversion feasibility
  - Any other measures raised by local residents
3. Require Council staff to prepare a public report that sets out in full:
    - Why Council entered into consent orders
    - Who authorised the settlement
    - What legal advice was considered
    - Why the objections of 127 residents were not defended in Court
    - What alternative strategies were available
    - Whether this outcome sets a precedent for other narrow residential streets
  4. Direct the CEO to hold a community meeting in Casula within 30 days, attended by senior planning and traffic staff, to give residents a complete and transparent explanation of Council's decision and to allow residents to ask questions.
  5. Require quarterly public updates on the Task Force's progress and the implementation of any adopted traffic or safety measures.

## COUNCIL DECISION

This item was deferred to the 25 February 2026 Council meeting.

**ITEM NO:** NOM 03  
**FILE NO:** 424690.2025  
**SUBJECT:** Notice of Motion - Macquarie Street Mall One-Way Vehicle Access and On-Street Parking Options to Revive Retail

## **BACKGROUND**

Macquarie Street Mall is experiencing a decline in activity. There has been an increase in retail vacancies, and businesses are indicating a decline in foot traffic, which is causing some long-standing businesses to leave. Shoppers are more likely to frequent Campbelltown, Bankstown, and other centres with improved access, parking, and safety.

The current fully pedestrianised model is not working for many retailers who need visibility, convenience, and turnover. Additionally, customers want simple access, short-stay parking, and safety.

Retailers have indicated a decline in revenue and there are concerns about empty shops attracting antisocial behaviour. Vibrancy in malls requires action. Access drives trade. Parking drives turnover. Safety follows activity.

Action is required urgently to save the city's commercial heart, by supporting small business, and restoring confidence.

There are cases in cities across Australia and overseas of the successful reversal of pedestrian malls by reintroducing controlled vehicle access and on-street parking, leading to retail activity improving because people return. Options to revitalise Macquarie Mall must be explored urgently to prevent further decline.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION – submitted by Councillor Ristevski**

That Council:

1. Prepare an urgent options report on strategies to increase activity in Macquarie Mall, including an option to reopen the Mall to one-way vehicle traffic with short-stay parking, to stimulate retail trade and boost foot traffic.
2. Within the option to reintroduce vehicle access:
  - One-way traffic configurations and entry and exit points.
  - Short-stay parking options, including time-limited parking for shoppers.
  - Pedestrian safety treatments, including speed controls, raised pavements, and shared-zone design.
  - Impacts on retailers, customers, accessibility, emergency access, and servicing.



- Comparative case studies where pedestrian malls were reopened and retail improved.
  - Cost estimates, staging options, and implementation timeframes.
3. Undertake direct consultation with:
    - Existing Macquarie Street Mall retailers and property owners
    - Chambers of Commerce and small business representatives
    - Accessibility advocates and emergency services.
  4. Report back to Council within 3 months with clear recommendations, including a preferred option.

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

This item was deferred to the 25 February 2026 Council meeting.

**ITEM NO:** NOM 04  
**FILE NO:** 425082.2025  
**SUBJECT:** Notice of Motion - Council Civic Identity at Liverpool Civic Place

## **BACKGROUND**

At the July 2024 Council Meeting, Council resolved to progress building signage arrangements for the Liverpool Civic Place (LCP) building through the Heads of Agreement with the University of Wollongong (UOW).

As part of this agreement, Council negotiated signage rights for UOW on the LCP building as an incentive reflecting UOW's majority leasing and naming rights. This approach aligns with Council's University City Strategy and is consistent with standard commercial property practice, where majority tenants are typically afforded naming and signage rights.

The LCP building is a landmark structure that dominates the skyline and key entry points into the Liverpool CBD. Its prominence reinforces the confidence that education providers have in the people, economy and future of Liverpool and south-west Sydney, and supports Council's broader strategic objectives for education, innovation and city-shaping investment.

Notwithstanding the above, I raise concerns regarding the visibility of Council's civic identity and the symbolic role of the LCP building as a Civic Centre.

In this context, consideration should be given for the establishment of a civic crest or similar civic identity element within the LCP forecourt.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION – submitted by Cllr Harle**

That Council:

1. Request the CEO to prepare a report to the March 2026 Council Meeting outlining options for establishing a civic crest or other appropriate civic identity element within the LCP forecourt; and
2. Requires the report to address:
  - Design and placement options;
  - Cost estimates and funding considerations;
  - Governance, heritage and planning implications;
  - Alignment with existing agreements, including the Heads of Agreement with UOW; and
  - Any operational, maintenance, risk or approval considerations.



**ITEM NO:** QWN 05  
**FILE NO:** 009545.2026  
**SUBJECT:** Question with Notice - Cllr Ibrahim - NYE Event 2025

Please address the following:

1. What was the total cost to Council of delivering the New Year's Eve event?
2. Did Council generate any revenue or profit from the event, and if so, what was the total amount?
3. What was the specific cost to Council for the fireworks component of the event alone?
4. Has Council received any feedback from residents regarding the New Year's Eve event, and if so, can a summary of the feedback be provided?

**Response (provided by Community and Lifestyle)**

**1. What was the total cost to Council of delivering the New Year's Eve event?**

The total cost to Council of delivering the New Year's Eve event was \$317,635. This amount reflects the full scope of event delivery, including infrastructure, staging, technical production, security, traffic management, amenities, artist fees, event management, marketing, and compliance requirements. The event was delivered within the budget endorsed by Council as part of the annual events program consistent to the delivery of previous years.

**2. Did Council generate any revenue or profit from the event, and if so, what was the total amount?**

Council events across the board are not modelled to generate profit. Liverpool City Council's community events are delivered as free, non-ticketed events designed to provide accessible and affordable entertainment for residents and visitors.

As such, the New Year's Eve event did not generate a profit for Council. Any minor income associated with the event (such as vendor fees) is intended to partially offset operational costs, not to operate as a commercial enterprise.

Community events of this nature are funded through Council's endorsed operational budget and are delivered for public benefit, community wellbeing, and place activation. Councils rarely make a profit from large-scale public events without introducing substantial ticketing fees. Achieving a commercial return would require charging significant entry prices, which would undermine accessibility and exclude many community members.

Vendor fees are also kept proportionate to avoid deterring participation, particularly from small and emerging businesses, noting these were reviewed during the financial year 25/26 to align with the market and business attraction.

**3. What was the specific cost to Council for the fireworks component of the event alone?**

The cost to Council for the fireworks component of the event was \$18,500 (ex GST), delivered by Foti International, a recognised market leader in pyrotechnics. This level of expenditure is comparatively modest when benchmarked against similar New Year's Eve fireworks programs delivered by other metropolitan council, who invest larger budgets for New Years Eve community Events.

The cost included the full supply, installation, operation and dismantling of the fireworks display, as well as all safety management, regulatory compliance and associated approvals required to meet statutory, insurance and risk management obligations. This represented a cost-effective and high-quality outcome for Council, ensuring a safe, compliant and professionally delivered fireworks experience for the community.

**4. Has Council received any feedback from residents regarding the New Year's Eve event, and if so, can a summary of the feedback be provided?**

Council received feedback from residents through social media, direct correspondence and staff observations during and following the event.

On the night, many attendees shared their positive feedback and thanks to staff. Some positive feedback on social media highlighted the welcoming atmosphere, sense of safety, quality of entertainment, free parking, and appreciation for Council delivering a large-scale, free community celebration.

Comments included: "It was well done tonight. A beautiful calm amongst the people and we felt very secure and protected. The music was great... Food was great. Thanks Liverpool Council you did well tonight."

Other residents acknowledged the effort involved in delivering an event of this scale and expressed gratitude to staff and contractors.

Residents also raised several recurring concerns. These include:

- Negative feedback was received regarding the closure of entry gates at 8.00pm. This has been a recurring issue in previous years, with feedback historically centred on patrons not being aware that entry would cease at a set time. In response, Council significantly increased the prominence of this messaging across the 2025 campaign, making gate closure times a key feature of event communications.

Despite this, some attendees still expressed frustration on the night. Gate closures remain a critical crowd safety measure implemented as attendance approaches capacity, enabling controlled ingress and ensuring that exits can be prepared for the safe and efficient mass egress of patrons later in the evening.

- Some attendees felt food pricing was high. Council does not discourage or restrict residents from bringing their own food and non-alcoholic beverages, specifically to ensure the event remains affordable and accessible for all households. Food vendors are independent operators and set their own prices, which are influenced by rising costs associated with inflation, staffing, transport and compliance.

Stallholders are advised that excessive pricing risks reducing patronage and ultimately impacting their own profitability. Council keeps vendor fees proportionate to avoid deterring participation, particularly from small and local businesses, and to maintain a diverse and viable offering.

- Despite rides being subsidised and capped at \$4, some residents still expressed concern about cost. This reflects varying expectations around pricing, even where Council has intervened to keep activities affordable.
- Some residents felt the location was “smaller” or not ideal – which is feedback that is received and acknowledged by Council. In practice, the event footprint was comparable in scale to previous New Year’s Eve events. There are very limited locations within the LGA capable of safely accommodating an event of this size to ensure it is capturing a crowd with interesting and relevant offerings.

Similar concerns have been raised at past locations, including Chipping Norton Lakes in relation to access, disruption and traffic, and the Australian Turf Club site in relation to congestion, long queues and impacts on major arterial roads such as the Hume Highway and Governor Macquarie Drive. Each location presents different constraints, and no single site is without operational and community impacts.

- Residents also expressed disappointment with the scale and impact of the fireworks display, with some indicating that it did not meet their expectations for a New Year’s Eve celebration. Feedback indicates that for many residents, the primary driver for attendance is the fireworks rather than the broader event footprint or program.

Fireworks represent one of the most significant single costs within the event budget,

and the scale that can be delivered is directly constrained by available funding and safety requirements. Delivering a larger or longer display at a single site would require a substantial increase in expenditure.

### **Recommendation:**

Based on consistent community feedback, Council intends in 2026/27 the return of much-loved former *Light Up the Sky* model delivered between 2020 and 2023, which featured multiple simultaneous suburban fireworks displays, and is proposed for consideration as part of the 2026/27 budget process. This approach attracted a broader footprint of the Local Government Area, improving community access while delivering enhanced value for money, improved quality outcomes, and greater financial efficiency.

The model provides localised vantage points across neighbourhoods, reduces pressure on a single site, and enables a more strategic and cost-effective distribution of resources, while continuing to deliver a high-quality and meaningful fireworks experience.

Importantly, this approach is strategically aligned with Council's neighbourhood-based service delivery model, supporting place-based activation and equitable access to major civic celebrations across the LGA.

This option is in direct response to strong and consistent community expectations, having been the most popular New Year's Eve event delivered by Council, with no recorded negative community feedback during its previous delivery.

It also reflects current budget realities and addresses the ongoing challenges associated with identifying a single, suitably wide, practical and operationally capable site accommodating a large-scale New Year's Eve event, while still enabling Council to deliver an inclusive, high-quality celebration across the LGA.

Should Council wish to increase its investment in future years, considerations around the scale of sites, access constraints, crowd capacity and operational complexity will remain key factors. Identifying a single location capable of safely accommodating large crowds, ensuring adequate transport access, and managing associated risk continues to present significant challenges.

In contrast, the *Light Up the Sky* model increases the reach of the event across the LGA by utilising multiple localised sites, reducing pressure on any one location while improving accessibility, equity and community participation. This approach enables Council to scale investment in a controlled and strategic manner, delivering broader community benefit without proportionately increasing risk or operational constraints.

**ITEM NO:** QWN 06  
**FILE NO:** 421345.2025  
**SUBJECT:** Question with Notice - Cllr Ristevski - Pecuniary Interest Returns

## Background

Councillors are required under the Local Government Act 1993, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils (2020) to disclose any pecuniary interests, including income received from property developers or persons associated with development activity. Councillors are also required to complete accurate Pecuniary Interest Returns under s.449 of the Act.

Given the revised Managing Conflict of Interest Development Applications Policy now includes all deemed or perceived conflicts involving councillors, staff, MPs or their relatives, it is essential for Council to confirm whether any relevant financial relationships have been properly declared.

Please address the following:

1. Has the Mayor ever declared any financial payments, income, consulting work, or invoicing arrangements involving a local property developer in any Pecuniary Interest Return lodged with Council under s.449 of the Local Government Act 1993?
2. Specifically, has the Mayor ever disclosed receiving a payment of approximately \$30,000 + from a local property developer, whether through invoicing, consultancy, employment, or contractual engagement?
3. If such a payment exists, in what year was it received, and was it declared on the Mayor's:
  - a. Pecuniary Interest Return for that year
  - b. Annual Disclosure Statement
  - c. Any register maintained under the Code of Conduct
4. Has Council's Governance Unit reviewed whether this financial payment (if any) constitutes:
  - a. A declarable pecuniary interest under the Local Government Act
  - b. A significant or non-significant non-pecuniary conflict under the Code of Conduct
  - c. A conflict requiring notation in the Governance Register under the revised Development Applications Conflict Policy



5. If no declaration was made, what statutory or governance processes does Council follow to:
  - a. Identify undeclared pecuniary interests
  - b. Ensure completeness and accuracy of councillor declarations
  - c. Seek clarification or corrective action from a councillor when a potential undeclared financial interest becomes known
6. Does Council hold any internal records, correspondence, invoices, payment summaries, or business documentation indicating that the Mayor undertook paid work for any local developer? If so, were these considered in any conflict-of-interest assessment relating to development applications lodged by that developer?
7. Has the CEO or Governance Unit ever undertaken an investigation, review, or inquiry into whether the Mayor had financial engagements with any local developer that were not declared? If yes, when and what was the outcome? If no, why not?
8. Under the revised policy, would any DA connected to a developer who has had a past financial relationship with the Mayor automatically be classified as medium or high risk? If so, has this been applied? If not, why not?

#### **Responses to questions (provided by Corporate Services)**

1. Not in the 2021/22 return. Annual returns for the subsequent years 2022/23 to 2024/25 are available to view on Council's website.
2. See response to 1.
3. See response to 1.
4. The Code of Conduct Procedures require confidentiality to be maintained, except as otherwise specifically required or permitted under the Procedures.
5. In response to each question:
  - (a) Annual returns are tabled before Council and published online, which provides transparency. In 2024/25, following the 2024 audit, Council reviewed directorships held by councillors and staff against disclosures.
  - (b) Councillors are provided with Code of Conduct training. It is each individual's responsibility to make complete and correct disclosures.
  - (c) Council addresses concerns about non-disclosure in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct Procedures. The Procedures require that complaints alleging breach of the pecuniary interest provisions in Part 4 of the Code are referred to the Office of Local Government.

6. The Code of Conduct Procedures require confidentiality to be maintained, except as otherwise specifically required or permitted under the Procedures.
7. The Code of Conduct Procedures require confidentiality to be maintained, except as otherwise specifically required or permitted under the Procedures.
8. No, the Policy provides for an assessment in each case, which will determine the management controls that will be implemented.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****ITEM NO:** CONF 01**FILE NO:** 002678.2026**SUBJECT:** NSW Treasury Corporation Loan - Proposal to Refinance**COUNCIL DECISION****Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer and/or his delegate to commence negotiations with TCorp for refinancing the existing \$23 million loan related to the Liverpool Civic Place Development Project.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

*Note: Cllr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Cllrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

**ITEM NO:** CONF 02  
**FILE NO:** 009171.2026  
**SUBJECT:** Payments equivalent to rates

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

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

That Council:

1. Agrees to engage a contractor to assist with identifying and justifying the payment equivalent to rates that WSIA should make.
2. Allocates \$120k from General Funds to meet the costs of the project.
3. Authorises the CEO or delegate to negotiate an agreement with WSIA for the making of payments equivalent to rates.
4. Authorises the CEO or delegate to do all things necessary to give effect to these resolutions.
5. Notes that a further report will be provided to Council for approval of a proposed agreement.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

*Note: Cllr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Cllrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

**Motion:**                      **Moved: Cllr Macnaught**                      **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

1. Agrees not to accept any of the tender submissions for the proposed Georges Riverbank Stabilisation contract.
2. Agrees to enter into negotiations with TfNSW with a view to entering into a contract for TfNSW to undertake the Georges Riverbank Stabilisation.
3. Authorises the CEO or delegate to enter into an agreement with TfNSW to undertake the Georges Riverbank Stabilisation, provided the project remains fully grant funded.
4. Authorises the CEO or delegate to do all things necessary to give effect to these resolutions.
5. Keeps confidential the details supplied in this report containing information on the submissions received, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Chairperson

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

*Note: Clr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.  
Clrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

**Motion:** Moved: Clr Macnaught    Seconded: Clr Adjei

*Note: Clr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.  
Clrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

The galley left the Chamber and Council moved into Closed Session at 4:58pm.

**ITEM NO:** CONF 05  
**FILE NO:** 002543.2026  
**SUBJECT:** Sale of 22 Box Road, Casula NSW 2170

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:** **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

That Council:

1. Proceed with the sale of 22 Box Road via Public Auction;
2. Set the reserve price in accordance with the most recent valuation report;
3. Grant approval to the Senior Manager Commercial Development to attend the auction on behalf of Council; and
4. Direct the CEO to ensure that funds from any sale be allocated to the Property Reserve benefiting that area.

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

## **OPEN SESSION**

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

That Council move into Open Session.

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

## **RECESS**

Mayor Mannoun called a recess of meeting at 5.02pm.

## **RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

Mayor Mannoun resumed the meeting in Open Session at 5.16pm with Deputy Mayor Harle and Cllrs Harte, Ammoun, Adjei and Macnaught present.

Mayor Mannoun then read the resolution for CONF 05 - Sale of 22 Box Road, Casula NSW 2170 that was resolved in closed session.





**ITEM NO:** MOU 01

**SUBJECT:** Section 430 Investigation into Liverpool City Council

### **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Motion:**

**Moved: Cllr Harte**

**Seconded Cllr Macnaught**

That Council:

1. Notes that in Justice Robson's judgement in Liverpool City Council v Minister for Local Government and Ors [2024] NSWLEC94, Brett Whitworth "failed to observe the requirements of procedural fairness."
2. Acknowledges the psychosocial impact on staff and arising from the publication of the s430 investigation interim report into Liverpool City Council.
3. Direct the CEO to:
  - a. investigate legal options in relation to outstanding matters examined in the interim report but not considered in the public inquiry.
  - b. Do all things necessary to ensure procedural fairness is afforded to those named in the section 430 investigation interim report.
4. Delegate to the Mayor and CEO to further progress this matter with legal representation who previously represented Council in this matter.
5. Direct the CEO to ensure that any funding be allocated from the General Fund.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

*Note: Cllr Ristevski was an apology for the meeting.*

*Cllrs Ibrahim, Karnib and Monaghan were not present at the meeting.*

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5.22PM.**

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 25 February 2026

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 February 2026. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.