



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON 25 MARCH 2026**

PRESENT:

Mayor Ned Mannoun
Deputy Mayor Harle
Councillor Adjei
Councillor Ammoun
Councillor Harte
Councillor Ibrahim (arrived at 5.28pm)
Councillor Karnib (arrived at 5.25pm)
Councillor Macnaught
Councillor Ristevski
Mr Jason Breton, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support
Ms Tina Bono, 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 Julie Scott, Head of Economic Development and Strategy
Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services
Ms Katrina Harvey, Councillor Executive and Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 4.49pm.

**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.

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

Item: QWN 06 - Question with Notice - Deputy Mayor Harle - Voluntary Planning Agreement relating to Coopers Paddock, Warwick Farm.

Reason: Clr Harte is a member of the Australian Turf Club.

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

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

Item: PD 02 – Amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts - Western Parkland City) 2021 – 495 Fourth Avenue, Austral

Reason: Mayor Mannoun’s children go to school across the road from the mentioned property, and Mayor Mannoun is a member of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel (SWCPP).

Item: PD 03 – Amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts - Western Parkland City) 2021 - 330-350 Eighth Avenue, Austral.

Reason: Mayor Mannoun is a member of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel (SWCPP).

Mayor Mannoun left the Chamber for the duration of the items.

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

Item: PD 03 – Amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts - Western Parkland City) 2021 - 330-350 Eighth Avenue, Austral.

Reason: Clr Ammoun is a member of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel (SWCPP).

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

PETITIONS

Nil.

RECISSION MOTIONS

Nil.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM NO: MAYOR 01
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun
SUBJECT: International Day for the Elimination of Racial discrimination - 21
March 2026

On 21 March 2026, communities around the world marked the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Racism has absolutely no place in our city. Not in our streets, our workplaces, our schools or online. Liverpool is a community built on respect and belonging, and we will always call racism out for what it is: harmful, hurtful and completely unacceptable.

Liverpool is one of the most multicultural communities in Australia. Our residents come from hundreds of cultural backgrounds and speak hundreds of languages at home. A large share of our population was born overseas, and many families bring rich cultural traditions that shape daily life in our suburbs. That diversity is our greatest strength. It fuels our creativity, drives our economy, and makes Liverpool one of the most vibrant, globally connected communities in Sydney.

Council has a firm stance: we reject racism in every form. Discrimination, harassment, exclusion and prejudice have no place in the Liverpool City Council organisation or the broader community. We are committed to eliminating racism by strengthening our policies, improving our practices and making sure our services are accessible, culturally safe and welcoming.

Liverpool City Council runs programs across our libraries, community centres and youth services to build cultural understanding, language skills, community connections and mutual respect. We back multicultural festivals that bring thousands together to celebrate the cultures that make our city special. We provide cultural training for staff, support youth programs that challenge stereotypes, and work closely with community organisations to strengthen inclusion and belonging.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM NO: MAYOR 02
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun
SUBJECT: Park Naming Proposal to honour Austral Pioneer William (Bill) Edward Braithwaite

An Austral Pioneer

William (Bill) Edward Braithwaite was a builder who arrived in rural Austral in the early 1940's with his wife, Norma. Due to their very limited resources, they lived in a tent during which time, the first of their three daughters was born.

Determined to build a strong Austral community, Bill not only built his family home but also the homes of many other local pioneers and their descendants.

As the founder of the Austral Bowling Club, Bill regularly volunteered his time and services, which he also dedicated to his other passion: motor racing, volunteering at local and major events held in Oran Park during the 1960s and 1970s.

Bill's services to the Austral community were highly recognised as follows:

1978: Bill was awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil) [BEM], in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, for outstanding services to the State of New South Wales.

1990: Honoured as a Founder of Austral Bowling Club, and awarded a medal for his 25 Years of Service.

This proposal is for Council to acknowledge Bill's lifetime contributions to the community and to building a strong social fabric in Austral; a Pioneer's legacy that spans from the early development of rural Austral, to the founding of the Austral Bowling Club in 1965 and over 25 years of service; for which he received formal recognition outside of Council.

Family Support

Council was first approached in May 2018, (CR No. 1414635), by Ms Deneace Braithwaite, daughter of Mr William (Bill) Edwards BEM, (1917 – 2001), seeking Council's posthumous acknowledgement of her father's services to the Austral community by naming a park in Austral in honour of his services to the Austral community; and has recently connected with Council to follow up on this proposal.

Clr Harte left the Chamber at 5.07pm

Clr Harte returned to the Chamber at 5.09pm

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NO: CEO 01
FILE NO: 061753.2026
SUBJECT: Draft Woodward Park Design Masterplan

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That this item be deferred to later in the meeting to allow two councillors (Clr Karnib and Clr Ibrahim) to participate in discussion as they had indicated a late arrival for this meeting.

The motion (moved by Clr Ristevski) lapsed as there was no seconder.

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

That Council:

1. Receives and adopts the revised Draft Master Plan;
2. Investigate suitable alternate sites for any affected community and sporting groups; and
3. Delegates the CEO to conduct an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to invite proposals for long-term investment in Woodward Park.

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

MOTION TO BRING ITEMS FORWARD

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harte** **Seconded: Clr Adjei**

That the following items are brought forward and dealt with now, due to a large attendance in the gallery and speakers regarding public forum:

- COM 04 – Miller State Library
- COM 01 – Draft Memorials Policy

5. Write to the Member for Liverpool asking her to facilitate meetings with relevant Government departments regarding the implementation of the Miller Masterplan.

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

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the importance of providing comprehensive services to the community of Miller and surrounds including educational services such as are provided through Miller library.
2. Acknowledges that there are challenges to providing a comprehensive service to the community within the current leased area.
3. Investigate and provide a report to Council on alternative sites, preferably Council owned, including but not limited to Michael Wenden Aquatic Leisure Centre and PCYC Liverpool, that are in close proximity to the Miller Shopping Centre and are more suitable for the comprehensive provision of library and ancillary services to improve and expand the current offerings to the Miller community.
4. Maintain the current provision of service in the current location and renew the lease for 5 years.
5. Write to the Member for Liverpool asking her to facilitate meetings with relevant Government departments regarding the implementation of the Miller Masterplan

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

Division:

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

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

Note: Clr Monaghan was an apology for this meeting.

The motion (moved by Clr Macnaught) was then voted on and on being put to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: COM 05
FILE NO: 069764.2026
SUBJECT: Media Policy Review

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Adopts the Draft Media and Social Media Policy 2026;
2. Adopts a moderation framework where comments are moderated Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm, and automatically turned off on weekends, after three days, or whenever moderation is unavailable, to reduce organisational risk;
3. Place the Draft policies on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days;
4. Bring these policies to the next Governance Committee whilst still on exhibition for further input by Councillors; and
5. Brings a report back to the Council meeting following the public exhibition.

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

Division:

Vote for: Mayor Mannoun, Deputy Mayor Harle, Cllr Adjei, Cllr Ammoun, Cllr Harte and Cllr Macnaught.

Vote against: Cllr Ibrahim, Cllr Karnib and Cllr Ristevski.

Note: Cllr Monaghan was an apology for this meeting.

2. Recognises the contribution, sacrifice and service of current and former members of the Australian Defence Force residing in the Liverpool local government area.
3. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and report back to Council on all lawful options available to provide meaningful financial recognition and support to current serving Australian Defence Force personnel and veterans residing in the Liverpool local government area, including but not limited to:
 - a. any rates concession or relief pathway available under the Local Government Act 1993, associated regulations, or any other applicable legislation;
 - b. any lawful alternative rebate, grant, voucher, fee waiver, concession, hardship mechanism or support program that could achieve a substantially similar outcome;
 - c. opportunities for Council to better identify, promote and facilitate access to existing statutory concessions already available to eligible veterans, service pension recipients and related classes under the current legislative framework; and
 - d. eligibility criteria, administrative requirements, estimated uptake, cost implications and funding options for each model identified.
4. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to include in that report advice on how any preferred support model could be funded through reprioritisation of existing discretionary expenditure, including non-core festival or event spending, without increasing rate revenue.
5. Requests that the report also include a draft advocacy submission to the NSW Government and the Office of Local Government seeking legislative reform, if required, to enable councils to provide rates relief or equivalent cost-of-living assistance to current and former Australian Defence Force personnel.
6. Receives a further report within 90 days.
7. Advocate to the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) for the next conferences.
8. Write to all the Local and State Members that apply to the Liverpool LGA (including and Liverpool and Werriwa), requesting that the relevant items that applies, they lobby the Minister for Local Government and come back to Council with measures that can be implemented to have this for the Liverpool LGA constituents.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

MAYORAL MINUTE

Item: MAYOR 03

Report of: Mayor Ned Mannoun

Subject: Establishing the Park and Infrastructure Delivery Committee Charter

The community has expectations with regards to the timely delivery of infrastructure, in particular parks.

The objective of this committee is to work with the community and the governing body to delivery high quality parks in a timely manner and have a leading method of community engagement.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. Council establish the Park and Infrastructure Delivery Committee Charter; and
2. Put out for consultation and community members for 28 days.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**

1. Council establish the Park and Infrastructure Delivery Committee Charter; and
2. Put out for consultation and community members for 35 days.

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

PARK AND INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY COMMITTEE DRAFT CHARTER

1. Committee Name

Park and Infrastructure Delivery Committee (PIDC)

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Park and Infrastructure Delivery Committee is to:

- Oversee the planning, design, delivery, and governance of parks and infrastructure projects within the Local Government Area.
- Ensure projects are delivered in the most efficient, timely, and cost-effective manner possible.
- Provide a structured mechanism for community consultation, stakeholder input, and design feedback.
- Strengthen collaboration between Council, community, and State and Federal

representatives.

- Monitor progress and ensure accountability and transparency in delivery.

3. Objectives

The Committee will:

1. Accelerate delivery
 - Identify and remove bottlenecks
 - Monitor timelines and delivery performance
 - Recommend actions to expedite projects
2. Strengthen governance
 - Provide oversight of major park and infrastructure projects
 - Ensure alignment with Council strategies, budgets, and policies
 - Promote transparency in decision-making
3. Enhance community input
 - Act as a formal channel for community consultation
 - Review and provide feedback on design concepts and plans
 - Ensure community needs and expectations are reflected
4. Improve coordination
 - Facilitate engagement with State and Federal Governments
 - Align funding opportunities and delivery priorities
5. Monitor outcomes
 - Track delivery against agreed milestones, budgets, and quality standards

4. Scope

The Committee will oversee:

- New park developments
- Upgrades to existing parks and open spaces
- Recreation infrastructure (e.g. playgrounds, sports fields, amenities)
- Public domain improvements
- Associated infrastructure supporting community use

The Committee is advisory in nature, unless otherwise resolved by Council.

5. Membership

The Committee will consist of: **Voting Members**

- 5 Councillors (appointed by Council resolution)
- 5 Community Representatives, selected based on:
 - Demonstrated community involvement
 - Relevant expertise (e.g. planning, design, construction, recreation)
 - Geographic representation across the LGA

Non-Voting Members

- Local State Member(s) of Parliament
- Local Federal Member(s) of Parliament

Council Officers (Advisory)

- Chief Executive Officer (or delegate)
- Relevant Directors and staff (as required)

6. Chairperson

- The Chairperson will be the Mayor or a Councillor, elected by the Council should the Mayor not be available.
- The Chair will:
 - Preside over meetings
 - Ensure orderly conduct
 - Facilitate balanced participation

7. Meetings

- Meetings will be held bi-monthly (or as determined by the Chair).
- Extraordinary meetings may be called where required.
- A quorum will consist of:
 - At least 3 Councillors, and
 - At least 2 Community Representatives

8. Roles and Responsibilities

Committee Responsibilities

- Review project pipelines and priorities
- Provide input from the community on concept designs and masterplans
- Monitor project timelines and delivery risks
- Identify opportunities for acceleration or innovation
- Facilitate community feedback and consultation
- Provide recommendations to Council

Council Responsibilities

- Provide administrative support
- Prepare reports and updates for the Committee
- Implement Council-approved decisions

9. Decision-Making

- The Committee will operate in an advisory capacity.
- Recommendations will be made to Council for formal resolution.
- Where delegated authority is granted by Council, the Committee may make determinations within that scope.

10. Reporting

- Minutes will be recorded for all meetings and will be reported to Council.
- A delivery dashboard will be maintained including:
 - Project status
 - Budget tracking
 - Key milestones
 - Risks and delays

11. Community Engagement

The Committee will:

- Act as a central forum for community consultation
- Invite community presentations where appropriate
- Ensure design and delivery reflect local needs
- Provide transparency on project progress

12. Term of Appointment

- Councillor appointments align with Council terms.
- Community representatives will be appointed for a 2-year term, with eligibility for reappointment.

13. Code of Conduct

All members must comply with:

- Council's Code of Conduct
- Relevant legislation and governance requirements
- Conflict of interest provisions

14. Review of Charter

- This Charter will be reviewed every 3 years.

15. Administrative Support

Council will provide:

- Secretariat support
- Agenda preparation and distribution
- Record keeping and reporting

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MAYORAL MINUTE

Item: MAYOR 04

Report of: Mayor Ned Mannoun

Subject: Public Exhibition of Grass and City Presentation Community Standards Policy

This Mayoral Minute seeks Council's endorsement to place the draft *Grass and City Presentation Community Standards Policy* on public exhibition and receive community feedback on the level of service provided to the community by Council and to obtain advice on the financial implications of implementing the proposed standards as part of the current budget process.

Grass maintenance has received significant attention from our local members of Parliament and community and this draft policy going on exhibition allows the appropriate level of feedback and interaction to and from the Governing Body regarding this vital service provided to the community.

Background

Council manages a significant portfolio of public land and is responsible for maintaining an acceptable standard of city presentation.

Community feedback has highlighted concerns regarding inconsistencies in grass maintenance and the presentation of public areas, particularly during peak growth periods.

While service delivery is an operational matter, Council has a clear governance role in setting community standards, service expectations, and resourcing priorities through the budget process.

The draft Policy

- Establishes community-based standards for grass and city presentation;
- Aligns service levels with annual budget decision-making;
- Provides flexibility for the CEO to respond to seasonal pressures, including contractor use;
- Introduces public transparency measures, including a service delivery dashboard;
- Formalises Council's role in addressing State/Federal land and private land issues.

Public exhibition will allow the community to provide feedback prior to adoption.

It is also appropriate that Council consider the cost implications of meeting these standards as part of the current budget process.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Grass and City Presentation Community Standards Policy (Attachment 1) for the purpose of public exhibition;
2. Place the draft Policy on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy;
3. Receive a report following the exhibition period that:
 - Summarises submissions received; and
 - Presents the draft Policy for adoption, including any recommended amendments.
4. Request the CEO to prepare and report to Council, as part of the current budget process, on the financial and resourcing implications of meeting the service standards outlined in the draft Policy, including:
 - Baseline operational costs;
 - Peak period and weather-related impacts;
 - Contractor utilisation in line with the award; and
 - Any required budget adjustments;

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved Mayor Mannoun**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Grass and City Presentation Community Standards Policy (Attachment 1) for the purpose of public exhibition;
2. Place the draft Policy on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy;
3. Receive a report following the exhibition period that:
 - Summarises submissions received; and
 - Presents the draft Policy for adoption, including any recommended amendments;

4. Request the CEO to prepare and report to Council, as part of the current budget process, on the financial and resourcing implications of meeting the service standards outlined in the draft Policy, including:
 - i. Baseline operational costs;
 - ii. Peak period and weather-related impacts;
 - iii. Contractor utilisation in line with the award;
 - iv. Any required budget adjustments;
 - v. Clarity of what is classified as overgrown and what is considered clean and tidy;
 - vi. Grass clippings not to be left over the road and drainage clamping on the sporting fields;
 - vii. Consider providing, at a fee for cost, grass maintenance service for businesses who adjoin Council properties and efficient for Council to do so while maintaining public property;
 - viii. Consider the appropriate use of glyphosate as part of the Policy.

5. Thank the Outdoor staff for all their hard work to date in these challenging weather conditions.

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

Division:

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

Vote against: Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, and Clr Ristevski.

Note: Clr Monaghan was an apology at this meeting.

Open Space Maintenance and Grass Cutting Service Standard Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to establish clear service standards, performance thresholds, and escalation mechanisms for the maintenance of Council-managed open space, ensuring grass cutting is undertaken in a timely, consistent, and accountable manner.

2. Objectives

This Policy aims to:

- Maintain public spaces in a safe, usable, and presentable condition;
 - Provide measurable service standards for grass maintenance;
 - Enable timely operational escalation where service levels are not met;
 - Clarify the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) delegated authority to respond to service gaps; and
 - Ensure transparency and accountability through structured reporting.
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3. Scope

This Policy applies to all Council-managed:

- Parks and reserves;
 - Road verges and medians;
 - Drainage corridors and easements; and
 - Sporting fields (excluding specialist turf areas managed under separate regimes).
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4. Service Standards

4.1 Grass Height Thresholds

Council adopts the following maximum grass height standards:

Land Type	Target Height Intervention Trigger	
High-use parks	≤100mm	>150mm
Standard parks/reserves	≤150mm	>200mm
Road verges/medians	≤150mm	>250mm
Low-use / peripheral land	≤300mm	>400mm

4.2 Mowing Frequency (Guide Only)

- Growing season (spring–summer): every 2–4 weeks
- Lower growth periods (autumn–winter): every 4–8 weeks

Note: Frequency is indicative only and may vary based on growth rates, weather conditions, and resource availability.

5. Performance and Escalation Framework

5.1 Service Failure Definition

A service failure is deemed to occur where:

- Grass height exceeds the intervention trigger; or
 - Areas are not serviced within a reasonable cycle relative to seasonal growth conditions.
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5.2 Escalation Levels

Level 1 – Operational Adjustment

- Reallocation of internal resources
 - Adjustment of work schedules
 - Prioritisation of high-use areas
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Level 2 – Targeted Contractor Engagement

Triggered where:

- Service backlog persists beyond a reasonable recovery period; or
- Weather events result in widespread overgrowth

The CEO is authorised to:

- Engage external contractors within approved budgets;
 - Redirect operational resources to address backlog.
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Level 3 – Acute Service Failure Response

Triggered where:

- Public safety, access, or amenity is significantly impacted;
- Multiple locations exceed intervention thresholds; or
- Sustained service failure occurs.

The CEO may:

- Activate rapid contractor deployment;
 - Reprioritise or suspend non-critical works;
 - Implement surge resourcing strategies.
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6. Weather and Exceptional Circumstances

Where abnormal growth occurs due to:

- Prolonged rainfall;
- Flooding; or
- Rapid seasonal growth,

the CEO is to:

- Implement a recovery plan within a reasonable timeframe;
 - Prioritise high-use and safety-critical areas; and
 - Provide advice through reporting on anticipated recovery timeframes.
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7. Community Requests and Complaints

- Customer requests are to be recorded and monitored;
 - Clusters of complaints in a locality are to trigger review and prioritisation;
 - Complaint trends are to inform service planning and resource allocation.
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8. Delegation

Council delegates authority to the CEO to:

- Determine operational delivery methods;
 - Engage contractors to meet service standards;
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- Reallocate operational resources within approved budgets; and
- Implement response strategies during peak growth periods.

9. Budget and Resource Considerations

- Annual budgeting processes are to consider baseline and peak-period service requirements;
- The CEO may utilise allocated resources to address service backlogs in accordance with this Policy.

10. Monitoring and Reporting

The CEO is to provide **quarterly reports** to Council including:

- Compliance with service standards;
- Areas exceeding intervention thresholds;
- Contractor utilisation and costs;
- Community complaints and identified hotspots;
- Response times to service failures.

11. Review

This Policy is to be reviewed every 2–3 years or following significant service delivery issues.

ITEM NO: PD 03
FILE NO: 044862.2026
SUBJECT: Amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts - Western Parkland City) 2021 - 330-350 Eighth Avenue, Austral

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this Report;
2. Receives and notes the advice of the Liverpool Local Planning Panel;
3. Endorses “in principle” the Proponent-initiated Planning Proposal to amend Schedule 1 of Appendix 4 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts – Western Parkland City) 2021* to permit a ‘recreation facility (indoor)’ as an additional permitted use at 330-350 Eighth Avenue, Austral (Lot 940 DP 1265677);
4. Forwards the Proponent-initiated Planning Proposal to the *Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure* pursuant to Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* seeking a Gateway Determination, with a request that Council be authorised as the Local Plan Making Authority;
5. Subject to Gateway Determination, undertakes public exhibition and community consultation in accordance with the conditions of the Gateway Determination and Council’s Community Participation Plan 2025; and
6. Receives a Post-Exhibition Report on the outcomes of the public exhibition.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Note: Cllr Monaghan was an apology for this meeting and Mayor Mannoun and Cllr Ammoun were not in the Chamber when this item was voted on.

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

Vote against: Deputy Mayor Harle, Clr Karnib and Clr Ristevski.

Note: Clr Ibrahim was not in the Chamber when this item was not voted on and Clr Monaghan was an apology at this meeting.

Clr Ibrahim returned to the Chamber at 8.28pm

ITEM NO: PD 05
FILE NO: 060452.2026
SUBJECT: Post-Exhibition Report - Planning Agreement - Edmondson Park Precincts 3, 5 and 9 - VPA 45

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Receives and notes this Report;
2. Notes the submissions (**Attachment 5**) received during the public exhibition of the Draft Planning Agreement for Precincts 3, 5 and 9 in Edmondson Park (VPA-45);
3. Endorses the execution of the Planning Agreement (**Attachment 1**) and Explanatory Notes (**Attachment 2**) for Precincts 3, 5 and 9 in Edmondson Park (VPA-45) in the form that was publicly exhibited or with minor administrative amendments; and
4. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise and execute the Planning Agreement on behalf of Council.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

Note: Clr Monaghan was an apology at this meeting.

ITEM NO: CORP 02
FILE NO: 065871.2026
SUBJECT: Investment Report February 2026

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council receives and notes this report.

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

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

ITEM NO: NOM 01
FILE NO: 059376.2026
SUBJECT: Notice of Motion - Cllr Ristevski - Fixing the Niland Way Parking and Traffic Crisis

NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Clr Ristevski withdrew this item.

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Chairperson

ITEM NO: NOM 03
FILE NO: 053608.2026
SUBJECT: Notice of Motion - HSC Extended Study Hours at Liverpool Libraries

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council resolves that:

1. An annual and ongoing HSC study program be established to support students in Liverpool LGA and providing safe and accessible study spaces
2. That the annual and ongoing HSC study program, ensures access to a study space is available at each of the library as follows at a minimum, for 1 month prior to the first NSW HSC exam commencement, and until the conclusion of the last NSW HSC exam as follows:
 - a) Yellamundi Liverpool Library – Monday – Friday until 9pm and Weekends until 8pm
 - b) Carnes Hill Library – 7 days until 8pm
 - c) Green Valley Library – Monday - Friday until 8pm, Saturday 9.30am – 4pm, Sunday 12-4pm
 - d) Miller Library - Monday - Friday until 8pm, Saturday 9.30am – 4pm, Sunday 12-4pm
3. An annual and ongoing HSC study program be incorporated in the Library operation budget, for delivery each year.

4. Allocates a budget of \$150,000 from the general fund to conduct the independent review.

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

Division:

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

Vote against: Clr Ibrahim and Clr Ristevski.

Note: Clr Monaghan was an apology for this meeting and Clr Karnib had retired from the meeting.

ITEM NO: QWN 06
FILE NO: 042159.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Deputy Mayor Harle - Voluntary Planning Agreement relating to Coopers Paddock, Warwick Farm

At the latest Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting, several members asked for an update on the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) concerning Coopers Paddock in Warwick Farm. The issue has remained unresolved for over a decade, with no confirmed progress on the works required under the agreement.

The following information is requested:

1. A comprehensive timeline of all meetings and outcomes associated with the VPA since it began; and
2. Clarification on the legal options available to Council to move this matter forward so the land can be used for public recreation, consistent with the original intent.

Responses were provided to the Mayor and Councillors via a Confidential paper.

Item QWN 06 is confidential pursuant to the provisions of s10A(2)(d i) of the 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: QWN 07
FILE NO: 045483.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Ristevski - Urgency Motion from the 4 February 2026 Council meeting - Item MOU 01 - Section 430 Investigation into Liverpool City Council

Please address the following:

1. What specific evidence was relied upon to support clause 2 of the motion, which states there was a “psychosocial impact on staff arising from the publication of the s430 interim report”?
2. Who conducted any assessment of this alleged psychosocial impact?
 - Was an independent workplace risk assessment undertaken?
 - If so, by whom and on what date?
 - Will that report be tabled?
3. What objective data supports clause 2?
 - Number of formal complaints lodged by staff
 - Number of EAP referrals
 - Number of sick leave days attributed to this matter
 - Any internal WHS incident reports
 - Any SafeWork notifications
4. What was clause 2 specifically based on?
 - Anecdotal feedback
 - Legal advice
 - HR advice
 - Medical reports
 - Or was it purely speculative?
5. Have any Workers Compensation claims been lodged that specifically cite the publication of the s430 interim report as the cause of psychological injury?
 - If yes, how many?
 - What is the estimated financial exposure to ratepayers?
 - Have any claims been accepted?
6. Did Council’s insurer advise that there was material risk exposure arising from psychosocial harm?
 - If so, provide the written advice.
7. Was a WHS risk assessment completed prior to moving this urgency motion?
 - If not, how can councillors assert psychosocial harm without evidence?

8. On what basis was this matter declared urgent?
 - What immediate risk existed that justified bypassing standard reporting and documentation?
9. Why was funding directed from the General Fund without a cost estimate?
 - What is the projected legal spend?
 - What is the cap?
 - What is the contingency allocation?
10. Has Council obtained fresh independent legal advice before delegating authority to the Mayor and CEO to re-engage prior legal representatives?
 - If not, why not?

Responses (provided by Director Corporate Services)

Motion MOU 01 was not moved based on a staff report. The motion was moved and seconded by councillors and dealt with by Council's governing body as an urgent item pursuant to clause 3.29 of the Code of Meeting Practice. The matter was debated, voted on, and livestreamed in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice. The minutes and a recording of the meeting are available on Council's website here: <https://www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/council/council-meetings>.

It is not the role of officers to respond on behalf of the governing body or members of the governing body regarding the intent, rationale, evidentiary basis or policy justification underpinning a Councillor-moved motion. This applies to questions 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and part of 10. To the extent that these matters were discussed, they should be captured in the recording of the meeting.

In relation to the remaining questions:

3. There have been no formal complaints through HR.

There has been a small number of formally reported WHS psychosocial incidents that can be linked to the s430 inquiry. There are no formal tracking mechanisms to inform Council of the specific reasons why staff access EAP as the service is confidential. Sick leave does not and cannot monitor the reasons for sick leave requests that stem from psychosocial impacts from the s430 interim report.

5. No.
6. Council is self-insured in respect of workers' compensation claims.
10. Legal advice was not requested to be provided or arranged by staff in relation to the motion.

ITEM NO: QWN 08
FILE NO: 045639.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Ristevski - Cultural Events Calendar

Please address the following:

1. Lunar New Year Removal
 - When was the decision made to remove Lunar New Year from the February events calendar?
 - Who authorised the decision?
 - What written report or recommendation supported it?
 - Provide all internal correspondence relating to this change.

2. Community Consultation
 - What consultation was undertaken with the Chinese and broader East Asian communities before removing Lunar New Year?
 - Which community leaders were contacted?
 - On what dates did consultation occur?
 - If no consultation occurred, why not?

3. Councillor Exclusion
 - Why were elected councillors not briefed prior to the removal of a major cultural event?
 - Does the Mayor consider it appropriate for significant cultural programming decisions to be made without informing the governing body?

4. Equity Across Communities
 - What objective criteria does Council use to determine the scale and duration of cultural celebrations?
 - Provide a breakdown of funding allocated to each cultural festival over the past three financial years.

5. Ramadan Programming
 - Who made the decision to allocate extended programming to Ramadan?
 - What was the total cost of Ramadan-related events, security, marketing and logistics?

6. Consistency Across Councils
 - Given that neighbouring councils continue to hold Lunar New Year celebrations in February, why has Liverpool diverged from standard practice?
 - Was benchmarking conducted before removing the event?

7. Demographic Justification

- Provide demographic data relied upon when determining cultural event priorities.
- How does Council ensure minority communities are respected without marginalising others?

8. Governance and Transparency

- Was this decision endorsed by a formal Council resolution?
- If not, under what delegated authority was it made?
- Will this Mayor commit to restoring Lunar New Year to the calendar pending proper consultation?

Responses (provided by Community and Lifestyle)

1. Lunar New Year Removal

- **When was the decision made to remove Lunar New Year from the February events calendar?**
- **Who authorised the decision?**
- **What written report or recommendation supported it?**
- **Provide all internal correspondence relating to this change.**

Response

Lanterns and Lights forms part of Council's Experience the World program, which is designed to provide broad and diverse cultural representation across the annual events calendar. While the event has historically been scheduled to align with the Lunar New Year period to leverage community interest and market appeal, it is not a Lunar New Year festival. Rather, it is a broader celebration of Asian culture.

For the 2025/26 program, Lanterns and Lights was scheduled at a time that best aligned with operational requirements, including site availability, event sequencing, resourcing capacity and budget considerations. The event was not removed from the program, but rather scheduled in accordance with these operational factors. As such, there was no decision to discontinue a Lunar New Year event.

Event scheduling decisions are operational and were undertaken by the Cultural Venues and Events team in accordance with Director Community and Lifestyle where considerations of approved budget and resource parameters were considered. Given that no program or event was removed, no formal report or recommendation regarding the removal of a Lunar New Year event was prepared. Noting this the Mayor and Councillors were informed of the scheduling change via the weekly CEO Circular.

2. Community Consultation

- **What consultation was undertaken with the Chinese and broader East Asian communities before removing Lunar New Year?**
- **Which community leaders were contacted?**
- **On what dates did consultation occur?**
- **If no consultation occurred, why not?**

Response

As Lanterns and Lights was not removed from Council's annual program or the adopted Delivery Plan to deliver Experience the World, no consultation relating to the removal of a Lunar New Year event was required. The event continues to form part of the Experience the World program, which is reviewed annually to balance cultural representation with operational capacity, site scheduling and available resources.

3. Councillor Exclusion

- **Why were elected councillors not briefed prior to the removal of a major cultural event?**
- **Does the Mayor consider it appropriate for significant cultural programming decisions to be made without informing the governing body?**

Response

Lanterns and Lights remains within the approved events program and was not removed. Its scheduling was determined through standard operational planning processes for the Experience the World program and did not involve any change to adopted strategy or the discontinuation of an existing program. As such, no additional briefing or formal report was required.

The scheduling of events that remain within the approved program sits within established operational delegations. Matters involving program changes or strategy variations are elevated to Council for determination; in this instance, no such change occurred. Consistent with good governance practice, the Mayor and Councillors were advised of the scheduling change through the weekly CEO Circular.

4. Equity Across Communities

- **What objective criteria does Council use to determine the scale and duration of cultural celebrations?**
- **Provide a breakdown of funding allocated to each cultural festival over the past three financial years.**

Response

Council applies consistent event planning criteria that includes;

- Attendance and community participation
- Return on investment
- Community feedback and market engagement
- Resourcing feasibility, fatigue and staff safety
- Availability of performers, stallholders and suppliers
- Operational sequencing within the broader event calendar

It is worth noting that operational funding has decreased over the past three years due to the expiry of external grants and a plateau in core budget allocations, despite increases in operating costs. Event delivery models have been adjusted to maintain event quality within these constraints.

Funding allocations are recorded within the Experience the World program budgets across:

- FY2025-26: \$933,603
- FY2024-25: \$1,603,000
- FY2023-24: \$1,650,000

5. Ramadan Programming

- **Who made the decision to allocate extended programming to Ramadan?**
- **What was the total cost of Ramadan-related events, security, marketing and logistics?**

Response

The event originated from a NSW Government COVID Recovery Grant, established to support CBD revitalisation and stimulate the night-time economy. The extended delivery model was intentionally designed to maximise visitation and economic impact in line with grant objectives. Since its inception, the program has been refined annually – reducing from five weekends to four, and from four nights per week to three - to balance economic return with operational capacity and budget constraints.

Most Blessed Nights is Council's most highly attended event, delivering the largest economic benefit across the events portfolio and achieving the highest visitation levels. The program generates significant night-time economy outcomes, activates the CBD, and aligns strongly with community cultural practices, where evening-based celebration during Ramadan is both appropriate and well supported

6. Consistency Across Councils

- **Given that neighbouring councils continue to hold Lunar New Year celebrations in February, why has Liverpool diverged from standard practice?**
- **Was benchmarking conducted before removing the event?**

Response

Lanterns and Lights has previously been positioned during the Lunar New Year period, but it is not a Lunar New Year celebration and is not designed as such. Scheduling outside peak Lunar New Year periods supports operational efficiency and reduces competition for performers, suppliers and stallholders, who are in high demand at that time. This approach allows Council to secure a stronger offering within the Experience the World program.

Benchmarking regarding removal was not required, as no Lunar New Year event was removed.

7. Demographic Justification

- **Provide demographic data relied upon when determining cultural event priorities.**
- **How does Council ensure minority communities are respected without marginalising others?**

Response

Council considers population data, participation trends, event attendance, and community feedback. The Experience the World program was intentionally designed to broaden cultural representation, including communities historically underrepresented in Southwest Sydney's cultural events landscape, such as African, Pasifika and Latin American communities. This strategy and Delivery is not only unique to Liverpool but represents the Cultural fabric of the City winning Premiers Multicultural medal.

Resourcing across event production is finite. The event calendar is continually reviewed to balance cultural diversity with operational capacity, budget limitations and strategic alignment. Several delivery models were considered throughout the FY2025-26 planning cycle, and the current program was endorsed through the FY2025-26 budget review, alongside an expanded Australia Day program and associated investment.

8. Governance and Transparency

- **Was this decision endorsed by a formal Council resolution?**
- **If not, under what delegated authority was it made?**
- **Will this Mayor commit to restoring Lunar New Year to the calendar pending proper consultation?**

Response

No formal Council resolution was required. No Lunar New Year event was removed from Council’s events program. Lanterns and Lights continues to form part of the approved Experience the World program and remains within Council’s annual events calendar.

The scheduling of Lanterns and Lights was determined through standard operational planning processes under existing delegated authority, consistent with approved budgets, organisational work plans and the Delivery Program. The matter did not require escalation to Council.

As no Lunar New Year event was removed, restoration is not required. Lanterns and Lights remains part of Council’s events calendar, with its timing reviewed annually as part of the Experience the World program planning process. Any future proposal to introduce, remove or materially alter a cultural event would be considered in accordance with Council’s governance framework, including appropriate reporting and consultation where required.

ITEM NO: QWN 09
FILE NO: 049259.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Ristevski - Renaming of Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre

Please address the following:

Community Consultation and Governance

1. What specific community consultation was undertaken with local residents prior to the decision to change the name of Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre?
2. How many *submissions* were received during the public exhibition period and how many of those supported the name change?
3. What direct notification was sent to:
 - a. Casula residents
 - b. Regular patrons
 - c. Local artists
 - d. Cultural stakeholders
 - e. Community groups
4. Was any independent community survey conducted to measure support for the renaming prior to the decision being finalised?
5. Does Council accept that changing the name of a long-standing cultural institution constitutes a decision affecting community identity?
6. If the report states the renaming would “foster community engagement,” how was this conclusion reached in the absence of broad, measurable community consultation?

Tourism and Economic Justification

7. Was a formal tourism impact study commissioned prior to approving the name change?
8. Were visitor projections prepared comparing:
 - a. “Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre”
 - b. “Liverpool Powerhouse”
9. Was a cost–benefit analysis prepared quantifying expected increases in visitation or revenue attributable solely to the rebrand?
10. Can Council provide any empirical evidence that the new name would attract more domestic or international visitors?
11. If no evidence-based modelling was undertaken, on what objective basis were claims such as “enhance tourism” and “elevate profile” made in the report?

Financial Transparency

12. The report identifies approximately \$37,000 in costs from operational savings. Please provide a full itemised breakdown of that figure.

13. What are the projected total costs associated with:
 - Website redevelopment
 - Marketing collateral replacement
 - Signage updates
 - Printed materials
 - Staff time allocation
 - Brand rollout implementation
14. What is the estimated total whole-of-life cost of the rebrand over three years?
15. Were any external consultants engaged? If so, what were their fees?
16. Given Council's recent operating deficits, how was this expenditure prioritised over infrastructure, parks and essential services?

Risk Assessment

17. The report categorises the risk as "Low." What objective criteria were used to determine this rating?
18. Was reputational risk to an established and historically recognised cultural institution assessed?
19. Was brand confusion risk evaluated in relation to other similarly named institutions?
20. Was the potential for community backlash formally assessed prior to approval?
21. Does Council now accept that significant community opposition indicates the risk profile may have been understated?

Community Identity and Cultural Significance

22. How was the historical and cultural significance of the "Casula Powerhouse" name factored into the decision?
23. Was any heritage or brand equity valuation undertaken to assess the goodwill attached to the existing name?
24. Does Council acknowledge that Casula Powerhouse has built recognition within the arts sector across Greater Sydney over many years?
25. If community awareness was considered low, why was increased marketing not pursued instead of renaming?

Ongoing Accountability

26. Will Council commit to publicly reporting:
 - Annual visitation data
 - Revenue changes
 - Tourism impact metrics
 - Community satisfaction measures
27. Over what timeframe will Council assess whether the rebrand has delivered measurable benefit?
28. If the anticipated benefits do not materialise, will Council consider reverting to the original name?

Responses (provided by Community & Lifestyle)

In 2021, Council commissioned an independent organisational review of the then Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre to strengthen its operational position and clarify the long-term vision for the Centre. A key outcome of this work was the development of a Strategic Plan, which identified the need for renewed positioning and identity acknowledging its historical identity and strengthening its connection to the broader city.

At the Council meeting held on 20 November 2024, a report proposing the renaming of the arts centre was presented to Council and endorsed. Following this decision, a further report was considered at the 26 March 2025 Council meeting upon the conclusion of the public exhibition process, with Council endorsing the name *Liverpool Powerhouse – Home of Arts and Creative Industries*.

Council undertook a defined and transparent process in considering the renaming of the arts centre. This process commenced with targeted engagement involving the Centre's cultural stakeholders, advisory committees and the governing body, prior to the proposal being placed on public exhibition for broader community feedback.

Cultural stakeholders were key contributors to the creative vision of the centre and their insights informed the development of the proposal, including the broader vision of expanding creative offerings with interactive.

Following this, the proposal was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days on our website and Liverpool Listens. During this period, records confirmed no formal submissions were received through Council's consultation channels. Some informal comments were raised directly with staff that were predominately concerned with the centre moving in a direction away from the arts. These were responded to individually to clarify the intent of programming shifts and confirm that the centre's role as a multidisciplinary arts venue would not change.

The initial cost of implementation was limited to essential physical updates such as signage and building fixtures, funded through end-of-year operational savings. Items such as branded packaging, stationery, advertisements and marketing materials remained steady, as these continue to be delivered within existing budgets and standard operational workflows.

Prioritised expenses include;

- Wayfinding tourism signage update: \$6226.80
- Front entrance signage: \$9,000 ex GST
- Sliding doors decals: \$415.50 ex GST

Design work required for the updated identity was completed in house. Broader brand integration continues in line with standard organisational workflows and existing budget allocations. No additional consultant fees or large-scale expenditure were required for the initial phase of the change.

The renaming also reflects the centre's origins, acknowledging its historical identity and strengthening its connection to the broader city. This historical context was an important factor in considering the future direction of the centre, particularly as it continues to evolve in its programming and audience engagement.

Council recognises that the name of a long-standing cultural institution is closely tied to local community identity. Reintroducing the historic name was undertaken with this in mind, reflecting a deliberate effort to acknowledge the site's origins and its enduring significance within the city's cultural landscape.

The updated name is also intended to reinforce the community's sense of ownership of the centre, recognising its place as a shared and valued institution. By realigning the centre's identity with its heritage and the broader civic identity it represents, the aim is to strengthen connection and ensure the centre continues to be understood as an integral part of the broader community.

While the centre has developed strong recognition within the arts sector over many years, community awareness has not always matched this profile. Addressing this gap is a core aspect of the renaming, supported by program expansion that has seen increased community interest in hands-on workshops, immersive events and more accessible creative opportunities.

The renaming decision was assessed as low risk within Council's standard processes. This assessment was made in the context of the centre's ongoing commitment to continue delivering exhibitions, performances and public programs, and the clear intent that the updated name would not alter the centre's purpose or accessibility. Council acknowledges the heritage of the site as well as the long-standing identity the centre has held under its previous name, and the decision sought to balance those elements with the organisation's forward-looking cultural goals.

Council continues to strengthen its cultural framework through improved governance arrangements and future planning, including updated advisory structures and the development of a wider cultural strategy. These initiatives support transparency, alignment and long-term cultural development across the city.

The overarching objective remains consistent: ensuring the centre continues to grow and thrive as a welcoming and vibrant cultural hub. Council will continue monitoring visitation, participation and community engagement trends as part of normal operations, recognising the importance of delivering high-quality experiences that attract visitors and encourage ongoing community connection.

ITEM NO: QWN 10
FILE NO: 053099.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Ristevski - Australia Day Event Food Labelling and Public Statements

Liverpool City Council's website stated that 13 of 14 food vendors at the Australia Day event were providing halal food.

Can Council advise:

1. If the LCC website stated that 13 of 14 food vendors were providing halal food?
2. How does Council manage halal certification at events?
3. Does Council do any further checks to verify halal certification?
4. If pork products were available at the Australia Day event, how did Council reconcile that with listing 13 vendors as halal providers?
5. Could publishing dietary representations without formal certification mislead members of the public who rely on strict religious dietary compliance?
6. Are all the food stallholders at Most Blessed Nights required to be halal?
7. Can labelling entire events under one dietary classification be perceived as exclusionary?

Responses (provided by Community & Lifestyle)

1. If the LCC website stated that 13 of 14 food vendors were providing halal food?

Council listed food vendor dietary requirements. This included 13 of 14 vendors that advised they had halal offerings amongst other offerings including gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options.

Vendor dietary attributes are self-identified through the EOI process. Council publishes this information to assist customers in making informed choices.

Following an evaluation of the food offerings, two additional providers were approved and added. These vendors were engaged in the days leading up to the event and were therefore not listed on the website. Their inclusion was intended to expand carnival-style food options, particularly to better cater for children and families.

See below screenshot.

FOOD STALL	DIETARY	MENU HIGHLIGHTS
ANGE'S OLD SKOOL BURGERS	VEGE, HALAL	Ange's Old Skool Burgers by Cucina 105 serves classic, no-frills burgers packed with bold flavours, fresh ingredients and nostalgic comfort.
ANGIE'S PANCAKES	VEGE, VEG, HALAL, GF	Freshly cooked Dutch pancakes topped with a range of toppings.
BLAZIN CHOOKS	HALAL	Serving Filipino charcoal-grilled favourites including chicken plates, pork ribs, wings, cheeseburger lumpia and BBQ meals with rice or chips, along with water and canned drinks.
BIRDMAN	GF, HALAL	Bee Sweets serves handcrafted desserts and sweet treats, made with quality ingredients and care, delivering nostalgic flavours and smiles.
CASANOVA	VEGE, HALAL	Offering delicious 'Aussie' style burgers and refreshing lemonades.
CHOLITO EMPANADAS	VEGE, VEG, HALAL, GF	Handcrafted, soulful empanadas in 15 flavours – each full of flavour!
CUMBIA	VEGE, GF, HALAL	Offering a special Colombian food experience featuring traditional arepas, a beloved dish that represents the heart of Colombian cuisine.
EAST BLUE SEAFOOD	GF, HALAL	Fresh seafood rolls and BBQ skewers, all served with chips - featuring the 24k Gold Smoked Lobster Roll, Crab, Prawn, and Teriyaki Salmon Rolls.
FLUFFY CRUNCH	VEG, GF, HALAL	With 15+ fun flavours of fairy floss, visit this vendor for your perfect sweet treat to indulge in or gift.
JAMES AND THE CHOCOLATE BERRY	VEGE, VEG, HALAL, GF	Featuring chocolate dipped strawberries and fruit (including viral Dubai strawberries) & chocolate dipped cheesecake on a stick.
SUGAR FREE DRINKS	VEGE, VEG, HALAL, GF	Sugar-free, low-calorie mocktails with green tea & aloe, served in LED-lit cups for a colourful, festive vibe.
TURKISH GOZLEME AND CHIPS ON A STICK	VEGE, VEG, HALAL, GF	Fresh cooked Gozleme and chips on a stick.
POCKET ROCKETZ	VEGE, VEG, HALAL	Slow-cooked butter chicken jaffles, chicken and paneer, tikka naan tacos, and butter chicken loaded fries.
WENDY'S ICE CREAM	VEGE, VEG	Featuring for a hot day ahead - soft serve ice cream, milkshakes, icy whirls & coffee.

2. How does Council manage halal certification at events?

Liverpool City Council is not a halal certifying authority.

3. Does Council do any further checks to verify halal certification?

Where vendors indicate they offer halal options, they typically rely on certified halal suppliers for ingredients. They can provide wholesaler documentation if requested.

Vendors generally manage cross-contamination controls through separate utensils, preparation areas and cooking surfaces. This reflects common operational practice at large Sydney events. Vendors are not required to hold venue-wide halal accreditation.

4. If pork products were available at the Australia Day event, how did Council reconcile that with listing 13 vendors as halal providers?

For Australia Day, Council listed halal options only where vendors had self-identified as offering them. The presence of other menu items does not remove the availability of halal options.

5. Could publishing dietary representations without formal certification mislead members of the public who rely on strict religious dietary compliance?

Council does not accept that it knowingly provided false or misleading information. Dietary information was published based on vendor declarations.

6. Are all the food stallholder at Most Blessed Nights required to be halal?

The vendors at Most Blessed Nights are not required to have a halal menu however we do get a low application rate of people applying that are non-halal.

Vendors tend to be market-driven and align their offerings with the expectations of attendees, which results in a predominance of halal-friendly food options rather than any formal requirement imposed by Council.

7. Can labelling entire events under one dietary classification be perceived as exclusionary?

Council does not label any of the events it delivers as strictly halal, nor does it exclude vendors based on dietary classification. Event programs are shaped largely by vendor applications and market demand, and while some events attract a higher proportion of halal-compliant traders, this reflects vendor choice rather than a policy requirement imposed by Council.

ITEM NO: QWN 11
FILE NO: 061918.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Ristevski - Rossmore Grange

Please address the following:

1. Rossmore Grange – Flood Risk

- i. Is Rossmore Grange identified as flood affected or flood prone land under Council’s current Floodplain Risk Management Plan or any flood modelling adopted by Council?**

Response:

Rossmore Grange is located within the South Creek catchment. According to Council’s South Creek Floodplain Risk Management Plan (2004), the site is partially affected by flooding from South Creek.

- ii. What is the Probable Maximum Flood level and 1 in 100 year flood level affecting the site?**

Response:

The Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) levels across Rossmore Grange vary from approximately 56.5 m AHD in the southern extent to 53.3 m AHD in the northern extent.

Similarly, the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (1 in 100 year) flood levels range from about 55.3 m AHD in the south to 51.9 m AHD in the north.

- iii. Has Council obtained updated flood modelling that reflects post-Aerotropolis catchment changes?**

Response:

Council has received the updated flood study report and associated flood mapping prepared as part of the cumulative impact assessment for the Wianamatta South Creek catchment. This work was done for the Agency Working Group (AWG), established between Infrastructure NSW and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

The study incorporates the anticipated land-use and hydrologic changes arising from development within the Aerotropolis and broader catchment. It has also identified the floodway corridor and critical flood storage areas within the catchment.

- iv. Has any independent hydrological peer review been commissioned regarding the suitability of heavy industrial development on this land?**

Response:

Council has engaged Urbis Pty Ltd to investigate development opportunities within Rossmore Grange. As part of this work, Urbis has identified three alternative concept

design options for the area.

From a flooding perspective, all proposed sites within the Urbis concept plans can feasibly accommodate heavy industrial development. The available flood information indicates that the identified development areas are not subject to constraints that would preclude this land-use type.

Accordingly, a hydrological peer review is not considered essential at this stage for assessing the feasibility of heavy industrial uses within the proposed sites.

v. If the land is flood prone, how does industrial rezoning comply with section 9.1 Direction 4.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment framework regarding flood risk?

Response:

All sites identified within the Urbis concept plans are situated above the South Creek flood planning level. As a result, the proposed rezoning of these areas—from RE1 Public Recreation to residential, commercial, or industrial land uses—meets the requirements of Section 9.1 Direction 4.1 (Flooding) under the Environmental Planning and Assessment framework.

This indicates that the rezonings are consistent with the relevant flood risk management controls and do not introduce unacceptable flooding constraints for the proposed land-use changes.

vi. Will Council table all flood modelling reports relied upon prior to any rezoning decision?

Response:

Council’s rezoning application should include a flood impact assessment that consolidates and interprets all relevant flood study information available for the area. This assessment should reference the applicable flood modelling, mapping, and technical reports, and provide a clear justification demonstrating that the proposed rezoning is compatible with the identified flood risks and consistent with relevant planning and floodplain management requirements.

2. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Historical Archaeology

i. Has an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report been completed for Rossmore Grange?

Response:

2006 - Cultural & Heritage Assessment & Vegetation Plan.

2024 - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Preliminary Due Diligence.

ii. Were Registered Aboriginal Parties formally consulted?

Response:

For 2006 report – Not aware if Aboriginal parties were consulted. For 2024 report – Not required for a preliminary report.

iii. Has any Aboriginal Object been identified under the National Parks and Wildlife Act?

Response:

A site inspection undertaken as part of the assessment identified four new Aboriginal Object recordings within the subject land and two previously existing Aboriginal Object registrations within the subject land.

In accordance with the risk management process set out in the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW, 2010) the preliminary due diligence assessment concluded that that a formal Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) should be undertaken prior to commencement of development works. Any proposed activity that may cause harm to known Aboriginal Objects or Places (as defined by the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974) will require an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) approval prior to commencement of that activity.

iv. Has Council received advice from Heritage NSW regarding archaeological values on the site?

Response:

Not aware of such advice but refer to above.

v. Has any Heritage Impact Statement been prepared specifically addressing industrial rezoning impacts?

Response:

No

vi. Will Council make all cultural heritage assessments publicly available prior to any rezoning decision?

Response:

All relevant studies would be publicly available as part of any potential reclassification/rezoning process as governed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. (EP&A)

vii. Has Council considered the reputational, legal and compensation risks if heritage artefacts are damaged after rezoning?

Response:

The rezoning and reclassification of land in New South Wales (NSW) is a formal, statutory process governed by the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) and the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act).

3. Public Interest and Conflict Issues

i. Has any Councillor declared a conflict of interest, pecuniary or non-pecuniary, in relation to Rossmore Grange?

Response:

Not aware

ii. Has any Councillor met with any developers, lobbyists, or land interest groups regarding this rezoning proposal?

Response:

Not aware

iii. Will Council disclose all meetings held between Councillors and external parties concerning this site?

Response:

Whatever the requirements are for disclosure under Council's policies and relevant Acts Council will adhere to.

iv. What is the projected financial benefit to Council from rezoning, and has this been independently verified?

Response:

No financial assessment has been undertaken.

v. Has Council undertaken a cost benefit analysis comparing conservation versus industrial rezoning?

Response:

No.

ITEM NO: QWN 12
FILE NO: 063309.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Ristevski - Food Vendor at Stante Reserve, Middleton Grange

Council currently leases a site to a food vendor at Stante Reserve, Middleton Grange.

Please address the following;

1. Confirm if there is a current lease in place?
2. If not, what is the arrangement for utilisation of the space?
3. Advise the term of the current lease/arrangement, and detail any opportunities for extension?
4. Is the current leasing fee consistent with market approach?

Response (provided by the Office of the CEO)

Council identified Stante Reserve as a suitable location to trial site-based mobile food vending as a pilot initiative to assess the viability of food-truck style services as a means of activating Council parks and open spaces. This approach aligns with Council's Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy, adopted on 14 May 2024.

An interim licence agreement was entered into with the current operator, which expired in December 2025 and is continuing on a month-by-month basis while Council undertakes a competitive process for this site and other locations across the LGA. The operator currently pays fees in accordance with Council's gazetted Fees and Charges Schedule.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) process for nominated mobile food vending sites will commence on Monday, 16 March 2026, and remain open for four weeks.

Submissions will be assessed on a value-for-money basis, including proposed rental, activation outcomes and service quality, to ensure benefits for both Council and the community.

ITEM NO: QWN 13
FILE NO: 063529.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Ristevski - Most Blessed Nights Social Media

Recently on social media platforms including Facebook, 'Sydney Food Boy' promoted Council's major event Most Blessed Nights.

Please address the following:

1. If Sydney Food Boy was engaged and paid by Council for social media promotional services?
2. Detail any costs for engaging social media influencers for this event?

Responses (provided by Community and Lifestyle)

If Sydney Food Boy was engaged and paid by Council for social media promotional services?

As part of Council's marketing strategies, influencer engagement provides a cost-effective and efficient way to extend the reach of event and service promotion. This approach is widely adopted across industries and is a well-established practice among councils delivering large-scale events.

Sydney Food Boy provides an influencer-marketing service, and was quoted among other influencers, compared for their reach, engaged and paid by Council to market Most Blessed Nights 2026.

Among other marketing initiatives influencers including Sydney Food Boy have been engaged by council across our events in our Experience the World series, 12 Days of Christmas series and at Liverpool Powerhouse. Generally, for events running across multiple days influencer-marketing is used as it generates proven increase in social media traction.

Detail any costs for engaging social media influencers for this event?

Despite its long production period, Most Blessed Nights marketing allowance is conservative. To ensure Council works responsibly within our operational budgets, social media influencers provide a significant impact in enhancing the reach of our posts, engagement with Councils' social media accounts and increasing profile of Council events in a cost-effective manner.

Influencers are typically engaged in consideration to their reach vs cost, audience demographic suitability (age/cultural demographic, family focus, locality such as Western Sydney), promotional precedent (e.g. food influencer, lifestyle influencer)

Date	Influencer	Reach/Engagement	Cost
Weekend 1 – Saturday	Sydney Food Boy	201k followers 189,350 views 3.4k likes 4.5k shares	\$2000
Weekend 1 – Saturday	Dining in Sydney	32.5k followers	\$950
Weekend 2 – Saturday	Halal Food Sydney	135k followers	\$1000
Weekend 3 – Saturday	Tika Andhini	89.5k followers	\$800
Weekend 4 – Saturday	Dining in Sydney	32.5k followers	\$950

ITEM NO: QWN 14
FILE NO: 064793.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Ristevski - Illegal Prayer Hall

UPDATED RESPONSE AS PER MEMO CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS. TRIM REFERENCE 064793.2026

The Daily Telegraph has recently reported an illegal Islamic Prayer Hall operating without Council approval in Leppington.

Please advise

1. How long the Al-Tawhid Centre in Leppington has been operating?
2. Does the Al-Tawhid Centre have relevant Council approvals to operate as a prayer hall?
3. Was Council aware, or received feedback from community that this prayer hall was in operation?
4. What steps and action has been taken to prosecute and close this illegal prayer hall?
5. Is Council aware of any other illegal prayers halls in Liverpool LGA?

Responses (provided by Planning and Design)

1. How long the Al-Tawhid Centre in Leppington has been operating?

It is not known how long the centre has been operating.

Council first became aware of an alleged unauthorised use following receipt of a Councillor enquiry on 29 January 2026 regarding the matter.

2. Does the Al-Tawhid Centre have relevant Council approvals to operate as a prayer hall?

A search of Council's records indicates that no development approval has been granted for the use of the premises as a place of public worship.

It should be noted that the use is permissible with development consent under the current zoning.

3. Was Council aware, or received feedback from community that this prayer hall was in operation?

Council had not previously received any complaints or notifications regarding the use of the premises prior to receipt of the Councillor enquiry.

4. What steps and action has been taken to prosecute and close this illegal prayer hall?

Council has taken the following steps in relation to the premises:

- Investigation and inspection of the premises,
- Issuing a Notice to Provide Information under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and
- Issuing a Notice of Proposed Order.

Council gave until 20 March 2026 for the occupier to provide feedback on the Notice of Proposed Order.

Council will decide whether enforcement action is warranted and, if so, the action to be taken, having regard to:

- the submission received from the occupier and other relevant evidence, and
- Council's Compliance and Enforcement Policy and relevant legislation.

5. Is Council aware of any other illegal prayers halls in Liverpool LGA?

Council is aware of other allegations of unauthorised places of public worship within the Liverpool LGA. These matters have come to Council's attention through customer requests or Councillor enquiries and are being investigated and addressed in accordance with Council's Compliance and Enforcement Policy and relevant legislation.

ITEM NO: QWN 15
FILE NO: 065203.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Mayor Mannoun - Grass near Austral Public School

The photo attached is of grass being cut near Austral Public School on the 26th of February.

Please address the following:

1. Why was the grass left on the footpath like shown on the images?
2. Do other councils in Sydney Metro leave grass like that covering the footpath?
3. Prior to this cut, when was the last time the grass was cut?
4. What can the Governing Body do to improve the quality of the grass cutting in Austral and the rest of the LGA?

Responses (provided by Operations Directorate)

1. Council advises that a tractor had attended the site to slash the grass, however the rest of the crew did not reach the site to complete the detailing before the end of the day. The site was attended to again the following day.
2. Council cannot advise on other council's practices or resourcing levels.
3. Prior to this cut, it was last serviced in the last week of December 2025.
4. The Governing Body could support OpEx and CapEx budget requests to add more resources.

ITEM NO: QWN 16
FILE NO: 066657.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Ristevski - 2026 Western Sydney Business Events Forum

Please address the following:

1. Did we contribute funding to the 2026 Western Sydney Business Events Forum held on 19 February 2026 and if so, how much?

Response (provided by the Office of the CEO)

Council did not contribute any funding in the form of sponsorship to the 2026 Western Sydney Business Events Forum held on 19 February 2026. Council officers who attended the forum were required to purchase tickets to attend the event. There were also council officers in attendance from several other councils, including Parramatta and Camden.

Participation in the event provided Council with a valuable opportunity to promote the upcoming public exhibition of the Visitor Economy Strategy and the Liverpool CBD Special Entertainment Precinct and to engage with key stakeholders from across the Western Sydney business and events sector. It also contributed to the professional development of the council officers in attendance.

ITEM NO: QWN 17
FILE NO: 067867.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Ristevski - Grant Funding and Donations

Liverpool residents expect transparency, proper due diligence, and responsible stewardship of public money.

These questions arise because Council funding was allocated without councillors being provided basic governance information about the recipient organisation.

Please address the following:

1. At the recent Council meeting, the Australian Peace Association was approved for Council funding, Council officers were requested to provide the names of the directors or office holders of this organisation. Why did Council refuse to provide this information the elected body councillors before voting on the allocation of ratepayer funds?
2. Who are the directors/office holders of the Australian Peace Organisation?
3. At the same meeting, I requested that financial statements of the Australian Peace Association be provided so that due diligence could be conducted prior to voting. Why were these financial statements not provided to councillors, and does Council currently possess any verified financial information relating to this organisation? Please provide a copy
4. What due diligence or probity checks were undertaken by Council prior to recommending public funds to this organisation?
5. Did Council conduct any assessment of the governance structure, office holders, or financial accountability mechanisms of the Australian Peace Association prior to recommending public fund to this organisation?
6. It has been widely reported that the Australian peace Association hosted a vigil for Ayatollah Khamenei in a Council-owned facility. Was the donation recently approved by Council used directly or indirectly to support or facilitate this event?
7. What Council community facilities have been booked, hired, or used by the Australian Peace Association over the past five years?
8. How many events has this organisation held in ratepayer-funded community facilities, and what were the stated purposes of those events?
9. What fees were charged to this organisation for those bookings and were any discounts, subsidies, or fee waivers provided?

10. Has Council reviewed the Australian Peace Association activities to ensure that the use stated for hiring is what is taken place onsite?
11. Please table of any donations, grants, subsidies, or other financial assistance that Council has provided to the Australian Peace Association in the last 5 years?
12. Please table any events/engagements hosted by the Australian Peace Association the Mayor has attended in this term?
13. Given public concern and media reports regarding events hosted by this organisation, has Council conducted a review of permitting events linked to this organisation in Council-owned facilities?
14. Given that there have been public calls for ASIO and other authorities to examine activities connected with certain events hosted in community facilities, what steps has Council taken to ensure that Council resources are not being used to support or facilitate activities that may damage the reputation of the City of Liverpool?
15. Is it appropriate that the elected body is required to resolve on funding allocation, while being denied basic governance information such as directors, financial statements, and probity checks?
16. What steps will Council take to ensure that no further public funds are allocated to external organisations unless full transparency and due diligence requirements are satisfied?

Response (provided by Community and Lifestyle)

1. **At the recent Council meeting, the Australian Peace Association was approved for Council funding, Council officers were requested to provide the names of the directors or office holders of this organisation. Why did Council refuse to provide this information the elected body councillors before voting on the allocation of ratepayer funds?**

Council amended the requirement for supporting documentation to be included in the attachments for Community Grants, Donations and Sponsorships at its Governance meeting held 18 February 2025. At that meeting the Governance Committee resolved:

Supports the discontinuation of the Council resolution from 20 November 2024, which required that a copy of the grant application be provided as an addendum to future grant reports.

Council Officers have reviewed the Grant submissions and note that disclosure of Directors or Office Bearers was not provided to Council for any application.

2. Who are the directors/office holders of the Australian Peace Organisation?

The following office holder information is provided to Council as part of the funding agreement:

- Program Lead & Officer Bearer, Australian Peace Association – Ali Al-Haj
- Secretary, Australian Peace Association – Hassan Lami

3. At the same meeting, I requested that financial statements of the Australian Peace Association be provided so that due diligence could be conducted prior to voting. Why were these financial statements not provided to councillors, and does Council currently possess any verified financial information relating to this organisation? Please provide a copy.

Australian Peace Association are a small not-for-profit Community Group and have not had the need to have their financial accounts audited. The organisation provided a copy of their bank statement that was assessed by Council in adjudicating eligibility. The financial statement provided indicates low levels of financial turn over consistent to community organisations of similar type.

4. What due diligence or probity checks were undertaken by Council prior to recommending public funds to this organisation?

As part of the grant assessment process (consistent to all submissions), the Grants Officer along with two other Council officers assess the proposed program in line with the Grants Donations & Sponsorship Policy. The evaluation criteria must ensure that:

- The organisation is registered with ABN/ ACNC
- The organisation holds current public liability certificate
- The organisation provides audited financial statements. (in this case a current bank statement was provided).
- The organisation does not have any outstanding debt to Council.

The Australian Peace Association met the eligibility criteria and exhibited a range of community outcomes that target minority residents, particularly young men engaged in anti-social behaviour such a gambling addiction as noted in the February council report.

5. Did Council conduct any assessment of the governance structure, office holders, or financial accountability mechanisms of the Australian Peace Association prior to recommending public fund to this organisation?

Yes. All applications through Councils Community Grants programs are required to disclose the applicant's organisational structure, that includes disclosure of Office bearers.

Applicants are then validated either through the Australian Charities and Securities Commission (ACNC) website, or through the Australian Securities and Investment Commission Website.

6. It has been widely reported that the Australian Peace Association hosted a vigil for Ayatollah Khamenei in a Council-owned facility. Was the donation recently approved by Council used directly or indirectly to support or facilitate this event?

The funding was for a program that provides education and support to people experiencing gambling and other addictions.

7. What Council community facilities have been booked, hired, or used by the Australian Peace Association over the past five years?

Australian Peace Association have held a licence for the use of Frank Oliveri Community Centre since 2023. They conduct regular timetabled activities. The group hosted an additional event for members at Homestead Park in 2019.

8. How many events has this organisation held in ratepayer-funded community facilities, and what were the stated purposes of those events?

Australian Peace Association hold activities in Frank Oliveri Community Centre. The applications indicates the use of the venue for:

- English and Maths tutoring (1-on-1 needs-based classes)
- Youth group programs addressing anti-social behaviour
- Religious events and ceremonies

9. What fees were charged to this organisation for those bookings and were any discounts, subsidies, or fee waivers provided?

Australian Peace Association pay an annual amount of \$718 per month plus all outgoings. A Fee Reduction application was approved in 2022 to the value of 50% - the estimated revenue reduction per annum is \$8,616.

The applied fees align to council's standard fees and chargers.

A commercial valuation is being undertaken on several Council community facilities including Frank Oliveri to assess potential rental value prior to seeking expressions of interest for use of the venue. The EOI will be in market at the time the report is tabled.

10. Has Council reviewed the Australian Peace Association activities to ensure that the use stated for hiring is what is taken place onsite?

Yes. Council's Manager Community Recreation undertook a site visit on 2 August 2024. There were no activities identified that were inconsistent with the license agreement.

11. Please table of any donations, grants, subsidies, or other financial assistance that Council has provided to the Australian Peace Association in the last 5 years?

There has been no other financial assistance or donations provided to Australian Peace Association other those items already disclosed.

12. Please table any events/engagements hosted by the Australian Peace Association the Mayor has attended in this term?

The Mayor is commonly invited to attend various events held by hirers of community centres, as well as not for profit entities delivering services to the Liverpool Community.

13. Given public concern and media reports regarding events hosted by this organisation, has Council conducted a review of permitting events linked to this organisation in Council-owned facilities?

Council conducted a review of the organisations promoted activities for compliance against permissible use in the current license terms. No discrepancies were identified. Council more broadly has been undertaking a review on the permissible use of Community Facilities for use as 'Place of Workship' This review is expected to be completed prior to the end of March.

14. Given that there have been public calls for ASIO and other authorities to examine activities connected with certain events hosted in community facilities, what steps has Council taken to ensure that Council resources are not being used to support or facilitate activities that may damage the reputation of the City of Liverpool?

As above.

15. Is it appropriate that the elected body is required to resolve on funding allocation, while being denied basic governance information such as directors, financial statements, and probity checks?

The information provided is consistent with the specifications in Councils relevant Grants, Donations and Community Sponsorship Policy. It should be noted that all applications are reviewed and vetted by Council Officers before a recommendation is made for Council.

16. What steps will Council take to ensure that no further public funds are allocated to external organisations unless full transparency and due diligence requirements are satisfied?

Council Officers review and vet applications for funding that do not meet the specified criteria. Organisations that submit incomplete applications or who do not meet the

eligibility criteria are not recommended for funding by Council Officers. A conflict of interest declaration will be included in the funding application obliging applicants to disclose any relationship with elected officials. Mayor and councillors are obliged to also disclose conflicts of interests when adjudicating on the recommendations in the Grant report.

ITEM NO: QWN 18
FILE NO: 073144.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Deputy Mayor Harle - Traffic Related Items

1. Can Council please provide an update for the following traffic related items.
 - a. No left turn into Maryvale Avenue during morning and evening peak hour traffic.
 - b. Lismore Street traffic study progress.
 - c. The impact of recent changes to the Traffic Committee functions, and how those changes affect the proposed Zebra crossing at the Cartwright Public School in Willane Drive and similar proposals previously rejected by Transport for NSW.

2. Agenda Item 8 passed by the LTC at its meeting on the 15 March 2023. It was resolved that Council would instal four (4) permanent speed humps across sections of Leacocks Lane Casula in front of House Nos. 113/115 and in front of Glen Regent Reserve and edge line-marking as shown in Attachments 8.1 and 8.2 would also be installed. As this matter was unactioned it was followed up by the Macquarie Fields electorate office, and Council advised that the speed humps would be installed in 2025. This has not happened. What is the new timeline for this work to be completed?

3. Item GB 2 from 20 September 2023 – traffic speeding concern in Mackellar Street, Casula – it was resolved that Council would monitor the street and if required carry out additional speed classification close to House No. 27 Mackellar Street with the findings to be presented at a future meeting, and if warranted traffic calming to be installed. What is the result of the traffic monitoring, and what recommendations have followed?

4. Item GB 3 from 20 September 2023 - request for traffic management improvements to the northern intersection of the Hume Highway and Leacocks Lane at Casula. It was resolved to accept the recommendation as shown in the meeting papers, viz Council will carry out traffic counts and assess performance of the Leacocks Lane approach to the intersection at peak periods, and the results will be passed to TfNSW to consider lane marking as discussed. What is the result of the traffic count, and what, if any, remedial action has been recommended?

5. Item GB 1 from 20 March 2024 – this is a partial repeating of the above GB Item 3 from 20 September 2023 but is more extensive. This issue is very important to ratepayers, and it was raised for a second time due to continuing unresolved concerns about Leacocks Lane traffic conditions and a spate of crashes. The Committee resolved that TfNSW would be requested to review the layout and operation of the Hume Highway and Leacocks Lane intersection to identify whether dedicated right turn lane line marking from Leacocks Lane can be installed. In

addition, Council was to investigate additional traffic management solutions to reduce speed along the untreated road sections of Leacocks Lane between Mackellar Street and Roberts Roads and between Tennant Street and Kendall Drive. What studies have been undertaken thus far? What mitigation measures been considered?

6. Can the resolutions of the LTC be tabulated and presented as a report, at least quarterly, to the Governance Committee?

Responses will be included in the 29 April 2026 Council Meeting agenda

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ITEM NO: QWN 19
FILE NO: 074181.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Clr Ristevski - Media Comments Regarding Iranian Ayatollah Memorial

Liverpool is one of the most globally connected cities in Australia. Our reputation matters.

Recent national media reports have highlighted public statements regarding a proposed memorial event connected to Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

These statements were widely reported in the national media and distributed internationally through digital media channels.

Can Council advise:

1. What was the position of Council regarding this media matter?
2. Where the comments made by the Mayor the position of Council or someone else?
3. Was the Mayor briefed or provided advice on the Council position prior to conducting interviews?
4. Was the Mayor required to clarify the position of Council in these media interviews, or who the views represented?

Response (provided by Community & Lifestyle)

1. *What was the position of Council regarding this media matter?*

Council did not express a position on the media matter.

The Frank Oliveri Community Centre is occupied by the Australian Peace Association. In their hire application, the Australian Peace Association stated that its intended use of the facility including:

- a. English and Maths tutoring (1-on-1 needs-based classes).
- b. Religious events and ceremonies.
- c. Youth group programs addressing anti-social behaviour.

Council is not aware of any breach of the hire agreement. Council is conducting a general review of the Development Consents (DA) applying to its Community Facilities to check that the uses are authorised.

- 2. Were the comments made by the Mayor the position of Council or someone else?**

Council did not issue any statements about this matter.

- 3. Was the Mayor briefed or provided advice on the Council position prior to conducting interviews?**

The Mayor was advised about the Council position as per the answer to question 1.

- 4. Was the Mayor required to clarify the position of Council in these media interviews, or who the views represented?**

Council did not issue any statements about this matter.

Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

3. Upon gazettal of the compulsory acquisition classify Lot 1062 DP 2475 as "Operational Land".
4. 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.
5. Authorises the CEO or delegate to execute all documents necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

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

ITEM NO: CONF 11
FILE NO: 063538.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Cllr Harte - Legal Costs

Questions and Responses were provided to the Mayor and Councillors in a Confidential book pursuant to the provisions of s10A(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993* because it contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

ITEM NO: CONF 10
FILE NO: 063262.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Mayor Mannoun - Employee Settlements

Questions and Responses were provided to the Mayor and Councillors in a Confidential book pursuant to the provisions of s10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* because it contains personal matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

ITEM NO: CONF 12
FILE NO: 079761.2026
SUBJECT: Code of Conduct Investigation Report (T11)

This report was not distributed by Council to Mayor and Councillors due to a legal matter.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.37pm.

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 29 April 2026

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 March 2026. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Chairperson