

# **MINUTES**

**Council Meeting**

**6 August 2019**

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 6 August 2019, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 6:30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Matthew Blackmore  
Councillor Antoine Doueihi  
Councillor Maryanne Duggan  
Councillor Nella Hall  
Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis  
Councillor Karen Pensabene  
Councillor Gulian Vaccari

**STAFF:** Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer  
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place & Civic Services  
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment & Urban Services  
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director Corporate & Financial Services  
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy & Performance  
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

1. **OPENING:** The Prayer was read.

2. **RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Nil.

5. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**98/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 2 July 2019, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Nil.

**8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT**

Nil.

**9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

Nil.

**10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)**

Nil.

**11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil.

**12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**12.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 16 July 2019**

**99/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2019 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

Mrs Le Strange addressed the meeting.

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

**100/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Standing Orders be Suspended to allow consideration of the following matters:

13.1 Notice of Rescission - Closure of Rochester Street - Councillors Duggan, Pensabene, Hall and Vaccari

- 13.4 Closure of the Integricare Homebush West Early Learning Centre (Kurralee) – Councillor Pensabene  
CEO1 Pocket Parks  
CEO2 Crown Land Initial Classification and Categorisations

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

### 13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

#### 13.1 Notice of Rescission - Closure of Rochester Street - Councillors Maryanne Duggan, Karen Pensabene, Nella Hall and Gulian Vaccari

WE MOVE:

That Council's decision of 7 May 2019 in respect of parts 3 of Notice of Motion 13.4 – ANZAC Day Commemoration by Cumberland RSL Sub-Branch, be and is hereby rescinded.

3. *A report to Council be prepared, following community consultation, on the creation of a dedicated contiguous park from the closure of Rochester Street between Coventry Road and Beresford Road to enable the bringing together of the 1918 Homebush War Memorial and the RSL Memorial into the one remembrance space."*

**101/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Duggan, Hall and Vaccari)

That Council's decision of 7 May 2019 in respect of part 3 of Notice of Motion 13.4 – ANZAC Day Commemoration by Cumberland RSL Sub-Branch, be and is hereby rescinded.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**ALTERNATE MOTION:** (Hall / Kokkolis)

1. That the residents/community, RSL Cumberland sub branch and Strathfield Homebush Historical Society be consulted with regard to the possibility of the War Memorial being moved to the other side.
2. That Council prepare a report for the October 2019 Council Meeting that includes the cost of moving the memorial, the logistics and protocols (if any) and the result of the community consultation.

**102/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Kokkolis)

1. That the residents/community, RSL Cumberland sub branch and Strathfield Homebush Historical Society be consulted with regard to the possibility of the War Memorial being moved

to the other side.

2. That Council prepare a report for the October 2019 Council Meeting that includes the cost of moving the memorial, the logistics and protocols (if any) and the result of the community consultation.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

#### **13.4 Closure of the Integricare Homebush West Early Learning Centre (Kurralee) – Councillor Karen Pensabene**

I MOVE:

That Council provide an urgent report to the next available Councillor Workshop regarding the closure of the Integricare Homebush West Early Learning Centre.

**MOTION:** (Kokkolis / Blackmore)

That a time extension be granted to Councillor Duggan.

**103/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Kokkolis / Blackmore)

That a time extension be granted to Councillor Duggan.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**MOTION:** (Pensabene / Blackmore)

1. That Councillors agree that Kurralee is providing an essential and irreplaceable service to our community. That Council provide an urgent report to the next available Councillor Workshop regarding the closure of the Integricare Homebush West Early Learning Centre. That Council considers urgently re-negotiating in good faith with Integrcare to reach a fair and amicable agreement in relation to the undertaking of essential structural repairs and other issues to keep the centre open.
2. That a further report be provided to the September 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

**104/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Blackmore)

1. That Councillors agree that Kurralee is providing an essential and irreplaceable service to our community. That Council provide an urgent report to the next available Councillor Workshop regarding the closure of the Integricare Homebush West Early Learning Centre. That Council considers urgently re-negotiating in good faith with Integrcare to reach a fair and amicable agreement in relation to the undertaking of essential structural repairs and other issues to keep the centre open.

2. That a further report be provided to the September 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

Mrs Patty Yun, Dr Geraldine Bicol and Mr Raj Datta addressed the meeting.

### **CEO1 Pocket Parks**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That this report be received and noted.

Mrs Le Strange addressed the meeting.

**MOTION:** (Duggan / Blackmore)

That a time extension be granted to Mrs Le Strange.

**105/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Blackmore)

That a time extension be granted to Mrs Le Strange.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**MOTION:** (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That this report be received and noted.

2. That the topic be discussed at the October 2019 Councillor Workshop for direction.

**106/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That this report be received and noted.

2. That the topic be discussed at the October 2019 Councillor Workshop for direction.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maryanne Duggan left the meeting, the time being 07:48 PM.

Councillor Maryanne Duggan returned to the meeting, the time being 07:51 PM.

## **CEO2 Crown Land Initial Classification and Categorisations**

**107/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Kokkolis / Hall)

1. That Council adopt the following classifications and categorisations for Crown Land Reserves under the management of Strathfield Council:
  - a) Crown Land located at Strathfield Park, Hudson Park, Bressington Park and Mason Park be classified as Community Land
  - b) That pursuant to section 36(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, Strathfield Park be categorised as Park and Sportsground
  - c) That pursuant to section 36(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, Hudson Park be categorised as Park and Sportsground
  - d) That pursuant to section 36(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, Bressington Park be categorised as Sportsground
  - e) That pursuant to section 36(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, Mason Park be categorised as Sportsground and Natural Area; and the Natural Area be categorised as Wetland
2. That Council notify the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* of the initial categorisation assigned to Crown land, as referred to in section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **Resumption of Standing Orders**

**108/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Kokkolis)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

## **13.2 Continuous Disclosure by Owners of Affordable Housing – Councillor Maryanne Duggan and Councillor Gulian Vaccari**

WE MOVE:

That a report to Council be prepared on the reporting of development consents that require developers to provide affordable housing as part of their conditions of consent.

The report should investigate options for the creation of a mandatory regime of continuous disclosure by owners on the rental status of affordable housing within an approved development, and the requirement on owners to provide an independent audit report to Council annually to certify compliance with the required consent conditions. The report should also make recommendations on any applicable penalties for a breach of the affordable housing requirements in a development consent.

**MOTION:** (Duggan, Vaccari / Hall)

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2. The report should investigate options for the creation of a mandatory regime of continuous disclosure by owners on the rental status of affordable housing within an approved development, and the requirement on owners to provide an independent audit report to Council annually to certify compliance with the required consent conditions. The report should also make recommendations on any applicable penalties for a breach of the affordable housing requirements in a development consent.
3. That Council raise an appropriate motion at the upcoming NSW Local Government Conference in October 2019 at Warwick Farm.

**109/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan, Vaccari / Hall)

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2. The report should investigate options for the creation of a mandatory regime of continuous disclosure by owners on the rental status of affordable housing within an approved development, and the requirement on owners to provide an independent audit report to Council annually to certify compliance with the required consent conditions. The report should also make recommendations on any applicable penalties for a breach of the affordable housing requirements in a development consent.
3. That Council raise an appropriate motion at the upcoming NSW Local Government Conference in October 2019 at Warwick Farm.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**13.3 "It's in the Bag." Share the Dignity Christmas Campaign, 15 November - 1 December 2019 – Councillor Maryanne Duggan**

I MOVE:

1. Council support the Share the Dignity "It's in the bag" Christmas Campaign by becoming a collection point for the donation of handbags with items useful for women in need.



2. Council conduct appropriate marketing of the campaign.
3. Council host a (Strathfield Town Hall located) morning tea in early November to kick off the campaign and invite attendees to bring handbags filled with appropriate products to donate to the campaign.

**MOTION:** (Duggan / Kokkolis):

1. Council support the Share the Dignity "It's in the bag" Christmas Campaign by becoming an annual collection point for the donation of handbags with items useful for women in need.
2. Council conduct appropriate marketing of the campaign.
3. Council host a (Strathfield Town Hall located) morning tea in early November to kick off the campaign and invite attendees to bring handbags filled with appropriate products to donate to the campaign.

**110/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Kokkolis)

1. Council support the Share the Dignity "It's in the bag" Christmas Campaign by becoming an annual collection point for the donation of handbags with items useful for women in need.
2. Council conduct appropriate marketing of the campaign.
3. Council host a (Strathfield Town Hall located) morning tea in early November to kick off the campaign and invite attendees to bring handbags filled with appropriate products to donate to the campaign.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**13.5 Audit of High Density Housing on Former Strathfield Golf Club Site – Councillor Karen Pensabene**

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council request the NSW Independent Audit Office conduct an audit of the circumstances of the high density housing on the former Strathfield Golf Club site.

Councillor Pensabene withdrew the Motion.

**13.6 Improved Street Lighting Investigation for Homebush West – Councillor Matthew Blackmore**

I MOVE:

That an audit of street lighting in all residential streets in Homebush West be conducted and a report be prepared for the December 2019 Council Meeting. The audit and report to include:

- Possible improvements to safety
- Visibility issues
- Possible grants available
- Possibility of Council providing additional lighting if Ausgrid will not provide it

**MOTION:** (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

1. That an audit of street lighting in all residential streets in Homebush West be conducted and a report be prepared for the December 2019 Council Meeting. The audit and report to include:
  - Possible improvements to safety
  - Visibility issues
  - Possible grants available
  - Possibility of Council providing additional lighting if Ausgrid will not provide it
2. That the eastern end of the investigation area be Bates Street (Crescent end).

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**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

1. That an audit of street lighting in all residential streets in Homebush West be conducted and a report be prepared for the December 2019 Council Meeting. The audit and report to include:
  - Possible improvements to safety
  - Visibility issues
  - Possible grants available
  - Possibility of Council providing additional lighting if Ausgrid will not provide it
2. That the eastern end of the investigation area be Bates Street (Crescent end).

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

### 13.7 Use of Roundup Weed Killer – Councillor Nella Hall

I MOVE:

That due to reports that lawyers in Australia are considering a class action lawsuit over Roundup regarding health concerns linked to the active ingredient glyphosate used in Roundup that Council:

1. Review the use of Roundup by preparing a report for a Councillor Workshop in September 2019 on the following:
  - a) The use of non-toxic alternative brands of weed control products
  - b) That council prepare a list of places where Roundup is being used to notify residents
  - c) Report on any cost implications

**MOTION:** (Hall / Doueihi)

1. That due to reports that lawyers in Australia are considering a class action lawsuit over Roundup regarding health concerns linked to the active ingredient glyphosate used in Roundup that Council. Review the use of Roundup by preparing a report for a Councillor Workshop in September 2019 on the following:

- a) The use of non-toxic alternative brands of weed control products and any other action Council can take to reduce risk to Council staff and residents
- b) That council prepare a list of places where Roundup is being used to notify residents
- c) Report on any cost implications

2. That the Workshop be appraised of how roundup breaks up in the environment.

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**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Doueihi)

1. That due to reports that lawyers in Australia are considering a class action lawsuit over Roundup regarding health concerns linked to the active ingredient glyphosate used in Roundup that Council. Review the use of Roundup by preparing a report for a Councillor Workshop in September 2019 on the following:
  - a) The use of non-toxic alternative brands of weed control products and any other action Council can take to reduce risk to Council staff and residents
  - b) That council prepare a list of places where Roundup is being used to notify residents
  - c) Report on any cost implications.
2. That the Workshop be appraised of how roundup breaks up in the environment.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

### **13.8 Serviced Apartments – Councillor Nella Hall**

I MOVE:

That council brief all councillors in a workshop in September 2019 of the planning laws and implications of serviced apartments.

**MOTION:** (Hall / Kokkolis)

That council brief all councillors in a workshop in October 2019 of the planning laws and implications of serviced apartments.

**113/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Hall / Kokkolis)

That council brief all councillors in a workshop in October 2019 of the planning laws and implications of serviced apartments.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**14. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**CS1 Investment Report as at 30 June 2019**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the record of cash investments as at 30 June 2019 be received and noted.

**MOTION:** (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That the record of cash investments as at 30 June 2019 be received and noted.
2. That a 3 year comparative chart for 30 June 2017, 2018 and 2019 be prepared for the September 2019 Council Meeting and associated commenatry be provided by the Chief Financial Officer on trends and if there are any implications for the governing body.

**114/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That the record of cash investments as at 30 June 2019 be received and noted.
2. That a 3 year comparative chart for 30 June 2017, 2018 and 2019 be prepared for the September 2019 Council Meeting and associated commenatry be provided by the Chief Financial Officer on trends and if there are any implications for the governing body.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**CS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions**

**115/19**

**RESOLVED:** (Pensabene / Kokkolis)

That the report on the current status of Council Resolutions be received and noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

**15. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL REGULATION, 2005**

Nil.

**16. CLOSED SESSION**

Nil.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:55pm.**

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 3 September 2019.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

General Manager\_\_\_\_\_