

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 6 September 2022

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 6 September 2022, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Benjamin Cai
Councillor Raj Datta
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran
Councillor Sandy Reddy

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Tony Reed, Acting Director, Engineering and Operations
Melinda Aitkenhead, Acting Director, Corporate and Community
Kandace Lindeberg, Acting Director, Planning, Place and Development
Peter Bowmer, Acting Manager, Operations
Chris Nascimento, Manager, Corporate Services
Cathy Jones, Chief Strategy Officer
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**

4.1 **Restoration Work and Community Education at Mason Park Wetlands**

Ms Russell addressed the meeting to discuss Restoration Work and Community Education at Mason Park Wetlands.

5. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Nil.

6. PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

186/22

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Datta)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 2 August 2022, 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.

Voting on this item was unanimous

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

8.1 Mr Robin Hu, Strathfield Council Local Resident - Film Freeway Festival Award Winner – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

That Council acknowledge Mr Robin Hu, Strathfield Council local resident, for being selected as an Award Winner for his short film “A Salesman’s Call” at the Film Freeway Festival.

8.2 Ms Ablah Tohamy Kadous, Strathfield Council Local Resident - Australian of the Year Awards – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

That Council acknowledge Ms Ablah Tohamy Kadous, Strathfield Council local resident, for being selected as Senior Australian of the Year 2022 at the Australian of the Year Awards and that flowers be sent to Ms Ablah Tohamy Kadous to congratulate her on her achievement.

8.3 Nomination for Preselection of the NSW Labor Party Upper House Ticket – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

I would like to acknowledge Councillor Raj Datta nominating for Preselection for the NSW Labor Party Upper House Ticket for the 2023 NSW State Election for the Australian Labor Party. I have known Councillor Datta for over twenty years, and I wish him the best of luck in his Preselection. Councillor Datta has been a persistent voice for his community over several years.

8.4 R U OKAY? Day - 8 September 2022 – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

R U OK? is a harm prevention charity that encourages people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times in their lives.

Their work focuses on building the motivation, confidence and skills of the help-giver – the person who can have a meaningful conversation with someone who is struggling with life.

R U OK? contributes to suicide prevention efforts by encouraging people to invest more time in their personal relationships and building the capacity of informal support networks – friends, family and colleagues - to be alert to those around them, have a conversation if they identify signs of distress or difficulty and connect someone to appropriate support, long before they're in crisis.

Eight people take their lives every day in Australia - For every death by suicide it's estimated thirty people will attempt to take their life - 89% of people report knowing someone who has made a suicide attempt.

I encourage everyone to ask others 'R U OK?' and listen with an open mind on R U OK? Day or when you are seeing others struggling.

8.5 Multicultural Health Week - Department of Health - Early Detection Saves Lives – Councillor Karen Pensabene

On behalf of Strathfield Council, I want to acknowledge that this week is Multicultural Health Week. This is run by the Department of Health and the theme for this year is "Early Detection Saves Lives". I proudly represented Council at Parliament House for the opening of this most important week.

In our multicultural community there is a sense of shame, blame or stigma attached to a diagnosis of cancer, we need to start the conversations with our family members as we all know, cancer does not discriminate against age or race.

Early detection is a must. Cervical, bowel and breast screening is our only way of detecting cancer in its early stages. One in two people will be diagnosed in NSW in their lifetime. With early detection 70% now survive long term.

A website for all details on early screening is available in all languages on the multiculturalhealthweek.com website. Early detection is a must. Do it for yourself, your family and tell your community. I will encourage our Communications Department to display all details of these services in our e-news and newsletter.

8.6 HOTA Forum – The peak Body of Hindu Organisations in NSW – Councillor Raj Datta

HOTA Forum, the Peak Body of Hindu Organisations, recently had its annual forum to review the achievements and activities of the member organisations and HOTA Forum, over the last year. HOTA Forum and each of these organisations are doing an excellent job, promoting and supporting the needs of the believers of one of the fastest growing religions in Australia and promoting social integration and harmony.

I would like to acknowledge the significant achievements of the HOTA forum and all the member Hindu organisations for their activities and achievements over the last year.

8.7 Vishwa Hindu Parishad – Councillor Raj Datta

I wish to acknowledge the significant achievements of Vishwa Hindu Parishad – one of the largest organisations of the Hindu community in NSW and Australia. One of their initiatives has been teaching Sanskrit to children and citizens. The objective is to make sure everyone can read, understand and learn the Hindu scriptures and literature written in Sanskrit rather than reading from translations made by people with limited/non-comprehensive knowledge of the Sanskrit language. In a graduation recently they awarded certificates to 170 children for graduation. It reflects the dedications of not only the children but also of the teachers, volunteers and parents involved.

I would like to acknowledge the significant achievements of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, the volunteers, teachers and children and their hard work and significant achievements over the last year.

8.8 Hindu Council of Australia – Councillor Raj Datta

I wish to acknowledge the Hindu Council of Australia for organising celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi, a Hindu festival commemorating the birth of the Hindu god Lord Ganesha, the God of success, in our Council area. It is a significant event for the local community, particularly for the Hindu Community, the fastest growing religion in Strathfield LGA and Australia. I thank Mayor Blackmore, Councillor Reddy for attending this event hosted by the Hindu Council of Australia. I also congratulate Hindu Council of Australia for organising this important event in Strathfield.

I wish to acknowledge Sri Karphaga Vinayak Temple for organising celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi, in our Council area. It is a significant event for the local community, particularly for the Hindu Community, the fastest growing religion in Strathfield LGA and Australia. I thank, Federal Member for Reid, Sally Sitou, State Member for Strathfield Jason Li, Deputy Mayor Pensabene and Councillor Maheswaran for attending this event. I also congratulate Sri Karphaga Vinayak Temple for organising this important event in Strathfield.

8.9 Congratulations to Council for the Organisation of Spring Fair – Councillor Raj Datta

I wish to congratulate the Council and its officers for preparing a detailed plan and their hard work and efforts for organising this year's Spring Fair. Despite the inclement weather the efforts were great and I thank the council and officers involved for their efforts, determination and hard work.

8.10 United Indian Association – 75th Anniversary Independence Day Celebration – Councillor Raj Datta

I wish to congratulate the United Indian Association, a peak body of community organisations of the Australians from Indian Heritage, and its President Dr Vyas, for organising the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence Day, azadi ki Mahotsav. It was an important event and would contribute to the relationship building between Australia and India. Moving forward the bilateral relationship between India and Australia will become increasingly more important for peace and prosperity of all Australians. Events like this will contribute to building an increasingly stronger relationship between Australia and India.

8.11 NSW Train and Bus Drivers – Industrial Action – Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

That NSW train and bus drivers, more specifically the Rail, Tram and Bus Union (RTBU) and Transport Workers' Union (TWU) be acknowledged.

Strathfield residents would've been affected by industrial action taken over the last month this action has been taken because the NSW Government has demanded that the train and bus drivers that saw us this State through the Covid-19 crisis take a pay cut. More than that, the train and bus drivers are striking, despite an offer of an \$18,000 pay increase, due to tremendous safety concerns regarding foreign made trains and buses being operated across NSW.

Whilst Strathfield residents may have been inconvenienced in the last month, our residents should be assured that this action has been taken for their best interests.

9. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

Items by Exception - Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice

187/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice:

1. Council alters the Order of Business in accordance with Clause 8.1, and
2. The items listed below be dealt with by exception and that they be adopted as recommended by a single Motion:

10.1 Mayoral Minute 20/22 - Trees for Marie Bashir Public School

13.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 16 August 2022

13.2 Report from Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 August 2022

14.1 Pedestrian Crossing at Hampstead Road - Councillor Raj Datta

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- 14.6 Support for the draft Bill to establish a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank (CPSB) - Councillor Cai
 - 14.9 Sponsorship of Chalmers Road Public School Trivia Night - Councillor Karen Pensabene
 - GM1 Delivery Program Report - January to June 2022
 - GM2 Community Gardens Policy Public Exhibition
 - GM3 Draft Small Grants Policy Public Exhibition
 - GM4 Event Calendar FY22/23
 - GM5 Council Tenders Advertised and Awarded
 - CC1 Investment Report - July 2022
 - CC2 Councillor Workshop 16 August 2022
 - CC6 The Development of Guidelines and a Model Policy on The Lobbying of Councillors
 - PE3 Local School Traffic Safety Program
 - PE5 Arthur Street Bus Stop Shelter/Shade
 - PE6 Car Space Width Increase at Homebush West Car Park
 - EO1 Town Hall Renovations

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

10.1 Mayoral Minute 20/22 - Trees for Marie Bashir Public School

188/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council, as part of its environmental education program (Enviro Squad), partner with Marie Bashir Public School to increase shade and reduce the thermal mass footprint by way of installing three mature trees within the school's grounds.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

13.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 16 August 2022

189/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 16 August 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

13.2 Report from Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 August 2022

190/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the minutes of the Multicultural and Diversity Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17 August 2022 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

14.1 Pedestrian Crossing at Hampstead Road – Councillor Raj Datta

191/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAJ DATTA

Moved by: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the approved, by the August 2022 Traffic Committee Meeting, pedestrian crossing be built across Hampstead Road at the intersection with The Crescent, Homebush West. Further, that this work be programmed for construction during the September/October School Holidays (weather dependant).

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

14.6 Support for the draft Bill to establish a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank (CPSB) – Councillor Benjamin Cai

192/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BENJAMIN CAI

Moved by: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council write to the relevant Federal Ministers and all Federal Members of Parliament urging that they support the *Commonwealth Postal Saving Bank Bill 2021* for:

- (i) the betterment of every Strathfield and Australian citizen; and
- (ii) the betterment of Strathfield Council's and all Australian Councils' finances.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

14.9 Sponsorship of Chalmers Road Public School Trivia Night – Councillor Karen Pensabene

193/22

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KAREN PENSABENE

Moved by: (Blackmore / Hall)

That a report be provided on the waiving of hire fees for the Town Hall and Supper Room for the Chalmers Road Public School's Trivia Night to be held in November 2022.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GM1 Delivery Program Report - January to June 2022

194/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the Delivery Program Progress Report be noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GM2 Community Gardens Policy Public Exhibition

195/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the draft Community Gardens Policy be adopted and a Community Garden 50% membership rate for student and pension card holders be included in Council's Fees and Charges 2022-2023.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GM3 Draft Small Grants Policy Public Exhibition

196/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the Small Grants Policy be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GM4 Event Calendar FY22/23

197/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

Council endorse the Calendar of Events for the financial year 2022/2023.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GM5 Council Tenders Advertised and Awarded

198/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the monthly report of Council tenders advertised and awarded in August 2022 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CC1 Investment Report - July 2022

199/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 July 2022 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CC2 Councillor Workshop 16 August 2022

200/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CC6 The Development of Guidelines and a Model Policy on The Lobbying of Councillors

201/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of the OLG Circular 22-22 seeking the views of Councils on the development of guidelines and a model policy on the lobbying of Councillors.
2. Receive a briefing on this matter at the September Councillor Workshop prior to lodging a submission.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE3 Local School Traffic Safety Program

202/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council approve staff to organise a Road Safety Forum in Term 3 of the 2022 school year, inviting School Principals from all of the schools in the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA) to attend. The forum will be hosted by the Mayor with interested Councillor's in attendance.
2. That Council Note the Forum Meeting date has been set by the Mayor for the Thursday 22 September 2022, at 9:30AM, here at Council. Invitations will be sent out under the Mayors Signature to the 18 schools/institutions listed below in this report.
3. Further, That Council note our new Road Safety Officer commenced on the 22 August and has experience in facilitating School Forums like this.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE5 Arthur Street Bus Stop Shelter/Shade

203/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

The quotation from oOh! Media be accepted and a new bus shelter be installed on the north side of Arthur Street (West of Hornsey Road).

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE6 Car Space Width Increase at Homebush West Car Park

204/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council undertake the following changes to the Homebush West Car Park and Laneway:

1. That a final design layout for the car park with all proposed changes be brought to the next Traffic Committee meeting.
2. That consultation with businesses with access to the laneway be conducted to determine the most appropriate treatment of the laneway.
3. That Council refer to Item 6.1 of the August 2022 Strathfield local Traffic Committee for the detailed recommendation including the final number of parking spaces in the redesigned car park to be a minimum of 70 spaces.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO1 Town Hall Renovations

205/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That Council issue separate tenders as follows:
 - a. Total replacement of the slate roof and metal roofing, along with all capping guttering and downpipes.
 - b. Replacement of the Town Hall timber floor, painting of all interior areas, repairs to ceiling and cornice, render repairs, restoration of main foyer, renovation of the male/female and accessible toilets and replacement of carpet to Council Chambers.
 - c. Design and construction for landscaping and pavement reconstruction to the Homebush Road frontage and Redmyre Road frontage.
2. The outcome of the tenders be reported back to Council for acceptance and to approve the required budget.
3. That Council approve the allocation of the \$1M received by Council as part of the Local Government Recovery Grants Program, which is provided under the NSW Government *Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) – Category D* to fund this project.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

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

10.2 Mayoral Minute 21/22 - Abolishing the Connector Bus Service and Introduction of a Strathfield Bookable (On-Demand) Community Bus

206/22

RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

That Strathfield Council prepare a report on:

- Abolishing the Connector Bus Service and savings to Strathfield Council
- The possibility of having an on-demand style Community Bus and how this would operate and costs involved
- Costs of removing redundant Connector Bus signage around Strathfield Local Government Area and on the buses
- Expected income from the sale of unnecessary buses and how these funds would be allocated back to our community
- Expected income from the hiring of space at the Dutton Centre which is currently occupied by the

Connector Bus Service

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai, Datta and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Hall and Maheswaran

10.3 Mayoral Minute 22/22 - Tree Permit Application Fees

MOVED:

To ensure Council implement the changes to the Tree Removal Application without delay I move that in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges that the following fees for tree pruning and removal be placed on exhibition for 28 days (twenty eight) and then report back to Council for adoption.

Proposed fees for tree pruning and applications (inclusive of GST):

Tree Permit Application Fee for 1-5 trees	\$123
Tree Permit Application Fee for 6-10 trees	\$180
Tree Permit Application Fee for 11-20 trees	\$236
Tree Permit Application Fee for more than 20 trees	\$350
Request for Review of Tree Permit Application Determination – Private Tree	\$569

MOTION: (Blackmore)

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Request for Review of Tree Permit Application Determination – Private Tree	\$569

2. That the rationale for the fee structure be presented with the report after the exhibition period.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore)

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Request for Review of Tree Permit Application Determination – Private Tree	\$569

2. That the rationale for the fee structure be presented with the report after the exhibition period.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Items dealt with by exception.

14. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

14.2 Flemington Station to Sydney Markets Walkway Cover – Councillor Nella Hall

MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

That a report be prepared on the ownership of the parcel of land for a construction of a walkway from Flemington Station to the Sydney Markets. That the report be prepared for a future Workshop.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

That a report be prepared on the ownership of the parcel of land for a construction of a walkway from Flemington Station to the Sydney Markets. That the report be prepared for a future Workshop.

For the Motion: Councillors Datta, Hall, Reddy and Cai

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene and Maheswaran

14.3 Street Bin Installation at the Junction of Liverpool Road and Cosgrove Road – Councillor Nella Hall

MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

That Council install a street bin at the bus stop near the corner of Liverpool Road and Cosgrove Road due to the excessive amount of rubbish being left behind by persons using the bus stop.

For the Motion: Councillors Datta, Hall and Maheswaran

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai and Reddy

The Motion was put and **Lost**.

14.4 Ismay Reserve Dog Park – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

1. That Council review the Ismay Reserve Dog Park with a view to remediate the park and restore the grounds.
2. That Council report the review to a Councillors Workshop in September 2022.

MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

1. That Council review the Ismay Reserve Dog Park with a view to remediate the park and restore the grounds including budget implications.
2. That Council report the feasibility of the review to a Councillors Workshop in September 2022.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

1. That Council review the Ismay Reserve Dog Park with a view to remediate the park and restore the grounds including budget implications.
2. That Council report the feasibility of the review to a Councillors Workshop in September 2022.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

14.5 Citizenship Ceremonies, Councillor Workshops and Council Committees to be held Out of Office Hours – Councillor Raj Datta

MOVED:

That all Citizenship Ceremonies, Councillor Workshops and Council Committee Meetings are planned for and held after hours (5pm or later) on weekdays or any suitable time on weekends.

Councillor Maheswaran left the meeting, the time being 7:36pm.

Councillor Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7:37pm.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

That all Citizenship Ceremonies, Councillor Workshops and Council Committee Meetings are planned for and held after hours (5pm or later) on weekdays or any suitable time on weekends.

Councillor Datta withdrew his Motion.

14.7 Save Arnott Holme – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED:

1. That Council write to NSW Premier, NSW Minister for Education and NSW Minister for Planning and demand responses on the following matters:
 - Provision of reports concerning this site particularly those relating to assessment of future use, consultations, decisions and valuations for disposal of this site.
 - What processes or consultations have occurred with community and local government? If none, why?
 - Whether NSW Government would consider transfer of ownership or management of the site to Strathfield Council for use as a community facility?
 - What additional open space and community infrastructure does the NSW Government intend to provide in the Strathfield LGA over the next ten years to meet increasing population targets imposed by the NSW Government on the Strathfield LGA?
2. That Council request representation by the Member for Strathfield, Jason Sen Li MP to the NSW Government on the above matters.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That Council write to the NSW Premier, NSW Minister for Education and NSW Minister for Planning and demand response on the following matters:
 - Provision of reports concerning this site particularly those relating to assessment of future use,

consultations, decisions, and valuations for disposal of this site.

- What processes or consultations have occurred with the community and local government? If none, why?
- Whether the NSW Government would consider transferring ownership or management of the site to Strathfield Council for use as a community facility?
- What additional open space and community infrastructure does the NSW Government intend to provide in the Strathfield LGA over the next ten years to meet increasing population targets imposed by the NSW government on the Strathfield LGA.

2. That Council request representation by the Member for Strathfield Jason Yat Sen Li MP to the NSW Government on the above matters.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That Council write to the NSW Premier, NSW Minister for Education and NSW Minister for Planning and demand response on the following matters:
 - Provision of reports concerning this site particularly those relating to assessment of future use, consultations, decisions, and valuations for disposal of this site.
 - What processes or consultations have occurred with the community and local government? If none, why?
 - Whether the NSW Government would consider transferring ownership or management of the site to Strathfield Council for use as a community facility?
 - What additional open space and community infrastructure does the NSW Government intend to provide in the Strathfield LGA over the next ten years to meet increasing population targets imposed by the NSW government on the Strathfield LGA.
2. That Council request representation by the Member for Strathfield Jason Yat Sen Li MP to the NSW Government on the above matters.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

14.8 Partnership with Saint Paul's Anglican Church and Saint Merkorious Churches – Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED:

That a report be provided to a Councillor Workshop on:

1. How Council could provide ongoing financial assistance to through a reoccurring grant each year to the value of \$10,000 to Saint Paul's Anglican Church and Saint Merkorios Church;
2. Providing ongoing support programs including, but not limited, providing food donation bins at various Council facilities; and
3. How Council could assist Saint Paul's Anglican Church and Saint Merkorious Church to attract

assistance from other organisations including other Councils and the business community.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

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3. How Council could assist Saint Paul's Anglican Church and Saint Merkorios Church to attract assistance from other organisations including other Councils and the business community.
4. That the organisations' provide Council with their current financial reports/records prior to further discussion in relation to the reoccurring grant.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Datta / Pensabene)

That a report be provided to a Councillor Workshop on:

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3. How Council could assist Saint Paul's Anglican Church and Saint Merkorios Church to attract assistance from other organisations including other Councils and the business community.
4. That the organisations' provide Council with their current financial reports/records prior to further discussion in relation to the reoccurring grant.
5. That activities over the past three years for each organisation be provided in the report.

The Motion was put.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

That a report be provided to a Councillor Workshop on:

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For the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Hall and Maheswaran

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai, Datta and Reddy

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

The Foreshadowed Motion was put.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Datta / Pensabene)

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5. That activities over the past three years for each organisation be provided in the report.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Pensabene)

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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

14.10 Shade Covers Over Playgrounds – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

1. Council prepares a report of an audit of playgrounds in South Strathfield, Greenacre, Homebush, and Homebush West which are in need of shade covers.
2. The report include a costing for each playground and the appropriate budgetary considerations.

MOTION: (Hall / Pensabene)

That:

1. Council prepares a report in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Study of playgrounds in South Strathfield, Greenacre, Homebush, and Homebush West which are in need of shade covers.
2. The report include a costing for each playground and the appropriate budgetary considerations.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

1. Council prepares a report in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Study of playgrounds in South Strathfield, Greenacre, Homebush, and Homebush West which are in need of shade covers.
2. The report include a costing for each playground and the appropriate budgetary considerations.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

14.11 Strathfield Park Parking – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

That Council prepare a feasibility study including budgetary considerations for potential extra parking at Strathfield Park, Homebush Roadside using mountable kerb angle parking.

Councillor Hall declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest during discussion of this item. Councillor Hall is a local resident of Strathfield Park.

Councillor Pensabene left the meeting, the time being 8:34pm.

Councillor Pensabene returned to the meeting, the time being 8:36pm.

MOTION: (Hall / Datta)

That Council prepare a feasibility study including budgetary considerations for potential extra parking at Strathfield Park, Homebush Road using mountable kerb angle parking.

Councillor Hall withdrew her Motion.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

GM6 Sister City Gapyeong Visit

RECOMMENDATION

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1. That Council notes the report concerning the Sister City relationship with Gapyeong County, South Korea.
 2. That Council reaffirm its commitment to a Sister City relationship with Gapyeong County.
 3. That Council allocate funding of \$15,000 for Sister City activities in the 2022-2023 Budget at the next budget review.
 4. That Council approves in principle the proposed Sister City visit to Gapyeong County and payment of expenses for the Mayor, a Councillor, and the General Manager (or delegate) including airfares, travel insurance, accommodation, and incidental expenses.
 5. That Council amend clause 2.2.6 of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy as per report.
 6. That the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be reviewed and a report presented to Council.
 7. That a subsequent report be submitted to Council outlining the benefits and learnings from the Gapyeong visit.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

1. That Council notes the report concerning the Sister City relationship with Gapyeong County, South Korea.
2. That Council reaffirm its commitment to a Sister City relationship with Gapyeong County.
3. That Council allocate funding of \$15,000 for Sister City activities in the 2022-2023 Budget at the next budget review.
4. That Council approves in principle the proposed Sister City visit to Gapyeong County and payment of expenses for the Mayor, Councillor Cai, and the General Manager or delegate including airfares, travel insurance, accommodation, and incidental expenses.
5. That Council amend clause 2.2.6 of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy as per report.
6. That the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be reviewed and a report presented to Council.
7. That a subsequent report be submitted to Council outlining the benefits and learnings from the Gapyeong visit.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

1. That Council notes the report concerning the Sister City relationship with Gapyeong County, South

Korea.

2. That Council reaffirm its commitment to a Sister City relationship with Gapyeong County.
3. That Council allocate funding of \$15,000 for Sister City activities in the 2022-2023 Budget at the next budget review.
4. That Council approves in principle the proposed Sister City visit to Gapyeong County and payment of expenses for the Mayor, Councillor Cai, and the General Manager or delegate including airfares, travel insurance, accommodation, and incidental expenses.
5. That Council amend clause 2.2.6 of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy as per report.
6. That the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy be reviewed and a report presented to Council.
7. That a subsequent report be submitted to Council outlining the benefits and learnings from the Gapyeong visit.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillor Pensabene

CC3 Current Status of Council Resolutions

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

That the report on the current status of Council resolutions be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

CC4 The Libraries and Museum Foundation Trust

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That although Council has no jurisdiction over this Trust, Council note that the preferred distribution of funds would be that all funds from the Trust be paid to Strathfield Library Innovation Hub or Strathfield Historical Society.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That although Council has no jurisdiction over this Trust, Council note that the preferred distribution of funds would be that all funds from the Trust be paid to Strathfield Library Innovation Hub or Strathfield Historical Society.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

CC5 Distribution Timing - Councillor Workshop and Council Meeting Business Papers

RECOMMENDATION

Council is requested to determine if it wants to:

- a. Leave the current Business Paper timeframes as is;

Or

- b. Amend Clause 3.9 - giving notice of business to be considered at Council meetings; to require Notices of Motions to be submitted to the General Manager (or their nominee) **by no later than 5pm 12 days prior to the meeting** and that this amendment be publicly exhibited for a period of no less than 28 days and that a report on the outcome of the exhibition be reported back to Council.

MOTION: (Reddy / Pensabene)

That the current Business Paper timeframes remain as is.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Cai / Datta)

That the Code of Meeting Practice be amended - Clause 3.9 - giving notice of business to be considered at Council meetings; to require Notices of Motions to be submitted to the General Manager (or their nominee) **by no later than 5pm 12 days prior to the meeting** and that this amendment be publicly exhibited for a period of no less than 28 days and that a report on the outcome of the exhibition be reported back to Council.

The Motion was put.

MOTION: (Reddy / Pensabene)

That the current Business Paper timeframes remain as is.

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RESOLVED: (Reddy / Pensabene)

That the current Business Paper timeframes remain as is.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Cai and Datta

PE1 Marlborough Road Pedestrian Crossing

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RESOLVED: (Reddy / Maheswaran)

1. That Council endorse the Concept Design for a Pedestrian Refuge on Marlborough Road as per Option 1 in the report.
2. As Marlborough Road is a State Road and TfNSW have advised that currently there is no available funding to construct this facility, that Council supports the nomination of this project by TfNSW for funding under our Active Transport Program when submissions open later this year.
3. Further that Council continue to lobby the Federal Member for Reid requesting funding support for this project.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

PE2 Traffic Committee Composition Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council be reminded that the Local Traffic Advisory Committee is a technical committee of Council set up to provide advice to the Council on the technical merits of a proposal. Should Council wish to debate the merits of a proposal then this should be undertaken in the Council Meeting Forum.
2. That the formal composition of the Strathfield Local Traffic Advisory Committee remain as is i.e. with 4 voting members, along with the inclusion of additional informal (non-voting members), as required, subject to the items up for discussion. See list of informal (non-voting Members) below:
 - Road Safety Officer
 - Ministry of Transport Representative
 - Fire Brigade

- Ambulance Services
- Bus Operators
- TWU Representatives
- Chamber Of Commerce Representatives

Generally, informal advisors are not required to attend every Local Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting. Their attendance is only required when items appear on the Agenda that affect their area of expertise. Informal advisors are not entitled to a vote.

Interested Councillors can attend in person, as observers only in the Traffic Committee Meeting Process.

MOTION: (Hall / Pensabene)

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2. That the formal composition of the Strathfield Local Traffic Advisory Committee remain as is i.e. with 4 voting members, along with the inclusion of additional informal (non-voting members), as required, subject to the items up for discussion. See list of informal (non-voting Members) below:
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Interested Councillors can attend in person, as observers only in the Traffic Committee Meeting Process.

3. That we look at the process of Councillors attending by audio visual link.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Datta and Hall

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Maheswaran and Reddy

PE4 Employment Zones Reform

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RESOLVED: (Maheswaran / Pensabene)

That Council receive and note the following report and review of submissions made during the public exhibition of the Employment Zones Reform and the translation of zones, carried out by the Department of Planning & Environment.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

PE7 Homebush West Shopfront

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Maheswaran)

1. That Council receive and note this report and attachments relating to previous initiatives of providing financial assistance to businesses at Homebush West to improve the aesthetics of their shopfront.
2. That Council endorses funding to be included at the next budget review for shopfront revitalisation within the Strathfield Commercial Centre Masterplan.
3. That the alternative programs for Homebush West streetscape beautification be developed by Council's Communications and Economic Development units.
4. That Council Liaise with Rotary Club of Strathfield and Flemington Chamber of Commerce to discover if a partnership can be formed to address issues in the Homebush West shopping centre and update Council on any correspondence received from Rotary Club of Strathfield.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

EO2 Community Garden In Strathfield South

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- Council undertake community consultation for support of a Community Garden and a report be provided back to Council on the outcome of the consultation.
- Should Council receive sufficient community support for the Community Garden, that a funding allocation of \$60K be considered as part of preparing the draft 2023-24 budget.

MOTION: (Hall / Reddy)

That:

- Council undertake community consultation for support of a Community Garden and a report be provided back to Council on the outcome of the consultation.

- Should Council receive sufficient community support for the Community Garden, that a funding allocation of \$60K be considered as part of preparing the draft 2023-24 budget.
- This be considered in conjunction with a future Parks and Recreation Study.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Reddy)

That:

- Council undertake community consultation for support of a Community Garden and a report be provided back to Council on the outcome of the consultation.
- Should Council receive sufficient community support for the Community Garden, that a funding allocation of \$60K be considered as part of preparing the draft 2023-24 budget.
- This be considered in conjunction with a future Parks and Recreation Study.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

17. CLOSED SESSION

Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:20pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 4 October 2022.

Chairman _____

General Manager _____