

MINUTES

Council Meeting
4 February 2020

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 4 February 2020, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:31pm

PRESENT: Mayor Antoine Doueih
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
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 and Civic Services
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment and Urban Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director – Corporate and Financial Services
Jenny Nascimento, Executive Manager, Financial Service and Chief Financial 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**

Dr Damian Maher addressed the meeting to discuss the Strathfield Connector service.

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

Councillor Vaccari declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant interest in *Rescission Motion: Item No. 13.1 – Council Support for the Australian Drought Appeal* submitting the following reason:

“I am a member of Strathfield Rotary. I will remain in the room.”

Councillor Hall declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant interest in *Rescission Motion: Item No. 13.1 – Council Support for the Australian Drought Appeal* submitting the following reason:

“Member of Rotary and former Board Member of Bendigo. I will vacate the chamber.”

Councillor Blackmore declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant interest in *Notice of Motion: Item No. 13.11 – Strathfield LGA Developments (Strathfield Town Centre)* submitting the following reason:

“A member of Strathfield Independents may or may not be a director which may or may not have an interest in the Strathfield Town Centre. I will remain in the room.”

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 3 December 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 Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign such minutes.

Voting on this item was unanimous

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Passing of Mr Andrew Ho

2/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Vaccari)

That Council acknowledge the passing of Mr Andrew Ho.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.2 Passing of Mr Phillip Joseph O'Neill

3/20

RESOLVED: (Doueihi)

That Council acknowledge the passing of Mr Phillip Joseph O'Neill.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.3 Bushfire Crisis Response

4/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Council's CEO, Mr Henry Wong, senior officers and Council staff be thanked on their very rapid response to the bushfire crisis over the summer.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.4 Strathfield Artist Ms Erika Cholich

5/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Doueihi)

That Council acknowledge Strathfield Artist Ms Erika Cholich for her excellent work and achievements.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.5 Passing of Four Sydney Children in Dangerous Driving Incident

6/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Vaccari)

That Council send a floral tribute to the Abdellah and Sakr family on behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and staff.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.6 Australia Day 2020 Honours List - Professor Peter Joseph McCluskey Awarded the AO Officer of the Order of Australia

7/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

That Council acknowledge and congratulate Professor Peter Joseph McCluskey on his award at the Australia Day 2020 Honours List of AO Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to ophthalmology, to medical education, to eye health organisations, and to the community.

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

7.7 Australia Day 2020 Honours List - Mrs Catherine Anne Milgate Awarded OAM Medal of the Order of Australia

8/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

1. That Council acknowledge and congratulate Mrs Catherine Anne Milgate on her award at the Australia Day 2020 Honours List of OAM Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community through a range of roles.

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

7.8 Australia Day 2020 Honours List - Professor Marea Nicholson Awarded AM Member of the Order of Australia

9/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

1. That Council acknowledge and congratulate Professor Marea Nicholson on her award at the Australia Day 2020 Honours List of AM Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to education, and to professional standards.

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

Suspension of Standing Orders

10/20

RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Blackmore)

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

CS1 Investments Report as at 30 November and 31 December 2019

CS2 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 December 2019

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

CS1 Investments Report as at 30 November and 31 December 2019

11/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 November 2019 and 31 December 2019 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 December 2019

12/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the Budget Review Statement as at 31 December 2019 be received and adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Resumption of Standing Orders

13/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Blackmore)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

8.1 Mayoral Minute No 1/20 Strathfield Council Stands as one Bushfire Afflicted Communities

MOVED:

1. That Council writes to the Premier, the Minister for Emergency Services, and the Rural Fire Service (RFS) Commissioner to thank them for their leadership throughout the bushfire crisis, and through the RFS Commissioner, thank all his selfless volunteers for their acts of bravery and sacrifice in their determined combat of the fires.

2. That Council writes to all bushfire affected councils to offer them our sympathy and support and good wishes as they seek to recover and rebuild following the devastations.

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RESOLVED: (Doueihi)

1. That Council writes to the Premier, the Minister for Emergency Services, The Leader of the Opposition and the Rural Fire Service (RFS) Commissioner to thank them for their leadership throughout the bushfire crisis, and through the RFS Commissioner, thank all his selfless volunteers for their acts of bravery and sacrifice in their determined combat of the fires.
2. That Council writes to all bushfire affected councils to offer them our sympathy and support and good wishes as they seek to recover and rebuild following the devastations.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8.2 Mayoral Minute No 2/20 Food Delivery Drivers Inspection Regime

MOVED:

That due to the health risks associated with the Food Delivery Industry that the following motion be submitted to the National Australian LG Association Conference:

“That the NSW Food Act be amended to include an Inspection and Licencing Regime for all Food Delivery Drivers to ensure that all food delivered is fit for human consumption”.

15/20

RESOLVED: (Doueihi)

That due to the health risks associated with the Food Delivery Industry that the following motion be submitted to the National Australian LG Association Conference:

“That the NSW Food Act be amended to include an Inspection and Licencing Regime for all Food Delivery Drivers to ensure that all food delivered is fit for human consumption”.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8.3 Mayoral Minute No. 3/20 State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) (Educational Establishment and Child Care Facilities) 2017

MOVED:

That due to the number of Development Applications for Child Care Facilities submitted in the Strathfield Local Government Area and the concerns raised by the Local Community, that a review of the SEPP 2017 be prepared and presented to a Councillor Workshop in February for discussion.

16/20

RESOLVED: (Doueihi)

That Council Officers prepare a review of the SEPP 2017 and that this review be presented to a Councillor Workshop and with consideration to be sent to the Minister in February 2020.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

9. REFERRED EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS

9.1 NSW Bushfire Emergency - Strathfield Council Response - Councillors Gulian Vaccari and Stephanie Kokkolis

The Notice of Motion was **withdrawn** by Councillor Vaccari.

9.2 Call for Extraordinary Council Meeting to consider Strathfield Council's Response to the NSW Bushfire Emergency - Councillors Gulian Vaccari and Stephanie Kokkolis

MOTION: (Vaccari / Pensabene)

1. That Strathfield Council make an immediate donation of \$10,000 to the Rural Fire Service.
2. That Council establish collection points at all our customer service points for residents who also wish to make donations.
3. The Council advertise the initiative in all appropriate media including the front page of Council's website.
4. That Council make further practical contributions, as appropriate, to lessen the burden on fellow NSW residents who have been affected by the bushfires, through its Resilient Sydney partnership with other Sydney councils.

AMENDMENT: (Hall / Duggan)

That the following be discussed at a future Councillor Workshop:

- a) A cash donation to the Rural Fire Service.
- b) The establishment of collection points at all our customer service points for residents who also wish to make donations.
- c) The advertisement of the initiative in all appropriate media including the front page of Council's website.
- d) Further practical contributions that Council could make, as appropriate, to lessen the burden on fellow NSW residents who have been affected by the bushfires, through its Resilient Sydney Partnership with other Sydney councils.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The **Amendment** became the **Motion**.

MOTION: (Hall / Duggan)

That the following be discussed at a future Councillor Workshop:

- a) A cash donation to the Rural Fire Service.
- b) The establishment of collection points at all our customer service points for residents who also wish to make donations.
- c) The advertisement of the initiative in all appropriate media including the front page of Council's website.
- d) Further practical contributions that Council could make, as appropriate, to lessen the burden on fellow NSW residents who have been affected by the bushfires, through its Resilient Sydney Partnership with other Sydney councils.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That the following be discussed at a future Councillor Workshop:

- a) A cash donation to the Rural Fire Service.
- b) The establishment of collection points at all our customer service points for residents who also wish to make donations.
- c) The advertisement of the initiative in all appropriate media including the front page of Council's website.
- d) Further practical contributions that Council could make, as appropriate, to lessen the burden on fellow NSW residents who have been affected by the bushfires, through its Resilient Sydney Partnership with other Sydney councils.

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

Against the Motion: 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 17 December 2019

18/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Pensabene)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 17 December 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Report from Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting meeting on 27 November 2019.

19/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Vaccari)

That the Minutes of the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 November 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.3 Report from Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting on 11 December 2019

20/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 11 December 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

13.1 Rescission Motion: Item No. 13.2 – Council Support for the Australian Drought Appeal – Councillors Pensabene, Maryanne Duggan and Antoine Doueihi

MOVED:

That 'Item 13.2 Council Support for the Australian Drought Appeal Council (Minute No. 172/19)' of the Ordinary Council Meeting 3 December 2019 be **rescinded**.

21/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan / Doueihi)

That 'Item 13.2 Council Support for the Australian Drought Appeal Council (Minute No. 172/19), below, of the Ordinary Council Meeting 3 December 2019 be **rescinded**.

22/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That in view of the recent and ongoing disastrous drought across a number of states, including NSW, that Council:

- 1. Make a \$5,000 donation to the recently launched Bendigo and Adelaide Bank/Rotary Clubs of Australia Drought Appeal.*
- 2. Provide an opportunity for our community to also contribute by supporting the work which Strathfield Rotary will do in fundraising for this initiative at the upcoming Christmas Carols at Bressington Park.*
- 3. Establish collection points at various customer interaction points (up until Christmas Eve).*
- 4. Advertise this initiative on all of Council's electronic platforms, encouraging residents and ratepayers to also contribute, and noting that contributions can also be made at the Homebush and Strathfield Branches of the Bendigo Community Bank. That residents be made aware that donations above \$2 are tax deductible.*

For the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The **Rescission Motion** when Put, with voting being equal, the Mayor exercised his casting vote in Favour of the Motion and declared it **Carried**.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:53pm.

13.2 Christmas Carols - Councillors Gulian Vaccari, Stephanie Kokkolis and Matthew Blackmore

MOVED: (Vaccari, Kokkolis and Blackmore)

1. That commencing with the 2020 event, the Strathfield Council Christmas Carols be returned to Strathfield Park.

2. That in view of the restrictions on fireworks at the park, and generally to assist the environment, a report be provided to an upcoming Councillor Workshop on the feasibility of substituting a laser show in place of the fireworks.
3. That Council liaise with nearby Councils to ensure that our event does not conflict with events others may be holding on the same evening.

23/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari, Kokkolis, Blackmore / Duggan)

1. That commencing with the 2020 event, the Strathfield Council Christmas Carols be returned to Strathfield Park.
2. That in view of the restrictions on fireworks at the park, and generally to assist the environment, a report be provided to an upcoming councillor workshop on the feasibility of substituting a laser show in place of the fireworks.
3. That Council liaise with nearby councils to ensure that our event does not conflict with events others may be holding on the same evening.
4. That Council look at options for re-establishing motor vehicles access to the open space along the northern boundary of the park.

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

Against the Motion: Pensabene and Duggan

The Mayor declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:58pm.

13.3 ICAC Operation Eclipse - Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED: (Blackmore)

1. That Council write to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) commending them in relation to the correspondence sent to Government Ministers regarding the Operation Eclipse Investigation into the regulation of lobbying, access and influence.
2. That Council's letter make a recommendation that the investigation be extended to include all New South Wales Members of Parliament and all New South Wales local councillors.

24/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

1. That Council write to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) commending them in relation to the correspondence sent to Government Ministers regarding the Operation Eclipse Investigation into the regulation of lobbying, access and influence.

2. That Council's letter make a recommendation that the investigation be extended to include all New South Wales Members of Parliament and all New South Wales local councillors.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Doueihi

13.4 Resident Information Communication Protocol and Improvements - Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED: (Blackmore)

1. That all communication sent to residents in relation to Council events and important community announcements from now onwards will be sent from The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and All Councillors.
2. That a report be prepared for the March 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the cost of producing a hardcopy and emailed End of Financial Year Update annually to be sent to residents from the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and all Councillors.
3. That a snapshot is given to our residents on our financial position, projects and capital works that have been completed in the financial year, advising them of projects and events scheduled for the following financial year and information on how to subscribe to Councils paper copy of the Council newsletter.

25/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Duggan)

1. That all communication sent to residents in relation to Council events and important community announcements from now onwards will be sent from The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and All Councillors.
2. That a report be prepared for the March 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the cost of producing a hardcopy and emailed End of Financial Year Update annually to be sent to residents from the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and all Councillors.
3. That a snapshot is given to our residents on our financial position, projects and capital works that have been completed in the financial year, advising them of projects and events scheduled for the following financial year and information on how to subscribe to Councils paper copy of the Council newsletter.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.5 Salvation Army - Annual Red Shield Appeal - Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED: (Blackmore)

That Council be provided with a report on permanently annualising its financial and in kind support for the Salvation Army Annual Red Shield Appeal by:

- a) Continuing the practice of waiving all Bonds and Charges involved in the use of the Town Hall and Supper Room on the Sunday of the Annual Red Shield Door Knock.
- b) Strathfield Council continue the practice to provide a Strathfield Council Bus with a Driver on the Sunday of the Annual Red Shield Appeal Door Knock.
- c) Strathfield Council continue the practice (adjusting for CPI each year) to fund the cost of the a sausage sizzle/bbq and provide appropriate Council staff to assist in the holding of the sausage sizzle in Strathfield Square to raise funds and awareness of the Annual Red Shield Appeal Door Knock on the following weekend.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That Council be provided with a report on permanently annualising its financial and in kind support for the Salvation Army Annual Red Shield Appeal by:

- a) Continuing the practice of waiving all Bonds and Charges involved in the use of the Town Hall and Supper Room on the Sunday of the Annual Red Shield Door Knock.
- b) Strathfield Council continue the practice to provide a Strathfield Council Bus with a Driver on the Sunday of the Annual Red Shield Appeal Door Knock.
- c) Strathfield Council continue the practice (adjusting for CPI each year) to fund the cost of the sausage sizzle/bbq and provide appropriate Council staff to assist in the holding of the sausage sizzle in Strathfield Square to raise funds and awareness of the Annual Red Shield Appeal Door Knock on the following weekend.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.6 Strathfield Annual Events - Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED: (Blackmore)

That a report be presented to the April 2020 Councillor Workshop on a draft plan for the Australia Day Event in 2021 should include:

- a) A Citizenship Ceremony in the Town Hall
- b) An Australian Day Celebration at Strathfield Park which will include childrens activities taking into account the hot weather and food vendors

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That a report be presented to the April 2020 Councillor Workshop on a draft plan for the Australia Day Event in 2021 including:

- a) A Citizenship Ceremony in the Town Hall
- b) An Australian Day Celebration at Strathfield Park which will include childrens activities taking into account the hot weather and food vendors

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.7 Homebush West Parking Matters - Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

1. That a report be prepared for the next Councillor Workshop in February 2020 in relation to the proposed changes to parking in the Homebush West Council Carpark. That Council put a minimum two-hour parking limit all day instead of the proposed one-hour parking.
2. That a report be prepared for the March 2020 Traffic Committee in relation to the possibility of putting a loading zone for one vehicle only on the western side of The Crescent between Henley Road and Hampstead Road, Homebush West.
3. That Council consult with business owners and the Flemington Chamber of Commerce in relation to options available to business owners in the Homebush West shopping precinct regarding the lack of parking available to them and their staff.

28/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That a report be prepared for the next Councillor Workshop in February 2020 in relation to the proposed changes to parking in the Homebush West Council Carpark. That Council put a minimum two-hour parking limit all day instead of the proposed one-hour parking.
2. That a report be prepared for the March 2020 Traffic Committee in relation to the possibility of putting a loading zone for one vehicle only on the western side of The Crescent between Henley Road and Hampstead Road, Homebush West.
3. That Council consult with business owners and the Flemington Chamber of Commerce in relation to options available to business owners in the Homebush West shopping precinct regarding the lack of parking available to them and their staff.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Mr Datta addressed the meeting.

13.8 Bushfire Crisis - Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED: (Pensabene)

That Strathfield Council discuss at an April 2020 Councillor Workshop the following points and be voted on at the June 2020 Council Meeting:

1. Actions Council is currently undertaking in regard to the bushfires and what is planned for immediate and future action.
2. Adopting a country town, in a Sister City style arrangement for a period of no less than 5 years for example June 2020 to June 2025. This town will be selected by Council based on a short list of nominations from residents in the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA). To be eligible this town will have been significantly impacted by the bushfires or drought crisis or, have had a flow-on economic downturn because of the bushfires or drought. This town will be the recipient of Strathfield LGA's ongoing support – fiscal, volunteering and community touch points e.g. Council to Council, Church to Church, Seniors to Seniors, Craft Group to Craft Group, Schools to Schools, Sports Clubs to Sports Clubs, etc. to aid in their town's long-term rebuilding. Support could include financial support, Council staff and Councillor visits, volunteering initiatives or community group, Church or school visits etc.;
3. Council plan annual fundraising events from 2020 to 2025 for our nominated country town, such as Community Street Fairs, possibly at a local level e.g. Homebush, Homebush West, Strathfield, Strathfield South, Belfield and Greenacre;
4. A Plan on how Council will seek input from, and work together with our nominated country town at all possible touch points (see point 2 above) in supporting them in their financial, physical rebuilding, community building and emotional supports over the next 5 years.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Strathfield Council discuss at an April 2020 Councillor Workshop the following points and be voted on at the June 2020 Council Meeting:

1. Actions Council is currently undertaking in regard to the bushfires and what is planned for immediate and future action.
2. Adopting a country town, in a Sister City style arrangement for a period of no less than 5 years for example June 2020 to June 2025. This town will be selected by Council based on a short list of nominations from residents in the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA). To be eligible this town will have been significantly impacted by the bushfires or drought crisis or, have had a flow-on economic downturn because of the bushfires or drought. This town will be the recipient of Strathfield LGA's ongoing support – fiscal, volunteering and community touch points e.g. Council to Council, Church to Church, Seniors to Seniors, Craft Group to Craft Group, Schools to Schools, Sports Clubs to Sports Clubs, etc. to aid in their town's long-term rebuilding. Support could include financial support, Council staff and Councillor visits, volunteering initiatives or community group, Church or school visits etc.;
3. Council plan annual fundraising events from 2020 to 2025 for our nominated country town, such as Community Street Fairs, possibly at a local level e.g. Homebush, Homebush West, Strathfield, Strathfield South, Belfield and Greenacre;

4. A Plan on how Council will seek input from, and work together with our nominated country town at all possible touch points (see point 2 above) in supporting them in their financial, physical rebuilding, community building and emotional supports over the next 5 years.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.9 Water Cycle Management and Energy Efficiency/Solar Power Initiatives - Councillor Karen Pensabene

MOVED: (Pensabene)

That a report be prepared for Council's April 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting on the water cycle management and energy efficiency/solar power initiatives in place across Council's parks, reserves, council buildings and community facilities including how Council currently addresses such matters and plans to into the future as part of an overall strategy.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That a report be prepared for Council's April 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting on the water cycle management and energy efficiency/solar power initiatives in place across Council's parks, reserves, council buildings and community facilities including how Council currently addresses such matters and plans to into the future as part of an overall strategy.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.10 Investment Policy - Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOVED: (Duggan)

That Council provide a report to the March 2020 Council meeting on whether Council's Investment Policy could be amended to incorporate a deliberate preference for investment with financial institutions which do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry. Subject to;

- a) The investment being compliant with Council's Investment Policy with regards to risk diversification and credit rating, and
- b) The investment rate of return is favourable to Council relative to other similar investments.

MOTION: (Duggan / Vaccari)

That Council provide a report to the March 2020 Councillor Workshop meeting on whether Council's Investment Policy could be amended to incorporate a deliberate preference for investment with financial institutions which do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry. Subject to;

- a) The investment being compliant with Council's Investment Policy with regards to risk diversification and credit rating, and
- b) The investment rate of return is favourable to Council relative to other similar investments.

For the Motion: Councillors Duggan and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Motion was declared **LOST**.

13.11 Strathfield LGA Developments - Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOVED: (Duggan)

That Council host an evening meeting at the Strathfield Town Hall be held in March/April 2020 to provide the Strathfield community an opportunity to be updated and ask questions regarding planning and development proposals for the Strathfield LGA.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Council host an evening meeting at the Strathfield Town Hall be held in March/April 2020 to provide the Strathfield community an opportunity to be updated and ask questions regarding planning and development proposals for the Strathfield LGA.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Note: this item was named 'Strathfield Town Centre' in the Agenda.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

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 9:43pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 3 March 2020.

Chairman_____

CEO_____