

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 25 February 2025

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 25 February 2025, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Benjamin Cai
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Sandy Reddy
Councillor Rory Nosworthy
Councillor Esther Kim

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Kristy Watts, Director Corporate and Community
Paul Reid, Director Planning and Environment
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Melissa Mallos, General Counsel
Dylan Porter, Manager Planning and Place
David Vien, Acting Manager Governance and Procurement
Gina Nobrega, Governance and Corporate Support Officer
Rodney Sanjivi, Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Jones, Chief Strategy Officer

1. **MOMENT OF REFLECTION:** The Prayer was read.

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

3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

3.1 **Leave of Absence - Councillor Rory Nosworthy**

1/25

RESOLVED: (Nosworthy / Reddy)

That Councillor Rory Nosworthy be granted a Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council Meeting 29 April 2025.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Reddy, Baladi, Nosworthy and Kim
Against the Motion: Nil

3.2 **Apology received by the Mayor, Councillor John Paul Baladi.**

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST (NATURE OF INTEREST TO BE DISCLOSED)

Nil.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**5.1 National Servicemen's Day – Councillor Esther Kim**

I would like to acknowledge the National Servicemen's Day event which was held Lidcombe Memorial Park on 16 February 2025.

A special thanks also, to Cumberland RSL Sub-Branch President, Mr Matt Jones and his fellow veterans for their contribution and dedication.

5.2 Saish Pongal – Councillor Rory Nosworthy

Both myself and Councillor Sandy Reddy on 16 February 2025, attended the Saish Pongol, Makar Sankranti and LOHRI Celebration with special thanks to the President of Saish, Raj Datta, for organising the event and bringing our community together.

5.3 St Patrick's College Graduating Students – Councillor Benjamin Cai

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of the graduating students of St Patrick's College. This is a significant milestone and I commend their dedication, perseverance and commitment to learning. St Patrick's College has a proud tradition in economic excellence and in fostering future leaders who will contribute positively to our community.

5.4 International Women's Day – Councillor Benjamin Cai

I would like to acknowledge the upcoming International Women's Day. This day serves as a reminder of the important contributions, achievements and the resilience of women in all aspects of society. It is a time to celebrated progress, reflect on challenges and continue to work towards a future of equality and opportunity for all women.

5.5 Chinese Lunar New Year – Councillor Benjamin Cai

I would like to recognise the vibrant celebration of Chinese New Year and Lunar New Year in our community. Events such as those at the Homebush West shopping centre, our local libraries with calligraphy and other celebrations. Also the Sydney Markets showcasing the rich culture and diversity, making Strathfield such a special place. These celebrations bring people together, foster cultural celebration and strengthen our sense of community.

5.6 Mason Park Wetlands Grant – Councillor Rory Nosworthy

I would like to acknowledge the Grant provided to us and secured by the Labor Federal Member for Reed, Sally Sitou. The grant of \$1.8 million will go toward the maintenance and upkeep of Mason Park wetlands and assist in the migratory birds that use those wetlands for half of the year before they fly off to East Asia.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2/25

RESOLVED: (Reddy / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 10 December 2024, 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

7. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

8. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

8.1 Items By Exception

3/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice the items below be dealt with by exception and that they be adopted as recommended by a single Motion:

10.2 Outdoor Dining Permits – Councillor Rory Nosworthy

10.5 Consideration of assessment of new gaming and licensed venues - Councillor Matthew Blackmore

10.6 Marketplace Trading – Councillor Rory Nosworthy

10.10 Dwelling Mix - Councillor Rory Nosworthy

GMU1 Community Strategic Plan Review

GMU2 Pictorial History of Strathfield District book

GMU3 Delivery Program 6 Month Progress Report - July to December 2024

GMU5 Strathfield Council Events Committee

- GMU6 Strathfield Council 140 Year Anniversary Celebrations
- CCS1 Investment Report – December 2024 and January 2025
- CCS2 Councillor Workshop 17 December 2024
- CCS3 Statistics on Calls, Complaints, Queries, Suggestions etc Received by The Council Service Desk
- CCS4 Councillor Workshop 11 February 2025
- CCS5 Current Status of Council Resolutions
- CCS8 Tenders Advertised and Awarded December 2024 and January 2025
- CCS9 Reforms to the Model Code of Meeting Practice - Submission Due 28 February 2025
- PE1 Building Compliance Fees & Charges Post Exhibition
- PE2 Draft Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program and Policy
- PE4 Alterations to Fees and Charges – Management of Animals
- EO1 Draft Parklet Policy – Community Feedback
- EO2 Installation of Shade Sails at Tavistock Reserve
- EO6 Bus Shelter at Pemberton Street – South of Arthur Road
- EO7 Feasibility Study of a Multi-Storey Parking Facility in Strathfield Town Centre
- 12.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 17 December 2024
- 12.2 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 18 February 2025

*Voting on this item was **unanimous***

10.2 Outdoor Dining Permits

4/25

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEW BLACKMORE

Moved by: (Cai / Reddy)

That a report be provided to Councillors at the April Councillor Workshop with the following information:

1. The current status of all outdoor dining permits or dining premises with outdoor dining but no permits.
2. The total revenue Council receives from outdoor dining permits.
3. The current process for dining premises to renew their permits.
4. Any opportunities to increase participation in outdoor dining.
5. Any changes that can streamline the management of outdoor dining permits to put the responsibility on Council to renew rather than business owners.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.5 Consideration of assessment of new gaming and licensed venues

5/25

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEW BLACKMORE

Moved by: (Cai / Reddy)

1. Council be provided with a briefing on the assessment process new licensed venues and Gaming Machines in NSW. This includes changes brought about by NSW Government to streamline approval pathways for licenced venues.
2. Further, that a summary be provided on the impacts to community and individual safety that have occurred since the advent of the Liquor and Gaming reforms and promotion of night time economies in town centres generally.
3. Recommendations be provided as to possible initiatives that Strathfield Council might deploy to managed licenced venues within or close to our centres and villages.
4. That a report be prepared to a future Council Meeting with the pathway or capability to restrict any new approvals of Licenced Gambling & Alcohol Venues within Strathfield LGA.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.6 Marketplace Trading

6/25

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RORY NOSWORTHY

Moved by: (Cai / Reddy)

That the General Manager provide a report to a Council meeting that outlines if there is opportunity to work with the Auburn Police area command to identify a secure location for online marketplace trading.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.10 Dwelling Mix

7/25

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RORY NOSWORTHY

Moved by: (Cai / Reddy)

That Council include a requirement for new residential projects containing ten or more dwellings ensure a minimum number of dwellings with three bedrooms to accommodate families. This minimum should be in

the range of 10-20% and consider the location for developments in relation to public transport, facilities and education.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GMU1 Community Strategic Plan Review

8/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

1. That the revised Strathfield Community Strategic Plan be notified for public exhibition for a minimum 28 day period.
2. That community feedback received be assessed and reported to a future Council meeting.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GMU2 Pictorial History of Strathfield District book

9/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That Council allocates and approves expenditure of \$20,000 for the production of the Pictorial History of Strathfield District book.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GMU3 Delivery Program 6 Month Progress Report - July to December 2024

10/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That the Delivery Program Progress Report for 1 July to 30 December 2024 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GMU5 Strathfield Council Events Committee

11/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That Councillors endorse the introduction of Event Working Groups for our major events as set out in the "Proposed Way Forward" section of this report.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

GMU6 Strathfield Council 140 Year Anniversary Celebrations

12/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That:

1. Council endorses a program of events and approve the required funding to celebrate Strathfield Council's 140 Year anniversary which is integrated into the Homebush Vibes event, in addition to running a ceremonial Council Meeting followed by a community performance with light refreshments in the Town Hall, an exhibition opening in the Ironbark Gallery and seniors' morning tea at the library.
2. Council set an Extraordinary Meeting on 2 June 2025 to enable a 140 Year Ceremonial meeting to take place on the actual anniversary date.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS1 Investment Report - December 2024 and January 2025

13/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 December 2024 and 31 January 2025 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS2 Councillor Workshop 17 December 2024

14/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS3 Statistics on Calls, Complaints, Queries, Suggestions etc Received by The Council Service Desk

15/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS4 Councillor Workshop 11 February 2025

16/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS5 Current Status of Council Resolutions

17/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That the report on the status of Council Resolutions be noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS8 Tenders Advertised and Awarded December 2024 and January 2025

18/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That Council tenders advertised and awarded in the months of December 2024 and January 2025 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS9 Reforms to the Model Code of Meeting Practice - Submission Due 28 February 2025

19/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

The Council provide the submission below in relation to the proposed changes to Local Government Model Code of Meeting Practice which is due 28 February 2025.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE1 Building Compliance Fees & Charges Post Exhibition

20/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That the proposed Fees and Charges be adopted by Council.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE2 Draft Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program and Policy

21/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That:

1. Council endorses the draft Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program and Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. Following public exhibition, a report be submitted to Council for its consideration.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE4 Alterations to Fees and Charges - Management of Animals

22/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

1. That Council endorse the proposed amendments to fees and charges for the Management of Animals to be placed on public exhibition for twenty-eight (28) days, in accordance with section 610F of the *Local Government Act 1993* – Public Notice of Fees.
2. That Council note a further report will be provided to:
 - outline any submissions made during the public exhibition period; and
 - seek Council's determination of fees to be adopted

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

EO1 Draft Parklet Policy - Community Feedback

23/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That

1. Council endorses the recommendations as outlined under 'responses to submissions' in this report.
2. Council adopts the Parklet Policy once these amendments have been undertaken.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**EO2 Installation of Shade Sails at Tavistock Reserve**

24/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That

1. Council endorses placing the proposal on public exhibition to gather community feedback.
2. Council supports the installation of shade sails at Tavistock Reserve in Homebush West, subject to community support.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**EO6 Bus Shelter at Pemberton Street - south of Arthur Road**

25/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That Council does not install a bus shelter at the bus stop on Pemberton Street, at Arthur Street (ID 2135140) at this time.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**EO7 Feasibility Study of a Multi-Storey Parking Facility in Strathfield Town Centre**

26/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That:

1. A multi-storey parking facility is not currently considered viable at the Strathfield Town Centre due to site constraints and adverse traffic impacts on the town centre.
2. The Land and Property Strategy and the Strathfield Town Centre Masterplan both give consideration to traffic and parking management within the Strathfield town centre.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 17 December 2024

27/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 17 December 2024 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 18 February 2025

28/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2025 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9. PUBLIC FORUM

9.1 LEP and Tree Removal / Public Liability - Mr Peter Dobrijevic

Mr Peter Dobrijevic addressed the Meeting.

Mr Dobrijevic spoke about the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) in relation to tree removal and public liability.

9.2 Several Topics - Ms Joy Mulvey

Ms Joy Mulvey addressed the meeting. Ms Mulvey spoke on the following matters:

1. Culturally appropriate education on Waste Management.
2. Stray cats and their impact on our community.
3. Policing the enforcement of No Smoking Zones.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION**10.1 Corner Block and Dual Frontage Basement Controls****RECOMMENDATION**

That as part of the updates our planning team are currently undertaking that in relation to Corner Block Basement Controls consideration is given to the following:

- Changes required to not allow a rear or side entry driveway for Basement Parking on Corner Blocks or Dual Frontage Blocks.

MOTION

That as part of the updates our planning team are currently undertaking that in relation to Corner Block Basement Controls consideration is given to the following:

- Changes required to not allow a rear or side entry driveway for Basement Parking on Corner Blocks or Dual Frontage Blocks.
- In situations where it removes a significant section of the property's backyard.

29/25**RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEW BLACKMORE**

Moved by: (Blackmore / Reddy)

That as part of the updates our planning team are currently undertaking that in relation to Corner Block Basement Controls consideration is given to the following:

- Changes required to not allow a rear or side entry driveway for Basement Parking on Corner Blocks or Dual Frontage Blocks.
- In situations where it removes a significant section of the property's backyard.

*Voting on this item was **unanimous***

10.3 Litter in the Local Area

30/25

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RORY NOSWORTHY

Moved by: (Nosworthy / Pensabene)

That Council applies for Grant funding under NSW Government's Litter Prevention Grants Program, Intake 5, opening 17 February 2025.

Voting on this item was unanimous

10.4 Cessation of non-essential future Council events

31/25

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEW BLACKMORE

Moved by: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That a report be provided to a future Council Workshop and Meeting which outlines options to reduce funding and hosting any future events that are not essential or not located in either Strathfield Town Centre, Homebush Village and Homebush West Shops for the duration of this Council Term till September 2028.
2. This does not apply to any civic events such as Anzac Day, Citizenship Ceremonies or Remembrance Day.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Nosworthy and Kim

The Deputy Mayor used his Casting Vote For and declared the Motion carried.

10.7 Cessation timeframe of the Strathfield Connector Bus

32/25

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEW BLACKMORE

Moved by: (Blackmore / Reddy)

1. The Connector Bus Service cease to operate before the End of April 2025.
2. That a report be presented to a future Council meeting on the estimated savings from ceasing to provide the Connector Bus Service as well as the estimate income to be received from the sale of the existing fleet of buses.

3. The same report, also provide information on the annual costs involved for Council to maintain one community bus which can be used or hired by Local Community Organisations, Churches, Schools etc.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai, Kim, Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Nosworthy

The Deputy Mayor declared the motion carried

10.8 Establishment of the Strathfield Community and Business Excellence Awards

33/25

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BENJAMIN CAI

Moved by: (Cai / Reddy)

That:

1. A report be provided to the March 2025 Councillor Workshop which outlines how Council may introduce an expanded Awards initiative for Strathfield Council, which considers the introduction of the below items and considers how this initiative may be drafted into the 2025-2026 Annual Budget.
 - a. Expansion of the current awards program to include, but not be limited to, the following categories:
 1. Business Excellence Awards (e.g., Innovation, Customer Service, Sustainability)
 2. Community Service Awards
 3. Arts and Cultural Contribution Awards
 4. Sports and Recreation Awards
 5. Environmental Sustainability Awards.
 - b. Development of a framework for nominations, including input from the community, and set clear criteria for each award category.
 - c. Hosting of an annual awards ceremony to present these honors, providing a platform to celebrate and promote community spirit and engagement.
 - d. Allocation of appropriate funding and resources for the awards program and ceremony in the upcoming budget cycle.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Reddy and Kim

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene and Nosworthy

The Deputy Mayor used his Casting Vote For and declared the Motion carried

10.9 Council Response to Safeguard Our Community

34/25

RESOLVED ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BENJAMIN CAI

Moved by: (Cai / Reddy)

1. A report be prepared for a future workshop and Council meeting that:
 - a. Outlines where council currently provides education and awareness around the impacts of discrimination within our communities
 - b. Outlines opportunities to provide education and awareness around the impacts of discrimination and any potential partnership opportunities (i.e. law enforcement, schools, and community organisations)
 - c. Where Council can further promote programs and initiatives that educate residents about diversity and inclusion.
2. A report be prepared for a future workshop and Council meeting that reviews Council's current Community Safety Strategy, in relation to the following:
 - a. Engagement with culturally and religiously diverse groups to ensure their concerns are heard and addressed
 - b. Exploring the feasibility of increased security measures in public spaces, particularly during religious or cultural events
 - c. Support for the implementation of educational campaigns, events, or workshops in partnership with local organisations to combat discrimination
 - d. Commits to ongoing collaboration with other levels of government, advocacy groups, and community leaders to ensure a coordinated response to discrimination within the community.

Voting on this item was unanimous

11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

GMU4 Sister City Visit to Gapyeong, South Korea

35/25

RESOLVED: (Reddy / Cai)

1. That Council approve for Councillors, the General Manager and required support people, as determined by the General Manager, to attend the 2025 Sister City Visit to Gapyeong County and that Councillors wishing to attend confirm their attendance in writing to the General Manager by **5:00 PM on Friday 7 March 2025**.

2. That Council approves the budget required for the visit to be included in the Q2 Budget review for expenses associated with the visit.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Reddy and Kim

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene and Nosworthy

The Deputy Mayor used his Casting Vote For and declared the Motion carried

CCS6 Conclusion of Mayoral Minute 07/24

36/25

RESOLVED: (Reddy / Kim)

That:

1. Council acknowledges the information provided to Councillors in response to Mayoral Minute 07/24 satisfies its intended purpose and formally resolves to conclude the matter.
2. Council approves the preparation of the Draft Revenue Policy for the 2025–2026 rating year, based on the ordinary rate path and the proposed adjustment to the rate distribution as outlined in Section 2 of this report.
3. Council endorses the proposed strategy outlined in Section 3 of this report to identify budgetary savings to be transferred to an Asset Infrastructure Renewal Reserve for reallocation towards future infrastructure renewal projects.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Reddy and Kim

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene and Nosworthy

The Deputy Mayor used his Casting Vote For and declared the Motion carried

CCS7 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBR5) for the Quarter Ended 31 December 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement and associated budget adjustments for the quarter ended 31 December 2024 be approved and adopted.

MOTION: (Nosworthy / Pensabene)

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement and associated budget adjustments for the quarter ended 31 December 2024 be approved and adopted.

- \$25,000 to be reduced to \$15,000 to the Hudson Park Dog event.

For the Motion: Councillors Pensabene and Nosworthy

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

The Deputy Mayor declare the Motion lost

ALTERNATE MOTION: (Reddy / Cai)

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement and associated budget adjustments for the quarter ended 31 December 2024 be approved and adopted.

- \$25,000 to be reduced to \$1,000 to the Hudson Park Dog event.

The Alternate Motion was put.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Nosworthy and Kim

The Deputy Mayor used his Casting Vote For and declared the Alternate Motion as the Motion

37/25

RESOLVED: (Reddy / Cai)

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement and associated budget adjustments for the quarter ended 31 December 2024 be approved and adopted.

- \$25,000 to be reduced to \$1,000 to the Hudson Park Dog event.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Cai and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Pensabene, Nosworthy and Kim

The Deputy Mayor used his Casting Vote For and declared the Motion carried

Councillor Karen Pensabene left the meeting, the time being 7:41 PM

Councillor Karen Pensabene returned to the meeting, the time being 7:45 PM

CCS10 2025 National General Assembly Conference Delegates and Motions

38/25

RESOLVED: (Reddy / Pensabene)

That:

1. Councillors determine its representation at the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government at the Council Meeting, as follows:
 - a. All Councillors may attend provided they provide the General Manager a confirmation of attendance in writing by 5pm Friday 7 March 2025.
2. That Councillors elect the Mayor or the Mayor's delegate as the voting delegate for the 2025 National General Assembly at the Council Meeting on 25 February 2025.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Reddy and Kim

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene and Nosworthy

The Deputy Mayor used his Casting Vote For and declared the Motion carried

PE3 Draft Planning Proposal - Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal – Implementation of Medium Density Housing Strategy

39/25

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Reddy)

1. That Council forward *Planning Proposal – Additional and Diverse Housing Planning Proposal* (Attachment 1) to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
2. That the Acting Director – Planning & Environment be authorised to make minor editorial amendments to the Planning Proposal as required throughout the reporting process.
3. That Council endorse for public exhibition the Planning Proposal in accordance with the terms of the Gateway Determination issued by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in accordance with the *Strathfield Council Community Engagement Strategy*.
4. That Council endorse the proposed minimum lots size controls for Dual Occupancy development and that these be confirmed to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure as the required lot size controls for dual occupancy permitted via complying development certification.

Voting on this item was unanimous

EO3 Feasibility of Establishing a Dog Off-Leash Area near Long Street

40/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Reddy)

That:

1. Council gives consideration to funding a dog off-leash area and landscaping in Humphries Reserve, between Noble Avenue and MacArthur Avenue, as part of a future capital works program.
2. Should funding be made available for this project, Council seek approval from Sydney Water for a dog-off leash area in Humphries Reserve.

For the Motion: Councillor Cai

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Reddy, Nosworthy and Kim

The Deputy Mayor declared the Motion lost

Councillor Rory Nosworthy left the meeting, the time being 8:05 PM

Councillor Rory Nosworthy returned to the meeting, the time being 8:07 PM

EO4 Draft Plaques, Memorials and Statues Policy

41/25

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Reddy)

That:

1. Council endorses the draft Plaques, Memorials and Statues Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. Should Council receive negligible feedback, that Council delegate for the General Manager to finalise the Plaques, Memorials and Statues Policy.

Voting on this item was unanimous

EO5 Automated External Defibrillators in Strathfield

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

MOTION

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That a briefing be presented to Council on Heart of the Nation hosting a community information session for the Strathfield LGA. The briefing to also consider Council funding for external AED's in each of our town centres, (Strathfield Town Centre, Homebush Village and Homebush West).
3. That as part of the briefing, consideration be given to placing new AED units in outside locations.

42/25**RESOLVED:** (Blackmore / Reddy)

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That a briefing be presented to Council on Heart of the Nation hosting a community information session for the Strathfield LGA. The briefing to also consider Council funding for external AED's in each of our town centres, (Strathfield Town Centre, Homebush Village and Homebush West).
3. That as part of the briefing, consideration be given to placing new AED units in outside locations.

*Voting on this item was **unanimous*****12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Note: All Reports from Committees were dealt with by Exception (resolution 3/25)

13. QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Nil.

14. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

EO1 Land and Property Strategy - Confidential Report

Closed Session

43/25**RESOLVED:** (Cai / Pensabene)

That in accordance with Section 10A (2) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* this matter will be considered in Closed Session as it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with who the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Voting on this item was unanimous

The meeting moved into Closed Session, the time being 8:21pm.

Councillor Matthew Blackmore left the meeting, the time being 8:22 PM

Councillor Matthew Blackmore returned to the meeting, the time being 8:25 PM

Open Session

44/25

RESOLVED: (Cai / Pensabene)

That Council moves into Open Session.

Voting on this item was unanimous

The meeting moved into Open Session, the time being 8:43pm.

EO7 Land and Property Strategy

RECOMMENDATION: (Reddy / Pensabene)

That Council endorses the recommendations and prioritisation for the key sites as recommended in the attached confidential report.

45/25

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Reddy)

That Council notes the report and defers the item for further discussion at a stand-alone Councillor Workshop.

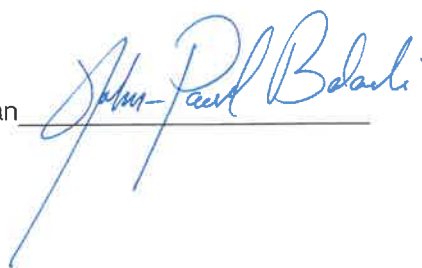
Voting on this item was unanimous

16. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:45PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 25 March 2025.

Chairman



General Manager

