



**STRATHFIELD
COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHFIELD
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
65 HOMEBUSH ROAD, STRATHFIELD
ON TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2009**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

Open Forum is held prior to each Council Meeting to enable any person to address Council without notice on any matter NOT included in the Agenda of the meeting.

Speakers must give their name and address and are permitted 5 minutes to address council.

Speakers are not permitted to ask questions of Councillors or staff.

All comments made in Open Forum are recorded.

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCING AT THE CONCLUSION OF OPEN FORUM

Please refer to Agenda attached

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"Tape record" includes a video camera and an electronic device capable of recording speech.
Mobile phones should be switched off as not to disrupt the meeting.

An audio recording of this meeting will be taken for minute taking purposes as authorised by the Local Government Act

1. Prayer
2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest (nature of interest to be disclosed)
3. Confirmation of Minutes
 - a) Extraordinary Meeting of Council 16 December 2008
 - b) Extraordinary Meeting of Council 17 February 2009
 - c) Extraordinary Meeting of Council 24 February 2009
4. Apologies
5. Deferred/Outstanding matters awaiting report
Nil.
6. Planning and Development Matters
Nil.
7. Mayoral Minute(s) in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice
8. Councillors' Questions to the Mayor (submitted in writing in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice)
9. Reports from Committees
Traffic Committee Meeting 20 January 2009
10. Motions Pursuant to Notice
 - A. Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Brett-Bowen
 1. Comfort Women
 - B. Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Barron
 1. Mobile Phones

C. Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Lim

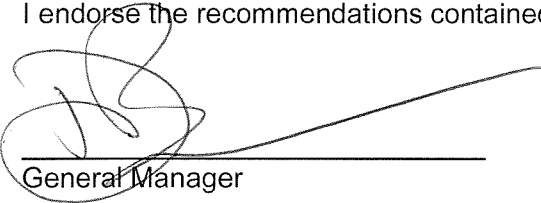
1. Premier's Address to Local Government Association Conference 2008
2. Motion of No Confidence in the Mayor
3. Motion of No Confidence in the Deputy Mayor
4. Motion of No Confidence in the Mayor
5. Traffic Issues – Underwood Road, Homebush
6. Homebush Train Station – Equal Access for all Rail Commuters
7. Flemington Train Station – Equal Access for all Rail Commuters
8. Policing in the Strathfield Local Government Area
9. Strathfield Police Station Relocation
10. Enfield Police Station
11. Justices of the Peace Volunteer Desks
12. Homebush West Town Centre – Compliance and Enforcement
13. Pedestrian Bridge – The Boulevard, Strathfield
14. Public Debate with State Member for Strathfield
15. High Fronted Gutters
16. New South Wales Police Guidelines and Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament and Local Councillors
17. Street Name Signs in Commercial and Industrial Zones
18. Strathfield Lunar New Year Celebration and the State Member for Strathfield
19. West Metro
20. Road Safety Around School Zones
21. Commonwealth and State Government Grant Funding
22. Direct Factory Outlets, Homebush
23. Memo Corporations/Strathfield Plaza
24. Engagement of a Former Mayor
25. Review of use of Community Facilities
26. Corporate Branding Guidelines
27. Internet Kiosk for Seniors
28. Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) Funding
29. Strathfield Plaza Police Station
30. Mainstreet Programme
31. Centenary Drive/Arthur Street Intersection
32. Council Code of Meeting Practice
33. Waste Management and Recycling and the Global Financial Crisis

11. General Business

1. 2009 Street Lighting Program
2. Investment Report as at 31 January 2009
3. Request for Financial Assistance - Town Hall Bookings
4. Not Used
5. Council Website – Business Papers and Minutes
6. Canteen – National Bandanna Day
7. Tender Process – Hudson Park Golf Course Redevelopment
8. Licenses for use of Community Facilities

9. Strathfield Square 'Goodwill Fountain'
 10. Proposed Removal of Pay Phones
 11. Regional Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) Grant Application – Review of Applications
 12. Candlelight Concert For The Victorian Bush Fire Appeal
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12. Matters of Urgency in Accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government General Regulation, 2005
 13. Matters for Decision (for consideration and/or determination)
- Nil.

I endorse the recommendations contained herein.



General Manager

MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Brett-Bowen

1. COMFORT WOMEN

I MOVE:

THAT this Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the suffering of the so called "Comfort Women" and the importance of restoring their human rights and dignity in marking International Women's Day on 8 March 2009;
- (b) Joins the Korean community of Ryde and Japanese councillors from City of Takarazuka, City of Kiyose and City of Sapporo in urging the Japanese government to:
 - (i) Formally and unequivocally apologise to the victims,
 - (ii) Take legal responsibility according to international law,
 - (iii) Take historical responsibility by correct teaching of history.
- (c) Calls on the Commonwealth Government to promptly pass a motion in parliament to the effect of (a) (i), (ii) and (iii).
- (d) Conveys recognition and support to Australian "Comfort Women" survivor Jan Ruff O'Herne in celebration of International Women's Day 2009.

Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Barron

1. MOBILE PHONES

I MOVE:

THAT mobile phones owned by Councillors and the Public MUST be turned off as not to disturb the meeting.

Any one, and that includes Councillors, found using a mobile phone will be told to leave the meeting immediately and for the duration of the said meeting.

Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Lim

1. PREMIER'S ADDRESS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2008

- (a) THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the Premier of New South Wales and Minister for the Arts, the Honourable Nathan Rees MP, for 'indicat[ing] that he is considering scrapping rate-pegging, meaning ratepayers may have to pay hundreds of dollars more each year to fund council projects', at the Local Government Association Conference 2008, at Broken Hill, as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, on Tuesday, October 28th, 2008.
- (b) THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves call on the State Member for Auburn, the Honourable Barbara Mazzel Perry MP, Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health), the State Member for Bankstown, the Honourable Anthony Paul Stewart MP, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer), the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, to 'oppose ratepayers [having] to pay hundreds of dollars more each year to fund council projects'.

2. MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN MAYOR

I MOVE:

THAT the Strathfield Municipal Council Resolution of Tuesday, October 7th, 2008, to express no confidence in the Mayor of Strathfield, Councillor Keith Kwon, be prominently displayed at Council's Customer Service Centre and on Council's website, AND THAT a copy of the Resolution, accompanied by a Media Statement, be distributed to all media, including, but not limited to, the metropolitan and local press, and all ethnic media listed on the Community Relations Commission web site.

3. MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN DEPUTY MAYOR

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to express no confidence in the Deputy Mayor of Strathfield, Councillor Hope Victoria Brett-Bowen.

4. MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN MAYOR

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to reconfirm Council's decision of Tuesday, October 7th, 2008 – to wit, Resolution No 146/08 – to express no confidence in the Mayor of Strathfield, Councillor Keith Kwon.

5. TRAFFIC ISSUES – UNDERWOOD ROAD, HOMEBUSH

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the former Mayor of Strathfield, and current State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for failing to take responsibility for traffic issues in Underwood Road, Homebush, and her decision, as the then Mayor of Strathfield, to officially open the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) Centre, 1-5 Underwood Road, Homebush, on Wednesday, September 12th, 2001.

Rationale: At the Strathfield Municipal Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 4th, 2008, Council resolved, inter alia, to express concern at the decision of the then Mayor of Strathfield, Councillor Dianne Virginia Judge, to officially open the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) Centre, 1-5 Underwood Road, Homebush, on Wednesday, September 12th, 2001, and to call on Minister Judge and the New South Wales State Government to allocate additional funding to Council to alleviate the concerns of local residents and businesses with respect to traffic congestion and parking around Underwood Road, Homebush, south of Sydney Olympic Park.

By letter to Council dated Thursday, January 22nd, 2009, Minister Judge refused to take responsibility for traffic issues in Underwood Road, Homebush, and her decision, as the then Mayor of Strathfield, to officially open the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) Centre, 1-5 Underwood Road, Homebush, on Wednesday, September 12th, 2001.

In the aforementioned letter, Minister Judge further refused to commit to allocating additional funding to Council to alleviate the concerns of local residents and businesses with respect to traffic congestion and parking around Underwood Road, Homebush, south of Sydney Olympic Park.

6. HOMEBUSH TRAIN STATION – EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL RAIL COMMUTERS

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the New South Wales Minister for Transport, the Honourable David Andrew Campbell MP, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the State Member for

Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, and the New South Wales State Government for failing to allocate additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers, and other rail commuters, with respect to the provision of adequate and appropriate access to Homebush Train Station, and, in particular, the construction of lifts and/or ramps, and the like, so as to enable parents with prams or strollers, shoppers with carts and other mobility challenged commuters to gain equal access to the train station and its platforms.

Rationale: At the Strathfield Municipal Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008, Council unanimously resolved, inter alia, to call on the New South Wales Minister for Transport, the Honourable David Andrew Campbell MP, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, and the New South Wales State Government to allocate additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers, and other rail commuters, with respect to the provision of adequate and appropriate access to Homebush Train Station, and, in particular, the construction of lifts and/or ramps, and the like, so as to enable parents with prams or strollers, shoppers with carts and other mobility challenged commuters to gain equal access to the train station and its platforms.

By letter to Council dated Friday, January 16th, 2009, Minister Campbell's Chief of Staff, Mr Ryan Park, refused to commit to allocating additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers, and other rail commuters, with respect to the provision of adequate and appropriate access to Homebush Train Station, and, in particular, the construction of lifts and/or ramps, and the like, so as to enable parents with prams or strollers, shoppers with carts and other mobility challenged commuters to gain equal access to the train station and its platforms.

By letter to Council dated Thursday, January 22nd, 2009, Minister Judge also refused to commit to allocating additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers, and other rail commuters, with respect to the provision of adequate and appropriate access to Homebush Train Station, and, in particular, the construction of lifts and/or ramps, and the like, so as to enable parents with prams or strollers, shoppers with carts and other mobility challenged commuters to gain equal access to the train station and its platforms.

7. FLEMINGTON TRAIN STATION – EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL RAIL COMMUTERS

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the New South Wales Minister for Transport, the Honourable David Andrew Campbell MP, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, and the New South Wales State Government for failing to allocate additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers, and other rail

commuters, with respect to the provision of adequate and appropriate access to Flemington Train Station, and, in particular, the construction of lifts and/or ramps, and the like, so as to enable parents with prams or strollers, shoppers with carts and other mobility challenged commuters to gain equal access to the train station and its platforms.

Rationale: At the Strathfield Municipal Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008, Council unanimously resolved, inter alia, to call on the New South Wales Minister for Transport, the Honourable David Andrew Campbell MP, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, and the New South Wales State Government to allocate additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers, and other rail commuters, with respect to the provision of adequate and appropriate access to Flemington Train Station, and, in particular, the construction of lifts and/or ramps, and the like, so as to enable parents with prams or strollers, shoppers with carts and other mobility challenged commuters to gain equal access to the train station and its platforms.

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8. POLICING IN THE STRATHFIELD LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the New South Wales Minister for Police, the Honourable Anthony Bernard Kelly ALGA MLC, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, and the New South Wales State Government for failing to allocate additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers with respect to the adequate provision of policing in the Strathfield local government area, and, in particular, the staffing of the Strathfield Police Station for 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Rationale: At the Strathfield Municipal Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008, Council unanimously resolved:

- (a) *THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to reconfirm Council's unanimous decision of 1 July 2008 (Resolution No 110/08 and Mayoral Minute 10/08 proposed by Councillor Barron) to write to the New South Wales State Police Minister regarding concerns over staffing levels at Strathfield Police Station.*
- (b) *THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the New South Wales Minister for Police, the Honourable Anthony Bernard Kelly ALGA MLC, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, and the New South Wales State Government to allocate additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers with respect to the adequate provision of policing in the Strathfield local government area, and, in particular, the staffing of the Strathfield Police Station for 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.*

By letter to Council dated Tuesday, January 13th, 2009, the Director-General of the New South Wales Ministry for Police, Les Tree, refused to commit to allocating additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers with respect to the adequate provision of policing in the Strathfield local government area, and, in particular, the staffing of the Strathfield Police Station for 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

9. STRATHFIELD POLICE STATION RELOCATION

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales State Government over the relocation of the Strathfield Police Station, in particular, without community consultation with the people of Strathfield.

Rationale: The Strathfield council area is now among New South Wales' top crime hot spots for motor vehicle related crime, personal theft, home break ins and fraud.

According to the New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, from January to December 2007, the Strathfield local government area ranked as the second highest of any council area in the state for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of stealing from motor vehicles.

In fact, according to the Bureau, stealing from motor vehicles in Strathfield increased by 10.8 per cent from 2003 to 2007, and by 55.3 per cent in 2007 alone.

The Strathfield council area also ranked as the fourth highest of any local government area in New South Wales for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of motor vehicle theft.

Additionally, when it comes to personal theft crime, the Strathfield local government area ranked as the sixth highest of any council area in the state for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of stealing from the person.

Strathfield also ranked as the ninth highest of any council area in the state for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of break and enter into dwellings, and as the third highest for the rate of recorded criminal incidents of fraud.

Fraud related crime in Strathfield increased by 16.9 per cent from 2003 to 2007, and by 26.1 per cent in 2007.

At the Strathfield Municipal Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008, Council unanimously resolved:

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- (b) THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the New South Wales Minister for Police, the Honourable Anthony Bernard Kelly ALGA MLC, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, and the New South Wales State Government to allocate additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers with respect to the adequate provision of policing in the Strathfield local government area, and, in particular, the staffing of the Strathfield Police Station for 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.*

By letter to Council dated Tuesday, January 13th, 2009, the Director-General of the New South Wales Ministry for Police, Les Tree, refused to commit to allocating additional funding to alleviate the concerns of local residents and ratepayers with respect to the adequate provision of policing in the Strathfield local government area, and, in particular, the staffing of the Strathfield Police Station for 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

10. ENFIELD POLICE STATION

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the New South Wales Minister for Police, the Honourable Anthony Bernard Kelly ALGA MLC, the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister

for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales State Government to reopen the Enfield Police Station.

11. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE VOLUNTEER DESKS

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on establishing Justices of the Peace volunteer desks near Council's customer service counter, as well as at the Strathfield Library, Homebush, and High Street Community Library.

12. HOMEBUSH TOWN CENTRE – COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on compliance and enforcement issues at the Homebush West Town Centre.

13. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE – THE BOULEVARDE, STRATHFIELD

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to open a dialogue with the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) with a view to obtaining information on the operations and maintenance of the pedestrian bridge over The Bourlevarde, Strathfield, including, but not limited to, the statistics on the usage of the bridge as well as who holds copies of the keys.

14. PUBLIC DEBATE WITH STATE MEMBER FOR STRATHFIELD

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to convene a Public Debate with the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, at Strathfield Town Hall and to invite all local residents, ratepayers and stakeholders to attend, to have their say, and to put their questions to Ms Judge.

15. HIGH FRONTED GUTTERS

I MOVE:

- (a) THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on high fronted gutters, including, but not limited to their use in the Strathfield local government area, in particular, given that as much as 85 per cent of new guttering installed on dwelling homes in New South Wales is high fronted, and, if deemed necessary, to undertake an urgent audit of guttering in the council area.
- (b) THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales Government, for failing to address the problems arising from the use of high fronted gutters.
- (c) THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to call on the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, and the New South Wales Government, to immediately take urgent action on the use of high fronted gutters, as well as the spring clip system.

16. NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE GUIDELINES AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL COUNCILLORS

I MOVE:

- (a) THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to develop a policy/protocol on dealing with the New South Wales Police Force.
- (b) THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn a former Mayor of Strathfield and State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, for having her photograph taken with police prior to elections and, subsequently, utilising the photographs in publications and other self promotional material.

17. STREET NAME SIGNES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the utilisation of advertiser funded and Council revenue generating street name signs in commercial and industrial zones.

18. STRATHFIELD LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AND THE STATE MEMBER FOR STRATHFIELD

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the Mayor of Strathfield, Councillor Keith Kwon, for politicising the Strathfield Lunar New Year Celebration and inviting as a guest speaker the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts.

19. WEST METRO

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the current feasibility study for a West Metro linking the Sydney CBD with Parramatta and Western Sydney, including, but not limited to, the impact of the proposed West Metro on the Strathfield local government area.

20. ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL ZONES

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on road safety around school zones, including, but not limited to, the implementation of the report recommendations contained in Department of Local Government Council Circular 08-36, which aim to ensure that councils like Strathfield achieve, inter alia, an appropriate balance between public safety, traffic flow and equitable access to available parking spaces, as well as Council's focus on patrolling school zones on school days to enhance road safety and the safety of children, in particular, near schools.

21. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE GOVERNMENT GRANT FUNDING

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on Australian Commonwealth and New South Wales State Government grant funding to Strathfield Municipal Council, including, but not limited to, the current success rate of Council's grant applications, as well as the development of a strategy/streamlined process to achieve maximisation of success with respect to grant funding opportunities.

22. DIRECT FACTORY OUTLETS, HOMEBUSH

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to open a dialogue with Direct Factory Outlets, Homebush (DFO), with a view to addressing parking and traffic problems in and around their site, including, but not limited to, encouraging DFO to create additional parking opportunity as well as to facilitate faster access to and egress from their premises.

Rationale: To address parking and traffic problems in and around the DFO site.

23. MEMO CORPORATIONS/STRATHFIELD PLAZA

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to open a dialogue with Memo Corporation/Strathfield Plaza, Strathfield, with a view to addressing parking and traffic problems in and around their site, including, but not limited to, encouraging Strathfield Plaza to create additional parking opportunity as well as to facilitate faster access to and egress from their premises, including, but not limited to, the creation of an additional ramp, or ramp extension, to permit traffic egress from the site on to Redmyre Road.

Rationale: To address parking and traffic problems in and around the Strathfield Plaza site.

24. ENGAGEMENT OF A FORMER MAYOR

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to congratulate a former Mayor of Strathfield, Emeritus Councillor Scott Farlow, upon the announcement of his engagement.

25. REVIEW OF USE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to open a dialogue with regular and casual hirers of community facilities with a view to reviewing Council's Policy on the Use of Community Facilities and maximising current and future opportunities of the use the aforesaid facilities, AND THAT Council further resolves to authorise the General Manager to report back to Council on the outcomes of the dialogue and review.

26. CORPORATE BRANDING GUIDELINES

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to amend the Corporate Branding Guidelines to enable official photographs of Councillors, if requested, to include their companion animals.

27. INTERNET KIOSK FOR SENIORS

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves, in principle, to express interest in hosting an internet kiosk, AND THAT Council authorises the General Manager to prepare a report to Council accordingly.

Rationale: NEC Australia is seeking expressions of interest to host an internet kiosk as part of the Australian Commonwealth Government funded roll-out of 2000 internet kiosks for seniors.

The company is calling on local community centres and organisations, such as council operated public libraries, who are interested in hosting a kiosk or who already provide similar services to seniors, to register their interest.

The Broadband for Seniors programme forms part of the Australian Commonwealth Government's Making Ends Meet – Plan for Older Australians, People with Disabilities and Carers, and aims to help community organisations:

- (a) to build the community participation and social inclusion of senior Australians by providing them with free access to computers and the internet via internet kiosks, to stay in contact with family and friends; and
- (b) to provide senior Australians with free access to individual and workshop training sessions to build their confidence and skills to use the internet and new computer technology.

NEC Australia and its consortium members – Adult Learning Australia (ALA), the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) and the University of the Third Age Online (U3A Online) – have been selected by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to deliver the Broadband for Seniors programme.

28. COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAM (CSGP) FUNDING

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council calls on the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, the State Member for Auburn, the Honourable Barbara Mazzel Perry MP, Minister for Local Government, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health), the State Member for Drummoyne, Ms Angela D'Amore MP, Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police, the State Member for Bankstown, Mr Anthony Paul Stewart MP, and the New South Wales State Government, for \$15 million in additional funding for the Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) to be included in the New South Wales Department of Community Services (DoCS) Budget for 2009/10.

Rationale: The Local Government and Shires Associations have asked member councils, like Strathfield, to write immediately to their local MPs to seek \$15 million in additional funding for the Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) to be included in the Department of Community Services (DoCS) Budget for 2009/10.

Many local councils have a vital interest in CSGP, which includes over 150 local government community work, youth work and other related projects.

In turn, councils subsidise a large number of non-government services that CSGP funds.

For a number of years, the Local Government and Shires Associations and partners, such as Council of Social Service of NSW (NCOSS), the Local Community Services Association (LCSA), NSW Family Services Inc. (FamS), the Western Sydney Community Forum (WSCF) and the Youth Action and Policy Association NSW (YAPA) have campaigned for the NSW Government to adequately fund the CSGP.

Many organisations had hoped the 2007-2008 DoCS Review of the CSGP would deliver funding increases.

However, the New South Wales State Government's decision on the recommended first year increase of \$15M has been held up for 12 months, whilst the government awaited the outcome of the Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW.

The report of that inquiry was released in late 2008 and the government will formulate its response in the coming weeks.

All partner organisations believe the decision to increase CSGP funding has been delayed for far too long, and that the case put forward by DoCS provides strong arguments for the unequivocal need for the increase requested.

CSGP plays a vital part in building the social infrastructure and strong foundations for communities in NSW.

It is understood that decisions affecting CSGP funding will be made soon.

The Local Government and Shires Associations have encouraged councils, like Strathfield, to contact their local MPs, requesting their support for this vital funding program.

This urgent request flows from one of the Associations' highest social policy priorities in the present Management Plan ('Lobby on NSW funding to early intervention community & youth work'), with previous pre-budget submissions and recent conference resolutions, such as Resolution 56 of the 2008 Local Government Association Conference.

29. STRATHFIELD PLAZA POLICE STATION

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to condemn the State Member for Strathfield, the Honourable Dianne Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts, over the relocation of the Strathfield Police Station to Strathfield Plaza.

30. MAINSTREET PROGRAMME

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on the establishment of a formal and coordinated mainstreet programme, including, but not limited to, the creation of a mainstreet committee for each business/retail precinct in the Strathfield local government area.

31. CENTENARY DRIVE/ARTHUR STREET INTERSECTION

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on options to address traffic congestion at the Centenary Drive/Arthur Street intersection at Homebush West.

32. COUNCIL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to review the *Strathfield Municipal Council Code of Meeting Practice* and to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report accordingly, including, but not limited to, promoting more open public participation at

Council and Committee meetings including, but not limited to, the asking of questions by members of the public.

33. WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING AND THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

I MOVE:

THAT Strathfield Municipal Council resolves to authorise the General Manager to prepare a report on waste management and recycling having regard to the current global financial crisis.