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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The following minutes are submitted for confirmation -

1.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 27 August 2019 ................................. 7
1.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council of 19 September 2019 .................... 23
PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour, Councillors Kuskoff, El-Hayek, Ishac, Raffan, Zakhia, Waud, Downey, Eisler, Huda, Zaman, Saleh, Madirazza, Tuntevski

APOLOGIES: Clr Harika

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.03 PM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

THE MAYOR, ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) AND THE EORA PEOPLES, AND PAID RESPECT TO THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE AND THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT.

REF: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
(658) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. KUSKOFF
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 July 2019 be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE
(659) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. MADIRAZZA
RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Harika due to Council business.

- CARRIED

SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In respect of Item 4.4 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr Zaman declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as he has an association with the organising Committee of Lais Fita Sydney Inc and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.
In respect of Item 8.2 – 2019-2020 Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Program, Clr El-Hayek declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to community work he undertakes and as such has an association with a number of the recipients of a community grant and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 8.2 – 2019-2020 Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Program, Clr Saleh declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to her working association with Riverwood Community Centre who are one of the recipients of a community grant and indicated she would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 8.2 – 2019-2020 Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Program, Clr Huda declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as he is a Board Member of Riverwood Community Centre, one of the recipients of a community grant and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 8.2 – 2019-2020 Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Program, His Worship the Mayor, Clr Asfour declared a non-significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest due to his role as Mayor where he is an Honorary Patron of a number of the recipients of a community grant and indicated it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

In respect of Item 8.2 – 2019-2020 Community Grants and Events Sponsorship Program, Clr Zakhia declared a significant, Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest as he is a Board Member of a number of recipients of a community grant and indicated he would vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 CBCITY - EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

(660) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council note that the City of Canterbury Bankstown was named as an Employer of Choice at the 2019 Australian Business Awards.

- CARRIED
ITEM 4.2  MAYORAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
(661) CLR. ASFOUR  
RESOLVED that Council endorse the Mayoral Scholarship Program and that an amount of $10,000 be made available from Council’s Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget to fund the program.  
- CARRIED

ITEM 4.3  WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY GIVING DAY  
(662) CLR. ASFOUR  
RESOLVED that  
1. Council donate an amount of $1,000 to the Western Sydney University Giving Day in support of two innovative programs - The Baby Lab and The Solar Car Project.  
2. These funds be made available from Council’s Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget.  
- CARRIED

ITEM 4.4  LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS  
 IN RESPECT OF ITEM 4.4 – LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS, CLR ZAMAN DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT, NON PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS HE HAS AN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF LAIS FITA SYDNEY INC AND INDICATED HE WOULD VACATE THE CHAMBER TAKING NO PART IN DEBATE.  
CLR ZAMAN TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 6.11 PM  
(663) CLR. ASFOUR  
RESOLVED that  
1. Council support the request from the Bankstown East Hills Handicapped Association and waive their fee of $507.95 for occupation of the footpath outside their op shop at 4-6 Revesby Place.  

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2. Council support the request from MetroAssist who are holding a community event at Campsie Library on 20 September and waive the room hire fee in the amount of $79.54.

3. Council support the request from Lais Fita Sydney Inc who held the Grand Lakemba Eid Bazar at Jubilee Reserve on 3 and 10 August and waive their park hire fee of $1,500.

4. Council support the request from Sydney Eid Festival Inc and waive their park hire fee of $1,500 for the use of Paul Keating Park.

5. Council support the request from K.U.D. Vardar Bankstown and donate $600 to fund the purchase of costumes for dancers.

6. These funds be made available from Council’s Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget.

- CARRIED

CLR ZAMAN RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 6.12 PM

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

(664) CLR. DOWNEY;/CLR. KUSKOFF

RESOLVED that
i) Permission be granted to those people who have made the necessary application to address Council for five minutes.

ii) Standing Orders be suspended and Item 8.1 be dealt with now.

iii) Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.1

ADOPTION OF THE LEISURE AND AQUATIC STRATEGIC PLAN

MS TANIA MIHAILUK MP ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

MS CAROL FULTON (RESIDENT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

(665) CLR. ISHAC;/CLR. KUSKOFF

RESOLVED that an extension of two minutes be given to Ms Fulton to address Council.

- CARRIED

MS PAM BATKIN (WOODVILLE ALLIANCE) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.
RESOLVED that an extension of two minutes be given to Ms Batkin to address Council.  
- CARRIED

MS CAROL TOMKINSON (RESIDENT) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

RESOLVED that an extension of two minutes be given to Ms Tomkinson to address Council.  
- CARRIED

MOTION  
CLR. KUSKOFF:/CLR. DOWNEY

That

1. Council adopt the Leisure and Aquatic Strategic Plan (Attachment A) and commence its implementation, subject to removing references to closing and demolishing Wran Leisure Centre and replace with Council continue to operate Wran Leisure Centre and explore options to revitalise the facility and reduce operating costs.

2. Council endorse the inclusion of suitable funding in the quarterly budget review to commence the priority actions for 2019-20 as outlined in the report.

3. Action items identified in this report for financial years 2020-2023 are listed and considered in Council’s forward capital works program.

4. Opportunities for Federal and State Government grant funding are investigated to assist in the delivery of Leisure and Aquatics Strategic Plan.  
- LOST

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the Leisure and Aquatic Strategic Plan (Attachment A) and commence its implementation.

2. Council endorse the inclusion of suitable funding in the quarterly budget review to commence the priority actions for 2019-20 as outlined in the report.

3. Action items identified in this report for financial years 2020-2023 are listed and considered in Council’s forward capital works program.
4. Opportunities for Federal and State Government grant funding are investigated to assist in the delivery of Leisure and Aquatics Strategic Plan.

-CARRIED

CLR KUSKOFF REQUESTED THAT HIS NAME BE RECORDED AS HAVING VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION.

AT 7.28 PM COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND RESUMED AT 7.40 PM WHEN STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED.

SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 5.1 REPORTING OF (1) PERFORMANCE FOR PROCESSING OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR, (2) DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED WITH A CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR, AND (3) PLANNING RELATED APPEALS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

(669) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

-CARRIED

SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 NATURE STRIP MOWING POLICY

(670) CLR. HUDA:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the Nature Strip Mowing Policy and the policy to be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the legislative requirements outlined in the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

2. A further report be submitted to Council following public exhibition.

-CARRIED

SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS
ITEM 7.1 REVIEW OF THE 2018-19 OPERATIONAL PLAN, DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-21, AND BUDGET TO 30 JUNE 2019

(671) CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. ZAMAN

RESOLVED that


2. Council authorise the carryover of $30.9M of funding to complete certain capital and operating projects commenced throughout the 2018/19 financial year, as outlined in the report.

3. Council apply all rates and charges written off during the year to its rating databases in satisfying its obligation under the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, as outlined in the report.

4. Council endorse the write-off of sundry debts for the 2018/19 financial year, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT TO 2019 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(672) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the 2019 Schedule of Council Meetings be amended, and the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 15 October 2019 be rescheduled to 22 October 2019.

- CARRIED
ITEM 7.3  CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2019
(673)  CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that
1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 July 2019 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 8:  SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 8.1  ADOPTION OF THE LEISURE AND AQUATIC STRATEGIC PLAN

THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 668 ON PAGE 5 OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.2  2019-2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS & EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

IN RESPECT OF ITEM 8.2 – 2019-2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM, CLR EL-HAYEK DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT, NON PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO COMMUNITY WORK HE UNDERTAKES AND AS SUCH HAS AN ASSOCIATION WITH A NUMBER OF THE RECIPIENTS OF A COMMUNITY GRANT AND INDICATED HE WOULD VACATE THE CHAMBER TAKING NO PART IN DEBATE.

IN RESPECT OF ITEM 8.2 – 2019-2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM, CLR SALEH DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT, NON PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO HER WORKING ASSOCIATION WITH RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE WHO ARE ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF A COMMUNITY GRANT AND INDICATED SHE WOULD VACATE THE CHAMBER TAKING NO PART IN DEBATE.

IN RESPECT OF ITEM 8.2 – 2019-2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM, CLR HUDA DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT, NON PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS HE IS A BOARD MEMBER OF RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF A COMMUNITY GRANT AND INDICATED HE WOULD VACATE THE CHAMBER TAKING NO PART IN DEBATE.
IN RESPECT OF ITEM 8.2 – 2019-2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, CLR ASFOUR DECLARED A NON-SIGNIFICANT, NON PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO HIS ROLE AS MAYOR WHERE HE IS AN HONORARY PATRON OF A NUMBER OF THE RECIPIENTS OF A COMMUNITY GRANT AND INDICATED IT WILL NOT AFFECT HIS CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER AND HE WILL REMAIN IN THE CHAMBER.

IN RESPECT OF ITEM 8.2 – 2019-2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM, CLR ZAKHIA DECLARED A SIGNIFICANT, NON PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS HE IS A BOARD MEMBER OF A NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS OF A COMMUNITY GRANT AND INDICATED HE WOULD VACATE THE CHAMBER TAKING NO PART IN DEBATE.

CLRS EL-HAYEK, SALEH, HUDA AND ZAKHIA TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.46 PM.

(674) CLR. DOWNEY;/CLR. ZAMAN

RESOLVED that Council approve the distribution of the 2019-2020 Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program as outlined in Attachment A.

- CARRIED

CLRS EL-HAYEK, SALEH, HUDA AND ZAKHIA RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 7.47 PM.

ITEM 8.3 DRAFT YOUTH ACTION PLAN 2019-2023

(675) CLR. SALEH:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that


2. The draft Youth Action Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 60 days.

3. A further report be provided to Council following public exhibition.

- CARRIED
SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1  MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2019

(676) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ISHAC
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 July 2019, be endorsed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.2  MINUTES OF THE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2019

(677) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ISHAC
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Integrated Transport Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 July 2019, be endorsed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.3  MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2019

(678) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ISHAC
RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 13 August 2019, be adopted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 9.4  MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2019

(679) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. ISHAC
RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 10 July 2019, be adopted.

- CARRIED
SECTION 10: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 10.1 NOTICES OF MOTION AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

(680) CLR. KUSKOFF:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 PROFITS FOR THEM, POTHOLES FOR US - AUSGRID'S PICNIC POINT TO REVESBY REPLACEMENT CABLE PROGRAM

(681) CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. EISLER

RESOLVED that Council writes to the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Ausgrid requesting that the local roads affected by Ausgrid’s Picnic Point to Revesby replacement cable program have their full width re-surfaced at no cost to ratepayers.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.3 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING

(682) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that Council

1. Write to the New South Wales Minister for Planning to highlight its concerns with regard to the financial hardship that will be inflicted upon members of our local community as they replace combustible cladding on their apartment buildings with safe materials.

2. Call on the New South Wales Government to provide financial assistance to affected residents in the form of government administered interest free loans, payment plans and other forms of assistance where required.

- CARRIED
ITEM 10.4 HEART ATTACK AWARENESS
(683) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ZAKHIA
RESOLVED that Council assists with the distribution of the Heart Foundation’s heart attack awareness flyers and magnets, through its library and knowledge centres, community centres and other suitable community partners.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.5 ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS
(684) CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. EL-HAYEK
RESOLVED that Council
1. Write to the Premier of NSW, Minister for Environment & Energy, Minister for Planning & Public Places and urge;
   a. For the introduction of specific standards, legislation and greater enforcement powers to effectively manage abandoned shopping trolleys.
   b. Facilitate the installation of trolley management systems (such as coin operated trolleys or wheel lock mechanisms) to all retail operators that supply trolleys.
2. Develop a specific trolley management Condition of Consent for all new development applications where the provision of shopping trolleys is to be supplied.
3. Promotes how the public can report abandoned shopping trolleys.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.6 MANAGEMENT OF CATS
(685) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH
RESOLVED that Council
1. Write to the NSW Minister for Local Government, Minister for Planning and Places and Minister for Environment and Energy and urge that the State Government;
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HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 27 AUGUST 2019

a. Implement new legislation and greater enforcement powers to effectively manage feral and stray cats.

b. Introduce new legislation that creates an offence for those persons providing food for cats in public places.

c. Undertake further research into more innovative, effective and humane methods to control the increasing numbers of cats.

d. Amend the current legislation to make de-sexing of cats compulsory.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.7 CLIMATE EMERGENCY
(686) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that Council

1. Writes to the Federal and State Members for Canterbury-Bankstown, the NSW Environment Minister Matt Kean, the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian and the Federal Environment Minister Susan Ley, and urge them to:

   a. Acknowledge a climate emergency and to act with urgency to address the crisis
   b. Step up and put measures in place to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet Australia’s commitment to the Paris Agreement.

2. In acknowledging that there is a climate emergency supports the planned Climate Strike in Sydney CBD on 20 September 2019, and encourages people to attend.

- CARRIED
ITEM 10.8  PRIVATE CERTIFIERS
(687) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ZAMAN

RESOLVED that the General Manager write to the Building Professionals Board and report back to Council on the complaints, for our LGA, that they have received against Private Certifiers over the past 24 months. The information requested is to identify the number of complaints which have been substantiated and number which were not.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.9  DRAINAGE PIPES
(688) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ZAMAN

RESOLVED that Council, through its existing communication channels, undertake an education campaign to raise awareness of property owners’ responsibilities with respect to their stormwater and sewage services where they cross Council land (i.e. footpaths) and Council’s responsibilities in dealing with tree root intrusions in those services.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.10  AUDIT OF STREET LIGHTING
(689) CLR. ZAMAN:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that Council write to Ausgrid, requesting that they undertake an audit of street lighting to determine where deficiencies with the Standards occur and to expedite the repair of faulty street lights.

- CARRIED
ITEM 10.11  RECOGNISING SUPT. TIM FOX
(690)  CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. WAUD
RESOLVED that Council, in recognition of Superintendent Timothy Fox’s contribution to the community, presents Tim with a “Tim Fox Way” Canterbury Bankstown street sign.
- CARRIED

ITEM 10.12  3D PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
(691)  CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. ISHAC
RESOLVED that Council write to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services, requesting them to review the use of 3D painted pedestrian crossings and develop guidelines for their use by road authorities including councils.
- CARRIED

SECTION 11:  CONFIDENTIAL SESSION
(692)  CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EL-HAYEK
RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Item 11.1 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item  11.1 Property Matter - Haldon Street Lakemba

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 8.15 PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 8.22 PM
ITEM 11.1 PROPERTY MATTER - HALDON STREET LAKEMBRA

CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council agree to the proposed approach regarding the matter, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.23 PM

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Mayor
PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour, Councillors Kuskoff, El-Hayek, Ishac, Raffan, Zakhia, Waud, Downey, Huda, Zaman, Saleh, Harika, Tuntevski

APOLOGIES: Clrs Eisler and Madirazza

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.02 PM.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

THE MAYOR, ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) AND THE EORA PEOPLES, AND PAID RESPECT TO THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE AND THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT.

(694) LEAVE OF ABSENCE

CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Eisler due to health reasons and Clr Madirazza due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

SECTION 1: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 1.1 MAYORAL ELECTION - SEPTEMBER 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 2020

(695) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the General Manager, as the Returning Officer, conduct the Election of the Mayor.

2. In the event that there be more than one (1) nomination, Council determine the method of voting.

- CARRIED

His Worship the Mayor vacated the Chair. The General Manager assumed the role of Returning Officer.
The Returning Officer called for nominations in writing for the office of Mayor for the period September 2019 to September 2020.

The following nominations were received:-

CLR WAUD
CLR ASFOUR

AN OPEN BALLOT WAS CONDUCTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

CLR WAUD  4 VOTES
CLR ASFOUR  9 VOTES


AT THIS STAGE HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, CLR ASFOUR ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

ITEM 1.2  ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR
(696) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. SALEH

RESOLVED that


2. The fee for the Deputy Mayor be set at 20% of the Mayoral fee per annum for the term of office.

3. In accordance with Section 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the General Manager as the Returning Officer be requested to conduct the Deputy Mayoral Election.

4. In the event that there be more than one (1) nomination, the method of voting be open voting.

- CARRIED

The Returning Officer called for nominations in writing for the office of Deputy Mayor for the period September 2019 to September 2020.
The following nominations were received:-

CLR WAUD
CLR EL-HAYEK

AN OPEN BALLOT WAS CONDUCTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

CLR WAUD  4 VOTES
CLR EL-HAYEK  9 VOTES

THE RETURNING OFFICER THEN DECLARED CLR EL-HAYEK ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 2020.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.30 PM

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Mayor
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The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 4.1  Condolences on the Passing of Helen Williamson and Ken King

It is with great sadness that I recently learnt of the passing of Helen Williamson and Ken King.

Helen Williamson was a Greenacre stalwart and fondly known as the unofficial Mayor of Greenacre, known to many through her volunteer work. This volunteering was a part of her soul and began in the 1960’s with a position on the Parent’s and Citizen’s Association at the Greenacre Public School, time in the school canteen and helping out at Punchbowl Boys High.

For Helen, nothing was too great a problem; she was involved in the Greenacre Lions Club, the Greenacre Citizens Centre and President of the Greenacre Neighbourhood Centre. But not to have her contributions limited to Greenacre, she took on various roles including, significantly, the President of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Auxiliary and Director of Bankstown Aged Care.

In recognition of her contribution to the community, Helen was awarded Australian Citizen of the Year in 2007.

Helen’s passing is a great loss to our community. She will be remembered as a selfless and tireless volunteer and someone who brought joy to everyone around her. She will always be remembered.

Ken King was a proud Bankstown local and a long-time and faithful supporter of the Australian Labor Party. His strong convictions and genuine kindness and compassion were things to be admired and a source of inspiration, no matter which side of the political divide one may sit.

He took a great interest in the Bankstown City Council and was a constant, friendly and reliable face in the gallery during Council meetings. It was following the fire which destroyed the old Bankstown civic building that Ken donated many years’ worth of business papers back to Council, restoring a piece of our history.

Always keen for a chat and with a good story to tell he was also a familiar face on the many local, state and federal election campaigns he volunteered for. He will be missed but never forgotten.
ITEM 4.2 Mayor's Dashboard

Council’s Mission is to provide quality services to our community every day. It’s why we exist as an organisation. Whether it’s building footpaths, answering customer calls, or cleaning streets, we as a Council want to be accountable and open about the services we provide and the performance standards we expect.

I know that it can be a difficult task to digest the complicated and varied data that Council collects. That’s why I think that it is most important to have information and data explained in plain terms and where practical, visually. This is especially true for a community as diverse as Canterbury-Bankstown.

In keeping with these goals and our Smart City journey, I would like to announce the launch of the Mayor’s Dashboard. The Dashboard is an information management tool which tracks key metrics for Council services and displays them in simple dashboards so that the community and other users can have ‘at-a-glance’ awareness of current performance.

This initial phase of the Dashboard focusses on some of the most widely used Council services, though the tool will be further customised and expanded to keep pace with user interest and capacity.

I expect that this tool will have wide application to local businesses and education institutions, and for rate-payers and the community generally to have confidence that decisions involving their rate dollar are evidence-based, transparent and meaningful.

Paired with the efforts of our Smart City and Open Data Roadmaps, this dashboard further demonstrates our commitment to innovation, best practice and open government. I commend this initiative as an example of Council’s efforts to deliver real improvements for our community by using technology and data.
ITEM 4.3  Australia Day Awards

One of the most joyous honours I have as Mayor is to, each year on Australia Day, acknowledge and recognise the unsung heroes of our community. It is these people who have given our City life; have kept the lights on and the wheels turning, as it were, quietly going about their business of doing extraordinary things.

As in previous years, I am encouraging people to nominate those who they believe have made a real difference in our community, in the City of Canterbury Bankstown Australia Day Awards. This year’s Award categories are:

- Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Volunteer of the Year; and
- Community Organisation of the Year

Recipients will be officially announced at the Australia Day Ceremony, when a group of residents will also proudly become Australian Citizens.

Nominations will soon open and details about the process will be available on the Council’s website.
ITEM 4.4 Local Community Based Donations

The following community based organisations have approached Council for financial assistance.

**Mirath In Mind**
The Mirath in Mind will be staging a musical event entitled “Where Oceans meet” along with the official launch of their partnership with Lebanity Enterprise NZ Charitable Trust.

Now in its ninth year and produced by Mirath, a not-for-profit organisation established in 2010 to promote and keep alive the cultural legacies of the arts, heritage and culture of the Arab and Lebanese communities in Australia, I feel this event is worthy of the request for a $2000 sponsorship.

**Milperra Colts – A Day at the Footy Memorial Service**
The Milperra Colts Junior Rugby League Football Club held a “Day at the Footy” in memory of Jai Bruynius-Greene, an 11 year old member of the Colts’ rugby league family who sadly passed away in August.

The Memorial Day was held at Killara Reserve to allow for the large number of family and friends who wished to come together to celebrate Jai’s life. The Colts have requested that the field hire fees of $277.50 be waived, which I am more than happy to support.

**All Saints Grammar Parents’ Assoc. Gala Dinner Fundraiser**
The All Saints Grammar Parents’ Association Gala Dinner Fundraiser was held on 20th September at Doltone House, to raise much needed funds for the school.

In support of their fundraising efforts, I propose that $1000 be donated.

**RECOMMENDATION**

I propose that Council provide the financial assistance as outlined above and that these funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.
5 PLANNING MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

5.1 Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement and Planning Proposal for new Local Environmental Plan 43

5.2 Livable Housing Discussion Paper 53
ITEM 5.1 Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement and Planning Proposal for new Local Environmental Plan

AUTHOR Planning

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement to exhibit Council’s draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), Connective City 2036, and supporting documents. The report also seeks endorsement to prepare and submit a planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway Determination. These steps are in accordance with the funding agreement adopted by Council on 26 June 2018 and project plan adopted on 25 September 2018.

ISSUE
A 20 year strategic planning vision for the City of Canterbury Bankstown, known as Council’s draft Local Strategic Planning Statement, has been prepared for exhibition and feedback. Connective City 2036 sets clear directions and priorities for the future, and bridges the gap between the South District Plan and Council’s strategic land use vision for the city. It is a land-use companion document to CBCity 2028, giving effect to its Seven Destinations and City Transformations. The document incorporates input from Councillors, key stakeholders, and community engagement activities.

Connective City 2036 is proposed to be publicly exhibited between 25 September and 15 November 2019, and will include an extensive consultation and engagement program as outlined in Attachment B.

During public exhibition of Connective City 2036, relevant government agencies will also undertake a detailed review of the strategy. The LSPS will then be formally evaluated by the Greater Sydney Commission as part of its formal assurance process which considers responsiveness to broader regional planning initiatives and directions for Metropolitan Sydney. Council will be able to formally adopt Connective City 2036 once that has been completed.

As part of the new planning framework, Council will also prepare and submit a planning proposal for a new Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan, that will:

- Consolidate the Bankstown and Canterbury Local Environmental Plans;
- Align Council’s policy positions, and
- Implement Stage 1 of the LSPS (detailed in the report below)

The intent of this planning proposal is to commence the administrative process for the preparation of a consolidated Canterbury Bankstown LEP. The Planning Proposal will enable Council to seek Gateway approval. It is expected that the Gateway would set conditions that would need to be adhered to including minimum exhibition requirements and specific
studies/analyses that need to be prepared to underpin the LEP. A further report to Council providing details on proposed changes to planning provisions will be prepared for consideration prior to exhibition.

**RECOMMENDATION** That -

1. Council exhibit the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement *Connective City 2036* at Attachment A and supporting documents at Attachment B between 25 September and 15 November 2019 in line with the proposed exhibition program outlined in Attachment C.

2. Council prepare and submit a planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for Gateway Determination to create the new Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan.

3. A detailed report be provided to Council on the planning proposal after a Gateway Determination has been received and prior to exhibition.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement  
B. Background and Technical Studies  
C. Consultation and Engagement Overview
POLICY IMPACT

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is a requirement under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Council is required to a draft LSPS by 1 October 2019 and adopt the LSPS by 31 March 2020. The draft LSPS will be Council’s highest level policy position on land use planning across the local government area, and will sit alongside Council’s Community Strategic Plan, CBCity 2028.

This report also seeks Council approval to prepare and submit a planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment for a Gateway Determination for the purpose of obtaining the Department’s requirements up front.

Council is required to exhibit the planning proposal and submit it to the Department for gazettal by June 2020. In light of the very short timeframe, early gateway advice from the Department will be beneficial.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The matter requiring decision has no financial implications for Council. Funding for this project is being provided by the NSW Government in accordance with the funding agreement executed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 26 June 2018.

The LSPS however identifies a number of actions that will need to be delivered over the short, medium and long term. Each of these actions will be subject of a separate report to Council detailing specific financial impact (if any) and effectively form part of the future work program for various areas of Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Council’s primary focus is to ensure forecast growth in population and jobs are appropriately planned and supported by an established and funded infrastructure delivery plan.

Connective City 2036 establishes the framework for the future form and infrastructure required within each of the City’s centres to support high quality places that work with the existing character of each place. It provides certainty for the community with respect to areas of future growth and change, and provides a consistent framework for Council’s advocacy on behalf of the community.

Seeking feedback on the draft LSPS from the community is an essential part of the process, and the proposed exhibition program has been outlined in Attachment C. A further report will be provided to Council about the feedback received and any proposed amendments before the draft LSPS is finalised.

Importantly, the draft LSPS has already been informed by early community engagement, including focus groups, community information sessions, and an online survey.
DETAILED INFORMATION

Background

In March 2018, the NSW Government introduced changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the EP&A Act) to embed comprehensive strategic planning into the NSW planning framework.

A suite of long term strategic plans are required to be prepared and implemented by the NSW Government and local councils. The Greater Sydney Commission has since prepared the Greater Sydney Region Plan and district plans, and all Councils are preparing local strategic planning statements. Collectively the plans are intended to give direction to and coordinate planning decisions over the longer term, across areas and inform decision making authorities.

Section 3.9 of the EP&A Act sets out the requirement to prepare a LSPS and its content. Under section 3.9(3A), a council must receive advice from the Greater Sydney Commission that the statement is consistent with the regional and district plans prior to adoption.

In June 2018, the NSW Government announced the Accelerated Local Environmental Plan Program (Accelerated LEP Program), which provides funding to councils (including Canterbury-Bankstown) to prepare and implement a LSPS and make subsequent changes to planning controls by mid-2021. Canterbury-Bankstown Council executed a contract with the State Government in June 2018 formalising its commitment to the Accelerated LEP Program. The key steps and timeframes established by the State Government under the Program include:

a) Review and health check of the existing LEP against the Greater Sydney Region Plan and South District Plan (completed)
b) Exhibiting of a draft LSPS by 1 October 2019
c) LSPS Assurance by the Greater Sydney Commission – scheduled for February 2020
d) Adoption of the LSPS by 31 March 2020.

The concepts and priorities embedded within Connective City 2036 are drawn from and have been tested with internal and external stakeholders through an informal (non-statutory) consultation process completed in early 2019. This included interactive workshops with Councillors, focus groups, community information sessions, and an online survey conducted in April 2019.

Connective City 2036 is also informed by place analysis, technical studies and investigations, urban design studies, and the current policy and planning frameworks that apply to the former Canterbury and Bankstown local government areas. Research and analyses have also been tested from interstate and international jurisdictions of cities with similar population sizes and geographic makeup.
The City of Canterbury-Bankstown as an amalgamation of two former Council’s continues to operate under two Local Environmental Plans and Development Control Plans. In order to align with the South District Plan, and address the complexities of historical governance arrangements, Council needs to review, update and consolidate the existing Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) and associated plans, studies and strategies. Existing land use and development controls also require review and updating to ensure the vision and planning priorities established by Connective City 2036 are successfully implemented. Consistency in definitions and terms across the City will also be an important objective to meet.

Under the Accelerated LEP Program Agreement between Council and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), Council is required to prepare a Comprehensive LEP by June 2020. The Comprehensive LEP is to bring together the planning controls of the former Canterbury and Bankstown Councils into one Local Environmental Plan with supporting citywide controls, including a Development Control Plan and Contributions Plan.

The EP&A Act requires the LSPS (once made) to be reviewed at least every seven years and the Comprehensive LEP to be reviewed every five years.

**Connective City 2036**

*Connective City 2036* is the 20-year strategic land use plan for Canterbury-Bankstown to accommodate 500,000 residents and 155,000 workers, attract visitors and investment, and protect the City’s unique system of green spaces and waterways. It has been prepared to align with the seven CBCity2028 destinations and the priorities set out in the South District Plan.

*Connective City 2036* is structured into three key sections – a plan, 10 Directions and 10 Evolutions, each of which is described below.

The Plan illustrates how land uses and infrastructure will be integrated and coordinated across the City. It identifies centres and precincts, employment lands and collaboration areas. It also identifies existing and future key public transport initiatives, health and education infrastructure, and blue and green grid priorities and important connections to places throughout the Sydney Metropolitan area.

The Ten Directions recognise that as the largest and most centrally located local government area, Canterbury-Bankstown can contribute to Greater Sydney and support the Harbour City (Sydney CBD) and Western City (Parramatta CBD). The 10 Directions are comprised of five Metropolitan Directions which focus on the role of Canterbury-Bankstown in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan context and five City Directions that focus on what Canterbury-Bankstown needs to support a City of 500,000 people by 2036.

**Ten Directions**

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<td>Metropolitan Direction: Supporting Greater Sydney’s evolution into a Metropolis of Three Cities.</td>
<td>CBC’s strategic location is pivotal to the growth and connectivity of the Three Cities (Harbour, River and Parkland Cities). This provides a platform for the establishment of business and diverse housing choices with easy accessibility across Greater Sydney.</td>
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<td>serving roads while optimising Canterbury-Bankstown as a freight and distribution powerhouse.</td>
<td>region, and allowing for north-south movement. The plan calls for strengthening the metropolitan road network to then ensure local roads can become more attractive residential precincts. The NewM5 is recognised as a major transport gateway into the city, connecting it to the current and future airports and major urban centres. Upgrading freight infrastructure such as Chullora Intermodal, will ensure strong connectivity from Port Botany into Canterbury-Bankstown and improve efficiency in the freight network.</td>
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<td>Metropolitan Direction: Fulfil the aspiration for an interconnected Sydney Metro System.</td>
<td>Canterbury-Bankstown is an integral part of a gridded Metro network for Greater Sydney, allowing for enhanced functionality of public transport through the introduction of new north-south and east-west Metro connectivity that transform Sydney’s current radial network. This provides new opportunity at Metro interchanges to support centre renewal and attract investment.</td>
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<td>Metropolitan Direction: Create the Green Grid by connecting Georges and Parramatta Rivers and Botany Bay to Duck River.</td>
<td>Canterbury-Bankstown is surrounded by ecological corridors and natural areas. The plan is to connect these, preserve these corridors in the western part of the city, and create new corridors in the east. This section identifies important green and blue corridors for the city, and identifies the key connections the rivers provide from an ecological and active transport perspective to the Three Cities model set by the Greater Sydney Commission.</td>
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<td>Metropolitan Direction: Support a growing Sydney by creating a hierarchy of great places and dynamic urban centres.</td>
<td>Canterbury-Bankstown’s centres network provides a framework for sustainable urban growth where quality and diverse housing sit within a mix of retail, urban services and business close to protect natural areas and open space. Centres provide the opportunity to focus new jobs, business and housing in renewed centres. In Bankstown and Campsie, housing will co-locate with jobs, urban services and open spaces near train, metro and bus connections. This supports the 30 minute aspirations of the city. Established low density residential areas offer housing for intergenerational and family living, with density growth to be focused in the centres.</td>
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<td>City Direction: Chapel Road Precinct - Chullora to Bankstown, the City’s Heart</td>
<td>This precinct will be the economic, educational, civic, cultural and business heart of the city. Chapel Road will be the anchor for major health and education investment in the city. The precinct be supported by a north-south Metro connection from Parramatta to Kogarah via Bankstown and Chullora. Bankstown will have high density living with high amenity.</td>
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<td>City Direction: Eastern Lifestyle and Medical Precinct (Campsie to Kingsgrove)</td>
<td>This precinct is anchored by Campsie and Kingsgrove, with Canterbury Hospital forming the heart of a cohesive medical precinct. Industrial areas around Kingsgrove can be transformed into an employment focussed innovation and start up precinct in a pedestrian focused urban setting.</td>
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<td>City Direction: Bankstown Aviation and Technology Precinct</td>
<td>Build on the aviation heritage of this precinct to create a centre of aviation excellence with supporting advanced manufacturing, innovative industrial, specialist health and education and smart transport and logistics uses. The centre will have good access to enhanced Georges River Parklands, with Marion Street becoming a key connector between Bankstown Airport and Bankstown City Centre.</td>
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<td>City Direction: 34 centres and their surrounding suburbs</td>
<td>The City has a range of different centres, each with a different economic and cultural focus. A hierarchy of centres is established to inform decisions around building uses, types and scales and determining the infrastructure and open space needs to support community cohesion and sustainable living. Built form in each centre will be underpinned by community defined desired future character.</td>
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<td>City Direction: Canterbury-Bankstown’s river systems and tributaries</td>
<td>Prioritisation of water management and natural resource initiatives to create sustainable river processes and beautiful open spaces. This includes enhancing water quality, and guiding how we manage and plan for open space and passive recreation to match community needs. Water sensitive design will inform the rejuvenation of centres, suburbs and development.</td>
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Ten Evolutions

The Ten Evolutions represent the land use and infrastructure qualities and attributes that the community considers the most important. Each Evolution is described in terms of the existing opportunities and constraints, the actions required to be taken over the short, medium and long term between now and 2036, and where possible, measures and targets have also been identified. The actions and targets have been developed to align with CBCity 2028 and implement the Directions and planning priorities of the South District Plan. The Evolutions will be gradually implemented across the entire City, whether they are a Metropolitan or City Direction, or part of another identified opportunity. It is anticipated that Evolutions will be delivered by Council, the State Government, developers or landowners or across a number of these partners through future planning proposals and development proposals.

The Ten Evolutions area summarised below:

- **Evolution 1 Coordination, community, collaboration, context**: Builds on challenges and opportunities. This evolution shows how we will implement Connective City 2036.
- **Evolution 2 Movement for commerce and place**: Connectivity is critical. This evolution identifies a transport network that supports the premier locations for change (Bankstown and Campsie) and better connections for people living in other urban and suburban areas to transport interchanges and options.
- **Evolution 3 Economy, jobs and commerce**: Canterbury-Bankstown’s centres and industry sector strengths offer a diversity of jobs. This evolution identifies the land use context needed to stimulate jobs growth in centres and where transition of industrial land will attract new jobs.
- **Evolution 4 Green web**: The green grid is an interconnected network of green spaces and natural areas. This evolution shows how the green grid will extend across the City as we enhance existing and proposed green links.
- **Evolution 5 Blue web**: Waterways are a valued asset for the City. This evolution sets out how we can better integrate the Cooks, Georges and Duck Rivers and their tributaries and creeks into urban and suburban areas.
- **Evolution 6 Urban and suburban places, housing the city**: Diversity of housing is fundamental to a thriving and dynamic City. This evolution identifies the most appropriate locations for growth and change where we will work with the NSW Government to focus investment. Suburban areas will be preserved for low density housing on quieter, tree-lined streets.
• **Evolution 7 Cultural places and spaces**: The City offers a great lifestyle with pockets of cultural identity and a diversity of people and places within the community. This evolution sets out the City-shaping and community-supporting infrastructure required to sustain and enhance Canterbury-Bankstown.

• **Evolution 8 Design quality**: The City has many places of built, natural and cultural heritage and places with a significant local character. This evolution will describe how we can instil the right design choices to achieve a sustainable, liveable, healthy and attractive city.

• **Evolution 9 Sustainability and resilience**: Council supports the NSW Government’s goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. This evolution sets out place-based approaches that manage energy, water and waste efficiently to help us build resilience across the City, encourage sustainable urban living and create cooler streets that help to mitigate changes in the climate.

• **Evolution 10 Governance and funding**: This evolution sets out the funding framework and processes to ensure required infrastructure is properly staged and funded.

*Connective City 2036* will have statutory (legal) weight when adopted by Council. A wide range of users will refer to *Connective City 2036* to understand how, where and when growth and change will occur, and comprehend which significant environmental and cultural values will be protected and enhanced for the benefit of current and future generations.

The following technical studies have informed the preparation of *Connective City 2036*, and are proposed to be publicly exhibited at the same time:

- Housing Strategy Summary Report
- Employment Lands Strategy Summary Report
- Sustainability Technical Report
- Community Infrastructure Background Report
- Integrated Access and Movement Plan
- Community Engagement Report
- Demographic Study
- Infrastructure Funding and Delivery Report

Of these, the Housing Strategy Summary Report is the most significant. The South District Plan requires all councils to prepare a housing strategy to guide the quantity, location and types of future housing in their local government areas. The housing strategy supports *Connective City 2036* and is consistent with the DPIE’s Local Housing Strategy Guideline. The Guideline includes a template prescribing how local governments must undertake a housing analysis and develop local housing targets to guide growth to 2036 and has a strong focus on facilitating housing supply to meet projected demand.

Existing council plans, policies and strategies, such as the CBCity 2028 and supporting strategies and plans, have been reviewed and integrated into *Connective City 2036*. 
Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan

Council will prepare a Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan, which will:

- Consolidate the Bankstown and Canterbury Local Environmental Plans;
- Align Council’s policy positions; and
- Give effect to the first stage of the draft LSPS.

Land use strategies that have already been adopted by Council will be used to inform Council’s new planning rules. These strategies have also been used to inform the preparation of this document and are based on detailed analysis and community engagement. They will help guide future growth and infrastructure improvements in centres across the City.

The new Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan will be supported by:

- A Canterbury Bankstown Development Control Plan
- A Canterbury Bankstown Contributions Plan
- An Affordable Housing Policy

It is anticipated that the Local Strategic Planning Statement will be implemented in four stages, being:

- Stage 1 (immediately) – the consolidation of the Canterbury and Bankstown LEPs, alignment of Council’s current policy positions and giving effect to parts of the Draft LSPS. This includes rationalisation of the R2 Low Density and R3 Medium Density zones across the local government area.
- Stage 2 (6 months following gazettal of the Canterbury Bankstown LEP) – Master Plan and planning proposal to Council to endorse the submission for Gateway Determination for Bankstown and Campsie. Council is separately seeking confirmation from the government on its level of involvement and financial commitment to resolving planning for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor.
- Stage 3 (12-24 months following gazettal of the Canterbury Bankstown LEP): Lakemba, Belmore, Canterbury.

Public Consultation

Under the EP&A Act and Council’s draft Community Participation Plan, a LSPS is required to be exhibited for a minimum 28 days.

Connective City 2036 and its supporting attachments is proposed to be publicly exhibited for 42 days between 25 September and 15 November 2019. The exhibition will be advertised on Canterbury-Bankstown’s website and in local newspapers. Focus groups, workshops and pop-in and pop-up sessions are also proposed to provide key stakeholders from the community, industry and government with an opportunity to provide feedback and to test the priorities and actions in Connective City 2036.
The draft Canterbury Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2019 will be exhibited following the receipt of a Gateway Determination from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

**Next Steps**

This report recommends exhibiting *Connective City 2036* and its supporting documents from 25 September and 15 November 2019. The exhibition will include an extensive series of activities and events to ensure feedback is received from a broad range of stakeholders and community members.

All submissions received will be considered following the public exhibition process. *Connective City 2036* and its supporting attachments will be reviewed and amended in response to matters raised during exhibition, including those from the Greater Sydney Commission and other agencies.

In February 2020, Connective City will be submitted to the Greater Sydney Commission for assurance in accordance with the requirements of the EP&A Act to confirm that it is consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan and District Plans. Subject to the Commission’s endorsement, *Connective City 2036* and its supporting attachments will be reported to Council in early 2020 for adoption.

Should Council resolve to proceed as recommended, Council staff will prepare and submit a planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in October for Gateway Determination.
ITEM 5.2 Livable Housing Discussion Paper

AUTHOR Planning

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s endorsement to exhibit a Discussion Paper on options to make new homes easier to use for the community, and designed to meet their changing needs throughout their lifetime.

ISSUE
Residents and families want homes that are easy to enter, easy to navigate in and around, and designed to meet their changing needs across their lifetime. Residents would also like to age-in-place as it can be expensive and inconvenient to relocate because their home is no longer suitable for them.

Council recognises these needs and is looking at options to make new homes easier to use for our community including seniors, people with temporary injuries, families with young children, and people with disabilities and their families.

As a first step, Council has prepared a Discussion Paper for exhibition with options on how Council may proceed to address future demand for livable housing. Following community and industry feedback, the intended outcome is for Council to amend the development controls based on a preferred option to be endorsed by Council.

RECOMMENDATION That–

1. Council exhibit the Discussion Paper, as provided in Attachment A, in accordance with the Draft Community Participation Plan.

2. The matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.

ATTACHMENTS
A. Draft Discussion Paper

Click here for attachment
POLICY IMPACT
The intended outcome of the Discussion Paper is to inform future amendments to Council’s development controls based on a preferred option to make new homes easier to use for the community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
This matter has no financial implication for Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
Council has prepared a Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement to guide the future of the City of Canterbury Bankstown to 2036.

The Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement recognises a need to provide housing choice to suit each life stage of the community. For example, the mature aged community is becoming increasingly important as the population is projected to age rapidly, with a high growth rate in the over 65 demographics. Older people generally like to stay near their families and friends, which is why residents look for homes where they can age–in–place.

The 2016 Census also reported that over 23,000 residents in the City needed assistance in their day–to–day lives due to a disability.

It is important for Council to consider these needs when making decisions about future building design controls.

An action in the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement is to encourage homes that enable our community to age–in–place and to encourage homes that are easier to use for all occupants including seniors, people with temporary injuries, families with young children, and people with disabilities and their families.

This Discussion Paper looks at options to implement this action of the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.
DETAILED INFORMATION

Background

For the last 20 years, Council has applied the Adaptable Housing Australian Standard (4299–1995) to provide custom–designed homes for seniors and people with disabilities (either living independently or with family support). This is currently the same approach as most other councils in Sydney.

Council’s Development Control Plans currently require a minimum 10% of dwellings in villas, town houses and apartments to be adaptable housing.

Council recognises there is a need to review these requirements to reflect the Draft Strategic Planning Statement and industry best practice directions.

Industry best practice directions

The NSW Government, industry, social housing providers and some councils are moving from the Adaptable Housing Australian Standard to a new set of guidelines, known as the Livable Housing Design Guidelines.

The Livable Housing Design Guidelines were introduced in 2010 following the National Conference on Universal Housing Design. The Commonwealth Government supports the Guidelines as a way to provide nationally consistent guidelines. Livable Housing Australia (a not–for–profit organisation) was created to administer the Guidelines.

The Guidelines aim to provide suitable accommodation for a broad range of the community including seniors, people with temporary injuries, families with young children, and people with disabilities and their families; plus enable people to age–in–place.

The Guidelines contain three types of building design standards: Platinum, Gold and Silver. Livable Housing Australia’s goal is for all new homes to achieve a minimum standard (Silver), however this target is not legislated and is therefore discretionary.

The table below provides a comparison of the Adaptable Housing Australian Standard and the Livable Housing Design Guidelines.

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<td>It is designed to meet the needs of people requiring higher level access from the outset, and usually designed and built with a specific person’s needs in mind.</td>
<td>Silver Standard: The minimum standard which focusses on seven core design elements (refer to the Discussion Paper) to ensure future flexibility and adaptability of the home (namely entry and corridor widths, and bathrooms). Incorporating these features will avoid more costly home modification if required at a later date.</td>
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<td>The basic premise is that every home should be accessible to a visitor using a wheelchair. The Australian Standard also requires the</td>
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Adaptable Housing Australian Standard | Livable Housing Design Guidelines
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home to be adaptable for an occupant using a wheelchair. | Gold Standard: This higher standard enhances the requirements for most of the core design elements plus additional elements. It provides for more generous dimensions for most of the core design elements and introduces additional elements in areas such as the kitchen and bedroom.

Platinum Standard: This is the highest standard. All 15 elements are featured in the platinum level. This standard describes the design elements that would better accommodate ageing in place and people with higher mobility needs. This standard requires more generous dimensions for most of the core design elements and introduces additional elements for features such as the living room and flooring.

**Discussion Paper**

Council does not currently subscribe to the Livable Housing Design Guidelines however a number of options are available to update the development controls, with a view to increase the levels of livable homes in the City.

For the purposes of the exhibition, the Discussion Paper outlines a range of options that Council may consider before deciding a preferred way forward. The Discussion Paper uses the terms ‘adaptable housing’ and ‘livable housing’ to describe the options as follows:

- Adaptable housing means a home that is designed to meet the needs of people requiring a higher level of access from the outset, and is usually designed and built with a specific person’s needs in mind.
- Livable housing means a home that is designed to meet the changing needs of a broader cross-section of the community throughout their lifetime.

The options identified in the Discussion Paper include:

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| **Option 1 (Livable Housing):** Apply the minimum standard (Silver) under the Livable Housing Design Guidelines to all new homes that require development approval. | **Benefits:** This option provides the minimum standard to meet the changing needs of most home occupants throughout their lifetime. It uses standard building products and practices to overcome access and usability problems.

The likely average yield under this option may be approximately 2,000–2,500 dwellings per year.

**Limitations:** This option applies mainly to entry ways, corridors and bathrooms, and does not apply to the design of other rooms in the home. The Silver Standard does not require bedrooms on the ground floor. |
Option 2 (Livable Housing): Apply a mix of the minimum and higher standards (Silver, Gold and Platinum) under the Livable Housing Design Guidelines to most new homes that require development approval.

Benefits: Rather than limit the building design to the minimum Silver Standard, this option proposes to apply a mix of the Platinum, Gold and Silver Standards as follows:
- 20% Silver, 10% Gold and 10% Platinum to new apartments and multi dwelling housing (e.g. villas and townhouses);
- Gold Standard to at least one dwelling in a dual occupancy; and
- Silver Standard to new secondary dwellings and houses requiring a development application.

It provides a mix of housing products where the rooms and services are of a size that are usable by a broader cross-section of our community. For example, slightly wider doorways or passageways are more easily navigated by users of mobility devices such as walking frames, wheelchairs or a child’s pram. The Gold Standard requires bedrooms on the ground floor.

The likely average yield under this option would be approximately 1,000 dwellings per year.

Limitations: This option requires more generous dimensions for most rooms compared to the Silver Standard under Option 1.

Option 3 (Adaptable Housing): This option proposes to continue with the current policy, rather than apply the Livable Housing Design Guidelines.

Benefits: This option proposes to continue with the current policy, rather than apply the Livable Housing Design Guidelines.

Limitations: This option does not meet a growing trend toward industry best practice directions. The Australian Standard does not require bedrooms on the ground floor.

The likely average yield under this option may be low at approximately 100 dwellings per year.

It is noted that the above options would apply to new residential development that require development application approval (not including alterations and additions to existing homes). It is not possible to apply Council’s DCP controls to complying development (such as houses and secondary dwellings) under the State Codes.

Costs

The table below provides an indicative cost comparison between the Australian Standard and the Livable Housing Design Guidelines. The comparison indicates the Silver and Gold Standards would cost less to construct compared to the Australian Standard. It is assumed all development types would be more expensive under the Platinum Standard.

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*Source*: Australian Building Codes Board (platinum not costed by ABCB)

**NEXT STEPS**

The first step is to exhibit a Discussion Paper with options on how Council may proceed to address the community needs. The exhibition would be a minimum 28 days in accordance with the Draft Community Participation Plan. The community and industry would have the opportunity to identify a preferred option or to highlight other options which Council may consider.

As part of a further report to Council and based on community and industry feedback, Council would select a preferred option to amend the development controls to make new homes easier to use for the community.
6 POLICY MATTERS

The following item is submitted for consideration -

6.1 Smart CBCity Roadmap
ITEM 6.1 Smart CBCity Roadmap

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
Over the past two years, Council has been collaborating and learning from other leading Smart Cities around the world. We have received early praise in our approach to becoming a smart city, in that our priorities focus on using smart thinking to help address real problems facing our community. Recent milestones include:

- In April 2018, Council resolved to create its own plan for Smart City.
- In July 2018, a Digital Innovation (Smart Cities) Program Manager was appointed to lead and facilitate this new function of Council, and the Smart Cities Roadmap is the first step in achieving our Smart Cities goals.
- In October 2018, the Draft Smart CBCity Roadmap was presented to Council after 3-6 months of co-creation with our community and leading smart city experts. Council endorsed the Draft for an extended exhibition period of nine months.

The purpose of this report is to present the findings from the extensive consultation process, provide an update of the progress Council has undertaken in learning what is required to become a leading Smart City, and provide recommendations for continued success in developing a future-ready city.

ISSUE
As a city, we must proactively prepare for future technologies and a rapidly changing data driven world. To do this, we must prioritise Smart City investments and have a clear plan in place on how to achieve this.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council adopt the Smart CBCity Roadmap (attachment A)

2. Council note the attached Smart Cities Immersion Tour Report (Attachment D) and the aspects relevant to Council business and/or the local community.

ATTACHMENTS
Click here for attachment (s)

A. Smart CBCity Roadmap
B. Community Consultation Evaluation Report
C. Future Street Community Consultation Report
D. Smart Cities Immersion Tour
POLICY IMPACT
The Smart CBCity Roadmap will contribute to each of the seven destinations identified in CBCity 2028, our vision for Canterbury-Bankstown to 2028. It sets out a framework for how Council will use ‘smart thinking’ in decision making and service delivery to achieve our community vision and does not sit in isolation from the Council’s existing and emerging plans. Rather, it enables Council to explore how data and technology can be used across all areas of our business.

The adoption and implementation of the Smart CBCity Roadmap will also support our existing policies and governance frameworks which currently guide how we operate as a Council. The adoption of our Smart CBCity Roadmap will also create the environment for our governance frameworks and policies to be modernised over time to create a truly innovative and agile Council and community.

The attached Smart Cities Immersion Tour report fulfils the requirements of section 6.18 of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
Whilst there are no immediate financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the Smart CBCity Roadmap, Council must acknowledge that becoming a Smart City comes at a cost. Council has been successful in securing some federal and state government funding to support our goals however Council will need to consider future budgets to the Smart Cities program as part of future Operational Plans.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The proposed framework and definition of a Smart City for Canterbury-Bankstown has a focus on making real improvements, all of which will see the community impacted in a positive way. In building a Smart City, we will be seeking to make life easier, simpler, clearer and more effective.

Council’s has completed extensive consultation with our community over the past 12 months. A summary of the findings are detailed in the report and a comprehensive overview is attached for reference.
The Smart CBCity Roadmap marks the beginning of Canterbury-Bankstown’s journey towards becoming a leading Smart City. It is not intended to be a comprehensive plan with fixed solutions, rather, it focuses on some underlying principles outlining what is important, our motives and the outcomes technology and data needs to deliver to our community.

The Smart CBCity Roadmap also provides a solid base for the development of future-focused actions to take advantage of the changing world. It provides the framework to inform actions swiftly and to encourage experimentation and reflective learning. It is not a fixed plan and will evolve and change as quickly as technology does.

Sitting within our Strategic Planning framework as a supporting plan under the ‘Prosperous and Innovative’ destination, the Smart CBCity Roadmap will act as a north star for CBCity’s Smart City efforts, guiding our approach, direction, investment and success.

**Roadmap Outline**

Within the Roadmap we have clearly defined what a Smart City means to us: “Using technology, connectivity and data to evolve our City and make real improvements.”

Our Smart strategic pillars will assist us in categorising legacy and emerging work. These pillars are:
- Smart People
- Smart Places
- Smart Process

The Smart CBCity Roadmap is very deliberately, not a detailed plan. The iterative nature of technology, connectivity and data driven projects means our strategies will have a short lifespan and require frequent review. The Smart CBCity proposes a structured approach to managing Smart Cities as an organisation and provides a maturity model including some action items. These phases include:
1. Get a clear idea
2. Build momentum
3. Get the house in order
4. Experiment, learn, apply & scale
5. Mobilise the troops
6. Hit the open road

Within the Roadmap, Council takes a clear stance on the types of projects that will operate under the Smart Cities program with a criteria and methodology for adoption alongside a proposed governance structure to progress the program. It is important to note that we cannot do everything, and by leveraging partnerships, we do not need to do everything. Our Smart CBCity Principles, alongside our three-phased criteria for project selection provide a strong framework for Council to move forward in the Smart Cities space by helping Council to prioritise its extensive, growing and often competing projects.
In setting out our approach, a clear project management methodology has been identified. This includes how we will approach and manage Smart City Projects:

1. Address a problem of inefficiency without bias;
2. Acknowledge that one-size-fits-all does not always work and there are multiple solutions;
3. Contextualise any existing useful metrics and data about efficiency, service delivery, needs identification and key learnings to better understand the problem;
4. Solve a problem without specific technology vendors, platforms or programs. Identify who may be burdened by this solution and engage them early on;
5. Identify indicators and metrics for success based on input from the community and impacted stakeholders;
6. Establish tools and technologies that allow for iterative and ongoing improvement;
7. Measure return on investment and investigate opportunities for scalability.

Additionally, in recognising feasibility of taking on Smart Projects, an approach to ensure we are prioritising our resources to the highest impact projects is outlined in our three-phased project prioritisation framework:

- **Phase one**
  1. Does it consider the 12 CBCity Smart Principles?
  2. Does it contribute to Canterbury Bankstown’s Community Strategic Plan and three matching smart pillars?

- **Phase two**
  3. How does it rate on our impact, effort and risk matrix?
  4. Does it involve work and collaboration with other organisations or groups?

- **Phase three**
  5. Can it be tested fast?
  6. Can it be scaled?
  7. Has it considered the potential costs and impacts?

**Community consultation**

The Smart CBCity Roadmap was placed on formal exhibition on 17 October 2018 and concluded the formal community consultation process on 22 June 2019. Consultation initiatives included:

- 9 Workshops
- Approx. 1,100 conversations
- 4 pop ups
- Over 100,000 flyers
- 1,100 views of the Draft Smart CBCity Roadmap
- 278 downloads of the document

Over the consultation period, a number of initiatives were completed in order to generate meaningful conversations and insights from our community about their views in building a smarter city. Community consultation measures included but were not limited to:

- Youth and CALD workshops;
- Developing and convening a FutureCITY panel of tech experts within our community;
- Social Planning Sessions;
- Tech for good Hackathon, targeting vulnerable communities;
- Online opportunity for comment via the Have Your Say Platform;
- Smart Schools Competition;
Future Street Activation; and more.

In addition to the feedback provided through the above engagement activities, 18 formal submissions were received.

The general sentiment captured throughout the consultation process was that smart cities would be a helpful construct specifically in respect to using smart thinking to simplify the lives of residents and tackle complex challenges such as environmental planning.

When speaking about data collection, analysis, encryption and cyber security community sentiment demonstrated that the community was highly invested in playing a participatory role. This demonstrates the need for ongoing engagement and participatory planning as we progress our smart city objectives.

A key feedback also related to how Smart Cities could address the environmental challenges facing the city. Council is currently using smart thinking to tackle some of our biggest environmental challenges. Specifically, Council’s primary focus as identified in our program prioritisation work has been investigating smart solutions to tackle the waste and sustainability challenges we face, by closing the loop and creating service improvements. The results of this early work have seen Council partner with the Federal government, the University of Technology Institute for Sustainable Futures, Western Sydney University and Blue Chili to deliver a $2.1M project focused on creating tangible community improvements in the waste interaction space, the benefits of which are expected to be realised after June 2020.

Below is a snapshot of some of the key findings with a more comprehensive overview of our community consultation initiatives and community insights attached (Attachment B and C).
Changes as a result of the exhibition

As a result of the consultation the following changes to the Draft Smart CBCity Roadmap have been undertaken and reflected in the document.

• Our definition of a Smart City
  Our original definition was “using technology infrastructure, community engagements and connectivity to evolve our City and make real improvements.” Our consultation demonstrated the need to simplify this, hence the definition has now been amended to “using technology, connectivity and data to evolve our City and make real improvements.”

• The 11th Smart City Principle
  Originally this principle was titled business, but our consultation efforts revealed the term business was too restrictive and we may have oversimplified. As a result, the principle has now been renamed to industry to include creative enterprises, social entrepreneurs, not for profits and other innovative groups in our local area.

• The Smart Pillars
  Whilst our pillars have remained the same, a greater level of detail around how these pillars are put into practice have been included in the form of emerging opportunities. Originally, we had a complimentary project attachment to the Roadmap, but we found the iterative nature of Smart Cities concepts meant this document became dated and obsolete at a rapid pace. Conversations with our community revealed people generally understood the pillars, but wanted a tangible example of how this might be applied in a practical use case scenario. The emerging opportunities are not commitments for our Council to investigate or deliver, rather useful examples to help understand the pillars.

• Smart Process
  Originally, policy was accounted for within the “Platforms, plans, policies and procedures’ category. Our experience as we continue to progress our efforts have demonstrated that policy plays an important role, not just internally, but also at a national level. Much of the work of the Smart Cities team has been working in close partnership with the federal and state governments to progress policy initiatives. Unfortunately, legislation and policy moves at a much slower rate and has limited ability to keep up with the iterative nature of Smart Cities, hence the importance for overarching and broad policy that supports innovation and progress. As a result, a new category “Policy that supports progress” has now been included as its own category under the Smart Process pillar.

• Things to do
  In the draft Smart CBCity Roadmap, we had identified a list of things we need to do. These were categorised by
  o To do now;
  o To do next; and
  o Things we will get to.
  As we progress through our Smart Cities journey, we have identified a phased approach which maintains and categorises all the ‘things we need to do’ but further contextualises
them into a maturity model. As a result, this section has now been renamed to ‘The six phases’ and includes:

1. Get a clear idea
2. Build momentum
3. Get the house in order
4. Experiment, learn, apply & scale
5. Mobilise the troops
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- The Smart Conductor
  Staff engagement and practical use of the concepts in the Draft Smart CBCity Roadmap demonstrated a heavy focus on our external stakeholders and constituents, but was missing a core element of collaboration – staff. As a result we have now rectified and added staff to the stakeholders or players in the band to create a Smart City.

**Broader Policy Work**

While it is important for Council to have a road map in place for its own activities it is recognised that change is also required at a metropolitan, State and Federal level. Our research and engagement over the past 2 years have demonstrated the importance of modernised and aligned policy from all tiers of government. Canterbury Bankstown Council has played an active role in working to support the development of policy that supports local government across Australia and upholds the integrity of community insight. Policy shaping initiatives have included, but are not limited to:

- Participation on the Standards Australia, Smart Cities JT-001-01 reference group;
- Participation in the Smart Cities Council Australia & New Zealand efforts to call for policy modernisation and government collaboration;
- Participation in the SSROC Smart Cities working group;
- Participation in the Australian Smart Communities Association;
- Leading the Smart Cities Manager network across Sydney and surrounds Councils investigating opportunities for shared policy development;
- Endorsement to join the Cities for Digital Rights Coalition to support worldwide policy development for digital equity;
- Advisory and consultative activities with the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development;
- Advisory and consultative activities with the Commonwealth Digital Transformation Agency;
- Advisory and consultative activities with the NSW State Government Department of Customer Service.

Council is not the only stakeholder responsible for delivering a smart and future ready city. From the community that gives our city character, to state government departments and local businesses, we must work together to strategically align our vision and efforts to deliver a Smart City. Council will work closely with our State and Federal Government counterparts, aligning our work with their efforts to ensure we are taking a tri-government approach to building a smart future for the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

**Conclusion**
CBCity has received early praise in its approach to becoming a smart city, in that our priorities focus on getting it right and using smart thinking to help us shape our City’s future, rather than just trying to reach the end goal of becoming a smart city. Many Australian and international cities are now looking to our Council as a leading smart city with a robust and practical approach.

As noted in phase one of the Roadmap, the City of Canterbury Bankstown must continue to take the opportunity to learn from other leading Smart Cities all over the world. Through a number of initiatives including global partnerships, founding membership to the City Possible network, membership to the Cities for Digital Rights Coalition, partnerships with international cities and more, we have had the opportunity to learn and collaborate on common challenges. Outcomes from the Smart Cities Immersion Tour (refer to attachment D) have contributed this knowledge and informed the recent changes to the Smart CBCity Roadmap as set out in this report.

In progressing our maturity as a smart city and realising the return on investment from the partnerships we’ve built over the past 12 months, we will seek to continue learning and co-designing, eventually developing, testing and piloting potential solutions with a greater knowledge source from a wide range of digitally mature cities across the world.

The adoption of the Smart CBCity Roadmap will formally embed our approach across the organisation, local economy and community which will ultimately assist us in making our services better, clearer, simpler and more effective.
7 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

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ITEM 7.1  Local Government Elections

AUTHOR  Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
Council is required to appoint an entity to conduct the 2020 local government election, and any polls or constitutional referendums should they be required.

Should Council wish to appoint the NSW Electoral Commission to administer its elections, polls and referendums (including the September 2020 ordinary election) it must resolve to do so by 1 October 2019.

Should Council resolve to enter into a contract with NSWEC to conduct its elections, the arrangement must be entered into by 1 January 2020.

ISSUE
The engagement of the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) to conduct Council elections, referendums and/or polls including the 2020 ordinary election of council.

RECOMMENDATION
That pursuant to Section 296(2), (3) and (5A) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), as applied and modified by Section 18, that arrangements be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections, polls and constitutional referendums of the Council, including the 2020 Local Government Election.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil
POLICY IMPACT
There is no policy impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The cost of the 2020 ordinary election will be funded from the 2020/21 budget. This report has no impact on the 2019/2020 budget.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
There is no community impact.
DETAILED INFORMATION

In accordance with section 296 of the Local Government 1993 Council’s that were intending to use the services of the NSWEC to conduct the 2020 election, polls and referendums were required to resolve to appoint the LGNSW by March 2019, and to finalise contractual arrangements by June 2019. As a result of the IPART review of NSW election costs, amendments were made to the Local Government Act, 1993 (by the Local Government Amendment Act 2019) to provide councils with an extension of time until 1 October 2019 to determine whether to enter into a contract with the NSWEC to conduct its elections, and to finalise contractual arrangements by 1 January 2020.

The amendments to the Act also prohibits councils from administering their own elections. If a Council does not enter into an agreement with NSWEC it must resolve to engage an alternative electoral services provider to administer their elections and the General Manager must publish the Council resolution as soon as practicable on Council’s website.

The NSWEC conducts elections for all but a small number of councils in NSW which means that through economies of scale, it can provide councils with competitive pricing for election costs. It is considered unlikely that there would be any cost savings to Council if it engaged an alternate service provider to conduct the election. In addition, through its running of State and Local Government elections in previous years, the NSWEC has access to staff that have significant experience in conducting elections. Therefore, the appointment of NSWEC to conduct Councils’ elections, polls and referendums, up to and including the 2020 election, is supported.

Should a council choose not to engage the NSWEC to conduct its elections, the NSWEC would not provide any assistance and/or support in administering Council's election.
ITEM 7.2 Stronger Communities Fund - Quarterly Progress Report

AUTHOR City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
The Stronger Communities Fund (SCF) was established by the NSW Government to provide newly merged Councils with funding to kick start the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services. The City of Canterbury Bankstown was allocated $10 million funding as a result of the two councils merging. Councils were required to consult with their community to allocate the SCF through two programs:

- A Community Grants Program – Allocating up to $1 million in grants of up to $50,000 to incorporated not-for-profit community groups, for projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities; and
- A Major Projects Program – Allocating all remaining funding to larger scale priority infrastructure and services projects that deliver long term economic and social benefits to communities.

The SCF is overseen by an Assessment Panel, the role of which is to assess and recommend projects for funding. As per the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) Guidelines for the SCF, the Panel is made up of the Mayor or delegate, State Members of Parliament, a representative from DPC, and an independent probity advisor.

ISSUE
In accordance with SCF Guidelines developed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Council is required to provide quarterly progress reports to an Ordinary Council meeting on the expenditure and outcomes of the SCF. This report covers the period July 2019 – September 2019.

RECOMMENDATION
That Council note the progress report of the implementation of projects funded through the Stronger Communities Fund.

ATTACHMENTS
Click here for attachment
A. SCF - Community Grants Program Progress Report September 2019
POLICY IMPACT
This report has been prepared in accordance with SCF Guidelines developed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
All funding provided to Council through the SCF has been allocated and/or committed to projects through the Community Grants Program and Major Projects Program. These commitments have been reflected in Council’s adopted budget.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The delivery of programs and projects funded under the SCF will deliver social, cultural, economic or environmental benefits to the community. The Major Projects will result in the delivery of new or improved infrastructure or services to the community. Community engagement was compulsory, and close to 11,000 residents had their say on the big ideas or their priorities for the City.
DETAILED INFORMATION

In line with the Stronger Community Fund (SCF) Guidelines, Council is required to table progress reports at least quarterly to an Ordinary Council Meeting on the expenditure and outcomes of the SCF. In addition, Council must also provide six monthly reports each year by 31 July and 31 January to the Office of Local Government on those projects selected for funding, delivery progress and expenditure to date.

This report provides an update for the period June 2019 – August 2019.

Community Grants Program

Following the guidelines issued by the DPC, and a community workshop and application process, projects funded under the SCF Community Grants Program was endorsed at the December 2016 Council meeting. A ceremony was held to recognise the recipients of the Community Grants, where a total of $987,546 was presented to 27 different community groups.

Twenty six of the projects funded under this Program have been completed. The attached report (Attachment A) provides an update and outlines the key outcomes for each of the projects. There is one end of project report yet to be submitted.

Major Projects Program - Stage 1

In December 2016, Council endorsed four high priority projects totalling $3.6 million for funding under the Major Projects Program. Work has been steadily progressing on the delivery of these projects, with two projects successfully delivered.

An update on the status of Stage 1 projects is as follows:

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<td>Regional Sports Framework – Multipurpose synthetic surface at Jensen Park</td>
<td>This project is complete and was officially opened on 23 February 2019.</td>
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<td>All Abilities Playground – Bankstown City Gardens Stage 2</td>
<td>This project is complete and was officially opened on 28 September 2018. The playground has been very popular since its opening.</td>
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<td>Regional Cycleway Connection – Canterbury Road Underpass</td>
<td>Design is 100% complete. Stakeholders including Sydney Water, RMS, and Office of Environment and Heritage have signed off on the proposed design. RMS Grant funding submission to be reviewed by RMS as part of their program review in September 2019.</td>
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<td>Wiley Park Parkland upgrade and renewal</td>
<td>Wiley Park Open Space Masterplan was adopted by Council June 2019. Detailed design of the priority actions identified in the Masterplan (Wiley Park Ponds Upgrade) are underway.</td>
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Major Projects Program – Stage 2

Stage 2 projects under the Major Projects Program were endorsed by Council at the March 2018 meeting where the remaining $5.4 million in SCF funding was allocated for the below projects. Progress on these projects is outlined below:

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<td>Changing Places portable facility for community events</td>
<td>Marveloo portable adult change facility delivered to Council in July 2019 following finalisation of the deed of gift from the Department of Family and Community Services. Minor works are required prior to use. Council will utilise the facility within Council-managed and run events prior to commencing external hire arrangements.</td>
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<td>Community Engagement vehicle</td>
<td>Vehicle purchased and official launch held. Engagement program roll out ongoing. Supplier engaged (pending amendments to quotes) for potential modifications to vehicle. Completion of project expected by the end of the calendar year.</td>
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<td>Cooks River interactive litter capture device</td>
<td>Project plan in place and research completed into proprietary products for river litter removal. Data capture study nearing completion and stakeholder workshops being planned. Design to commence shortly.</td>
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<td>Enhanced play experience at Greenacre</td>
<td>Survey, scoping and research complete. Project commencement dependant on Council's confirmation of size, scale and location of water play facility at Roberts Park Greenacre. Following the adoption of the Leisure and Aquatics Strategy at the August Council meeting, work will commence on detailed designs.</td>
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<td>Parry Park upgrade and renewal</td>
<td>Masterplan complete. Playspace project commenced. Playspace project control group established and background research including survey, scoping, and flood modelling underway. Design work underway.</td>
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<td>Red Chair Movement</td>
<td>Project Plan developed and sites identified. Detailed project planning underway. Work continuing during 2019/20 with installation works expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.</td>
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<td>Smart Cities, kick start of the City's journey</td>
<td>Council's internal innovation challenge (aiming to deliver real improvements to our community) was endorsed by Council. Innovation month and associated material was developed to support Council's journey to using smart cities thinking in delivering community improvements. Over the last six months there has been intensive community engagement on the Smart City Road Map including a week long Future Street Activation and providing an interactive pop up experience to demonstrate these new ideas and opportunities. Smart parking, SafeTV Schools and Data Lake projects are in progress.</td>
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<td>Solar Farm</td>
<td>Stage 1 works including preliminary geotechnical report, revenue models and financing options are completed. Stage 2 works including the formation of a PCG and preparation of tender documentation is expected to be completed by the end of September 2019.</td>
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<td>Implementation of Sports Facilities Strategy - Recreation Initiatives</td>
<td>This project has been listed for implementation in the 2019/20 Capital Works Program. Sites identified and investigations commenced.</td>
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ITEM 7.3  Licence of Office Space at Belmore Sportsground - Bulldogs Rugby League Club Ltd

AUTHOR  Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
On 28 November 2017 Council resolved to enter into a short-term licence agreement (12 months) with Bulldogs Rugby League Club Ltd (The Club) for office space at Belmore Sportsground.

The Club recently requested an extension of the licence for a further 12 months.

ISSUE
To consider the Clubs’ request for a 12 month extension to the licence for office space at Belmore Sportsground.

RECOMMENDATION  That -

1. Council enter into a licence agreement for 12 months with Bulldogs Rugby League Club Ltd for the office space at Belmore Sportsground (Lot 1 DP 1181276) on terms and conditions outlined in the report.

2. The General Manager be authorised to sign final documentation.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil
POLICY IMPACT
There are no policy impacts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
Council will continue to receive market rent for the office throughout the duration of any new licence.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
There are no community impacts.
Background

At its November 2017 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to enter into a short-term licence (12 months) agreement with the Bulldogs Rugby League Club Ltd (the Club) for vacant office space at Belmore Sportsground.

The licence is due to expire on 1 November 2019 and the Club has requested an extension of the licence. The licence provides for an annual licence fee of $48,000. The Club have also flagged an intention to seek Council approval to take the office space for a longer term provided such use satisfies the community land Plan of Management for the property once the plan is completed. The Plan is expected to be completed within the next 12 months.

The Club are complying with the current terms of the licence and all required payments are made on time.

Proposed Approach

Given the above and, subject to Council’s consideration and approval, Council will arrange a further licence for another term of one year, subject to the same terms and conditions (other than for the licence fee, that will be increased in accordance with relevant CPI movements), subject to costs incurred being borne by the licensee.
ITEM 7.4  Dedication of 34 Nyora Street, Chester Hill as Public Road and Commencement of Street Naming Process

AUTHOR  Operations

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
The southern half of the road link between Carnegie Road and Nyora Street, Chester Hill has been constructed over a parcel of land owned by Council and known as 34 Nyora Street, Lot 1 DP 208838 (Attachment A). This land is identified as operational land in the Land Register.

The northern half of the formed road between Carnegie Reserve and 2 Carnegie Road is on a dedicated public road reserve and has no street name.

The purpose of this report is to:
• Agree to dedicate 34 Nyora Street, Lot 1 DP 208838 as public road.
• Agree for Council to proceed with the naming of the unnamed road between Nyora Street and Carnegie Road in accordance with Council’s Naming Policy.

ISSUE
• The existing “formed road” over 34 Nyora Street is being used by the public without the protections afforded a roads authority (Council) under the Civil Liability Act 2002 given the land’s status.

• The existing road is unnamed.

RECOMMENDATION  That -
1. In accordance with Section 47(f)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, authority be granted for Lot 1 DP 208838, 34 Nyora Street, Chester Hill to be dedicated as public road by the placement of a notice in the NSW Government Gazette under Section 10 of the Roads Act 1993.

2. Authority be granted to affix the Common Seal of Council to survey documents and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

3. Council commence the process to name the road between Nyora Street and Carnegie Road, Chester Hill in accordance with Council’s Naming Policy and the Geographical Names Board’s (GNB) Guidelines.

ATTACHMENTS  Click here for attachment (s)
A. 34 Nyora Street, Chester Hill proposed to be dedicated as public road
B. Street view of 34 Nyora Street, Chester Hill looking towards north
POLICY IMPACT
There are no policy implications for Council as a result of the proposal to dedicate the subject land as public road.

The proposal to name the road is consistent with Council’s Naming Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The costs incurred in the road dedication include survey documentation and the cost of placing the notice in the NSW Government Gazette. These costs can be accommodated in the operational budget.

There are no financial implications for the naming of the road.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
Dedication of the public road will formalise the existing road to the benefit of the Nyora Street and Carnegie Road, Chester Hill residents.

Naming of the road will improve navigational access for emergency and delivery services.
DETAILED INFORMATION

The issue has been precipitated by a development application DA-515/2019 for the construction of an attached dual occupancy at 36 Nyora Street, Chester Hill. This application proposes vehicle crossings from the existing formed road on 34 Nyora Street and is seeking approval for formal access over 34 Nyora Street for vehicles and pedestrians to the proposed dwellings.

In investigating the above request it became evident that the process of creating the road link for residents to travel east to Hector Street or west to Chester Hill Road was never formalised even though the local community in Nyora Street and Carnegie Road have had the benefit of using this road for east – west travel for a long time. The road also contains powerlines and underground public utility services.

The existing “formed road” over 34 Nyora Street is being used by the public without the protections afforded a roads authority (Council) under the Civil Liability Act 2002 given the land’s status.

The dedication of the subject land as public road will formalise the status of the existing constructed road on Council owned property.

Therefore it is proposed that Lot 1 DP 208838 be dedicated as public road by the placement of a notice in the NSW Government Gazette under Section 10, Roads Act 1993.

If this recommendation is adopted the next stage would require the road to be named. The naming will be in accordance with Council’s Naming Policy and the Geographical Names Board’s (GNB) Guidelines. The community will have an opportunity to provide input and suggestions for names.

Naming of the road will improve navigational access for emergency and delivery services and will allow Council to formalise any required maintenance and future capital works.
ITEM 7.5  Cash and Investment Report as at 31 August 2019

AUTHOR  Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
In accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Responsible Accounting Officer must provide the council with a written report each month, which sets out the details of all money that council has invested under section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council’s investments are managed in accordance with Council’s investment policy. The report below provides a consolidated summary of Council’s total cash investments.

ISSUE
This report details Council's cash and investments as at 31 August 2019.

RECOMMENDATION  That -
1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 August 2019 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS  
POLICY IMPACT
Council’s investments are maintained in accordance with legislative requirements and its Cash and Investment Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
Interest earned for this period has been reflected in Council’s financial operating result for this financial year. Council’s annual budget will be reviewed, having regard to Council’s actual returns, as required.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
There is no impact on the community, the environment and the reputation of Canterbury Bankstown.
DETAILED INFORMATION

Cash and Investment Summary – as at 31 August 2019

In total, Council’s Cash and Investments holdings as at 31 August 2019 is as follows:

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Council’s level of cash and investments varies from month to month, particularly given the timing of Council’s rates and collection cycle, its operations and carrying out its capital works program. The following graph outlines Council’s closing cash and investment balances from July 2019 to June 2020.

Cash and Investment Rolling Monthly Balance 2019-2020

A summary of Council’s investment interest income earned for the period to 31 Aug 2019 is as follows:

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<td>Variance (%)</td>
<td>1.50%</td>
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Council is also required to ensure that its portfolio has an appropriate level of diversification and maturity profile. This is to ensure that funds are available when required and where possible to minimise any re-investment risk.

The tables below outline Council’s portfolio by maturity limits and investment type:

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8 SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

8.1 SSROC Street Lighting Improvement (SLI) Program Update 95
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ITEM 8.1 SSROC Street Lighting Improvement (SLI) Program Update

AUTHOR Operations

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
This report provides information on the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) SLI Program including an update on accelerated replacement of Ausgrid residential road street lights and the offer made by the NSW Government, through the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) providing financial support for the accelerated roll-out of LED streetlights.

Councils in metropolitan Sydney, the Central Coast and Hunter have been working closely together under the SLI Program to challenge proposed price increases and secure improvements in Ausgrid’s provision of public lighting services. The 29 councils now participating in the program collectively encompass over 230,000 street lights or more than 90% of Ausgrid’s street lights.

Council’s initiatives through the SLI Program has remained focused on cost savings, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and improved street lighting service provision. In recent years, the deployment of long-life, less-maintenance-intensive and proven street lighting technologies is considered the best way to achieve these multiple objectives.

ISSUE
To seek Council’s concurrence for the continuation of the membership in the SLI Program and advise Council of street lighting improvement initiatives coordinated through the SSROC’s SLI Program

RECOMMENDATION
That Council continue with its current membership in the SSROC SLI Program and note the information in this report regarding the SSROC SLI Program.

ATTACHMENTS
Nil
POLICY IMPACT
The information and actions proposed by the SLI Program in this report are consistent with Council’s Public Lighting Strategy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The annual SSROC SLI Program fee is included in the 2019/20 operational budget.

The financial impact for accelerated replacement of Ausgrid residential road street lights was addressed and adopted by Council on 12 December 2017. The budget quarterly review will address any additional savings resulting from a reduction in Ausgrid pricing and funding support from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for the accelerated roll-out of LED streetlights.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The SSROC SLI Program’s representation of member councils helped to deliver considerable cost savings in provision of street lighting including the LED accelerated replacement program which will deliver more effective and better quality lighting that will improve safety, reduction in greenhouse emissions and significantly reduce light pollution.
DETAILED INFORMATION

SSROC SLI PROGRAM CONTINUATION IN 2019/20

The SLI Program has been one of the most successful and effective examples of joint regional cooperation by local government. SSROC has written to member councils about the proposed work program for 2019/20 and to seek our continued support for the program.

After detailed consultation with all 29 participating councils (including face to face meetings with over 170 staff April-June), the proposed SLI Key Activity Areas work program for 2019-20 is shown below:

1) Residential Road LED Accelerated Replacements
2) Main Road LED Adoption
3) Smart Controls Adoption & Exploring Links To Smart City Technology
4) NSW Public Lighting Code Implementation
5) AER 2019-24 Pricing Review
6) Performance & Information Provision
7) Decorative Lighting Transition

Based on council feedback, SSROC will also be instituting a series of more regular updates and meetings for councils in 2019/20 designed to meet the differing needs of staff, executive leadership teams and council members.

With the advice of General Managers, SSROC moved in 2016-17 to base SLI program costs on the number of street lights that each council had as of 30 June each year. This approach was taken to more equitably allocate costs after amalgamations resulted in councils of enormously different scale. The approach has continued in 2019-20 and the Program costs are unchanged from 2018/2019 with SSROC absorbing CPI increases.

Councils cost of continued participation in the program for 2019/2020 is $24,460. With the strong demonstrated benefit/cost ratio of the program over the years and recent successes in securing lower pricing, a large-scale LED deployment, a new LED tender, a smart controls EOI and a new mandatory NSW Public Lighting Code from 1 July the recommendation is that Council continues to support the program.

COST REDUCTIONS FOR COUNCILS FROM AUSTRALIA ENERGY REGULATIONS 2019-2024 PRICING REVIEW

Ausgrid recently advised Council that due to the Australian Energy Regulator’s (AER) final 2019-24 pricing decision Council’s annual public lighting bill from Ausgrid will be reduced by approximately 15.4% from 1 July 2019 which is an estimated saving of $464K. Also the public lighting network distribution tariff has reduced by 7.7%. This will be reflected as further savings in our Council’s public lighting electricity bills. Compared to 2018-19 pricing, total savings for councils in the Ausgrid region over the next five year regulatory period to 2024 will exceed $45m.

The SSROC SLI Program has played an active role in each of the last three AER pricing reviews and made representations on behalf of member Councils in response to the initial street lighting pricing model submitted by Ausgrid to the AER.
'LIGHTING THE WAY' PROJECT TO REPLACE UP TO 104,000 STREET LIGHTS WITH LEDS

Twenty councils encompassing more than 70% of the lighting on Ausgrid’s network have now formally agreed to Ausgrid’s residential road LED upgrade program with several other councils in the late stages of decision making. In December 2017 Council resolved to agree to Ausgrid’s proposal for the accelerated replacement of Ausgrid lights on residential roads. Council agreed to fund the upgrade up-front using its reserves attracting the benefits from the Energy Savings Scheme (ESS).

Ausgrid commenced LED deployment in many areas in recent months and had completed about 18,500 installations by 30 June 2019 (which takes total Ausgrid LED deployments to about 70,000). Replacements in our LGA commenced in November 2018 and 33% of the work is now completed. However, an unfortunate recent fatality of an Ausgrid employee while working on non-street lighting work has caused the temporary cessation of all live-line works until completion of investigations. In the interim, Ausgrid is continuing to install LEDs at a rate of up to 1,000 per week where the lights are outside live line clearances or can be isolated. When LED street lighting installation works in proximity to live lines are able to start again, Ausgrid is ready to accelerate LED deployments to an average of 2,000 lights per week.

STATE GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT (DPIE) FUNDING

Ausgrid has announced a partnership with DPIE to provide councils with financial support to accelerate the replacement of their existing luminaires by removing the upfront cost barriers associated with upgrading 50W and 80W mercury vapour luminaires. Effectively councils can now use a combination of DPIE Funding and ESS Funding to further reduce their costs for the rollout of LED streetlights based on their lighting asset portfolio. A number of options were put forward to Council by Ausgrid to consider. The SSROC SLI Program has reviewed and recommended the option to maximise the benefits for Council and Ausgrid been advised accordingly.

LED TENDER AND SMART CONTROLS EOI

SSROC undertook consultations with councils and Transport for NSW earlier this year on Ausgrid’s draft street lighting specification. Ausgrid has now released its LED street lighting tender to the market. New and improved LED lighting choices, particularly for main roads and to support smart city projects, are expected in early 2020 as a result of the tender. SSROC has offered to assist Ausgrid in the evaluation of tenders received.

NSW PUBLIC LIGHTING CODE

A new mandatory NSW Public Lighting Code came into effect from 1 July and is the culmination of several years of successful advocacy by SSROC and participating councils. It sets minimum service levels for Ausgrid, higher penalties for non-compliance and introduces a range of new reporting requirements. SSROC has been working closely with Ausgrid to comment on proposed updates to key policies to align with the Code.
ITEM 8.2  Major Events Program Update July 2018 - September 2020

AUTHOR  City Future

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
To report back to Council on the major events and activities undertaken from July 2018 to August 2019 and present the proposed events program for October 2019 to September 2020.

ISSUE
In July 2018 Council adopted its new Events Program following a review of all events by the former Canterbury and Bankstown Councils. The report outlined a new structure and program of events based on:

- MAJOR EVENT - Bankstown Bites
- MAJOR EVENT - Christmas Program (Carols in the Park – Wiley; Padstow Carols; The CBD Christmas Lighting Project)
- MAJOR EVENT - Summer Series (Australia Day, Lunar New Year)
- SIGNATURE EVENT - Ramadan 2019
- It was also endorsed that a new signature event be developed and delivered.

The report provides a summary of the events delivered between July 2018 and August 2019.

This report also outlines the proposed program of events for October 2019 to September 2020 based on the same structure above.

RECOMMENDATION  That -
1. Council adopt the proposed program of Major Events as outlined in this report.
2. Council allocate $25,000 to trial a Village Festival Program in the 2020/2021 Operational Plan

ATTACHMENTS
Nil
POLICY IMPACT
The recommendations of this report are consistent with the Canterbury Bankstown Community Strategic Plan, CBCity2028, which sets out the community’s aspiration for events that celebrate and promote our local identity. To achieve this, Council, through its Delivery Program and Operational Plan, has committed to providing the community and visitors with the opportunity to experience and participate in a diverse range of vibrant and stimulating events and cultural activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The proposed Events program is within the budget adopted by Council in the 2019/20 Operational Plan.

The proposed Village Festival Program and new signature event would be considered as part of the 2020/2021 Operational Plan development.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
A strong program of cultural and community events has a direct positive impact on the economic health of a community and the quality of its social bonds. By providing opportunities for people to come together in the creation and celebration of culture and community, Council builds on the social capital of our LGA.

The 2019/2020 major events program seeks to capture the nature of our City: thriving, dynamic and real. It will bring excitement, culture and entertainment to our suburbs. It will bring visitors, community engagement and economic growth. It will showcase our businesses and suburbs and promote a sense of belonging and cultural connection.
DETAILED INFORMATION

2018/2019 EVENTS DELIVERED

In July 2018 Council adopted the 2018/19 Events Program based on the following:

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<td>MAJOR</td>
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<td>MAJOR</td>
<td>Food</td>
<td>June-August</td>
<td>Bankstown Bites</td>
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<td>FUTURE SIGNATURE</td>
<td>Spring</td>
<td>September-November</td>
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The following is a summary of the outcomes of the events program.

**MAJOR EVENT: Christmas Program**

*Carols in the Park*

Carols in the Park was held in Wiley Park on 2 December 2018. Over 4,500 community members gathered in the spirit of good will and inclusion to celebrate the festive season. Families gathered on the slopes of Wiley Park amphitheatre to share supper and song, and to marvel at the traditional fireworks.

*Padstow Carols*

Padstow Carols was delivered in partnership with Padstow Rotary at Playford Park on 8 December with 4,000 in attendance. This event was the first example of council partnering with a community group and provided Council with the opportunity to expand our Christmas program without significantly increasing expenditure.

Padstow Carols at Playford Park is a family event with a long history of success, which celebrated its 50th year in 2018. Council assisted Padstow Rotary to overcome the challenges they were facing in continuing to run the event including increasing expenditure and an aging rotary group. Council’s involvement ensures the sustainability of the event in years to come.

*Bankstown CBD Lighting*

For the month of December the Paul Keating Park precinct and Civic Tower were lit up. The festivities included a performance from St Charbel’s College choir as well as the lighting of the Christmas tree and Civic Tower by the Mayor. Architectural lighting along the library forecourt created a festive atmosphere.

There were significant challenges lighting the Civic Tower with colour wash or LED imagery due to the nature of the blackened reflective glass. The end result was based on findings developed by engaging with numerous lighting and decoration professionals who indicated that it was not possible to create the desired effect or sharp imagery on the Civic Tower.
MAJOR EVENT: Summer Series

Australia Day

In 2019 Australia Day was held at Belmore Sports Ground. This event was held in the evening with entertainment, fireworks and children’s activities with 4,500 in attendance. The twilight timing of 6:00pm – 9.30pm allowed attendees to escape the heat of the day and gather together with their community, friends and family to celebrate what it is to be Australian with a range of performances, children’s activities and a unique and spectacular fireworks display which took advantage of the new location.

The venue, Belmore Sports Ground, provided a number of positives. Transport and infrastructure logistics of the venue significantly reduced costs. Easy access to the venue was available via public transport and the area is serviced by ample and well tested parking options. The venue has the capacity for extensive growth without increases to infrastructure expenditure nor loss of comfort for patrons.

By hosting Australia Day at Belmore Sports Ground, the home of the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs, there was an opportunity to develop significant brand awareness and enhance Council’s image throughout the community by building strong ties to a well-known local brand.

Lunar New Year

Bankstown Lunar New Year was held on 2 February 2019 between 4:00pm – 9:00pm. This event was coordinated with the local Vietnamese community and transformed Bankstown’s Saigon Place into a vibrant centre of colour, tastes and sensations to welcome in the Year of the Pig. Major highlights in 2019 included a Chinese wishing tree, community parade in traditional dress and giant inflatable pig standing over 4 metres tall. This novel way of sharing the CBCity brand was very popular and widely shared on social media.

On 13 February 2019, local business and shoppers welcomed in the Year of the Pig in Campsie town centre with the Mayor and local politicians handing out lucky envelopes and treats. The highlight of the event was a traditional lion dance which visited businesses, feasting on cabbage hanging from their doorways and bringing good fortune and wealth for the year ahead.

SIGNATURE EVENT: Ramadan Nights Lakemba

Ramadan Nights Lakemba was successfully delivered between May 5 and June 6 2019 with 73 street stalls, entertainment and food tours. Over the course of the month over 250,000 people visited Haldon Street in Lakemba to share in the street food stalls and experience the original Ramadan.

In 2019, Council took ownership of this unique community driven event to safeguard its delivery and to promote Lakemba as the place to celebrate Ramadan in Australia.

Key to these objectives was the development of a name that was unique to Canterbury-Bankstown and easily identifiable. A selection of names was generated in conjunction with the Ramadan reference group and the final naming decision was made by the community through the Have Your Say platform. The name Ramadan Nights Lakemba was adopted for the promotion and media coverage of Ramadan in Lakemba.
In conjunction with the naming of the event, a brief was prepared to develop consistent theming and graphic design for Ramadan Nights which would capture the spirit of the event and allow Council to take a fresh approach to promoting this event. Ramadan Nights Lakemba gained unprecedented coverage across all facets of the media including press, television, radio, online and food bloggers. The resultant campaign reached over 1.4 million people and with a media value of over $1.5 million.

Ramadan Nights Lakemba was an outstanding demonstration of council’s core value of working as one team. The events team worked closely with the compliance, waste, communications and risk teams to safely deliver Ramadan Nights with numerous improvements including a formalised emergency management control group, first aid presence, CCTV, security, street lighting, consistent branding and extensive media coverage.

Ramadan Nights presented a number of challenges including the provision of street lighting. Requested catenary lighting proved impossible for temporary install due to structural issues with awnings, obstructive power infrastructure, an active street and unwilling lighting contractors.

A project was completed to engage with the businesses and residents on Haldon Street to provide power and give permission for lighting to be positioned temporarily on private property along Haldon Street. This colourwash lighting, whilst having an impact on the atmosphere of the event, was washed out by improvements made to existing privately owned lighting in the weeks before Ramadan.

Another challenge faced by the team is the culturally sensitive nature of this event. Small scale entertainment was trialled on the first Saturday night of Ramadan after consultation with the Ramadan reference group. Whilst the entertainment was well received by some in attendance at the event, concerns were raised that it was in conflict with the religious nature of Ramadan and no further entertainment took place at the event.

Lakemba is rapidly emerging as the place to celebrate Ramadan in Australia with 73% of surveyed visitors living outside the LGA. Anecdotal evidence from stallholders indicates a 20% increase in revenue at the 2019 event. Ramadan Nights Lakemba was a huge success and the team looks forward further improvements in 2020.

**MAJOR EVENT: Bankstown Bites**

Bankstown Bites featured the city’s authentic culinary cuisines, which showed guests how incredible the food scene is here in Bankstown. 10,500 patrons attended the festival on Saturday 27 July 2019. Matt Sinclair, former Masterchef contestant and returning Masterchef mentor, featured as the celebrity chef for the event. Local chefs included, Chef Kenny from Bankstown Sports and Chef Ty Bellingham from Bankstown RSL, showcased their talents on the main stage with TAP performances during the breaks.

Bankstown Bites included live musical entertainment, roving performers and a diverse selection of food stalls. Guided food tours of Bankstown CBD returned with 22 local businesses taking part.
The Events and Community Experiences Team collaborated with the Bankstown Arts Centre and the festival featured the inaugural Bankstown Arts Centre Art Market giving local craftspeople an opportunity to showcase their wares.

Content was published in over 32 media outlets and had a reach of 1,183,685 people. People travelled from over 54 suburbs with 30% of festival goers living in Bankstown 2200. The main age bracket was 35 - 44 years old attending with their family.

**Additional Programs, Official Openings and Activations**

In addition to the above, a series of other programs, official openings and activations over the period including:

- Opening Pat Rogan Walkway July 17 2018
- Jobs and Skills Expo 2018 - 6 August 2018
- Get Active for Invictus Games Event – 12 October 2018 (cancelled)
- Livvi’s Place Opening – 28 September 2018
- Riverwood Library and Community Hub – 12 December 2018
- Jensen Synthetic Playing Field – 23 February 2019
- Festa La Della Donna – 8 March 2019
- Food Truck Activations/community engagements in Earlwood 29 March, Yagoona 5 April and Paul Keating Park 27 June 2019
- Shine the Light – 4 April 2019
- Make Music Day – 27 July 2019

**2019/2020 PROPOSED EVENTS PROGRAM**

Based on the 2018 approved structure of events the following program is proposed for 2019/2020.

**MAJOR EVENT: Christmas Program 2019**

*Carols in the Park – Sunday 1 December 2019*
Diana Rouvas, 2019 voice winner, and 16 year old Lara Dabbagh, 2019 Voice finalist and 2018 member of CBCity’s Talent Advancement Program, will be part of a celebration of song and unity in the Wiley Park amphitheatre. An appearance from Santa and a fireworks spectacular will create a fun night for all the family.

*Padstow Carols – Sunday 8 December 2019*
Council will again partner with Padstow Rotary to deliver a traditional carols event which captures the traditional spirit of Christmas and continue to support the delivery of this valued and long running event.

*Lighting of the Tree in the CBD – December 2019*
It is proposed that the tree located in the forecourt of the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre will continue with in conjunction with a Christmas activation featuring local talent and lighting elements.
Due to the difficulties lighting the Civic Tower in 2018 this will be discontinued. Future festive lighting of the Civic precinct will be investigated as part of the Paul Keating Park Master Plan. In the interim small lighting features are currently being investigated.

It is also proposed that a series of small Christmas themed activations take place. These will take the form of mini-events style activations featuring Christmas themed roving entertainment, carolling and other themed entertainment. The activations will focus on local talent and community groups.

**MAJOR EVENT: Summer Series**

**Australia Day – 26 January 2020**

At the July 2018 council meeting it was resolved that further refinement of the events program would be carried out at the completion of each event and improvements would be considered as part of future operational plans. It was proposed that in 2019 a twilight Australia Day event would be held at Belmore Sports Ground with a review conducted relating to rotating locations through the LGA in subsequent years.

Following the 2019 event a review was conducted with regards to the viability of moving the event location each year and the merits and drawbacks of the proposed locations.

Belmore Sports Ground provides a number of logistical advantages for event delivery including access to in built infrastructure including power, water provision and amenities which significantly reduces the budget required to safely deliver an Australia Day event in this location. The scale of the stadium and oval provides an opportunity for future growth which is anticipated on the establishment of a recurrent event venue, which people know and can plan for year on year. Belmore Sports Ground is also centrally located with access to ample public transport and parking options.

Event rotation across a number of locations including the Crest and Tasker Park pose challenges for event establishment and improvement year on year. By rotating this major event it limits opportunities for event recognition in the community and as such the challenges of a new event will recur each year including limited visitation, understanding of event logistics, and developing sponsor relationships which are often location based.

As part of this review, past Australia Day events held at Garrison Park were audited and it was found that a significantly higher budget is required to safely deliver an event in this location due to the nature of the event site and the lack of in built infrastructure. Emergency services were not in support of a major event at this location due to the impact on the surrounding area due to a lack of parking and limited public transport access. This was a contributing factor to the event being moved from Garrison Point in 2015.

Garrison Point is located on the border with Liverpool LGA and requires cooperation with Liverpool Council for key event infrastructure provision, including the fireworks exclusion zone. Although the Garrison Park event had a history of strong attendance these numbers had declined towards the cancellation of the event at this site.

Council reviewed the pool parties that were held at Canterbury and Revesby pools in 2017 and 2018. The acceptance of the pool parties grew in the second year with an effective model featuring entertainment, sausage sizzle, inflatables and Australia Day event theming.
It is proposed to celebrate Australia Day 2020 that the major event continues at Belmore Sports Ground with supporting events at three pools through the LGA. Pool parties held at Birrong, Canterbury and Revesby will feature DJ entertainment, themed furniture and event decorations and a sausage sizzle. The major event held at Belmore Sports Ground will build on the event delivered in 2019 featuring concert style entertainment, increased children’s activities and fireworks display. By re-establishing a permanent location for the twilight event Council will be able to build on the event year on year and take advantage of the inbuilt infrastructure at Belmore Oval.

**Lunar New Year – January 2020**

A major street festival will be held in Saigon Place on Saturday January 18 2020 to welcome the Year of the Rat. Entertainment and activities will have a traditional Lunar New Year theme. This vibrant cultural event will promote the Bankstown CBD as a food and retail destination.

Campsie town centre will come alive in 2020 during Lunar New Year with a traditional lion dance, visit by the God of Fortune and the dispensing of new-year fortune and good wishes.

**Summer Series Concerts – January 2020**

A series of popup activations will bring life to the LGA this summer with a series of mini events from street performers to pop up activities. At this stage it is proposed to trial three mini-events.

**SIGNATURE EVENT: Ramadan Nights Lakemba – April/May 2020**

Ramadan Nights Lakemba will see improvements in 2020 to capitalise on the progress made in 2019. Traffic management will be fine-tuned with extra road closures and deviations. The security, risk and emergency management will take advantage of smart city advances around crowd management. Compliance for food vendors will be enhanced with additional focus and assistance in the area of waste and the use of biodegradable or recyclable food containers and utensils. New lighting and decoration strategies will be enacted to create a more definitive Ramadan Nights festival zone.

Additional engagement will be conducted by the events team with businesses on Haldon Street who do not participate in the event to better understand their needs and the impacts.

**SIGNATURE EVENT: Fire and smoke theme – Sept 2020**

In July 2018 Council agreed to investigate the development of a new Signature event for the city. A Signature Event has been defined as being:
- Unique to the City;
- Not undertaken by other Councils;
- Designed to provide clear brand awareness;
- Targeting audiences from outside the LGA and
- Designed to make a major economic impact on the city.

A hack style workshop was held with event professionals and members of the arts and culture community to explore options for our new Signature event.
The workshop sought to gain insight into two key questions:

*What makes CBCity unique?*

*What should our new Signature event be?*

The Signature events workshop identified the need for the new event to be representative of Canterbury Bankstown’s diverse culture, tap into commonalities through this diversity, incorporate indigenous culture and cultural traditions, have the potential for growth and incorporate unique and culturally significant food.

**Theme – Fire and Smoke**

During the workshop BBQ and cooking with fire was identified as being common across cultures. Fire itself resonates across cultural boundaries. It has links to art and performance and is a primal building block for communities and civilisations. Visually fire has impact and creates drama, atmosphere and excitement.

For these reasons the new proposed signature will be themed around fire and smoke.

The event will begin around dusk and incorporate indigenous performance and smoking ceremonies. It will feature a program of curated fire performances which will range in cultural sensibilities and styles. Food and other stalls at the event will be focused around BBQs and fire pits. It will be an event that captures the unique flavours of the City of Canterbury Bankstown and crackles with the energy and spectacle needed to attract visitors to our LGA.

The inaugural event is proposed to occur in September 2020 allowing adequate time to prepare and promote this unique Signature event.

**Supporting Community Events**

Council will continue to support a range of smaller Community Events such as:

- Harmony Day
- Seniors Week
- Youth Week
- White Ribbon Day
- Walk for Respect

These smaller events, while not part of the Major Events Program, are still recognised as being important to the delivery of interesting and valuable celebrations and gatherings.

**Trial Village Festival Program**

The LGA had a history of smaller community driven “Village Festivals” such as the Earlwood and Riverwood festivals. It has been recognised that there is an opportunity to support those local centres that wish to facilitate smaller events which encourage community celebration and involvement.

In order to meet the community appetite for such events and facilitate their successful nurturing and delivery, it is proposed that Council run a pilot Village Festival Program.

This program would target events which capture the character of local town centres in the form of community driven fete style events featuring roving entertainment, community performances and local stalls.
The program will be based on the following criteria:

- It will be open to NFP organisations and community groups
- The funding must be matched by the applicant to demonstrate a commitment to the program, up to a total of $25K
- The applicant must demonstrate that a committee has formed to oversee and manage the event.
- Council will provide technical support to ensure these events are safely delivered and well curated.
- Depending on demand a grants approval may be required.

Summary of Major Events Program 2019/2020

Major Events are important as they bring visitors, economic growth and a sense of belonging and cultural connection to our community. They showcase our suburbs, businesses and public spaces, promoting a sense of belonging and cultural connection.

The proposed Major Events Program for 2019/20 is:

**MAJOR EVENT: Christmas Program**
- Lighting of the Tree – December 2019
- Christmas Activation – December 2019

**MAJOR EVENT: Summer Series**
- Australia Day – 26 January 2020
- Lunar New Year – January 2020
- Summer Series Activities – January 2020

**SIGNATURE EVENT: Ramadan Nights, Lakemba**
- Ramadan Nights Lakemba – April – May 2020

**MAJOR EVENT: Bankstown Bites**

**SIGNATURE EVENT: Fire and smoke themed**
9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following items are submitted for consideration -

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ITEM 9.1 Minutes of the Prosperity & Innovation Reference Groups Meetings

AUTHOR Corporate

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
Council resolved to establish its Advisory Committees and Reference Groups on 24 October 2017.

The Prosperity & Innovation Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for 2 September 2019 did not proceed due to a lack of quorum. The minutes of the Reference Groups that report to this Advisory Committee are attached.

ISSUE
Endorsement of the Prosperity & Innovation Reference Groups minutes.

RECOMMENDATION
That the minutes of the Prosperity & Innovation Reference Groups meetings be endorsed.

ATTACHMENTS
A. Minutes of the Arts & Culture Reference Group meeting held on 29 May 2019
B. Minutes of the Arts & Culture Reference Group meeting held on 28 August 2019
C. Minutes of the Business Leaders Reference Group meeting held on 20 May 2019
D. Minutes of the Business Leaders Reference Group meeting held on 22 August 2019
E. Minutes of the Lakemba Ramadan Event Reference Group meeting held on 18 April 2019
F. Minutes of the Lakemba Ramadan Event Reference Group meeting held on 3 May 2019
POLICY IMPACT
The Advisory Committees are based on the key themes that form the basis to delivering Council’s Community Strategic Plan. Advisory Committees and Reference Groups have specific Terms of Reference, as well as Guidelines and Rules for their operation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
In accordance with the Council’s Guidelines and Rules, the Advisory Committee does not have the power to incur expenditure or to bind Council but may recommend action and initiatives to Council.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The Advisory Committees with the support of the Reference Groups provide Council with advice for the ongoing management of vital services to our community and information for our integrated planning and reporting framework.
ITEM 9.2 Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2019

AUTHOR Operations

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND
Attached are the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 September 2019.

The Committee have been constituted to advise and make recommendations in relation to traffic activities. It has, however, no delegated authority and cannot bind Council.

The recommendations of the Committee is in line with the objectives of the Committee and with established practices and procedures.

ISSUE
Recommendations of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION
That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 September 2019, be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS  Click here for attachment
A. Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2019
POLICY IMPACT
This matter has no policy implications to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
Potential costs arising out of recommendations of the Traffic Committees are detailed in future Works Programs for Roadworks/Traffic Facilities.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
The recommendations will improve road safety for the community whilst minimising the adverse impacts on residential amenity. Community consultations have been carried out where required.
10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

The following items are submitted for consideration -

10.1 Notices of Motion

10.2 Supporting our Businesses in Town Centres

10.3 Staffordshire Bull Terrier Association

10.4 Cooks River Sheet Metal Piling

10.5 Improving Road Safety Around Schools

10.6 Bankstown Hospital Car Parking Crisis

10.7 Air Quality Monitoring

10.8 Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

10.9 Impacts of Return and Earn

10.10 Local Road Speed Limits

10.11 Powering our Carparks
ITEM 10.1 Notices of Motion

AUTHOR Office of the General Manager

ISSUE

The attached schedules provide a status report on Notice of Motions resolved at previous meetings and correspondence sent and received, related to Notices of Motion.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Notices of Motion Table
B. Correspondence Sent in Relation to Notices of Motion
C. Correspondence Received in Relation to Notices of Motion
ITEM 10.2 Supporting our Businesses in Town Centres

I, Councillor Steve Tuntevski hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council:
1. Implement a trial “Buy Local” campaign to support local centres
2. Identify and formulate specific actions to support the future vitality of our Town Centres as part of the development of Council’s Economic Development Strategic Plan.
3. Write to the State Government requesting that they implement a metropolitan wide monitoring program on the health of the retail sector in Town Centres.”

BACKGROUND

Our town centres are the heart of our community, providing an array of much needed services and employment opportunities. However in recent years businesses in our town centres have either closed or are struggling, despite the fact there are many more householders and residents in our suburbs than ever before.

The closure of “anchor” tenants in our local shopping centres such as Bank branches, motor registries and the like have had a devastating effect on small businesses. Consumer behaviours have changed as more people are buying online, meaning people are taking their business elsewhere. Other factors such as increased cost of living, rents, electricity, inflated property prices, record debt and casualization of the workforce haven’t helped our retailers either, effectively reducing spending in our economy. Record low interest rates mean that Pensioners and self-funded retirees don’t have money to spend either.

I’m concerned that a key survey of the nation’s businesses has revealed that the "retail recession" is getting deeper and is now worse than anything faced by the sector during the global financial crisis. Unfortunately the State Government does not appear to fully appreciate the depth of stress on our retail businesses facing.

Whilst a cash splash helps businesses in the short term, we need a long term plan to help the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker. It is appreciated that Council has a limited role in the economic drivers facing our City however there are possible interventions such as social media promotion of a ‘buy local campaign’ encouraging our residents to by services and produces from local retail centres. I am also proposing that Council identify other actions to
support the future vitality of our Town Centres as part of the development of Council’s Economic Development Strategic Plan currently under development.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

The proposed motions can be incorporated through the development of Council’s Economic Development Strategic Plan 2020-2025.
I, Councillor Clare Raffan hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council investigates opportunities to partner with the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Association of NSW to reduce the number of staffies surrendered to Council’s facilities.”

BACKGROUND

As I look through the adopt-a-pet pages of our local papers, I am consistently surprised at the number of Staffordshire Bull Terriers, fondly known as staffies that appear in those pages each week. I understand that it is also the experience of Council’s staff that staffies are the dominant breed we see at our facilities. I have no doubt that Council sees only a small proportion of the dogs which become unwanted pets, that there is a much greater number out there who are not so fortunate to find themselves rehomed.

I am sure that this is part of a broader issue around irresponsible pet ownership, but I fear the specific issue with the staffies is tied up in one of image and reputation of want-to-be owners who realise, once it is too late, that pet ownership is an ongoing responsibility and one they are not prepared to meet.

I am asking that Council investigates opportunities to partner with the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Association of NSW to explore ways that we can potentially work together to reduce the number of dogs, staffies in particular, that are surrendered and/or dumped within our community.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

There are no funding implications arising from the proposed motion.
ITEM 10.4          Cooks River Sheet Metal Piling

I, Councillor Clare Raffan hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council:

1. Writes to the NSW Government demanding that they clearly identify the appropriate agency responsible for the sheet metal piling and to identify how and when their future removal and river bank rehabilitation will be managed.

2. Continues to support the work of the Cooks River Alliance in the development of the Coastal Management Program, for the long term viability of the Cooks River catchment.

3. Prepares concepts of the bank treatment required and construction costs to better understand the extent of works required.”

BACKGROUND

A united approach to the rehabilitation and management the Cooks River has been hampered for decades by confusing ownership arrangements and a lack of management accountability by the NSW Government, stemming from its historic uses and lack of classification as a river.

A case in point is the neglect that has been shown in the management of sheet metal pilings along the Cooks River. The sheet metal pilings were installed by the NSW government during the 1940s/1950s as a deterrent to saltwater intrusion onto land. The majority of the pilings are present downstream of Boat Harbour, Hurlstone Park, and are in a state of significant disrepair, posing a potential safety and environmental risk.

I understand that as far back as 2003 the NSW Government declared its responsibility of the Cooks River and made a commitment to remove deteriorating steel sheet piling along the Cooks River. They even commenced some removal in 2008 when 800 metres of steel sheet pilings was removed.

However, since then, very little other work has been undertaken and no agency is willing to take any responsibility on behalf of the state government. Sydney Water continues to manage its stormwater assets as they degrade or fail but their area of asset responsibility ceases at the litter boom at Boat Harbour.
Council’s role is generally in the management of parklands and other lands adjacent to the Cooks River, as well as Council’s own stormwater assets (e.g. GPTs). It is not responsible, nor could it fund the removal of the pilings, which is in the order of tens of millions of dollars.

However Council is playing a key role in the Cooks River Alliance to plan and advocate for improvements to the Cooks River. Unfortunately, the Cooks River Alliance has had no luck in getting the NSW Government to accept responsibility for the management of its natural assets. The sheet metal pilings issue has been identified in the Cooks River Coastal Management Program, being developed by the Alliance and its member Councils.

The issue cannot continue to be ignored at a state government level.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

There are no funding implications arising from motion 1. Motions 2 and 3 are consistent with and can be accommodated by the 2019-20 Operation Plan (OP Ref: 2.1.3).
ITEM 10.5  Improving Road Safety Around Schools

I, Councillor Linda Downey hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council develops suitable marketing material for distribution and/or use by schools within the LGA to promote safe and responsible driver behaviour around schools.”

BACKGROUND

The road is a dangerous place, but even more so when you bring together driving parents and carers (who through either rushing or complacency forget road rules are there for our children’s safety) and young children.

Parent driving behaviour and driving choices around schools is something we can partner with schools on and address. One need only observe the street out the front of a school for a few minutes at drop-off or pick-up to see just how often dangerous car movement occur, whether they be U-turns across double lines, parking across property entrances or double parking.

I am asking that Council partners with our City’s schools through the creation of suitable marketing material to be distributed to schools for their use as they see fit in educating parents and the general public about safe and responsible driver behaviour around schools.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

The motion can be accommodated as part of the action in the 2019-20 Operational Plan (OP Ref 4.1.2).
ITEM 10.6  Bankstown Hospital Car Parking Crisis

I, Councillor Steve Tuntevski hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council writes to the NSW Minister for Health for additional car parking provisions to be provided by way of the construction of a new multi-story car park at Bankstown Hospital for patients, visitors and hospital staff to use.”

BACKGROUND

Patients, visitors and hospital staff have always found it difficult to find a car parking spot in or around Bankstown Hospital, however in recent years it’s been almost impossible.

People attend hospitals because they have to, not because they want to. It’s stressful enough attending the emergency department or visiting a gravely ill family member, the last thing you should have to worry about is finding a parking spot. The current parking facilities at Bankstown Hospital are grossly inadequate; nearby residential streets have become congested with parked cars and traffic most of the day and night making it dangerous for pedestrians and road users.

Hospital patients and visitors are often forced to spend an unreasonable amount of time searching for a car parking spot and when they do, have to walk almost a kilometre to the hospital, often accompanied with sick, frail or disabled loved ones. I’ve heard of many stories of outpatients arriving at least 20 minutes early outside Bankstown Hospital, but end up being 20 minutes late for their appointment as they couldn’t find a parking spot.

The parking situation is now so bad, that we have a car parking crisis at Bankstown Hospital. It’s the State Government’s responsibility to provide adequate parking for users of Bankstown Hospital, not Council’s and it shouldn’t be on the residents or patients and their loved ones to bear the suffering and inconvenience.

During the election, the State Government promised a new hospital built in a few years, this timeframe is fanciful given that no new hospital site has even been announced. Although I welcome the construction of a new Hospital, patients, visitors and staff can’t wait another 10 or so years for it to be built as the current car parking crisis will get much, much worse. We need action now, that's why I’m calling on the Berejiklian State Government to construct a new multi-level car park at Bankstown Hospital.
GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

There are no funding implications arising from the motion as written.
ITEM 10.7 Air Quality Monitoring

I, Councillor Rachelle Harika hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council writes to the Minister for Energy and Environment with the request to review the Sydney Air Quality Monitoring Network with a view to installing an additional air quality monitoring site in the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA”

BACKGROUND

I note that Council received, in response to a question with notice in April this year, a letter from the Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment and Veterans, James Griffin MP, in which he outlines that the needs of our City will be considered in a future review of Sydney’s Air Quality Monitoring Network. Unfortunately the letter is silent on when such a review will take place.

As almost half a year has passed now without any sign of such a review taking place and with the fires in Northern NSW serving as a sign of things to come with a drier and warmer than average summer forecast, there is a great imperative for the air quality monitoring network to be reviewed and specifically for an additional air quality monitoring station to be installed in our City.

Recently the responsible Minister, the Hon Matt Kean MP, appeared in a video alongside Lord Mayor Clover Moore and a brand new air quality monitoring station in the Sydney CBD. In that video the Minister rightly points out that every single citizen in NSW has the right to access clean air in NSW, but unfortunately his Government’s actions haven’t backed up his words. I am asking Council to write, once again, to the Minister, requesting that a review be undertaken with a view of installing an additional air quality monitoring site in the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

There are no funding implications arising from the motion as written.
ITEM 10.8 Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

I, Councillor Nadia Saleh hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council writes to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon. David Elliot MP, requesting the review of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme trial be expedited and that the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA be considered as a priority for any future rollout of the scheme.”

BACKGROUND

The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) – often referred to as “Clare’s Law” after the tragic case of Clare Wood, who was murdered by her former partner in Greater Manchester in 2009 – was rolled out across all 43 police forces in England and Wales in March 2014 following the successful completion of a 14 month pilot. The Scheme was introduced to set out procedures that could be used by the police in relation to disclosure of information about previous violent and abusive offending by a potentially violent individual to their partner where this may help protect them from further violent and abusive offending.

I understand that the NSW Police undertook a trial of such a scheme at Newcastle and St George and that the outcomes of this trial are currently under review.

I am asking Council to write to the responsible Minister with a request that in light of the ongoing domestic violence epidemic, the review be completed as a matter of priority and that should such a scheme be introduced, the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA be included as one of the first regions for its introduction.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

There are no funding implications arising from the motion as written.
ITEM 10.9 Impacts of Return and Earn

I, Councillor Alex Kuskoff hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Canterbury Bankstown Council provide a report on the issues and impacts to council recycled waste collection as a result of the Return and Earn, NSW container deposit scheme.”

BACKGROUND

Since the NSW Container deposit scheme started rolling out across NSW on 1st December 2017, there has been a noticeable decrease in the amount of cans and bottles littering our streets and parks.

Unfortunately we are seeing new issues as a result of the Return and Earn scheme.

I have received numerous enquiries and complaints from residents concerned about people who are rummaging through their bins to collect bottles and cans.

Some residents feel this is an invasion of their privacy and have resorted to putting their bins out very late at night or early the next morning.

Other residents have reported that the collectors often throw out other waste from their bins to retrieve the cans and bottles, leaving them a mess to clean up every fortnight. In some cases residents have reported that the entire contents of their recycle bin have been emptied out.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

Actions arising out of the proposed motion can be accommodated as part of the 2019-20 Operational Plan (OP Ref: 2.3.2)
ITEM 10.10 Local Road Speed Limits

I, Councillor Glen Waud hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“That Council

1. Write to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services, requesting that they pilot a 30km/h urban speed limit within selected roads and streets within the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA

2. Makes representations to NSW Police, supporting their urban road speed enforcement and encouraging them to undertake more high-visibility enforcement in residential areas.”

BACKGROUND

The Canterbury Bankstown Local Government area continues to experience, and further expects in the future, higher levels of growth in residential development. More duplexes, villas, granny flats and units will appear in our suburbs, and this residential development will of course bring more cars to our local roads and streets.

Local residents are concerned with speeding vehicles on our local roads, in particular those residing in our narrow streets. I have heard their concerns loudly and clearly.

We must ask ourselves the question: given the changing face of our neighbourhoods, is a 50km/h speed limit low enough? I don’t believe it is and I am calling on the Roads and Maritime, as the authority responsible for speed limits in NSW, to trial a 30km/h limit in one or more of our narrower streets.

I have also heard of the positive impact of high-visibility enforcement by the NSW Police, the most effective deterrent to speeding on our neighbourhood streets. The Police should be commended for targeting speeding across the whole road network, not just the major arterial roads, highways and motorways, and I would ask that Council encourages them to do more of this within our suburbs and particularly on our narrower streets.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

The setting and review of speed limits is a function that sits with the NSW Roads and Maritime Services; councils do not have delegated authority to set and/or review speed limits. However, requests can be made to the RMS for a review of a particular road’s or neighbourhood’s speed limit regime, or to look at the broader issue of speed in built-up areas.

There are no funding implications arising from the motions as written.
ITEM 10.11 Powering our Carparks

I, Councillor George Zahkia hereby give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council I will move the following motion:-

“As part of the redesign of Marion Street and Griffith car parks, Council consider sustainability measures such as solar power, electric vehicles charging stations and plants and vegetation.”

BACKGROUND

Council is committed to our environment and is showing great leadership with the number of Clean and Green initiatives identified in the Operational Plan.

In support of the Mayor’s vision to increase the use of Electric Vehicles, and the push for more solar across the city, I would like to see that when council re-designs council car parks that solar and car charging options are considered in the design.

Solar power awnings in car parks can provide shade, and when and combined with batteries, can power safety lighting, emergency systems and electric charging stations.

Adding plants and vegetation to the design of car parks, also adds shade, however has the added benefit of making our city look better.

GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENT

There are no funding implications arising from the proposed motion.
11 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

11.1 Declarations - City Wide Planning Instrument

11.2 T09-20 CARES Facility in Bass Hill
General Manager's Statement

Confidentiality

Councillors and staff are reminded of their obligations in respect to the need for confidentiality and not disclose or otherwise misuse the information which is about to be discussed, failure to do so could result in a reference to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and/or result in a prosecution in accordance with Sec. 664 of the Act for which the maximum penalty is $5,500.
CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides that Council may, by resolution, close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of matters as listed in that section, or for any matter that arises during the course of business during the meeting that should be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Act.

Council’s Agenda for this meeting contains reports that meet the criteria specified in Section 10A(2) of the Act. To consider these reports in confidential session, Council can adopt the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 11.1, 11.2 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 Declarations - City Wide Planning Instrument

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Item 11.2 T09-20 CARES Facility in Bass Hill

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.