
Minutes of the Council Meeting 5 June 2024

Present:

Councillors

Lisa Lake (Mayor)	Councillor
Ola Hamed (Deputy Mayor)	Councillor
Steve Christou	Councillor
Diane Colman	Councillor
Greg Cummings	Councillor
Glenn Elmore	Councillor
Sabrin Farooqui	Councillor
Paul Garrard	Councillor
Kun Huang	Councillor (Via Audio-Visual – Joined 6:33pm)
Helen Hughes	Councillor
Mohamad Hussein	Councillor (arrived 6:40pm)
Joseph Rahme	Councillor (arrived 6:35pm)
Suman Saha	Councillor
Eddy Sarkis	Councillor
Michael Zaiter	Councillor

Officers

Melissa Attia	Acting General Manager
Tony Chahine	Acting Director Corporate Performance
Daniel Cavallo	Director Environment & Planning (Acting Deputy General Manager)
Brendan Govers	Director City Services
Nicole Byrn	Director Community & Culture
Charlie Ayoub	Director Governance & Risk
Colin McFadzean	General Counsel
Carol Karaki	Manager Governance
Bianca Mourched	Coordinator Governance

The Mayor, Councillor Lake declared the meeting open at 6:30pm.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read by Sheikh Mohammed Al-Zoubi from Auburn Islamic Community Centre.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor, Councillor Lake read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land – the Darug People, and pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging."

National Anthem

At this point in the meeting the Mayor, Councillor Lake asked all of those in attendance to stand for the playing of the Australian National Anthem.

Min.751 Apologies / Requests for Leave of Absence/ Requests for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link

Motion (Sarkis/Rahme)

That in accordance with Clause 5.24 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council approve the attendance of Councillor Huang at this meeting via Audio/Visual Link due to work commitments.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Notice of Live Streaming of Council Meeting

The Mayor, Councillor Lake advised that the Council meeting was being streamed live on Council's website and all in attendance must ensure their speech to the Council is respectful and use appropriate language.

Confirmation of Minutes

Min.752 C06/24-523 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 15 May 2024

Motion (Sarkis/Saha)

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15 May 2024.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Declarations of Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Saha declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal as he has lived in the area for several years and personally knows many residents however neither he nor his family own any properties in Westmead and they have no direct conflict of interest. As such, he will remain in the Chamber for the discussion in relation to the matter.

Councillor Elmore declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C06/24-531 Proposed Lidcombe Organic Waste Transfer Station - Addressing Resident Concerns, as he is a member of the Sydney Central Planning Panel and may be asked to consider the matter in that capacity. As such, he will leave the Chamber prior to any discussion in relation to the matter.

Councillor Hamed declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C06/24-531 Proposed Lidcombe Organic Waste Transfer Station - Addressing Resident Concerns, as she is a member of the Sydney Central Planning Panel and may be asked to consider the matter in that capacity. As such, she will leave the Chamber prior to any discussion in relation to the matter.

The Mayor, Councillor Lake declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal as she has been a resident in the neighbouring suburb of Wentworthville since 1990 and a ward Councillor for the Westmead South area since 2017. Given this, she has a personal relationship with a number of people who own properties and reside in Westmead South, however the nature of these relationships are not so close that it would cause her to put her any private interests above her public duty. As such, she will remain in the Chamber and vote on the matter.

Councillor Hussein entered the Chamber at 6.40pm during Declarations of Interest.

Min.753 Mayoral Minute - Extension of Parramatta Light Rail to Lidcombe

Motion (Lake)

That Council:

1. Write to the Minister for Transport, further advocating its position that the Parramatta Light Rail project be extended from Carter Street at Sydney Olympic Park to terminate at Lidcombe Station; and
2. Provide a copy of this letter to local State Members of Parliament.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.754 Mayoral Minute - Back to Guildford Festival 2024**Motion (Lake)**

That Council:

1. Congratulate everyone involved with the success of the Back to Guildford Festival;
2. Allocate \$100,000 from the Community Reserve to ensure the continuation of the Back to Guildford Festival in 2025; and
3. Explore the option of including a parade that involves classic cars.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.755 Mayoral Minute – Australia Post Office Closures**Motion (Lake)**

That Council:

1. Write to the Group CEO of Australia Post, Paul Graham to seek his commitment to retain all existing Post Office outlets in the Cumberland local government area; and
2. That a copy of this letter be provided to the Hon Michelle Rowland MP, Minister for Communications and other relevant Members of Parliament.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Elmore raised a Point of Order, stating that Councillor Christou made unfavourable comments. The Mayor, Councillor Lake requested that Councillor Christou withdraw his comment and sit in silence. Council Christou advised it was his personal opinion, and did not apologise or withdraw.

Presentation of Petitions

Councillor Elmore tabled a petition received by resident of Guildford, Mehmet Ali Cakir in relation to Guildford Park. The petition requested the addition of a walking track, better lighting, more benches and environmentally friendly materials in Guildford Park. The document was tabled, for the action of Council's General Manager.

Public Forum:

Speakers on Items on the Council Meeting Agenda

Name	Subject	Suburb
Ms Emily Boon	C06/24-531 Proposed Lidcombe Organic Waste Transfer Station - Addressing Resident Concerns	Lidcombe
Mr Brandon Chan	AR06/24-2 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution - C05/24-521 Notice of Motion - Removal of Berala from the Transport Oriented Development Program	Berala
Mr Ken To	AR06/24-2 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution - C05/24-521 Notice of Motion - Removal of Berala from the Transport Oriented Development Program	Berala
Mr Nick Voudouris	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Mohan Ayyar	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Stephen Mulette	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mrs Crusa Mok	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Nelson Mok	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Kuruparan Mahadeva	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Terry Cui	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mrs Li Chen	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Subramaniam Chanthiran	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mrs Filomena Molinaro	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Xuefu Gao	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead

Name	Subject	Suburb
Mr Stephen Brancatisano	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Rasa Jeevakan	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Mark Pigram	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Ram Reddy Chandupatla – via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Pradeep Shetty- via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mrs Nalinie Aiyelananthan – via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Prashanta Saha – via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Suraj Naik – via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Ms Yumna Kassab – via A/V Link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead

Councillor Hamed left the Meeting at 7:22pm and returned at 7:32pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Elmore left the Meeting at 7:22pm and returned at 7:33pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 7:36pm and returned at 7:39pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 7:45pm and returned at 7:51pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Hussein left the Meeting at 7:47pm and returned at 7:50pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 7:51pm and returned at 7:55pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 8:02pm and returned at 8:05pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 8:28pm and returned at 8:31pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Garrard left the Meeting at 8:35pm during Public Forum.

ADJOURNMENT

8:43pm The Mayor, Councillor Lake adjourned the meeting to allow for the remaining Public Forum addresses via Audio/Visual link to be appropriately enabled by staff.

8:53pm The Mayor, Councillor Lake resumed the meeting.

Public Forum resumed.

Name	Subject	Suburb
Mr Ram Reddy Chandupatla – via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Pradeep Shetty- via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mrs Nalinie Aiyelananthan – via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Prashanta Saha – via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Mr Suraj Naik – via A/V link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead
Ms Yumna Kassab – via A/V Link	C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal	Westmead

Councillor Garrard returned to the Meeting following the adjournment at 8:53pm.

Councillor Cummings returned to the Meeting following the adjournment at 8:56pm.

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting following the adjournment at 8:57pm.

Councillor Farooqui left the Meeting at 8:56pm and returned at 9:01pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Hamed left the Meeting at 9:01pm and returned at 9:05pm during Public Forum.

Councillor Elmore left the Meeting at 9:11pm and returned at 9:14pm during Public Forum.

Min.756 Alteration of Order of Business**Motion (Sarkis/Saha)**

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Council alter the order of business to allow Item C06/24 - 527 to be brought forward for consideration at this time of the Meeting.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Christou, Garrard and Hughes.

Min.757 C06/24-527 Draft Westmead South Master Plan and Planning Proposal**Motion (Saha/Zaiter)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Westmead South Masterplan Strategy, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. Endorse the proposed planning controls for Westmead South, as provided in Attachment 2 and outlined in this report.
3. Endorse that the Planning Proposal for Westmead South, as provided in Attachment 3, be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.
4. Endorse the Draft Westmead South Development Control Plan, as provided in Attachment 4.
5. Endorse the proposed amendments to Part F4 - 2 Mays Hill, Finlayson and Sherwood Transitway Precinct, as provided in Attachment 4.
6. Endorse the Draft Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme for Westmead South, as provided in Attachment 5.
7. Endorse the preferred option for new heritage items in Westmead South to include in Part 1 of Schedule 5 in the Cumberland Local Environmental Plan (Cumberland Heritage List), as provided in Attachment 6 as follows:

Option 2 – progress with the extension of the curtilage of 1 existing heritage item which meets the following criteria: resolved by Council for inclusion in the Planning Proposal; and recommended for inclusion where no written objection received from the landowner on the proposed inclusion of the item during the process.

8. Endorse the preferred option for new heritage conservation areas in Westmead South to include in Part 1 of Schedule 5 in the Cumberland Local Environmental Plan (Cumberland Heritage List), as provided in Attachment 6 as follows:
Option 4 – progress with the Church Avenue Heritage Conservation Area and extension of the Toohey’s Palm Estate Group Conservation Area to cover street palm trees.
9. Delegate to the General Manager the authorisation to make minor revisions to the Planning Proposal and supporting documentation, as necessary, following Council’s deliberations to ensure the desired objectives and intended outcomes can be achieved.
10. Note that the draft documents in the recommendation will be placed on public exhibition for community consultation, subject to receipt of a positive Gateway Determination on the Planning Proposal.

Councillor Huang returned to the Meeting following the adjournment at 9:22pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 9:25pm and returned at 9:27pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 9:30pm and returned at 9:36pm during the consideration of this item.

ADJOURNMENT

9:43pm The Mayor, Councillor Lake adjourned the meeting.

9:48pm The Mayor, Councillor Lake resumed the meeting.

Debate subsequently resumed on the Motion.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Colman, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake, Saha and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Garrard, Hughes, Rahme and Sarkis.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Saha raised a Point of Order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 15.11 (d) of *the Code of Meeting Practice*, advising that Councillor Garrard swore in the Chamber. The Mayor, Councillor Lake requested that Councillor Garrard withdraw and apologise. He did not withdraw or apologise.

Min.758 Extension of Time

Motion (Sarkis/Zaiter)

That Council in accordance with Clause 18.2 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, extend the meeting by 1 hour to conclude at 11:00pm, or if an item being discussed is unfinished at 11:00pm, at the conclusion of that item.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Min.759 Items Resolved by Exception

Motion (Sarkis/Cummings)

That Council adopt items C06/24-525, C06/24-526, C06/24-533 and C06/24-534 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

C06/24-525 Community Grants - Round 3 2023/2024 Funding Recommendations

Resolved by Exception

That Council:

1. Adopt the 16 applications recommended for funding in Attachment 2 and allocate the \$103,179 from the 2023/2024 Community Grants Program budget.
2. Delegate to the General Manager the authority to execute the grant dispersions and any associated documents.
3. Advise all successful applications of the funding allocations from the Community Grants Program 2023/2024 and provide feedback and assistance to applicants that were unsuccessful.
4. Attach a table of the successful applicants to the Minutes.

C06/24-526 Response to Motion - Construction of Footpaths at Victor Street and Vernon Street, Greystanes***Resolved by Exception***

That Council receive the report.

C06/24-533 Tender Evaluation Report - Microsoft Licensing Enterprise Agreement***Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Accept the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to award the contract to Data#3 Limited (ABN 31 010 545 267) in accordance with section 169 (8) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, for a three (3) year contract.
2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the contract for a period of three (3) years, for the amount of \$2,394,573.60 and any associated documents.

C06/24-534 Tender Evaluation Report - Demolition of Guildford Swimming Centre RFX800***Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Accept the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to award the contract to Budget Demolition & Excavation Pty Ltd ABN 42 084 229 872 in accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, for \$644,965.15 ex GST.
2. Delegate to the General Manager the authority to execute the contract and any associated documents.

Min.760 C06/24-531 Notice of Motion - Proposed Lidcombe Organic Waste Transfer Station - Addressing Resident Concerns**Motion (Farooqui/Huang)**

That Council:

1. Send a letter to residents of Lidcombe providing an update on the applicant's intention regarding the proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe; and
2. Ensure the update letter is provided in three languages: English, Korean, and Simplified Chinese.

Proposed Amendment (Hughes/Garrard)

Add the following points:

3. Formally inform residents who had already put in objections to the previous DA;
4. Supports the residents by endorsing and organising a campaign against any proposed waste transfer station;
5. Holds a public meeting to provide information and articulate the process to the residents.

Point 4 was ruled out of order by the Mayor under clause 10.6 of the Code of Meeting Practice, as she considered that the implementation of that point may be unlawful given Council's statutory obligations with respect to the assessment of development applications. The amendment then proceeded for consideration as follows:

Amendment (Hughes/Garrard)

Add the following points:

3. Formally inform residents who had already put in objections to the previous DA;
4. Holds a public meeting to provide information and articulate the process to the residents.

The Amendment was accepted by the Mover and Seconder of the Motion, and was incorporated to become the substantive Motion as follows:

Motion (Farooqui/Huang)

That Council:

1. Send a letter to residents of Lidcombe providing an update on the applicant's intention regarding the proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe;
2. Ensure the update letter is provided in three languages: English, Korean, and Simplified Chinese;
3. Formally inform residents who had already put in objections to the previous DA; and

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4. Hold a public meeting to provide information and articulate the process to the residents.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Farooqui, Garrard, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillors Elmore and Hamed left the Meeting at 10:01pm prior to the consideration of this item.

AR06/24-2 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution – C05/24-521 Notice of Motion – Removal of Berala from the Transport Oriented Development Program

Pursuant to Notice, Councillors Hughes, Garrard and Christou move that Council alter the below resolution of Council made at the Council Meeting on 15 May 2024 C05/24-521 Notice of Motion – Removal of Berala from the Transport Oriented Development Program.

Min. 751

That Council:

1. Undertakes a further information session and consultation with the community regarding the proposed Berala Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Program, including the proposed new planning controls.
2. Continues to advocate for Berala under the proposed TOD program on State Government funding for necessary growth infrastructure and to increase social and affordable housing provision, and
3. Writes to the State Member for Auburn, requesting that she strongly represent and advocate on behalf of the Berala community in relation to this Program.

Motion (Hughes/Garrard)

That Council:

1. Undertakes a further information session and consultation with the community regarding the details now provided, and provide explicit requirements of residents;
2. Continues to fight this proposed rezoning development for Berala under the current Transport Oriented Development Program arrangement and implement a community action plan against the TOD;

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3. Writes to the State Member for Auburn, requesting that she strongly represent and advocate on behalf of the Berala community in pursuing that Berala be removed from the Transport Oriented Development Program.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Elmore raised a Point of Order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 15.11 (d) of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, advising that Councillor Christou made personal comments toward him and Councillor Rahme raised his voice.

Councillor Elmore returned to the Meeting at 10:29pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Hamed returned to the Meeting at 10:30pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 10:29pm and returned at 10:31pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Zaiter left the Meeting at 10:30pm and returned at 10:31pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 10:38pm and returned at 10:40pm during the consideration of this item.

Deferral of Remaining Business

At this point of the meeting being 10:48pm, due to disorder, the Mayor, Councillor Lake advised that the remaining business will be stood over to the next Council meeting, including the item of business currently before the meeting.

The following items subsequently were deferred to the next Ordinary meeting of Council, scheduled for the 19th of June 2024 at 6:30pm.

- AR06/24-2 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution – C05/24-521 Notice of Motion – Removal of Berala from the Transport Oriented Development Program
- C06/24-524 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination - Mayor and Councillor Remuneration 2024/25
- C06/24-528 Update on Council Resolution of 17 April 2024 - Legal Advice on Deferred ATSiC Committee Recommendation
- C06/24-529 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 20 May 2024 and Implementation of New Office of Local Government Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit
- C06/24-530 Notice of Motion - Increase to Council's Voluntary Pensioner Council Rates Rebate
- AR06/24-1 Notice of Motion to Alter Council Resolution - C05/24-511 Response to Notice of Motion - Promotion of Opportunities in Development Industry
- C06/24-532 Tender Evaluation Report - Cleaning of Buildings and Facilities

The Mayor, Councillor Lake closed the meeting at 10:48pm.

Chairperson *Lisa C. Lake*

Appendix 1 – C06/24-525 Community Grants - Round 3 2023/2024 Funding Recommendations – Successful Applicants

Funding Stream/App No.	Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Amount recommended	Assessment Panel Comments
Community Participation #CPR3001	Arabian Music	Community Musical Activities	Our project will bring people from the local area/community together to encourage musical activities. This could range from instrument lessons, song writing/composing and practicing, learning how to sing, to being part of a band. There will be a monthly 'Live Music Show' for everyone. The purpose of these is to give performers/musicians a chance to show off their skills, get in contacts with people of similar interests and to simply enjoy the great music.	\$5,000.00	All criteria and outcomes were met, recommended for partial funding to reflect the quotes provided by the applicant
Community Participation #CPR3003	The Shepherd Centre - For Deaf Children	Ready Steady Think! A school-readiness program for children with hearing loss in Cumberland	Ready Steady Think is an education program developing crucial life skills and positive behaviours in children with hearing loss. Using play-based strategies, we prepare children for school by developing their working memory, flexible thinking, teamwork and self-control skills – skills at high risk of being delayed in children with hearing loss. Children will gain a firm foundation of skills needed to thrive in school and the wider community.	\$4,453.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, and demonstrates clear project aims and outcomes. However, the panel will include an additional recommendation, the applicant shall provide a detailed plan of how they will ensure the beneficiaries are Cumberland residents.

Funding Stream/App No.	Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Amount recommended	Assessment Panel Comments
Community Participation #CPR3004	Sydney Seniors Learning Society Incorporated	Ageless Dancing	Ageless Dancing program would provide amazing opportunities for Chinese-speaking seniors especially for older women to participate in exercises and social activities through dancing. This program would promote physical and mental health, improving personal fitness and well-being. It is more than just a dancing program because it combines social, cultural, recreational, and physical activities. It would assist in breaking down social isolation and enhance positive connections among the participants and develop a sense of belonging.	\$7,000.00	All criteria and outcomes were met, recommended for partial funding to reflect the quotes provided by the applicant
Community Participation #CPR3012	Somali Welfare and Cultural Centre	Reconciliation and Truth Telling - Workshops for CALD Communities of Cumberland	As newcomers to Australia, it's important we have an understanding of the cultures and histories of First Nations people. This project aims to provide a space for meaningful conversations between representatives of the Kinchella Boys Home (stolen generation survivors) and culturally diverse communities of Cumberland. The dialogue will provide information past events and treatment of First Nations, the intergenerational impact, their resilience, race relations and our collective responsibility for reconciliation.	\$7,500.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, and demonstrated clear project aims. Partial funding recommended based on budget information and clarity on expected attendees.

Funding Stream/App No.	Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Amount recommended	Assessment Panel Comments
			This act of truth-telling supports the process of healing and restorative justice within Australian society, as all members become aware of their role in our reflective journey towards Reconciliation.		
Community Participation #CPR3014	LEAD Connect	Coercive Control: The Hidden Driver of Non-Physical Violence	Coercive control is still not well understood in the community. Every day, women across Cumberland fall victim to coercive controls, often without recognising it as domestic violence. LEAD Connect will work with partners (family support services) and DFV experts (Including legal experts) to create a shareable resource video outlining what is coercive control, the changes with the new legislation, and where to seek help.	\$13,500.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes. Partial funding recommended without the project coordination component.
Community Participation #CPR3017	Tamil Arts and Culture Association Inc	Tamil Literary Meet 2024	Tamil Literary Meet - Tamil is one of the classical languages which is in practice and spoke by 80 million people around the world. In this event we bring a renown Tamil scholars or writers from Tamilnadu, India to deliver a literature research speech on a specific topic to wider Tamil Australian community as well as stage the	\$5,000.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, demonstrates clear project aims and outcomes. Partial funding recommended based off confirmed venue and attendee numbers. Panel will include an additional recommendation into the funding

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			local talents to perform Tamil classical dances as well as vocal traditional music.		agreement with the submission of a detailed budget.
Community Participation #CPR3020	Flourish Australia/headspace Parramatta	Speaking of Mental Health in Cumberland	<p>Headspace and The Champions will deliver 4 compelling education seminars on suicide prevention and mental health to Year 10 students in schools with higher needs / lower SES.</p> <p>This highly rated program (98% approval) helps young people understand that difficulties they may face with mental illness, stress, or suicidal thoughts are not uncommon and are treatable. We highlight that speaking up to friends and family while accessing professional help early is the best way to be supported.</p> <p>This is achieved through authentic storytelling from a lived-experience mental health educator and Q&A with headspace to enable discussions that lower barriers to help-seeking.</p>	\$4,620.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget, and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.

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Community Participation #CPR3021	Wentworthville Indian Business Association Inc	Ganesh Festival	Ganesh Festival Celebrations for the Wentworthville & surrounding community.	\$5,000.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget, and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes. Partial funding recommended due the project being an extension of a one-off event.
Community Participation #CPR3027	Story Factory	Extending impacts of our creative writing programs: Building young people's literacy and wellbeing	With Cumberland Council's support, we will deliver two 7-week 'Pride Inside: Deadly Writing' creative writing programs for up to 40 young people at Holroyd High School, an under-resourced school in the Cumberland LGA, where students are at risk of poor mental health and low literacy. Our 'Pride Inside: Deadly Writing' program has been purposefully designed to target pride and identity formation – alongside literacy development – providing Holroyd High School students with the foundation of skills and self-belief they need to overcome future challenges and thrive both personally and academically.	\$10,813.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget, and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.
Community Participation #CPR3031	Avaani Cricket Club Incorporated	Avaani Cricket Club Support	We are seeking funding to support the delivery of a multicultural cricket program, that will target young girls and boys, as well as seniors within the region. We are a club that actively engages with the local	\$8,000.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget, and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes. Partial

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			community by organising various cricketing events, including bilateral series, friendly matches, and tournaments. Our cricket club attracts the various multicultural communities in the region, showcasing the benefits of leading an active and healthy lifestyle. The project will be held on Sundays for over 14 weeks, starting in October 2024. The project will involve entry level participation cricket programs for juniors and seniors.		funding recommended based on the outcomes of the project.
Community Participation #CPR3036	Blind Sports & Recreation NSW/ACT	Blind Sports NSW Community Awareness Program	Blind Sports NSW is the peak organisational body in New South Wales in providing sport and social recreation for community members with blindness and low vision. This project creates much needed awareness for students and the community by showcasing what it's like to be vision impaired through simulating glasses and activities. This will provide an understanding of the everyday challenges faced by visually impaired individuals by completing everyday tasks, including vision impaired sport activities. The project will provide much needed awareness of our services to the local community and help create pathway opportunities for visually impaired participants.	\$8,000.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget, and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.

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Employment & Education Pathways #EEPR3001	Ability Beyond Boundaries. Ltd	Persian Herbs Diversity: Community-crafted Micro Herb Salad Project	The Persian Herb Diversity (PhD) incorporates the popular herb blend in Persian cuisine, 'sabzi khordan,' serving a dual purpose within our initiative: empowering individuals through accessible training, fostering community connections, providing healthy salads for our weekly events, and offering a fundraising opportunity for ABB. The collaborative process involves cleaning, preparing, labelling, and packaging these herbs under the supervision of two of our members who hold Food Safety Supervision certificates. Ultimately, the initiative aims to address isolation and distress by providing meaningful training and employment pathways for our underrepresented members	\$6,500.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, demonstrates clear project aims and outcomes. Partial funding was recommended due to gaps identified in the budget.
Employment & Education Pathways #EEPR3003	Alzahra Support Association	Understanding the Australian curriculum for Maths and Science for CALD youth and parents	The project plans to conduct maths and science classes for newly arrived children aged 10 to 15 in Granville. The classes will address educational challenges faced by newly arrived students in Australia, particularly in learning maths and science in the English language. Many of these students have limited prior educational opportunities due to war and seeking asylum.	\$11,793.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, demonstrates clear project aims and outcomes. Recommended for funding, however, panel will include an additional recommendation into the funding agreement with the submission of a more detailed budget.

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			Classes will also be held to educate parents on school curriculums, parenting techniques and yoga (to alleviate stress, boost confidence, and strengthen family bonds). Sessions will run weekly for three months – parenting information 2 hours, yoga 1 hour, Maths and Science 3 hours.		
Small Grants #SGR30008	Mark Croan	Australian Squad Representative and helping Teenagers	(1) My son Ryan is 16 and has been selected to represent Australia at three international events. He has qualified to compete against Japan in Tokyo and Yokohama and in Portugal at the World Martial Arts Championships. Any financial assistance would be much appreciated. (2) To promote all of the advantages of martial arts to teenagers to improve their lives.	\$2,000.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.
Small Grants #SGR30009	Guildford-Greystanes Physical Culture Club Inc	Purchasing new performance wear for team dance event	Our club participates in annual team events with other BJP clubs across Australia in November every year. As part of this event, the girls are required to dress the same in either leotards or performance wear. At present, the girls are wearing leotards that have been used over the last 15 years and as we modernise the sport, performance wear is becoming more popular to wear rather than leotards. We would like to be able to	\$2,000.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.

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			purchase performance wear (tights and tops) for our junior members.		
Small Grants #SGR30010	Karabi Community & Development Services Inc.	Mothers Alliance / Kindred Mothers	The Mothers Alliance/ Kindred Mothers Group will be a weekly program where Mums with children can meet and connect with each other, receive expert advice through our guest speakers/facilitators, and build a safe and supportive kinship to foster good parenting and strengthen familial ties within the Cumberland community. We aim to promote the “Women supporting women” ethos and encourage our clients to uplift and empower each other and build a solid and lasting relationship that will ultimately benefit not only themselves but their families and the whole community they live in.	\$2,000.00	Applicant has met all eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.