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## Minutes of the Council Meeting 26 February 2025

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**Present:****Councillors**

Ola Hamed (Mayor)	Councillor
Michael Zaiter (Deputy Mayor)	Councillor
Steve Christou	Councillor
Dr Diane Colman	Councillor
Glenn Elmore	Councillor
Paul Garrard	Councillor
Nadima Kafrouni-Saba	Councillor
Ahmed Ouf	Councillor
Joseph Rahme	Councillor
Suman Saha	Councillor
Eddy Sarkis	Councillor (arrived 7:11pm)
Sujan Selventhiran	Councillor (arrived 7:06pm)
Steve Yang	Councillor
Enver Yasar	Councillor

**Officers**

Peter Fitzgerald	General Manager
Melissa Attia	Director Corporate Performance (Deputy General Manager)
Daniel Cavallo	Director Environment & Planning
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

**Note:** The Mayor, Councillor Hamed advised that she would first open the meeting and then deal with the matter of Councillor Christou denying Councillor Kafrouni-Saba the ability to sit in her correct seat.

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed declared the meeting open at 6:08pm.

**Note:** In recognition of annual World Hearing Day on March 3, the Mayor welcomed to the Chamber Anna Tu, Auslan Interpreter to interpret part of the Meeting's proceedings.

**Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was read by Pdt Jatinkumar Bhatt from Sri Mandir Hindu Temple, Auburn.

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed 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 Hamed asked all of those in attendance to stand for the playing of the Australian National Anthem.

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed warned Councillor Christou in relation to interjecting, and requested it be noted in the Minutes.

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### **Min.866          Apologies / Requests for Leave of Absence/ Requests for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link**

#### **(Motion (Elmore/Yasar)**

That in accordance with Clause 5.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice, an apology be accepted on behalf of Councillor Hughes for this Council meeting due to being unwell.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:              Nil.

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### **Notice of Live Streaming of Council Meeting**

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed 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.

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### **Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **Min.867          C02/25-47 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 11 December 2024**

#### **(Motion (Kafrouni-Saba/Yasar)**

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 December 2024.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

### **Declarations of Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest**

Councillor Elmore declared a Non-Pecuniary, Significant interest in relation to Item C02/25/53 Community Grants - Round 2 2024/2025 Funding Recommendations, as he is a volunteer for Oz Harvest who are recommended for a community grant. As such, he will leave the Chamber during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme declared a Non-Pecuniary, Less Than Significant interest in relation to Item C02/25-56 Cumberland Local Traffic Committee - 6 November 2024 - Recommendations to Council as it relates to Seventh Street, Granville where he lives. Councillor Rahme noted that he had nothing to do with the discussion or recommendation of this item and as such will remain in the Chamber for the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis declared a Non-Pecuniary, Less Than Significant interest in relation to Item C02/25-64 Notice of Motion – Increased Car Parking – Civic Park Pendle Hill Car Park, as he owns a property in Billabong Street, Pendle Hill. As such, he will leave the Chamber during the consideration of this item.

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### **Min.868 Mayoral Minute - Recognising the Contributions of Antoine 'Tony' Issa OAM**

#### **Motion (Hamed)**

That Council:

1. Congratulate Antoine 'Tony' Issa OAM on a distinguished career within Australian politics and for his contributions to the community;
2. Name the Councillor office space adjoining Granville Town Hall after Antoine 'Tony' Issa, in recognition of his contributions to the community; and
3. Provide a copy of this Mayoral Minute to the Issa family and invite the family to a civic function to unveil the naming.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Min.869      Mayoral Minute - Federal Government Funding Announcement for Upgrade of Toongabbie Bridge**

**Motion (Hamed)**

That Council:

1. Note the Mayoral Minute;
2. Write to the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Anthony Albanese and the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government the Hon. Catherine King, expressing Councils gratitude for the \$25 million funding announcement for the upgrade of Toongabbie Bridge.
3. Write to the Federal Member for Parramatta Dr Andrew Charlton, expressing Council's gratitude to him and his Office for advocating for this important project funding.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Saha, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:              Nil.

During the consideration of this item, the Mayor Councillor Hamed reminded Councillors Garrard and Yang that they must be in their designated seats in order to address the Council.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 6:30pm and returned to the Meeting at 6:36pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 6:36pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Public Forum:**

**Speakers on Items on the Council Meeting Agenda**

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed read out a submission from Mr Graeme Allen in relation to item C02/25-61 Notice of Motion - Ray Marshall Reserve Amenities Block Naming.

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Mr Tony Oldfield	C02/25-60 Notice of Motion - Carnarvon Golf Course	Auburn
Mr Saurabh Patil	C02/25-70 Notice of Motion – Clean Cumberland Community	Wentworthville

**Speakers on General Items**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Mrs Najat Zeait	Granville Swimming Pool ID entry	Merrylands
Mrs Mountaha Malkounian	Granville Swimming Pool ID entry	Granville

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting at 6:38pm during Public Forum.

The Mayor, Councillor Hamed warned Councillor Christou in relation to disrupting the Meeting and requested he take his seat.

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**Min.870          Alteration of Order of Business**

**Motion (Saha/Zaiter)**

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Council alter the order of business to allow items C02/25-57, C02/25-60 and C02/25-70 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:                      Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:              Nil.

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**Min.871          C02/25-57 Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee - Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 17 February 2025 and Chairperson's Annual Report 2023/24**

**Note:** The Chairperson of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee, Mr Mark Sercombe presented to Council in relation to this item.

**(Motion (Zaiter/Elmore))**

That Council:

1. Receive the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on 17 February 2025; and
2. Receive the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chairperson's Annual Report and presentation.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Garrard.

During the consideration of this item, the Mayor Councillor Hamed requested Councillors Garrard and Yang move to their designated seats in order to address the Council.

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**Min.872      C02/25-60 Notice of Motion - Carnarvon Golf Course**

**(Motion (Yasar/Garrard))**

That Council:

1. Confirms its strong opposition to any proposal to repurpose the Carnarvon Golf Course for non-recreational use, including its potential conversion into a cemetery or any other uses that diminish its current function. With growing pressure to reduce golf courses in size, as seen with Moore Park, any loss of green space at Carnarvon—whether through partial or full repurposing—would be a significant blow to the community and the local environment.
2. Acknowledges the importance of Carnarvon Golf Course as a vital green space that serves as a sporting and recreational facility critical to the health and well-being of the community, while also providing significant environmental benefits, such as mitigating the urban heat island effect and cooling the surrounding urban environment.
3. Writes to the Hon. Steve Kamper MP, Minister for Lands and Property, and the Hon. Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, to express the Council's opposition to the repurposing of Carnarvon Golf Course and request that it be protected as a key community asset; and
4. Actively supports the campaign to protect Carnarvon Golf Course, in partnership with Auburn MP Lynda Voltz, including:
  - Sharing campaign materials and petition details through the Council's communication channels.
  - Encouraging community participation through the Council's social media platforms, newsletters, and public forums.
  - Preparing and installing banners in high-traffic areas near the golf course, including the corner of Amy Street and Joseph Street, to raise awareness and garner community support.
  - Engaging with relevant stakeholders, such as Golf Australia, local sporting clubs, and community organisations, to strengthen the campaign by raising awareness of the threats to the course and mobilising community support to ensure its preservation.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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* by Councillor Christou, stating that Councillor Christou insulted and threatened him. The Mayor, Councillor Hamed upheld the point of order.

During the consideration of this item, the Mayor Councillor Hamed reminded Councillors Garrard and Yang that they must be in their designated seats in order to address the Council.

Councillor Selventhiran entered the Meeting at 7:06pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 7:07pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:08pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis entered the Meeting at 7:11pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Colman left the Meeting at 7:11pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:13pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.873 C02/25-70 Notice of Motion - Clean Cumberland Community**

**(Motion (Saha/Zaiter))**

That Council:

1. Initiate a community-focused campaign dedicated to enhancing the cleanliness and presentation of the Cumberland Local Government Area, with a particular focus on town centres, public spaces, and local neighbourhoods.
2. Actively engage with local businesses and residents to foster support for the campaign, encouraging their participation in maintaining and improving the cleanliness of their surrounding environments.
3. Conduct a pilot program in Wentworthville Town Centre to evaluate the campaign's effectiveness before considering its broader implementation across Cumberland.

4. Note (the withdrawal of) Councillor Selventhiran's motion Clean up Wentworthville Ward and incorporate the requested actions where possible.
5. Allocate the necessary budget for these initiatives within the 2025/26 Draft Budget.
6. Provide an update and report on these campaigns and initiatives during the budget development process.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 7:30pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:33pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 7:30pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:33pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 7:35pm and returned to the Meeting at 7:37pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 7:39pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.874      Items Resolved by Exception**

**Motion (Sarkis/Rahme)**

That Council adopt items C02/25-48, C02/25-49, C02/25-50, C02/25-51, C02/25-54, C02/25-55 and C02/25-56 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the report.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting at 7:44pm during the consideration of this item.



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**C02/25-48 Legal Report*****Resolved by Exception***

That the report be received.

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**C02/25-49 Investment Report - January 2025*****Resolved by Exception***

That Council receive the January 2025 Investment Report.

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**C02/25-50 Quarter 2 2024-25 Budget Review Statement and Financial Update*****Resolved by Exception***

That Council approve the revised estimates of income and expenditure for 2024/25 contained in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement.

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**C02/25-51 Sponsorship of the Cumberland City Local Business Awards*****Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Approve Council's ongoing sponsorship of the Cumberland City Local Business Awards.
  2. Delegate to the General Manager to finalise the agreement.
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**C02/25-54 Response to Notice of Motion - Affordable Housing Strategy*****Resolved by Exception***

That Council receive the information in this report.

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**C02/25-55 Cumberland Local Traffic Committee - Minutes of 6 November 2024 Meeting and Items Considered Under Delegated Authority*****Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Note the items considered under delegated authority by the Cumberland Local Traffic Committee at the 6 November 2024 meeting, as provided in Attachment 1.
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2. Receive and note the minutes of the Cumberland Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 6 November 2024, as provided in Attachment 2.
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**C02/25-56 Cumberland Local Traffic Committee - 6 November 2024  
- Recommendations to Council**

***Resolved by Exception***

That Council endorse the recommendations for items considered by the Cumberland Local Traffic Committee at the 6 November 2024 meeting, as provided in this report.

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**Min.875 C02/25-52 Councillor Nomination for Western Sydney Region  
Organisation of Councils (WSROC)**

**(Motion (Zaiter /Colman))**

That Council:

1. Nominate Councillor Saha as a voting Director on WSROC.
2. Nominate Councillor Elmore as an alternate voting Director on WSROC.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Min.876 C02/25-53 Community Grants - Round 2 2024/2025 Funding  
Recommendations**

**Note:** Councillor Elmore exited the Chamber at 7:47pm prior to the consideration of this item as he had declared an interest in this item. He returned to the Meeting following the consideration of this item at 7:50pm.

**(Motion (Colman/Saha))**

1. Adopt the 16 applications recommended for funding in Attachment 2 and allocate the \$114,752 from the 2024/2025 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 2024/2025 and provide feedback and assistance to applicants that were unsuccessful.

4. Receive and note the submission, assessment and recommendations of Emergency Relief Application ERF0006.
5. Attach a table of the successful applicants to the Minutes.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 7:47pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Yasar left the Meeting at 7:47pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.877      C02/25-58 Notice of Motion - Acknowledgement of Country**

**(Motion (Christou/Sarkis))**

That Council remove the protocol for Acknowledgement of Country being undertaken at Council's civic functions and Council meetings.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Rahme raised a point of order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 15.11(d) of the *Code of Meeting Practice* by Councillor Christou, stating that Councillor Christou misrepresented him. The Mayor, Councillor Hamed allowed Councillor Rahme to clarify the misrepresentation.

Councillor Yasar returned to the Meeting at 7:53pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Ouf returned to the Meeting at 7:56pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 7:56pm and returned to the Meeting at 8:01pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 8:08pm and returned to the Meeting at 8:14pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.878      C02/25-59 Notice of Motion - Illegal Fireworks on New Years Eve****(Motion (Christou/Garrard))**

That Council receive a report outlining the following:

1. All Council assets that have been damaged on New Years Eve.
2. The total cost to repair damaged assets and equipment.
3. How long it took council officers to clean up the mess from New Years Eve celebrations in the Cumberland City Council Local Government area.
4. What actions have been initiated either by the Organisation or the Office of the Mayor to co-ordinate a level of preparedness to ensure the protection of Council's neighbourhoods which are likely to be the subject of anti-social behaviour, vandalism, or possible criminality.
5. The detail associated with any previous meetings with the leadership of the two Local Police Commands within the LGA of Cumberland during the lead up period to the Christmas / New Year period; and
6. Given the identified damages across the LGA of Cumberland, what actions should be instigated to address the damages incurred.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Colman, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:              Yang.

During the consideration of this item, the Mayor Councillor Hamed reminded Councillors Garrard and Yang that they must be in their designated seats in order to address the Council.

Councillor Colman left the Meeting at 8:25pm and returned to the Meeting at 8:34pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Yang left the Meeting at 8:26pm and returned to the Meeting at 8:30pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 8:27pm and returned to the Meeting at 8:31pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.879            C02/25-61 Notice of Motion - Ray Marshall Reserve Amenities Block Naming**

**(Motion (Garrard/Elmore))**

That:

1. The amenities block at Ray Marshall Reserve be named in honour of Mr Graeme Allen for his dedicated for 53 years of dedicated service to the community through his activity and participation associated with the 'Ray Marshall Reserve Committee';
2. In accordance with Council's unanimous resolution on 6 September 2023 which sought the introduction and improvement of female sport facilities, Council seek to carry out alterations and extensions to the existing amenities building, so as to include female change facilities; and
3. Council seek estimates of cost for the proposed amenities to be funded from the unspent monies within the 'Woodville Ward account'.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:                Nil.

Councillor Colman left the Meeting at 8:43pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Saha left the Meeting at 8:43pm and returned to the Meeting at 8:46pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.880            C02/25-62 Notice of Motion - Australia Day 2026 - Council Swimming Pool Free Entry**

**(Motion (Rahme/Zaiter))**

That Council consider as part of the 2025/26 budget development process making all Council run Pools open to all residents free of charge for Australia day 2026, to allow all residents to properly celebrate Australia Day.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:                Nil.

Councillor Colman returned to the Meeting at 8:49pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.881            C02/25-63 Notice of Motion - 125 Years of Federation****(Motion (Zaiter/Rahme))**

That Council:

1. Lead local celebrations within the Cumberland LGA throughout the month of January 2026 as part of the 125th anniversary of the Federation of Australia;
2. Investigate funding options, including potential federal grants, to be included as part of the 2025/26 Operational Plan; and
3. Report back to Councillors via a report by May 2025 on the progress and potential activities to be included as part of the anniversary celebrations.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:                Nil.

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**Min.882            C02/25-64 Notice of Motion - Increased Car Parking - Civic Park Pendle Hill Car Park**

**Note:** Councillor Sarkis exited the Chamber at 8:54pm prior to the consideration of this item as he declared an interest in this item.

**(Motion (Zaiter/Saha))**

That Council:

1. Investigate as a priority, the utilisation of the Council owned property at 18 Billabong Street, Pendle Hill NSW, 2145 for the purpose of expanding the council car park located on the corner of Civic Avenue and Billabong Street, Pendle Hill;
2. Explore options for EV parking spaces and infrastructure as part of the report; and
3. Report the findings of the investigation to the Property Committee for consideration prior to 31 May 2025.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Rahme, Saha, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:                Nil.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 8:54pm and returned to the Meeting at 8:56pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Ouf left the Meeting at 8:56pm during the consideration of this item.

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**C02/25-65 Notice of Motion - Clean Up Wentworthville Ward**

This motion has been withdrawn.

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**Min.883 C02/25-66 Notice of Motion - Multi-Storey Parking Solutions for Pendle Hill**

**(Motion (Selventhiran/Saha))**

That:

1. Council receive a comprehensive report exploring the feasibility of constructing a multi-storey parking facility in Pendle Hill to alleviate parking shortages and support the economic vitality of the Pendle Town Centre.
2. The report is to include the following:
  - Current parking challenges faced by residents, local businesses, and customers in the Pendle Town Centre.
  - Potential locations for a multi-story parking facility, including Council-owned and other feasible land.
  - An assessment of cost implications and potential funding sources, including state and federal grants, partnerships, and developer contributions.
  - Traffic and environmental impacts associated with constructing and operating a multi-story car park.
  - Opportunities to incorporate sustainable building practices such as solar power, electric vehicle charging stations, and green design features.
3. Council explore land acquisition options for the parking facility in partnership with state and federal government support, ensuring long-term viability and strategic alignment with community needs.
4. Council write and advocate to State and Federal Members of Parliament (MPs) to:
  - Seek their support in addressing the parking challenges in Pendle Hill.
  - Request funding and policy support for land acquisition and construction of a multi-story parking facility.
  - Highlight the broader economic and social impacts of Woolworths' closure and the necessity of collaborative solutions.
5. Council consult with local residents, business owners and other stakeholders to ensure that the solution addresses their needs.
6. The report come back to the Council by July 2025 with findings, recommendations, and a roadmap for potential implementation.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion:

Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Saha, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Ouf returned to the Meeting at 9:02pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 9:06pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.884 C02/25-67 Notice of Motion - Pendle Hill Town Centre Public Domain Plan**

**(Motion (Saha/Zaiter))**

That:

1. Council progress the implementation of the Pendle Hill Town Centre Public Domain Plan, including the following works:
  - Installation of new street furniture along Pendle Way, Joyce Street and Civic Avenue, including street bins, seats, and planter boxes
  - Renewal of footpaths along Pendle Way (between Joyce Street and Stapleton Street)
  - Upgrade of Joyce Street Park
2. Council ensure the local business community has been engaged as part of the plans for these works; and
3. Funding for these works to be provided in the Capital Works Program 2025/26 through Section 7.11 contributions.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Saha, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting at 9:09pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 9:16pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.885 C02/25-68 Notice of Motion - Oakes Centre Westmead South**

**(Motion (Saha/Zaiter))**

That Council:

1. Request Council officers to prepare a report outlining the necessary upgrades to the Oakes Centre, Westmead South, to enhance its functionality, accessibility, and



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aesthetic appeal for residents and visitors. The report should include, but not be limited to, improvements such as:

- Street furniture and other public amenities
  - Wayfinding and signage enhancements
  - Play equipment and recreational facilities
2. Identify works that can be undertaken in the short term and works that would be undertaken following the completion of the process for the Westmead South Planning Proposal; and
  3. Provide cost estimates and potential funding sources for the proposed upgrades.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Sarkis returned to the Meeting at 9:18pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Yasar left the Meeting at 9:18pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:20pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting at 9:19pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.886      C02/25-69 Notice of Motion - Toongabbie Bridge**

**(Motion (Saha/Zaiter))**

That Council request Council officers to prepare a report through the Cumberland Traffic Committee in respect to the following:

- Provide an update on the planning and design work for the road upgrade at the Toongabbie Bridge area; and
- Confirm funding allocation between the 3 Councils (Blacktown, Parramatta and Cumberland) to deliver the project.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis, Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Min.887      C02/25-71 Notice of Motion - Korea Town in Lidcombe**

**(Motion (Yang/Yasar)**

That Council receive a report to a Council meeting within the next few months investigating the following:

1. Establishment of 'Korea Town' in the Lidcombe Town Centre, to mark the significant Korean population in Lidcombe;
2. Installation of a 'Korea Town' gate on Joseph St, Lidcombe;
3. Installation of 'Korea Town' signage throughout the Town Centre;
4. Installation of 'Korea Town' flags at street lights where appropriate; and
5. Budget considerations for implementation of the above.

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

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Saha, Sarkis Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:              Rahme.

During the consideration of this item, the Mayor Councillor Hamed reminded Councillors Garrard and Yang that they must be in their designated seats in order to address the Council.

Councillor Zaiter left the Meeting at 9:28pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:29pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.888      C02/25-72 Notice of Motion - Installation in Lidcombe Remembrance Park**

**(Motion (Yang/Yasar)**

That Council:

1. Prepare a design for an installation to mark the historical 'Battle of Gapyeong' at Remembrance Park Memorial, Lidcombe. This installation would promote peace and friendly relations between Korea and Australia.
2. Undertake relevant consultation with the Cumberland RSL Sub-Branch, and the local community in relation to this matter; and
3. Receive a report outlining the outcome of future consultation, inclusive of any budget implications and funding options for the installation.

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

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Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Elmore, Garrard, Hamed, Kafrouni-Saba, Ouf, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis Selventhiran, Yang, Yasar and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Min.889 C02/25-73 Notice of Motion - Somali Week in Cumberland**

**(Motion (Ouf/Selventhiran))**

That Council receive a report investigating the possibility of Council holding a Somali week in conjunction with the local Somali community in 2025.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** on the casting vote of the Mayor.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Colman, Elmore, Hamed, Ouf, Saha, Selventhiran and Yasar.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Christou, Garrard, Kafrouni-Saba, Rahme, Sarkis, Yang and Zaiter.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 9:41pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:53pm during the consideration of this item.

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The Mayor, Councillor Hamed closed the meeting at 9:57pm.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Appendix 1 – C02/25-53 Community Grants - Round 2 2024/2025 Funding Recommendations – Successful Applicants

Funding Stream/App No.	Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Amount recommended	Assessment Panel Comments
Community Participation 24CPR2004	CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NSW	<b>Coffee Club</b>	The Coffee Club aims to foster community spirit and cultural exchange among residents of Fresh Hope Communities' retirement premises through regular gatherings centred around coffee, meals, and snacks. Residents will have the opportunity to contribute their culinary skills, learn from a CALD - focused nutritionist, and share culturally diverse foods, enhancing mutual understanding and appreciation.	\$10,070.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria and has clearly defined project aims and outcomes. Partial funding is recommended due to gaps identified in the budget.
Community Participation 24CPR2006	THE ONE BOX GROUP LIMITED	<b>The One Box ~ Foundation for long-term resilience and wellbeing</b>	With a relief model that is proudly distinct, The One Box ushered in a first-of-its-kind impact initiative in the food relief space, partnering with Aussie primary schools to better assist kids and their families in critical need, offering dignified food resources regularly and reliably. Through the program, 10 recipient families are identified through Granville South Public School and with this funding, extended to support 15 families at Auburn West Primary School. The families receive ongoing weekly boxes of fresh fruit, vegetables and bread during school term for 40 weeks per year. The boxes have a retail value of \$26.	\$14,700.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria, has a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.

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Community Participation 24CPR2009	NSW SERVICE FOR THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF TORTURE AND TRAUMA SURVIVORS (STARTTS)	<b>Afghan Young Women Wellbeing Circle</b>	This project will provide a holistic support program for approximately 30 young Afghan women in the Cumberland area. It will offer weekly Zumba classes, health information sessions, and capacity-building workshops delivered over a 12-month period. Delivered in-language and through a culturally sensitive and trauma-informed manner, the program aims to improve physical and mental health, reduce social isolation, and increase knowledge of essential services relevant to these women.	\$2,830.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria and has clearly defined project aims and outcomes. Partial funding is recommended due to gaps identified in the budget.
Community Participation 24CPR2014	HINDU COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED	<b>Recognition of High Achiever Australian Women</b>	On the International Women's Day 2018, Hindu Council of Australia Instituted an award for outstanding women in Australia who make a good role model for growing up girls and women. The award consists of a commendation letter and will be awarded in multiple categories like Sports, Journalism, Performers, Defence, Community Carers, Home Carers, Seniors Carers, Educationist etc. Australia being a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural country shows the way and encourages equal participation from women. This event recommends, supports and encourages	\$8,500	The applicant has met eligibility criteria and has clearly defined project aims and outcomes.

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			women of all ethnicities, religions, diversity and background to recognise their achievement. This will also show woman empowerment to younger generation.		
Community Participation 24CPR2015	International Youth Fellowship Incorporated	<b>WORLD CULTURE EXPO - Travel the World in a Day</b>	The World Culture Expo is a special event designed to promote cultural exchange and unity among the diverse communities in Australia. Attendees will be treated to traditional performances from various countries, offering an immersive experience of global cultures. Country-specific booths will feature traditional foods and interactive games, allowing visitors to taste and enjoy the playful aspects of different cultures.	\$15,000.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria and has clearly defined project aims and outcomes.
Community Participation 24CPR2023	PARRAMATTA HOLROYD FAMILY SUPPORT INC	<b>Cumberland Creative Connections</b>	This is a dual project to support women and children in the Cumberland LGA. The Baby and Me Time group is a group developed based on Dyadic Therapy and is specifically designed for caregivers of babies aged 0 to walking. This program consists of seven weekly sessions that offer a safe and supportive environment for participants to connect, learn, and recharge. Each session focuses on important topics related to parenting and child development, incorporating interactive	\$11,298.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria, has a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.

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			activities such as songs, stories, and movement. In addition, we would like to run school holiday activities for school aged children.		
Community Participation 24CPR2038	OZ HARVEST LIMITED	<b>OzHarvest NEST Program</b>	OzHarvest's NEST Program is a transformative 6-week public health initiative that equips participants with essential nutrition knowledge, cooking skills, and behaviour change tools directly aligned with evidence-based guidelines including the Australian Dietary Guidelines.	\$14,354.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria and has clearly defined project aims and outcomes. Partial funding is recommended due to gaps identified in the budget.
Community Participation 24CPR2040	MS PLUS LTD	<b>The Active and Well Neuro-Health Program</b>	Active and Well is a uniquely holistic health/wellbeing program, transforming quality of life for local people with, or at-risk of, neurological health challenges. It includes a range of activities to address these challenges and provides much-needed community-connection for people experiencing loneliness/isolation resulting from neuro-health challenges. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Specialised fitness education classes with tips for improved physical health.</li> <li>- Expert-led group wellbeing education sessions, covering a range of important topics (e.g. Improving neuro-health through lifestyle choices, stress/mental</li> </ul>	\$15,000.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria, has a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.

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			<p>health strategies, and confident navigation of health/social support systems).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Peer support groups where clients share practical insights, receive emotional support, and experience much-needed community connection.</li> </ul>		
Community Participation 24CPR2046	VARIETY - THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY (NSW/ACT)	<b>Just Like You - Disability awareness workshops in Cumberland</b>	Variety NSW will deliver interactive Just Like You disability awareness workshops to 600 primary school students across four schools in the Cumberland LGA. Led by professional facilitators with lived experience of disability, these sessions aim to foster understanding, empathy, and inclusion, creating more supportive and inclusive school environments.	\$10,000	The applicant has met eligibility criteria, has a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.
Small Grants 24SGR1001	Mr Thein Nu Lahtaw	<b>New Beginnings (A Refugee Resettlement Journey in Cumberland)</b>	A Refugee Resettlement Journey in Cumberland is a short film that follows the experiences of refugees as they resettle in the Cumberland Council area. The film captures their personal stories, highlighting the challenges they face and the support they receive from local communities, organisations, and government programs. It explores the process of adapting to a new life, from finding housing and employment to building connections and fostering cultural integration. Through intimate interviews and powerful visuals, the film	\$1,700	The applicant has met eligibility criteria and has clearly defined project aims and outcomes. Partial funding is recommended due to gaps identified in the budget.



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			aims to raise awareness, promote empathy, and showcase the resilience of refugees as they begin anew in a foreign land.		
Small Grants 24SGR1006	COMMUNITY WHEELS INC	<b>Digital Literacy and Online Safety Program for CALD Seniors</b>	Project offers a Free Digital Literacy and Online Safety program tailored for CALD seniors aged 65 and over. This workshop will cover essential topics on scam prevention and online safety, accommodating up to 30 participants for personalized instruction sessions. To ensure ease of access, we provide door-to-door transportation, helping seniors travel comfortably to and from the session venue. Additionally, we serve snacks to create a welcoming and engaging environment. The session will conduct in English and translate to Tamil for Tamil Seniors. We are planning two sessions in two different days, 15 participants for each.	\$1,800.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria and has clearly defined project aims and outcomes.
Small Grants 24SGR1007	David Baker	<b>Auburn Public School Waste Management Improvement Program</b>	The Auburn Public School Waste Management Improvement Program will be delivered as an educational program at Auburn Public School. I will deliver high quality and interactive waste management education classes to our entire school. This program will upgrade our existing waste management system, ensuring that bins are colour-coded, and instructions are clear to support student participation and	\$2,000.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria, has a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.

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			understanding. The project will introduce new waste management streams like Return and Earn recycling and composting. As a result, students will have a greater understanding of the importance of managing waste and be better equipped to manage waste in our wider community.		
Small Grants 24SGR1013	Rotary Club of Holroyd Inc	<b>2025 Holroyd Rotary Cumberland Police Area Command Police Officer of the Year Awards</b>	An event involving sworn and unsworn officers from the Cumberland Police Area Command, members of the Rotary Club of Holroyd and Mayor and Councillors of Cumberland City Council with invited members of the local community coming together at a formal awards dinner. This event is an annual event where awards are presented to the New Police Officer of the Year; the Criminal Investigator of the Year; the unsworn officer of the Year and the overall Police Officer of the Year.	\$1,500.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria, has a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.
Small Grants 24SGR1015	Indian Support Center Incorporated	<b>Support Network for Single Men: Focus on Mental Well- being</b>	The Indian Support Center (ISC) has launched a program to support single men facing emotional challenges, particularly those impacted by divorce or ongoing court proceedings. Many of these individuals experience depression and loneliness due to the hardships of separation and isolation. The program provides a platform for open discussions about struggles and mental health, with three key objectives:	\$2,000	The applicant has met eligibility criteria, has a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.

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			<p>Emotional Support: A safe space to share experiences.</p> <p>Counselling: Access to professional mental health services.</p> <p>Community Building: Creating peer support networks.</p> <p>This initiative aims to enhance mental well-being, reduce isolation, and foster a supportive community for single men.</p>		
Small Grants 24SGR1017	Vandana Setia	<b>EMPOWER HER WELLNESS</b>	<p>The “Empower Her Wellness” project is dedicated to improving women’s health and well-being by addressing barriers through education, resources, and support. This initiative includes workshops on physical and mental health, access to essential resources, and creating a supportive community that fosters empowerment. By raising awareness and providing practical solutions, the project aims to equip women with the tools and confidence to prioritize their wellness. It seeks to create long-term positive impacts, ensuring women feel supported in overcoming challenges and achieving improved health outcomes. “Empower Her Wellness” is a step toward building stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities.</p>	\$2,000.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.

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Small Grants 24SGR1018	WESTERN SUBURBS DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED	<b>Rugby League Ladies Day</b>	We are looking to host a Ladies Day at Lidcombe Oval. Ladies Day is a platform for non-elite female players to showcase their skills and build healthy relationships through Rugby League. The program will recognise and provide a safe and inclusive environment for the various female multicultural communities in our region. The project will entail rugby league matches between various lady's communities, coaching clinics for young girls and a come and try clinic open to all members of the community.	\$2,000.00	The applicant has met eligibility criteria, had a detailed budget and demonstrated clear project aims and outcomes.