CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes Summary

Ordinary Council Meeting held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 11 February 2025.

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Campbelltown City Council held on 11 February 2025

PresentCouncillor S Berbari
Councillor J Cotter
Councillor K Halabi
Councillor K Hunt
Councillor D Lound
Councillor C McEwan
Councillor W Morrison
Councillor M Oates
Councillor A Rahman
Councillor I Wisniewska
Councillor A Zahra

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by the Chairperson.

Council Prayer

The Council Prayer was presented by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was**Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Rahman:

That the apology of Councillor J Rivera, M Khalil and M Chowdhury be accepted.

001/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 10 December 2024

It was **Moved** Councillor McEwan, **Seconded** Councillor Triebels:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 10 December 2024, copies of which have been circulated to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were made in respect of the following items:

Pecuniary Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests

Nil

Other Disclosures

Nil

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

5.1 Australia Day Awards and Honours

It was **Moved** Councillor Lound:

That the information be noted.

003/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

6. **PETITIONS**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Upper Water Canal Corridor Gilead – Access for fauna crossing

It was **Moved** Councillor McEwan, **Seconded** Councillor Triebels:

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

004/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

7.2 Menangle Creek Rezoning, Koala Corridor

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Oates:

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

005/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

7.3 Our Call to the Federal Government for Support

It was **Moved** Councillor Rahman, **Seconded** Councillor Wisniewska:

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

006/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

7.4 Improving Koala Safety along Appin Road

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor McEwan:

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

8. **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

8.1 Appointment of Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Members

It was **Moved** Councillor Morrison, **Seconded** Councillor Halabi:

That Council endorse:

- 1. Ms Rhonda Wheatley be re-appointed as an independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee until 31 December 2026
- 2. Ms Sally Pearce be appointed as an independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee until 31 December 2027
- 3. Mr Charbel Abouraad be appointed as an independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee until 31 December 2028
- 4. That the independent members be remunerated as outlined in the report.

008/2025 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED.**

8.2 ARIC and Internal Audit Charters

It was **Moved** Councillor Morrison, **Seconded** Councillor Hunt:

That Council adopt the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Charters.

009/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

8.3 Significant Development Applications

It was **Moved** Councillor Morrison, **Seconded** Councillor Triebels:

That the information be noted.

8.4 Australian Local Government Association - National General Assembly 2025 - Call for Motions

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor McEwan:

- 1. That Council endorse the attendance of the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer and/or delegate/s and staff to the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from 24-27 June 2025.
- 2. That interested Councillors advise the Executive General Manager, Planning and Corporate Services of their attendance at the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from 24-27 June 2025.

011/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

8.5 Reports and Letters Requested

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Oates:

That the comments and updates to the reports and letters requested be noted.

012/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

8.6 Investments and Revenue Report - November and December 2024

It was **Moved** Councillor Wisniewska, **Seconded** Councillor Berbari:

That the information be noted.

8.7 Revised Sundry Debtor Recovery Procedures Policy

It was Moved Councillor Morrison, Seconded Councillor Hunt:

- 1. That the revised Sundry Debtor Recovery Procedures Policy as attached to this report be adopted.
- 2. That the Sundry Debtor Recovery Procedures Policy review date be set at 30 December 2028.

014/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

8.8 Quarterly Business Review Statement as at 31 December 2024

It was **Moved** Councillor Morrison, **Seconded** Councillor Oates:

That the adjustments recommended in the Quarterly Business Review be adopted.

015/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

8.9 Chief Executive Officer Delegation of Authority

It was **Moved** Councillor Oates, **Seconded** Councillor Morrison:

- 1. That Council revoke any previous delegation of the functions of the Council to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council.
- 2. That Council delegate under section 377 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 the functions of Council as detailed in the attached Instrument of Delegation of Authority.

9. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

10. RESCISSION MOTION

Nil

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

12. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

13. PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS

- 1. On Wednesday, 11 December 2024, Councillor Karen Hunt, alongside Councillor Morrison, represented the Mayor at the Australian Wildlife Society's head office on Queen Street for the launch of the Society's new initiative, the Home for Koalas Project. The Hon. Stephen Kamper MP, Minister for Lands and Property, Sport, Multiculturalism, and Small Business, served as the guest speaker, sharing his enthusiasm and passion for koalas, as well as for Australia's broader native wildlife. Minister Kamper expressed particular joy that 3 students from Campbelltown Public School, along with their teacher Ed Story, were present, as it is essential for future generations to continue vital conservation efforts. President Stephen Grabowsky and CEO Patrick Medway AM also spoke, outlining the Society's work since its founding in 1909. The Home for Koalas Project aims to raise funds to purchase trees and land to create safe habitats for koalas. The Koalatown initiative has already contributed to the regeneration of key koala habitats across the local government area, and Homes for Koalas will build on these efforts. Donations made to the project are fully directed toward wildlife conservation, and the Australian Wildlife Society encourages everyone to become a member and support their work via social media or through their website.
- 2. Councillor Karen Hunt on Saturday, 14 December 2024 represented the Mayor at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School's performance of Shrek the Musical. The talented students once again delivered outstanding performances in their character roles, providing an enjoyable experience for their families, friends, and local and visiting community representatives. Councillor Hunt expressed gratitude to Principal Leah McKeown and her staff for another successful year at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School and looked forward to the next stage production.
- 3. On Friday, 20 December, Councillor Karen Hunt represented the Mayor at the Lakas Filipina Inc. celebration of its 5th anniversary. Since its inception, Lakas Filipina has been dedicated to improving access to healthcare and education for women while empowering them to achieve the goals and opportunities they deserve. With an all-women Board, supported by their husbands, the organisation's work reflects the strength, empowerment, and positivity of their community. Councillor Hunt congratulated them on reaching this significant milestone and acknowledged the hard work and dedication that have made the organiation what it is today. She encouraged them to celebrate the achievements and progress made as Lakas Filipina continues to grow and make valuable contributions to the community.
- 4. On Sunday, 26 January 2025, Councillor Karen Hunt was honoured to represent the Mayor at Campbelltown's Australia Day celebrations in Koshigaya Park. It was great to see so many families enjoying the beautiful weather, finding their spots on the grass to take in the entertainment and surroundings. Councillor Hunt noted that Australia Day is a significant opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the shared connections that unite us. It also enables reflection on past events that cannot be changed and acknowlede the many challenges with a shared commitment to moving forward and healing together as one.

- 5. Councillor Meg Oates represented the Mayor at the Marikit Santiago: Proclaim Your Death! exhibition opening at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. This is remarkable solo exhibition by Western Sydney-based artist Marikit Santiago, delving into themes of transformation, faith, and identity through immersive and collaborative art practices. Councillor Oates shared that Marikit Santiago won the 2024 La Prairie Art Award, is a multiple finalist in the Archibald Prize, and has won the Sulman Prize. Her work keeps evolving, mixing personal experiences with larger cultural and historical stories.
- 6. Councillor Meg Oates highlighted the new exhibitions at the Campbelltown Arts Centre, including the 'Friends Annual' and 'Focus' exhibitions, showcasing a diverse range of artworks by the centre's dedicated volunteers and supporters. These exhibitions offer a wonderful opportunity to experience the wealth of talent in the region, featuring various styles and mediums. Councillor Oates encouraged everyone to visit the arts centre to see these amazing exhibitions.
- 7. Councillor Ash Rahman expressed his happiness to see everyone back in the Council Chamber for a fresh start in 2025, hoping that each member brings new ideas and energy to serve the Campbelltown community. Reflecting on the holiday break, he shared it was a joyful and grateful time with family. He also thanked the Honourable Mayor Darcy Lound for hosting the Mayoral Dinner on December 10th, which he and his family enjoyed, along with the delicious food provided by Alkalizer's staff and business owner, Shefali Pall.
- 8. During the holiday season, Councillor Rahman had the pleasure of attending several community events including assisting the Kids of Macarthur Health Foundation by wrapping Christmas gifts at Macarthur Square in exchange for a gold coin donation. He also volunteered at the Macquarie Fields Salvos Store at Minto Mall for a similar initiative. He was heartened by the community's spirit of giving.
- 9. Councillor Ash Rahman, on 14 December, attended the Victory Day of Bangladesh Celebration at Wiley Park, Lakemba, alongside Hon. Tony Burke MP and many other community leaders. The event was beautifully organized by Zia Forum Australia and was a meaningful tribute to the day's significance.
- 10. Councillor Ash Rahman expressed that one of the season's highlights was celebrating New Year's Eve at Koshigaya Park, where around 25,000 people gathered to welcome the new year. The event brought the community together, with families enjoying picnics, fantastic music, and the best fireworks display Campbelltown has ever seen.
- 11. On 26 January, Councillor Rahman attended the Australia Day Celebration at Greg Percival Hall in Ingleburn where he had the honour of congratulating the award winners and nominees for their outstanding contributions to the community. He was also proud to share that his organisation, A-B Street Library, was nominated for the Community Group Initiative of the Year Award, presented by Mayor Darcy Lound.
- 12. In closing, Councillor Rahman thanked the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, fellow Councillors, Chief Executive Officer Lindy Deitz, Executive General Manager Planning and Corporate Services Jai Rowell, Executive General Manager Placemaking and Services Ben Hoyle, Executive Director City Transformation Jim Baldwin, and all Council Executives and staff for their dedication and hard work in ensuring the smooth operation of the City. He is looking forward to another great year ahead.

- 13. In January, Councillor Isabella Wisniewska attended a Mr Perfect BBQ at Koshigaya Park. Mr Perfect is a community organisation that connects men across Australia through relaxed, free BBQs, providing a space to chat about life. Leigh Ninham, a passionate local volunteer, runs the Campbelltown BBQ's. Councillor Wisniewska described the event as "more than just a BBQ" — it's a wonderful way to build new connections within the community. She found it to be a "cup filling" experience and a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and hear some inspiring stories and encourages everyone to attend if they are able.
- 14. Councillor Isabella Wisniewska, on January 26 2025, attended the Australia Day Awards and Honours. Councillor Wisniewska acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the Council staff, as well as the nominees and winners of the awards. She expressed her admiration for the outstanding contributions of those recognised.
- 15. Councillor Wisniewska also attended the Australia Day citizenship ceremony which was a truly special event that she described as a beautiful representation of the diverse and vibrant community. It was a moment to celebrate the newcomers who have chosen to make Australia their home, further strengthening the unity and spirit of the community.
- 16. Councillor Cameron McEwan attended the official launch of the Bradbury underpass on 14 December 2024, alongside the Mayor and CEO. He encourages everyone to visit if they haven't yet, as artists Maddison Gibbs and Danielle Mate have transformed the underpass from a dark, unsafe space into a vibrant piece of art that enhances the city. The artwork, titled *Ngalambay* connects beautifully with the neighbouring Billabong and invites people to pause and enjoy the visual display. It also honours the cultural traditions of the local Dharawal women. Councillor McEwan urged everyone to read the artist's statement on the Council website for more details on the piece's significance. He also thanked Transport NSW for funding the project, hoping it inspires similar projects in the future.
- 17. Councillor Cameron McEwan, on 10 February, attended the Indian Subcontinent Disaster Preparedness Workshop, which is part of the ongoing Resilient Campbelltown project where he delivered the opening address on behalf of the Mayor. The workshop featured presentations from local emergency service representatives, including those from Australian Red Cross, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Health, NSW SES, and NSW Rural Fire Services. Although the event involved a lot of information due to the vast content covered, the community responded positively, asking insightful questions that showed their engagement and eagerness to learn. Councillor McEwan also praised the Council staff for their efforts in organizing this invaluable event.
- 18. In closing, Councillor Cameron McEwan thanked the hardworking council staff who were able to upgrade the AV system during the Christmas break which would allows those present in the chambers to hear each other in the room and those tuning in online to better hear and see the council meetings meetings.
- 19. Councillor Adam Zahra began by welcoming back all Councillors and all council staff.
- 20. Councillor Adam Zahra attended the Australia Day Awards and Honour Ceremony, where he congratulated the winners and nominees for their outstanding contributions to the community. He also had the privilege of attending the citizenship ceremony on Australia Day, where it was heartening to see people from all backgrounds, excited and eager to

become Australians. Councillor Zahra extended his best wishes to all the new citizens, hoping they enjoy a fulfilling life as part of the Australian community.

- 21. Councillor Adam Zahra also attended the Australia Day event at Koshigaya Park, where he thoroughly enjoyed the lively music, the beautiful venue, and the overall positive atmosphere. He took the opportunity to thank the Council staff for organising such a fantastic event. Councillor Zahra expressed how proud he was of the community's celebration of Australia Day, highlighting how it was marked with respect, mateship, and a strong sense of patriotism. It was a wonderful reflection of the values that make the community so special.
- 22. Councillor Warren Morrison, alongside Deputy Mayor Karen Hunt, attended the launch of the Home for Koalas Project at the Australian Wildlife Society's head office on Queen Street. Councillor Morrison thanked and acknowledged the Hon. Stephen Kamper MP for attending, praising the program as a fantastic initiative. He also expressed his appreciation for all the staff and individuals behind the Society's work, now based in Campbelltown. Councillor Morrison highlighted how the Home for Koalas project, particularly in the Koalatown area, is a wonderful idea that will contribute significantly to koala conservation efforts.
- 23. On 6 February 2025, Councillor Warren Morrison attended the Special Speeds for Special Needs Disability Program alongside students from Mater Dei. They had an amazing time participating in this exciting program, which is run by Fastlane Karting Minto and led by Macarthur's own Ambassador for Disability, Mark Keaton. Mark did an excellent job engaging with the young adults, guiding them as they either drove or were chauffeured around the track, ensuring everyone had a fun and enjoyable experience.
- 24. Councillor Seta Berbari along with her fellow Councillors on 26 January attended the Australia Day Awards and Honours Ceremony. She congratulated all the winners and the nominees for outstanding contribution to the community. Councillor Berbari expressed how inspiring it was to see so many volunteers and community members working together to make Campbelltown a better place.
- 25. Councillor Seta Berbari then attended Australia Day Citizenship ceremony and expressed how heartwarming it was to welcome more member to the Australian family.
- 26. Councillor Seta Berbari also attended the Australia Day event at Koshigaya Park, where she enjoyed the lively entertainment and the variety of family-friendly activities on offer. The event was well-attended, with thousands of people coming together to celebrate. One of the highlights of the evening was the spectacular fireworks display, which wowed the crowd. Councillor Berbari took a moment to thank the Campbelltown Council staff for their hard work and dedication in organising such a fantastic and memorable night for the community.
- 27. Councillor Joshua Cotter thanked his Community First members for capturing the Australia Day events so well and expressed how he is looking forward to another great year of serving the people of Campbelltown.
- 28. The Mayor Darcy Lound extended his sincere gratitude to everyone who generously contributed to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal, making it a great success. On Christmas Day, the Mayor spent time at the Combined Churches Christmas lunch and witness

firsthand the impact of the donated gifts. Her thanked the dedicated volunteers who made the event possible.

- 29. Mayor Darcy Lound extended a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Council's New Year's Eve event at Koshigaya. The evening was filled with fantastic music, exciting rides, and delicious food stalls, culminating in two vibrant fireworks displays at 9 PM and midnight. A special thanks goes to Ally Redondo from C91.3 for serving as the emcee, as well as to the incredible Campbelltown City Council staff, whose dedication ensures the success of these events.
- 30. Mayor Darcy Lound attended the the Macarthur Community Hub, highlighting the important work of the Macarthur Homelessness Steering Committee. Speaking on behalf of Camden Mayor, Ashleigh Cagney, and Wollondilly Mayor, Matt Gould, Mayor Lound reinforced their shared commitment to achieving tangible outcomes for those experiencing homelessness across the region. He extended his gratitude to the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC for her support of vital programs and infrastructure projects, as well as to Member for Campbelltown, Greg Warren MP, Macarthur Homelessness Steering Committee Chair Cathy Chopping, and the many community organisations that contributed to the success of the visit.
- 31. Mayor Darcy Lound reflected on the Australia Day celebrations, emphasising the significance of the event in recognising outstanding community members and welcoming new citizens. It was a proud moment to witness the achievements of the award winners and to celebrate those who officially became part of the Australian community. Mayor Lound expressed sincere appreciation to the dedicated staff of Council, for their hard work in organising and delivering such a meaningful and well-executed event.
- 32. Mayor Darcy Lound joined Greg Warren MP, South West Sydney Blues AFL President Chris Fretwell, and AFLNSWACT CEO Andrew Varasdi at Bob Prenter Reserve in Macquarie Fields to turn the first sod on a \$7.8 million upgrade to the reserve's amenities. This significant project will deliver a new two-storey clubhouse, enhanced player facilities, female-friendly changerooms, and a new amenities building beneath the existing grandstand for the mighty Blues. Mayor Lound expressed his gratitude to the NSW Government for its investment and to the Council for its contribution and efforts in bringing this project to life.
- 33. Mayor Darcy Lound visited Bradbury Pre-School, the recipients of Campbelltown's Environmental Citizen of the Year award, to see firsthand the impressive environmental initiatives led by the children. Trudy and Jackie provided a tour showcasing the preschool's worm farm, Australian native beehive, and hens, along with ongoing educational programs focused on caring for the natural environment. Mayor Lound commended the children for their outstanding efforts and once again congratulated them on receiving the prestigious award.

14. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Confidentiality Recommendation

It was **Moved** Councillor Oates, **Seconded** Councillor McEwan:

1. That this Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned and reconvened as a meeting of the Confidential Committee for discussion of items 14.1 and 14.2 which are considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as indicated below:

Item 14.1 Licence Agreements - Baby Health Centres

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as the report refers to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Item 14.2 Assignment of Lease - Commercial Property, Milgate Arcade Campbelltown

Item 14.2 is confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as the report refers to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- 2. Council considers that discussion of the business in open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.
- 017/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council was adjourned at 7:20 pm and reconvened as a meeting of the Confidential Committee at 7:22 pm.

Recommendations of the Confidential Committee

14.1 Licence Agreements - Baby Health Centres

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Rahman:

- 1. That Council agree to enter into Licence Agreements over the baby health centres located in Campbelltown and Ingleburn based on the terms as outlined within the body of the report.
- 2. That all and any documentation associated with the new Licence Agreements are signed by way of delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer (or her authorised delegate) under Section 377 of the *Local Government Act*, 1993.

018/2025 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

14.2 Assignment of Lease - Commercial Property, Milgate Arcade Campbelltown

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Morrison:

- 1. That Council endorse the proposed Assignment of Lease and sublease of Shop 4 and 4a Milgate Arcade on terms set out in this report.
- 2. That all and any documentation related to this transaction is signed by way of delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer or her authorised delegate under Section 377 of the *Local Government Act* 1993.

019/2025 The Motion on being Put was CARRIED.

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Rahman:

That the Council in accordance with Section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993, move to reopen the meeting to the public.

020/2025 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Confidential Committee the Open Council Meeting was reconvened at 7:24 pm.

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Wisniewska:

That the reports of the Confidential Committee and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

021/2025 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:26 pm.

Confirmed by Council on <<enter date>>

...... General Manager Chairperson