
CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes Summary

Ordinary Council Meeting held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 20 August 2024.

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Campbelltown City Council held on 20 August 2024

Present The Mayor, Councillor G Greiss
Councillor G Brticevic
Councillor J Chew
Councillor M Chivers
Councillor M Chowdhury
Councillor J Cotter
Councillor M George
Councillor K Hunt
Councillor M Khalil
Councillor D Lound
Councillor R Manoto
Councillor W Morrison
Councillor R Munro
Councillor M Oates
Councillor M Stellino

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by the Chairperson Councillor Greiss.

Council Prayer

The Council Prayer was presented by the General Manager.

2. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 13 August 2024**

It was **Moved** Councillor Chew: **Seconded** Councillor Brticevic:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 13 August 2024, copies of which have been circulated to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed.

291/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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 My Last Mayoral Minute

It was **Moved** Councillor Greiss:

That the information be noted.

292/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED.**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Community and Justice Precinct

It was **Moved** Councillor Munro, **Seconded** Councillor Brticevic:

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

293/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

6.2 Western Sydney Transport Infrastructure Panel: 2024-25 Federal Budget

It was **Moved** Councillor Munro, **Seconded** Councillor Khalil:

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

294/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

6.3 Cat Enclosures Program for the Protection of Wildlife

It was **Moved** Councillor Stellino, **Seconded** Councillor Cotter:

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

295/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

7. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

It was **Moved** Councillor Munro, **Seconded** Councillor Khalil:

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to present awards.

296/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

7.1 End of Term Acknowledgements and Awards

It was **Moved** Councillor Greiss:

That the information be noted.

297/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

It was **Moved** Councillor Munro, **Seconded** Councillor Brticevic:

That Standing Orders be resumed.

298/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8. PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS

1. Councillor Darcy Lound reflected on the end of his term, describing it as an interesting period in the Chamber. He expressed a sense of empathy for the Liberal Party and the disappointment of missing out on the election, noting that there are three outstanding councillors who truly deserve to be re-elected.

He thanked his family, including his wife Rebecca for her great support, and his children Josh, Bodhi, and Keeley, as well as his sons partners Grace and Chelsea. He also extended his appreciation to the Mayor for his leadership and contributions, acknowledging the Mayor's ability to manage a sometimes rocky and challenging Chamber while maintaining a strong commitment to Campbelltown and setting a solid foundation for the future.

Councillor Lound expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Labor team, noting that the election results will be remembered in history. He commended CEO Lindy Dietz for her deserving role and her efforts in advancing the city into the future. He is looking forward to continuing to work with the Labor team in the next term of Council.

He also recognised the contributions of the two Deputy General Managers, Jai Rowell and Ben Hoyle, and expressed confidence that great things are ahead for the city with their involvement. Additionally, he thanked Jim Baldwin and Rebecca Grasso for their professionalism and contributions during the term, and all the Executive Managers and staff for making the work of the Councillors more manageable.

Councillor Lound extended his appreciation to his fellow Councillors, wishing those not running for re-election the best for their future endeavors, and offered his best wishes to all candidates. He thanked Eric for attending every meeting and acknowledged the media for their coverage.

Finally, he expressed gratitude to the residents of Campbelltown for their trust and support, emphasising the importance of leading into the next term of Council with their continued backing. He wished everyone well and thanked everyone for their excellent work. He also recognised the three Deputy Mayors for their contributions this term and acknowledged the sad passing of Mick Sewell, noting that he remains in their hearts.

2. Councillor Karen Hunt extended her congratulations to the Mayor for his service and the achievements of his career, wishing him success in his future endeavors. She also expressed her appreciation for the humor, advice, and entertainment he provided throughout their time serving together, acknowledging how much she valued these contributions.

Councillor Karen Hunt reached out to her Liberal colleagues, expressing her deep regret at their departure. While she chose not to dwell on the matter, she conveyed her sincere sorrow and emphasized that their absence will be felt. She remained optimistic, reassuring them that she looks forward to their return after this hiatus.

Councillor Karen Hunt reflected on the term, describing it as an interesting period marked by numerous changes and transitions within the Chamber. She specifically thanked the Director of City Lifestyles and the Director of Planning and Environment for their patience and support. Their willingness to address her frequent inquiries and guide her effectively was instrumental in preparing her for her time in the Chamber. She thanked Rebecca

Grasso for her companionship and hard work, and wished her the best as she embarks on the next stage of her career. She extended her thanks to Jai Rowell for his assistance and guidance, hoping for positive outcomes in the upcoming term. She also expressed appreciation to all the Executive Managers and staff, with a special mention to the finance team for handling one of the toughest roles. Her gratitude extended to the outdoor staff as well, acknowledging their hard work and the significant achievements they contribute.

Councillor Hunt congratulated the Campbelltown Olympians who travelled to Paris, celebrating their remarkable achievement. She also extended her congratulations to all athletes who participate in sports within Campbelltown, acknowledging their dedication and contributions.

Lastly, Councillor Hunt acknowledged her fellow Labor colleagues, especially Councillor Manato, and wished him well as he enjoys time with his grandchild. She extended her best wishes to all those running for re-election and looked forward to seeing both new and familiar faces. She also expressed her gratitude to the local residents for their support, which has been instrumental in achieving their goals.

3. Councillor Masood Chowdhury expressed his heartfelt gratitude to his wife and three children for their unwavering support since he began his term in 2016.

He noted that he would miss colleagues John Chew, Riley Munro, and Marian George, and gave a special mention to Rey Manoto, wishing them all the best for the future.

He praised the Mayor for being a great leader who brought fairness and humour to his role, and for his supportive approach towards the multicultural community. He also thanked the CEO for her assistance and contributions to the community.

Councillor Chowdhury extended his appreciation to the Deputy General Managers, Directors, Managers, and all staff for their support and dedication. He particularly recognised the outdoor staff for their tireless work day and night.

Finally, he thanked all his fellow Councillors, wishing them success in the next term, and expressed his gratitude to the local residents for their continued support.

4. Councillor Manoto extends his gratitude to the Mayor, acknowledging his steadfast support and inspiration, as described in his Mayoral Minutes. He feels deeply honored and privileged to have been elected as a Councillor for the beautiful City of Campbelltown, which has been his home for the past 36 years, half of his lifetime.

Councillor Manoto expresses his gratitude to the constituents for their trust and confidence in him. Reflecting on his migration to Australia in 1987, he never anticipated a career in politics or becoming a Councillor. Serving the people has been a guiding principle for him since his student days, when he sought government reforms and was detained as a political prisoner. During his career in government service, he was assigned to Mindanao, where he worked on livelihood programs to assist marginalized communities.

Councillor Manoto sincerely thanks the Labor Party and his fellow Labor Councillors for the opportunity to be part of the Labor lineup since 2012. Although he did not win on his

first attempt, he succeeded in 2016 and 2021, leading to an amazing and rewarding eight years of serving the Campbelltown residents. He is immensely proud of this accomplishment.

Councillor Manoto also thanked his family, who are present here tonight: his loving and supportive wife, Marissa; his daughter Lourdes; his first granddaughter, Ayla; and his two sons, Ryan and Michael.

Councillor Manoto reflects on his initial involvement with the Council, which began in 2004 with then-Mayor Brenton Banfield. Their advocacy efforts started at Rizal Park in Rosemeadow, where they held a Workshop/Seminar at the Civic Centre. By 2007, they had established the Rizal Park Movement of Campbelltown. Through their combined efforts with the Council and the Philippine Consulate General in Sydney, they achieved significant progress on the park.

He recalls close collaborations with various Mayors of Campbelltown, including Mr. Aaron Rule, Minister Anoulack Chanthivong, Mr. Paul Lake, and Mr. Russell Matheson, among others. He also vividly remembers working with Mr. Paul Tosi, Mr. Nick Smolonogov, and then-Director of City Works, Mr. John Hely, along with engineer Mr. Ross Santos, in developing the Master Plan for Rizal Park in five stages.

It was a great honour for him to greet the then-President of the Philippines, His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino Jr., who unveiled the statue of Dr. Jose Rizal in October 2012. This event was significant as President Aquino was the first and only Head of State to visit Campbelltown. The Rizal statue is also notable for being the tallest statue outside the Philippines and the fourth tallest overall. The fundraising campaign was a great success, providing the Council with the necessary funds to construct the pedestal and complete the landscaping around the statue.

During his two terms as a Councillor, he has attended numerous community events, festivals, and fund-raising activities, often representing the Mayor. These experiences have been highly educational and rewarding. He has greatly enjoyed meeting people, collaborating with various communities, and gaining a deeper understanding of their cultures. He especially cherished attending Citizenship Ceremonies at Civic Hall, not wanting to miss these events because he fondly recalls receiving his own Citizenship Certificate with Marissa in the City of Parramatta in November 1989.

As he reflects on his final week as Councillor, he anticipates missing the many remarkable events and ceremonies he has attended, such as Bushcare, Tree Planting, and Georges RiverKeeper, which he is passionate about. He hopes to continue participating in these activities in his private capacity.

Councillor Manoto also extends his sincere gratitude to the CEO, Ms. Lindy Deitz, for her invaluable support over the years. He appreciates her concern and the regular check-ins on his health during his 8-day stay at Canberra Hospital and even after his discharge.

He thanks all the Directors—Mr. Jai Rowell, Mr. Ben Hoyle, Mr. Jim Baldwin, Ms. Rebecca Grasso—and their respective staff for their valuable assistance in fulfilling his duties as a Councillor. He also gave special thanks to Monique Dunlop, Corrine Mears, Amanda King, Kate Stare, Beth Buckley, Magdalena Brzybylo, and Megan Gellel for their touching moments of generosity and kindness.

Councillor Manoto extends a heartfelt thank you to his fellow Councillors for their encouragement, camaraderie, and friendship over the past eight years. Their support has made his journey in the Council a truly wonderful experience.

He feels fortunate to have worked in a Council environment characterised by cohesion and minimal partisan politics. He values the ability to collaborate with everyone, regardless of their affiliation, and to make decisions aimed at improving the community. He will miss them all and is deeply grateful for their invaluable support. He wishes them all the best and assures them that he will stay in touch.

Finally, Councillor Manoto extends a huge thank you to his lovely wife, Marissa, who has been by his side every step of the way and has consistently cared for her stubborn husband.

In closing, he finds it hard to express all he feels. He simply says, "Thank you all. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

5. Councillor Meg Oates firstly, expressed her sincere disappointment to her Liberal colleagues regarding the current situation. She holds deep respect for their dedication and effort put into representing our community over the past years. She felt that it was truly unfortunate that they would not be part of the new Council. However, she is confident that they will continue to advocate for the Campbelltown community both in their personal and professional lives.

Councillor Meg Oates feels immensely proud to have completed her 37th consecutive year as an Elected Councillor of Campbelltown City Council. Reflecting on her start in 1987, she recalls that Campbelltown was a country town often overlooked by governments and criticised by the media. At that time, she didn't have grey hair or grandchildren.

Councillor Meg Oates reflected on what being a Councillor has meant to her over the last 5 years:

Rewarding- Being able to help residents from all parts of our city to share in the benefits that Local Government can deliver.

Frustrating – The wheels of all levels of Government move slowly and can become derailed. she has learnt to be patient and to be persistent, and to work within frameworks that sometimes seem laborious and unnecessary.

Energising- Being part of shaping the future of our growing community, trying to ensure that principles of equity, fairness and accountability are always at the forefront of Council business.

Satisfying- Gaining new experiences and working across changing political and social landscapes to ensure that all our residents have access to high level services and amenities. This is an ongoing reason to want to work as a local Councillor.

Disappointing- seeing what can sometimes happen to elected people when personal grudges and bitterness are allowed to overtake their purpose in being an elected Councillor.

Thirdly, Councillor Oates feels privileged to have had the opportunity to work with an exceptional group of people – the staff of Campbelltown City Council – who are outstanding ambassadors for the city and have played a crucial role in its development. She especially wants to acknowledge and thank the Directors, Executive Managers, and team leaders. Noting that these individuals embody the spirit of Campbelltown, continually adapting and refocusing to meet the needs of both elected Councillors and the shifting policies of various governments. Councillor Oates is grateful for their agility and collaborative approach in addressing residents' issues and concerns.

Councillor Oates extends a special thanks to the remarkable CEO, Lindy, whose advocacy and dedication have brought Campbelltown to the forefront of all levels of government. Her commitment is evident in the significant attention Campbelltown has received. Councillor Oates expresses her deep appreciation to all the Directors and Council staff for their hard work under demanding conditions and ever-evolving agendas. She feels truly honoured to have worked with them.

Councillor Oates extended her gratitude to the Councillors for embracing the challenge of serving as elected officials. She looks forward to seeing some of them continue to serve the community in their unique and genuine ways.

Councillor Oates thanked Mr. Mayor, Dr. George for the lengthy and rambling Mayoral Minutes and endless letter writing and stewardship of the Council over the past few years and his long-standing contribution to the city. She is confident that the Mayor will have a bright future in university teaching, government policy development, or any field that values extensive discourse. She wished him all the best.

Lastly, Councillor Oates expressed her appreciation to her Labor colleagues, with whom she eagerly anticipates working over the next four years.

6. Councillor Masud Khalil, feeling somewhat unprepared for the end of his term speech as a new Councillor, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the residents of Campbelltown for granting him the opportunity to serve. He also extended his gratitude to his family for their support, which enabled him to contribute effectively to the community.

Councillor Masud Khalil expressed his gratitude to Eric Kontos, all the Directors, and staff members for their hard work and dedication. He specifically acknowledged Lindy for her leadership and the Deputy General Managers for their efforts on behalf of the community.

He extended his best wishes to Councillor Manoto, noting that he will miss his presence in the Chamber. Additionally, he wished Councillor Brticevic and Councillor Chivers all the best and thanked them for their valuable and experienced contributions to the discussions in the Chamber. He thanked Mr Mayor for being his mentor and friend through his first term of Council. He praised him for being a learned and dedicated person to Campbelltown and will remember him for hard work for the community.

He concluded by expressing deep gratitude to his family, particularly his wife, for their unwavering support and understanding of the demands of his role as a full-time Councillor. He shared that his commitment to working and serving the people of Campbelltown has been deeply fulfilling and remains close to his heart.

7. Councillor Warren Morrison extended heartfelt thanks to his family, who have been a source of immense support throughout his tenure. He acknowledged his daughter Ashley, his son Joshua and his girlfriend Ashley, and especially his wife Sue. He expressed gratitude for their unwavering support, noting that his son might have grown weary of his constant questions about computer science, particularly during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the difficulties, he appreciated their patience and support during that time.

Councillor Morrison expressed his gratitude to the Mayor and all of his colleagues for their presence and support. Reflecting on his eight years as a councillor, he highlighted one of the aspects he most admires - despite the debates and discussions that occur during Council meetings, they always come together in the relaxing room afterward. There, they continue to talk and discuss the outcomes, whether they agreed or disagreed on various topics. This ongoing dialogue and camaraderie, he noted, is something he deeply values.

Councillor Morrison also extended his thanks to the Councillors and staff for their support in representing the Council at various events and seminars. He appreciated their assistance in ensuring they arrived where they needed to be. He humorously acknowledged that, at times, finding their way could be a challenge, playfully referencing moments when they were asking, "Where's Wazza?" with a laugh.

Councillor Morrison extended his gratitude to the exceptional staff for their invaluable guidance and support. Their assistance in providing information was crucial in helping him make informed decisions and speak confidently in Council meetings about his viewpoints.

He also specifically thanked Jim Baldwin, the Director of City Planning and Environment, acknowledging that there were times he may have called late and engaged in lengthy discussions. He humorously admitted that he sometimes could be quite talkative.

Councillor Morrison further expressed his appreciation to the media, guests, and the people of the local government area (LGA). He thanked them for their time and for being a part of their vibrant and wonderful city.

8. Councillor Josh Cotter began by expressing his gratitude to the staff, led by CEO Lindy, for their unwavering dedication. He highlighted that Lindy's commitment to the community is evident in every aspect of her work. He also thanked the Directors for their constant support, noting their readiness to assist whenever needed.

Councillor Cotter expressed gratitude for the mentorship provided by both the Mayor and the late Paul Hawker. He highlighted the Mayor's exceptional leadership and friendship, noting their intellectually stimulating discussions and shared moments of laughter beyond the Council.

He thanked his fellow Councillors for the enriching experiences of the past term and recognized Rey Manoto for his significant contributions to both the Catholic and Philippine communities.

Councillor Cotter praised Margaret Chivers for her wisdom and experience, which have profoundly resonated with him, especially given their shared background in education. He

also extended his appreciation to George Brticevic for his leadership, support, and friendship, acknowledging the positive impact he has made on Campbelltown during his tenure as a Councillor.

Councillor Cotter expressed his deep sympathy to his three Liberal colleagues, acknowledging their disappointment from last week's situation. He expressed the hope that, through their existing connections and friendships, their team can effectively represent their interests in the Chamber.

Councillor Cotter expressed his heartfelt gratitude to his parents and in-laws for their unwavering support throughout his term. He specifically thanked his wife, Jess, for her steadfast support and for the partnership they share in all their endeavours. He is looking forward to the next chapter of their lives together.

He also extended his thanks to the community for entrusting him with the opportunity to serve and for presenting the challenges that drive him to address important issues in the Chamber.

Councillor Cotter concluded by wishing all those running for re-election the best of luck in their campaigns.

9. Councillor Matthew Stellino expressed heartfelt thanks to several key individuals and groups. First, he acknowledged the Mayor, expressing gratitude for his steadfast commitment to the Chamber. He conceded that being elected was a surprise to him, and that he had to adapt quickly to his new role.

He also extended his appreciation to his fellow councillors for their support of his motions in the Chamber, which he found deeply encouraging and heartwarming. Lastly, he showed appreciation to his partner, Hayley, for her unwavering support, including the many coffees she made and her role in ensuring he arrived on time for Council meetings.

10. Councillor George Brticevic began by expressing his gratitude to the residents of the City. He emphasised that the functioning of the City is made possible through the rates and taxes paid by the residents, highlighting that the City's operations are funded by the residents, for the benefit of the residents.

Councillor George Brticevic extended his thanks to Lindy, now the CEO, for her hard work and advocacy throughout his five-year term as the previous Mayor. He appreciated their successful collaboration and acknowledged the achievements made possible by her dedication.

He also expressed gratitude to Rebecca Grasso for her contributions, particularly her work on the WestInvest project and her role in supporting the growth of the economy and the Arts Centre.

Councillor Brticevic recognised Ben Hoyle and Jai Rowell, the Deputy General Managers, for their excellent performance, expressing confidence that the City will continue to thrive under their leadership. He thanked David Smith, who represented Jim Baldwin and the Planning and Environment team, for their efforts. He commended the team for their fantastic work, noting the City's continued growth and the positive impact of their contributions.

Councillor Brticevic extended his gratitude to Monique Dunlop and Jaimi-Lee Murphy for their efforts in ensuring meetings run smoothly and for managing the essential behind-the-scenes details. He also thanked Kate Stares for her advocacy on City Deals and the Justice Precinct, and for her meticulous preparation for meetings with Ministers and Members of Parliament, along with her evident passion for the area. He recognised Corinne Mears for her role in maintaining balanced budgets and ensuring financial stability, which has allowed the city to make significant investments.

Councillor Brticevic expressed his appreciation to Amanda King for their productive five and a quarter years together, highlighting how much he enjoyed working with her and her exceptional team. He praised Amanda for her role in keeping the Office of the General Manager running efficiently.

Councillor Brticevic expressed his gratitude to Ian Andrews, Nathan Lynch, Glenn Fisher, and the rest of the outdoor team for their ongoing hard work. He specifically mentioned just a few of their contributions to various projects, including Livvi's Place, Glenfield, Milton Park, Eagle-Vale Duck Pond, the pump track at Leumeah, Passfield Park, Rizal Park, and the multi-purpose courts at Glenfield and Macquarie Fields.

Councillor Brticevic extended his heartfelt thanks to Councillor Chivers and her husband, Graeme, for their friendship and unwavering support over the past eight years. He expressed deep appreciation for their dedicated contributions to the community and the positive impact they have made through their service and involvement.

Councillor Brticevic expressed his gratitude to the Mayor for his dedicated service and for fostering a strong team spirit within their coalition. He extended special thanks to John Chew, Riley Munro, and Marian George, conveying his deep sadness that they are unable to run for re-election. He acknowledged their heartfelt commitment to the community and shared how much he has valued working with them.

Councillor Brticevic acknowledged the presence of his fellow Councillors in the room—Councillor Stellino, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Morrison, and Councillor Khalil—and thanked them for their dedicated service during this term. He extended his best wishes to all the Councillors standing for re-election and to the Labor Party for the upcoming election.

11. Councillor Chivers expressed gratitude to Councillor Brticevic for inviting her to join the team in the 2016 campaign eight years ago. Neither could have predicted what was ahead, but it has turned out to be an incredible political journey. As they part ways from the political sphere tonight, they do so as lifelong friends. He will always be thankful for the friendship and support provided by both Councillor Brticevic and his partner, Monique.

Councillor Chivers expressed gratitude to the residents who, despite not knowing her personally, still chose to place her in this Chamber. Their support has been immensely meaningful to her.

Councillor Chivers expressed deep gratitude for the special opportunity to work with the Campbelltown Council staff. Many of their roles are influenced by the decisions made by the 15 Council members in this Chamber. From the beginning, she recognised the challenges and frustrations that often come with these roles. She acknowledged that

some Wednesday mornings, after Council meetings and votes, must have been especially tough. She holds all the staff in high regard and feels fortunate to have worked alongside them for the past eight years, benefiting all the residents.

Councillor Chivers expressed gratitude for the opportunities to represent Campbelltown. She valued the chance to visit Koshigaya and experience firsthand the strong and lasting bond between the Sister Cities. She appreciated the opportunity to explore new libraries, learning from librarians about the decisions that shaped these new facilities. Additionally, she was thankful for the visits to refuges in Bass Hill and Campsie, where she had the profound privilege of speaking privately with women who had survived domestic violence. Their stories, marked by immense courage and hope, were deeply humbling and will remain with her always.

Councillor Chivers expressed gratitude to Erin Opal for her companionship over the past five years, providing advice, support, encouragement, and wisdom. She acknowledged the significant lessons she learned from Erin and admired the remarkable journey she has undertaken through life.

Councillor Chivers conveyed deep gratitude to Jenny Franke for inviting her to co-present with her at a Local Government Women's conference held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Sydney. Their task was to discuss, from the stage, how Councillors and Directors can build effective working relationships with a shared goal of benefiting residents. The conference organisers recognised that Jenny and Councillor Chivers embodied this ideal relationship. She recalled sitting in Jenny's office, struggling to articulate their collaborative approach, feeling as though they were trying to capture steam in a net. Ultimately, they decided to speak spontaneously on stage, supported by Jenny's excellent slides, and hoped for the best. Their presentation was well-received, leading to an extended session where Directors from various LGAs across NSW sought their advice on fostering strong professional relationships with Councillors. It was a memorable and meaningful experience.

Councillor Chivers reflected with pride as she departed this evening. She felt proud of every Notice of Motion she brought before the Chamber, through which she sought to enhance services for children with additional needs across swimming lessons, libraries, festivals, carnivals, and parks. She also aimed to improve library services for all residents.

She introduced library monitors from local public schools to HJ Daley, allowing them to experience a few hours in the life of a librarian. The excitement among the students was tangible, and many left inspired by the Council librarians, with some gaining a clear sense of their future career aspirations.

Councillor Chivers used her voice to advocate for domestic violence issues and sought to implement small but significant changes at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. She was also honoured to contribute to the development of the City's 2024 to 2030 Cultural Strategy.

Councillor Chivers described the CEO, Lindy Deitz, as a tremendous blessing to the City. After their initial briefing on September 22nd following the 2016 election, she went home and sent an email expressing her appreciation for the clear and structured presentation by Lindy and her Directors. While her exceptional work ethic is noteworthy, it is her combination of this work ethic with genuine empathy and a deep love for the City that

makes her truly invaluable. Councillor Chivers emphasised that the City is fortunate to have her leadership and guidance, which has significantly benefited them all.

Councillor Chivers shared that her lifelong passion has always been learning, dating back to her earliest memories as a child. She leaves her role with a wealth of knowledge. She expressed gratitude to everyone she has conversed with in this setting, thanking them for answering her questions and subsequent inquiries. She noted that learning brings her the greatest joy, and those conversations were truly fulfilling moments for her.

Councillor Chivers reflected on the central role of family in her work, noting that it was never done in isolation from them.

She expressed gratitude to her daughter Meredith, who, even while waking up in New York, provided a space for her to think aloud. Meredith understood when answers had to be confidential and never pressed for more than she could share.

She also acknowledged Graeme, who has been her sounding board and is, in her view, the smartest person she knows. He provided invaluable support, and now it's time to return that support and dedicate more time to her family. Life is finite, and she wants to make the most of it with them.

Councillor Chivers recounted setting a personal goal in September 2016 to elevate the City through her work, advocacy, and any Notices of Motion she introduced. She aimed to work diligently to make Campbelltown a model for other councils to admire and emulate. As she departs tonight, she feels satisfied knowing she gave her best effort. This is consistent with the expectations she has always held for her students and schools.

She expressed her hopes for the City's future, wishing for a cohort of future Councillors who not only listen to advice but truly understand and act upon it. She hoped they would make well-informed decisions that address the needs of the entire community, not just a select few.

Councillor Chivers extended her gratitude to the residents of Campbelltown for the privilege of serving them over the past eight years. She wished them all the best and hoped that the City would continue to thrive, grow, and be uplifted.

Councillor Marian George delivered a short and sweet yet heartfelt farewell speech as her term at Council came to a close. She expressed her deep gratitude to the CEO, Directors, and staff at the Council for their unwavering support and dedication throughout her tenure.

She extended her thanks to the Mayor for his exemplary leadership and support, wishing him all the best for the future. Councillor George conveyed that she would genuinely miss everyone and expressed her sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Campbelltown community, considering it a true honour.

In her closing remarks, she acknowledged her family—her husband, children, and father—for their constant support. She also offered a personal note of thanks, expressing her gratitude to God for the strength and guidance she received during her time in office.

12. Councillor John Chew spoke informally, reflecting on his term with a sense of gratitude and privilege. He felt blessed to have had the opportunity to serve the community and appreciated the enjoyable company he encountered. He will cherish the stories and experiences from his time in Council.

Councillor Chew mentioned that one of the key takeaways from his term was his enjoyment of being around people and the renewed zest he gained for community and humanity. He noted that the City has been achieving remarkable progress and constantly striving for more.

He expressed his enthusiasm for the future, looking forward to witnessing how the City will continue to evolve over the next 30 years, building on the significant changes discussed by Councillor Oates.

13. Councillor Riley Munro began by addressing the recent events involving the Liberal Party, expressing his gratitude to everyone who reached out to him and his fellow party members. He acknowledged that the situation was a mistake and found it disappointing, but he emphasised that it has been a privilege to serve the community throughout the term. Despite the challenges, he conveyed his appreciation for the opportunity to contribute to the community's well-being and growth.

Councillor Munro extended his thanks to Lindy Deitz and her staff for their patience and support throughout the term. He expressed his appreciation for their interactions, which he will carry with him, and noted that the dedication and love for the community demonstrated by all the staff has been truly inspiring.

Councillor Munro expressed deep gratitude to his parents, acknowledging that their support has been crucial to his ability to serve in his role. He recognised that four years is a relatively short time in politics and hopes for the opportunity to serve on the Council again in the future. He also extended his thanks to the Mayor for his distinguished leadership, noting that the legacy he has created through his Mayoral Minutes will have a lasting impact.

Councillor Munro extended his heartfelt thanks to all the Councillors at the table, expressing that it has been an honour to collaborate on a wide range of projects, events, and committees with them. He wished each of them the best of luck in the upcoming election.

14. The Mayor, Councillor Greiss, extended his heartfelt thanks to everyone for their kind words. He was deeply moved by the outpouring of support and appreciation from so many individuals. The heartfelt messages, both public and private, have touched him more than he can express. He is truly grateful to all who have taken the time to offer their best wishes. The encouragement and recognition of their collective efforts will stay with him as he embarks on the next chapter of his journey. He thanked everyone sincerely, from the bottom of his heart.

The Mayor expressed his deepest gratitude to Lindy Deitz. Her patience, resilience, and unwavering dedication have been instrumental in helping him realise his ambitious vision for the city. Her steadfast support has been the backbone of their collective achievements.

He also extended his thanks to the Deputy General Managers, Jai Rowell and Ben Hoyle, as well as to the Directors and their teams. Their commitment to innovation and their readiness to drive change have been crucial to their shared successes. Their leadership and forward-thinking approach have left a lasting impact.

The Mayor extended his heartfelt appreciation to Kate Stares, the Strategic Partnerships Manager, whose contributions have been pivotal to his accomplishments. He was also deeply grateful to Amanda King and her team for their dedication in managing the challenges that have arisen and for their tireless efforts to enhance communication and improve the city's image.

The Mayor extended his deep appreciation to Monique Dunlop and her team for their hard work in organising meetings and handling the mayoral minutes. He acknowledged that this responsibility has been a significant source of stress, not only for that council meeting night but throughout the entire term. Their commitment had not gone unnoticed, and he was truly grateful for their efforts in ensuring that meetings ran smoothly.

He also offered heartfelt thanks to all the staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, frequently going above and beyond to ensure the best possible outcomes for the community.

Finally, the Mayor wishes to thank his family—his wife, Michelle, and their children, James and Gabriella, who were present at his final meeting. Their unwavering support and understanding have been the foundation of his journey. He acknowledged that none of his accomplishments would have been possible without them by his side. He expressed gratitude for their steadfast presence through both the highs and lows and for sharing the significant moment with him on the night.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:57 pm .