
CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes Summary

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Campbelltown City Council held on 10 December 2024

Present Councillor M Chowdhury
Councillor J Cotter
Councillor K Halabi
Councillor K Hunt
Councillor M Khalil
Councillor D Lound
Councillor C McEwan
Councillor W Morrison
Councillor M Oates
Councillor A Rahman
Councillor J Rivera
Councillor T Triebels
Councillor I Wisniewska
Councillor A Zahra

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by the Chairperson, the Mayor Darcy Lound.

Council Prayer

The Council Prayer was presented by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

That the apology of Councillor S Berbari be accepted.

357/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12 November 2024**

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 12 November 2024, copies of which have been circulated to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed.

358/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Warren Morrison

Item 14.1- Lease - Homebase, 24 Blaxland Road Campbelltown

Councillor Morrison advised that he owns property in the vicinity of the item and will leave the Chamber.

Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests

Councillor Joshua Cotter

Item 8.2 – Planning Proposal – 13-17 Eagleview Road, Minto

Item 8.3 – Planning Proposal Post Exhibition Report – 1 Bugden Place, Campbelltown

Councillor Cotter advised that he is a member of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel and will leave the Chamber.

Councillor Warren Morrison

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Item 8.3 – Planning Proposal Post Exhibition Report – 1 Bugden Place, Campbelltown

Councillor Cotter advised that he is a member of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel and will leave the Chamber.

Councillor Isabella Wisniewska

Item 8.2 – Planning Proposal – 13-17 Eagleview Road, Minto

Item 8.3 – Planning Proposal Post Exhibition Report – 1 Bugden Place, Campbelltown

Councillor Wisniewska advised that she is a member of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel and will leave the Chamber.

Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests

Councillor Masud Khalil

Item 8.2 – Planning Proposal – 13-17 Eagleview Road, Minto

Councillor Khalil advised he has a personal interest in the item and will the Chamber.

Councillor Masood Chowdhury

Item 8.2 – Planning Proposal – 13-17 Eagleview Road, Minto

Councillor Chowdhury advised he is a member of the AMWC but does not consider the interest significant and will remain in the Chamber.

Councillor Tao Triebels

Item 14.2 – Lease amendment – Art Gallery Road, Campbelltown

Councillor Triebels advised he has a personal interest in the item and will leave the Chamber.

Other Disclosures

Nil

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

5.1 Merry Christmas

It was **Moved** Councillor Lound:

That the information be noted.

359/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

5.2 Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Cr Meg Oates

It was **Moved** Councillor Lound:

That the information be noted.

360/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

6. PETITIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Raby Road Congestion

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

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

361/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

7.2 Upper Water Canal Corridor Gilead – Access for fauna crossing

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

1. That the letter be received and the information be noted.
2. That a letter be sent in response to the Hon Rose Jackson MLC Minister for Water to thank the minister for her letter and information provided and ask what is expected timeframe for the completion of the pilot at Ousedale Creek and what the expected time line would be from the completion of the pilot to seeing similar crossing of the WaterNSW upper canal, constructed via Menangle Creek in Gilead/Figtree Hill.
3. Inform the Minister the importance of water protection is well understood by the Council but the timely provision of viable wildlife crossing of the upper canal at Menangle Creek is a critical feature of the Gilead land release, as without it, koalas will not be able to travel between the Georges and Nepean Rivers as planned.
4. Invite the Minister to visit the site in person to gain a first hand appreciation of the unique but manageable circumstances and challenges of this location set against its critical position within the east-west

362/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

Procedural Motion

It was **Moved** Councillor Lound, **Seconded** Councillor Rivera:

That Item 11.2 be brought forward to be considered after Item 7.2

363/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

8.1 Our Call to the Federal Government for Support

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

That Council note the attached Call to the Federal Government for Support.

364/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

Meeting Note: Having declared an interest in Item 8.2 and Item 8.3 Councillor Cotter, Councillor Morrison and Councillor Wisniewska left the Chamber at 7:31 pm.

Meeting Note: Having declared an interest in Item 8.2 Councillor Khalil left the Chamber at 7:31 pm.

8.2 Planning Proposal - 13-17 Eagleview Road, Minto

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

1. That Council endorse the Planning Proposal at attachment 1 which seeks to amend the Campbelltown Local Environmental Plan 2015 by including 'a place of public worship' as an additional permitted use at 13-17 Eagleview Road, Minto and forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure seeking a Gateway Determination.
2. That Council request delegation to make the local environmental plan under Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*.
3. That subject to a Gateway Determination, the Planning Proposal be exhibited in accordance with the Gateway Determination requirements.
4. That a report on the outcome of the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal be presented to Council for consideration.

A Division was recorded in regard to the Resolution for Item 8.2 with those voting for the Motion being Councillors K Hunt, M Chowdhury, M Oates, A Rahman, J Rivera, T Triebels, C McEwan, K Halabi and D Lound.

Voting against the Resolution were Councillor A Zahra.

365/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

Meeting Note: Councillor Khalil returned to the Chamber at 7:48 pm.

8.3 Planning Proposal Post Exhibition Report - 1 Bugden Place, Campbelltown

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

1. That Council forward the Planning Proposal at attachment 1 to the Department of Planning, Housing and infrastructure to finalise the Planning Proposal and make the amendment to Campbelltown Local Environmental Plan 2015.

A Division was recorded in regard to the Resolution for Item 8.3 with those voting for the Motion being Councillors K Hunt, M Chowdhury, M Oates, A Rahman, J Rivera, T Triebels, A Zahra, K Halabi, M Khalil and D Lound.

Voting against the Resolution were Councillor C McEwan.

366/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

Meeting Note: Councillor Cotter, Councillor Morrison and Councillor Wisniewska returned to the Chamber at 8:00 pm.

8.4 Significant Development Applications

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

That the information be noted.

367/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.5 Application to Revoke a Menacing Dog Declaration

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

1. That the Menacing Dog Declarations made on 13 June 2023, in respect of a female German Shepherd be revoked in accordance with provision Section 39(2)(a), (b) and (2A) *Companion Animals Act, 1998*.
2. That Council give notice to the owner of the dog and to the Director General Division of Local Government of the revocation of the Dangerous Dog Declarations referred to in 1 above within 7 days in accordance with the provisions of Sections 39 (3) and 40 (2) *Companion Animals Act, 1998*.

368/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.6 Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program (ex WestInvest) Update

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

1. That Council notes the current status of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program, formerly known as WestInvest.
2. That Council endorse the provision of up to \$10 million from the Infrastructure Reserve to support the achievement of strategic and functional goals for the Centre of Excellence.
3. That any use of the approved provision from the Infrastructure Reserve be repaid in full over 5 years from operational savings.

369/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.7 Partnership with Yarpa

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

That Council note the formation of the partnership with Yarpa.

370/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.8 A Sustainable Approach to Funding and Management of Billabong Parklands

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

1. That an Aquatic Centre entrance fee structure be introduced to the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands, commencing 1 October 2025 for the periods of October-March each year.
2. That the entry fee structure for the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands is submitted within the draft Council Fees and Charges for 2025/2026 to commence from 1 October 2025.

371/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.9 Policy Review: Professional Service Provider Use of Council Leisure Facilities

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

1. That the revised Professional Service Provider Use of Council Leisure Facilities Policy as attached to this report be adopted.
2. That the Professional Service Provider User of Council Leisure Facilities Policy review date be set at 30 December 2028.

372/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.10 Policy Review: Data Governance Policy

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

That Council approve the proposed Data Governance policy with the following amendment to point 11 Data Sharing and Procurement to include 'written approval' in points (a) and (b)ii.

373/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.11 Policy Review: Contract Management Policy

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

1. That Council adopt the revised Contract Management Policy.
2. That the Contract Management Policy review date be set at 31 December 2028.

374/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.12 Policy Review: Conflict of Interest Policy – Council Related Development

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

1. That Council adopt the amended Managing Conflicts of Interest for Council-Related Development Policy shown at attachment 1.
2. That the Managing Conflicts of Interest for Council-Related Development Policy review date be set at 30 June 2028.

375/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.13 Investments and Revenue Report – October 2024

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

That the information be noted.

376/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.14 T24/37 Operation and Management of Farrow Road Multideck Car Park

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

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 178 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, declines to accept the tenders received for operation and management of the multideck car park on Farrow Road, as the tenders received did not meet requirements of Council.
2. Enter into negotiations with the organisations that submitted a tender and detailed relevant experience in similar services. As the market has been tested through this process, the Evaluation Panel do not see any benefit in inviting fresh tenders for the same works.
3. Endorse the Chief Executive Officer to finalise negotiations and enter into a contract for the operation and management of the multideck car park, by way of delegated authority under section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
4. Notify the Tenderers of the results of the tender process.

377/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.15 2025 Council Meeting Calendar

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

That the 2025 calendar be noted and adopted.

378/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.16 Reports and Letters Requested

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

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

379/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

9. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

10. RESCISSION MOTION

10.1 Flag Raising policy

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

Councillor Jayden Rivera has given Notice in writing of his intention to move the following Motion at the next meeting of Council on 10 December 2024.

1. That the Council decision at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 13 February 2024, **Item 11.1 – Flag Raising on Council Property** - as detailed below:
 1. *That no flags are to be raised on the Council Civic precinct flagpoles unless by an expressed Council resolution except for the Australian National, NSW State, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and/or Campbelltown Council flag raising ceremonies.*
 2. *That no financial and/or in-kind support be given to any flag raising ceremonies except for Australian National, NSW State, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and/or Campbelltown Council flag raising without an expressed Council resolution.'*

be rescinded.

2. Should the rescission motion be carried, that Council officers prepare a Flag raising policy for adoption by Council that provides for flag raising ceremony applications to be considered and determined under delegated authority in accordance with the adopted policy.

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Chowdhury that a Division be recorded for Item 10.1.

A Division was recorded in regard to the Resolution for Item 10.1 with those voting for the Motion being Councillors K Hunt, M Chowdhury, M Oates, A Rahman, I Wisniewska, J Rivera, T Triebels, C McEwan, K Halabi, M Khalil and D Lound.

Voting against the Resolution were Councillors A Zahra, W Morrison and J Cotter.

380/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

11.1 Aboriginal Road and Place names

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

1. That Council investigate appropriate Dharawal words for use as future road and/or place names across the Campbelltown Local Government Area and report back to the Council.
2. That a report be presented to Council, detailing the implications and the procedural steps required by the Geographical Names Board, and any other relevant government entities.

381/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

11.2 Koala Awareness Zone on Appin Road

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

That the Council:

1. Write to the NSW Minister for Roads the Hon. John Graham MLC, the NSW Minister for the Environment the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC and the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads the Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, seeking their commitment to the earliest delivery of "Koala Awareness" zones beginning from Noorumba Reserve to Mallaty Creek, reducing the speed limits at known koala crossing points on Appin Road from dusk to dawn and install effective koala fencing along Appin Road as well as adding an additional crossing at Mallaty Creek.
2. Write to the Member for Campbelltown Mr Greg Warren MP, the Member for Macarthur Dr Mike Freelander MP and the Member for Wollongong the Hon. Paul Scully MP seeking their support and advocacy for the delivery of these koala protection initiatives.

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Chowdhury that a Division be recorded for Item 10.1.

It was **Moved** Councillor Hunt, **Seconded** Councillor Oates that a Division be recorded for Item 11.2.

A Division was recorded in regard to the Resolution for Item 11.2 with those voting for the Motion being Councillors K Hunt, M Chowdhury, M Oates, A Rahman, I Wisniewska, J Rivera, T Triebels, C McEwan, A Zahra, K Halabi, M Khalil, W Morrison, J Cotter and D Lound.

Voting against the Resolution were Nil.

382/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

12. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

13. PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS

1. On Tuesday, 19 November, Councillor Karen Hunt represented the Mayor at the HMAS Sydney II memorial service held at the Lithgow Street memorial. The service commemorated the 645 Australian sailors who lost their lives in a battle off the north-west coast of Western Australia in 1941. The event marked the 73rd anniversary of the sinking of the Sydney II, which occurred during a battle lasting no more than half an hour. It was heartening to see long-standing local residents and descendants of some of the crew members in attendance. Councillor Hunt commended the Council for its efforts in maintaining the memorial and ensuring it remains in pristine condition. "We will remember them. Lest We Forget."
2. Councillor Karen Hunt on Thursday, 28 November, attended the Sarah Redfern High School STEAM presentation display, joined by Councillors Triebels, Rivera, and Chowdhury. Councillor Hunt found it uplifting to hear the students speak with such enthusiasm about their projects. The students had also participated in the CSIRO end-of-year showcase earlier that month. The variety of projects on display demonstrated their potential to play a significant role in future sustainability. Councillor Hunt was pleased to see so many students showing a strong interest in STEAM – science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. She also commended teacher Cameron Rodgers for his outstanding leadership in guiding the students.
3. On 10 December, Councillor Karen Hunt represented the Mayor at St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish Primary School for the opening and blessing of the school's new facilities block by Bishop of Wollongong, Brian Mascord DD. Dr Mike Freeland MP attended on behalf of the Minister for Education, the Hon. Jason Clare. The new canteen and amenities, which had been long overdue, were warmly welcomed by the staff, students, and parents. School Principal Paul Moroney extended his greetings to the Mayor.
4. Finally, Councillor Karen Hunt extended her heartfelt wishes to everyone in the chamber for a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. She took a moment to acknowledge the regular attendees, particularly Brooklyn, for his consistent and diligent presence. Councillor Hunt also recognised the valuable contributions of journalist Eric Kontos. She expressed her gratitude to the executive team, all staff members, her fellow Councillors, and, of course, the Mayor for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.
5. Councillor Masood Chowdhury extended his warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone present. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the staff, officers, and directors for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Councillor Chowdhury conveyed his eagerness to continue collaborating with the team in the coming year, looking forward to another year of successful teamwork and shared achievements.
6. Councillor Meg Oates on 5 December attended the Little Orange Turns 10 celebration at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. This event marked a significant milestone and was a fantastic party, coinciding with the International Day of People with Disability. Little Orange Studio plays a crucial role in the Campbelltown Arts Centre's programming, providing a unique and nurturing space that supports the practice and career growth of resident studio artists. The artists truly put on a show, showcasing their incredible talent and thrilling the attendees.

7. On December, Councillor Meg Oates attended the Gift of Time ceremony. This event highlighted the incredible dedication of volunteers who contribute countless hours to the community. Councillor Oates expressed deep gratitude for their unwavering commitment and the significant impact they have on the community. The ceremony was a heartfelt acknowledgment of the volunteers' efforts, celebrating their invaluable contributions and the positive difference they make in the lives of many.
8. Finally, Councillor Meg Oates thanked the staff for all the amazing work they do all year. Councillor Oates especially acknowledged and presented the resilience award to the event staff for their work throughout the year they have faced many challenges and always come up with a solution and the events have all been a hit.
9. Councillor Ash Rahman on 28 November, along with Councillor Morrison and Councillor Khalil, attended the opening of the Light the World Giving Machine at Macarthur Square. This extraordinary event showcased that it is easier than ever to donate to incredible organisations that support the community and beyond. The experience was truly remarkable, highlighting the ease and impact of charitable giving.
10. On 2 December, Councillor Ash Rahman attended Al-Faisal College Campbelltown's High School Presentation Day. The event was graced by the presence of Deputy Mayor Karen Hunt, Councillor Khalil and other influential figures, adding a special touch to the occasion. It was an absolute pleasure to celebrate the students' achievements and progress.
11. On December 7th, Councillor Ash Rahman had the privilege of representing the Mayor of Campbelltown at the Nepali Community Language School Pathashala event at the Greg Percival Community Hall. The event celebrated the rich Nepali culture and language, providing a wonderful opportunity for Councillor Rahman to connect with the Nepali community in the region.
12. In the three months of his journey as a Councillor, Councillor Ash Rahman had the opportunity to meet many influential role models and work closely with Council CEO Lindy Deitz, Executive General Manager Jai Rowell, Ben Hoyle, Jim Baldwin, Monique Dunlop, Amanda King, and the rest of the executive team. He expressed his deepest gratitude to his lovely wife and children for their passionate support. Councillor Rahman also acknowledged the support from the Macquarie Fields/Ingleburn and Campbelltown Labor branch members. He extended his sincere thanks to Eric Kontos for his dedication to the community. Additionally, he thanked his fellow Councillors, the Mayor, and the Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Rahman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness, success, and good health.
13. Councillor Isabella Wisniewska recently encountered the Giving Machine at Macarthur Square and had the pleasure of speaking with the dedicated volunteers assisting there. She encouraged her fellow councillors to visit the Giving Machine and, if possible, make a donation in the spirit of the festive season. Councillor Wisniewska emphasized the importance of supporting this charitable initiative and the positive impact it has on the community.

14. Finally, Councillor Isabella Wisniewska wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She took the opportunity to thank Lindy, Jai, Ben, Jim, Kate, Monique, and Amanda for their exceptional competence and generosity in sharing their knowledge. She commended them for the assistance they provide. Councillor Wisniewska also expressed her pleasure in getting to know all the councillors over the past three months and looked forward to continuing to work with them in the new year.
15. Councillor Jayden Rivera on 28 November attended the STEAM showcase at Sarah Redfern High School, along with Councillor Triebels and Deputy Mayor Hunt. The inventions and innovations produced by the students were incredible. He commended Mr. Cameron Rogers for doing an amazing job organising the event and the keynote speakers. Councillor Rivera expressed his hope to attend the event again in the future.
16. Councillor Jayden Rivera wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
17. Councillor Tao Triebels on 28 November attended the STEAM showcase at Sarah Redfern High School, along with Councillor Rivera and Deputy Mayor Hunt. Councillor Triebels commended the students on their presentations and were able to go into great detail when speaking about their inventions and innovations.
18. Councillor Tao Triebels on 5 December attended the Heat Symposium at Parramatta. Councillor Triebels described it as an inspiring event bringing together so many community members from across Sydney to solve problems and take tangible actions together.
19. Finally, Councillor Triebels wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and looks forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.
20. From 17 to 19 November, Councillor Cameron McEwan attended the Local Government NSW annual conference in Tamworth. The event provided an excellent opportunity for him to further develop his skills as a councillor and to network with fellow councillors from both Campbelltown and across the state. By listening to the debates and participating as a voting delegate during the AGM, Councillor McEwan gained valuable insights into the interactions between various levels of government and the collaborative nature of local government. He expressed his gratitude to Lindy and Jai for attending alongside the councillors and for the valuable insights they shared throughout the conference. Councillor McEwan also thanked Amanda for her support and planning over the 3 days, as well as Kelly for her behind-the-scenes efforts. Despite the long drive, he considered the experience well worth it and looked forward to attending the conference again next year in Penrith.
21. Councillor Cameron McEwan on 5 December attended the Little Orange Turns 10 party at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. The event celebrated a decade of the studio providing opportunities for local people living with disabilities to express themselves artistically. Councillor McEwan, along with Councillor Oates, Deputy Mayor Hunt, and Executive General Manager Jai Rowell, joined in the festivities. A game of pass the parcel was a particular highlight for Councillor McEwan, bringing back fond memories and inspiring him to incorporate it into his own parties. He extended his congratulations to Little Orange and expressed excitement for their future creations.

22. As the New Year and Christmas approach, Councillor Cameron McEwan reflects on his first few months in office. He has gained a deep understanding of council operations, his role, and the local community, thanks to the tremendous efforts of the council staff. Despite the unique challenges of an election year, the council has managed the transition well.

Councillor McEwan extends his gratitude to everyone who has supported him, including executives Lindy, Jai, Ben, and Jim, as well as the many behind-the-scenes workers like the accounting team, caterers, cleaners, IT support, customer service, dedicated officers, and rangers.

He also thanks his wife, Amy, for her unwavering support, from managing more household responsibilities to offering valuable insights and suggestions.

Councillor McEwan appreciates the community's trust in him and finds it rewarding to help resolve their issues, no matter how small. He is grateful to his fellow councillors for their warm welcome and shared wisdom, and to the mayor for his leadership and willingness to address concerns.

Finally, Councillor McEwan wishes everyone a safe and relaxing holiday season and a very Merry Christmas.

23. Councillor Adam Zahra attended the Marsdens Law Groups Christmas Party and noted it was great to listen to Jim's speech and speak with a few of the lawyers, fellow Councillors, at Council staff, Jim and Jai at the party. He was grateful for the opportunity to have a conversation with Dr Mike Freeland MP and gain some insights from him.
24. Councillor Adam Zahra attended the Campbelltown Christmas Carols at the Athletics Stadium. Councillor Zahra commended the event staff for a wonderful event. Even with the changeable weather it was a great turnout and Councillor Zahra looks forward to attending again next year.
25. Councillor Adam Zahra wished everyone in the chamber a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He expressed his gratitude to Lindy, Jai, Ben, and Jim for their support over the past few months, which has enabled him to hit the ground running as a new councillor. He also thanked all the other council staff he has interacted with, noting that every interaction has been positive.

On a personal note, Councillor Zahra thanked Tatum for her unwavering support of his political aspirations, acknowledging that he could not fulfill his role without her. He concluded by stating that it is a privilege to serve Campbelltown and that he looks forward to continuing his work in the New Year.

26. Councillor Khaled Halabi expressed what an honour it has been working alongside his fellow Councillors for the next 4 years sharing common vision of passion for the Macarthur Area and supporting the community. Councillor Halabi thanked Lindy, Jai, Ben, Jim and all Council staff for helping him over the last few months. Finally, he wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

27. Councillor Masud Khalil began by thanking Lindy, Jai, Ben, Jim and all support staff in chambers tonight and wished everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. He also wished the community a Merry Christmas and acknowledged that it can be a difficult time for people and urges the community to come forward if they are able to donate to the giving machine at Macarthur Square. Councillor Khalil finished by thanking his fellow Councillors for their friendship over the last few months and wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
28. On Thursday 28 November, Councillor Warren Morrison proudly represented the Mayor Darcy Lound at the opening of the Giving Machine at Macarthur Square. This innovative charity initiative, supported by the local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and their volunteers, allows people to purchase gift cards through the Giving Machine for various world charities. The funds are then directed to these charities to support people around the globe.

He was delighted to see many community members supporting the Giving Machine's opening and thanked the church and various community groups for their ongoing volunteer efforts and support for numerous charities in the area. Councillor Morrison extended his gratitude to everyone for their continued support of the community.
29. Councillor Warren Morrison on 2 December, along with Deputy Mayor Hunt, Councillor Khalil, and Councillor Rahman, attended the Al-Faisal College Minto High School Awards Presentation Day. Councillor Morrison expressed gratitude to Mr. Shafiq Khan, Founder and Managing Director of Al-Faisal College, and Principal Sonali Luthera for their warm welcome. The Councillors had the honour of representing the community and handing out awards. Councillor Morrison congratulated all the students on their remarkable achievements and hard work throughout the year in reaching their personal goals.
30. Councillor Warren Morrison on 3 December, along with Greg Warren MP and Mayor Councillor Lound, attended the opening of the Humanity Matters charity on Lindsay Street, Campbelltown. Humanity Matters is a not-for-profit organization that supports marginalized communities in South West Sydney. Founded in the late 1980s, it began by helping street-frequenting young people connect with the community. Today, their Street Youth Services continue to be a key part of their work, providing support and services to isolated individuals. Their Food and Coffee Vans offer mobile meeting spots and pathways to training and employment for young people with complex needs. Councillor Morrison thanked CEO Selim Ucar and the staff for their excellent work in helping the youth in the community.
31. On Friday 6 December 2024, Councillor Warren Morrison attended the Marsden's Law Group Christmas party at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. The event was attended by Local MPs, Councillors, employees of Marsden's, and many local community members. Councillor Morrison thanked Marsden's for hosting another excellent Christmas party and event at the Campbelltown Arts Centre.

32. Councillor Warren Morrison on 7 December, along with Councillor Khalil, attended the Christmas celebration at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. The event featured an afternoon and evening filled with entertainment, food, and fun, bringing smiles to the faces of many children, adults, and families. Councillor Morrison congratulated the staff for organizing such an excellent event and expressed his gratitude to Ally Redondo and James from C91.3 for their outstanding efforts in ensuring the children had a fantastic time. The celebration was a great success, creating joyful memories for everyone involved.
33. Finally, Councillor Warren Morrison extended his best wishes to all the councillors, CEO Lindy Deitz, the directors, council staff, the audience, Max and Mark Keaton for their support, and the media. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a joyous festive season. He hoped everyone has a wonderful time and that all families enjoyed a safe and happy holiday.
34. Councillor Joshua Cotter on 3 December attended the Gift of Time ceremony. Councillor Cotter expressed what a privilege it was to attend the event recognising 1,118 volunteers from 55 Campbelltown community organisations and services who have collectively given up more than 127,480 hours of their time throughout the year.
35. Councillor Joshua Cotter spoke about The Formal Project Inc. He highlighted their impressive achievements in 2024, including supporting 9,511 students and dedicating 63,500 volunteer hours.

Councillor Cotter emphasised the unique impact of The Formal Project, which makes students and families feel special during challenging times. The organisation ensures students feel equal to their peers, bringing joy and smiles to their faces. Their motto, "No Child Left Behind," is truly lived out every day.

Councillor Cotter also made a public call for businesses, organisations, or individuals who can provide a space for The Formal Project in 2025. He encouraged anyone who can help to contact him, believing that together, through the power of social media, they can make a difference.

36. This morning, Mayor Councillor Darcy Lound was delighted to present the annual Jubilee Awards at the Campbelltown Civic Hall. This year's awards recognised 10 residents and 2 community groups for their decades-long contributions to the city. Mayor Lound extended heartfelt congratulations to all the recipients for their outstanding dedication and service to the community.
37. Mayor Councillor Lound took a moment to formally acknowledge Eriko, who has been part of the Koshigaya Exchange program, for her exceptional contributions during her time at Campbelltown Council over the past 3 months. Eriko's passion and dedication were evident in every aspect of her work, from assisting various departments to engaging with the local community. Mayor Lound emphasised that Eriko's presence will be greatly missed, both for her hard work and the vibrant energy she brought to the team. The Mayor also expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with her and wished her all the best in her future endeavours.
38. Mayor Councillor Darcy Lound attended the School of Rock's end-of-year show, known as the Summer Rumble. The event was in full swing, with students covering a variety of bands such as Queen, Foo Fighters, and Tina Turner. The talent on display was

outstanding, and Mayor Lound had the pleasure of meeting Tan, Ange, and Hannah from the School of Rock. It was a fantastic event, showcasing the impressive abilities of the young local talent.

39. Mayor Darcy Lound expressed a huge thank you to all the fantastic Council staff who made Rocking Around Campbelltown and the Campbelltown Christmas Carols a great success on Saturday. He also thanked the community for coming out to join the festivities, despite the less-than-ideal weather, which didn't dampen the Christmas spirit. It was wonderful to see so many children with smiling faces when Santa arrived.

Mayor Lound extended his gratitude to Ally and James from C91.3FM for keeping everyone engaged on the bus and for Ally's role as the emcee at the Carols. He also thanked Jeff McGill for being present and capturing great photos.

Additionally, Mayor Lound thanked the local SES, Fire and Rescue, and Rural Fire Service trucks for their participation. He concluded by expressing his appreciation to everyone for coming out and making the event a success.

40. On 7 December, Mayor Darcy Lound expressed his gratitude to Clare and the team from Stockland for inviting him to the opening of Leppington House Park in Willowdale. He highlighted that this fantastic new park is a great asset for the growing community and celebrates the incredible history of the city. Despite the rain, it was wonderful to see the community enjoying the event.

Mayor Lound thanked Aunty Glenda, Stockland, the team at Campbelltown City Council, and the dedicated landscape architects and contractors who worked together to bring the park to life. He expressed confidence that the community will enjoy the park for years to come.

41. Mayor Darcy Lound was delighted to award local students who excelled in Japanese language studies this year. He congratulated all the students on their achievements and thanked Eriko, who is from Japan and part of the Campbelltown Koshigaya exchange program, for her assistance.

Mayor Lound also extended his gratitude to Terry and Veronica Crotty and the committee of the Campbelltown Koshigaya Sister City Association for organising the fantastic event to recognise the students' accomplishments.

42. Mayor Darcy Lound congratulated St Patrick's College for Girls Campbelltown History Club on their achievements this year. He attended the veterans presentation assembly with other notable guests, including Sally Quinnell MP, Dr. Mike Freeland MP, Jim Marsden, and Edward Kitt.

Mayor Lound thanked the History Club for the invitation and congratulated them on their success.

43. Mayor Lound shared how wonderful it was to spend time with Sam and the dedicated team of volunteers at The Formal Project Inc. In times when families face challenges for various reasons, Sam and the team generously give their time and passion to ensure that children can attend their school formals looking their best. Their efforts are truly a testament to their commitment. Not only do they provide formal wear, but they also assist with makeup, hair, and accessories when needed. Recently, they sent a large amount of formal wear to regional parts of NSW, benefiting indigenous youth as well. This incredible service to the community is made possible by a team of amazing volunteers, and it was inspiring to witness their work firsthand.
44. Finally, the Mayor Councillor Lound again thanked the staff for their support over the year. He also acknowledged Eric Kontos and the fantastic job he does covering the media of what is happening at Council. He wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

14. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Confidentiality Recommendation

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

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 Lease - Homebase, 24 Blaxland Road Campbelltown

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 Lease amendment - Art Gallery Road, 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.

383/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council was adjourned at 9:28 pm and reconvened as a meeting of the Confidential Committee at 9:29 pm.

Recommendations of the Confidential Committee

Meeting Note: Having declared an interest in the Item Councillor Morrison left the Chamber at 9:29 pm.

14.1 Lease - Homebase, 24 Blaxland Road Campbelltown

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

1. That Council endorse entering a new lease for Shop 12 Homebase 24 Blaxland Road, Campbelltown based on the terms outlined in this report.
2. That all and any documentation relating to the variation of the lease is signed by way of delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer (or her authorised delegate) under S377 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

384/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

Meeting Note: Councillor Morrison returned to the Chamber at 9:30 pm.

Meeting Note: Councillor Triebels left the Chamber at 9:30 pm.

14.2 Lease amendment - Art Gallery Road, Campbelltown

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

1. That Council endorse the request for support from a council tenant as detailed in the report.
2. That all and any documentation relating to the request for support is signed by way of delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer (or her authorised delegate) under S377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

385/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

Meeting Note: Councillor Triebels returned to the Chamber at 9:43 pm.

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

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

386/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Confidential Committee the Open Council Meeting was reconvened at 9:43 pm

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

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

387/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:46 pm.

Confirmed by Council on

..... Chief Executive Officer Chairperson