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# CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes Summary

Ordinary Council Meeting held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 12 November 2024.

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Campbelltown City Council held on 12 November 2024**

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**Present** Councillor S Berbari  
Councillor M Chowdhury  
Councillor J Cotter  
Councillor K Halabi  
Councillor K Hunt  
Councillor M Khalil  
Councillor D Lound  
Councillor C McEwan  
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 .

**Council Prayer**

The Council Prayer was presented by the Chief Executive Officer.

**2. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

That the apology of Councillor W Morrison be accepted.

**324/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 29 October 2024**

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29 October 2024, copies of which have been circulated to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed.

**325/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

##### **Pecuniary Interests**

The Mayor Councillor Darcy Lound

Item 8.5 - Hollylea Road Planning Proposal - Amendment to Floor Space Ratio - Draft Development Control Plan

The Mayor advised his Employer has an interest in this site and will leave the chamber.

##### **Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests**

Councillor Adam Zahra

Item 8.5 - Hollylea Road Planning Proposal - Amendment to Floor Space Ratio - Draft Development Control Plan

Councillor Zahra advised has a close relationship with a property owner in the vicinity and will leave the chamber.

Councillor Isabella Wisniewska

Item 8.5 - Hollylea Road Planning Proposal - Amendment to Floor Space Ratio - Draft Development Control Plan

Councillor Wisniewska advised that she is a member of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel and will leave the chamber for the above item.

Councillor Joshua Cotter

Item 8.5 - Hollylea Road Planning Proposal - Amendment to Floor Space Ratio - Draft Development Control Plan

Councillor Cotter advised that he is a member of the Sydney Western City Planning Panel and will leave the chamber for the above item.

##### **Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests**

Councillor Khaled Halabi

Item 8.9 - Quarterly Business Review Statement as at 30 September 2024 Q1

Councillor Halabi advised he has a property in the vicinity of the library and will stay in the chamber.

##### **Other Disclosures**

Nil

## 5. MAYORAL MINUTE

## 6. PETITIONS

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

**Meeting Note:** Sumera Danish addressed the Council

### 7.1 Lack of Public Transport within the Macarthur Electorate

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

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

**326/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### 7.2 Upper Water Canal - Koala Crossing, Gilead

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

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

**327/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### Procedural Motion

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

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to present the Annual General Meeting Presentations.

**328/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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## 8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

### 8.1 Annual General Meeting Presentation

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

That Council note the Annual General Meeting Presentations.

**329/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### Procedural Motion

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

That Standing Orders be resumed.

**330/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### 8.2 Annual Report 2023-24

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

That Council endorse the Annual Report for 2023-24.

**331/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### 8.3 Audited Financial Statements 2023-24

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

That the financial reports and the Auditors reports for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 be received and noted.

**332/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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## 8.4 Campbelltown Koshigaya Sister City Relationship

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

1. That Council welcomes Eriko Narita and thanks her for her participation in the Koshigaya Staff Exchange Program.
2. That Council invites Eriko Narita to say a few words and address the Council meeting.

**333/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### Procedural Motion

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**Moved** Councillor Lound, **Seconded** Councillor Hunt:

That Item 8.10 be brought forward to be considered after Item 8.4.

**334/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**Meeting Note:** Having declared an interest in Item 8.5, the Mayor, Councillor Lound left the Chamber at 7:41 pm and The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Hunt took the chair.

**Meeting Note:** Having declared an interest in Item 8.5, Councillor Zahra, Councillor Wisniewska and Councillor Cotter left the Chamber at 7:41 pm.

**Meeting Note:** Angela Koepp addressed the Council.

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## 8.5 Hollylea Road Planning Proposal - Amendment to Floor Space Ratio - Draft Development Control Plan

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

1. That Council endorse the amendment to the Hollylea Road Planning Proposal and forward the amended proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure seeking an amended Gateway determination.
2. That Council endorse for public exhibition the draft site-specific Development Control Plan 2A-14 Hollylea Road and 5-7 Plough Inn Road, Leumeah.
3. That subject to the receipt of an amended Gateway determination, the Planning Proposal and draft Development Control Plan be placed on public exhibition concurrently.

A Division was recorded in regard to the Resolution for Item 8.5 with those voting for the Motion being Councillors K Hunt, M Chowdhury, M Oates, A Rahman, J Rivera, T Triebels, C McEwan, K Halabi, M Khalil and S Berbari.

Voting against the Resolution were Nil.

**335/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**Meeting Note:** The Mayor, Councillor Lound returned to the Chamber at 7:50pm and resumed the chair.

**Meeting Note:** Councillor Zahra, Councillor Wisniewska and Councillor Cotter returned to the Chamber at 7:50 pm.

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## 8.6 Significant Development Applications

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

That the information be noted.

**336/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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## 8.7 Policy Review: Revised Investment Policy

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

1. That the revised Investment Policy attached to this report be adopted by Council.
2. That the Investment Policy review date be set at 31 December 2028.

**337/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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## 8.8 Investments and Revenue Report - September 2024

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

That the information be noted.

**338/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**Meeting note:** Sumera Danish addressed the Council.

## 8.9 Quarterly Business Review Statement as at 30 September 2024 Q1

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

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

**339/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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## 8.10 Election of Council Delegates to Various Statutory Committees, Authorities and other Organisations

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

That Council appoint delegates to the following statutory committees, authorities and other organisations for a term of appointment concluding in September 2028 as follows:

Arts Centre Strategic Committee

Cr Meg Oates

Cr Seta Berbari

Cr Tao Triebels

Audit Risk and Improvement Committee

Cr Warren Morrison

Traffic Committee

Cr Khaled Halabi

Georges River Combined Councils Committee

Cr Jayden Rivera

Cr Cameron McEwan

Cr Masud Khalil

NSW Public Libraries Association

Cr Ash Rahman

Cr Meg Oates

South West Academy of Sport

Cr Jayden Rivera

Sydney Western City Planning Panel

Cr Isabella Wisniewska

Cr Joshua Cotter

Cr Warren Morrison (Alternate)

**340/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### 8.11 Code of Conduct Statistics Annual Report

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

That Council receive and note the Statistical Report on Code of Conduct Complaints relating to Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.

**341/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### 8.12 Submission to the Review of the Councillor Conduct Framework

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

1. That Council notes the draft submission to the Councillor Conduct Review discussion paper.
2. That Councillors are invited to provide feedback to the draft submission prior to submission to the Office of Local Government.

**342/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### 8.13 Campbelltown City Council Submission to IPART: Review of Prices for Land Valuation Services by Valuer General to Councils 2024

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

That Council endorse the submission to IPART on the review of prices for land valuation services by the Valuer General to Councils 2024

**343/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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## 8.14 Tender T24/11 Cleaning of Campbelltown Sports Stadium

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

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 178 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* Council declines to accept the tenders received for the cleaning of Campbelltown Sports Stadium as they did not meet requirements of Council.
2. That Council enter into negotiations with organisations that submitted a tender and detailed good company experience in similar services at similar stadiums. As the market has been tested through this process, the evaluation panel do not see any benefit in inviting fresh tenders for the same service.
3. Endorse the Chief Executive Officer to finalise negotiations and enter into a contract for ongoing cleaning services at Campbelltown Sports Stadium 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.

**344/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### 8.15 Tender T24/15 Nepean River Reserve Improvement

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

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 178 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Council declines to accept the tenders received for design and construct works for improvements at the Nepean River Reserve, Menangle Park, as the tenders received did not meet requirements of the Request for Tender.
2. That Council enter into negotiations with CC Consulting Services (NSW) Pty Ltd. 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 design and construction works for improvements at the Nepean River Reserve, Menangle 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.

**345/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### 8.16 Reports and Letters Requested

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

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

**346/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**8.17 Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Report**

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

That the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held 20 August 2024 be noted.

**347/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**8.18 Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Report**

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

That the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held 24 September 2024 be noted.

**348/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**9. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**10. RESCISSION MOTION**

Nil

## 11. NOTICE OF MOTION

### 11.1 Raby Road Traffic Congestion

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

1. That Council write to the Minister of Transport, The Hon. Jo Elizabeth Haylen, MP in support of reducing the Raby Road traffic congestion between Campbelltown Road and onramp to M31, as agreed and actioned for review and consideration by Transport for NSW in the May 2024 Campbelltown Council Traffic Committee.
2. That Council seek an update from the Traffic Committee on the progress of this matter since it was last considered.

**349/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**Meeting Note:** Mr Angus Van de Schyff addressed the Council.

## 11.2 Ramadan Festival

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

1. That a report be presented to Council to provide an overview of Council's events program and outline funding strategies to include the Ramadan Festival in 2026 as an ongoing part of the annual program, acknowledging its importance in promoting cultural diversity, fostering community engagement, and enhancing inclusion within the region.
2. If an event application is submitted for a 2025 Ramadan event, that Council consider in-kind support as part of the application.
3. That Council continues to pursue funding opportunities through relevant government grants to support the ongoing costs of the Ramadan Festival, ensuring its long-term sustainability and future growth.
4. That Council collaborates with business and community stakeholders to strengthen partnerships and support for the funding of Ramadan Festival, contributing to its success and expanding its reach within the community.
5. That any Council involvement or support in the event ensures that promotion of the Ramadan Festival is for the whole of community and that the festival organisers are encouraged to ensure the event is inclusive to all people.

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, K Halabi, M Khalil, S Berbari, J Cotter and D Lound.

Voting against the Resolution was Councillor A Zahra.

**350/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**Meeting Note:** Mr Angus Van Der Schyff addressed the chamber.

### 11.3 Civic Events

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

1. That Council endorses the raising of the Bangladesh flag at the Council Civic Centre on 21 February 2025 for International Mother Language Day, in honour of those who sacrificed and advocated for the protection of their language.
2. That the Mayor host a Civic Event for the flag raising ceremony to be held on 21 February 2025.

A Division was recorded in regard to the Resolution for Item 11.3 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, S Berbari and J Cotter.

**351/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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#### **Foreshadowed motion – Councillor Zahra**

1. That Council endorses International Mother Language Day and its significance to many different communities by raising the Australian flag to celebrate the diversity of all cultures.
2. That the Mayor host a Civic Event for the flag raising ceremony to be held on 21 February 2025.

As the original motion was CARRIED, the foreshadowed motion by Councillor Zahra **LAPSED**.

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## 12. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

### 13. PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS

1. Councillor Karen Hunt on Wednesday, 6 November, represented the Mayor alongside Councillor Chowdhury, Councillor Berbari and Councillor Zahra at the CSIRO End of Year STEM Showcase 2024, held at Wests Leagues Club. Year 7 to Year 11 students from schools including Ambarvale, Broughton Anglican College, Hurlstone Agricultural, Ingleburn, James Meehan, Macquarie Fields, Mount Carmel Catholic College, and Sarah Redfern High Schools presented their group projects as part of the Generation STEM program. The projects covered a wide range of topics, from interactive books aimed at protecting the local koala population to AI-powered mechanical worms that collect data from the soil. The students' enthusiasm as they explained their work clearly demonstrated their passion and commitment to solving real-world problems. Their innovative thinking and dedication to research and development reflect their drive to address challenges across various industries within the community. Councillor Hunt extended her congratulations to all the students for their impressive efforts and accomplishments.
2. Councillor Karen Hunt on Monday, 11 November, had the honour of representing the Mayor at the Ingleburn RSL Remembrance Day Service, held in the RSL's beautiful commemorative garden. Minister Anoulack Chanthivong MP also attended in his capacity as the Member for Macquarie Fields, representing Premier Chris Minns and the State Government. Local students from several schools participated in the service, laying wreaths at the memorial in tribute to those who served. Rebecca Murphy, a student from St Patrick's College for Girls, gave a moving speech, reflecting on the young soldiers and nurses who were part of past conflicts. She specifically honoured Sister Helen Haultain, a Lieutenant Army Nurse from Ingleburn, who is commemorated with a memorial park at the Ingleburn RSL.

Following the Remembrance Day Service, attendees proceeded to the Victoria Cross Wall for the unveiling of the name of Ordinary Seaman Edward "Teddy" Sheean. Sheean, just 18 years old at the time, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his heroic actions during a Japanese attack on HMAS \*Armidale\* in World War II. Despite the captain's orders to abandon ship after it was struck by torpedoes, Sheean remained behind, strapping himself to an anti-aircraft gun to fire at the attacking planes. His actions reportedly resulted in shooting down one plane and damaging others. Even after sustaining injuries, Sheean continued to fire at the enemy aircraft as the ship sank, helping 49 of his crewmates survive by drawing fire away from the life rafts. Following a long campaign, Sheean was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross on 1 December 2020, exactly 78 years after his heroic actions. In recognition of his bravery, the Royal Australian Navy Submarine \*HMAS Sheean\* was named in his honour, making it the only naval vessel named after a sailor.

Councillor Hunt reflected on what a beautiful service it was to remember and honour those who gave their lives for the country.

3. Councillor Ash Rahman on 1 November attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> Fishers Ghost Art Awards with The Mayor Councillor Lound, fellow Councillors and Director Jim Baldwin. Councillor Rahman described it as remarkable event and a pleasure to attend. He extended a big congratulations to the winner Katy Plummer for her artwork ,Margaret and the Grey Mare, it was certainly deserved. Councillor Rahman acknowledged the other competitors for their brilliant artwork and a special mention to Lathalia Song who was supported by the

Campbelltown Labor Team. Finally, he thanked and recognised the generous sponsors who held the Arts Award for the last 62 years and the Director of Campbelltown Arts Centre for their hard work.

4. Councillor Isabella Wisniewska on Saturday 2 November represented the Mayor at the Fishers Ghost Writing Prize Awards at the Campbelltown Library. Councillor Wisniewska recognised the amazing works of the writers of all different ages and backgrounds from the Campbelltown LGA. The Fishers Ghost Writing Prize saw a record-breaking 110+ entries, with participants invited to submit a short story, essay, memoir, or poem inspired by the 2024 theme, "...connecting...". All of the winning entries have been compiled and published in Fisher's Ghost Writing Prize 2024 -connecting, a collection now available for loan at all Campbelltown Library branches. Councillor Wisniewska expressed what an honour it was to attend the event and speak to the writers and their families.
5. Councillor Tao Triebels had the pleasure of attending 3 Fishers Ghost Events. The first being the 62<sup>nd</sup> Fishers Ghost Art Awards on 1 November. He expressed what an honour it was to have the opportunity to speak with the artists and Director Mouna Zaylah.
6. Councillor Triebels also attended the Twilight markets on 2 November, although it was a wet and miserable day it didn't dampen any of the spirits of the community that attended the great event.
7. Lastly, Councillor Triebels attended the Fishers Ghost Writing Prize Awards along with Councillor Wisniewska which was another great event and opportunity to speak with writers.

Councillor Triebels commended the staff for all their hard work and efforts across these events.

8. Councillor Cameron McEwan briefly mentioned his attendance at the Fishers Ghost Art Awards, where he was joined by the Mayor and fellow Councillors. He expressed his appreciation for the diverse range of styles and mediums on display. Councillor McEwan extended his congratulations not only to the award winners of the evening but also to the more than 800 artists who submitted works, many of whom are residents of Campbelltown. He encouraged all participants to continue honing their craft and to keep pursuing their creativity and passion.
9. Councillor Cameron McEwan had the pleasure of attending Campbelltown Parkrun's milestone 500th event on 2 November. This volunteer-run event, which began in 2014, has provided the local community with a free and inclusive weekly opportunity to participate in a 5km walk, jog, or run every Saturday, promoting improved health and fitness. Since its inception, Campbelltown Parkrun has seen over 64,000 finishers. Councillor McEwan was honoured to give a brief speech congratulating Campbelltown Parkrun on reaching this significant milestone and extended his thanks to Mayor Lound, Councillor Zahra, and Councillor Wisniewska for their attendance.

After the speeches, the Mayor was invited to officially start the run with a countdown of "3, 2, 1, parkrun." The event saw an excellent turnout, with 265 participants crossing the finish line. Councillor Wisniewska took part in the run, finishing with an impressive time of 30 minutes, while Councillor McEwan completed the 5km in just under 20 minutes. The first runner to cross the line was Andrew Grady, who finished in a remarkable 17 minutes. Special mention also went to Rosemary Barry, who achieved the best age-grade

performance, running the 5km in an outstanding 25 minutes in the Female 70-74 age group. Councillor McEwan offered his thanks and congratulations to run directors Robert Prentice and Emily Cannings for organising such a successful event, Alannah Milosevski from South West Sydney Health for her ongoing advocacy, and all the volunteers who helped make the day possible. He also thanked everyone who participated in and attended Campbelltown Parkrun's 500th event and expressed his excitement for their next milestone when they reach 1,000 events.

10. On 10 November, Councillor Cameron McEwan had the pleasure of participating in the Fishers Ghost Fun Run, a long-standing favourite on the local events calendar. It was a fantastic sight to see over 600 participants out on a Sunday morning, enjoying the event. The course, which took runners around the Western Sydney Uni Campbelltown campus, provided an exhilarating experience for all involved.

Councillor McEwan shared his moment of slight dismay upon completing the first lap, only to realise he had signed up for the 10km run instead of the 5km, meaning he had to complete the course a second time. Thankfully, volunteers from the Campbelltown Joggers Club provided much-needed support with well-organised drink stations and clear course directions, helping keep all participants motivated. He expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers, Council staff who helped organise the event, and the sponsors who made it possible. Councillor McEwan also congratulated the winners, with a special mention to 13-year-old Sienna Bass, who won the women's 10km race in an impressive display of talent. He concluded by expressing hope that more events like this could be brought to the region, as they not only bring the community together but also attract visitors from across the area to experience Campbelltown.

11. Lastly, on 11 November at 11am, Councillor Cameron McEwan, along with Mayor Councillor Lound, CEO Lindy Dietz, and Councillor Chowdhury, paused for a minute of silence to reflect on the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended Australia's freedom and fought to protect the nation's way of life. The group attended the Remembrance Day service at Mawson Park, where they paid their respects. Councillor McEwan extended his thanks to the Campbelltown RSL for organising this significant event, as well as to the servicemen and women who participated in the ceremony.
12. Councillor Adam Zahra on 6 November attended the CSIRO End of Year STEM Showcase 2024, held at Wests Leagues Club along with Deputy Mayor Councillor Hunt, Councillor Chowdhury and Councillor Berbari. Councillor Zahra acknowledged what a great experience it was to see young minds activated and congratulated the school, students and teachers who participated in this event.
13. Councillor Adam Zahra on 10 November attended the Fishers Ghost Dogs in the Park at Milton Park. Councillor Zahra commended the staff on a well-attended event that he enjoyed attending with his little bestie and noted that whilst speaking to fellow dog lovers it was a well appreciated event.
14. Councillor Masud Khalil acknowledged the work of Faith and Community Campbelltown and their soup kitchen. He particularly acknowledged Penny, Michael and Peter for their wonderful job with this organisation and its initiatives.
15. Councillor Khalil asked for donations through "giving machines" which are located in Campbelltown Shopping Centres to assist people who are in need during the festive season.

16. Councillor Seta Berbari on 1 November attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> Fishers Ghost Art Awards with The Mayor Councillor Lound, fellow Councillors and Director Jim Baldwin. Councillor Berbari congratulated all the winners and commended them on their fantastic artwork.
17. Councillor Seta Berbari on 6 November attended the CSIRO End of Year STEM Showcase 2024, held at Wests Leagues Club with Deputy Mayor Councillor Hunt, Councillor Chowdhury and Councillor Zahra. This program seeks to foster strong partnerships between local schools and industry, focusing on showcasing local STEM careers and opportunities while offering students avenues to develop their STEM skills in a way that is relevant to their community. Students involved in the program have explored local challenges such as recycling and waste management, biodiversity, and heat stress. With guidance from their teachers and industry mentors, they have spent the year working on their projects. Councillor Berbari enjoyed the event and was great to see what the students had created.
18. Councillor Joshua Cotter on 1 November alongside his wife co-hosted the youth solutions golf day. Councillor Cotter was grateful for the support and proudly announced that \$13,500 was raised for programs supporting young people in the community.
19. Councillor Joshua Cotter was able to attend the Fishers Ghost with the kids they loved it and was great to see other families in the community enjoying the festival.
20. Councillor Joshua Cotter touched on what a very trying time for families this time of year can be and commended the organisations in the community who are offering food services, toy drives, etc to help families in need.
21. The Mayor Councillor Darcy Lound acknowledged all of the Fishers Ghost events that have been held what a fantastic festival it was and thanked all the staff involved for their tremendous efforts.
22. Mayor Councillor Darcy Lound was honoured to attend the Remembrance Day Service held by the City of Campbelltown RSL Sub Branch at Mawson Park. The Mayor emphasised the importance of pausing each year on 11 November to honour the courage and sacrifice of the men and women who have lost their lives in service to the country, as well as those who continue to serve. Councillor Lound concluded with the solemn words, We will remember them. Lest We Forget.
23. The Mayor Councillor Darcy Lound attended the first road opening of Fig Tree Hill at Gilead. He acknowledged what a great outcome it was for families to be able to now start building their dream homes and is looking forward to the works commencing to upgrade Appin Road.
24. The Mayor Councillor Darcy Lound expressed what an honour it was to help turn the first sod for the new community precinct at Willowdale. The new precinct will feature a community centre, a swim school, and a childcare centre. The Mayor highlighted that this is a significant investment in the local community, particularly benefiting the many young families who live in Willowdale and the surrounding areas.

25. Mayor Councillor Darcy Lound announced that the annual Mayor's Christmas Appeal is now underway. He encouraged everyone that is able to contribute by donating new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable items before the campaign closes at 4pm on Thursday, 19 December. All donations will be forwarded to the Macarthur Combined Churches, who will ensure the gifts are distributed to those in need this Christmas.

## 14. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

### Confidentiality Recommendation

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

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 In-Principle Heads of Agreement to Enable Further Investigation of Investment in the Community and Justice Precinct**

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 Ground Lease of Council Land - Broughton Street 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.

**352/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**The Ordinary Meeting of Council was adjourned at 10:13 pm and reconvened as a meeting of the Confidential Committee at.**

## Recommendations of the Confidential Committee

### 14.1 In-Principle Heads of Agreement to Enable Further Investigation of Investment in the Community and Justice Precinct

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

1. That Council enter into a Heads of Agreement with the Department of Communities and Justice to develop suitable commercial terms to provide for expansion of Campbelltown Court services within the South West Sydney Community and Justice Precinct.
2. That the in-principle agreement be executed under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer.
3. That any binding contract for the divestment or acquisition of land will be returned to Council for consideration and appropriate resolution.

**353/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### 14.2 Ground Lease of Council Land - Broughton Street Campbelltown

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

1. That Council endorse the proposed new ground lease for the Country Women's Association at Broughton Street Campbelltown based on the terms and conditions outlined in this report.
2. That approval is granted all and any documentation associated with the ground lease on the premises to be executed by way of delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer (or her authorised delegate) under Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**354/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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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.

**355/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED.**

**At the conclusion of the meeting of the Confidential Committee the Open Council Meeting was reconvened at 10:16 pm**

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

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

**356/2024** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:17 pm.

Confirmed by Council on <<enter date>>

..... Chief Executive Officer..... Chairperson