
CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Minutes Summary

Ordinary Council Meeting held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 29 October 2024.

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Campbelltown City Council held on 29 October 2024

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 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 .

Council Prayer

The Council Prayer was presented by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 20 August 2024

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 August 2024, copies of which have been circulated to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed.

302/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

3.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held 15 October 2024

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

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held 15 October 2024, copies of which have been circulated to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed.

303/2024 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 - Deed of Variation - Council Investment Property

Councillor Morrison declared a conflict of interest in the item and will leave the chamber.

Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests

Nil

Other Disclosures

Nil

5. MAYORAL MINUTE

6. PETITIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Emergency Youth Accommodation in Campbelltown

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

That the letters be received and the information be noted.

304/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

7.2 Hume Motorway - Eastbound Onramp

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

That the letters be received and the information be noted.

305/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

7.3 Western Sydney Transport Infrastructure Panel

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

That the letters be received and the information be noted.

306/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

7.4 Menangle Creek Rezoning

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

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

307/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

7.5 Sydney Metro Plans for Future Extension

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

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

308/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

7.6 Upper Water Canal – Koala Crossing, Gilead

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

1. That the letter be received and the information be noted.
2. That a letter be sent to the Hon Rose Jackson MLC Minister of Water to support our call for works to be completed as a matter of urgency.

309/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

8.1 Urban Development Institute of Australia - National Congress Brisbane 2025

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

That interested Councillors be authorised to attend the 2025 Urban Development Institute of Australia National Congress in Brisbane, in accordance with the provisions of the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors.

310/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.2 2024 LG NSW Annual Conference

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

1. That Council nominate Mayor Lound, Cr Chowdhury, Cr Rahman, Cr Wisniewska, Cr Rivera, Cr Khalil, Cr Zahra, Cr McEwan and Cr Halabi as voting delegates for determination of motions at the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference.
2. That other interested Councillors also be authorised to attend together with the Chief Executive Officer/or delegate.
3. That the registration fees and travel expenses be met in accordance with Council's Policy.

311/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.3 Councillors and Designated Persons Disclosure of Interest Returns 2023-24

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

That Council note the tabling of the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Returns for the 2023-24 financial year.

312/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.4 Policy Review: Code of Meeting Practice

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

1. That Council note the Minister for Local Government is currently reviewing the Councillor Conduct Framework with the aim to facilitate and support local decision making.
2. That the Draft Code of Meeting Practice be amended as follows:
 - a) Clause 3.14 be amended to eight days to be consistent with clause 3.10
 - b) Clause 3.10 and 3.14 to be adjusted to 12 pm (noon).
 - c) Clauses 4.5 and 4.6 be deleted.
3. That Council amend clause 11 to reflect that every vote of Council is recorded by name of those who vote for the motion and those who vote against the motion and those votes be recorded in the Council's minutes for the meeting for items within sections 8, 10, 11, 12 and reports within section 14. Noting this will remove the need for a division process, therefore removing 11.5-11.8 as well as 11.13 and replacing it with a new clause 11.5 being "All voting at Council meetings (including meetings that are closed to the public) must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of Councillors who voted for and against each motion or amendment, (including the use of the casting vote), being recorded" as outlined in the OLG Model Code.
4. That all references to the General Manager be replaced with Chief Executive Officer.
5. That the Draft Code of Meeting practice be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days, with an additional 14 days to receive submissions.
6. That following the public exhibition, where no submissions are received during the exhibition and submission period, the amended Code of Meeting Practice as exhibited, be adopted.

A Division was recorded in regard to the Resolution for Item 8.4 with those voting for the Motion being Councillors K Hunt, M Chowdhury, M Oates, A Rahman, I Wisniewska, J Rivera, T Triebels and D Lound.

Voting against the Resolution were Councillors C McEwan, A Zahra, K Halabi, M Khalil, W Morrison, S Barbari and J Cotter.

313/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.5 Policy Review: Customer Feedback Policy

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

That Council endorse the Customer Feedback Policy.

1. That Council rescinds the current Complaint Handling Policy and supersedes it with the Customer Feedback Policy
2. That the review date of the Customer Feedback Policy be set as 30 September 2028.

314/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.6 Investments and Revenue Report - July and August 2024

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

That the information be noted.

315/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.7 Reports and Letters Requested

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

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

316/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.8 State of our City Report 2022-2024

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

1. That Council note the State of Our City Report 2022-2024.
2. That Council note the State of Our City Report 2022-2024 will be made publicly available as an attachment to the Annual Report 2023-2024. The attachment will be published on Council's website by 30 November 2024.

317/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

8.9 Six-Month Progress Report January to June 2024 of Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2023/24

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

That Council note the 6-month report outlining progress against the Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2023-2024, for the period 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024.

318/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

9. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

10. RESCISSION MOTION

Nil

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

12. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

13. PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS

1. On 23 October, Councillor Karen Hunt represented the Mayor at the Regional WorldSkills competition held at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School, where she enjoyed a lunch prepared and served by the hospitality students. Dr. Mike Freeland MP was also in attendance, along with various business representatives. The students were judged on their skills in welcoming and serving diners at a restaurant. Councillor Hunt plans to check with the Principal for the results, as the overall winners will advance to the National WorldSkills competition in Brisbane in June 2025.
2. On Sunday 27 October, Councillor Karen Hunt met with local author Glenn Cossar to visit the 16th A-B Street Library facility in Robinson Park, Campbelltown. She was unable to attend the official opening the previous day, which was attended by patrons including Cr Rahman, the Mayor, Greg Warren MP, Nathan Hagarty MP, and other local dignitaries. This A-B Street Library is the first to be supported by the Council in a local park that is popular with families, providing children with an opportunity to enjoy reading while having fun.
3. On 19 October, Councillor Masood Chowdhury attended the 4th annual Swadisht event hosted by Alkalizer, alongside the Mayor, Councillor Lound, Councillor Rahman, Councillor Cotter, and other local dignitaries. He extended his gratitude to Shefali Pall for the warm welcome. Reflecting on the event, he noted that he was still buzzing from SWADISHT 2024, an unforgettable celebration that showcased the community's vibrant culture, delicious cuisine, and warm spirit. Councillor Chowdhury expressed his appreciation for Shefali and her team, as well as event anchor Carlene Cardona and Alkaliser for curating such a magical experience. Every moment, from the savoury dishes to the lively conversations, highlighted the community's diversity and spirit. He felt grateful for the memories, flavours, and connections shared.
4. Councillor Meg Oates attended the official opening of the Community of Schools FlexiHub at James Meehan High School. Councillor Oates expressed what a wonderful new facility this is for students and their families which provides access to a variety of essential services such as Service NSW, NSW Dental Clinic, Health NSW, Community nurses, Headspace and Disability Support Macarthur. Councillor Oates advised that they are desperately seeking more community support to connect with other essential services such as a General Practitioner and a Paediatrician. This hub will create a welcoming environment for sharing experiences, gaining knowledge, and navigating available support systems.
5. Councillor Ash Rahman had the privilege to attend the NSW Pacific Awards Night on 28 October alongside his fellow Councillors at Ottimo House. He described the event as amazing, noting the opportunity to meet Anoulack Chanthivong, MP for Macquarie Fields, as well as several other esteemed dignitaries. Councillor Rahman highlighted that it was a spectacular night where many Pacific Australians were recognised for their various contributions to community service.
6. On 27 October, Councillor Ash Rahman attended a fundraising event at the Bowman Community Centre in Blacktown, organised by the All Alumni Society of Australia. The event aimed to raise money for those affected by floods in Bangladesh. Councillor Rahman presented certificates of appreciation to the sponsors of "Stand Up For Bangladesh." He described the program as amazing, filled with plenty of food, music, and laughter.

7. On 28 October, Councillor Isabella Wisniewska attended her first Citizenship Ceremony alongside several fellow councillors. She described the event as wonderful and commended the staff for their efforts in facilitating such a smoothly organised event. Councillor Wisniewska noted it was heartwarming to see how welcomed the new citizens felt and expressed her enjoyment in collaborating with her fellow councillors as they presented plants to the new citizens.
8. Councillor Tao Triebel expressed that, unfortunately, due to time constraints has not yet attended any events. However, he acknowledges the invitations he has received and looks forward to being able to participate in future events.
9. Councillor Adam Zahra expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to attend the NSW Pacific Awards at Ottimo House on 28 October. He felt honoured to be part of the ceremony, where he witnessed Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Fijian, Samoan, and New Zealand communities celebrating the outstanding achievements of their Pacifica people. He noted that the event served as a wonderful way to encourage both youth and adults to proudly represent their heritage in Australia and to take advantage of all that the country has to offer. Councillor Zahra extended his thanks to Aunty Mal and the NSW Pacific Council for hosting such a memorable evening. He also enjoyed spending some informal time with his fellow Councillors and the management team.
10. Councillor Adam Zahra took the opportunity to commend Deputy General Manager Ben Hoyle and the staff responsible for getting the lines on Airds Road remarked in such a timely manner.
11. On 28 October, Councillor Khaled Halabi attended the NSW Pacific Awards at Ottimo House alongside his fellow Councillors. He described the evening as amazing and expressed his gratitude to the Pacific Islander community for sharing their beautiful culture and warm hospitality. Councillor Halabi particularly enjoyed the vibrant performances of the dancers, the delicious food, and the colourful displays that characterised the event, which showcased the rich diversity of the Pacific Islander heritage.
12. Councillor Masud Khalil expressed his gratitude to Allah for the opportunity to serve Campbelltown for a second term. He conveyed his enthusiasm for collaborating with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, as well as his fellow Councillors. He congratulated all the Councillors and emphasised his commitment to supporting them in serving the diverse community of Campbelltown. He noted that now that the election is over, it is time to work together to build and progress the Campbelltown Council.
13. Councillor Masud Khalil highlighted the wonderful diversity of the Campbelltown community and the harmonious coexistence that makes it unique. He emphasised the importance of prioritising Campbelltown and working together to develop the community with a advocating and focusing on local issues such as sustainable development, infrastructure, unemployment, domestic violence and the aging population.
14. Councillor Khalil also acknowledged the support and sacrifices of his family, including his wife, Dr. Masuma Khalil, and his son, Wasee Khalil. Additionally, he expressed gratitude for the unwavering support from the Community Voice of Australia and Councillor Halabi, who now works alongside him in the Chamber. In concluding, he assured all residents that

everyone in the Chamber, including the staff, understands the diverse and multilingual nature of the community and is ready to serve all individuals equally.

15. On Saturday 12 October, Councillor Warren Morrison attended the 20th anniversary celebration of the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur, where the Honourable Ryan Park, Minister for Health, visited Campbelltown. As Chairperson, Councillor Morrison thanked local state member Greg Warren for his help in organizing the event. Dignitaries in attendance included the Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong, Mr. Nathan Hagarty, Ms. Judy Hannan, Ms. Sally Quinnell, Ms. Anne Stanley, and Dr. Michael Frelander. The charity proudly received a \$50,000 donation from Minister Park to support next year's hospital contributions. Founded by Fred Borg OAM in 2005, the charity has raised \$5.36 million for cancer patients in Macarthur, with all funds staying local and operated entirely by volunteers. The day was filled with fun activities, including mascots and jumping castles, showcasing the community's strong support.
16. On Saturday 12 October, Councillor Warren Morrison was also proud to attend the Guinness World Record attempt for the world's largest snack pack, organised by Mevlana, the owner of King Kebab House on Queen Street. Councillor Morrison recalled that 2 years ago, they had discussed bringing this event back.

Both occasions received significant media coverage, with Channel 9 and ABC Channel 7 highlighting Campbelltown, drawing attention to the city. He expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries and community members who supported both events.

17. Councillor Warren Morrison had the pleasure of attending the welcome reception for the Royal Australian Historical Society conference at the Campbelltown Arts Centre, where he was joined by Mayor Darcy Lound, Councillor Meg Oates, and Deputy Mayor Councillor Karen Hunt. He noted that the display was impressive and drew a great crowd, making for an exciting afternoon filled with remarkable art. Morrison extended his thanks to the staff at Campbelltown for their efforts in organising the event.
18. On Sunday 27 October, Councillor Warren Morrison had the opportunity to attend the NRL Disability Football trophy presentation. He was honoured to present awards to several players, including one of the local Tigers players, who was recognised as Player of the Year. Congratulations were extended to this outstanding athlete.
19. On 12 October, Councillor Seta Berbari described it as an amazing day for Campbelltown and extended her gratitude to the Campbelltown City Council and staff for their efforts with Wander on Q. She congratulated Mevlana for achieving the world record and for bringing the community together to witness such an exciting event. Later that evening, she held an Egyptian night at her café, which was a wonderful occasion featuring belly dancers. The event was well-attended by Councillor Cotter and his family, along with her own family and friends from the community.
20. On 19 October, Councillor Seta Berbari attended African Night – African Women Dinner Dance with Ola and Rosemary. Councillor Berbari expressed what a nice empowering night it was for African women.
21. On 24 October, Councillor Seta Berbari attended the Campbelltown Arts Centre to watch the ARIA nominated singer, Becca Hatch. Councillor Berbari thanked the Campbelltown Art Centre for a great event and for supporting local talents.

22. On October 28, Councillor Seta Berbari attended her first citizenship ceremony, reflecting on the privilege of the experience and recalling her own journey to becoming an Australian citizen. She then participated in the Pacific Islander Award night, which she described as a wonderful event that allowed her to connect with her fellow Councillors and Jai Rowell on a personal level. Councillor Berbari noted the warmth of the Pacific community and expressed her delight in witnessing Harvey Mailata receive an award, emphasising the significance of such recognition.
23. Councillor Joshua Cotter spoke about the 20th anniversary celebration of the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer event, highlighting the remarkable achievement of raising \$5.3 million for Macarthur and counting. He acknowledged Councillor Morrison, Deputy Sue, and the rest of the committee for their incredible behind-the-scenes efforts, which contributed to the success of such a wonderful event. Councillor Cotter emphasised that their hard work is evident in the event's impact and community support.
24. Councillor Cotter also attended Wander on Q on 12 October, where he expressed his delight in seeing families enjoying themselves and having a great time. He noted that the event was well-received and appreciated by the community. Later that evening, Councillor Cotter and his family participated in the Egyptian night at Seta's Café, which he described as a wonderful event featuring dancing, singing, and fun—truly capturing the essence of a Campbelltown gathering.
25. On 19 October, Councillor Cotter briefly attended the Swadisht event, where he expressed his gratitude to Shefali, the president of the Local Chamber of Commerce, for organising a fantastic gathering. He appreciated the effort put into the event, which showcased the vibrant community spirit.
26. Councillor Joshua Cotter spoke about the recent events involving Mickey the Cockatoo, noting that many in the community were unaware of what was happening. While he was at Coles picking up some bread and milk, he decided to provide an update on the bird. He praised Ravi from Feathered Friends for successfully capturing Mickey at 4:50 PM, calling it amazing work. Councillor Cotter expressed his relief and extended heartfelt thanks to all the wildlife volunteers, including Sydney Wildlife (Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife Services) and Wild Conservation, as well as the staff at Coles and Macarthur Square, for their exceptional efforts during a stressful situation. He acknowledged the power of social media in spreading the word and clarified that neither he nor the Council had any involvement in the capture; he was simply there to inform the community about the developments of Mickey the Cockatoo.
27. The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Lound enjoyed attending the local Bangladeshi Business Forum on 25 October. He expressed his gratitude to Abdul Khan Ratan, Brian Laul, and the committee for organizing a fantastic event. The Mayor appreciated the opportunity to engage with local business owners and hear insights from both Federal and State MPs, including Anne Stanley, Anoulack Chanthivong, and Nathan Hagarty. He highlighted their discussions about current initiatives and potential future trade opportunities in the region.
28. On 27 October, the Mayor, Councillor Darcy Lound attended the Macarthur Saints, Junior Rugby League Club presentation at the Cube. The Mayor congratulated the Club on a successful season and presentation day held that morning. He acknowledged the hard

work of club President Nathan, along with the committee, life members, volunteers, coaches, and managers for their dedication in running the club. The Mayor also extended congratulations to all players, especially the major award winners, and noted that it was great to celebrate the occasion alongside Greg Warren MP.

29. Also on 27 October, the Mayor, Councillor Darcy Lound expressed his gratitude to Eric Kontos for the invitation to the Macarthur Greeks festival in Campbelltown. He joined The Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong MP and Patron Patrick Duffy for a colourful celebration of OXI Day. Councillor Lound commended Eric Kontos and his team for organising a wonderful event filled with delicious Greek food, music, and dance, ensuring that everyone had a fantastic time.
30. The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Lound also attended and welcomed reception for the Royal Australian Historical Society conference at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. It was great to see this event come to Campbelltown with attendees from Campbelltown's local society and all over the State and. It was a great opportunity to showcase the history of Campbelltown.
31. Lastly, the Mayor, Councillor Darcy Lound expressed how excited and proud he was to present his first two Citizenship Ceremonies which is one of the many highlights of being the Mayor of this city. The Mayor thanked CEO Lindy Deitz and the fantastic Council staff for all the support. He also thanked his fellow Councillor colleagues that were there and also the Ingleburn pipe band and Ingleburn Scouts for their efforts. The Mayor congratulated all of our new Australian Citizens and was honoured to be able present them with their

14. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Confidentiality Recommendation

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 Deed of Variation - Council Investment Property

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as the report refers to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

Item 14.2 Lease of Council Premises, 261 Queen 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.

319/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council was adjourned at 8:29 pm and reconvened as a meeting of the Confidential Committee at 8.30.

Recommendations of the Confidential Committee

Meeting Note: Having declared an interest in this item Councillor Morrison left the Chamber at 8:30pm.

14.1 Deed of Variation - Council Investment Property

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

1. That Council endorse the Deed of Variation of lease for Shops 7 and 8, Homebase 24 Blaxland Road, Campbelltown.
2. That all and any documentation relating to the variation of 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*.

320/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

Meeting Note: Councillor Morrison returned to the Chamber at 8:33pm.

14.2 Lease of Council Premises, 261 Queen Street Campbelltown

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

1. That Council endorse the proposed renewal of lease for Shop 4, 261 Queen Street, Campbelltown on terms and conditions outlined in this report.
2. That approval is granted for the lease to be signed by way of delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer (or her authorised delegate) under Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993.

321/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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.

322/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED.**

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Confidential Committee the Open Council Meeting was reconvened at 8:35 pm

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

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

323/2024 The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:37 pm .

Confirmed by Council on <<enter date>>

..... Chief Executive Officer Chairperson