

PUBLIC NOTICE
FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA



Tonight's Council Meeting will follow the procedure of the items listed below:

▪ **ENTRANCE OF MAYOR**

All present to stand.

▪ **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

▪ **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

▪ **PRAYER**

Remain Standing. The Mayor will invite a Councillor to read either one of the following prayers:

"We thank thee Lord for being elected by our fellow men to this office of honour and trust. Give us grace diligently and honourably, free from private interest and prejudice, to discharge the duties entrusted to us to the common good of mankind. AMEN"

"We give thanks for being elected to this office of honour and trust. Give us grace, diligently and honourably, free from private interest and prejudice, to discharge the duties entrusted to us for the common good of mankind."

AGENDA ITEM 1: APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Mayor will invite apologies on behalf of Councillors not in attendance.

▪ **REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE**

The Mayor will confirm if any applications have been received to participate remotely via audio-visual link.

AGENDA ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Council meeting are confirmed at this stage.

AGENDA ITEM 3: MAYORAL MINUTES

The Mayor will read out Mayoral Minutes, which are matters of interest to the Council, public and media.

AGENDA ITEM 4: NOTICES OF MOTION

Where a written Notice of Motion has been submitted, it is dealt with at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 5: QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor will invite the Councillors to present any written questions.

Ordinary Council



DRAFT MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: 24 March 2026

LOCATION: Council Chambers

TIME: 7.06pm

MEETING 1579

Administration Centre Wakeley

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, AVOCA ROAD WAKELEY ON 24 MARCH 2026 AT 7.06PM.

PRESENT:

His Worship Mayor Carbone (Chairperson).

Councillors Barkho, Hoang, Karajcic, Khoshaba, Ly, Mijatovic, Morvillo, C Saliba, M Saliba and Yousif.

Also in attendance were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial Officer, Director City Assets, Acting Director City Delivery (D Begnell), Director City Development, Director City Living, Director City Strategy, Director People, Culture and Operations, Governance Co-ordinator, IT Technician – Application Support (F Hapani and S Prince), Governance Support Officer and Governance Officer (A Kargin).

National Anthem

All present, stood for the National Anthem.

Webcast Announcement

In opening the meeting, the Chairperson advised that the meeting is being livestreamed on Council's website and all present should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson acknowledged the Cabrogal of the Darug nation, the traditional custodians of the land upon which the meeting was held. He acknowledged their elders, past and present, and other Aboriginal people present.

Prayer

The Prayer was read by Councillor Morvillo.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were tendered and Leave of Absence requested on behalf of Councillors Lam and Le.

MOTION: (Barkho/Yousif)

That the apologies tendered on behalf of Councillors Lam and Le be accepted and leave be granted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Chairperson confirmed that no applications were received to participate remotely via audio-visual link.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Morvillo/M Saliba)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 24 February 2026, Outcomes Committee meeting held on 10 March 2026 and Services Committee meeting held on 10 March 2026, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES

Fairfield City Lifetime Business Award

I am pleased to announce Ron Partlett's Auto Repair Centre as the recipient of a Fairfield City Council Lifetime Business Award. This award honours businesses in our Local Government Area that have stood the test of time, operating for more than 25 years.

Established over 45 years ago in Wetherill Park and under the ownership of Robert Mansour since 1996, Ron Partlett's Auto Repair Centre is a proud and long-standing local business that has built a strong reputation for reliability, professionalism and exceptional service within the automotive repair industry.

Ron Partlett's Auto Repair Centre specialises in vehicle body repairs including accident damage, panel restoration and high-quality repainting. The business ensures vehicles are returned to a safe, roadworthy condition, delivering reliable and professional repair services for both minor and major damage.

For more than three decades under Robert's leadership, the business has made a significant contribution to the local economy by supporting employment, providing essential services to residents and businesses and establishing itself as a respected and certified provider within the automotive repair sector.

Looking to the future, Robert's sons are preparing to step into leadership roles and will eventually take over the business, continuing the family legacy and carrying forward the strong values, work ethic and dedication to service that have shaped the business for decades.

Councillors, please join me in congratulating Robert Mansour and the team at Ron Partlett's Auto Repair Centre on this outstanding achievement. This Lifetime Business Award is a testament to their dedication, resilience and valued contribution to the Fairfield community.

MOTION: (Barkho/Morvillo)

That the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayoral Donations Fund

At the March 2026 Services Committee, Council resolved to make a donation of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) from the Mayoral Donations Fund to the Canley Heights RSL Soccer Club towards their Digger Cup event to be held at King Park in April.

The Canley Heights RSL Soccer Club have arranged for teams from local primary schools to participate in the Digger Cup football match which commemorates ANZAC Day.

Council's contribution will assist with logistical costs associated with the event, medals and hire of referees.

Councillors, please join me in welcoming Rodney Galic to accept the donation.

MOTION: (M Saliba/Mijatovic)

That the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fabulous Fairfield

Council's Fabulous Fairfield Program acknowledges the City's residents' hard work in growing and maintaining outstanding gardens that add to the environmental quality and visual beauty of our City's streetscapes.

Tonight, we congratulate our Fabulous Fairfield winners for the month of March featuring beautiful green lawns, fragrant roses, colourful vibrant flowers, hedges, a vegetable garden, a grape vine and a large variety of cactus. These stunning gardens showcase the dedication and care of our residents.

The Fabulous Fairfield award recipients for March feature gardens from Bossley Park, Cabramatta West, Fairfield East, Smithfield and Wakeley.

Our winners will receive potted natives prepared by the Fairfield Community Nursery volunteers and a small financial contribution to assist in the upkeep of their gardens.

Councillors, please join me in congratulating the winners of the Fabulous Fairfield awards for March.

MOTION: (Khoshaba/Morvillo)

That the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

There were no Questions to the Mayor for this meeting.

Councillor Barkho expressed his condolences to the families of the 2 teenagers who tragically lost their lives following the incident on the T-Way in Bossley Park. He also acknowledged the efforts of the first responders, as well as the bus driver and passengers involved.

Mayor Carbone on behalf of Council, also expressed condolences to those affected by this incident.

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON OF THE OUTCOMES COMMITTEE - 10 MARCH 2026

- 14:** Public Exhibition - Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan including the Draft 2026-2027 Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges
File Number: 25/19061

MOTION: (M Saliba/Yousif)

That:

1. The Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan (Attachment A of the report) including the Draft 2026-2027 Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges (Attachment B of the report) be publicly exhibited from Friday 27 March to Wednesday 29 April 2026.
2. The proposed amendments to the 2025/26-2028/29 Delivery Program (Attachment C of the report) be publicly exhibited from Friday 27 March to Wednesday 29 April 2026.
3. A further report be submitted to Council after the exhibition period, addressing all submissions received and any amendments required to the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan including the Draft 2026-2027 Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 15:** Public Exhibition - Draft Forecasted Rates and Charges for 2026-2027
File Number: 26/04887

MOTION: (M Saliba/Yousif)

That Council note the forecasted figures for Making the Rates and Charges, for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 in accordance with requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and for inclusion in the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan as follows:

1. The Residential Rate should be made as a combination of base amount and 'Ad Valorem' rate with the base amount to be \$487.59 calculated to yield 45% of total revenue \$64,021,267.42 for this category and further that the 'Ad Valorem' component of residential Rate be \$0.00082378 or 0.082378 cents in the dollar on the value (valuation base date 1 July 2024) of rateable land in the City being under the Residential category.
2. The Farmland Rate should be made as a combination of base amount and 'Ad Valorem' with the base amount to be \$663.57 calculated to yield 21.5% of the total revenue \$305,552.39 for this category and further that the 'Ad Valorem' component of the Farmland Rate to be \$0.00063168 or 0.063168 cents in the dollar on the value (valuation base date 1 July 2024) of rateable land in the City being under the Farmland category.
3. The rate for Ordinary Business be made as an 'Ad Valorem' rate of \$0.00134884 or 0.134884 cents in the dollar on the value (valuation base date 1 July 2024) of rateable land in the city being under the Ordinary Business category and a Yield of \$3,184,177.58.
4. The rate for the Business properties within the areas described in the following table and shown in the plans as Attachments A to L of the report, be made as 'Ad Valorem' rate as specified in the table.

BUSINESS				
Valuation based date 1 July 2024				
CATEGORY	ATTACHMENT	AD VALOREM RATE	RATE IN \$	GROSS YIELD \$
Bonnyrigg	A	0.00426158	0.426158	391,653.83
Cabramatta	B	0.00426158	0.426158	2,316,609.66
Canley Heights	C	0.00426158	0.426158	520,774.55
Canley Vale	D	0.00426158	0.426158	283,435.48
Fairfield	E	0.00426158	0.426158	2,437,279.65
Fairfield Heights	F	0.00426158	0.426158	406,992.19
Lansvale	G	0.00426158	0.426158	2,501,776.64
Prairiewood	H	0.00426158	0.426158	227,057.09
Smithfield	I	0.00426158	0.426158	2,465,273.51
Wetherill Park	J	0.00426158	0.426158	24,030,419.63
Yennora North	K	0.00426158	0.426158	864,155.09
Yennora South	L	0.00426158	0.426158	3,254,941.63

5. The following Domestic Waste Management Charges be made for the 2026/2027 years (July to June period):
 - 5.1 Domestic Premises – the 2026/27 charge to be \$549.07 per bin for the 240 litre Red Bin Service (140 litre Red Bin Service: \$514.59 per bin) of the pattern approved by Council payable in advance. No deduction will be made for services not rendered.

Services in excess of 1 per week and services commenced after 1 July 2026 will be charged \$10.56 per week for the 240 litre Red Bin Service (140 litre Red Bin Service: \$9.89 per week).

The Waste Management Charge for Domestic Premises includes a 240 litre Yellow Bin and a 240 litre FOGO Green Bin. The difference in service charges is for the Red Bin (240 litre or 140 litre).

- 5.2 Residential Flat Building – the 2026/27 charge to be \$549.07 per residential unit for either bulk containers provided by Council or per bin the size and pattern approved by Council payable in advance. No deduction will be made for services not rendered.

Services in excess of 1 per week and services commenced after 1 July 2026 will be charged for \$10.56 per week.

- 5.3 Services Availability to Vacant Land – the Local Government Act, 1993 requires all rateable land for which a domestic waste management service is available to be charged. The service availability charge of \$274.53 will only be levied on relevant vacant residential land.

6. The following Stormwater Levy be made for the 2026/27 year (July to June period):

- 6.1 Residential Strata – All residential strata properties will be charged at \$12.50.
Services commenced after 1 July 2026 will be charged \$0.24 per week.

- 6.2 Residential Vacant Land – Is exempt.

- 6.3 Residential Other – All remaining eligible residential properties will be charged \$25.00.

Services commenced after 1 July 2026 will be charged \$0.48 per week.

- 6.4 Stormwater Levy – Pensioner Discount – A voluntary rebate of 40% will be applied to residential strata/other properties where any or all owners are eligible pensioners.

- 6.5 Business Strata – Will be charged on land area as set out in the following table. The charge will be calculated on the entire parcel and divided by the number of strata units attached to the parcel.

Area	Charge
0-350 M ²	\$25.00 divided by the number of units
351-2,100 M ²	\$50.00 divided by the number of units
2,101-21,000 M ²	\$200.00 divided by the number of units
> 21,001 M ²	\$3,000.00 divided by the number of units

- 6.6 Business Other – will be charged on land area as set out in the following table:

Area	Charge
0-350 M ²	\$25.00
351-2,100 M ²	\$50.00
2,101-21,000 M ²	\$200.00
> 21,001 M ²	\$3,000.00

7. Annual approval to operate Onsite Sewage Management Services will be charged at the rate of \$5.00 per month to a maximum of \$60.00 for the year for those properties with septic tank systems.
8. Rate of Interest – In accordance with Section 566(3) of the Act, it is proposed to set the interest rate payable on overdue rates and charges at 10.50% per annum calculated daily.
9. The above forecasted rates and charges for 2026/27 be included in the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan and publicly exhibited from 27 March to 29 April 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 16:** Public Exhibition - Draft 2026/2027-2035/2036 Long Term Financial Plan
File Number: 25/09334

MOTION: (M Saliba/Karajcic)

That:

1. The Draft 2026/27-2035/36 Long-Term Financial Plan (Attachment A of the report) be publicly exhibited from Friday 27 March to Wednesday 29 April 2026.
2. A further report be submitted to Council after the exhibition period, addressing all submissions received and any amendments required to the Draft 2026/2027-2035/2036 Long-Term Financial Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 17:** Decal on Public Utilities - Endeavour Energy - Budget Variation
File Number: 24/21648

MOTION: (M Saliba/Mijatovic)

That an additional budget of seven thousand and five hundred and sixty dollars (\$7,560.00) from Town Centre Reserve be allocated into the 2025-2026 Operational Plan for Project IN261073 (Public Domain – Public Art Decal Utility Infrastructure) and its expenditure for that purpose, be voted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 18: Joint Organisations (JOs) and Regional Collaboration in NSW
File Number: 17/03209

MOTION: (M Saliba/Yousif)

That Council advise the Office of Local Government that it does not wish to be a member of a Joint Organisation (JO).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE - 10 MARCH 2026

- 32: Cricket NSW Grant - Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund
File Number: 18/24594

MOTION: (C Saliba/Morvillo)

That the grant of ten thousand, one hundred and ten dollars (\$10,110.00 excl. GST) offered by Cricket NSW under the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund be accepted and considered for inclusion in 2026-2027 Operational Plan for Project MPOSR2702 Avery Park Cricket Pitch Upgrade and its expenditure for that purpose, be voted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 33: RFT 116-26 Construction of Ancillary Building at Fairfield Showground
File Number: 25/14984

CONFIDENTIAL - It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2)(d(i)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:

(d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

THIS CONFIDENTIAL ITEM WAS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION OF THE COUNCIL. FOR THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY COUNCIL IN CLOSED SESSION, REFER TO PAGE 14 OF THE MINUTES.

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON OF THE SERVICES SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS - 24 MARCH 2026

- 43: NSW Environment Protection Authority Grant - Illegal Dumping Prevention Program
File Number: 26/04063

MOTION: (C Saliba/Karajcic)

That the grant of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00 excluding GST) offered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority under the Illegal Dumping Prevention Program be received into the 2025-2026 Operational Plan and its expenditure for that purpose, be voted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 44: Request for Donation - Mayoral Donations Fund
File Number: 25/16200

MOTION: (C Saliba/Barkho)

That:

1. Council make a donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Mayoral Donations Fund to Nathan [REDACTED] towards his participation in the 2026 NSW Youth Parliament Program.
2. Council make a donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Mayoral Donations Fund to the Assyrian Democratic Movement (ZOWAA Inc) towards the Assyrian New Year event being held on Sunday 12 April 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 45: Sponsorship request for the 2026 Fowler Future Pathway Day at the Fairfield Showground
File Number: 11/01943

Councillor	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action Taken/ Explanation Given
Mayor Carbone	Non-Pecuniary – Not-Significant	I am a member of the Dai Le and Frank Carbone Western Sydney Community. It won't influence my decision, but I won't take part for transparency.	Mayor Carbone left and took no further part in debate or discussion.

Mayor Carbone vacated (7.39pm) the Chair and left the meeting.

Councillor M Saliba assumed (7.39pm) the Chair.

MOTION: (C Saliba/Mijatovic)

That three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) from General Fund be voted into the Showground budget for the sponsorship of the 2026 Fowler Future Pathways Day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Carbone returned to the meeting (7.41pm) and resumed the Chair.

46: Schedule of Meetings - April to December 2026
File Number: 09/01106

MOTION: (C Saliba/Barkho)

That:

1. The Meeting Schedule (Attachment A of the report) from April to December 2026 be approved.
2. Any changes to the meeting dates be permitted with appropriate advertisement of the proposed changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

47: RFT 114-26 Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan - Local Roads Roundabout
File Number: 25/14989

CONFIDENTIAL - It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2)(d(i)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:

(d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

THIS CONFIDENTIAL ITEM WAS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION OF THE COUNCIL. FOR THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY COUNCIL IN CLOSED SESSION, REFER TO PAGE 14 OF THE MINUTES.

48: RFT 115-26 Road Renewal Package (8 Locations)
File Number: 25/14990

CONFIDENTIAL - It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2)(d(ii)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:

(d(ii)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

THIS CONFIDENTIAL ITEM WAS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION OF THE COUNCIL. FOR THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY COUNCIL IN CLOSED SESSION, REFER TO PAGE 14 OF THE MINUTES.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

PROCEDURAL MOTION: (Morvillo/Mijatovic)

That pursuant to Section 10A of the Local Government Act the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items of business and the grounds for such closure are stated hereunder:

- 33:** RFT 116-26 Construction of Ancillary Building at Fairfield Showground
File Number: 25/14984

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT and ATTACHMENTS

10A(2)(d(i))

- (1) Pursuant to Section 10A(2), (d(i)) the information in the **Report and Attachments** is confidential.
- (2) The matter to be discussed RFT 116-26 Construction of Ancillary Building at Fairfield Showground.
- (3) In relation to Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the reason why this part of the meeting should be closed is the matters and information is the following:
(d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;
and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

- 47:** RFT 114-26 Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan - Local Roads Roundabout
File Number: 25/14989

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT and ATTACHMENTS

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- (2) The matter to be discussed RFT 114-26 Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan - Local Roads Roundabout.
- (3) In relation to Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the reason why this part of the meeting should be closed is the matters and information is the following:
(d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;
and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

48: RFT 115-26 Road Renewal Package (8 Locations)
File Number: 25/14990

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT and ATTACHMENTS

10A(2)(d(ii))

- (1) Pursuant to Section 10A(2), (d(ii)) the information in the **Report and Attachments** is confidential.
- (2) The matter to be discussed RFT 115-26 Road Renewal Package (8 Locations).
- (3) In relation to Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the reason why this part of the meeting should be closed is the matters and information is the following:
 - (d(ii))commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council;
and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WEBCAST ANNOUNCEMENT

In closing the meeting, the Chairperson advised that the livestream will be muted as Council enters into Closed Session and that the livestream will resume once the meeting is reopened to the public.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PROCEDURAL MOTION: (Barkho/Morvillo)

That the meeting be open to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WEBCAST ANNOUNCEMENT

In opening the meeting, the Chairperson advised that the livestream has been resumed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: (M Saliba/Yousif)

That in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolves that the correspondence or reports relating to Items 33, 47 and 48 of the Services Committee that were considered during the Closed Session of Council be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless otherwise determined by the General Manager and Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: During Closed Session, the General Manager briefed Council about the risks posed by a fuel supply shortage on Council's operations as a result of recent world events.

THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL IN CLOSED SESSION:

- 33:** RFT 116-26 Construction of Ancillary Building at Fairfield Showground
File Number: 25/14984

That:

1. In accordance with Clause 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council decline to accept all of the tender submissions received for RFT 116-26 Construction of Ancillary Building at Fairfield Showground due to new infrastructure requirements for the Fairfield Showground site.
2. In accordance with Clause 178(3)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council cancel the proposal for the contract for the Construction of the Ancillary Building at Fairfield Showground.

- 47:** RFT 114-26 Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan - Local Roads Roundabout
File Number: 25/14989

That:

1. Council accepts the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to award the Contract to complete the works for RFT 114-26 Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan – Local Roads Roundabout to State Civil Pty Ltd t/as State Civil for an amount of six hundred and thirty thousand, six hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$630,628.58) excluding GST as the most advantageous and best value offer received.
2. The General Manager or his nominated delegate be authorised to execute the contract and any associated documents.

- 48:** RFT 115-26 Road Renewal Package (8 Locations)
File Number: 25/14990

That:

1. Council accepts the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to award the Contract to complete the works (including provisional items) for RFT 115-26 Road Renewal Package (8 Locations) to Bernipave Road Solutions Pty Ltd t/as Bernipave Road Solutions. The contract term will be for a period of 12 weeks in the amount of one million, eight hundred and sixty-three thousand, three hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$1,863,343.87) excluding GST as the most advantageous offer received.
2. The General Manager or his nominated delegate be authorised to execute the contract and any associated documents.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.04pm.

Chairperson

CONFIRMATION

These minutes were confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings at a meeting held on 24 March 2026.

Chairperson

Traffic Committee



DRAFT MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: 13 April 2026

LOCATION: Committee Rooms

TIME: 2.32pm

PRESENT:

His Worship Mayor Carbone (arrived 2.33pm during Item 11).

Councillors Barkho, Karajcic, C Saliba (Chairperson) and Yousif.

Also in attendance were Director City Delivery, Manager Design Services, Traffic and Transport Co-ordinator, Governance Co-ordinator, Technical Support Officer (S Prince and S Subba) and Governance Officer (J Vo).

WEBCAST ANNOUNCEMENT

In opening the meeting, the Chairperson advised that the meeting is being livestreamed on Council's website and all present should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies tendered for this meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Barkho/Karajcic)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2026 be noted.

CARRIED

SECTION B

'Matters submitted to the Committee for decision subject to the Right of Referral'

11: Bland Street Carramar – No Stopping Restrictions at Bend
File Number: 13/12466

Mayor Carbone arrived (2.33pm) to the meeting.

MOTION: (Karajcic/Carbone)

That the installation of Watts Profile speed humps, Option 4 of the report, be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 12:** Kamira Court Villawood - Installation of Part-Time 2 Hour Parking Restriction No Stopping Restriction and Linemarking in Council Car Park
File Number: 25/07025

MOTION: (Karajcic/Yousif)

That:

1. The existing '2P 8.30am-6.00pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-12.30pm Sat', installation of additional '2P 8.30am-6.00pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-12.30pm Sat' (excluding the 2 disabled parking spaces), 'No Stopping' parking restriction and linemarking in the Kamira Court Car Park Villawood, as shown in Attachment A of the report, be approved.
2. The affected stakeholders, including Council's Community Regulatory Services Division, be notified of the Committee's decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 13:** Torrens Street, Kiora Street and Arbutus Street Canley Heights - No Stopping Restrictions
File Number: 12/05005

MOTION: (Carbone/Barkho)

That:

1. The installation of 'No Stopping' signs at the intersections on Torrens Street, Kiora Street and Arbutus Street Canley Heights as shown in Attachment A of the report be approved.
2. The affected stakeholders, including Council's Community Regulatory Services Branch, be notified of the Committee's decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 14:** Cheyenne Road Greenfield Park - Review of Speed Cushions
File Number: 17/14267

MOTION: (Karajcic/Barkho)

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 15:** The Boulevarde Fairfield Heights - Traffic Investigation
File Number: 12/02462

MOTION: (Barkho/Karajcic)

That Council officers provide a report on an option to facilitate right-turn movements at Stanbrook Street and The Boulevarde Fairfield Heights.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL BUSINESS

Arrowhead Road Greenfield Park

Councillor Yousif tabled a letter on behalf of residents of Arrowhead Road Greenfield Park requesting a speed hump be considered for installation at this location.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.48pm.

Chairperson

CONFIRMATION

These minutes were confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings at a meeting held on 13 April 2026.

Chairperson

Outcomes Committee



DRAFT MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: 14 April 2026

LOCATION: Staff Lunch Room

TIME: 6.30pm

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PRESENT:

His Worship Mayor Carbone (Chairperson).

Councillors Barkho, Hoang, Lam, Le, Ly and M Saliba.

Also in attendance were the Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial Officer, Acting Director City Assets (S Gibbeson), Governance Co-ordinator, Technical Support Officer (F Hapani and S Subba) and Governance Officer (J Vo).

WEBCAST ANNOUNCEMENT

In opening the meeting, the Chairperson advised that the meeting is being livestreamed on Council's website and all present should refrain from making any defamatory statements or gestures.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies tendered for this meeting.

REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Chairperson confirmed that no applications were received to participate remotely via audio-visual link.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Barkho/M Saliba)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECTION B

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- 26:** Major Projects Update - March 2026
File Number: 23/34318, 23/13402

MOTION: (Le/M Saliba)

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 27:** Monthly Investment Report - March 2026
File Number: 25/23527

MOTION: (Barkho/Lam)

That the Investment Report for March 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 28:** Appointment to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee
File Number: 24/35722

MOTION: (Le/M Saliba)

That Aboriginal Elder, Aunty Lynette Hartley be appointed to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee as an ongoing member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 29:** Arts Advisory Committee - March 2026
File Number: 25/19170

MOTION: (Barkho/M Saliba)

That the minutes of the Arts Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 30:** Mayor's Crime Prevention Reference Group - March 2026
File Number: 25/27944

MOTION: (Le/Barkho)

That the minutes of the Mayor's Crime Prevention Reference Group meeting held on 16 March 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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31: Youth Advisory Committee - March 2026
File Number: 25/19063

MOTION: (Le/M Saliba)

That:

1. The criteria for the Mayor's Youth Achievement Awards be updated to simplify the language of the award categories to make them easier to understand for potential applicants without any change to meaning or intent.
2. A dedication be made via the social media channels Fairfield City Youth, Bring It On! Youth Festival and Fairfield Youth Advisory Committee acknowledging the passing of former YAC member Shawn Spina and an award be dedicated in his name at this year's Mayor's Youth Achievement Awards.
3. The Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 March be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.40pm.

Chairperson

CONFIRMATION

These minutes were confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings at a meeting held on 14 April 2026.

Chairperson

Services Committee



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DATE OF MEETING: 14 April 2026

LOCATION: Committee Rooms

TIME: 6.31pm

PRESENT:

Councillors Karajcic, Khoshaba, Morvillo, C Saliba (Chairperson) and Yousif.

Also in attendance were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial Officer (arrived 6.41pm during Closed session), Director City Delivery, Director City Development, Director City Living, Director City Strategy, Manager Governance and Audit, Acting Service Desk Team Leader (G Joseph), Technical Support Officer (S Prince) and Governance Officer (M Luongo).

WEBCAST ANNOUNCEMENT

In opening the meeting, the Chairperson advised that the meeting is being livestreamed on Council's website and all present should refrain from making any defamatory statements or gestures.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies tendered for this meeting.

REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Chairperson confirmed that no applications were received to participate remotely via audio-visual link.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Morvillo/Karajcic)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2026 be noted.

CARRIED

**SECTION A
'Matters referred to Council for its decision'**

- 49:** NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Grant - Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade - Investigation and Detailed Design
File Number: 19/05422

RECOMMENDATION: (Khoshaba/Morvillo)

That:

1. The grant of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00 excl GST) offered by NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) under the Floodplain Management Program be accepted by Council and considered for inclusion in the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan for Project MPFMP2749 Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Detailed Design.
2. Council consider for inclusion in the Draft 2026-2027 Operational Plan one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) as matched funding from General Funds for expenditure on Project MPFMP2749 Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Detailed Design.

CARRIED

- 50:** NSW Government Grant - Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Program - National Lion Dance Competition
File Number: 25/34756

RECOMMENDATION: (Morvillo/Karajcic)

That the grant of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST) offered by the NSW Government as part of the 2025/26 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program not be accepted and that Multicultural NSW be advised accordingly as the funding is insufficient to host the Cabramatta National Lion Dancing Competition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 51:** RFT 107-26 Data Discovery Software Application
File Number: 24/12760

CONFIDENTIAL - It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2)(d(i)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:

(d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

THIS CONFIDENTIAL ITEM WAS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE. FOR DETAILS OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY COMMITTEE IN CLOSED SESSION REFER PAGE 7 OF THE MINUTES.

- 52:** RFT 124-26 Bold Park Remediation and Playground Renewal Works
File Number: 25/36257

CONFIDENTIAL - It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2)(d(i)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:

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SECTION B

'Matters submitted to the Committee for decision subject to the Right of Referral'

- 53:** Request for Donation - Mayoral Donations Fund
File Number: 25/16200

MOTION: (Khoshaba/Yousif)

That:

1. Council make a donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Mayoral Donations Fund to Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School towards their Multicultural Fete being held on 19 September 2026.
2. Council make a donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Mayoral Donations Fund to Hills Community Aid towards the Western Sydney Corporate Charity Lunch being held on 20 May 2026.

CARRIED

- 54:** Divisional Update Report - Quarters 1 & 2 - Building Control & Compliance and Development Planning
File Number: 15/01561

MOTION: (Yousif/Khoshaba)

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

- 55:** Divisional Update Report - Quarter 2 - Property Strategy and Services
File Number: 20/00262

MOTION: (Morvillo/Karajcic)

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

- 56:** Information Report - Procurement Exemption - Fairfield Showground Amenities Replacement
File Number: 23/34318

MOTION: (Morvillo/Yousif)

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

PROCEDURAL MOTION: (Khoshaba/Karajcic)

That pursuant to Section 10A of the Local Government Act the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items of business and the grounds for such closure are stated hereunder:

- 51:** RFT 107-26 Data Discovery Software Application
File Number: 24/12760

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT and ATTACHMENT

10A(2)(d(i))

- (1) Pursuant to Section 10A(2), (d(i)) the information in the **Report and Attachment** is confidential.
- (2) The matter to be discussed RFT 107-26 Data Discovery Software Application.
- (3) In relation to Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the reason why this part of the meeting should be closed is the matters and information is the following:
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- 52:** RFT 124-26 Bold Park Remediation and Playground Renewal Works
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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT and ATTACHMENT

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- (4) Pursuant to Section 10A(2), (d(i)) the information in the **Report and Attachment** is confidential.
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CARRIED

WEBCAST ANNOUNCEMENT

In closing the meeting, the Chairperson advised that the livestream will be muted as the Committee enters into Closed Session and that the livestream will resume once the meeting is reopened to the public.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PROCEDURAL MOTION: (Khoshaba/Yousif)

That the meeting be open to the public.

CARRIED

WEBCAST ANNOUNCEMENT

In opening the meeting, the Chairperson advised that the livestream has been resumed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: (Khoshaba/Karajcic)

That in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolves that the correspondence or reports relating to Items 51 and 52 of the Services Committee that were considered during the Closed Session of Council be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless otherwise determined by the General Manager and Council.

CARRIED

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File Number: 25/36257

That Council accept the recommendation of the Tender Evaluation Panel in relation to the Request for Tender 124-26 - Bold Park Remediation and Playground Renewal Works, as outlined in the report.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.49pm.

Chairperson

CONFIRMATION

These minutes were confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings at a meeting held on 14 April 2026.

Chairperson

Outcomes Committee



REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON

DATE OF MEETING: 14 April 2026

LOCATION: Staff Lunch Room

TIME: 6.30pm

Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are reminded that they remain bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of Fairfield City and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

The Mayor and Councillors are also reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

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There are no reports submitted for this section.

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There are no reports submitted for this section.

THAT CONCLUDES THE REPORT OF THE OUTCOMES COMMITTEE.

CHAIRPERSON

Services Committee



REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON

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LOCATION: Committee Rooms

TIME: 6.31pm

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***** **CONFIDENTIAL** *****

'It is recommended that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting in regard to the following item.'

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the recommendation of the Tender Evaluation Panel in relation to the Request for Tender 124-26 - Bold Park Remediation and Playground Renewal Works, as outlined in the report.

SECTION C

'Matters submitted to the Committee for decision subject to the right of referral'

There are no reports submitted for this section.

THAT CONCLUDES THE REPORT OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

CHAIRPERSON

Services Committee



SECTION A

'Matters referred to Council for its decision'

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON
SERVICES COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Grant - Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade - Investigation and Detailed Design

FILE NUMBER: 19/05422

REPORT BY: Leonie Gray, Manager Catchment Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 3 Environmental Sustainability* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on 2 projects within Council's Flood Mitigation Program and seeks endorsement to amend the Delivery Program to prioritise the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design project. The project has recently secured \$300,000.00 in grant funding from the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), with Council required to contribute matching funds on a 2:1 basis (grant:Council).

Given the priority of the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade under NSW Dams Safety legislation, it is recommended that the Central Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan (FRMS&P) project MPFMP01 be deferred and proposed for inclusion in a future Delivery Program to enable Council to meet its matched-funding obligations for the Hassall Street Basin Upgrade project.

BACKGROUND

Fairfield's Detention Basins

Constructed in 1984, the Hassall Street Detention Basin is an embankment-style dam that was heightened by 1 metre in 1994. The basin can hold roughly 623 megalitres of water – about the same volume as 250 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

The Prospect Creek Floodplain Management Plan Review 2010 included a safety review of all flood detention basins in the catchment, particularly for the 4 largest basins (Hassall Street Basin, Rosford Reserve Basin, Fairfield Golf Course Basin and King Park Basin). This was because these basins were designed and constructed at a time when the focus was on the 1 in 100-year flood, with little attention to flood behaviour in more extreme floods. The report also recommended including these 4 large basins in the list of Declared Dams with Dams Safety NSW.

Council initiated the Prospect Creek and Georges River Flood Study Update in 2019. The study involved modernising the flood model using current modelling approaches, updated rainfall data and contemporary land-use information. The scope also included a Risk Report for 2 outstanding detention basins, Hassall Street and Rosford Reserve detention basins, which had not been previously examined.

Also in 2019, the NSW Dams Safety Regulation was introduced to support the Dams Safety Act 2015, providing a more robust regulatory framework and establishing enhanced obligations for the management, monitoring and safety assessment of prescribed dams. As a result, the inclusion of the basin assessment was not discretionary; it was required to meet the obligations introduced under the updated Dams Safety Regulation 2019.

This Risk Report has shown that the risks associated with the potential failure of Hassall Street Detention Basin are such that it has been assigned a Significant Consequence Category under the Dams Safety Regulation 2019. The basin has been gazetted by Dams Safety NSW in the list of Declared Dams under the Dams Safety Act 2015.

Conversely, the basin assessment for the Rosford Reserve detention basin has shown that the risks associated with this basin are very low and as such has not been included in the list of Declared Dams by Dams Safety NSW.

All 19 Council-owned flood detention basins have now been assessed, with 12 formally declared under the legislation. This means that additional actions are required to satisfy the enhanced management, monitoring and safety requirements associated with Declared Dams.

Table 1: Summary of Council-owned Declared Dams

	Name	Consequence Category
1	Basin C – Bonnyrigg Town Centre Park	High C
2	Basin W2	High C
3	Basin W3	High C
4	Bosnjak Basin Upstream	Significant
5	Comin Place Basin	Significant
6	Emerson Street Reserve Basin	Significant
7	Fairfield Golf Course Basin	High C
8	Hassall Street Basin	Significant
9	King Park Basin	Significant
10	Knight Park Basin	Significant
11	Powhatan Reserve Basin	High C (likely to be de-Declared)
12	Stockdale Reserve Basin	High C

To meet the requirements of the Act, Council needs to understand the risks at each basin and take steps to reduce them. This may involve more frequent monitoring, additional maintenance, or upgrades where required.

To date, Council has leveraged its own funds to attract grant funding for necessary works at the Fairfield Golf Course Basin, Powhatan Reserve Basin and Stockdale Reserve Basin. In addition to construction works, Council funds can also be used to leverage external grant opportunities to support other activities, including investigation and design projects, such as that needed for the Hassall Street Detention Basin.

Following the upgrade works completed at the Powhatan Reserve Basin, Council has positioned itself for a significant regulatory milestone: it is now likely that the basin will be removed from the list of Declared Dams. The Dams Safety NSW Board is expected to make its determination around the middle of the year and if confirmed, this will reduce the number of Declared Dams to 11. This outcome reflects the effectiveness of the upgrade program and demonstrates Council's strong progress in managing dam safety risks across the city.

Flood Mitigation Program

Council's 2025/26 – 2028/29 Delivery Program includes funding to undertake several projects under Council's Flood Mitigation Program which aims to identify and reduce the risk to life and property from flooding across the city. Two of these projects are:

Table 2: 2025/26 – 2028/29 Delivery Program – Allocated Budgets

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Project Name	Project IDs	General Funds	Grant Funds	Total Budget
Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design	MPFMP2649	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00
	MPFMP2749	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$90,000.00
	MPFMP2849	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$90,000.00
	Total	\$75,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$225,000.00
Central Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan (FRMS&P)	MPFMP2601	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00
	MPFMP2701	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$90,000.00
	MPFMP2801	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$90,000.00
	Total	\$75,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$225,000.00
	TOTAL	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$450,000.00

Both projects contribute to Council's long-term flood risk reduction objectives and are eligible for external funding through the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program on a 2:1 (grant:Council) basis.

The 2025/26 Operational Plan was amended at Quarter 2 to remove the budgets associated with these projects and change the scope to seeking funding opportunities.

CURRENT STATUS

Grant Funding

The Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design project has secured \$300,000.00 in NSW DCCEEW grant funding, requiring a \$150,000.00 Council contribution under the 2:1 matching arrangement.

The Central FRMS&P project has not yet secured grant funding but would require a similar 2:1 matching contribution from Council if successful in the future.

Legislative and Risk Considerations

The Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade is a higher-priority project due to compliance requirements under the Dams Safety Act 2015 and associated regulations. These obligations require Council to ensure dam-related infrastructure meets prescribed safety, monitoring and risk management standards.

Project Scope and Timing

The Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design will include hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, geotechnical investigation, topographical survey, flora & fauna assessment and Aboriginal heritage assessment.

The investigations will then progress to an options assessment, which will include a benefit-cost assessment to determine the viability and priority of available options. The outcomes will confirm whether a viable option exists and will act as a hold point in the project. A decision will then be made as to whether to allow the project to proceed to detailed design.

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Table 3: Draft Work Plan

Milestone	Description	Council	Grant	Total
1	Data review	\$16,667.00	\$33,333.00	\$50,000.00
2	Hydrologic/hydraulic assessment, geotechnical investigation, topographical survey, flora & fauna assessment, Aboriginal heritage assessment	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
3	Options assessment, draft preliminary design report, draft concept design	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
HOLD POINT				
4	Detailed design and final design report	\$33,333.00	\$66,667.00	\$100,000.00
	TOTAL	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$450,000.00

The regulatory risk management framework requires dam owners to apply a systematic evaluation and decision-making process in which the results of risk analysis, along with other key factors influencing dam safety, are considered when making safety-related decisions. Dam owners must also identify risk-reduction measures to eliminate or reduce dam safety risks, but only so far as is reasonably practicable (SFAIRP).

This approach aligns directly with the cost-benefit assessment that will form part of the Hassall Street Detention Basin options assessment, ensuring that any proposed risk-reduction measures are not only effective but also reasonably practicable in accordance with the Act.

The project is a multi-year project and will be undertaken over 2 financial years. In accordance with the Funding Deed, the project must be completed by 30 June 2028.

It should be noted that undertaking this project does not commit Council to any strict timeframes for completing works. Instead, it will provide the information needed to help inform planning and implementation of any required actions in a methodical and prioritised manner across all dams.

This project will also help generate the information needed to support future grant funding applications, including those related to the construction of any required works.

Regarding SFAIRP, further assessment is being undertaken for the King Park Detention Basin to review the existing options and determine whether they are SFAIRP. A detailed design is complete for this site, however, by applying this process, we aim to identify solutions that effectively manage risk while avoiding unnecessary expenditure, with the potential for substantial cost savings at this basin. In any case, works currently planned on the crib wall at the basin outlet will not be affected as there is currently no future work planned at the basin outlet.

Proposal

To ensure the Hassall Street Detention Basin project can progress with adequate funding and within required timeframes, it is proposed that Council:

1. Formally accept the \$300,000.00 DCCEEW grant for the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade – Investigation & Design project.
2. Allocate Council's required matching contribution of \$150,000.00 from general funds in accordance with the 2:1 funding ratio.
3. Defer Central FRMS&P from the current Delivery Program.
4. Reallocate the budget previously intended for Central FRMS&P to support Council's matching-fund obligations for the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade project.

This approach ensures Council can meet its statutory obligations while aligning available resources with the highest-priority flood mitigation activity.

Financial Implications

- Acceptance of the \$300,000.00 DCCEEW grant requires a \$150,000.00 Council contribution under the 2:1 matching arrangement.
- The Central FRMS&P project, if funded in future, would also require a Council contribution at the same 2:1 ratio.
- Removing Central FRMS&P from the Delivery Program allows Council to redirect funding capacity to meet the matching-fund requirement for the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade.
- No additional financial impact is anticipated beyond the reallocation of existing program budgets.

Risk Implications

- Compliance Risk: Prioritising the Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade reduces Council's exposure to non-compliance with Dams Safety legislation and supports continued alignment with regulatory expectations.
- Program Delivery Risk: Deferring the Central FRMS&P may delay future flood risk planning work, however, this is considered acceptable given current funding constraints and the need to address legislative priorities first.
- Financial Risk: Without prioritising Hassall Street Detention Basin, Council may face higher long-term costs if risk-reduction measures are delayed or if future grant opportunities are missed. Proceeding now helps position Council for external funding and avoids cost escalation.
- Reputational Risk: Failure to address a known dam safety priority could lead to reputational impacts, particularly if delays result in regulatory scrutiny or community concern.
- Operational Risk: Continuing to operate basins with unresolved risk profiles may increase the likelihood of unplanned maintenance, emergency works, or operational disruptions.

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- Strategic Alignment Risk: Redirecting resources away from legislatively driven dam safety work could undermine Council's broader strategic objectives for asset management and risk-based decision-making.

CONCLUSION

By reallocating financial capacity from Central FRMS&P to Hassall Street Detention Basin Upgrade, Council will benefit from \$300,000.00 grant funding towards the project. By undertaking this project, Council will be undertaking the initial steps required to fulfil its statutory obligations under the NSW Dams Safety Act 2015 for this Declared basin, with further actions to follow as part of a staged compliance program.

Leonie Gray
Manager Catchment Planning

Authorisation:
General Manager

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SUBJECT: NSW Government Grant - Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Program - National Lion Dance Competition

FILE NUMBER: 25/34756

REPORT BY: Edward Saulig, Manager Cabramatta Place

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determine its preferred option as outlined in the report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 4 Strong and Resilient Economy* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

The 2025/2026 Multicultural NSW Stronger Together Grants Program, supporting multicultural festivals and events across NSW, is allocating up to \$250,000.00 for Council run festivals with an attendance of 30,000 delivered up to 28 February 2027. Council applied for a grant of \$250,000.00 for the National Lion Dance Competition to be held with the Moon Festival.

On 27 February 2026, Multicultural NSW advised that Council has been successful in its grant application, with an offer of only one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST). The grant amount falls short of the total amount sought by \$75,000.00. It is recommended that Council determine its preferred option as outlined in the report.

REPORT

The 2025/2026 Multicultural NSW Stronger Together Grants Program, supporting multicultural festivals and events across NSW, is allocating up to \$250,000.00 in funding for each eligible local council for festivals delivered up to 28 February 2027. Successful applications for funding must be delivered on time and on budget.

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Grant conditions apply including minimum attendance of 30,000 people in NSW metropolitan areas and a Council cash co-contributions towards the festival of at least 25%. The Cabramatta Moon Festival attracts over 30,000 attendees and therefore an event associated with Moon Festival would meet this important criterion.

A grant application was submitted in December 2025 for \$250,000.00 excl GST reflecting the grant received in 2024/2025 with a scenario that the Hughes Street Car Park site would host the event. Council has obtained a grant of only one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST).

The cost of the event far exceeds Council capacity to fund the National Lion Dance Competition alongside Cabramatta Moon Festival. There are also site location issues, as outlined in the report, that need to be negotiated with commercial entities, that cannot be achieved within the 6-month period.

It is the assessment of the Major Events Branch that there is a risk that the event will not be delivered on budget. Seeking new sponsorship in addition to current sponsorship arrangements for Cabramatta Moon Festival is untested and the amount being sought is significant, being over \$75,000.00.

There are additional known risks associated with the current conflict in the Middle East and its impact on fuel, supply lines, event costs and an appetite for significant sponsorship in the current volatile climate. There are risks associated with hosting a national competition, however, a state competition carries less risk but not the cost of hosting the event.

It is recommended that Council determine its preferred option as outlined in the report, having regard to cost, event integrity and long-term sustainability. There are several options available to Council:

Option 1 – Decline the grant and reapply for 2027 period making it a biennial (2-yearly) event. **(Preferred option)**

That:

1. The grant of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST) offered by the NSW Government as part of the 2025/26 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program **not be accepted** and that Multicultural NSW be advised accordingly as the funding is insufficient to host the Cabramatta National Lion Dancing Competition.
2. Council reapplies for the funding to host the National Lion Dance Competition in 2027, making it a biennial (2-yearly) event.

The cost of the event far exceeds Council capacity to fund the National Lion Dance Competition alongside Cabramatta Moon Festival. There are also site location issues, as outlined in the report, that need to be negotiated with commercial entities, that cannot be achieved within the 6-month period.

Option 2 – Accept the grant and commit Council funds to meet the shortfall in funding the Event.

That:

1. The grant of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST) offered by the NSW Government as part of the 2025/26 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program to deliver the Cabramatta NSW Lion Dance Competition, be accepted and received into the 2025-26 Operational Plan and its expenditure for that purpose be voted.
2. Seventy-five thousand (\$75,000.00) be voted into the 2025-26 Operational Plan from the Town Centre Reserve to support the delivery of the National Lion Dance Competition.

There are also site location issues, as outlined in the report, that need to be negotiated with commercial entities, that cannot be achieved within the 6-month period. While the funding gap, could be reduced by securing sponsorship, the timeline presents some challenges. There are also additional unknown risks associated with the current conflict in the Middle East and its impact on fuel, supply lines, event costs and an appetite for significant sponsorship in the current volatile climate.

Option 3 – Accept the grant on condition that funding body agree to a variation in the scope of the event.

That:

1. The grant of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST) offered by the NSW Government as part of the 2025/26 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program to deliver the Cabramatta NSW Lion Dance Competition, be accepted and received into the 2025-26 Operational Plan and its expenditure for that purpose be voted.
2. In accepting the grant, that Council negotiates a variation to the deliverables to be in line with funding grant.

Council may consider reducing the scope of the competition, either by limiting it to a State-level competition or by removing one of the event streams (for example, the high-pole competition). However, this option is not recommended for several reasons. Reducing the scope would not result in meaningful cost savings, as the majority of costs relate to infrastructure and site set-up. In addition, the site location issues outlined in the report would remain unresolved. Importantly, any reduction in scope would jeopardise the integrity of the event brand and its capacity to attract and deliver successful future events. Many major sporting events are held on a biennial or longer cycle (such as the Olympic Games) and reducing the scope of the event would undermine its long-term positioning and sustainability.

It is recommended that Council not accept the grant (Option 1) and reapply for 2027 period making it a biennial (2-yearly) event.

BACKGROUND

2024/2025 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program

In 2024/2025 Council was successful in obtaining two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00 excl GST) grant to host the first National Lion Dance Competition (Competition) alongside the Cabramatta Moon Festival held on Sunday 28 September 2025. The two (2) day competition commenced with a welcome dinner and national team greet inclusive of parade and photoshoot at the Pai Lai Gateway, Cabramatta.



2025 National Lion Dance Competition Parade at Pai Lau Gateway, Cabramatta and all weather venue

The competition was divided into two (2) streams: traditional (16 teams) and high poles (8 teams). Seventeen (17) teams competed from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. The competition, held in a temporary performance arena in the Hughes Street Car Park was preceded by training undertaken on Friday, followed by a draw to determine the order of the team performances during the Competition.



Traditional



High Poles

2025/2026 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program

The 2025/2026 Program grant funding is once again allocating \$3 million for major festivals and events. Up to \$250,000.00 in funding is available for each eligible local council for festivals delivered between 1 February 2026 to 28 February 2027. A number of conditions apply:

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- Minimum attendance of 30,000 people in NSW metropolitan areas.
- Clearly show co-contributions towards the festival of at least 25%.
- Minimum of 10% of the advertising budget across multicultural media outlets.
- No more than 25% of the budget can be used for council administrative costs excluding event delivery staffing such as security, casual event crew or supplier costs.

Council submitted a grant application for \$250,000.00 in December 2025 with a budget focused on achieving savings reflecting on lessons learnt from hosting the first competition in 2025. The cost to Council of delivering both the 2025 Moon Festival and National Lion Dance Competition was \$355,700.00, not including staff time, meeting the grant requirement of a 25% Council contribution.

On 27 February 2026 Multicultural NSW advised that Council has been successful in its grant application, with an offer of only one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST). At the time of writing this report, the terms and conditions of the grant are yet to be received. The grant amount falls short of the total amount sought by \$75,000.00.

Funding Gap

Given that project costs have already been minimised to deliver an event with a grant amount of \$250,000.00, it is not possible to deliver the event with a grant offer of \$175,000.00. Without an additional cash injection of \$75,000.00, hosting the event is not financially feasible noting the potential for rising costs with current world events.

Under the grant condition, Council is required to make a 25% contribution, this contribution was being met through service statement budget and aligning the event with the Moon Festival. The \$75,000.00 funding shortfall is on top of what Council is already contributing.

While sponsorship may be able to bridge the funding gap, the timeframe of 6-month may limit opportunities and approaches would need to ensure it does not impact on Moon Festival sponsorship target, creating an unreasonable risk for Council.



2025 National Lion Dance Competition Closing Ceremony
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Site Selection - Hughes Street Car Park Event Site

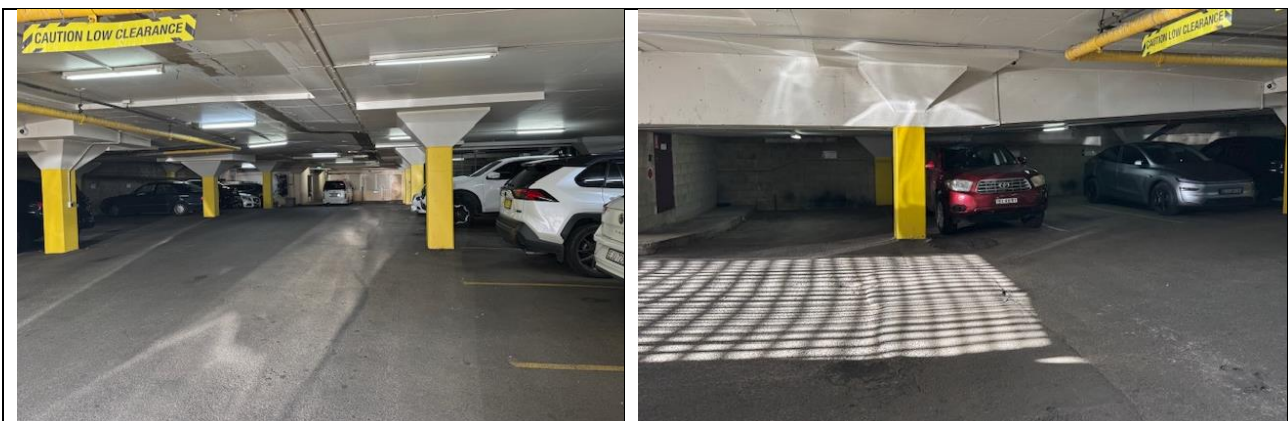
The grant submission used logistics associated with the 2025 Competition, inclusive of the use of the Hughes Street Car Park location and adjoining private underground car park for storage of team equipment. The competitors logistically require the flexibility and speed to move their props within three minutes to ensure the Competition keeps to time. The unique site conditions of the Hughes Street Car Park and private car park were critical to success. In 2025, the Hughes Street Car Park was selected as the preferred location (see Attachment A), as it met the competition's operational requirements:

- **Site topography** – a flat surface was a key requirement for the performance space covered by a marquee (35 metres x 15 metres).
- **Storage** – an adjoining underground car park at the Cabramatta Commercial Centre with 60 tenancies provided convenient secure and weatherproof storage of equipment
- **Location** – central location allowing effective integration with Cabramatta Moon Festival and the sharing of support services such as security and traffic management.

The event required the Hughes Street Car Park to be closed for 4.5 days to allow the bump-in of event infrastructure inclusive of the performance marquee on Thursday, additional bump-in and team training on Friday, traditional performances on Saturday and additional traditional performances followed by high pole performances on Sunday.

The bump-out process begins after the closing ceremony early on Sunday evening. The disassembling of the marquee is a lengthy and intensive process requiring telehandlers and forklifts. The Hughes Street Car Park was returned to public use and free access for deliveries early on Monday afternoon.

Hughes Street Car Park closure from Wednesday midnight still allowed access to deliveries, facilitated by traffic management. Access to the underground car park at Cabramatta Commercial Centre, used for storage of lion dance team's equipment and props, was provided to tenants until Friday.



Underground car park at Cabramatta Commercial Centre used for storage of team equipment

Feedback has been received from the real estate agent managing Cabramatta Commercial Centre at 193 Railway Parade Cabramatta. In preliminary talks associated with a possible staging of the 2026 competition, the managing agent has identified a number of logistical issues requiring resolution prior to a commitment for co-operation in hosting the event inclusive of underground car park with 60 tenants who rely on access and deliveries. The real estate agent has indicated that it does not have the support from tenants to close access to hired spaces for the event, at this time.

Given the above, a commitment to hosting the second National Lion Dance Competition is very tentative given the number of risks needing to be managed, with no certainty that agreement can be reached with the managing agent for Cabramatta Commercial Centre. Alternative sites to host the competition are not readily available due to the unique requirements of the competition, including the need for central secure storage of team equipment.

Alternate Site Investigations

Other alternative locations present their own strengths and limitations, noting site topography requirements, that the event site must attract 30,000 attendees, 25% Council contribution is achieved through co-delivery of the Competition with the Moon Festival and that 4.5 days of site use is required for bump-in (set up), the two day competition, and bump-out (pack up):

- **Council's Hill Street Car Park** was initially identified and scoped as a potential venue for the 2025 Competition. A site assessment was undertaken to evaluate its suitability against the operational and performance requirements of the event. This included considerations such as surface conditions, available space for performance and audience areas, and the feasibility of installing key infrastructure such as marquees.

The assessment determined that Hill Street Car Park was not a suitable location. The surface did not provide an adequately level (slope-free) area required for safe and effective lion dance performances. In addition, the presence of fixed poles positioned in the centre of the car park would significantly impede the installation of a marquee and restrict usable space. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.

- **CabraVale Memorial Park** – advantage of containing the event in Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival; the disadvantages being a lack of physical infrastructure (eg electricity) and the need for additional security, traffic management, cost of additional infrastructure (solid floor mats), hire of shipping containers for storage of team equipment, lack of shelter for large numbers of people. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges, increased cost, risk of meeting target audience numbers identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.

- **Arthur Street Car Park** – advantage of containing the event in Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival; the disadvantage being the need to relocate the main stage entertainment, hire of shipping containers for storage of team equipment and importantly the lack of space for the arena, grandstand, storage and the need to remove guttering, impact on business on Ingel Way regarding deliveries that replicates some of the problems associated with using Hughes Street Car Park. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **Railway Parade** – advantage of containing the event in Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival; the disadvantage being that a road closure is not possible for 4.5 days due to the significant impact on public transport, the road is not flat, and the impact upon accommodating amusement rides. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **Dutton Plaza Car Park Roof Top** advantage of containing the event in Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival; the disadvantage being the need to use cranes to uplift infrastructure and the impact on service lanes as well as significant additional cost and logistical complexity. These constraints led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **The Dutton Lane Car Park** was previously identified as not being a viable location due to stakeholder feedback necessitates the exploration of alternative sites. Advantage of containing the event to Cabramatta alongside Moon Festival and possible savings including use of the loading area of the Dutton Lane Car Park, a saving of approximately \$48,000 could be achieved without the need to hire a marquee. While the floor to ceiling height may meet the required 7 metres, however other prohibitive logistical and safety issues have been identified. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **Fairfield Showground** – advantage in that infrastructure is in place for accommodate performance and storage, and height needs may be feasible; the disadvantage is that the location does not align with the Cabramatta Moon Festival, so Council would have to make an additional 25% contribution and there is a risk that the 30,000 audience target would not be met, meaning that grant conditions would not be satisfied. These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.
- **Adams Park, Canley Vale** – there are no advantages in using Adams Park as a venue, similar to the other locations is cost prohibitive, the location does not sufficiently align with the Cabramatta Moon Festival, and the need to meet grant conditions may not be satisfied (e.g. 30,000 attendees). These constraints, along with other logistical challenges identified during planning, led to the decision to not proceed with this site.

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Without the capacity to resolve the stakeholder operational and access issues in using the Hughes Street Car Park to stage the Competition and use of the Cabramatta Commercial Centre underground car park for storage of team equipment, it is not viable to host the event without significant forward planning and consultation. Alternative sites pose significant logistical challenges, do not meet grant conditions or involve significant additional costs.

Sponsorship

To meet the funding shortfall of \$75,000.00 at the time of writing the report, sponsorship opportunities available are untested. As a guide, the following sponsorship has been achieved for the two (2) Cabramatta town centre based major events.

Year	Cabramatta Lunar New Year	Cabramatta Moon Festival
2023	\$90,113.63	\$153,681.82
2024	\$116,136.36	\$131,200.00
2025	\$100,500.00	\$185,909.09
2026	\$133,632.72	

Any sponsorship of the Competition, say \$50,000.00 for naming rights, would best be sourced from a new non-local sponsorship partner to ensure Cabramatta Moon Festival is not impacted financially by a reduction in sponsorship. It is important that the sponsorship contribution to Moon Festival is maintained.

There are additional known risks associated with the current conflict in the Middle East and its impact on fuel, supply lines, event costs and an appetite for significant sponsorship in the current volatile climate.

CONCLUSION

Council applied for a \$250,000.00 grant, under the 2025/26 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant Program, to host the National Lion Dance Competition in conjunction with the Cabramatta Moon Festival in September 2026. Council has been successful in obtaining one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00 excl GST) offered by the NSW Government.

The funding falls short of the amount required to deliver the event. A grant application for the 2026/2027 year would be better informed by key outstanding logistical issues, as outlined in this report. Negotiations need to occur with the managing agents for 6 Hughes Street, Cabramatta in anticipation of a National Lion Dance Competition event being held in September 2027, as well as scope potential sponsors.

This report provides a number of options having regard to cost, event integrity, and long-term sustainability. On balance, Council Officers recommend that the grant not be accepted (Option 1) due to the funding shortfall, event integrity, logistical issues, timeframe and risks. It is recommended that Council determine its preferred option as outlined in the report.

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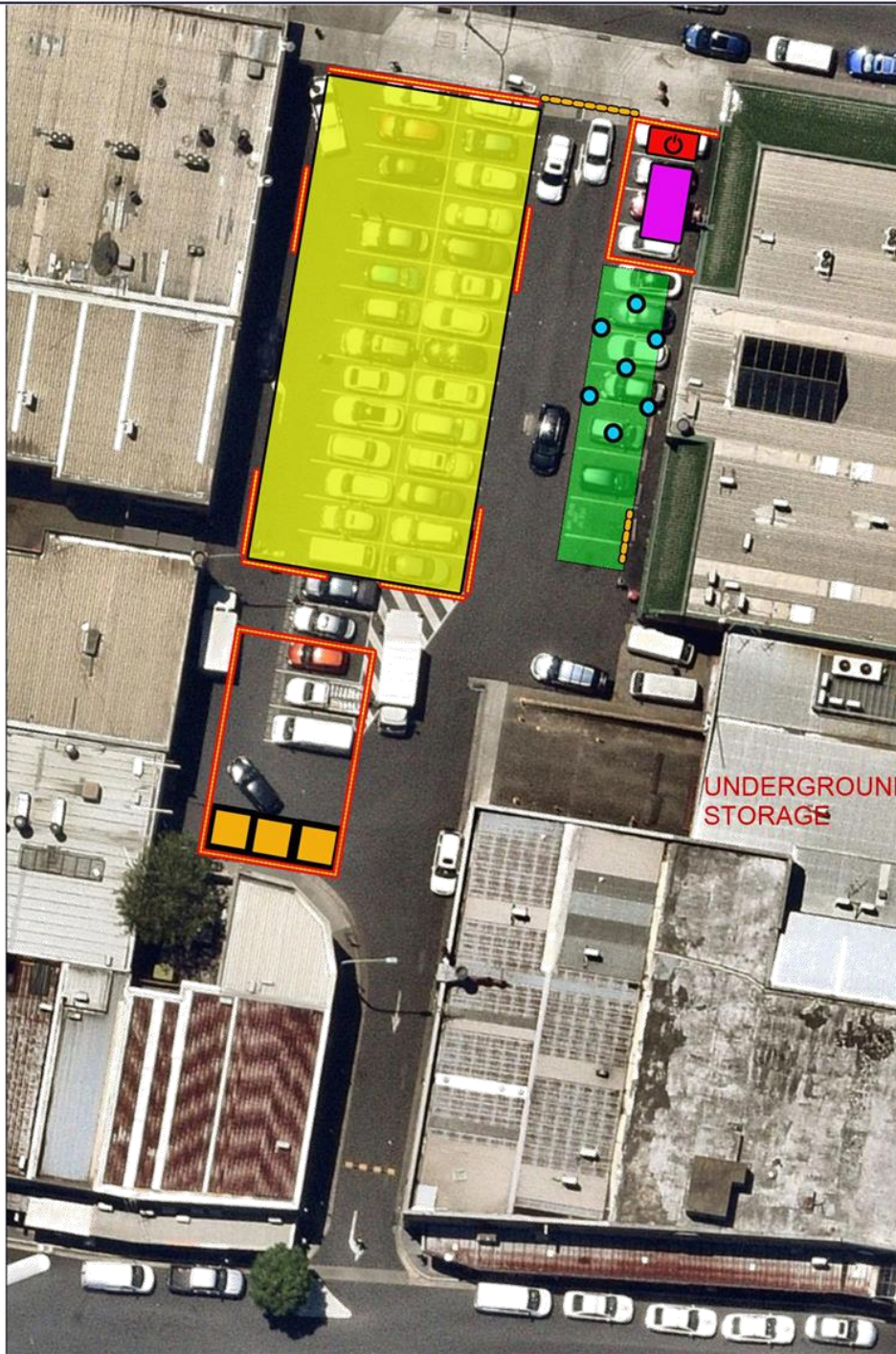
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LEGEND

- 35m x 15m Marquee
- 3m x 3m Marquee
- Astro Turf
- Cafe Style Seating
- Generator
- Ops Marquee
- Truss Arch
- 1.8m Temp Fence

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REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON

DATE OF MEETING: 28 April 2026

LOCATION: Council Chambers

TIME: 7.00pm

Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are reminded that they remain bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of Fairfield City and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

The Mayor and Councillors are also reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

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SECTION A
‘Matters referred to Council for its decision’

***** **CONFIDENTIAL** *****

'It is recommended that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting in regard to the following item.'

- 57:** Seeking an Exemption through a Council Resolution for Fairfield Showground - Temporary Amenities

CONFIDENTIAL - It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2)(d(i)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that:

(d(i)) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

and dealing with the matter in Open Session would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest because the disclosure of this information would diminish the competitive commercial value of any information to any person.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the recommendation contained in this report for the purchase of Temporary Amenities Facilities at Fairfield Showground.

SECTION C

‘Matters submitted to the Committee for decision subject to the right of referral’

There are no reports submitted for this section.

THAT CONCLUDES THE REPORT OF THE SERVICES SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS.

CHAIRPERSON

Traffic Committee



REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON

DATE OF MEETING: 13 April 2026

LOCATION: Committee Rooms

TIME: 2.32pm

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SECTION A

'Matters referred to Council for its decision'

There are no reports submitted for this section.

SECTION C

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There are no reports submitted for this section.

THAT CONCLUDES THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE.

CHAIRPERSON