

COMMENCEMENT

The meeting opened with Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer at 6pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor Zac Miles, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso, Councillors Ross Williams, Jim Sanderson, Richard Quinn, Tatyana Virgara and Julia Prieston.

ALSO PRESENT

GENERAL MANAGER MITCHELL MURPHY, DIRECTOR FINANCE AND CORPORATE STRATEGY, MARIA KENNY, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & CUSTOMER SERVICES, ANNIE GOODMAN, DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, SAMANTHA URQUHART, DIRECTOR OF TOWN PLANNING, STEVE KOUREPIS, DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND CULTURE, ROSANNA GUERRA, MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS, SHERY DEMIAN, PASTOR ALEX GRANCHA (PRAYER), JADE REED (RECORDING) AND SARAH JENKINS (MINUTE-TAKER).

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor called for Declarations of Interest without response.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

027/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Prieston That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No. 4530, 26 February 2024 be confirmed.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

MAYORAL MINUTES & REPORTS

2.1 MAYORAL MINUTE: PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE ROZELLE INTERCHANGE

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the Mayor seeks any opportunity to provide a statement at the Parliamentary Inquiry hearing scheduled on 23 and 24 April 2024, to voice our community's concern about the impacts of the Rozelle Interchange on local traffic.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Clr Ross Williams seconded by Clr Jim Sanderson that:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Council provide a statement at the Parliamentary Inquiry hearing scheduled on 23 and 24 April 2024, to voice our community's concern about the impacts of the Rozelle Interchange on local traffic.

A further AMENDMENT was moved by Clr Richard Quinn and accepted by Clrs Williams and Sanderson, that:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Council provide a statement at the Parliamentary Inquiry hearing scheduled on 23 and 24 April 2024, to voice our community's concern about the impacts of the Rozelle Interchange on local traffic.
3. All future public notifications of Council information sessions and other such forums conducted by Council be branded as Hunter's Hill Council activities and not from the Mayor or individual Councillors.

Deputy Mayor Krasso FORESHADOWED an AMENDED motion:

1. That the report be received and noted.

The AMENDED MOTION was put to the meeting:

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2. That Council provide a statement at the Parliamentary Inquiry hearing scheduled on 23 and 24 April 2024, to voice our community's concern about the impacts of the Rozelle Interchange on local traffic.
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Councillor Ross Williams	Mayor Zac Miles
Councillor Jim Sanderson	Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krassoi
Councillor Richard Quinn	Councillor Tatyana Virgara
	Councillor Julia Prieston

The MOTION was LOST

028/24 RESOLVED on the FORESHADOWED MOTION of Deputy Mayor Krassoi

1. That the report be received and noted.

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Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krassoi	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Nil

ADDRESSES FROM THE PUBLIC

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Nil

COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 FAIRLAND HALL PLANNING PROPOSAL

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Ms Karyn Raisin addressed the meeting on behalf of the Hunters Hill Trust. An extension of time was moved by Clr Williams, seconded by Clr Sanderson and carried.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council supports the recommendations set out below:
 - (A) Forward the attached Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure seeking a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The planning proposal would seek to amend Hunters Hill Local Environmental Plan 2012 by including C.A. Fairland Hall (14 Church Street Hunters Hill, Lot 92 DP 666674) within Schedule 4 of the LEP.
 - (B) Subject to (A) above, advise the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that Council will not be seeking to be authorised as the Local Plan Making Authority.
 - (C) Subject to (A) above, Council endorse for public exhibition the Planning Proposal as outlined in (A).
 - (D) Delegate authority to the General Manager to make amendments to the Planning Proposal that:
 - (1) Are minor and do not alter the intent; or
 - (2) Are required in order to comply with the Gateway Determination.

An AMENDED MOTION was moved by Cllr Sanderson seconded by Cllr Williams that Council:

1. Defer lodgement of the Fairland Hall Planning Proposal with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, until:
 - a. The Governing Body is able to view the legal advice provided about this matter;
 - b. Consideration is given to the possibility of limiting reclassification from community to operational land to the part of the land to the north of the cliff;
 - c. The Governing Body is advised as to whether the Planning Proposal adequately makes provision to the effect that, on commencement of the plan, the land, is discharged from any trusts, estates, interests, dedications, conditions, restrictions and covenants affecting the land or any part of the land in accordance with s 30 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW);
 - d. The Governing Body is advised as to the viability of a subdivision where a subdivided lot is less than the Minimum Lot Size given in the Hunters Hill Local Environmental Plan 2012 Minimum Lot Size Map of 700 square metres; and
 - e. Consideration is given to liability issues in the event of debris falling from the cliff.
2. Reconsider lodgement of the Fairland Hall Planning Proposal with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on receipt of a report dealing with the above matters.

MOVED on the MOTION of Councillor Quinn

Clr Quinn foreshadowed the recommended motion:

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Councillor Ross Williams	Mayor Zac Miles
Councillor Jim Sanderson	Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso
	Councillor Richard Quinn
	Councillor Tatyana Virgara
	Councillor Julia Prieston

The MOTION was LOST.

029/24 RESOLVED on the FORESHADOWED MOTION of Councillor Quinn, seconded Councillor Virgara

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Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	Councillor Jim Sanderson
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED.

4.2 OVERPASS ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That in accordance with the requirements of section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993 as addressed below, Council resolve to close the meeting to the public to consider and discuss confidential attachment on the basis that it involves advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege[10A(2)(g) Local Government Act 1993].

030/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Quinn, seconded Deputy Mayor Krasso

That in accordance with the requirements of section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993 as addressed below, Council resolve to close the meeting to the public to consider and discuss confidential attachment on the basis that it involves advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege[10A(2)(g) Local Government Act 1993].

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Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

That at 7.07pm the meeting resumed in Open Council and the gallery was invited back into the Chamber.

REPORT OF COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

The Mayor advised that during closed session legal advice was considered and debate would now continue in open session.

MOVED on the MOTION of Councillor Virgara, seconded Councillor Sanderson

An AMENDMENT was moved by Clr Tatyana Virgara seconded by Clr Jim Sanderson that:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That in accordance with the requirements of section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993 as addressed below, Council resolve to close the meeting to the public to consider and discuss confidential attachment on the basis that it involves advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege[10A(2)(g) Local Government Act 1993].
3. That Council resolve to waive the legal professional privilege over the legal advice in respect of this matter dated 4 March 2024.

The AMENDED MOTION was put to the meeting.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krassoi	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The AMENDMENT was CARRIED unanimously and became the MOTION.

031/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Quinn, seconded Deputy Mayor Krassoi

1. That in accordance with the requirements of section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993 as addressed below, Council resolve to close the meeting to the public to consider and discuss confidential attachment on the basis that it involves advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege[10A(2)(g) Local Government Act 1993].
2. That the report be received and noted.
3. That Council resolve to waive the legal professional privilege over the legal advice in respect of this matter dated 4 March 2024.

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For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krassoi	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	

Councillor Julia Prieston	
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The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.3 PLANNED EVENTS - APRIL TO JUNE

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received and noted.

032/24 RESOLVED on the AMENDED MOTION of Councillor Williams, seconded Deputy Mayor Krassoï

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the list of planned events be updated to include the Council community forum on Housing Reforms.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krassoï	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.4 SPONSORSHIP POLICY - FOR ADOPTION

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. Council endorse the Sponsorship Policy attached to this report at Attachment 1.

MOVED on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor Krassoï, seconded Councillor Quinn

An AMENDMENT was moved by Deputy Mayor Krassoï seconded by Clr Quinn that:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. Council endorse the Sponsorship Policy attached to this report subject to the inclusion of a sustainability principle at Item 1.3 of the policy.

A further AMENDMENT was moved by Clr Sanderson and was accepted by Deputy Mayor Krassoi and Clr Quinn that:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. Council endorse the Sponsorship Policy attached to this report subject to the inclusion of a sustainability principle at Item 1.3 of the policy and at the first dot point below 2.1 of the Policy, that the word “no” be replaced with “insufficient”.

033/24 RESOLVED on the AMENDED MOTION of Deputy Mayor Krassoi, seconded Councillor Quinn

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. Council endorse the Sponsorship Policy attached to this report subject to the inclusion of a sustainability principle at Item 1.3 of the policy and at the first dot point below 2.1 of the Policy, that the word “no” be replaced with “insufficient”.

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For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krassoi	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL PLANNING PANEL IN FEBRUARY 2024

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

034/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Virgara, seconded Councillor Quinn

1. That the report be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krassoi	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL UNIT IN FEBRUARY 2024

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

035/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Quinn

1. That the report be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.7 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY IN FEBRUARY 2024

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

036/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Quinn, seconded Councillor Virgara

1. That the report be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.8 REPORT OF LEGAL MATTERS - FEBRUARY 2024

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

037/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Virgara

1. That the report be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.9 COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS AND WORKSHOPS

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

038/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor Krasso, seconded Councillor Prieston

1. That the report be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	Councillor Ross Williams
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	Councillor Jim Sanderson
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED.

4.10 MINUTES OF THE BUSHLAND MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2024

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

039/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Quinn

1. That the minutes be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	
Councillor Ross Williams	

Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.11 MINUTES OF THE MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2024

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

040/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Quinn, seconded Councillor Prieston
That the Minutes be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.12 MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2024

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

041/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Sanderson
1. That the minutes be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

4.13 SUMMARY OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

042/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Quinn, seconded Councillor Prieston

1. That the report be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krassoi	
Councillor Ross Williams	
Councillor Jim Sanderson	
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

7.1 CR ELIZABETH KRASSOI (SUBJECT: ROZELLE INTERCHANGE IMPLICATIONS)

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

QUESTIONS FROM CR KRASSOI:**1. SUBJECT: ROZELLE INTERCHANGE IMPLICATIONS****Question or Service Requested:**

A resident has contacted me with concern about the flow on impact of state government changes to the traffic management around the Rozelle interchange. For example, changes to traffic light phasing in Drummoyne impacting east and westbound traffic.

The resident is wondering what Council and Councillors are doing to advocate for best outcomes for local safety and traffic flow.

Beyond anecdotal, Is Council operationally aware of any traffic data collection along Victoria Road towards Gladesville and at the church St overpass?

Has Council been briefed by or sought feedback from or given feedback to the area traffic committee or Movement and Transport Advisory Committee? If not, can a conversation be raised to inform us (and the community) about data gathered and traffic management since the Rozelle interchange opened.

RESPONSE:

Council Officers have met with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to discuss the impacts the Rozelle Interchange is having on outward and inward bound traffic along Victoria Road.

TfNSW have confirmed that they are continuing to work to improve traffic flows around the Rozelle Interchange. As part of this process, over coming weeks they will be monitoring journey times on some of the main arterial roadways during the morning peak period. They will publish this indicative journey information to inform the community and help people make decisions on the route they would like to take.

Refer to: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/rozelle-interchange>

The Mayor has written to the Minister for Roads, seeking an urgent meeting to discuss solutions to the traffic congestion.

Council will provide further updates at its Movement & Transport Advisory Committee meeting in April 2024.

- 7.2 CR JIM SANDERSON (SUBJECTS: PROPOSED CHANGES TO NSW HOUSING POLICY; PROPOSED SALE OF ROAD RESERVE - ADJOINING 13 EUTHELLA AVE, HUNTERS HILL)

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

QUESTIONS FROM CR SANDERSON:

1. SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGES TO NSW HOUSING POLICY

Background

At Council's Extraordinary Meeting held on 19 February 2024, among other things, Council unanimously endorsed:

The attached submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure which raises serious concerns with the proposals outlined within the document titled '*Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing.*'

Council's submission addressed issues including: Undermining of the community's strategic planning framework; Lack of meaningful community engagement; Ambiguous identification of town centre precincts; Potential lack of adequate environmental planning and assessment; and Infrastructure and services.

The submission recommended that: '...the Department to abandon the proposed reforms outlined within the EIE for the reasons detailed within this correspondence.'

Question or Service Requested:

Has Council received any further communication from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, in relation to this matter?

RESPONSE:

No communication from NSW Department of Planning, has been received, other than the representatives from the Department of Planning have advised that they

are, unable to resource the Department's attendance at council community information sessions.

If such communication has been received, can this be reported on or included in answer to this Question with Notice in the business paper for Council's meeting to be held on 25 March 2024?

RESPONSE:

No communication has been received.

Given the unacceptable impact of the potential imposition of 'town centre precinct' status on areas surrounding any of the Municipality's E1 Zoned Local Centres and MU1 Zoned Mixed Use areas, has there been any clarification of how 'town centre precincts' would be applied to the Municipality of Hunter's Hill?

RESPONSE:

No clarification has been received, only what was reported to Council at its extraordinary meeting of 19 February 2024.

If such clarification has been received, can this be reported on or included in answer to this Question with Notice in the business paper for Council's meeting to be held on 25 March 2024?

RESPONSE:

No clarification has been received.

2. SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALE OF ROAD RESERVE – ADJOINING 13 EUTHELLA AVE, HUNTERS HILL

Background

The minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting 4527 held on 27 November 2023, included a Report of Council in Committee (while the meeting was closed to the public), which in relation to Item 8.2, recorded:

1. That Council resolve to make application to close the Road Reserve adjacent to 13 Euthella Ave Hunters Hill, under the NSW Roads Act 1993.
2. That the required public notices be provided in accordance with the requirements of NSW Roads Act 1993, Local Government Act 1993 and the Hunter's Hill Council Policy for Disposal of Council Land.
3. That provided no submissions are received, proceed with the sale of the Road Reserve for a minimum consideration as contained in the valuation report at attachment 1.
4. That the purchaser meets all costs associated with the sale in accordance with the requirements of Council's Policy for Disposal of Council Land.
5. That the General Manager be granted Delegated Authority to execute the documentation as required.

At the time of preparing this QwN, I was not able to find the required public notices in relation to this matter.

Question or Service Requested:

Has application been made to close the Road Reserve adjacent to 13 Euthella Ave Hunters Hill, under the NSW Roads Act 1993?

RESPONSE:

Operationally, we are reviewing and examining the Local Government Act and continuing to seek legal advice on this matter and communicating and discussing this matter with the adjoining owner of the subject site for the purposes of addressing the Council resolution. As a result, no application has been made to close the Road Reserve.

Have the required public notices been provided in accordance with the requirements of NSW Roads Act 1993, Local Government Act 1993 and the Hunter's Hill Council Policy for Disposal of Council Land been given?

RESPONSE:

No.

If these notices have been provided, can the following be provided: the notice(s); details of where published; and the date of publication?

RESPONSE:

Not applicable.

If these notices are yet to be provided, when and where will they be published? How long is the notification period or how long will it be?

RESPONSE:

Not applicable.

7.3 CR ROSS WILLIAMS (SUBJECT: UTILISATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE(AI))**PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF****QUESTION FROM CR WILLIAMS:****1. SUBJECT: UTILISATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)****Background**

Artificial intelligence (AI): Artificial Intelligence is the ability of a computer system to deal with ambiguity, by making predictions using previously gathered data, and learning from errors in those predictions in order to generate newer, more accurate predictions about how to behave in the future.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming an integral part of a growing number of organisations operations. As such, it is crucial that councils understand this emerging technology in order to maximise the benefits of its use while mitigating the associated risks.

In today's dynamic business landscape, artificial intelligence (AI) is a catalyst for profound changes, reshaping industries and redefining the employment landscape. Strategic insights to this technology is the forefront, empowering organisations to navigate the evolving workforce landscape and organisations cultural challenges posed by AI.

Considerations:

- How is AI adoption impacting Australian organisations people and culture.
- Insights into how AI is redefining job roles, discussion on potential disruptions, displacements and creation of new roles.
- Exploration of strategies for engaging employees, understanding, and mitigating privacy risks, and upskilling the workforce to thrive in an AI-driven environment.
- In an era defined by rapid technological evolution, artificial intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative force, reshaping industries and altering the employment landscape. For council entities in Australia, understanding the current state of AI adoption is paramount.

An expert-led event – keynote speaker a senior executive from Microsoft was held by the Australian Institute of Company Directors to take a deep dive into the world of AI and the factors that organisations should consider when implementing artificial intelligence into their organisations.

Question or Service Requested:

1. Has Council considered the benefits and application of AI within Councils business processes?

RESPONSE:

Council has considered the benefits and application of AI. Of greater importance to Council, is Council's cyber security platforms and processes. Council has recently undertaken a Cyber Security Audit and is implementing the key outcomes under advisement from cyber security specialists. Council will update its Cyber Security Policy in due course to include specific reference to AI and its use within Council. This is inline with the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) Essential 8 Principles, and the Cyber Security Guidelines for Local Government.

2. AI has the ability to enhance efficiencies and customer experience especially in the Customer Service delivery process. Has this opportunity been explored?

RESPONSE:

These opportunities have been discussed and explored, particularly in regards to improved customer support workflows and reduced response times to frequently asked questions. However, before implementing AI into the customer experience (CX) space, precedence will be given to internal AI productivity improvements, which includes software upgrades and their associated AI solutions.

3. If AI is being investigated for application in Hunters Hill Council what is the time frame for reporting to council?

RESPONSE:

Council is currently liaising with industry partners to understand the initial costs associated to purpose built AI CX modelling, testing and implementation. As mentioned, this is not a priority for Council until such time as cyber policy changes have been made and internal productivity improvements have been achieved.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

043/24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Quinn, seconded Deputy Mayor Krasso

1. THAT pursuant to Section 10A subsections 2 & 3 and Section 10B of the *Local Government Act, 1993* (as amended) the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Committee of the Whole for the reasons specified below:
2. The press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Council in Closed Session on the basis that these items are considered to be of a confidential nature.

8.2 Bedlam Bay Swim site- Tender for Construction

Item 8.1 is confidential in accordance with s10A(2)(d)i, (d)ii and (d)iii of the *Local Government Act* because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret.

8.3 Cr Ross Williams (Subject: Figtree Park Project- Budget)

Item 8.2 is confidential in accordance with s10A(2)(d)i of the *Local Government Act* because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

2. That the Minutes and Business Papers including any reports, correspondence, documentation or information relating to such matter be treated as confidential and be withheld from access by the press and public, until such time as the Council resolves that the reason for confidentiality has passed or become irrelevant.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	Councillor Ross Williams

Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Krasso	Councillor Jim Sanderson
Councillor Richard Quinn	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Julia Prieston	

The MOTION was CARRIED.

OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

That at 8.29pm the meeting resumed in Open Council and the gallery was invited back into the Chamber.

REPORT OF COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

The Mayor advised that during closed session, one (1) resolution was passed:

1. That the report be received and noted; and
2. That Council resolve to decline to accept any of the tender submissions in relation to the 'Bedlam Bay Beach Swim Site Construction' (Contract No: C23 – 44762) pursuant to Section 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021;
3. That Council resolve pursuant to s 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 to enter into negotiations with Tenderer 1 and Tenderer 2 with a view to entering into a contract(s) in relation to the subject matter of the tender;
4. Pursuant to s 178(4)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council:
 - a. is declining to invite fresh tenders, as it is considered that no better procurement result would be achieved by doing so, due to the limitations in the current market and funding milestones; and
 - b. is of the view that entering into negotiations with Tenderer 1 and Tenderer 2 is more likely to result in securing a suitable contract for the 'Bedlam Bay Beach Swim Site Construction' and associated works at Bedlam Bay, in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
5. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to:
 - a. finalise negotiations and award the contract(s) in relation to the subject matter of the tender within the current grant funding available; and
 - b. execute the contract(s) and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution within the parameters of the funding agreements for the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure, 'Places to Swim' Grant Program.
 - c. Finalise negotiations and enter into a licence agreement with Transport for NSW for the construction and use of the Bedlam Bay Swim Site, as shown at Figure 1.
 - d. Finalise negotiations for the variation to the current licence agreement with National Parks & Wildlife Service to include the ongoing operation of the Bedlam Bay Swim Site, as shown at Figure 1.

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The Mayor advised that Council also considered questions with notice from Clr Williams regarding Figtree Park budget during closed session.

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 8.33pm.

I confirm that these Minutes are a true and accurate record of Ordinary Meeting No. 4531 held on 25 March 2024.

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Councillor Zac Miles
MAYOR

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Mitchell Murphy
GENERAL MANAGER