

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Camden Council  
Administration Centre  
70 Central Avenue  
Oran Park

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**MEETING COMMENCED AT 6.30PM****PRESENT****In person:**

Cr Fedeli (Mayor/Chairperson)  
Cr A Cagney  
Cr C Cagney  
Cr Campbell  
Cr Dommaraju  
Cr Farrow  
Cr McLean  
Cr Zammit

**Remote:**

Cr Symkowiak

**STAFF**

General Manager  
Director Customer and Corporate Strategy  
Director Planning and Environment  
Director Community Assets  
Acting Director Sport, Community and Activation  
Chief Financial Officer  
Manager Assets and Design Services  
Manager Community Outcomes  
Manager Economic Development and Activation  
Acting Manager Legal and Governance  
Manager Open Space and Sustainability  
Acting Manager Public Affairs  
Manager Statutory Planning  
Manager Strategic Planning  
Governance Administration Officer  
Governance Officer  
Media Advisor

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor A Cagney that Councillor Farrow be granted leave of absence.

ORD1/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

### **APPROVAL TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor McLean that Councillor Symkowiak's request to attend and participate in this Council meeting by audio-visual link be approved.

ORD2/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations to be noted.

### **PUBLIC ADDRESSES**

Mr Edward O'Grady addressed Council in relation to ORD14 Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2022 - Post Exhibition.

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor McLean that the public address be noted.

ORD3/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

*(Councillor Zammit arrived – the time being 6.41pm – and was present for the remainder of the meeting).*

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved Councillor A Cagney, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 6 December 2022 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held 13 December 2022, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

ORD4/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

### **MAYORAL MINUTE - CAMDEN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY GALA 2023 CHARITY RECIPIENT**

Motion: Moved Councillor Fedeli that Council endorse Big Yellow Umbrella as the recipient of the funds raised through the 2023 International Women's Day Gala.

ORD5/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

### **MAYORAL MINUTE - CAMDEN AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNERS**

Motion: Moved Councillor Fedeli that Council note the information.

ORD6/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

### **MAYORAL MINUTE - TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKES**

Motion: Moved Councillor Fedeli that Council note the information.

ORD7/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

At 6.49pm, the Mayor, Councillor Fedeli, asked that all those present stand to observe one minute's silence in respect and support of all the Turkish and Syrian people around the world who have been impacted by this devastating natural disaster. One minute's silence was observed.

**ORD01 DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE CAMDEN DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2019 - NSW EMPLOYMENT ZONES REFORM AND ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. endorse the draft amendments to the Camden Development Control Plan 2019;
- ii. exhibit the draft amendments to the Camden Development Control Plan 2019 in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Regulations*;
- iii. at the conclusion of the public exhibition period:
  - a. if there are no unresolved submissions, grant delegation to the General Manager to adopt the Development Control Plan amendments; and
  - b. publicly notify the adoption of the Development Control Plan in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Regulations*; or
  - c. if unresolved submissions are received, consider a further report to Council that outlines the results of the public exhibition for Council's consideration.

ORD8/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD02 VARIATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPROVED UNDER STAFF DELEGATIONS (QUARTERLY REPORT)**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council note the information in this report.

ORD9/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.



**ORD03 DECEMBER REVIEW OF THE 2022/23 BUDGET**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. adopt the budget variations contained within this report and note the balanced budget position for the December 2022 Quarterly Budget Review;
- ii. approve the allocation of \$200,000 from the Capital Works Reserve as matched funding for the Nepean River Corridor Study and include the budget for 2022/23 and 2023/24 as detailed in the report; and
- iii. approve the works and services at the Bicentennial Equestrian Park (\$263,750) and Camden Town Farm (\$97,800) as detailed in the report, with funding to come from the restricted balances (cash) held by Council following dissolution of the two committees.

ORD10/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD04 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2024**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor McLean that Council:

- i. approve, pursuant to sections 296(2) and (5A) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council;
- ii. approve, pursuant to sections 296(2) and (5A) of the Act, as applied and modified by section 18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council (if required); and
- iii. approve, pursuant to sections 296(2) and (5A) of the Act, as applied and modified by section 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council (if required).

ORD11/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD05 DELEGATIONS TO THE MAYOR - CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR RECESS PERIOD**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor McLean that Council note the use of delegated authority by the Mayor as outlined in this report.

ORD12/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD06 COUNCILLOR AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. appoint two additional Councillor representatives as directors on the board of Macaria Gallery Limited as determined by Council;
- ii. appoint the General Manager as a director on the board of Macaria Gallery Limited; and
- ii. appoint the nominated community member as a community representative from the Nepean River (except Narellan Creek) Catchment on the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee.

ORD13/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

Further to point i. of the resolution, Council considered the following appointments:

**Macaria Gallery Limited**

Nominations were received and confirmed for Councillor Campbell and Councillor McLean.

As no other nominations were received, Councillor Campbell and Councillor McLean were appointed as additional directors on the board of Macaria Gallery Limited.



**ORD07 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS RETURNS**

Motion: Moved Councillor Zammit, Seconded Councillor A Cagney that Council:

- i. note the tabling of the Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Returns lodged by members of the Camden Local Planning Panel; and
- ii. note the tabling of the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return lodged by Council's General Manager.

ORD14/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD08 INVESTMENT MONIES - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. note that the Responsible Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulations, and Council's Investment Policy;
- ii. note the list of investments for November 2022 and December 2022; and
- iii. note the weighted average interest rate return of 2.71% and 2.96% p.a. for the months of November 2022 and December 2022 respectively.

ORD15/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD09 2022 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - CREATIVE CAPITAL MINOR WORKS 2022**

Motion: Moved Councillor Zammit, Seconded Councillor A Cagney that Council:

- i. accept the grant funding of \$59,663 (excl. GST) from the NSW Government's Creative Capital Funding Program for Minor Works and Equipment Round Two for inclusion in the 2022/23 budget for the replacement of the Grand Piano;
- ii. write to the Hon. Ben Franklin MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism, thanking him for the grant; and
- iii. write to Peter Sidgreaves MP, Member for Camden, thanking him for his support.

ORD16/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD10 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - NSW GOVERNMENT YOUTH WEEK GRANTS PROGRAM 2023**

Motion: Moved Councillor A Cagney, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council:

- i. accept the grant subsidy of \$4,781 (excl. GST) from the NSW Government's Youth Week Grants Program for inclusion in the 2022/23 budget to deliver the 2023 Camden Youth Week program;
- ii. write to the Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones MP, Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services, thanking her for the grant; and
- iii. write to Peter Sidgreaves MP, Member for Camden, thanking him for his support.

ORD17/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD11 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL NSW - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WELLBEING RECOVERY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM - CAMDEN SWIRLS PROGRAM**

Motion: Moved Councillor Zammit, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council:

- i. accept grant funding of \$4,000 (excl. GST) from the NSW Government's Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Small Grants Program to deliver the Camden Swirls program, with the funding to be included in the 2022/23 budget;
- ii. write to the Hon. Ben Franklin, MLC, Minister for Tourism, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth, thanking him for the grant; and
- iii. write to Peter Sidgreaves MP, Member for Camden, thanking him for his support.

ORD18/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD12 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - WESTERN SYDNEY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN - LOCAL ROADS PACKAGE ROUND 4**

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Zammit that Council:

- i. accept Federal Government funding of \$6,409,049 (excl. GST) for delivery of the Camden Valley Way / Hilder Street upgrade, with \$318,227 allocated to the 2022/23 financial year and \$6,090,822 to the 2023/24 financial year;
- ii. write to the Hon. Catherine King MP, Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, thanking her for the grant; and
- iii. write to the Hon. Angus Taylor MP, Federal Member for Hume, thanking him for his support.

ORD19/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD13 PROPOSED WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL RAISING  
AMENDMENT**

Motion: Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor McLean that Council:

- i. note the information contained in the report; and
- ii. declare its opposition to the proposal to raise Warragamba Dam Wall.

ORD20/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillor Fedeli voted against the Motion.

**ORD14 DRAFT BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY 2022 - POST EXHIBITION  
AMENDMENT**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council:

- i. adopt the draft Biodiversity Strategy 2023 included as an attachment to this report;
- ii. write to the submitters thanking them for their submission and to advise the outcome of this report;
- iii. prioritise Cobbitty Valley Creek for mapping;
- iv. forward the request for a short-term action to review the urban-rural interface to the Department of Planning and Environment on the residents' behalf; and
- v. conduct a future meeting or workshop with the landholders as part of the consultation process for the development of catchment based plans.

ORD21/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**ORD15 ADOPTION OF UPDATED FLOOD DOCUMENTS - UPPER SOUTH CREEK FLOOD STUDY, NEPEAN RIVER INCLUDING NARELLAN CREEK FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN AND FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Motion: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor A Cagney that Council:

- i. adopt the Upper South Creek Flood Study;
- ii. adopt the Nepean River including Narellan Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan;
- iii. adopt the Flood Risk Management Policy; and
- iv. write to submitters thanking them for their submission and advise them of the outcome of this report.

ORD22/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju and Zammit voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillors Campbell and McLean voted against the Motion.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **ORD16 NOTICE OF MOTION - 2024 CAMDEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION**

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council:

- i. urgently write to the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) asking that in order to keep the cost to ratepayers as low as possible, the NSWEC:
  - a. reduce the number of voting booths in the 2024 Camden Local Government Election;
  - b. ensure that as far as possible, voting booths are distributed across the LGA and that voting booths are at least 750 metres apart for the 2024 Camden Local Government Election;
  - c. reduce the pre-poll period from two weeks to one week for the 2024 Camden Local Government Election;
  - d. reduce the pre-poll locations for the 2024 Camden Local Government Election to reduce costs and confusion;
  - e. encourage the use of postal voting for the 2024 Camden Local Government Election; and
- ii. request, in the above letter, a quote from the NSWEC which seeks to reduce the cost to ratepayers.

ORD23/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

Councillor A Cagney voted against the Motion.



**ORD17 NOTICE OF MOTION - STREET VENDORS DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON****AMENDMENT**

Motion: Moved Councillor McLean, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council:

- i. investigate all options to potentially enable street vendors to sell food and other items around major Christmas street displays, which may include:
  - a. current status quo;
  - b. a self-managed policy process;
  - c. a partial temporary event status;
  - d. an event management status coordinated by Council;
  - e. traffic management; or
  - f. a combination of the above points;
- ii. as part of the above investigation, consider risk, resources, budget (including potential grants) and any other considerations which Council officers deem important; and
- iii. after investigating and discussing at a Councillor briefing, report back to Council on each option for consideration and action to potentially trial during Christmas 2023, noting that the report to Council will need to occur well in advance of the Christmas season to allow effective communication and organisation.

ORD24/23 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Councillors Symkowiak, Campbell, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Dommaraju, Zammit and McLean voted in favour of the Motion.

No Councillors voted against the Motion.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.23PM**

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