

## CITY OF NEWCASTLE

**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Level 1, City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West on Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 6.03pm.**

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### **PRESENT**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors E Adamczyk, J Barrie, J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, J Mackenzie, C McCabe, C Pull, D Richardson, K Wark, P Winney-Baartz and M Wood.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), D Clarke (Director Governance and Chief Financial Officer), F Leatham (Director People and Culture), J Rigby (Acting Director Infrastructure and Property), K Hyland (Interim Director Strategy and Engagement), E Kolatchew (Manager Legal), S Moore (Manager Finance), M Bisson (Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment), T Uren (Manager Waste Services), B McCall (Commercial and Recyclables Delivery Manager), M Murray (Chief of Staff), K Sullivan (Councillor Services/Minutes), A Knowles (Councillor Services/Meeting Support) and R Garcia (Information Technology Support).

### **MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

### **PRAYER**

The Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

### **REQUEST TO ATTEND BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Winney-Baartz, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

The request submitted by Councillor Wood to attend by audio visual link be received and leave granted.

**Carried**

### **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

#### **Councillor McCabe**

Councillor McCabe declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 26 - Elizabeth Street, Tighes Hill - Proposed Raised Crossing at Union Street stating that live she lived in the suburb and near the intersection and would manage the conflict by remaining in the Chamber.

### **Councillor Mackenzie**

Councillor Mackenzie declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 26 - Elizabeth Street, Tighes Hill - Proposed Raised Crossing at Union Street stating that live he lived near the proposed intersection and would manage the conflict by remaining in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

### **Councillor Church**

Councillor Church declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Notice of Motion Item 7 - Preservation and Repurposing of Shepherds Hill Observation Post stating that he lived in the vicinity and would remain in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

### **Councillor Barrie**

Councillor Barrie declared a less than significant, non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 22 - Public Exhibition of Wickham Masterplan Update 2022 stating that she attended GLOW meetings and would remain in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

### **Councillor Barrie**

Councillor Barrie declared a less than significant, non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 23 - Supplementary Report - Exhibition of Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan for Community Infrastructure Incentives at Wickham stating that she attended GLOW meetings and would remain in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

### **Councillor Barrie**

Councillor Barrie declared a less than significant, non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 24 - Exhibition of Draft Newcastle Development Control Plan Section 6.03 Wickham stating that she attended GLOW meetings and would remain in the Chamber for discussion on the item

## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MINUTES - PUBLIC VOICE COMMITTEE 15 FEBRUARY 2022**

**MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 22 FEBRUARY 2022**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Adamczyk

The draft minutes as circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

**Carried  
unanimously**

## LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

### ITEM-6

### LMM 22/03/22 - FEDERAL ELECTION PRIORITIES

#### MOTION

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Notes that a Federal Election is to take place by 21 May 2022.
- 2 Prepares an election priorities document, in order to enable high level advocacy for funding and delivery of projects and policies including, but not limited to:
  - a. Newcastle Airport passenger Terminal expansion
  - b. Richmond Vale Rail Trail
  - c. National Park No. 1 Sportsground redevelopment
  - d. Hunter Park (Broadmeadow Sports and Entertainment Precinct)
  - e. Sporting Facility Fund
  - f. Surf Lifesaving Club redevelopment funding
  - g. Stockton Coastal Erosion mitigation and sand replenishment
  - h. John Hunter Hospital Health & Innovation Precinct
  - i. Expansion of Newcastle Light Rail
  - j. Lower Hunter Freight Corridor
  - k. Affordable Housing initiatives
  - l. Improved mobile telecommunications coverage
  - m. Flood mitigation at Wallsend
  - n. Diversification of Port of Newcastle
  - o. Waste management and circular economy innovation investment
  - p. Newcastle Interchange Ferry Terminal
  - q. Indexation of Financial Assistance Grants to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue
  - r. Minmi Road upgrade
  - s. University of Newcastle STEMM Regional Transformation Hub
  - t. Cottage Creek Bridge
  - u. Commitment to the establish a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission
  - v. Newcastle to Sydney very fast rail
  - w. Offshore Wind Project
  - x. Rebuild Australia's Strategic Fleet
  - y. GP Access Funding
  - z. Arts & Cultural Package (including Newcastle After Dark, Live & Local expansion)
  - aa. Local Government Natural Disaster Mitigation Fund
  - bb. Adaptation and mitigation initiatives to address climate change

- cc. Active Hub Program
  - i. Beresfield
  - ii. Adamstown/Kotara
  - iii. Bar Beach
  - iv. Mayfield
  - v. Wallsend Active Hub & Swimming Centre
- dd. Local Centres Program
  - i. Orchardtown Road
  - ii. Wallsend Stage 3A & 3B
  - iii. Mayfield Local Centre
  - iv. Georgetown Local Centre
  - v. Waratah Local Centre
  - vi. East End Public Domain Stage 1 & 2
  - vii. Wood Street Centre
- ee. Parks, Playgrounds, Pathways Program:
  - i. Bathers Way
  - ii. City Centre to Merewether Cycleway, Stage 2
  - iii. Newcastle West Bi-directional Cycleway – West End Stage 2, Phase 1
  - iv. Newcastle East End Streetscapes Upgrades and Cycleway
  - v. Signalisation of Cycleway Intersections
  - vi. Cycleway connections with Link Road upgrade
  - vii. Maitland Road Rail Crossings Cycleway upgrades
  - viii. Active Transport Infrastructure Program
  - ix. National Park Cycleway
  - x. Gregson Park Masterplan implementation
  - xi. Creek Road Masterplan implementation
  - xii. Local playground disability inclusion & accessibility
  - xiii. Variety Livvi's Place, Newcastle Foreshore regional inclusive playspace

- 3 Notes that our funding priorities have remained consistent, with the City of Newcastle advocating for funding to deliver these projects across multiple election and budget cycles, and their identification in various external stakeholder strategies including Infrastructure Australia *Priority List 2022*, Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation strategic planning, Hunter Joint Organisation, Committee for the Hunter, NSW Government Draft Hunter Regional Plan 2041.

**For the Motion:** Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Richardson, Wark, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

**Against the Motion:** Councillor Pull.

**Carried**

## REPORTS BY COUNCIL OFFICERS

### ITEM-27                      CCL 22/03/22 - TAURANGA ROAD, NEW LAMBTON - HALF ROAD CLOSURE AT LAMBTON ROAD

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr Winney-Baartz, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

- 1 Approves the proposed half road closure and one way traffic flow in Tauranga Road Lambton, as generally shown at **Attachment A**.

**Carried**

### ITEM-21                      CCL 22/03/22 - ENDORSEMENT OF MOTIONS TO THE 2022 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr Duncan, seconded by Cr Adamczyk

That Council:

- 1 Endorse the motion/s for submission to the 2022 Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly as set out at **Attachment A**.

#### **For the Motion:**

Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Richardson, Wark, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

#### **Against the Motion:**

Councillor Pull.

**Carried**

Councillor Church requested it be noted he was not in support of Motion 10 - Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

### ITEM-22                      CCL 22/03/22 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF WICKHAM MASTERPLAN UPDATE 2022

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

- 1 Places the draft WMP 2021 (2022 amendment) (**Attachment A**) on public exhibition for 28 days.
- 2 Considers a report on submissions received following the public exhibition.

**For the Motion:** Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Pull, Richardson, Wark, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

**Against the Motion:** Nil.

**Carried**

**ITEM-23 CCL 22/03/22 - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - EXHIBITION OF PLANNING PROPOSAL AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE INCENTIVES AT WICKHAM**

**MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

- 1 Endorses the Planning Proposal (**Attachment B**) to amend the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 (NLEP 2012) to implement the Draft Wickham Masterplan 2021 Update (WMP 2021) (2022 Amendment).
- 2 Forwards the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning for 'Gateway Determination' pursuant to Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).
- 3 Publicly exhibits the Planning Proposal, subject to Gateway Determination, for a minimum of 28 days together with the following:
  - i) Amended Newcastle Development Control Plan 2012 (NDCP 2021) Section 6.03 Wickham (**Attachment C**).
  - ii) Amended NDCP 2012 Section 9.00 Glossary (**Attachment D**).
  - iii) The Draft Incentives Gross Floor Area (GFA) Rate for Wickham (**Attachment E**), within the Schedule of Fees and Charges, of the Newcastle Operational Plan 2021/22.
- 4 Receives a report on submissions following public exhibition and considers any amendments made in response to submissions and make a final determination on the Planning Proposal and draft Section 6.03 of the NDCP 2012.

**For the Motion:** Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Pull, Richardson, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

**Against the Motion:** Councillors Barrie, Church and Wark.

**Carried**

**ITEM-24****CCL 22/03/22 - EXHIBITION OF DRAFT NEWCASTLE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN SECTION 6.03 WICKHAM****MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

- 1 Publicly exhibits the draft NDCP 2012 Section 6.03 Wickham (**Attachment A**) for 28 days in accordance with the requirements of Clause 18 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EP&A Regulation) and Council's Community Participation Plan (CPP).
- 2 Receives a report on submissions received after the public exhibition period including any further amendments made in response to submissions as per Clause 21 of the EP&A Regulation.

**For the Motion:**

Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Pull, Richardson, Wark, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

**Against the Motion:**

Councillor Church.

**Carried**

**ITEM-25****CCL 22/03/22 - EMPLOYMENT ZONES REFORM****MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Adamczyk

That Council:

- 1 Receives the report and notes NSW Government changes to employment zones in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012.
- 2 Makes a formal submission to the Department of Planning and Environment raising concerns about the short time frame to consider this significant reform.
- 3 Writes to the Minister for Planning and Homes and the Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment providing a copy of City of Newcastle's submission and noting its concerns in relation to including the B1 Neighbourhood zone in the proposed E1 Local Centre Zones.
- 4 That Councillors receive a detailed workshop prior to the LEP changes being finalised to discuss the proposed Local Provisions clauses that will be included in the revised Newcastle LEP 2012

**For the Motion:**

Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Pull, Richardson, Wark, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

**Against the Motion:**

Nil.

**Carried**



**MOTION**

Moved by Cr Adamczyk, seconded by Cr Barrie

That Council:

- 1 Resolves to bring forward the scheduled expansion of an Organics Processing Facility (OPF) by four years to enable both food and garden organics to be processed from year one.
- 2 Notes that by bringing forward the expansion of the OPF from 32,600 tonnes per annum (tpa) to 50,000 tpa, the project will instead need to be undertaken as a single step construction project, with a single lead contractor.
- 3 Accepts a variation to contract 2019/144T for the design and construction of an Organics Processing Facility for combined Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) at the Summerhill Waste Management Centre (SWMC) to enable food waste to be brought forward by four years from the current schedule as shown at **Attachment A**.
- 4 Notes that by bringing forward the processing of food organics by four years, an additional 24,000 tonnes of waste will be diverted from landfill and instead generate approximately \$450,000 from the sale of additional commercial grade composting material.
- 5 Notes that by bringing forward the processing of food organics to the first year of OPF operation, the total capital project cost will reduce by \$4.6M and reduce City of Newcastle's (CN) s88 waste levy liability by \$3.5M over four years.
- 6 Resolves that City of Newcastle (CN) continue to seek funding opportunities for the OPF including through requesting the return of a larger share of the s88 waste levy paid by CN to the NSW Government and exploring low interest loans from organisations such as the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and TCorp.

**For the Motion:**

Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Pull, Richardson, Wark, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

**Against the Motion:**

Nil.

**Carried  
unanimously**

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### ITEM-5                      **NOM 22/03/22 - SUPPORT FOR EAST COAST SUBMARINE NAVAL BASE IN NEWCASTLE**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Pull, seconded by Cr Barrie

That City of Newcastle:

- 1     Supports the building of the new east coast Future Navy Base in Newcastle.
- 2     Commends the Federal government's plan for the base and welcomes the estimated \$10 billion investment.
- 3     Notes that the construction and operation of the base in Newcastle will create countless jobs and establish a powerful new economy in Newcastle and the Hunter.
- 4     Resolves that the CEO writes to the Prime Minister, Defence Minister, Leader of the Opposition and New South Wales Premier conveying our strong support for the submarine base to be built in Newcastle.

**For the Motion:**                      Councillors Church and Pull.

**Against the Motion:**                Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk,  
Barrie, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe,  
Richardson, Wark, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

**Defeated**

### ITEM-6                      **NOM 22/03/22 - SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL 'STATEMENT FROM THE HEART' FOR INDIGENOUS CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION CAMPAIGN**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Winney-Baartz, seconded by Cr Richardson

That City of Newcastle

- 1     Notes that the LGNSW Special Conference 2022 resolved to support From the Heart's call for Indigenous constitutional recognition through a Voice to Parliament, a referendum to be held in the next term of the Federal Parliament, and to assist Councils to hold public forums to inform their communities about the Statement from the Heart and the proposed referendum.
- 2     Recognises the Guraki Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the work they do to ensure that acknowledgment of the original custodians of our land is embedded in all that we do at Council;
- 3     Supports the Statement from The Heart and the campaign for Constitutional Recognition of an Indigenous Voice to Parliament;

- 4 Collaborates with the From the Heart, through the First Nations Voice to Council campaign, to raise awareness of and to recognise that May 26<sup>th</sup> represents the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Statement from The Heart;
- 5 Partners with the Guraki Aboriginal Advisory Committee, LGNSW and From the Heart to hold public forums in Newcastle to raise community awareness of the Statement from the Heart and the campaign for a referendum for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition through a Voice to Parliament.

**For the Motion:**

Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Richardson, Wark, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

**Against the Motion:**

Councillor Pull.

**Carried**

**ITEM-7                      NOM 22/03/22 - PRESERVATION AND REPURPOSING OF SHEPHERDS HILL OBSERVATION POST**

**MOTION**

Moved by Cr Church, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That City of Newcastle

- 1 Notes the Shepherds Hill Observation Post Complex is located in a prominent and highly visible location and its ongoing degradation is rapidly becoming an eyesore.
- 2 Notes that the Complex, due to its significant role in WWII is State Heritage listed and as Trustees, Council have responsibility under Section 118 of the State Heritage Act, for Weatherproofing, Fire Protection, Security and Essential Maintenance.
- 3 Notes that the Observation Post could be repurposed as a Whale Watching and Monitoring Station. This would represent a replication of its wartime role as a Naval Observation Post, monitoring the coastal waters for enemy shipping by Naval personnel.
- 4 Notes that significant investment that has already been made by council in restoring the neighbouring Shepherds Hill Cottage and that combined, these sites have the potential to become a tourism drawcard for the city
- 5 Undertakes urgent remedial works to stabilise and protect the Shepherds Hill Observation Complex from further deterioration.
- 6 Forms a working party that would include historians, heritage architects, engineers, councillors and community representatives, to oversee an engineering and feasibility study of the complex to assess the options available and suitability for future repurposing which would include safe public access and funding options.

Councillor Clausen foreshadowed a substantive motion that being the officer's recommendation outlined in the business papers.

The motion moved by Councillor Church and seconded by Councillor Mackenzie was put to the meeting.

**Defeated**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Adamczyk

That Council:

- 1 Notes the Shepherds Hill Observation Post and other structures at 41 The Terrace is located in a prominent and highly visible location, and that inspections are undertaken on a regular basis to ensure security and maintenance is undertaken.
- 2 Notes the importance of the site, and the structures as a state significant heritage item, and the role that it played in the history of defence for Newcastle.
- 3 Notes that works associated with the management and upgrade of these heritage structures is significant and beyond the capacity of CN as the Crown Land manager.
- 4 Notes that CN has already invested more than \$1 million in the restoration of the Shepherds Hill Cottage, also located at 41 The Terrace.
- 5 Delegates the CEO to write to the Minister for Defence to seek funding for feasibility investigations and concept plan for the adaptive reuse of the site, which could include activities such as whale watching.

**Carried  
unanimously**

### **ITEM-8                      NOM 22/03/22 - REFUGEE / ASYLUM SEEKERS- HUMANITARIAN SETTLEMENT**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr McCabe, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 notes the historical leadership of Newcastle Council on refugee and multicultural issues, including as the second city in Australia to declare itself a "Refugee Welcome Zone" in 2002. Further, that Council note the recommitment to that declaration on 28 May 2015.
- 2 notes that Australia currently holds 66 refugees and asylum seekers in locked detention, approximately 448 in community detention, and approximately 504 on short-term bridging visas.

- 3 notes that 14,000 asylum seekers are currently being held in Indonesia, and most have been there for 10 years. They are considered by UNHCR to be Australia's responsibility as Indonesia is not a signatory to the UNHCR charter.
- 4 notes that 104 people are currently detained in PNG and 112 in Nauru at taxpayers' expense.
- 5 notes that former Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, released 34 refugees from a Melbourne Hotel in January 2021, advising that: "it's cheaper for people to be in the community than it is to be at a hotel or for us to be paying for them to be in detention"
- 6 authorise the Lord Mayor to write to the NSW members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the current Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Karen Andrews MP, requesting urgent humanitarian settlement for all refugees and asylum seekers who seek sanctuary and a safe home in Australia.  
  
Include in this letter, specific advocacy for the refugees and asylum seekers brought to onshore detention through medical evacuation (Medevac), approximately 18 of whom are currently held in the Park Hotel in inner Melbourne, after 9 were released unexpectedly, without explanation on Friday 11th of March.
- 7 notes that a number of other Australian cities, including Hobart, have offered support for these refugees. Given the City's status as a Refugee Welcome City, offers CN's support to assist stakeholders to settle those refugees and asylum seekers as soon as possible after leaving detention.
- 8 Support the [Back your Neighbour campaign](#) by adding the City of Newcastle to their list of supporting local councils.

**For the Motion:**

Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Richardson, Wark, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

**Against the Motion:**

Councillor Pull.

**Carried**

**ITEM-9                      NOM 22/03/22 - NEWCASTLE SURF LIFESAVING CLUBS**

**MOTION**

Moved by Cr Barrie, seconded by Cr Pull

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Notes that work is currently underway to prepare Coastal Management Programs (CMP) and are following a process that is mandated under the Coastal Management Act 2016.
- 2 Notes that CMPs are critical to understand the current and future coastal hazard exposure for all coastal infrastructure and assets.

- 3 Notes the importance of Surf Lifesaving Clubs and the need for a Strategic Plan, informed by the outputs of a CMP, for the management of existing coastal buildings.
- 4 Explores future funding options with Federal, State, and external stakeholders to maximize the Clubs' functionality to provide a community service and to increase tourism visitation for all residents/visitors/surf lifesaving volunteers and families can enjoy the City of Newcastle's beautiful beaches and outdoor recreational lifestyle.
- 5 Notes that five out of the six Surf Lifesaving Clubs require leases (Nobby's SLSC currently have a lease), and that on-site storage is reviewed as a part process to ensure the safety of all beach visitors continues for residents and with planning for future tourism development.

Councillor Wark proposed the following amendment to the motion:

- 6 *Remove Council life guards on a Sunday replacing them with volunteer surf lifesaving patrols in order to reduce Council staff wages.*

The mover and seconder of the motion agreed to incorporate Councillor Wark's amendment to the motion.

#### **AMENDMENT**

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and seconded by Cr Clausen

#### **PART A**

#### **City of Newcastle support for our local Surf Lifesaving Clubs & Coastal revitalisation**

- 1 Notes that City of Newcastle has invested more than \$11 million into upgrades and maintenance of our Surf Lifesaving Clubs since 2013, including:
  - a. \$420,000 in cash to Hunter Surf Lifesaving since 2013.
  - b. Almost \$11.5 million of direct investment which has contributed to project such as:
    - i. \$1.2 million heritage refurbishment of Nobby's Surf Lifesaving Club.
    - ii. \$640,000 refurbishment of Dixon Park Surf Lifesaving Club.
    - iii. Stockton's \$200,000 refurbishment in 2020.
    - iv. More than \$700,000 for Cooks Hill Surf Lifesaving Club.
- 2 Notes that the NSW Liberal Government has rejected grant funding applications for the Bathers Way Stage 2: Newcastle Beach Community Facility (incorporating Newcastle Surf Lifesaving Club upgrades) on four separate occasions (Resources for Regions - 2016; Building Better Regions 2 - 2017; Building Better Regions 3 - 2018; Regional Growth Fund - 2018).

- 3 Notes that during the recent election campaign, Councillor Church committed the NSW Government to a 50/50 funding partnership with City of Newcastle to upgrade Surf Clubs and that in the last financial year, the NSW Government committed just \$120,000 in funding to 29 clubs (\$3.5m total). At this rate, it would take 174 years to provide the NSW Government's share of the funding as committed by Councillor Church.
- 4 Notes that City of Newcastle has also proudly delivered significant coastal revitalisation along our coastline, including \$46 million invested over the past 10 years, including the delivery of our iconic Bathers Way.
- 5 Writes to the NSW and Commonwealth Parliamentary Friends of Surf Lifesaving, advocating for funding to upgrade Newcastle's Surf Lifesaving Clubs.

## **PART B**

That City of Newcastle:

- 1 Notes that work is currently underway to prepare Coastal Management Programs (CMP) and are following a process that is mandated under the Coastal Management Act 2016.
- 2 Notes that CMPs are critical to understand the current and future coastal hazard exposure for all coastal infrastructure and assets.
- 3 Notes the importance of Surf Lifesaving Clubs and the need for a Strategic Plan, informed by the outputs of a CMP, for the management of existing coastal buildings.
- 4 Explores future funding options with Federal, State, and external stakeholders to maximize the Clubs' functionality to provide a community service and to increase tourism visitation for all residents/visitors/surf lifesaving volunteers and families can enjoy the City of Newcastle's beautiful beaches and outdoor recreational lifestyle.
- 5 Notes that five out of the six Surf Lifesaving Clubs require leases (Nobby's SLSC currently have a lease), and that on-site storage is reviewed as a part process to ensure the safety of all beach visitors continues for residents and with planning for future tourism development.

The amendment moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Clausen, was put to the meeting.

**Carried**

The motion moved by Councillor Barrie and seconded by Councillor Pull, as amended by the Lord Mayor and Councillor Clausen, was put to the meeting.

**Carried**

**ITEM-10****NOM 22/03/22 - GAS DECARBONISATION****MOTION**

Moved by Cr McCabe, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That City of Newcastle

- Notes Council's commitment to expedite the delivery of Net Zero Emission Buildings through the new and amended provisions in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan that facilitate greater efficiencies of energy and water use than current minimum standards and net zero carbon emissions in new development (including industrial uses).
- Affirms the recommendation in Council's submission on the new Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy (DP SEPP) that "BASIX should be used to dissuade new developments from being gas dependent and promote all electric developments".
- Writes to the Prime Minister The Hon Scott Morrison MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, the Minister for Industry, Energy and Emissions Reduction The Hon Angus Taylor MP, Minister for Resources and Water The Hon Keith Pitt MP, and the Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie to urgently develop a gas decarbonisation roadmap, setting business, industry and households up to be resilient and sustainable in a decarbonising world, while safeguarding jobs in important manufacturing industries.

**Carried**

**ITEM-11****NOM 22/03/22 - NEWCASTLE WEST SAFETY AUDIT****MOTION**

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

That Council:

- 1 Notes that in the Newcastle After Dark Strategy, the West End precinct was the least positively perceived precinct in terms of safety, and the only one to be rated 'red' in the traffic light assessment of safety.
- 2 Notes the Newcastle Safe City Plan, which outlines the key relevant community safety issues occurring in the Newcastle LGA both during the day and at night.
- 3 Notes the importance of crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles and practices in the Newcastle Safe City Plan in contributing to safety in the public domain.
- 4 Notes the value of recently conducted CPTED safety audits for Little Burwood Park and James Street Plaza to inform design for public domain upgrades.

- 5 Conducts a CPTED safety audit for the 'West End' after dark precinct during the detailed design phase of the West End city centre revitalisation program of works in consultation with residents, NSW Police, local venue operators, Councillors, City of Newcastle staff, and other key stakeholders.

**Carried  
unanimously**

**ITEM-12                    NOM 22/03/22 - CITY OF NEWCASTLE CREATIVE  
HOARDINGS PROGRAM**

**MOTION**

Moved by Cr Duncan, seconded by Cr Richardson

That City of Newcastle:

**Part A: Newcastle Creative Hoardings Program**

- 1 Notes recent interest regarding illegal graffiti on private properties in the City Centre, and reinforces that Council is working with our community partners at the NSW Department of Justice and Communities to help remove graffiti from private property and commercial premises.
- 2 Reiterates that members of the community are able to report illegal graffiti via our website, the City of Newcastle App or by calling our Customer Service Centre on 4974 2000.
- 3 Notes that concerns have been raised regarding illegal graffiti on the hoarding of private construction sites in the City Centre (former Newcastle Post Office site);
- 4 Notes that City of Sydney has created a Creative Hoardings Program 'in response to community demand or more street art to enliven the streets of Sydney and bring creative into the everyday'.
- 5 Investigates the feasibility of initiating a Newcastle Creative Hoardings Program, whereby developers with construction sites in high visibility areas must cover their hoardings with street art concepts, created by local street artists (wherever possible) as endorsed by the City's Public Art Reference Group.

**Part B: Supporting Street Art initiatives**

- 1 Notes that the popular Big Picture Festival is returning later in 2022 as a part of the Special Business Rate (SBR) Program, and event organisers propose to collaborate with other SBR street art projects to create a more holistic and broader initiative, including:
  - \$150,000 for the Big Picture Festival.
  - Small Walls graffiti prevention program (which will include 10-20 small scale murals in identified reoccurring illegal graffiti locations).
  - Chalk the Walk.

- UP&UP's Create Your Place (Street Art Workshops).
- Darby Street Murals and activations, including the revitalisation of the headphone's plaza.

**Carried**

## **CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Nil.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chief Executive Officer reported the resolutions of partial confidential reports (refer as previously stated).

**The meeting concluded at 9.59pm.**