



Council Chambers
15 September 2023

The **3790th MEETING** of **COUNCIL** will be held on Cammeraygal lands at the Council Chambers, North Sydney at **6.30pm** on Monday 25 September 2023. The agenda is as follows.

THERESE MANNS
GENERAL MANAGER

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- 1. Opening of Meeting**
 - 2. Acknowledgement of Country**
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 - 4. Confirmation of Minutes**
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 - 8. Mayoral Minutes**
Nil
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10. Reports to Council

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11. Notices of Motion/Questions with Notice

Nil

12. Matters of Urgency

Nil

13 Closure of Meeting

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TO: The Mayor, Zoë Baker and Councillors Beregi, Bourke, Gibson, Lamb, Lepouris, Mutton, Santer, Spenceley, and Welch

3790th MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. OPENING MEETING

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

THAT THE MINUTES of the 3789th Council Meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

6. PUBLIC FORUM

7. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

8. MINUTES OF THE MAYOR

Nil

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

10.1 Election of Mayor

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Council and Committee Services

The purpose of this report is to facilitate the election of the Mayor for the period 25 September 2023 to 14 September 2024, in accordance with section 230 of the Local Government Act NSW 1993 (the Act).

Due to the reduced three-year term of Council, the term for the position of the Mayor elected by Councillors was set at two years (January 2022- September 2023) and one year (September 2023- September 2024) respectively.

The returning officer is to be the General Manager, or a person appointed by the General Manager.

Nominations must be in writing, in accordance with clause 2 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (The Schedule), a copy of which is attached.

Nominations must be provided to the General Manager (via Governance, or directly) prior to the commencement of the election. Councillors are encouraged to submit nominations in advance to ensure their validity is confirmed prior to the election. Schedule 7 governs the election of a Mayor or Deputy Mayor by councillors.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** an election be held to elect a Mayor for the period 25 September 2023, to 14 September 2024.
- 2. THAT** Council determine the method of voting.
- 3. THAT** the Coordinator General, Planning Delivery and Local Government and the Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of Local Government New South Wales be advised of the election result.

10.2 Election of Deputy Mayor

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Council and Committee Services

The purpose of this report is to facilitate an election for the position of Deputy Mayor, in accordance with Council's Deputy Mayor Policy. In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the General Manager is the Returning Officer. Council's Deputy Mayor Policy and Section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that Council may elect a Deputy Mayor. The Policy provides that the Deputy Mayor will be appointed for a period from 1 October to 30 September. However, the legislation provides that the Deputy Mayor may be elected for the Mayoral term, or a shorter term.

Nominations must be in writing, in accordance with clause 2 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (The Schedule), a copy of which is attached to the previous report.

Nominations must be provided to the General Manager (via Governance, or directly) prior to the commencement of the election. Councillors are encouraged to submit nominations in advance to ensure their validity is confirmed prior to the election. Schedule 7 governs the election of a Mayor, or Deputy Mayor, by councillors.

Depending on the result of the Deputy Mayoral election it may be necessary for Council to consider Councillor membership of the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council resolve to appoint a Councillor to be the Deputy Mayor in accordance with section 231(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
- 2. THAT** an election be held to elect a Deputy Mayor for the period 26 September 2023, to 14 September 2024.
- 3. THAT** Council determine the method of voting as open voting in accordance with Council's Deputy Mayor Policy.
- 4. THAT** the Coordinator General, Planning Delivery and Local Government and the Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of Local Government New South Wales be advised of the election result.
- 5. THAT,** if required, Council is to resolve the two Councillor members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, noting one is to be the Deputy Mayor.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12. Matters of Urgency

Nil

13. CLOSURE
