

**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 August 2024 at
Ashfield Service Centre**

Meeting commenced at 6.43pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Chloe Smith	Deputy Mayor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Dylan Griffiths	Councillor
Mathew Howard	Councillor
Justine Langford	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Kobi Shetty	Councillor (attended via audio-visual link) (attended in person from 9:21pm)
John Stamolis	Councillor
Timothy Stephens	Councillor
Zoi Tsardoulis	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Manod Wickramasinghe	Acting Director Infrastructure
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Beau-Jane De Costa	Acting Director Corporate
Julian Sakarai	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Simon Turner	Acting General Counsel
Chris Sleiman	Chief Financial Officer
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Motion (Stephens/Lockie)

That Council accept Councillor Shetty's request to attend tonight's Council meeting via audio-visual link (6:43pm to 9:21pm) due to sitting in Parliament.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Lockie/Atkins)

That Council allow members of the Public Gallery to record the meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 as he works in the Ministerial Office of the Minister for Transport, who in her capacity as the Member for Summer Hill has a representative on the Local Traffic Committee. He will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting as the vote of the State Member is exercised through a representative.

Councillor Howard declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 15 - Inner West Cycling Update as his primary residence is located on one of the streets where works are being discussed. He will leave the meeting for discussion and voting.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 16 - Pathway to a Safer Cooks River Walking and Cycling Trail as he works in the office of the Minister for Transport. This item references the closure of the T3 Bankstown Line but does not substantively regard that matter and as such, he does not believe it constitutes a significant conflict and so will remain in the meeting for discussion and voting.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 33 - Notice of Motion: Tempe Train Station Accessibility and Item 37 - Notice of Motion: Lewisham Town Centre Upgrade as he works in the office of the Minister for Transport and in that capacity has been directly engaged in work around station upgrades. Out of an abundance of caution, and to avoid any perception of risk, he will remove himself from the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 56 - Bridgewater Park Construction Lease to Transport for NSW, as he works in the Office of the Minister for Transport. As this is a legal matter that involves Transport for NSW, and out of an abundance of caution so as to avoid any perception of conflict, he will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Smith declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 as her principal place of residence which she rents is on Railway Street, Petersham is within the Petersham North LATM Plan precinct (Item 4 of the LTC meeting minutes) and a number of treatments are recommended for that street within the report. As she does not own the property in question, she will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Atkins declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 - 2024 Inner West Council Annual Grants, as they are a member of the Older Women's Network which is a recipient of grants. They will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting, as they are a member only and not involved in management or administration, nor is there any reasonable likelihood of financial gain or loss to them nor a close associate.

Councillor Stamolis declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 - Draft Council Submission - Greater Sydney Parklands and Callan Park Plan of Management, Item 34 - Notice of Motion: Two New all-weather Sporting Fields in Callan Park and Item 42 - Notice of Motion: Callan Park Playing Fields, as he is a long standing member of the Friends of Callan Park.

Councillor Shetty declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 as she is the State Member for Balmain and has a representative on the Local Traffic Committee. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting as the vote of the State Member is exercised through a representative.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 1 - Draft Council Submission - Greater Sydney City Parklands and Callan Park Plan of Management, Item 34 - Notice of Motion: Two New all-weather Sporting Fields in Callan Park and Item 42 - Notice of Motion: Callan Park Playing Fields out of abundance of caution due to his being Council's delegate to the Callan Park Community Board. However, he noted that Clause 4.6(o) of the Code of Conduct provides that an interest arising from the appointment of a councillor to a body as a representative or delegate of the Council, whether or not a fee or other recompense is payable to the representative or delegate, does not need to be disclosed and as such he will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting.

Motion: (Scott/Langford)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Howard)

That Council allow all registered speakers for Items 23 and 34 to speak during the Public Forum.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

PUBLIC FORUM

The registered speakers were asked to address the meeting. The list of speakers is available on the last page of these minutes.

Procedural Motion (Scott/Howard)

That the meeting be adjourned for 2 minutes.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm

The meeting recommenced at 7:46pm

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Scott)

That the meeting be adjourned for 3 minutes.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm

The meeting recommenced at 8.16pm

Councillor Shetty left the meeting at 8:37pm

Councillor Shetty returned to the meeting at 8:45pm

Councillor Shetty left the meeting at 9:17pm

Councillor Shetty entered the meeting in person at 9:20pm

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Scott)

That the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Crs Atkins and Griffiths

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm

The meeting recommenced at 10:06pm

C0824(1) Condolence Motion: Aristomenis and Athena Spiropoulos**Motion (Tsardoulias/Howard)**

That Council record our sadness of the passing of Aristomenis and Athena and write to the Spiropoulos family expressing our condolences.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

C0824(1) Condolence Motion: Agapitos "Jack" Passaris**Motion (Tsardoulias/Howard)**

That Council record our sadness of the passing of Agapitos "Jack" Passaris and write to the Passaris family expressing our condolences.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

C0824(1) Item 59 Mayoral Minute: Celebrating Inner West Olympians**Motion: (Byrne)**

- 1. That Council note this has been Australia's most successful Olympic games ever, largely due to extraordinary performance of female athletes.**
- 2. That Council note that the Inner West community has been well represented at the games by local athletes including:**
 - Ellie Cole (Balmain) Diving**
 - Genevieve Longman (Balmain) Water Polo**
 - Sienna Hearn (Balmain) Water Polo**
 - Kendall Brodie (Haberfield) Rowing**
 - Alex Wilson (Camperdown) Basketball 3x3**
 - Clare Hunt (Camperdown) Football**
 - Rachael Gunn (Ashfield) Breaking**
 - Evie Haseldine (Ashfield) Sailing**
- 3. That Council host a reception for Olympians and Paralympians from the Inner West, including their families and support teams, who competed at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and 2024 Paris Paralympic Games.**
- 4. That Council dedicate a Perfect Match mural in Tempe to celebrate the achievements of female athletes in the Olympic and Paralympic games.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Scott)

That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward Item 34 - Notice of Motion: Two New all-weather Sporting Fields in Callan Park and Item 23 - Notice of Motion: Invasion of Gaza and illegal occupation of Westbank - Council's investments and procurement relationships in relation to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign, to be dealt with at this time.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Stephens/Scott)

That Council allow Clr Byrne to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 34.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Shetty/Langford)

That Council allow Clr Stamolis to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 34.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Howard)

That Council allow Clr Shetty to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 34.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Nil

C0824(1) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Two New all-weather Sporting Fields in Callan Park

Procedural Motion (Scott/Howard)

That the Motion be Put.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulias

Against Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis

Motion: (Byrne/Scott)

1. That Council commit to delivering two new rectangular all-weather sporting fields in Callan Park, one at the Balmain Road field and another at the Waterfront Drive fields. The approximate cost of these facilities is \$7 million - \$8 million with the funds to be allocated from the additional \$20 million committed by the NSW Government to completing to Rozelle Parklands and / or providing alternate sporting facilities nearby to the Parklands.
2. That Council allocate these new fields for the use primarily of Leichhardt Saints Football Club (Balmain Road) and Balmain & District Football Club (Waterfront Drive) with this allocation to be recognised and incorporated into future ground bookings.
3. That Council commit to opening the Rozelle Parklands oval shaped sporting field primarily as a new cricket field for use in the 2024/5 summer season and an AFL field in the 2025 winter sporting season, with ongoing use for both sports in future seasons once Council takes care, control, and management of the Parklands.
4. That Council, as part of this project, commit to installing cricket nets at Rozelle Parklands.
5. That Council commence the design process for both all-weather sporting fields with Leichhardt Saints Football Club and Balmain & District Football Club to be included in the design process from the outset and throughout the process. The two projects are to be undertaken concurrently with the aim being that works commence at the end of the 2025 winter season.
6. That Council recognise the long-term commitment of Balmain & District Football Club and Leichhardt Saints Football Club have made to growing girl's and women's football in our community and through this project support both clubs in extending participation opportunities, including increased access and programs for All Abilities Special Needs players.
7. That Council commit to funding a new fenced off-leash dog walking area in Callan Park with the location to be determined in consultation with local dog walkers.
8. That Council consult with local dog walkers about other amenities and facilities that are needed within Callan Park with a view to partnering with Greater Sydney Parklands Agency to provide these urgently.
9. That Council strengthen our submission regarding the Callan Park Masterplan to emphasise the need for urgent action to improve pedestrian safety and traffic calming in Callan Park.
10. That Council prepare a report to be received at the October Ordinary Council meeting outlining the design and approval process and cost estimates for the project.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis

The Mayor, Cllr Byrne, tabled a petition on Two New All-Weather Sporting Fields at Callan Park, which is available at the end of these minutes. *

Procedural Motion (Atkins/Howard)

That Council allow Clr Griffiths to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 23.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Howard)

That Council allow Clr Byrne to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 23.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

C0824(1) Item 23 Notice of Motion: Invasion of Gaza and illegal occupation of Westbank - Council's investments and procurement relationships in relation to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign

Motion: (Griffiths/Lockie)**1. That Council note:**

- a) that there is significant concern in the Inner West community regarding the invasion of Gaza, illegal occupation of Gaza and the West Bank, and human rights abuses committed by Israel;
- b) calls from residents for ethical use of council rates;
- c) that in June 2024, the United Nations Security Council adopted a resolution calling for an immediate, full and complete ceasefire;
- d) South Africa's case at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) that alleges Israel has breached the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in its military assault on Gaza;
- e) the ICJ's preliminary finding in January 2024 that it is plausible that Israel's actions amount to a genocide and orders that Israel prevent acts of genocide;
- f) that on the 22nd of July, the ICJ made the advisory ruling that:
 - i. Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful;
 - ii. Israel's legislation and measures breach the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination which reads, 'States Parties particularly condemn racial segregation and apartheid and undertake to prevent, prohibit and eradicate all practices of this nature in territories under their jurisdiction'; and
 - iii. all states have a responsibility to ensure Israel's compliance with international law.

2. That Council note:

- a) Council's adopted Investment Policy binds council to the principles of ethical investment management. It also states that Council's investment portfolio is to consist entirely of socially responsible investments and deposits. It does not define 'socially responsible investments'; and

- b) Council’s adopted Procurement Policy includes a commitment to ‘progressive procurement’ and presents the example of only purchasing from suppliers that demonstrate adherence to just, inclusive labour practices, environmental sustainability, indigenous ownership, or broader community concerns.
3. That the General Manager:
 - a) prepare a report recommending amendments to our Investment Policy and Procurement Policy to make it explicit that council investment and procurement relationships must, to the best of its ability, exclude companies involved in the weapons industry and/or which are complicit in or profiting from human rights violations, including those being committed in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and
 - b) in preparing the report, seek advice from the Australian Palestinian Advocacy Network on implementing the objectives of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign as it applies to local government.
 4. That Council undertake a comprehensive audit of Council’s investments and procurement relationships in the context of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign, with any required funding to be identified through the quarterly budget review. This audit will:
 - a) be reported to council at the earliest opportunity and staged to allow priority disclosure of high value investments and procurement relationships; and
 - b) make recommendations, if needed, of changes that Council can make to its suppliers and investments, to ensure that Council is not investing or purchasing from companies involved in the weapons industry and/or which are complicit in or profiting from human rights violations in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis
Against Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Foreshadowed Motion (Byrne)

1. That Council notes that foreign affairs is the responsibility of the Commonwealth government.
2. That Council recalls and affirms Motions passed at the Ordinary Meetings of Council on 21 November 2023 and 5 December 2023 which condemned the 7 October 2023 attack by Hamas and called for the release of hostages, stated that Israel must comply with international humanitarian law, called for a ceasefire in Gaza, and supported a just and lasting peace between Israel and Palestine through a two-state solution and the creation of an independent Palestinian state.
3. That Council notes the Provisional Measures orders of the International Court of Justice in South Africa v Israel of 26 January 2024 and 24 May 2024 which, inter alia, required Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of violations of the 1948 Genocide Convention.
4. That Council notes the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice of 19 July 2024 which found, inter alia, that Israel’s continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful, and that Israel is under an obligation to end its unlawful occupation as rapidly as possible.

5. That Council joins with the Commonwealth government in calling:
 - a) for an immediate ceasefire;
 - b) for Israel to act in accordance with the rulings of the International Court of Justice;
 - c) for Israel to ensure accountability for ongoing acts of violence against Palestinians by extremist settlers;
 - d) for Israel to reverse the record expansion of settlements in the West Bank which are illegal under international law; and
 - e) for a two-state solution where Israelis and Palestinians can live securely within internationally recognised borders.

6. That Council reaffirm its sister city relationship with Bethlehem, and support people-to-people peace-building endeavours between the Palestinian and Jewish peoples and notifies the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the *Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Act 2020*.

7. That Council notes that under its Investment Policy all of its investments comply with relevant State and Commonwealth legislative frameworks, are made in consideration of the principles of ethical investment management, and consist entirely of socially responsible investments and deposits in non-fossil fuel aligned banks.

8. That Council notes that its Procurement Policy and Procurement Strategy was adopted unanimously by Councillors at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 May 2024 following a Councillor briefing on 2 April 2024. Under this policy Council integrates environmental, social and governance principles in its spending decisions, and preferences local contractors and organisations that employ people with disabilities, Indigenous contractors, or people who come from disadvantaged communities where possible. Council's Statement of Business Ethics also contains these commitments, and emphasises Council's commitment to ensuring that goods and services procured by Council are not the product of Modern Slavery.

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Scott)

That the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

Against Motion: Nil

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47pm

Meeting closed at 10.57pm

The meeting was closed early due to concerns about the health and safety or welfare of Councillors, staff and members of the public.

The unfinished business of the meeting will be considered at a meeting on a date and time fixed in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting practice.

The following items were not considered: items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 1:	Louisa Larkin	Balmain
	Lucy Wynter	Lilyfield
	David Birds	Balmain
	Kirsten Junor	Marrickville
	Cynthia Nadai	Lilyfield
Item 9:	Rhonda Zoef	Balmain
	Sandra Donnarumma	Balmain
Item 12:	Lorretta Jessop	Summer Hill
Item 15:	Neil Tonkin	Lilyfield
Item 23:	Tamara Asmar	Summer Hill
	Eitan Harris	Petersham
	Gael Kennedy	Lilyfield
	Colm Galvin	Balmain
	Elizabeth Thompson	Enmore
	Aiden Magro	Marrickville
	Abdullah Shaweesh	Ashfield
	Mark Leach	Rozelle
	Ibrahim Al-Salti	Dulwich Hill
	Fahad Ali	Ashfield
	Helen Zigman	Annandale
Uri Windt	Annandale	
Jennifer Jamieson	Balmain	
Item 26:	Lisa Chambers	Annandale
Item 27:	Charlie Pierce	Newtown
	Wendy Bacon	Newtown
Item 28:	Fahad Ali	Ashfield
	Peter Jennings	Marrickville
	Jennifer Killen	St Peters
Item 31:	Jocelyn Bell	St Peters
	Kirsten Junor	Marrickville
Item 32:	Camilla Lawson	Marrickville
	Mireille Juchau	Marrickville
Item 34:	Lincoln Charles	Annandale
	Paul Avery	Balmain
	Maisie Tanner	Dulwich Hill
	Ruby Bruce	Stanmore
	John Thomson	Lilyfield
	Louisa Larkin	Balmain
	Paul Power	Rozelle
	Gloria Mao	Lilyfield
	Stephen Conaty	Lilyfield
	Hall Greenland	Leichhardt
Item 42:	Louise Appel	Lilyfield
	Terrence Kelly	Newington
	Kealan Coleman	Lilyfield
	Matthew Bowen	Lewisham
Item 50:	Garnet Brownbill	Tempe

Tabled petition on Two New All-Weather Sporting Fields at Callan Park

Two New All-Weather Sporting Fields at Callan Park



Inner West Council will vote on a proposal to deliver two new all-weather sporting fields in Callan Park to allow more children to participate in local sport

A motion tabled for the August Council meeting by Mayor Darcy Byrne and Councillor Philippa Scott would see new rectangular, all-weather playing surfaces provided at both the Waterfront Drive and Balmain Road sporting fields in Callan Park.

The proposal is supported by the Balmain District Football Club and the Leichhardt Saints Football Club, this year these clubs serve a combined 4,374 participants including 3,236 junior footballers.

These new facilities are desperately needed to ensure local kids aren't turned away from participating in sport and the grounds stay open for training and games during wet-weather.

Unfortunately, local Greens and independent Councillors have continually voted against allowing these new facilities to proceed.

Sign the petition now to help show our community's support for two new all-weather sporting fields in Callan Park.

The petition contains 1,470 names

First Name	Last Name	Post Code
[Redacted]		

Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) reveal an individual's personal information.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 13th August, 2024 were confirmed as a correct record on this 3rd day of September 2024.