

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting



Council Chamber, Level 1, City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West, Tuesday, 23 April 2024 at 6:00pm.

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### 1. ATTENDANCE

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.

J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), D Clarke (Executive Director Corporate Services and CFO), L Duffy (Acting Executive Director Creative and Community Services), C Thomson (Executive Director City Infrastructure), M Bisson (Executive Director Planning and Environment), E Kolatchew (Executive Manager Legal and Governance), S Moore (Executive Manager Finance, Property and Performance and Deputy CFO), P Burgess (Acting Executive Manager Project Management Office), A Ryan (City Significant & Strategic Planning Manager), L Jackel (Media Adviser), L Barnao (Councillor Services/Minutes/Meeting Support), J Knight (Councillor Services/Meetings Support), R Williams (AV Support) and A Ingle (Information Technology Support).

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

### 3. 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.

### 4. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE / ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr Richardson, seconded by Cr Barrie

The requests submitted by Councillors Clausen, Pull and Wood to attend by audio visual link be received and granted.

**Carried**

Nil apologies.

## **5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **6.1. MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 26 MARCH 2024**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Barrie, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

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

**Carried unanimously**

## **7. LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

### **7.1 HUNTER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOUNDING ASSEMBLY**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that on Wednesday 10 April 2024, the Hunter Community Alliance (HCA) held its Founding Assembly at the University of Newcastle Great Hall.
2. Congratulates Mr David Barrow and the HCA Council for bringing together over 800 Novocastrians and a broad cross section of local organisations with the aim of working collectively to create a more fair, just and sustainable Newcastle.
3. Acknowledges the powerful testimonies shared at the Founding Assembly, on issues such as housing, homelessness, climate and community; and the contributions from The Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, NSW Minister for Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health and Youth; and The Hon. Chris Bowen MP, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy.
4. Commits to working collaboratively with the HCA, particularly regarding climate change adaptation and risk mitigation at a local level, as well as the housing crisis which is being acutely felt in our region.

**Carried unanimously**

### **7.2 ACKNOWLEDGING AND CELEBRATING IDAHOBIT DAY**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes

That City of Newcastle:

1. Acknowledges and celebrates the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT Day), recognising the

importance of promoting inclusivity, respect, and equality for all individuals within our community.

2. Notes that IDAHOBIT Day, observed on May 17th each year, serves as a significant opportunity for our city to stand united against discrimination, prejudice, and violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and intersex status. It is a day that reaffirms our commitment to fostering a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all residents, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
3. Commits to officially recognising and acknowledging IDAHOBIT Day each year as an important event in our city calendar and showing our support for Newcastle's LGBTQI+ community by:
  - a) raising the Progress Pride Flag at prominent locations throughout the city on May 17th, and encouraging other local organisations and individuals to do the same,
  - b) Promoting community educational initiatives, cultural events, and discussions that highlight the challenges faced by the LGBTQI+ community and promote inclusivity and acceptance,
  - c) collaborating with local LGBTQI+ organisations, community groups, and stakeholders to identify further opportunities to support and advocate for the rights of the LGBTQI+ community, and
  - d) encouraging local schools, businesses, and organisations to promote awareness and inclusivity through educational programs and workplace policies that support diversity.

**Carried unanimously**

### **7.3 SUPPORT FOR THE PROTECTION OF COASTAL WATERS FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING AND MINING**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes with concern the ongoing threat of offshore drilling and mining off the coast of Newcastle as part of the PEP-11 proposal.
2. Thanks the NSW Minns Government for recently introducing legislation which prohibits the carrying out of sea bed petroleum and mineral exploration and recovery and related development in NSW coastal waters, including waters off Newcastle, in order to prevent the severe environmental impacts from disasters such as oil spills, together with potential climate change impacts.
3. Acknowledges that the Bill was recently passed by the Parliament and will amend the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to prohibit:
  - a) Sea bed petroleum and mineral exploration and recovery in NSW coastal waters, and
  - b) Other development within the State for the purposes of sea bed petroleum and mineral exploration and recovery anywhere.

4. Notes that the prohibitions of the Bill do not extend to activities which may benefit the environment such as the recovery of sand of beach nourishment which is undertaken to help protect coastal areas from erosion, as is the case in Stockton.
5. Writes to NSW Premier, The Hon Chris Minns MP, Minister for Planning Paul Scully MP, and Minister for the Environment, The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC expressing the views of the City of Newcastle in support of the Government's advocacy and action in respect of this issue.

**Carried**

## **7.4 IPART'S DECISION ON PORT OF NEWCASTLE AND BYPASSING FREIGHT FROM RESIDENTIAL NEWCASTLE**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes

That City of Newcastle:

1. Welcomes the recent decision of IPART in which it determined that the current maximum value of a one-off compensation payment of \$13 million can be made by the Port of Newcastle to the State of NSW under the *Port of Newcastle Extinguishment of Liability Act 2022*.
2. Acknowledges that should the one-off payment be made, it will remove the Port of Newcastle's liability to reimburse the State for compensation payments owed to NSW Ports (the operator of Port Botany and Port Kembla), if the Port of Newcastle handles container trade above a specified level.
3. Notes with disappointment that this intervention became necessary following the former Coalition State Government's decision to privatise the Port of Newcastle, placing a handbrake on the economic diversification of the region and sending the Port's profits offshore.
4. Notes that IPART's determination finally brings clarification and a pathway towards a potential deep water container terminal at the Port of Newcastle.
5. Notes the release of the NSW Government's [Freight Policy Reform Program Consultation Paper](#), which aims to deliver a comprehensive strategic action plan to optimise freight transport in NSW, particularly in relation to road, rail and ports.
6. Reiterates City of Newcastle's previous advocacy in relation to the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor, aimed at establishing a future dedicated freight rail line between Fassifern and Hexham, bypassing residential Newcastle, and prepares a submission to this effect in relation to the Freight Policy Reform Program Consultation Paper.

## AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Pull, seconded by Cr Barrie

To remove point 3 from the motion.

**For the Amendment:** Councillors Barrie, Church, Pull and Wark.

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

**Defeated**

The motion moved by Lord Mayor, Councillor Nelmes, was put to the meeting.

**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**

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.4. ADVISORY COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORTS

#### MOTION

Moved by Cr Richardson, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Receives Advisory Committee Annual Reports for the 2023 calendar year from:
  - i) Access Inclusion Advisory Committee
  - ii) Asset Advisory Committee
  - iii) Community and Culture Advisory Committee
  - iv) Guraki Aboriginal Advisory Committee
  - v) Infrastructure Advisory Committee
  - vi) Liveable Cities Advisory Committee
  - vii) Strategy and Innovation Advisory Committee
  - viii) Newcastle Youth Council Advisory Committee

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.7. UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

That Council:

1. Endorses the Memorandum of Understanding with Upper Hunter Shire Council as shown at Attachment A.
2. Delegates authority to the Lord Mayor to sign the document on its behalf.

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.8. MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Richardson, seconded by Cr Adamczyk

That Council:

1. Endorses the Memorandum of Understanding with Muswellbrook Shire Council as shown at Attachment A.
2. Delegates authority to the Lord Mayor to sign the document on its behalf.

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.9. MINISTER'S CONSENT APPLICATION FOR LEASING CITY OF NEWCASTLE MANAGED LAND**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Winney-Baartz, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Approve the making of an application to the Minister for Local Government seeking consent to grant the proposed lease over community land at Shepherds Hill Cottage (41 The Terrace Newcastle), in accordance with *Section 47(5) Local Government Act 1993 (Act)*.
2. Approve the making of an application to the Minister for Local Government seeking consent to grant the proposed lease over community land at Townson Oval (24 Mitchell Street Merewether), in accordance with *Section 47(5) of the Act*.

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.11. EXECUTIVE MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Richardson, seconded by Cr Adamczyk

That Council:

1. Receives the Executive Monthly Performance Report for March 2024.

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.1. PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT DELIVERING NEWCASTLE 2040 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr McCabe

That Council:

1. Resolves to publicly exhibit the draft 2024-2025 *Delivering Newcastle 2040* as at Attachment A and draft 2024-2025 Fees and Charges as at Attachment B for 28 days prior to the final consideration by Council.

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.2. ADOPTION OF THE GEORGETOWN PUBLIC DOMAIN AND TRAFFIC PLAN**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Winney-Baartz, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Adopt the Georgetown Local Centre Public Domain and Traffic Plan (PDP) as set out at Attachment A, inclusive of the permanent removal of vehicular traffic from the section of Moate Street Georgetown between Georgetown Road and Asher Street which is required to accommodate the proposed plaza space.

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.3. ENDORSEMENT OF MOTIONS TO THE 2024 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Adamczyk, seconded by Cr Richardson

That Council:

1. Endorse the motions for submission to the 2024 Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly as set out at Attachment A.

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## PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Pull, seconded by Cr Barrie

That motions 1 - 10 as set out at Attachment A be dealt with in seriatim, with Part A composing motions 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and Part B composing motions 1, 4, 5 and 10.

**For the Motion:** Councillors Barrie, Church, Mackenzie, McCabe, Pull and Wark.

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

**Defeated**

The motion moved by Councillor Adamczyk and seconded by Councillor Richardson, was put to the meeting.

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

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

**Carried**

## 8.5. URBAN DESIGN REVIEW PANEL (UDRP) - ANNUAL REPORT 2023

### MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Duncan

That Council:

1. Receives the Urban Design Review Panel Annual Report 2023 as at Attachment A.

**Carried unanimously**

## 8.6. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREAS REVIEW

### MOTION

Moved by Cr Adamczyk, seconded by Cr Wark

That Council:

1. Adopts the HCAs Review, as amended (Attachment B).
2. Resolves to commence the planning process to investigate further the findings within the HCA Review report.
3. Notes no LEP amendment of HCA boundaries or development standards are being amended under this report.



4. Receives a report to Council to consider a planning proposal before exhibiting any LEP amendments.

**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**

## **8.10. AFFIXING COUNCIL SEAL TO DEEDS OF INDEMNITY FOR NEWCASTLE AIRPORT COMPANIES**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Richardson

That Council:

1. Enter into, and affix Council's seal, to the following:
  - i) Deeds of Indemnity between Newcastle City Council, Port Stephens Council and the following officers of Newcastle Airport Pty Limited and Greater Newcastle Aerotropolis Pty Ltd:
    - Alison Hobbs
    - Allana Ryan
    - Andrew McIntyre
    - Lee de Winton
    - Mark Young
    - Neil Hart
    - Robert Sharp
    - Tim Crosdale,

on the grounds that the Deeds of Indemnity relate to the business of Newcastle City Council.

2. Enter into and affix Council's seal to any future Deeds of Indemnity between Newcastle City Council, Port Stephens Council and officers of Newcastle Airport Pty Limited and Greater Newcastle Aerotropolis Pty Ltd on the grounds that they relate to the business of Newcastle City Council.

Councillor Pull proposed the following amendment to the motion.

3. Requires that all Councillors be notified by memo within 7 days of a deed of indemnity being entered into.

Councillors Clausen and Richardson accepted Councillor Pull's amendment to the motion.

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

**Carried**

## **8.12. TENDER REPORT - FORESHORE PARK AMENITIES BUILDING - CONTRACT NO. 2024/043T**

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Pull

1. Council accept the tender of Skelcon Pty Ltd in the amount of \$3,339,254.02 (excluding GST) for the Foreshore Park Amenities Building for Contract No. 2024/043T.
2. The confidential attachments relating to the matters specified in s10A(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* be treated as confidential and remain confidential until the Chief Executive Officer determines otherwise.

**Carried unanimously**

## **9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **9.1. CREATING A COMMUNITY GARDEN IN BERESFIELD**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Richardson, seconded by Cr Adamczyk

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that historically, the Beresfield and Tarro communities have not seen the benefits of the growth in our city, and associated infrastructure spending.
2. Notes that since 2017, City of Newcastle (CN) has been working to rectify these historical inequities, and as a result the Beresfield and Tarro communities have benefited from significant investment by CN to revitalise the community and ensure that Beresfield and Tarro residents and ratepayers are not disadvantaged due to geographical location.
3. Notes that more than \$18 million of investment has included:
  - Continued investment in Beresfield Children's Centre - the only CN owned and operated long daycare centre, resulting in an improvement in educational program and practice standards from meeting to exceeding, as assessed by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority,
  - Beresfield Local Centre upgrade,

- Road resurfacing throughout Beresfield and Tarro and including at Lawson Street Avenue and Beresfield Pool carpark
  - New playground and shade structure at Beresfield Pool,
  - Playground replacement at McCauley Park,
  - Drainage upgrades at Lindsay Memorial Oval,
  - Renegotiating with the operator of Beresfield golf course to ensure that the golf course remains a functional community asset, with expanded recreational facilities including disc golf,
  - Continuing to provide low entry fees at Beresfield pool, recognising that Beresfield residents and ratepayers do not have ready access to beaches and ocean baths like other suburbs in the LGA,
  - New tree plantings throughout Beresfield and Tarro,
  - Upgrade the playground at Vera Wilson Park,
  - New footpaths throughout Beresfield and Tarro.
4. Notes that the Beresfield community continues to experience higher levels of socioeconomic disadvantage in comparison to other suburbs in the LGA, and further investment to address this is in line with our local social strategy, adopted by CN in 2023.
  5. Notes that CN's Community Strategic Plan aims to create a liveable, sustainable, inclusive city and community gardens are a great way to meet all of these aims.
  6. Investigates suitable locations for a community garden in Beresfield, in consultation with the Beresfield community.
  7. Works with the Beresfield community to establish a community garden, in accordance with CN's community garden policy.

**Carried unanimously**

## **9.2. NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE FINALS OF THE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE IN 2015**

In moving the motion, Councillor Wark stated she was moving point 4 of the recommendation of Council Officers outlined in the business papers.

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Wark, seconded by Cr Barrie

That City of Newcastle:

1. Write to the organisers of the Science and Engineering Challenge to confirm if they are seeking a sponsorship from the City of Newcastle, and to direct them to the

Sponsorship Guidelines, adopted by the current Council in 2023 for further information.

**Carried**

### **9.3. UPDATE LORD MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DIARIES**

#### **MOTION**

That City of Newcastle:

1. Asks the Lord Mayor to update her open diary noting that her last entry was the 29th September 2023.
2. Asks that the CEO and other Executives of the Newcastle City Council to make sure all their diary entries are up to date.
3. I am aware of the Lord Mayors previous commitments to make her diaries public in a timely manner to assure transparency regarding any current local issues.

There was no mover for the motion, therefore the motion lapsed.

The Lord Mayor noted that the Lord Mayor's diary had always been updated and made available on Council's website for this term of Council. The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Wark to make her diary available on Council's website in the same format as the Lord Mayor's diary.

Councillor Wark committed to uploading her open and transparent diary for her term of Council in the same format as the Lord Mayor.

### **9.4. IMPROVING AMENITY AND SAFETY IN HAMILTON FOR BUSINESSES/EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO HAMILTON RAILWAY STATION/AWABA PARK**

A memo to all Councillors from Council Officers - Alternate Recommendation to Notice of Motion 9.4 - Improving Amenity and Safety in Hamilton for Business/Employees, Residents and Visitors to Hamilton Railway Station/Awaba Park, was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

In moving the motion, Councillor Barrie stated she was moving the alternate recommendation outlined in the memo with an amendment to point 8 requesting the cross-agency meeting occur in June 2024.

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Councillor Barrie, seconded by Councillor Duncan

That Council:

1. Notes that the Newcastle local government area had 1770 households waiting for a dwelling at June 30 last year, which is an increase of 61 people on the prior year.

2. Notes there are homeless people sleeping rough in the Hamilton business district, including in doorways of businesses who operate in Beaumont Street north and adjacent to the Awaba Park Hamilton Railway precinct.
3. Notes that while responsibility for housing and homelessness is the responsibility of the NSW Government, City of Newcastle has for many years supported the work of NSW Government agencies including the Department of Communities and Justice and specifically its Assertive Outreach Team.
4. Notes that City of Newcastle has partnered with Homes NSW to fund an acceleration in the provision of social housing in the Newcastle local government area, contributing an estimated \$6 million over three years, matched by the Homes NSW. Construction will shortly commence on nine social housing units in Wallsend, with a further twenty social housing units earmarked to commence construction in Wallsend in 2025.
5. Notes that in December last year City of Newcastle delivered improvements to Awaba Park at a cost of \$150,000, which was funded in part via a grant from the NSW Government of \$85,000. These improvements, based on crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles included improved lighting, removal of graffiti, installation of community murals, repair of bench seating, and the removal of fencing that was limiting pedestrian access and view corridors through the park.
6. Notes that the NSW Health Future Health 2022-2032 Plan identifies numerous health-focused actions that complement the collaboratively delivered crime and safety initiatives to enable a holistic response to ensure a safe environment in Awaba Park.
7. Notes that while homelessness is a significant issue in Awaba Park and across Newcastle, contributing factors of mental health service provision and alcohol and other drug programs must also be addressed to alleviate the social issues impacting areas such as Awaba Park.
8. Coordinates a multi cross agency meeting in June 2024 to confirm how agencies can better work together to address homelessness, mental health and alcohol and drug issues in Awaba Park, as well as reduce anti-social behaviour occurring in some parts of Hamilton. This meeting should include the Hamilton Business Improvement Association, NSW Police, Transport For NSW, the State Member for Newcastle, the Federal Member for Newcastle, Ward Two Councillors, NSW Government funded specialist homeless support services, Newcastle Assertive Outreach Team, St Vincent de Paul Society's Matthew Talbot Centre, and other not for profit groups who regularly have a presence in Awaba Park and James St Plaza to support those in need.
9. Investigates the cost of a Community Notice Board/Signage in Awaba Park to prevent illegal dumping from donations that are not suitable due to inclement weather and do not meet best practice high quality food standards.
10. Writes to the NSW Government and relevant local MPs seeking funding to source additional urgent crises accommodation, as well as an increase in police resourcing in Newcastle, and additional CCTV cameras that are facing onto Awaba Park, to ensure the ongoing safety of all people who visit Awaba Park and Hamilton Station.

**Carried unanimously**

## 9.5. FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY ENDORSEMENT

### MOTION

Moved by Cr McCabe, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Notes that the City of Newcastle declared a climate emergency in 2019, including a commitment to a just economic transition for coal mining communities, support for investment in hydrogen as an export energy, and construction of large-scale renewables and storage.
2. Notes the adoption of the City of Newcastle's Environment Strategy identifies the importance of preventing and reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.
3. Recognises that despite fossil fuels being the main driver of climate change, it took 30 years of international climate negotiations (until the 2023 COP28 in Dubai) for the agreement to include a call to transition away from fossil fuels
4. Recognises that addressing emissions reductions and demand without fossil fuel supply has allowed countries and companies to claim to be climate leaders while continuing to open, approve and fund new fossil fuel projects
5. Notes the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, launched in 2020, has been spearheaded by a growing block of Pacific Nations and has the support of 12 countries, the World Health Organisation, the European Parliament, over 600,000 individuals and over 2,000 civil society organisations.
6. Notes that signatories in Australia to the Treaty include: The Australian Capital Territory, City of Sydney, City of Yarra, City of Hobart City of Darebin, City of Maribyrnong, City of Merri-bek, and the City of Maribyrnong.
7. Endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.
8. Further, as part of that endorsement form for cities, calls on the Federal government to also endorse the Treaty.

### AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Richardson, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

8. Continues support for the Federal Government's Pacific climate change resilience and adaptation as a core focus for our engagement with the region—including through immediate recognition of climate change as a security threat, as defined by the Pacific Islands Forum's Blue Ocean Event (BOE) Declaration, which was avoided by the former Coalition Government. (*replaces original point 8*)
9. Supports the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) [Dubai, Nov-December 2023], agreement to "transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems, in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action in this critical decade, so as to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science" and to phase out "inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that do not address energy poverty or just transitions, as soon as possible".
10. Recognises and supports that During COP28 (2023), Australia joined the Statement on International Public Support for the Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETP), also known as the Glasgow Statement joining the Statement underscores our commitment to ending financing for international unabated fossil

fuel energy sector projects, except in very limited circumstances (e.g. in response to a humanitarian disaster).

11. Notes that during the 52nd Pacific Island Forum [Cook Islands, 6-10 November 2023] Pacific leaders (including the Prime Minister the Hon Anothly Albanese MP) committed to:
  - a. transition away from coal, oil, and gas in our energy systems in line with IPCC pathways for limiting global average temperatures to 1.5°C above preindustrial levels.
  - b. Establish a regional Energy Commissioner for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific following the Review of the Regional Architecture.
  - c. leaders also aspired to a Just and Equitable Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific
  - d. Leaders also acknowledged that the pathway is not immediate nor is it one-size fits all.
12. Note that the Federal Government works through the multilateral forums [primarily the UNFCCC COP process] to try to elevate the level of ambition for the world and this is the architecture the world has agreed on, as the way in which emissions will be reduced.
13. Advise the federal Government of this resolution.

Councillors McCabe and Mackenzie accepted the amendment to the motion.

The motion moved by Councillor McCabe and seconded by Councillor Mackenzie, as amended by Councillors Richardson and Winney-Baartz, was put to the meeting.

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

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

**Carried**

## **9.6. ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT PATHWAY FOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

In moving the motion, Councillor Pull stated he was moving an amended version of the motion outlined in the business papers.

### **MOTION**

Moved by Cr Pull, seconded by Cr Barrie

That City of Newcastle:

1. Acknowledges the unique ability that council has to provide skills, training and opportunities for young people in our community.
2. Notes that council does not currently offer a permanent, structured work experience program for students looking to explore employment opportunities in local government and gain industry experience, but is providing opportunities for young people in other ways including;
  - a. Through its Junior Lifeguard Program,

- b. Outreach and school visits for pool safety, waste and environmental initiatives,
  - c. The annual Youth Week Open Day,
  - d. The Apprentice, Trainee and Undergraduate Graduate (ATUG) Program,
  - e. Intern programs at the Newcastle Art Gallery and Newcastle Museum,
  - f. Scholarships for young people studying at TAFE and the University of Newcastle.
3. Establishes a permanent pathway for local students looking to do work experience at City of Newcastle, by creating a page on the corporate website that documents the many learning opportunities provided for young people at CN, including work experience and how they can make an application.

In moving the amendment, Councillor Adamczyk stated she was moving the recommendation of Council Officers as outlined in the business papers.

### **AMENDMENT**

Moved by Cr Adamczyk, seconded by Cr Richardson

That Council:

1. Notes that City of Newcastle's Workforce Development Strategic Plan (2022-26) was unanimously adopted by Council on 28 June 2022, and will be reviewed in the first year of the next Council term.
2. Notes that the Workforce Development Strategic Plan references initiatives that grow the pipeline of young talent such as our apprentice, cadetship, graduate and intern initiatives.
3. Notes that CN provides numerous initiatives for school aged people including its Junior Lifeguard Program, outreach and school visits for pool safety, waste, and environmental initiatives, the annual Youth Week Open Day, the Apprentice, Trainee and Undergraduate Graduate (ATUG) Program, separate intern programs at the Newcastle Art Gallery and Newcastle Museum, multiple scholarships with young people studying at TAFE and the University of Newcastle, as well as ad hoc work experience, which is considered subject to workload and delivery priorities.
4. Creates a page on the corporate website that documents the many learning opportunities provided for young people at CN including work experience and how they can make application.

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

**Against the amendment:** Councillors Barrie, Church, Mackenzie, McCabe, Pull and Wark.

**Carried**

The amendment then became the motion.



The motion moved by Councillor Pull and seconded by Councillor Barrie, as amended by Councillors Adamczyk and Richardson, was put to the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer reported the resolution of the partial confidential report (see resolution at Item 8.2).

**The meeting concluded at 9.12pm.**