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# CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes Summary

**Extraordinary Council Meeting held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 5 September 2023.**

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Campbelltown City Council held on 5 September 2023**

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**Present**

The Mayor, Councillor G Greiss  
Councillor G Brticevic  
Councillor J Chew  
Councillor M Chivers  
Councillor M Chowdhury  
Councillor J Cotter  
Councillor M George  
Councillor K Hunt  
Councillor M Khalil  
Councillor D Lound  
Councillor R Manoto  
Councillor W Morrison  
Councillor R Munro  
Councillor M Oates  
Councillor M Stellino

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND**

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by the Chairperson Doctor Greiss.

**Council Prayer**

The Council Prayer was presented by the General Manager.

**2. APOLOGIES/ LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were made in respect of the following items:

**Pecuniary Interests**

Nil

**Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests**

Nil

**Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests**

Nil

**Other Disclosures**

Nil

## 4. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

### 4.1 Election of Mayor

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The General Manager conducted the election of the Mayor held at the Extraordinary meeting of Council on 5 September 2023.

Two written nominations were received for Mayor. One for Doctor George Greiss and one for Councillor Darcy Lound.

The nomination for Doctor George Greiss was seconded by Doctor John Chew, Councillor Warren Morrison, Councillor Marian George and Councillor Muhamad Khalil. Doctor George Greiss consented to his nomination in writing.

The nomination for Councillor Darcy Lound was seconded by Councillor Karen Hunt and Councillor Masood Chowdhury. Councillor Darcy Lound consented to his nomination in writing.

It was **Moved** Councillor Brticevic, **Seconded** Councillor Greiss:

That the election of the Mayor be conducted by open voting (show of hands).

**207/2023** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

The General Manager advised that each Councillor was able to vote for only one candidate for the Office of Mayor.

The vote was administered in order of the receipt of nomination.

The General Manager requested that Councillors voting for Doctor George Greiss for the election of Mayor raise their hands.

The General Manager recorded 10 votes for Doctor George Greiss.

The General Manager declared a majority of Councillors voted for Doctor George Greiss and the General Manager declared Doctor George Greiss elected as Mayor for the term until September 2024.

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**Meeting note:** Having being declared The Mayor, Councillor Greiss assumed the Chair.

Doctor George Greiss thanked all the councillors for their continued support and advised he will continue to work for the people of Campbelltown to the best of his ability.

Councillor Joshua Cotter congratulated Doctor George Greiss on being re-elected as the Mayor of Campbelltown and went on to present a speech as outgoing Deputy Mayor.

## 4.2 Election of Deputy Mayor

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It was **Moved** Councillor Greiss, **Seconded** Councillor Stellino:

Two written nominations were received for Deputy Mayor. One for Councillor Muhamad Khalil and one for Councillor Karen Hunt.

The nomination for Councillor Muhamad Khalil was seconded by Doctor John Chew, Councillor Warren Morrison, Councillor Marian George and Doctor George Greiss. Councillor Muhamad Khalil consented to his nomination in writing.

The nomination for Councillor Karen Hunt was seconded by Councillor Darcy Lound and Councillor Masood Chowdhury. Councillor Karen Hunt consented to her nomination in writing.

It was **Moved** Councillor Greiss, **Seconded** Councillor Stellino:

That the election of the Deputy Mayor be conducted by open voting (show of hands).

**208/2023** The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

The General Manager advised that each Councillor was able to vote for only one candidate for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

The vote was administered in order of the receipt of nomination.

The General Manager requested that Councillors voting for Councillor Muhamad Khalil for the election of Deputy Mayor raise their hands.

The General Manager recorded 8 votes for Councillor Muhamad Khalil.

The General Manager declared a majority of Councillors voted for Councillor Muhamad Khalil and the General Manager declared Councillor Muhamad Khalil elected as Deputy Mayor for the term until September 2024

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## 5. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

1. Councillor Joshua Cotter as outgoing Deputy Mayor, congratulated the Mayor on re-election and expressed his gratitude at the opportunity to serve as Deputy Mayor of Campbelltown for the past year. It has been an honour to serve as Deputy Mayor, he lives and breathes Campbelltown, it's who he is, he was born and bred in Campbelltown and still lives here today with his wife and children. After 15 years of working in the community services space here in Campbelltown, being able to continue his work with this title has been a great blessing. He and his wife have met many wonderful people over the last year and he thanked everyone for their support for him in this position and hopes he made everyone proud.  
Councillor Cotter did things a little differently as Deputy Mayor, he endeavoured to break down the suit and tie, some of his fondest memories were with him in shorts, T-shirt and a hat sitting with the people and young people having a laugh and a chat, and really listening to their challenges, struggles and concerns, all while they didn't know he was Deputy Mayor till sometime later. He was just Josh to them, someone who was there to listen and to help. Councillor Cotter would then seek to action something by contacting council staff. Councillor Cotter thanked the Mayor, General Manager and all the directors for their support. Councillor Cotter went on to say as Councillors this is what we are elected to do, we are here to help our people. We may not always get the desired result but it is the effort that matters. We are not some special breed of human, we are just community members like everybody else. The people put us in this privileged position and we should act with humility and work every day to represent the people of Campbelltown.  
Councillor Cotter thanked his and his wife's parents for their support and especially thanked his wife Jess, she is the reason he is able to do what he does. Jess not only takes care of their home life but works full time as a social worker and manages to undertake all the community work they do, right by his side and that is something he is extremely proud of. Councillor Cotter thanked the Campbelltown community and all the Councillors, and he looks forward to continuing to work hard for this city.
2. Councillor Karen Hunt congratulated the Mayor Doctor George Greiss on re-election and congratulated Councillor Muhamad Khalil on being elected Deputy Mayor. Councillor Karen Hunt advised we are in good hands and will continue to be in good hands forging forward while doing what we can for our community. The community can trust in the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and all the councillors to have their wants and needs in hearts and do their best to service the community.
3. Councillor Joshua Cotter congratulated the Mayor Doctor George Greiss on re-election and congratulated Councillor Muhamad Khalil on being elected Deputy Mayor. Over the past few years Councillor Warren Morrison and himself have had the pleasure of serving in this position, a position that requires integrity, patience and humility, councillors don't represent a minority, they represent all of Campbelltown and that is what is expected of them. Councillor Khalil, we are giving you the privilege of standing in this position and he wished him all the best and hopes he follows the path of Councillor Warren Morrison and himself as they will both be there to help when needed. This position truly is a privilege, congratulations.

4. Councillor Warren Morrison congratulated Mayor Doctor George Greiss on re-election, he is doing a great job. We have a great council here. Congratulations to Councillor Muhamad Khalil on being elected Deputy Mayor, it is a privilege to support the Mayor and have the opportunity to do great things in the area. Councillor Khalil is well respected in the community and Councillor Morrison is sure he will do a great job and offered his support over the year ahead. Councillor Morrison thanked the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor Joshua Cotter for his commitment as deputy mayor, he did a great job, especially with the youth in our community
5. Councillor Masood Chowdhury congratulated the Mayor Doctor George Greiss on re-election and congratulated Councillor Muhamad Khalil on being elected Deputy Mayor.
6. Councillor Meg Oates congratulated the Mayor Doctor George Greiss on re-election and looks forward to reading his Mayoral Minutes and inner thoughts for the future direction of this city. Councillor Oates thanked the previous Deputy Mayors, they have done a great job.
7. Councillor Darcy Lound congratulated the Mayor Doctor George Greiss on re-election, he has done a wonderful job over the past 18 months. Councillor Lound and Councillor Hunt's challenge for Mayor and Deputy Mayor were not a blight against the Mayor Doctor George Greiss or Deputy Mayor Councillor Joshua Cotter's work, it was just to ensure Labor presented an option in the chamber. Councillor Darcy Lound recognised the challenges for the Mayor over the last 18 months and also recognised he has lead the way and taken Campbelltown forward. Councillor Lound commented on the implementation of the Advisory Committees which he believes are a great initiative, the Mayoral minutes have been fantastic, with implementation of what the city needs and where we need to go. Councillor Lound compliment the Mayor on doing a fantastic job and is looking forward to working with him. Councillor Lound thanked outgoing Deputy Mayor Councillor Joshua Cotter for an outstanding job as deputy mayor and acknowledge his charity work. Councillor Lound congratulated Councillor Muhamad Khalil on being elected Deputy Mayor and believes together with the Mayor Doctor George Greiss you will do a great job.
8. Councillor Muhamad Khalil thanked the Councillors for believing in him and voting for him. Councillor Khalil expressed his gratitude at being given the opportunity to serve this community. He acknowledged the traditional owners of this land and the respected Aboriginal elders of the Campbelltown LGA. Two years ago he formed a group to represent the people at the local election. People trusted him, he was elected and then today he was elected Deputy Mayor. It is a privilege and an honour. It is a responsibility and he is committed to working diligently and make his supporters proud. He promises to work tirelessly.  
Councillor Khalil acknowledged previous Deputy Mayor Warren Morrison, a genuinely humble and friendly human, he has taught him how to act and work for the betterment of mankind. Councillor Morrisons efforts against Cancer has ensured Cancer Patients are not alone. We stand with them and will not let them fight alone. Councillor Joshua Cotter is inspiring, and will bring positive change in the community. Councillor Khalil learnt from them every day and will put his heart and soul into representing the community. He will always make himself available to listen the community and ensure their voice is heard. Thank you to his wife and family. Their sacrifice, inspiration, constructive criticism, unconditional love and support gives him strength.

Councillor Khalil thanked the Mayor Doctor George Greiss and advised it is a privilege to work with him. He learning from all his colleagues and looks forward to working together towards their common goal, Campbelltown.

9. Councillor George Brticevic congratulated the Mayor, Doctor George Greiss on re-election. Councillor George Brticevic noted that The Mayor Doctor George Greiss last term supported the councillors and unified council, and it has been said that he runs a good council, a transparent council. He has done an outstanding job. The Mayoral Minutes are a highlight, where your framework and policy are taking council forward, are excellent. Councillor Brticevic thanked the Mayor for his support when Councillor Brticevic was Mayor. Councillor Brticevic thanked Councillor Warren Morrison advising has done an outstanding job. He also thanked Councillor Joshua Cotter. Councillor Brticevic Congratulated Councillor Muhamad Khalil on becoming not only Deputy Mayor but our first Bangladeshi Deputy Mayor. Councillor Brticevic congratulated the Mayor again and advised he was looking forward to working with him in the coming 12 months.
10. Mayor Doctor George Greiss thanked all councillors who voted for him and placing their trust with him. He looks forward to working together. Thank you to the staff, General Manager and the directors for their support and who work hard to make sure we can deliver for the community. Thank you to Councillor Warren Morrison for his support and who works continually hard for the community. Mayor Doctor George Greiss thanked outgoing Deputy Mayor Councillor Joshua Cotter for his efforts, he did extremely well in the position of Deputy Mayor. Mayor Doctor George Greiss congratulated Councillor Muhamad Khalil for being the first Bangladeshi Deputy Mayor to be elected.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Confirmed by Council on <<enter date>>

..... General Manager ..... Chairperson