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## **ORDINARY MEETING**

### **Late Items**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council of Burwood will be held in the Council Chamber, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 6:00 PM

Tommaso Briscese  
**General Manager**

# Agenda

**For an Ordinary Meeting of Burwood Council to be held in the Conference Room, Level 1, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Tuesday 25 March 2025 immediately after the Public Forum commencing at 6.00pm.**

## **1. Mayoral Minutes**

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## Mayoral Minutes

### (Item MM4/25) Support for Saint Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church Easter Procession - Good Friday, 18 April 2025

File No: 25/13765

Mayoral Minute by Cr John Faker (Mayor)

#### Summary

Saint Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, Burwood has requested one-off financial assistance from Council to cover costs associated with their Good Friday Procession to be held on Friday 18 April 2025, from 8pm – 11pm.

This Mayoral Minute seeks Council's approval to contribute to the cost of engaging User Pay Police to facilitate the rolling road closure for this event in 2025.

#### **Operational Plan Objective**

A.27 Support external partners to deliver community events.

A.3 Deliver capacity building and funding initiatives to support the community sector, including the annual Community Grants, Club Grants and the Council's Donation Programs.

#### Background

Over the past 50 years, Greek Orthodox Easter services at Saint Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church located on Railway Parade, Burwood have drawn thousands of parishioners.

Good Friday evening, in particular, attracts large crowds who gather outside the Church before joining a street procession through the surrounding area. The procession follows a route along Railway Parade, Burwood Road, Belmore Street, Shaftesbury Road, and back to the Church via Railway Parade. In previous years, the procession has been managed through a rolling road closure facilitated by NSW Police to ensure public safety and compliance with Transport for NSW requirements.

Discussions with Saint Nectarios Church and Burwood Police Area Command have confirmed that, due to Greek Orthodox Easter coinciding with NSW Police's statewide Easter Operations in 2025, Burwood Police Area Command is unable to provide sufficient resources through in-kind arrangements to support the procession this year.

Given the scale and complexity of the rolling road closure, the late evening timing on a public holiday, and the resourcing constraints faced by NSW Police during the long weekend, the only viable option for the Church is to engage eight (8) **User Pay Police** for traffic management.

The NSW Government sets the cost for User Pay Police, which for this event amounts to \$4,960. This is far more cost-effective than Council managing the road closure, which would require an approved Traffic Management Plan, event and road closure infrastructure, and staffing and contractor resources at public holiday rates. Council-led closures are more expensive, as Council does not have powers to implement a rolling road closure, unlike NSW Police.

Saint Nectarios Church has confirmed they are unable to cover the cost and have formally requested one-off financial assistance from Council to ensure the procession can proceed. Discussions with the Saint Nectarios are still underway to determine the level of funding required by Council.

In recognition of the significance of Greek Orthodox Easter for the Burwood community and the longstanding tradition of the procession, I am seeking Council's support to help cover the cost of engaging User Pay Police for this year only. This will ensure the procession continues with proper traffic management and safety measures in place, while minimising disruption to the Burwood Town Centre.

Funding of \$20,000 is available in the Council's Donation Program budget 2024/25 to support this request.

**I therefore move that:**

Council allocates up to \$4,960 from the 2024/25 Council's Donation Program budget to Saint Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, Burwood to cover the cost of User Pay Police for their Good Friday Procession on Friday, 18 April 2025.

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

## Reports of Committees

### (Item RC3/25) Burwood Extraordinary Local Traffic Committee Meeting - March 2025

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File No: 25/13828

Report by Director City Assets

#### **Summary**

Attached are the Minutes of the Extraordinary Local Traffic Committee Meeting on 17 March 2025. The Minutes are hereby submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting for consideration and adoption by Council.

#### **Operational Plan Objective**

C.4.1 Plan and manage transport infrastructure to meet current and future community needs  
A.40 Investigate traffic hot spots and implement solutions such as pedestrian refuges, roundabouts or traffic calming devices.

#### ***Recommendation(s)***

That the minutes of the Burwood Extraordinary Local Traffic Committee of March 2025 be noted and the recommendations of the Committee as detailed below be adopted as a resolution of the Council.

### (Item LTC10/25) Railway Parade and Burleigh Street Temporary Road Closures - St Nectarios Easter Celebrations

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#### ***Recommendation(s)***

That Council approve the procession and road closures associated with Saint Nectarios Easter Celebrations on Friday 18 April 2025 and Saturday 19 April 2025 subject to the following:

- a) Police to facilitate the road closure and rolling road closure on Friday 18 April 2025 8.00pm - 11.00pm and Saturday 19 April 2025 11.00pm - 12.30am;
- b) Emergency services and public transport operators are to be advised of the event (a copy to be forwarded to Council);
- c) A copy of the Public Liability Insurance for the event (\$20 million) to be forwarded to Council;
- d) Police to obtain Road Occupancy License as required and submit to TfNSW prior to the event.
- e) No road closures are proposed to be undertaken on Sunday 13 April 2025 as originally intended.

#### **Attachments**

- 1 [↓](#) Burwood Extraordinary Local Traffic Committee Agenda - 17.03.2025
- 2 [↓](#) Burwood Extraordinary Local Traffic Committee Minutes - 17.03.2025



## NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY BURWOOD LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

An extraordinary meeting of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee will be held electronically at on Tuesday 17 March 2025 at 9:00 AM to consider the matters contained in the attached Agenda. All comments are required to be returned to Council by 5:00 pm 17 March 2025

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## **Agenda**

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

Council acknowledges the Wangal people of the Eora Nation who are the traditional custodians of this land. Council also pays respect to their elders, both past and present, and extends that respect to other First Nations People who may be present.

**2. Apologies**

**3. General Business**

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**General Business****(Item LTC10/25) Railway Parade and Burleigh Street Temporary Road Closures - St Nectarios Easter Celebrations**

File No: 25/13323

Report by Traffic Engineer

**Summary**

This report seeks Council's approval for temporary road closures along Railway Parade and Burleigh Street to facilitate large crowds and a procession for the Saint Nectarios Easter Celebrations.

**Background**

Over the last 50 years the Greek Orthodox Easter services at Saint Nectarios involves thousands of Parishioners congregating in front of Saint Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church on Railway Parade, Burwood before a street procession is held along the local streets surrounding the Church. The celebrations this year will be held on Sunday 13 April 2025, Friday 18 April 2025 and Saturday 19 April 2025.

Recognising that the Greek Orthodox Easter is an important day to the Burwood Community, Council in conjunction with NSW Police Service have provided permission for the rolling road closure on Good Friday and Easter Saturday as done in previous years.

**Proposal****Palm Sunday - Sunday 13 April 2025**

- 9.30am – 11.30am - Full road closure of Burleigh Street from Railway Parade to driveway of Council Car park.

**Good Friday - Friday 18 April 2025**

- 8pm – 9pm - Full road closure of Railway Parade, between Burwood Road and Shaftesbury Road; and Burleigh Street, between Railway Parade and Elizabeth Street as shown in attached markup.
- 9pm – 10pm – Rolling road closure to allow the Good Friday Procession to travel from the Church along Railway Parade, left onto Burwood Road, left onto Belmore Street, left onto Shaftesbury Road, left onto Railway Parade and into the Church as shown in attached markup.
- 10pm – 11pm - Full road closure of Railway Parade at the conclusion of the procession between Burwood Road and Shaftesbury Road.

**Easter Saturday - Saturday 19 April 2025**

- 11pm – 12.30am - Full road closure of Railway Parade, between Burwood Road & Shaftesbury Road; and Burleigh Street between Railway parade and Elizabeth Street as shown in attachment 1.

As per previous years, NSW Police Service will organise the traffic issues relating to the full road closure and rolling road closure as requested by the Church. All participants are to remain within the confines of the closed off area to comply with TfNSW Traffic and Transport Management of Special Events.



**Consultation**

Saint Nectarios Church is required to letterbox drop all affected stakeholders, residents and businesses on the procession route (outlining start and finish times, street closure details, contact name and phone number for the day). Emergency Services and public transport operators are also to be advised of the event.

**Financial Implications**

NSW Police Service will organise the traffic issues relating to the full road closure and rolling road closure as requested by the Church under a user pays agreement to ensure adequate Police staff are available.

**Recommendation(s)**

That Council approve the procession and road closures associated with Saint Nectarios Easter Celebrations on Sunday 13 April 2025, Friday 18 April 2025 and Saturday 19 April 2025 subject to the following:

- a) Police agree to facilitate the road closure and rolling road closure on Sunday 13 April 2025 9.30am – 11.30am, Friday 18 April 2025 8.00pm - 11.00pm and Saturday 19 April 2025 11.00pm - 12.30am;
- b) Emergency services and public transport operators are to be advised of the event (a copy to be forwarded to Council);
- c) A copy of the Public Liability Insurance for the event (\$20 million) to be forwarded to Council;
- d) Barricades and signs to be provided in accordance with Work Cover requirements and AS1742.3 (2002) – Traffic Control for Works on Roads;

**Attachments**

- 1 Greek Orthodox Easter - Road Closure
- 2 Greek Orthodox Easter - Rolling Road Closure







