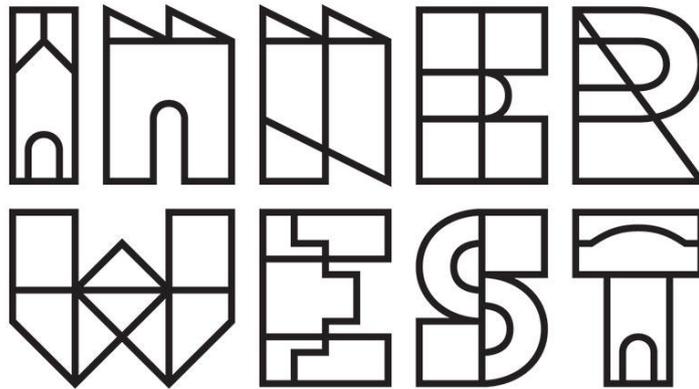


# AGENDA

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**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 24 AUGUST 2021**

**5.30pm**

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Location: Remote Meeting

## Live Streaming of Council Meeting

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## Pre-Registration to Speak at Council Meetings

Speaking at a Council Meeting is conducted through an online software application called Zoom. Members of the public must register by 2pm of the day of the Meeting to speak at Council Meetings. If you wish to register to speak please fill in a [Register to Speak Form](#), available from the Inner West Council website, including:

- your name;
- contact details;
- item on the Agenda you wish to speak to; and
- whether you are for or against the recommendation in the agenda.

### Are there any rules for speaking at a Council Meeting?

The following rules apply when addressing a Council meeting:

- keep your address to the point, the time allowed for each speaker is limited to three minutes. This time limit applies, no matter how many items are addressed by the speaker;
- when addressing the Meeting you must speak to the Chairperson;
- the Chairperson may curtail public participation where the information being presented is considered repetitive or irrelevant; and
- only 3 speakers for and against an Agenda Item are allowed.

### What happens after I submit the form?

You will be contacted by Governance Staff and provided with a link to the online meeting. Your request will then be added to a list that is shown to the Chairperson on the night of the meeting. Public speakers will be allowed into the Meeting when it is their time to speak.

Where Items are deferred, Council reserves the right to defer speakers until that Item is heard on the next occasion.

## PRECIS

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**Item No:** C0821(2) Item 1  
**Subject:** MAYORAL MINUTE: VACCINATING COUNCIL STAFF AND OPENING WALK-IN VACCINATION CLINICS  
**From:** The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

**MOTION:**

**THAT Council:**

- 1. Note the increase in COVID-19 infections in the Inner West local government area and the NSW Government’s public health advice that urgently increasing vaccination rates is necessary to combat the spread of the virus;**
- 2. Seek to open a vaccination clinic immediately for Council staff, to be administer on Council premises, making use of local pharmacists and / or general practitioners who have been approved to administer vaccinations in workplaces;**
- 3. Reissue our urgent request to the NSW Government to open walk-in vaccination clinics in the Inner West Local Government Area;**
- 4. Seek the guidance and approval of NSW Health in making Council’s town halls and depots available immediately to local pharmacists and general practitioners to administer walk-in vaccination clinics for the community; and**
- 5. Request that the Federal Government make the Australian Defence Force available to administer vaccination hubs in the Inner West rather than being deployed to police citizens in relation to compliance with health orders.**

**Background**

On Wednesday 11 August the Premier and Chief Health Minister announced their concern that COVID-19 infection rates were increasing in the Inner West Local Government Area, with the suburbs adjacent to the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area being the areas of immediate concern.

The Government is closely monitoring the situation and may designate the Inner West as a hotspot area resulting in tightening of public health orders if cases continue to rise.

Following the unanimous adoption of the Mayoral Minute regarding vaccination promotion, Council has written and communicated to the NSW Government, at a political and organisational level, the offer of our town halls and other facilities for use as walk-up vaccination hubs. NSW Health have now advised that resources are not available to open these clinics in the Inner West at this time but may be made available if infection rates increase in the Inner West.

To meet the State and Federal Government targets of 70 per cent and then 80 per cent vaccination of the Inner West community we need to make it as easy and convenient as possible for all our citizens to get vaccinated. Meeting these targets will include giving access to vaccination for many residents who have decided to get vaccinated but have had difficulty booking in, as well as persuading and incentivising many people who have not as yet decided to get vaccinated.

General practitioners and pharmacists have now received stocks of vaccines and have reportedly been approved to administer vaccines outside of their premises.

Council staff have not been offered vaccination against COVID-19 as-yet due to supply

constraints and the fact that local government staff, including frontline workers, have not been prioritised in the State and Federal Government vaccine roll out schedule.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Item No:** C0821(2) Item 2  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION: DISRUPTION CAUSED BY ELECTION DELAY  
**From:** Councillors Lucille McKenna OAM and Mark Drury

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**MOTION:**

THAT Council notes the concerns reported in the Sydney Morning Herald on August 3 that the requirement for Councils to conduct Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections in September, for terms concluding at the December 4 local government elections, risks disrupting Councils services and distracting Councillors from the crucial tasks of supporting residents to get through the lockdown and promoting vaccination in the community.

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**Background**

The Sydney Morning Herald reported on August 3 about the concerns of the local government sector that the delayed local government election and resulting Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections, for a two month term, will disrupt services and distract Councils from the task of combatting COVID-19: [Sydney COVID: Mayors could be elected for just two months because of delayed council poll \(smh.com.au\)](https://www.smh.com.au/news/sydney-covid-19/mayors-could-be-elected-for-just-two-months-because-of-delayed-council-poll-20200803)

With COVID-19 infections increasing rapidly and the lockdown restrictions being tightened in the Inner West and across Sydney it is crucial that Council ensure the stability of services and the organisation.

**Officer's comments**

Staff have no comment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.