
**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3 September 2024 at
Ashfield Service Centre**

Meeting commenced at 6:35pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Chloe Smith	Deputy Mayor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Mathew Howard	Councillor
Justine Langford	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Kobi Shetty	Councillor
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
Melanie Gurney	Acting Director Corporate
Julian Sakarai	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Ken Welsh	Coordinator Strategic Transport Planning
Chris Sleiman	Chief Financial Officer
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Motion: (Byrne/Howard)

That apologies from Councillor Griffiths be accepted.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

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 Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 and Item 13 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 August 2024 as he works in the Ministerial Office of the Minister for Transport, who in his 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 18 - 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 19 - 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 36 - Notice of Motion: Tempe Train Station Accessibility and Item 39 - 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 55 - 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 Shetty declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 and Item 13 - Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 August 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 and Item 44 - 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, which in this case it does not, is not required to be disclosed and as such he will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting.

Councillor Stamolis declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 - Draft Council Submission - Greater Sydney Parklands and Callan Park Plan of Management and Item 44 - Notice of Motion: Callan Park Playing Fields, as he is a long standing member of the Friends of Callan Park.

Motion: (Stephens/Langford)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

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

That the Minutes of the Council held on Tuesday, 13 August 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

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

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.

C0924(1) Condolence Motion: Carol Carney**Motion: (Tsardoulias/Howard)**

That the Inner West Council record our sadness of the passing of Carol Carney and write to the family expressing our condolences.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Atkins)

That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward the following items to be dealt with at this time:

1. Item 3 Post Exhibition - Naming Policy
2. Item 6 Lunar New Year 2025 Celebrations Proposed Program
3. Item 7 Arts and Music Recovery Plan - Bi-Monthly Update
4. Item 10 Customer Service in Development Assessments - Bi-Monthly Report
5. Item 12 Direct Employment Of People With A Disability - Bi-Monthly Report
6. Item 13 Local Traffic Committee Meeting – 19 August 2024
7. Item 16 Investment Report at 30 June 2024
8. Item 20 Rezoning of Leichhardt Bowling Club
9. Item 21 FOGO Monthly Update - August 2024
10. Item 23 Councillor Expenses for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024
11. Item 24 2023-2024 Annual Disclosures of Interest and Designated Persons Disclosures of Interest

12. Item 27 Notice of Motion: No Net Dwelling Loss Rules
13. Item 30 Notice of Motion: St Peters Interchange Contamination
14. Item 35 Notice of Motion: Supporting Visual Artists and Writers to find Affordable Spaces to Work in the Inner West
15. Item 37 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety on Brighton Street, Petersham
16. Item 38 Notice of Motion: West Street and Railway Terrace Intersection
17. Item 40 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossings on Marrickville Road
18. Item 41 Notice of Motion: Polly's Club
19. Item 42 Notice of Motion: Taxis and abandoned vehicles in South Marrickville
20. Item 43 Notice of Motion: Rubbish in Tempe Reserve, Tempe; Peace Park, Marrickville; Sydenham Green and the Amy Street Playground, Marrickville (Henson Park)
21. Item 45 Notice of Motion: Hinsby Park and Piper Street North and South
22. Item 47 Notice Of Motion: Temporary Use Of Hoskins Park And Laxton Reserve As Off-Leash
23. Item 48 Notice Of Motion: Livingstone Road And Hill Street, Marrickville
24. Item 54 Major Capital Projects Committee and Project Summary Report
25. Item 56 Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report
26. Item 57 Appointment of Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Members

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Atkins)

That the following items be moved in globo and the recommendations contained within the report be adopted:

1. Item 3 Post Exhibition - Naming Policy
2. Item 6 Lunar New Year 2025 Celebrations Proposed Program
3. Item 7 Arts and Music Recovery Plan - Bi-Monthly Update
4. Item 10 Customer Service in Development Assessments - Bi-Monthly Report
5. Item 12 Direct Employment Of People With A Disability - Bi-Monthly Report
6. Item 13 Local Traffic Committee Meeting – 19 August 2024
7. Item 16 Investment Report at 30 June 2024
8. Item 20 Rezoning of Leichhardt Bowling Club
9. Item 21 FOGO Monthly Update - August 2024
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Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 3 Post Exhibition - Naming Policy

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council adopt the Naming Policy.
2. That Council update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally, and externally the adopted Naming Policy.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 6 Lunar New Year 2025 Celebrations Proposed Program

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council approve the expanded Lunar New Year Celebrations for 2025.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 7 Arts and Music Recovery Plan - Bi-Monthly Update

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That Council endorse that future updates regarding the Arts and Music Recovery Plan will be provided to Councillors, as required, noting that the implementation plan is being reported to Council quarterly via the operational plan.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 10 Customer Service in Development Assessments - Bi-Monthly Report**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

That Council endorse that future updates regarding the Development Assessment Customer Service Action Plan will be provided to Councillors, as required, noting that the implementation plan is being reported to Council quarterly via the operational plan.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 12 Direct Employment of people with a disability - Bi-monthly Report****Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

That Council endorse that future updates regarding the Direct Employment of People with a Disability will be provided to Councillors, as required, noting that the implementation of the recommendations are being reported to Senior Executive Team of Council.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 13 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 19 August 2024****Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 August 2024.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 16 Investment Report at 30 June 2024****Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

That Council receive and note the report.

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

C0924(1) Item 20 Rezoning of Leichhardt Bowling Club**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 21 FOGO Monthly Update - August 2024****Motion: (Scott/Atkins)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 23 Councillor Expenses for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024****Motion: (Scott/Atkins)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 24 2023-2024 Annual Disclosures of Interest and Designated Persons Disclosures of Interest****Motion: (Scott/Atkins)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 27 Notice of Motion: No Net Dwelling Loss Rules****Motion: (Scott/Atkins)****That Council prepare a planning proposal to include objectives and controls in the Inner West Local Environment Plan 2022 to protect against the net reduction of dwellings on a development site to be brought to Council early in 2025.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil

C0924(1) Item 30 Notice of Motion: St Peters Interchange Contamination**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

1. That Council notes that on 25 June 2024, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) declared the St Peters Interchange site significantly contaminated based on high methane and carbon dioxide concentrations stemming from historic use of the site as a landfill.
2. That Council notes that concerns about pollution at the site have been raised by the community and Council for many years, and there has been a long history of unsafe and illegal contamination issues here.
3. That Council notes that Transport for NSW has consistently failed to publish all of the pollution data it is required to monitor and report as a condition of its Environment Protection Licence for the site, and that the reports it has published have had serious errors and omissions.
4. That Council notes that the EPA has consistently failed to take compliance action against Transport for NSW for these monitoring and reporting breaches, despite repeated requests from Council and the community.
5. That Council notes that the parklands that were supposed to be provided at the St Peters Interchange under the conditions of approval for WestConnex, including the park at the corner of Princes Highway and Canal Road that was due to open in 2019, have still not been delivered, and that no timeframe has been given for the delivery of these parklands.
6. That Council writes to the Minister for the Environment and the EPA to request that they:
 - a) provide an urgent briefing as to why the EPA has chosen to declare the site as significantly contaminated now, when pollution issues have existed here for many years, and what this will mean for the ongoing management of the site;
 - b) keep our local community fully informed of the actions the EPA will be taking to resolve contamination issues at the site, including regular updates to Council;
 - c) share any reports that the EPA has ordered Transport for NSW to provide in relation to the site with Council as soon as possible, as previously requested by Council on multiple occasions; and
 - d) take enforcement action on any breaches on any non-compliance issues and licence breaches at the site to protect our local community, and keep Council updated on those actions.
7. That Council continues to call on the NSW Government to work with Council to identify an alternative site to provide genuine parkland for the community as compensation for the impacts of WestConnex.

Motion Carried**For Motion:**

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

Against Motion:

Nil

C0924(1) Item 35 Notice of Motion: Supporting Visual Artists and Writers to find Affordable Spaces to Work in the Inner West**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

1. That Council investigate and report back on Council-owned properties and spaces across the Inner West that are suitable for ongoing use by visual artists and writers.
2. That Council meet with Brand X, who collaborated with Council on the Tempe Jets live music hub, from 2014-2024, to discuss opportunities to re-purpose vacant Council properties and spaces into affordable cultural places where visual artists and writers have security of tenure.
3. That Council seek grants and opportunities from Federal and State arts agencies, including Creative Australia, to support artists to locate and establish affordable creative spaces in the Local Government Area.
4. That Council investigate ways that Council can support artists and writers in the establishment of new creative spaces, such as education on permissible use and in sourcing specialist service providers including Building and Fire Safety Certifiers and Town Planners.
5. That Council suggest ways that Council can incentivise property owners to rent their premises to creatives.
6. That Council note the success of the Inner West Writer in Residence program for emerging writers, conducted recently at the NSW Writer's Centre.
7. That Council support local writers by identifying Council-owned spaces across the Inner West that are suitable for a Writer in Residence program for established writers over the age of 18.
8. That Council investigate opportunities for further collaboration with Writing NSW to support emerging and established writers across the Inner West.
9. That Council bring a report back to the November 2024 Council meeting on all the above.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety on Brighton Street, Petersham**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

1. That Council notes the concerns of local residents about speeding vehicles on Brighton Street travelling from West Street, particularly given proximity to a pre-school and Petersham Park, and the frequency of heavy vehicles accessing Brighton Street as a rat run despite existing restrictions.
2. That as part of the Petersham North LATM Plan endorsed by the Traffic Committee, Council investigate and expedite measures to prevent speeding and improve pedestrian safety on Brighton Street, including but not limited to:

- a) reducing the speed limit to 40km/h;
 - b) installation of raised pedestrian crossings on Brighton Street at the Petersham Park gate, Palace Street and Railway Street intersections;
 - c) installation of a pedestrian island; and
 - d) installation of additional speed humps and kerb blisters,
3. That Council write to Transport for NSW seeking advice on how existing heavy vehicle restrictions on Brighton Street can be better enforced and what other measures council can take to deter heavy vehicle through access.
 4. That Council receive a report back on the above to the Traffic Committee.
 5. That following endorsement of the Petersham North LATM Plan, Council write to residents on Brighton Street and neighbouring streets to advise them of what action Council is taking to improve pedestrian safety.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: West Street and Railway Terrace Intersection

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council note long-standing concerns of and advocacy by local residents and the Petersham Public School P&C about pedestrian safety at the West Street and Railway Terrace intersection.
2. That Council note works that were completed by council in this term to improve safety, including kerb expansion and installation of fencing around the intersection.
3. That Council, noting that both roads concerned are state and regional roads, write to Transport for NSW:
 - a) advocating that the speed limit on Railway Terrace to be reduced to 50km/h;
 - b) requesting consideration of a scramble crossing at the intersection to provide additional and clearly marked pedestrian crossing options;
 - c) requesting a review of safety and performance of traffic light signals; and
 - d) consideration of other measures to help improve pedestrian safety at the intersection.
4. That Council receive a report back to the Traffic Committee on the above.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 40 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossings on Marrickville Road

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council note resident concerns that motorists often speed through the pedestrian crossings in the town centre of Marrickville, including those at

Marrickville Road/Despointes Street, Marrickville Road/Gladstone Street and Illawarra Road at the Calvert Street carpark.

- 2. That Council conduct a safety review of these pedestrian crossings with a view to making them safer for pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.**
- 3. That Council report the safety review to the Local Traffic Committee by November 2024.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: Pollys Club

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

- 1. That Council congratulate the Pollys Club on the occasion of their 60th Anniversary, making them the longest continuously running LGBTIQA+ social group in Australia.**
- 2. That Council recognise the extraordinary contribution the Pollys have made to the Marrickville and Inner West Community over many decades, including hosting their annual dances at Marrickville Town Hall, raising money for charities focused on men's health, women's health, youth health, mental health and animal welfare.**
- 3. That Council thanks members of the Pollys Club, including the current President David Haynes, for their contribution to vulnerable people within the LGBTIQA+ community.**
- 4. That Council notes there is a plaque on the Rainbow Seats on Marrickville Road recognising the Pollys Club and their ongoing connection to Marrickville Town Hall.**
- 5. That Council includes a feature on the Pollys Club in an upcoming Council community news.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 42 Notice of Motion: Taxis and abandoned vehicles in South Marrickville

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

- 1. That Council notes the recent resolutions passed by Inner West Council to help manage the growing problem of abandoned taxis and vehicles in South Marrickville.**
- 2. That Council acknowledges residents are understandably frustrated and eager for the issue to be resolved, with some cars reported left on residential streets for weeks and months.**
- 3. That Council notes council staff are currently consulting residents on a resident**

parking scheme in affected streets in South Marrickville.

4. That Council requests staff continue engaging with businesses in Carrington Road about the impact of leaving taxis and abandoned vehicles on local streets, demand they cease this practice and work with them to find alternative options for parking to resolve the issue.
5. That Council requests staff write an urgent letter to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig, explaining the extent of the issue and seeking greater powers to act in instances where private businesses are impacting residential parking.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 43 Notice of Motion: Rubbish in Tempe Reserve, Tempe; Peace Park, Marrickville; Sydenham Green and the Amy Street Playground, Marrickville (Henson Park)

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council note the growing and persistent issue of rubbish being left in larger parks across the Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward, including Tempe Reserve, Peace Park, Sydenham Green and the Amy Street playground.
2. That Council note resident frustration about this issue and the risks associated with accumulated garbage in these locations, particularly for the children, dogs and residents who use them throughout the week.
3. That Council request staff undertake regular, additional clean up and maintenance of these parks on weekends and Monday mornings and to review the capacity of the existing bins at each park, with services and additional or upgraded bins funded through the next quarterly budget review process.
4. That Council request that the red-lid garbage bins at the Amy Street Park be replaced with metal bins to limit illegal dumping at the location.
5. That Council report back to Councillors via councillor briefing about the additional actions being taken to resolve this issue.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 45 Notice of Motion: Hinsby Park and Piper Street North and South

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council convene an onsite meeting at Hinsby Park in Annandale to consult local residents about potential improvements to the Park as well as improving traffic management around the Park, including consideration of making Piper Street north and south one way.

2. That a report on the outcomes of the consultation be reported to the November 2024 Ordinary Council meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 47 Notice of Motion: Temporary Use of Hoskins Park and Laxton Reserve as Off-Leash

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council allows the temporary use of Hoskins Park and Laxton Reserve as designated off-leash dog areas during specific hours on certain days while Johnson Park in Dulwich Hill is closed for essential construction works.
2. That Council sets the designated off-leash hours as follows:
 - a) Laxton Reserve: Monday to Friday, 6:00 am – 8:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - b) Hoskins Park: Saturday and Sunday 6:00 am – 8:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
3. That Council installs appropriate signage and facilities at Hoskins Park and Laxton Reserve to designate the area as off-leash during the period of Johnson Park's closure.
4. That Council ensures that nearby residents and park users are informed of the temporary change and that feedback from the community is considered throughout this period.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 48 Notice of Motion: Livingstone Road and Hill Street, Marrickville

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council note that residents report a several accidents and incidents at the intersection of Hill Street and Livingstone Road, Marrickville.
2. That Council investigate the installation of a roundabout at the intersection to improve safety at the intersection.
3. That Council formally review safety at the intersection, including surveying local residents, and report back to the Local Traffic Committee by the end of 2024

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 54 Major Capital Projects Committee and Project Summary Report**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Major Capital Projects Committee meetings held on 27 May 2024 and 24 June 2024.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 56 Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report****Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 57 Appointment of Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Members****Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council resolves to appoint Ms Emily Hodgson as an Independent Member to the Inner West Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) for the remainder of ARIC's meeting for the 2024 calendar year.**
- 2. That Council resolves to appoint Ms Heather Smith as an Independent Member to the Inner West Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) for the remainder of ARIC's meeting for the 2024 calendar year.**
- 3. That Council resolves to amend the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Terms of Reference, as attached to the report, to increase the number of Independent Members on Council's ARIC to three independent members.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 1 Draft Council Submission - Greater Sydney Parklands and Callan Park Plan of Management****Motion: (Scott/Stephens)**

- 1. That Council endorse the draft Council officer submission on the Draft Plan of Management for Callan Park and submit this to the Greater Sydney Parklands for consideration.**
- 2. That all references to the ownership of Callan Park should be corrected; noting that two-thirds or 38 ha of Callan Park is owned and managed by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (CPMPT) under the guidance of the Callan Park (Special**

Provisions) Act 2002. The remaining area is managed by NSW Health. Inner West Council is the planning consent authority.

3. That any activity on site must be approved by the Greater Sydney Parklands Authority (GSP).
4. That, in regard to Cycling Improvements and Opportunities (second last bullet, page 25), to reduce the speed limit to 25kms (rather than 30kms) noting that Callan Park roads are shared between cars, bicycles, scooters, pedestrians and many dog walkers on the site.

Motion Carried

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

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

Amendment (Stamolis/Da Cruz)

That Community Recreation and Wellness Projects (bullet point 7, page 23) to delete “putting synthetic sporting surfaces on the footprint of buildings which have been demolished”.

Motion Lost

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

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

Amendment (Stamolis/Da Cruz)

That Council note the high level of community concern and opposition in regard to the installation of synthetic turf in the historic and iconic parklands of Callan Park.

Motion Lost

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

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

Amendment (Stamolis/Da Cruz)

That Council note community concerns about lack of consultation in regard to Councils submission.

Motion Lost

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

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

C0924(1) Item 2 Public Exhibition - Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2036

Motion: (Smith/Langford)

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft Inner West Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2036 (*Attachment 1* of the Council report) for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Strategy, with the addition of information regarding the Inner West Council’s trial of micro-forests in Section 3: Urban Ecology at Inner West Council and the continuation of the trials as an action point in theme 1 of the action plan.

2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Inner West Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2036 be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.
3. That feedback be sought specifically from local environmental organisations such as the Cooks River Alliance, the Parramatta River Catchment Group, the Australian Conservation Foundation Community Inner West and Climate Inner West as well as the noted previous contributors.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Amendment (Langford/Da Cruz)

That Council officers bring a report back to October 2024 Council meeting outlining how synthetic turf sporting fields impact on biodiversity.

Motion Lost

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

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

Councillor Da Cruz left the meeting at 7:35pm

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Stephens)

That Council allow Cllr Howard to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 4.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Da Cruz

C0924(1) Item 4 Post Exhibition - Anti-Racism Strategy

Motion: (Howard/Lockie)

1. That Council adopt the Anti-Racism Strategy.
2. That Council update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally, and externally the adopted Anti-Racism Strategy.
3. That Council report back on the progress of actions related to the Strategy bi-annually through a dedicated report to Council.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Da Cruz

Councillor Da Cruz returned to the meeting at 7:40pm

C0924(1) Item 5 2024 Inner West Council Annual Grants**Motion: (Howard/Scott)**

1. That Council approves the funding recommendations for the Inner West Council 2024 Annual Grant Program in *Attachments 1-8* of the Council report.
2. That Council notes the second year of funding for the two-year 2023-2025 Community Wellbeing Grants in *Attachment 9* of the Council report, which were approved by Council in September 2023.
3. That Council conduct a workshop with potential applicants for grants in the multicultural program to build interest, understanding and capability in the application process, following the process undertaken to support potential applicants to the artistic program.
4. That Council investigate establishing a program of funding for organisations and individuals to specifically support local people with disability as part of the 2025-2026 grant program, providing a report to the November 2024 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Howard)

That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 8.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 8 EV Public Charging Infrastructure - Bi-Monthly Report**Motion: (Smith/Howard)**

1. That Council endorse that future updates regarding the Electric Vehicle Encouragement Strategy will be provided to Councillors, as required, noting that the implementation plan is being reported to Council quarterly via the operational plan.
2. That Council acknowledges the recent significant grant received by the NSW Government that will see the roll-out of 136 electric chargers across the Inner West.
3. That Council notes that of the 136 electric chargers, only 9 are located in the Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward (7 are located in Marrickville, 2 in Tempe and none in St Peters or Sydenham) and of the 22 in Stanmore-Damun Ward, only 2 are located in Stanmore and 1 in Petersham.
4. That Council notes that staff report locations have been selected by the third party providers based in part on:
 - a) capacity of the electrical grid;
 - b) areas with high EV uptake and low access to off-street parking (as identified by the State Government and Council's charging

- partners);
 - c) site selection criteria to minimize inconvenience for residents (e.g. avoiding placing ports outside houses wherever possible); and
 - d) safety and accessibility requirements.
5. That Council requests council officers engage with third party providers to advocate for a more equal distribution of electric vehicle chargers across all wards within the current cohort of locations and for engagement with residents where charging ports are to be placed outside houses.
 6. That Council notes that this is just the beginning of Council’s work to expand electric charging infrastructure, that Council is applying for the next round of grants to install chargers, and that the State Government has identified St Peters, Sydenham and Tempe in particular as having opportunities for increased funding.
 7. That Council asks staff to undertake detailed work to create a strong evidence-base for third party providers to install chargers in locations in the Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward and the western end of the Stanmore-Damun Ward.
 8. That Council asks Council officers to investigate opportunities and constraints for residents to install infrastructure to charge electric vehicles, reporting back to Council by December 2024.
 9. That Council officers review EV charging locations to ensure that they don't impact on cycling works and planned active transport routes.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 9 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024

Motion: (Smith/Shetty)

That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meetings held on 17 June 2024 and 15 July 2024 with the following amendments:

- a) That in reference to the Petersham North LATM Final Report, that Council allocate funding from the current budget for installation of the recommended raised pedestrian (zebra) crossings and speed humps on Brighton Street, in response to community concern about speeding and rat running, with funding to be diverted from another project in the Stanmore-Damun Ward;
- b) That Council include the proposed resident parking scheme in Glassop Street between Punch and White Streets as part of the approved residential parking scheme; and
- c) That Council allocate funding for the proposed pedestrian crossing at Mary Street, Lilyfield in this year’s budget, to be funded by substituting another project from the Balmain-Baludarri Ward.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 11 Sustainability support for Inner West schools**Motion: (Howard/Langford)**

- 1. That Council endorse the following initiatives as a standardised framework to support Inner West Schools and School events:**
 - a) Inner West Sustainable Schools Network;**
 - b) Council Grants program;**
 - c) Quick response grants;**
 - d) Garden Organics bins;**
 - e) Annual native plant giveaway;**
 - f) Free mulch; and**
 - g) Gardening, composting and worm farming workshops.**

- 2. That Council investigate options to provide FOGO services to local schools and child-care centres, including surveying principals and P&C's/P&F's as to whether there is interest, and provide a report back to Council in November 2024.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 14 Investment Report at 31 July 2024****Motion: (Drury/Lockie)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**Procedural Motion (Howard/D'Arienzo)****That Council allow Cllr Drury to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 15.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**C0924(1) Item 15 Quarter four - Progress report on the Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2023/24****Motion: (Drury/Scott)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil

Procedural Motion (Byrne/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 17.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 17 SXSX Sydney

Motion: (Smith/Byrne)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council endorse the naming of the event as 'Fest x Inner West presented by Inner West Council and SXSX Sydney'.
3. That Council partner with Century Venues to hold events at the Enmore Theatre, the Factory Theatre, and investigate opportunities to host affiliate events at other venues within the Enmore Road SEP.
4. That Council engage with the local business community and business chambers, including the Newtown Enmore Business Community, on opportunities to drive economic development and visitation as part of the event.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 8:18pm as he declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 18 - Inner West Cycling Update as his primary residence is located on one of the streets where works are being discussed.

C0924(1) Item 18 Inner West Cycling Update

Motion: (Stephens/Scott)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council identifies opportunities to install bicycle racks and bicycle pumps in any new capital works projects associated with the Cycling Action Plan.
3. That Council consider amendments to the Cycling Strategy and Action Plan, when next reviewed that include:
 - a) prioritisation of separated cycleways on busy roads as an alternative to the relying on painted logos;
 - b) deployment of modal filters to reduce rat running and to create a linked network of cul-de-sacs and quietways for on-road cycling where separated cycleways are impossible; and
 - c) installation of shared paths on state and regional roads and wherever the linked network cannot use modal filters or separated cycleways to reduce crashes and injury, while ensuring pedestrian safety and comfort is prioritised.
4. That Council will prepare to restart consultation on an Addison Rd separated

cycleway as it is viewed as an important active transport missing link.

5. That Council investigate options for providing free or low-cost rider education courses to help children and adults build their skills and confidence in cycling in the Inner West, with recommendations to be reported to Council no later than December 2024.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

Councillor Howard returned to the meeting at 8:26pm

C0924(1) Item 19 Pathway to a Safer Cooks River Walking and Cycling Trail

Motion: (Langford/Drury)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council commits to urgently implement all the key priorities and observations from the Cooks River Walking and Commuter Safety Audit and NSW Police Security Assessment of Mackey Park to Steel Park, including essential lighting, signage through the park and pathways, space activation, regular trimming of trees and shrubs along the pathways and installation of handrails at Thornley Street access.
3. That Council officers review the budget at the next opportunity to identify funding for the key priorities and observations.
4. That Council requests NSW Police to conduct a further security assessment of the pathway along the Cooks River, from Kendrick Park to Tempe Train Station, and to bring this report back to Council to the November 2024 Council meeting.
5. That Council table the Cooks River Walking and Commuter Safety Audit and NSW Police letter of support for pathway lighting to the Minister for Transport, seeking urgent funding to implement the key priorities and observations in advance of the temporary closure of the T3 Line between Sydenham to Bankstown Train Stations.
6. That Council seeks State government support for the lighting upgrades, specifically, to negotiate with Jemena, owner of the utility pipeline which runs along the pathway, given Jemena's past objections to lighting upgrades by Council.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 22 Stopping the Spread of Tobacconist and Vape Stores

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Atkins)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council notes that on 1 July 2024 the Commonwealth reforms commenced,

prohibiting non-pharmacy retailers, such as tobacconists, service stations, convenience stores and vape shops from supplying or possessing any type of vaping product.

3. That Council write to NSW Health seeking a report on compliance and enforcement activities in the Inner West since the commencement of the new vaping reforms.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 25 Mandatory Reporting of Reports received from Fire and Rescue NSW

Motion: (Scott/Drury)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Stephens/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow the Mayor, Cllr Byrne, to speak for 3 additional minutes on Item 26.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Stephens/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow the Mayor, Cllr Byrne to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 26.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Shetty/Atkins)

That Council allow Cllr Lockie to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 26.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 26 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

Foreshadowed Motion (Byrne/Drury)

Supporting Peace between Palestine and Israel

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.

Motion Carried

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

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

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Smith)

That the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.59pm

The meeting recommenced at 9.07pm

C0924(1) Item 28 Notice of Motion: Electric Vehicle Charging Locations

The Chairperson ruled this item redundant.

C0924(1) Item 29 Notice of Motion: Railway Parade, Annandale

Motion: (Byrne/Shetty)

1. That Council note that the resheeting of Railway Parade Annandale is scheduled to take place in the current financial year.
2. That Council convene an on-site meeting with Ward Councillors and residents of Railway Parade to consult them on improvements needed throughout the street and adjoining public areas.
3. That Council incorporate the agreed improvements to gardens, grassed areas and paths into the overall resheeting of the road to achieve a full refurbishment of the street.
4. That Council identify funding through the next quarterly budget review to undertake these works.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 31 Notice of Motion: Sister City Relationship with Bethlehem

The Chairperson ruled this item redundant.

Councillor Shetty left the meeting at 9:12pm

C0924(1) Item 32 Notice of Motion: Gambling Harm Minimisation

Motion: (Atkins/Scott)

1. That Council notes that staff intend to bring a report on the Gambling Harm

Minimisation Roundtable that was held 1 August 2024 to the October 2024 Council meeting.

2. That Council notes that Gambling Awareness Week 2024 will take place 21 to 27 October.
3. That Council supports Gambling Awareness Week 2024 by:
 - a) offering venues free of charge for events held by GambleAware and other not-for-profit organisations that aim to minimise gambling harm; and
 - b) promoting Gambling Awareness Week events in Council’s communication channels, including Inner West News, Council’s website and social media.

Motion Carried

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

Councillor Shetty returned to the meeting at 9:14pm

C0924(1) Item 33 Notice of Motion: Proposed Callan Park Swim Site Water Quality and Public Safety

Councillor Stamolis withdrew this motion.

C0924(1) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Supporting and Growing Reuse and the Inner West Circular Economy

Motion: (Langford/Howard)

1. That Council recognise the value and benefits of the emerging Circular Economy across the Inner West LGA and the positive social, environmental and economic benefits.
2. That Council continue to make the Inner West as a leader in waste avoidance, reuse and repair through support and expansion of Reuse activities.
3. That Council conduct a Roundtable with key local stakeholders in the Circular Economy by December 2024 and invite local not-for-profit, social enterprises, Reverse Garbage, Dress for Success, the Bower, Circle Paints, Among the Trees, local makers and representatives from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and other stakeholders. Topics could include grant funding, promotion, recognition and opportunities for partnerships and collaborations.
4. That Council create a pilot project to allow local paint reuse organisations to access paint that's been dropped off by Inner West residents.
5. That Council demonstrate support of the Circular Economy by encouraging the Perfect Match mural artists buy some or all their paint from Circle Paints.
6. That Council publish a story about the Inner West Reuse economy in the Inner West News by December 2024.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 9:19pm as he declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 36 - Notice of Motion: Tempe Train Station Accessibility and Item 39 - 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.

C0924(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Tempe Train Station Accessibility

Motion: (Langford/Da Cruz)

1. That Council writes to the Minister for Transport to request the urgent installation of a lift at Tempe Train Station to make it accessible for everyone in our community.
2. That Council officers bring a report back to the November 2024 Council meeting, outlining the Minister's response to Council's request for a lift at Tempe train station.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Stephens)

That Council allow Clr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 39.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

C0924(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Lewisham Town Centre Upgrade

Motion: (Smith/Atkins)

1. That Council note the long-awaited commitment by the NSW Government and Transport Minister Jo Haylen to upgrade Lewisham Station to improve accessibility, safety, and prevent flooding in the underpass, and that this commitment is fully budgeted for delivery in this term of government.
2. That Council note that, as part of the planned upgrade, Transport for NSW is undertaking community engagement on design and placemaking enhancements for surrounding streets.
3. That Council investigate opportunities with Transport for NSW to align or coordinate these works with Council works to upgrade Lewisham Town Centre (on Victoria Street and Railway Terrace) as part of Council's Main Streets Revitalisation Project, including but not limited to:
 - a) footpath upgrades, traffic calming measures, and opportunities for increased

- pedestrianisation of the station precinct;
 - b) installation of planter boxes and kerbside gardens;
 - c) a public art program including engagement with local artists on placemaking and a mural for the station wall along Railway Terrace;
 - d) street furniture;
 - e) active transport upgrades to regional route 7 in Lewisham to enhance safety and encourage cycling,
 - f) other beautification, public amenity, and placemaking works.
4. That Council develop a master plan to achieve a coordinated approach to improving community amenity and economic development for Lewisham Town Centre, and in line with Council’s Community Engagement Strategy.
 5. That Council receive a report on the opportunity to undertake these upgrades in coordination with those planned by Transport for NSW as part of the station upgrade, the timeline for this, and associated costs.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

Councillor Howard returned to the meeting at 9:25pm

Procedural Motion (Drury/Lockie)

That Council allow Clr Stamolis to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 44.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Scott/Howard)

That Council allow Clr Stamolis to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 44.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 44 Notice of Motion: Callan Park Playing Fields

Motion: (Stamolis/Shetty)

1. That Council notes that the Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) is the landowner of Callan Park, and any changes to the playing fields would require the consent of the Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP).
2. That Council notes that GSP recently undertook early engagement to inform a Plan of Management for Callan Park, to be finalised in 2025, and early feedback indicates diverse views in relation to a synthetic sporting field in Callan Park.
3. That Council notes the findings of the NSW Chief Scientist's Report - Independent Review into the design, use and impacts of synthetic turf in public open spaces

2022, in particular:

- a) that "the amount of turf fibres lost from a synthetic turf field is likely to be in the 100s of kilograms per year."
 - b) that "it is not clear whether expectations about the longevity and carrying capacity of synthetic fields can be met under Australian climatic conditions."
 - c) that "the social and environmental context of each playing field and its surrounds is different and the implications on the physical, mental and social dimensions of health cannot be drawn without research or surveying the community."
 - d) that "from a public health perspective, equity considerations are also important and any barriers to community's access to amenities, including for specific groups who may be deprived of other access to green space should be considered."
 - e) that "the adoption of best practice guidelines and benchmarks for natural turf in open spaces will support the capacity of natural turf sporting fields to meet the demands for use," and;
 - f) that "synthetic turf installation should be subject to a set of requirements to ensure best practice use during the product lifespan and appropriate end of life planning and disposal to avoid stranded assets."
4. That Council writes to Transport for NSW and the Minister for Roads for clarification about when Inner West Council will receive the promised \$20 million funding for the Rozelle Parklands, and what it can be used for.
 5. That Council writes to the Heritage Council to seek advice about Inner West Council's proposal to install synthetic turf in two locations within the parklands due to Callan Park's listing on the State Heritage Register.
 6. That Council convenes a meeting(s) of local sporting groups in regard to sports field maintenance across the Inner West to determine what is required to improve the playability and maintenance of fields.

Motion Lost

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

C0924(1) Item 46 Notice of Motion: Licence arrangements in parks

Motion: (Atkins/Smith)

1. That Council agree that staff work with the owner of 182 Australia Street, Newtown to defer installation of any infrastructure in the park and investigate revoking the short term lease to allow for community consultation to occur.
2. That community consultation be used to inform a recommendation to be considered at a future Council meeting.
3. That where Council considers licenses, leases, and temporary hire agreements concerning use of public space within Inner West parks, that this is done in accordance with Council's endorsed Community Engagement Strategy, encompassing the Your Say website, letterboxing, notices, and stalls, and includes engagement with residents, park users, and local businesses.
4. That Council write to households in streets surrounding the Park informing them of the lease agreement and terms, how to provide feedback through the Your Say page and other Council channels, and inviting them to attend an on-site meeting at

the Park with senior staff about the agreement - to be held within the next fortnight.

5. That Council provide an urgent briefing to councillors on the terms of the lease agreement, including opportunities to defer installation of the temporary structure pending further community consultation, how similar agreements have operated elsewhere, and opportunities for further community consultation as part of the Park Plan of Management.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0924(1) Item 49 Notice of Motion: Comedor Cafe short-term lease agreement

Councillor Smith withdrew this motion.

Confidential session

Procedural Motion (Drury/Scott)

That Council enter into Confidential session.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Confidential Session

That in accordance with Section 10A(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matters be considered in Closed Session of Council for the reasons provided:

C0924(1) Item 55 Bridgewater Park - Construction Lease to Transport for NSW (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 9:57pm as he declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 55 - Bridgewater Park Construction Lease to Transport for NSW, as he works in the Office of the Minister for Transport.

Procedural Motion (Drury/Scott)

That Council move back into the Open Session of the Council meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

C0924(1) Item 55 Bridgewater Park - Construction Lease to Transport for NSW

Motion: (Drury/Shetty)

1. That Council approve a construction lease and licence to Transport for NSW for 45sqm and 660sqm respectively of land at Bridgewater Park, Rozelle used for an air quality motoring system associated with WestConnex M4-M5 Link (Stage 3 Rozelle to Iron Cove) and Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade.
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the terms of the construction lease and licence and associated agreement and execute the relevant documents.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

Councillor Howard returned to the meeting at 9:58pm

Procedural Motion (Howard/D'Arienzo)

That an Urgency Motion for Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ People in the Census be considered at this Council meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

The Chairperson ruled this matter urgent.

Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Stephens)

That Council allow Cllr Howard to speak for 2 additional minutes on the Urgency Motion.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ People in the Census

Motion: (Howard/D'Arienzo)

1. That Council notes councils including Inner West Council rely on accurate census data to plan and deliver critical social and public services for citizens.
2. That Council acknowledges the *Count Us In* campaign by Equality Australia and others, seeking for the 2026 Australian Census to include questions on sexual orientation, gender identity and variations of sex characteristics.
3. That Council supports the Commonwealth Government's decision to test a question on diverse sexuality for inclusion in the 2026 Census.

4. That Council calls on the Commonwealth Government to also include questions on gender identity and variations of sex characteristics to provide the clearest data possible on LGBTQIA+ communities across Australia, including the Inner West.
5. That Council ask the General Manager to write to the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury and the Assistant Minister for Employment, the Hon. Andrew Leigh MP, to convey this motion.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Meeting closed at 10.06pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 46:	Tom Patterson Amy Gray	Newtown Newtown
Item 47:	Deirdre O'Sullivan Penny Stringer	Dulwich Hill Dulwich Hill

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 3rd September, 2024 were confirmed as a correct record on this 22nd day of October 2024.