

Proceedings of the Public Forum held on 17 March 2026 held at Ashfield Service Centre for the 17 March 2026 Council Meeting

**Public Forum commenced at 6.32pm**

**Present:**

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Chloe Smith	Deputy Mayor
Izabella Antoniou	Councillor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Olivia Barlow	Councillor
Andrew Blake	Councillor
Jo Carlisle	Councillor
Vicki Clay	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Kerrie Fergusson	Councillor
Mat Howard	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Sharon Bowman	Director Corporate
Peter Shields	Director Engineering
Ryann Midei	Director Property and Major Projects
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
George Georgakis	Administration Manager
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Tia Camelin	Business Paper Officer

**APOLOGIES AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

Nil.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 - *Local Transport Forum Meeting – 16 February 2026* as she works in the Office of Kobi Shetty MP, who in her capacity as the Member for Balmain, has a representative on the Transport Forum. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter as the vote is exercised through a representative.

Councillor Clay declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 - *Local Transport Forum Meeting – 16 February 2026* - Item 1 for GoGet share spaces locations, as her primary residence is in the same street as one of the proposed locations. She will remain in the chamber to vote on the matter as the proposed site at the opposite end of the street and would not affect her primary residence.

Councillor Antoniou declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 21 - *Supporting Visual Artists and Writers to Find Affordable Spaces to Work in the Inner West* as the

outgoing collective from Thirning Villa – refugee art project is an organisation she has collaborated with over the years. In the last 2 years, she has not partaken in compensated activities with them but out an abundance of caution she will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
<b>Item 3:</b> Balmain Road and Callan Park Cycleway	Louise Appel Josephine Watts	Lilyfield Lilyfield
<b>Item 6:</b> Local Transport Forum Meeting - 16 February 2026	Jacki Wesson Jack Breen	Marrickville Tempe
<b>Item 7:</b> Illawarra Road Business Roundtable	Martin Berzi Sander Ottis	Marrickville Annandale
<b>Item 9:</b> Parklets and On Road Dining	Martin Berzi	Marrickville
<b>Item 14:</b> Marrickville Mosaics Repair	Rodney Aanensen	Marrickville
<b>Item 21:</b> Supporting Visual Artists and Writers to Find Affordable Spaces to Work in the Inner West	Safdar Ahmed	Hornsby
<b>Item 28:</b> Notice of Motion: Illawarra Road Traffic and Safety Concerns	Kim Tukian Patrick O'Meara Rob Beckett Ellis Bou-Harb	Marrickville Marrickville Marrickville Marrickville
<b>Item 31:</b> Notice of Motion: Defence of Democratic Rights	Alan Skipper Julie Threadgold Aiden Magro	Marrickville Newtown Marrickville

Public Forum concluded at 7.25pm