

**Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 June 2024 at  
Ashfield Service Centre**

**Meeting commenced at 6.32pm**

**Present:**

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Chloe Smith	Deputy Mayor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Dylan Griffiths	Councillor
Mathew Howard	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor (attended via audio-visual link)
John Stamolis	Councillor
Timothy Stephens	Councillor
Zoi Tsardoulis	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ryann Midei	Director Infrastructure
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Kelly Loveridge	Director Corporate
George Georgakis	Administration Manager
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Chris Sleiman	Chief Financial Officer
Daniel East	Senior Manager Strategic Planning
Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Jonny Browne	Strategic and Corporate Communications Manager
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

**APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

**Motion: (Byrne/Griffiths)**

- 1. That apologies from Councillors Langford and Shetty be accepted.**
- 2. That Council accept Councillor Scott's request to attend tonight's Council meeting via audio-visual link due to personal reasons.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:**

Councillor Da Cruz declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 16 – Notice of Motion: Housing as her primary residence and investment properties owned by her brother are within the area affected by the low-mid rise housing SEPP. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 2 – Notice of Motion to Rescind: C0524(1) Item 18 Update on Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy State 1 Planning Proposal, as he works in the office of the Minister for Transport. Given this is a planning matter, and out of an abundance of caution, he will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Howard declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 15 – Safe Cycling in the Inner West petition as his primary residence is located on one of the streets where works are proposed to be expedited. He will leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

**Motion: (Stephens/Atkins)**

**That Council note the disclosures of interest.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Lockie)**

**That Council allow the speaker present in the public gallery to speak on Item 1.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Lockie, Scott, 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.

**C0624(1) Item 1      Mayoral Minute: Renovating Leichhardt Oval & Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre**

**Motion: (Byrne)**

1. That Council amend the 2024/25 budget, to be adopted at the June 2024 Council meeting, to incorporate \$50 million in funding for the upgrades of Leichhardt Oval and Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and to support the Leichhardt Park Sport and Recreation Precinct. \$10 million of this funding is to be dedicated to the implementation of the Leichhardt Oval Masterplan.
2. That in order to establish the best priorities for the future of Leichhardt Oval that Council confirm whether or not the Wests Tigers intend to use Leichhardt Oval for NRL games.
3. That Council establish whether or not any potential Federal and/or State funding would be contingent upon NRL games being played at Leichhardt Oval.
4. That Council approach the NRL to discuss funding for Leichhardt Oval for men's and women's sport.
5. That Councillors receive an onsite tour and briefing of Leichhardt Oval, highlighting existing issues and prospective improvement.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Amendment (Stamolis/Atkins)**

**That prior to any decision to allocate funds from Council's depreciation reserve, Council confirm that it will be receiving Federal and State Grants and what the value of these grants will be.**

**Motion Lost**

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

**Amendment (Stamolis/Da Cruz)**

**That in recognition of the significant funding by Council on Leichhardt Oval, Council allocate an appropriate number of hours of use on Leichhardt Oval by the community each week.**

**Motion Lost**

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

**Amendment (Stamolis/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council report on the risks of removing \$10 million from the depreciation reserve on its financial performance, asset management, infrastructure backlog as well as an estimate of the total loss of interest income.**
- 2. That Council seek guidance from its Audit and Risk Committee (ARIC) on the method of funding being proposed by Council.**

**Motion Lost**

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

**Amendment (Stamolis/Da Cruz)**

**That Council report on how the value of \$10 million was decided upon.**

**Motion Lost**

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

Councillor Howard left the meeting at 7:27pm as he declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 2 – Notice of Motion to Rescind: C0524(1) Item 18 Update on Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy State 1 Planning Proposal, as he works in the office of the Minister for Transport.

**Procedural Motion (Griffiths/Da Cruz)**

**That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward Item 15 to be dealt with at this time.**

**Motion Carried**

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

Councillor Howard remained out of the meeting as he declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 15 – Safe Cycling in the Inner West petition as his primary residence is located on one of the streets where works are proposed to be expedited.

**C0624(1) Item 15 Notice of Motion: ‘Safe Cycling in the Inner West’ petition**

**Motion: (Griffiths/Stephens)**

- 1. That Council note the Inner West Bicycle Coalition’s ‘Safe Cycling in the Inner West’ petition, which calls on Council to build a safe, separated, and connected bike network, specifically:**
  - a) start designs on 5 priority routes & trial 5 popup cycleways this year;
  - b) accelerate construction on planned projects, such as Lilyfield, Addison & Marrickville Roads; and
  - c) commit to quality designs, learning from mistakes on Livingstone & Carrington Roads.
  
- 2. That Council will prepare a report that constructively responds to the petition, to be considered at the August meeting outlining:**
  - a) immediate opportunities for cycling infrastructure delivery;
  - b) statuses of any designs on the priority routes that are currently being developed, and the feasibility of starting new designs in the 24-25 FY;
  - c) opportunities for pop-up cycleways; including during the upcoming closure of railway stations; and
  - d) the status of Addison Rd, Lilyfield Road and Marrickville Road proposed cycleways and any opportunities for acceleration.
  
- 3. That Council note positive community feedback on recent works to improve the Carrington Rd cycleway.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Procedural Motion (Smith/D'Arienzo)**

**That Council allow Clr Scott to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 2.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Drury)**

**That Council allow Cllr Byrne to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 2.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Howard

**Procedural Motion (Stephens/Griffiths)**

**That Council allow Cllr Lockie to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 2.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Howard

**C0624(1) Item 2 Notice of Motion to Rescind: C0524(1) Item 18 Update on Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy State 1 Planning Proposal**

**Motion: (Da Cruz/Stamolis)**

**That Council rescind C0524(1) Item 18 Update on Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy State 1 Planning Proposal (from the 21 May 2024 Ordinary Council meeting), being:**

- 1. That Council receive and note the report.**
- 2. That Council note the correspondence received from Transport for NSW on 21 May 2024 in response to letters sent on 20 February 2024 and table the responses as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.**
- 3. That Council return to the Planning Minister Paul Scully in relation to the letter sent to him on 4 March 2024 asking that the government purchase for public and affordable housing 657-673 Parramatta Road, Leichhardt, and request a response.**
- 4. That Council officers immediately send the PRCUTS Planning Proposal to the NSW State Government for finalisation and gazettal.**

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Lockie and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**Absent:** Cr Howard

Councillor Howard returned to the meeting at 8:09pm

Councillor Griffiths left the meeting at 8:10pm

**Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Stephens)**

**That Council allow Cllr Byrne to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 3.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Griffiths

**C0624(1) Item 3 Notice of Motion: Inner West Council Rozelle Interchange Committee**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Atkins)**

1. That Council note that the Rozelle Interchange Committee has held only one introductory meeting since the committee was announced four months ago.
2. That Council note that there are no Terms of Reference for this Committee.
3. That Council provide a Terms of Reference and meeting schedule as soon as practicable.

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Lockie and Stamolis

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

**Absent:** Cr Griffiths

**C0624(1) Item 4 Notice of Motion: Rozelle Parklands Masterplan Funding**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Byrne)**

**That this Item be withdrawn.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Griffiths

Councillor Griffiths returned to the meeting at 8:18pm

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne, left the meeting at 8:20pm and vacated the Chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith, assumed the Chair.

Councillor Griffiths left the meeting at 8:26pm

**C0624(1) Item 5 Notice of Motion: Use of aliases on Facebook by Councillors**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Da Cruz)**

**That Council to consider the following amendments to the Social Media Policy when this policy is next scheduled for review:**

- a) that councillors should not use aliases when they are Administrators of community Facebook Groups; and
- b) that councillors should not use aliases when commenting on community Facebook pages.

**Motion Lost****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Lockie and Stamolis**Against Motion:** Crs D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Absent:** Crs Byrne and Griffiths

Councillor Griffiths returned to the meeting at 8:35pm

**C0624(1) Item 6 Notice of Motion: Format of Council Media Releases****Motion: (Stamolis)**

1. That Council note that, to date in 2024, Council has largely departed from its usual format/presentation of its Media Releases.
2. That Council return to its established format and presentation of Media Releases.

This Motion lapsed for want of a Seconder.

**Procedural Motion (D'Arienzo/Scott)****That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for an additional 1 minute on Item 7.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Lockie, Scott, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Byrne**C0624(1) Item 7 Notice of Motion: Unoccupied Dwellings and the Housing Crisis****Motion: (Stamolis/Griffiths)**

1. That Council advocate to NSW State Government toward investigation of the number of unoccupied dwellings across Metropolitan Sydney – noting our interest in the Inner West.
2. That Council to ask City of Sydney and other inner-city Councils if they would like to participate in advocating and research and investigation into unoccupied dwellings with State Government.

**Motion Lost****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Lockie and Stamolis**Against Motion:** Crs D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Absent:** Cr Byrne**Foreshadowed Motion: (Smith/Drury)**

1. That Council notes that Council has previously written to the Minister for Housing requesting information on the number of unoccupied dwellings in the Inner West and received a report on the impact of Airbnb and short-term rental accommodation on housing supply in the Inner West.
2. That Council notes that the NSW Government is currently undertaking a review into the impacts of STRA on unoccupied dwellings, with a view to developing recommendations to unlock housing supply and improve housing affordability, and that Council looks forward to reviewing these recommendations.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Byrne

Councillor Drury left the meeting at 8:51pm

**Procedural Motion: (Atkins/Da Cruz)**

**That Council allow Clr Stamolis to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 8.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Griffiths, Howard, Lockie, Scott, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Crs Byrne and Drury

Councillor Drury returned to the Meeting at 8:52pm

**C0624(1) Item 8 Notice of Motion: Demerger of Inner West Council**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Da Cruz)**

1. That Council note that many residents across the Inner West are greatly disappointed that the Minister has overturned a democratic vote as conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission. The poll of over just over 102,000 voters resulted in a 63% majority to demerge Inner West Council.
2. That Council note that the business case prepared by Council was supported by Labor Councillors only.
3. That Council to note that the Boundaries Commission Report said that the absence of a detailed, and costed, implementation plan inhibits the Commission from confidently predicting outcomes.

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Lockie and Stamolis

**Against Motion:** Crs D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**Absent:** Cr Byrne

**C0624(1) Item 9 Notice of Motion: Improving the Demerger Process**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Da Cruz)**

1. That Council note that the Boundaries Commission Report said that:
  - a) Inner West Council has not yet realised significant economies of scale since the merger;
  - b) excluding capital grants and the sale of Tempe Land (\$49.4m) to the State Government, IWC has reported deficits across the seven-year period post-merger; and
  - c) the cost base of Inner West Council has increased by 27% relative to the former Councils since the merger.

**2. That Council write to the Minister and Boundaries Commission expressing concerns about a lack of confidence in this process.**

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Lockie and Stamolis  
**Against Motion:** Crs D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulias  
**Absent:** Cr Byrne

**C0624(1) Item 10 Notice of Motion: Demerger Plan for Inner West Council**

**Motion: (Stamolis/Da Cruz)**

**That this Item be withdrawn.**

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Lockie and Stamolis  
**Against Motion:** Crs D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulias  
**Absent:** Cr Byrne

**Motion: (Stamolis)**

**That Council receive further information on the following proposed motion and as such withdraw the item from this meeting:**

*That Council provide the Minister with a detailed, and costed, implementation plan for demerger so that a full, proper and accurate determination of the Inner West Council demerger can take place. This will properly respect the wishes of the voters In the Poll where they voted to support a demerger.*

This Motion lapsed for want of a Seconder.

**Procedural Motion (Smith/Stephens)**

**That the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes.**

**Motion Carried**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne, returned to the meeting at 9:21pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith, vacated the Chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne, assumed the Chair.

The meeting resumed at 9.21pm

Councillor Scott left the meeting at 9:24pm

**C0624(1) Item 11      Notice of Motion: Tackling cost-of-living by cutting energy bills for households (Motion for National General Assembly)**

Clr Smith withdrew the Item.

**C0624(1) Item 12      Notice of Motion: Inclusive Events**

**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council reaffirm its commitment to hosting inclusive events including the Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Night and Drag Story Time.
2. That Council acknowledge publicity for these events can attract offensive online commentary or negative contact with council that can be traumatising and threatening for vulnerable communities and staff.
3. That Council thank staff for their deep commitment to running safe and inclusive events and for navigating challenging interactions.
4. That Council convene a meeting between the General Manager, Directors or relevant staff, interested councillors, and key organisations representing vulnerable communities to formalise a safety protocol on how these events are promoted and run.
5. That Council note:
  - a) that Rainbow Community Angels is an LGBTIQ+ community-led safety initiative founded in Victoria that trains and supports LGBTIQ+ people and allies to take part in community events, to ensure those events remain safe and inclusive for LGBTQIA+ people, families, friends, allies and the wider community; and
  - b) that Rainbow Community Angels have offered to collaborate with the City of Sydney and Inner West Councils to pilot a community training, based on what has worked in Victoria.
6. That Council ask the Director Community and other relevant council staff to investigate opportunities to work with the Rainbow Community Angels, other relevant community organisations, and other councils including City of Sydney, on initiatives to develop and strengthen LGBTQIA+ community safety.

**Motion Carried**

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

**C0624(1) Item 13      Notice of Motion: Pedestrian safety on Lilyfield Road - Rozelle Parklands and Easton Park**

The Chairperson ruled that this Item be withdrawn as it is redundant.

Councillor Scott returned to the meeting at 9:26pm

**Procedural Motion (Howard/Stephens)**

**That Council allow Cllr Atkins to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 14.**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0624(1) Item 14 Notice of Motion: Violence Against Women**

**Motion: (Atkins/Griffiths)**

1. That Council notes that May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month and 28 May is LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Day.
2. That Council notes the recent increase in public discussion about violence against women and children/domestic and family violence.
3. That Council notes that NSW domestic and family violence services have been funded at levels significantly below demand for decades and measures to prevent, respond to and aid recovery from domestic and family violence have not received adequate funding from state or federal governments.
4. That from May 2025, during May each year, Council promote Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month on social media and on 28 May do a social media post and fly the Progress Pride Flag on its Town Halls to mark LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Day.
5. That Council commits to working with the NSW Government to provide short and long term social housing to those seeking refuge from domestic violence.
6. That Council, in the context of community engagement on the Community Safety Action Plan, hold a roundtable with relevant organisations about what more Council can do to support women's refuges and other services in the Inner West in supporting women and children fleeing domestic violence.
7. That Council continue to increase and strengthen the capability of its workforces, especially its early childhood education and care workforce, so that everyone feels safe at work and on Council premises, and children are supported and protected.
8. That Council calls on the Federal and State governments to ensure the measures in the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032 are fully funded.
9. That Council calls on the NSW Government to commit to providing funding in the 2024-25 Budget to tackle the domestic and family violence crisis at a level at least comparable to the Victorian Government.
10. That Council calls on the Federal Government to raise the rate of Jobseeker to at least the level during COVID.
11. That Council write to the Premier, the NSW Minister for Domestic Violence Prevention, the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister for Social Services informing them of the calls in this motion.

12. That Council notes the NSW Government announced \$230 million over four years as part of an emergency package to enhance support for domestic, family and sexual violence victim-survivors and expand programs that reduce the rate of violence against women and children.
13. That Council notes that this package includes historic reforms including \$38 million to implement the first dedicated Primary Prevention Strategy in NSW, \$48 million to roll out Staying Home Leaving Violence state-wide and expand the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Service.
14. That Council notes these measures will work to complement the broader package, including: \$48 million to secure and increase funding for workers who support children accompanying their mothers to refuges, \$700,000 to boost the NSW Domestic Violence Line, \$8.1 million for the 'All in' early childhood pilot, \$5 million for workforce training on the implementation of a newly developed risk assessment framework, and quality standards, \$3.6 million to expand Domestic Violence NSW peak body, \$5 million for research into perpetrators and effective interventions, \$45 million to improve bail laws and justice system responses, nearly \$24 million for specialist DV support workers within the justice system, \$2 million to support the Domestic Violence Death Review Team and its work to deliver robust research around risks factors, trends and impact of service delivery, \$2.1 million over two years to improve and continue the Corrective Services program EQUIPS Domestic and Family Violence, delivered to offenders in custody and under supervision in the community to prevent reoffending.
15. That Council notes that funding in the May 2024 Federal Budget delivers \$925.2 million over five years from 2023-24 which will provide financial support and support services for victim-survivors leaving a violent intimate partner relationship, by improving and making permanent the Leaving Violence Program.
16. That Council notes that the Federal Budget also includes a new decision to direct \$1 billion of funding for the National Housing Infrastructure Facility towards crisis and transitional accommodation for women and children fleeing domestic violence and youth.
17. That Council notes that funding in this Budget brings the Labor Government's total investment to over \$3.4 billion to support women's safety and the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-2032*.
18. That Council writes to the Premier Chris Minns and Prime Minister and Member for Grayndler Anthony Albanese to thank their governments for this investment.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Amendment (D'Arienzo/Scott)**

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**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Lockie and Stamolis

As the Amendment was carried, it was incorporated into the Primary Motion.

**C0624(1) Item 16 Notice of Motion: Housing**

Clr Atkins withdrew the Item.

Councillor Griffiths left the meeting at 9:36pm

**C0624(1) Item 17 Notice of Motion: MOOD Tea**

**Motion: (Byrne/D'Arienzo)**

That Council receive a report to the June Ordinary Council meeting about procuring MOOD Tea product to support local charities.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Griffiths

**C0624(1) Item 18 Notice of Motion: Pritchard Street Annandale impacts from Rozelle Interchange**

**Motion: (Byrne/Stephens)**

1. That Council write to the NSW Government seeking mitigations to reduce noise impacts for residents in Pritchard Street Annandale, including increasing the height of the noise wall and providing noise insulation for affected homes.
2. That Council consult residents in Pritchard Street about tree planting that Council can undertake to help reduce noise impacts from the Rozelle Interchange.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Absent:** Cr Griffiths

Councillor Griffiths returned to the meeting at 9:38pm

**C0624(1) Item 19 Notice of Motion: Richard Murden Reserve**

**Motion: (Scott/Stephens)**

1. That Council investigate the history of the industrial equipment in the garden bed in Richard Murden Reserve adjacent to the Hawthorne Light Rail footbridge and add an information plaque to the garden.
2. That Council work with the netball clubs that use the Richard Murden Reserve netball courts to investigate re-opening the canteen / storage block at the southern side of the courts while work on the ten-year Plan of Management underway.
3. That as part of the Plan of Management, Council investigate naming the courts after a prominent local netball player, coach, administrator or club volunteer.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0624(1) Item 20 Notice of Motion: Extended Lighting of Sports Grounds**

**Motion: (Smith/Stephens)**

1. That Council note that sports grounds in the Inner West are widely used by the community for organised and casual leisure and exercise year round, however not

**all sports grounds provide lighting after dusk.**

- 2. That Council note that adequate lighting of parks and sports grounds is important to facilitate community safety, wellbeing and equal access for residents and visitors, and a lack of lighting can curtail use particularly during winter months.**
- 3. That Council commit to extended hours for lighting at all council-managed sports grounds during winter months, allowing lights to remain on until at least 9:00pm between June 1 and October 1 annually, subject to a trial period of two months, during which Council will write to residents and signage will be erected at each ground informing users of the trial and providing an avenue to provide feedback, with a report to be tabled following the trial including feedback from park users.”**

**Motion Carried**

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

**Against Motion:** Nil

Meeting closed at 9:40pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
<b>Item 2:</b>	Hall Greenland	Leichhardt
<b>Item 1:</b>	Paddy Jobin	Bardwell Valley

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 were confirmed as a correct record on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.