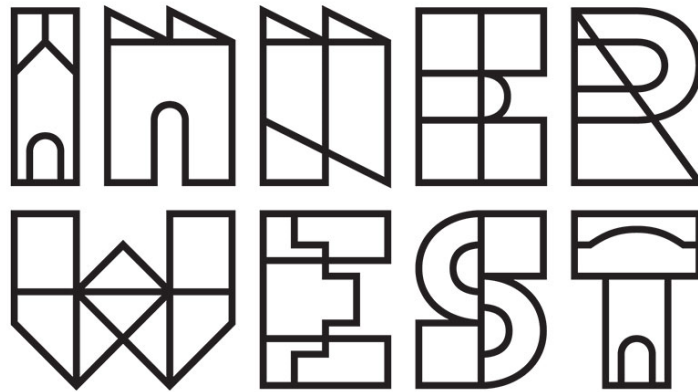


SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

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COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2025

6:30 PM

Location Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

The following reports appear as late items as information required for the preparation of the reports was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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Item No: C0625(1) Item 67
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: CONDOLENCE MOTION - BROTHER PAUL CONN
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

Item 67

MOTION

That Council note the sad passing of Brother Paul Conn and offer our deep condolences to his family and the school community at Christian Brothers High School, Lewisham.

Background

We mark the sad passing of Br Paul Conn, long-serving Principal of Christian Brothers High School Lewisham and long-standing Balmain resident.

Br Conn was the deputy leader of the Christian Brothers, Oceania Province and was committed to Catholic education.

Paul was born and raised in Townsville, Queensland, and was an educator at many high schools in Queensland before being part of the final St Francis Xavier Province Leadership Team, where he helped initiate Edmund Rice Education Australia.

Br Conn was Principal at Christian Brothers High School in Lewisham for 13 years (2008-2020) where he was deeply committed to education, inclusion and social justice.

As noted in the school's notice of his passing, his leadership was marked by his generosity of spirit, compassion, and unwavering commitment to helping those in need.

Br Conn passed away peacefully on Sunday 27 April 2025 in Christchurch Hospital and should be acknowledged for his remarkable contribution to the Inner West community and to Catholic education in Australia and the region.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0625(1) Item 68
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: CONDOLENCE MOTION: GLADYS BARNES
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

1. That Council write to the family of Gladys Barnes to express our gratitude for the contribution she made throughout her life to the Ashfield community, women's bowling and the Pratten Park Bowling Club.
2. That Council work with the Barnes family and the Pratten Park Bowling Club to create a permanent memorial to Gladys and her long service to the "Pratto" and the Ashfield community at her beloved Pratten Park.

Background

Gladys Barnes was born on 20th August 1928 a time of great economic hardship. She was just 11 years old at the outbreak of WW11. Gladys' father, Ralph Shields, fought in both world wars, he was captured and perished in the Sandakan POW camp towards the end of the second world war.

Gladys was an active member of the Sandakan Community Educational Committee since 2006 and laid a wreath each year in memory of her father at a special ceremony at Burwood Park.

Gladys moved to Ashfield in 1956 with her husband Col who passed away in 2007 and was an active and generous contributor to the Ashfield community ever since.

At 92 she became licensee and volunteer President of Pratten Park Bowling Club where she oversaw the revitalisation of the club as a venue for music, families, and barefoot bowls, breathing new life into the Club. She also jumped behind the bar when needed.

This followed decades as a competitor and office holder at Greenlees Park Bowling club in Concord where she held several committee positions and won numerous Pennant and Club Championships from 1992 right up to 2018.

Outside of the bowling world she also held a 51-year membership with North Ryde Golf Club where she once hit a hole in one.

Gladys was an Ashfield icon and the beating heart and soul of the local neighbourhood.

She loved the Ashfield community ever since she moved here in 1956. And the locals loved her back.

Thank you for your service Gladys.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0625(1) Item 69
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES
ACCOMMODATION
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

1. That Council investigate alternate accommodation options for the Ashfield-Leichhardt State Emergency Services (SES) unit within the Local Government Area (LGA), including sites controlled by Council and the NSW Government.
2. That Council write to the Minister for Lands and Property, requesting his assistance in identifying potential accommodation sites located on State Government owned land within the Inner West.
3. That Council develop a Memorandum of Understanding that will support the ongoing management of the Council buildings that are being used to provide SES services.

Background

Inner West Council shares a close relationship with both the Marrickville and Ashfield-Leichhardt State Emergency Services Units, whose volunteers provide exceptional service to our communities.

Council works with the SES to address flood risk and emergency preparedness through forums such as the Local Emergency Management Committee and the Inner West Flood Management Advisory Committee, and also collaborates with the SES during emergency management events.

Inner West Council currently supports the SES operations with accommodation located within Haberfield Library, Blackmore Oval and at Sydenham.

At present, the Ashfield-Leichhardt SES Unit facilities at Blackmore Oval and Haberfield Library are not fit-for-purpose. Blackmore Oval, in particular, has been impacted by subsidence caused by WestConnex tunnelling, and both sites have outdated infrastructure and limited space.

The Ashfield-Leichhardt SES Unit is seeking Council support to consolidate current operations into a single, fit-for-purpose facility within the Inner West. Improved accommodation for the Unit would improve operational efficiency and response times, boost volunteer morale and enable them to serve the community to an even higher standard and contribute to a safer and more resilient Inner West.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.